

SECRETARY NOT CHOSEN

COMMERCIAL CLUB DIRECTORS ON HAND AT 8 A. M.

SEVERAL PLANS ARE STARTED

Local Club Will be Represented at State Meeting of Commercial Clubs at Lincoln—Incubator Factory Prospects to be Investigated.

No secretary of the Commercial club was elected at the regular weekly directors' meeting, held at 8 o'clock a. m. in the office of Secretary Mathewson, as had been thought probable.

A number of matters important to Norfolk were taken up and disposed of. It was decided that the club shall co-operate with the Driving association in arranging a street fair in connection with next summer's race meeting; it was determined to send a representative to the state meeting of Commercial clubs to be held in Lincoln this week; it was determined to get in touch with members of the congregation of St. Paul's German Lutheran church, with regard to the erection of a new church by them; it was decided that special committees appointed by the directors to attend to particular matters, shall have authority to involve the club in reasonable expense for the work; a movement toward investigating the cost of various sorts of bridges, such as might be used over the gulch on West Norfolk avenue, was started; steps were taken toward securing information as to the prospects of an incubator factory for Norfolk; a movement for better roads inside the city, as well as the protection of the new cement gutters, was set on foot; and an effort was launched toward securing a junior normal school for Norfolk.

Directors Got Up Early.

Every director of the Commercial club who was in the city got up early and appeared at the meeting place promptly at 8 o'clock—an hour designed to test the loyalty of the board. Only two were absent, Mr. Burnham and Mr. Witzigman being out of the city. Mr. Burnham in Lincoln and Mr. Witzigman in Iowa, called by the death of his brother.

G. D. Butterfield was selected to represent the Norfolk Commercial club at the state convention of Nebraska Commercial clubs which will be held in Lincoln Wednesday and Thursday of this week. He was given authority to substitute in case he can not attend.

A. Degner was appointed as a committee of one to co-operate with the Norfolk Driving club with regard to the race meeting and companion street fair and carnival, to be held July 31 and August 1 and 2.

Mr. Durland and Mr. Mathewson were selected as a committee to draw up resolutions expressing sympathy in the movement of the St. Paul's Lutheran church people toward the erection of a new place of worship, and setting forth the desire of the Norfolk Commercial club to assist in any possible way in carrying out this good work.

C. E. Burnham was delegated to investigate and attend to the locating of a junior normal school in Norfolk, if possible.

A motion prevailed that when a committee is appointed by this club for special service, said appointment shall carry with it authority to involve the club in reasonable expense.

Mr. Carney was delegated to investigate the relative merits of the various bridges suggested for the crossing on West Norfolk avenue. Mr. Carney was also appointed as a committee to audit the treasurer's accounts for the year ending January 1, 1907.

Looking for Incubator Plant.

A motion prevailed that E. P. Olmstead be requested to represent the Commercial club in keeping in touch with the proposition to locate an incubator factory in Norfolk.

Mr. Mathewson was delegated to appear before the city council and advocate the use of the King road machine on the streets of Norfolk at such times when greatest good may be accomplished thereby; also to protest against the use of gutters for heavy teaming.

Notice.

To Whom It May Concern: Having failed to sell my property these years, I have decided to take it off the market. J. W. Kidder.

FINDS POT OF GOLD.

Minersville Man Discovers His Dead Father's Treasure.

Nebraska City, Neb., Feb. 20.—John Olsen, for over thirty years a section foreman of the Burlington railway at Minersville, the first station south of this city, was very frugal and saved his money. He and his wife both saved. She kept boarders and in this way they were both able to lay aside considerable money. They were afraid of banks and as soon as they secured a few dollars they exchanged it for gold and buried it. Some time ago his wife died and about a year ago he was stricken with paralysis and his death occurred a few weeks ago. His son, who had gone to Minnesota, came and nursed him during his illness and after his death he and his sister left for the north to make their future home. Last week the son returned, and going to the old home began digging in the old cave back of the house. When down about nine feet his spade struck

a pot filled with bright shining yellow metal which proved to be gold coin. The reason the pot was so deep was that the hill kept washing down and filling the cave up and it was dug out higher each time. The son refused to say how much money there was and took the first train north to join his sister. It is intimated by those who had a chance to see the sack in which the money was carried off that there were several thousand dollars.

MUCH BETTING ON THAW TRIAL

Death Sentence Put at 50 to 1 by Chicago Gamblers.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—With Harry K. Thaw's life hanging in the balance of justice, the pointer dipping up and down with the winning or losing of a point by the young millionaire's attorneys, Chicago gamblers have seized the chance to make books on the outcome of the sensational murder case. From South Chicago, where the City of Traverse makes its headquarters, to the northern limit of Evanston, bets are being made on the question as to whether Harry Thaw will be sent to the electric chair or be given his freedom by the twelve men who hold his life in their hands.

Thousands of dollars have been placed in individual personal bets, but the bulk of the money has been wagered with some of the big Chicago gamblers, who have opened books.

Before Mrs. Thaw took the stand, Jim O'Leary, the stock yards bookmaker, laid 2 to 1 that Thaw would not go to the electric chair. He took in a few thousand dollars at these odds. Since Mrs. Thaw's testimony he has raised the odds to 4 to 1, but finds no takers.

Inquiry at the resorts where big bettors are wont to congregate developed that on conviction and execution of Thaw about the logical laying of odds would be 1 to 50. In other words, it was considered that Thaw has not one chance in half a hundred of going to the electric chair. "Not guilty" was esteemed a good 3 to 5 shot. Disagreement of the jury is believed to be a very fair even money bet by some chronic bettors.

The following odds were posted in a well known south side handbook resort, the bookmaker, as usual, taking the negative on each proposition and offering the prices appearing in the first column:

- Death sentence, electric chair. 50 to 1
Penitentiary, life sentence. 10 to 1
Penitentiary, 20-year sentence. 7 to 1
Penitentiary, manslaughter. 3 to 1
Insanity, criminal. 5 to 1
Insanity. 1 to 1
Disagreement. 1 to 3
Acquittal. 2 to 5
Branch books are being operated in scores of barber shops, saloons and cigar stores. Betting has been brisk, and it is declared by the local gamblers that a huge sum will have been wagered by the time the jury goes out.

Pittsburg, Feb. 20.—There has been a world of betting in and about Pittsburg on the outcome of the Thaw trial at New York, so the information that Lloys in London had opened a book on Thaw's chances did not cause as much interest as it would have done otherwise. The making of handbooks at Pittsburg hotels has been stopped by the police, as betting is against the laws of Pennsylvania, but the gamblers cannot be stopped from making quiet bets on the outcome of the trial.

It has been estimated that \$50,000 has been wagered on the outcome here. The gamblers will not allow their wagers to be uncovered for fear of the police and the humane society, which under the laws of Pennsylvania can appropriate stake money whenever found.

When the trial opened a Pittsburg gambler announced that he would take the Thaw end, betting 1 to 3 that Thaw would be acquitted, and matters looked so bad for the young millionaire that there were many who rushed to take a bet against Thaw. The odds against Thaw lengthened to 1 to 5 after the first day of the trial, in which Dr. C. C. Willey made such easy picking for Jerome.

Since Mrs. Harry K. Thaw was on the stand, however, there has been a shift in sentiment here and the professed belief now among the gamblers is that Thaw has an even chance of acquittal, and they are betting that way.

SEEKS AN ARTISTIC COIN.

President Roosevelt Contemplates a Change in Country's Gold Pieces.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The gold coins of the United States will be changed some time during the coming year, for the first time in fifty years. The work of preparing the new designs has been placed in the hands of a celebrated New York artist.

President Roosevelt believes that the gold coins now in use are inartistic, and after discussing the matter with the treasury officials, he took it up with the New Yorker. As a result, appropriate designs for the artistic in effect and beautiful in workmanship are about to be submitted for approval of the president.

ROSEBUD BILL IS DELAYED.

Measure Sent to Committee Despite Objection of Gamble.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—Senator Gamble sought to call up for immediate consideration in the senate the Burke bill opening the Tripp county lands of the Rosebud reservation to settlement.

Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island objected, and insisted that the bill go to the Indian committee despite Senator Gamble's objection. This will delay its passage.

STREET FAIR TO BE HELD

CARNIVAL IN CONNECTION WITH RACE MEETING.

BUSINESS MEN DECIDE THIS

Commercial Club Appoints A. Degner as Committee to Co-operate With Driving Club in Arranging for the Race Meeting Next Summer.

Norfolk will hold a carnival and street fair in connection with the three days' race meeting which is scheduled for July 31, August 1 and 2, of next summer. This was the decision at a meeting in the city hall, called by President C. H. Groesbeck of the Driving association, when a number of business men assembled to discuss the proposition. The Driving association is also to have the support and co-operation of the Commercial club, without any financial responsibility, in the arrangements for the race meet and street fair. A. Degner, one of the Commercial club directors, has been appointed as a committee to represent the Commercial club in working with the Driving association toward this end.

President Groesbeck of the Driving association announces that the street fair will be of a high order, with up-to-date attractions, and Secretary P. M. Barrett announces that there will be the best string of race horses here that Norfolk has yet seen. This will be the first meeting of the series to be held in the North Nebraska Short Shipment circuit, including Battle Creek, Tilden, Neligh, O'Neill, Pierce, Creighton, Spencer, Stanton and Madison.

President Groesbeck, through The News, wishes to thank the business men in behalf of the Driving club for their attendance at the city hall meeting and their co-operation. "I believe," said he, "that the merchants and business men of Norfolk have united in this effort more loyally than ever before in the racing history, and it appears that all appreciate the value of sticking together and co-operating for the good of Norfolk."

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

R. H. Smith of Pierce is in the city. Joe Crilly was down from Bonesteel yesterday.

J. M. Conger of Neligh was in the city yesterday.

J. R. Rodgers of Colfax was in Norfolk yesterday.

J. B. Welsh of Neligh was in Norfolk yesterday.

J. V. Kilne of Battle Creek was in Norfolk yesterday.

J. F. Gounley was in Norfolk yesterday from Spalding.

E. M. Thompson of Broken Bow was in Norfolk yesterday.

R. E. Flenniken of Wisner was a city visitor yesterday.

H. M. McIntyre was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Neligh.

Fred Diers of Madison was transacting business in the city yesterday.

H. C. Klise and Bert Khal were Norfolk visitors yesterday from Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Munson of Bristol were Norfolk visitors yesterday.

W. M. Collins and Lenard Cornell were over from Bloomfield yesterday.

L. K. Motz came down from Chadron Wednesday morning with a patient for the hospital.

H. Klosner was a city visitor yesterday from Bloomfield. Mr. Klosner formerly lived in Norfolk.

John Conger of Neligh was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Kummer of Neligh is visiting her son, Bert.

Otto Schibel of Pilger was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

W. J. Gow returned from a trip to Winnetoon last night.

Dr. Bertha Ahlmann left for Eureka Springs, Ark., at noon.

Mrs. W. H. Trigsley of Genoa was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

J. L. Beach of Bonesteel visited friends in Norfolk Tuesday.

G. T. Sprecher went to Tilden at noon on business.

L. P. Pasewalk and Burt Mapes were in Madison yesterday.

F. E. Weltz leaves today for southern Texas, called there by the illness of a sister.

Mrs. J. B. Maylard went to Madison to spend the day with her sister, Mrs. George Davenport.

W. N. Huse is in Omaha attending the annual convention of the Nebraska Editorial association.

M. M. Collins of Bloomfield was in the city last evening.

Frank Paul and family from Emerson, Neb., are visiting with his brother-in-law, Albert Viergutz, before going to South Dakota.

Howard Beemer went to Fremont yesterday noon on business connected with the Trainers' order.

Roadmaster Pete Stafford went west yesterday noon to look over the road.

F. S. Marchant and family went to Lincoln to visit with Mr. Marchant's people.

Mrs. Alexandra of Oakdale is visiting at the home of her son, Harry Alexandra.

Miss Lucile Clark is on the sick list. Chas. Long has been quite sick for the past week.

Mr. Bents and two children of Hyannis, are here visiting with his brother, Will Bents.

Fireman John Reedy, who was taken sick at Long Pine Monday, came in on No. 2 yesterday morning.

J. C. P. R. and G. L. Jaanins of Norden, Neb., were in Norfolk over night. J. B. Well of the Mountain Distillers of Cincinnati, is in the city visiting at the home of Harry Lodor.

George D. Butterfield leaves for Lin-

coln tomorrow to attend the state convention of Commercial clubs.

John Ommerman, a ranchman from Johnstown, Neb., was in the city on business.

Miss Lella Brush returned from Omaha last night, where she has been in a hospital for some time, having gone there to be operated on for appendicitis. She is now quite strong again.

Mrs. B. Jasmer and Mrs. Cheney of Creighton are visiting in Norfolk.

Mrs. L. A. Sims went to Plainview yesterday to visit at the Harper home.

Mrs. George Hahn, who has been visiting her son Will, left at noon for Creighton, to visit a daughter.

T. E. Madsen of Orchard, Neb., left at noon for his home after a visit in this city with his mother, Mrs. Ida Madsen.

J. R. Bryant, who has spent several months with his son, R. E. Bryant, left at noon for his home in Searsport, Maine. He will visit in Schuyler and Omaha on his way home.

Mrs. E. L. Stanfield is suffering with pneumonia at her home, 311 South Eighth street. She had been attending a patient, in the capacity of nurse, at Pierce, when she was taken ill.

Mrs. George Williams and her mother, Mrs. Baumgarner, left at noon for Alliance, Neb., where they went to close up a sale of a ranch to James Fields of Montana. The property sold contains 3,000 acres of land.

General Superintendent S. M. Braden, Superintendent C. H. Reynolds and Trainmaster E. O. Mount of the North-western left at noon for Herrick, S. D., to look over the new extension of the line in the Rosebud country.

Forty guests were seated at the table in the home of L. C. Mittelstadt, all relatives of the host, the occasion being his birthday. The tables were decorated with roses and carnations, and loaded with good things to eat, roast turkey, goose, beef, etc., with all the accessories being of the menu. This is the largest family gathering that has been held in Norfolk for some time.

Mrs. Myron Collamer left at noon for Atkinson to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Barrett, who succumbed to the effects of a surgical operation in St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha. The remains were taken through Norfolk at noon. Mr. Collamer was unable to leave home because of the illness of three children, who are suffering from an attack of the measles.

Arthur Sims is taking Will Evans, place as driver on the express wagon, the latter being ill.

The Nebraska telephone company has passed the 800-mark in this city. They have today 805 telephones in Norfolk.

A Washington dispatch says that Judge Boyd, congressman-elect from the Third district, has arrived at the national capital and is getting onto the ropes.

Trinity Social guild will meet with Miss Stella Lukart this evening. Members are urged to attend and bring their thimbles, as there is work to be done.

Weather forecasts in this section are once again coming over the signature of Weather Director Cox in the Chicago office, he having returned from his European trip, where he went to study conditions and the possibility of expanding the weather bureau service into a world-wide affair. Bigelow has returned to Madison, Wis. During his stay in the Chicago office Director Bigelow made the prediction that it will soon be possible to give forecasts a month in advance. The forecasts of Bigelow were precise and accurate, as are those of Mr. Cox.

Grand Island Independent: Considerable interest is felt in the result of the action of the American Beet Sugar company in making its new contracts on the basis of the quality of the beet. It would appear from the contract that, in order to get as good a price for his beets as he did the preceding year, the farmer will have to raise beets that average 15 per cent. of sugar. If, at the end of the campaign, the average of the beets delivered by the farmers of this locality will be less than 15 per cent., which is altogether likely, and the difference can not easily be made up in beet culture, the contract necessarily contains a reduction in the price paid to the farmer. If this meets with a reduction of acreage—and only about one-fifth of the beets consumed at the factory this year were raised in the Grand Island territory—it need not be surprising in the least, it would seem, if Grand Island hears some day of the dismantling of the local plant and the repetition of the Norfolk history, especially in view of the further fact that the local factory has now been running about sixteen years and machinery will, some day, wear out.

RELIGION HOPE OF NEGRO.

Justice Brewer Declares It Will Blaze Way for Struggling Race.

New York, Feb. 20.—Justice David J. Brewer of the United States supreme court told the congregation in the Broadway tabernacle yesterday that in his opinion religion was the principal factor by which the negroes of the south could be converted into a valuable asset of the nation.

"We know that there is ignorance, criminality and immorality among the negroes," he said, "and it remains with us to change present conditions so that the negroes will become a helpful factor in our civilization and progress."

"I believe that there is a divine providence which will shape our history so that the negro will be a helpful factor. Industrial development, cleanliness, education and other benevolent and useful things are good for the negro, but I believe nothing will so help as the influence of christianity."

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MIDLAND ROUTE

MUSICALE WAS SUCCESS

TWO YOUNG MEN GREETED BY A FINE AUDIENCE.

EACH A WONDER IN HIS WAY

Mr. Schavland is Pronounced "Boy Pianist of North Nebraska," While Mr. Estabrook Enjoys Equal Distinction on the Violin.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

The musicale given by Oscar Schavland of Madison and Ray Estabrook of this city at the First Congregational church last night was well attended and proved to be one of the important events of the season in a musical way. The performers are young men but sixteen and seventeen years of age, and each in his line, one on the piano and one on the violin, has been pronounced to be "the boy wonder" of northern Nebraska.

Mr. Schavland, who is a son of County Treasurer Chris Schavland of Madison, is but seventeen years of age and he is a wonderfully clever pianist. Mr. Estabrook who is sixteen, is equally clever as a violinist.

The audience was an appreciative one, there being many encores. The program was varied in style and in it were a number of selections very difficult of execution. The execution of the performers was clear and sparkling, with the melody well brought out. The young men showed self possession and ease on the platform. Mr. Schavland is at present taking lessons in this city at the Western Conservatory, while Mr. Estabrook is studying violin music under a graduate of Leipzig at Wayne.

Following was the program:

- Lack.....Song of the Brook
Godard.....Valse Chromatique
Chopin.....Funeral March, Op. 35
Violin.....Cavatina, Raff
Grieg.....Solveig's Song; Ase's Tod; (Peer Gynt Suite); Wedding Day.
Violin.....Intermezzo, Mascagni. (Cavalleria Rusticana.)
Schumann.....Novelleten, Op. 39
Chaminade.....Air de Ballet
Beethoven.....Funeral March, Op. 26
Violin.....Berceuse from Jocelyn, Godard
Liszt.....Second Rhapsodie
Violin.....Kulawiak, Wieniawski
Liszt.....Polonaise

INSANE MAN ENDS LIFE.

Patient From Colfax County Strangles Himself With Strip of Sheet.

Joseph Opatril, a farmer from Colfax county who was brought to the insane hospital about ten days ago, ended his life by hanging himself with a strip of bed sheet in his room during the night. He tied the strip of sheeting to a window bar, wrapped it around his neck, dropped to his knees and strangled. The peculiar feature of the case was that the man had shown no suicidal symptoms either here or at home before coming here. It was apparently a momentary impulse that seized him. Coroner Kindred was notified and arrived from Meadow Grove, but announced that there was really no need of an inquest. Nobody was to blame in any way. The patient had been sleeping and an attendant had looked in upon him only ten minutes before he was found lifeless.

Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice at Norfolk, Neb., February 19, 1907:

Sam Bakon, Dr. A. Greenfield 2, Mr. Geo. Smith. John R. Hays, P. M.

If not called for in fifteen days will be sent to the dead letter office.

Parties calling for any of the above please say "advertised."

Resolutions.

Hall of Norfolk Camp, 492, M. W. of A., Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 11, 1907.—Whereas, the splendid Woodmen rally held on February 7, 1907, in Norfolk, Neb., with a 400 class adoption, was chiefly due to the efforts of the Hon. A. R. Talbot, H. C., Hon. Ralph Johnson, S. O., the local arrangement committee and the state and district deputies, assisted by the Commercial club

and the citizens of this town, therefore be it

Resolved, That these gentlemen be tendered our sincere thanks for their efforts and co-operation, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the Norfolk newspapers, the Woodman, and a copy mailed to the head office in Lincoln.

E. B. Kauffman, W. Kern, John H. Hulff, Committee camp No. 492, M. W. A.

GIVE UP NORMAL SCHOOL

NORFOLK WITHDRAWS IN FAVOR OF HER NEIGHBORS.

HOSPITAL PROSPECTS ARE GOOD

Bill Appropriating \$100,000 For Improvements at the Institution is Introduced and is Regarded Favorably Because Solons Know Real Need.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

Norfolk has withdrawn from the ambition to be designated as a junior normal school point, this action being announced by C. E. Burnham, legislative representative of the Commercial club, on his return from Lincoln at noon. The withdrawal, said Mr. Burnham, was taken out of regard for Norfolk's neighbors—Wayne, Fremont and Albin, two of whom have normal schools well established and the other desiring to be selected as a junior normal school point. The bill appropriating \$100,000 for improvements at the Norfolk insane hospital here was introduced in the house by Representative T. E. Alderson and will be given attention by the house and senate committees soon. It is said that prospects seem good for the bill's passage, because the legislators appreciate thoroughly the needs of the institution.

Following are the items provided by the bill: For woman's hospital building, \$60,000; for male cottage, \$20,000; for store room and dormitory for employees, \$6,000; for new modern and scientific stable, \$7,000.

Mr. Burnham returned at noon and Dr. Young, superintendent, returned last night.

Mr. Burnham, who is chairman of the Jamestown commission, says that the bill appropriating \$12,000 for this purpose has reached its second reading and will probably pass.

Concerning the sidetrack which it has been proposed to build to the hospital, the Lincoln correspondent of the Omaha Bee says:

The railroad company which handles the freight into Norfolk has told the state board of public lands and buildings that it will construct a sidetrack to the asylum if the board will secure the right-of-way. At this time the board has an option on the right-of-way for \$500 and the appropriation will be asked for to pay the cost. Mr. Burnham said the asylum authorities are now paying 50 cents a ton for hauling coal to the asylum and all of the freight used there has to be hauled two and one-quarter miles. Since January it has cost \$750 for hauling coal alone to the asylum. Mr. Burnham believes the state should lose no time in buying this right-of-way as it will soon pay for itself to say nothing of the convenience.

IS FLAT 2-CENT RATE

New Passenger Fare in Nebraska Will Apply to All Tickets.

An impression which seems to have prevailed to some extent over the state that the two-cent passenger fare bill passed by the Nebraska senate was not a "flat rate" and only applied to 2,000-mile books, is a mistake. The bill is a flat two-cent rate bill and merely changes the word "three" in the present statute to the word "two." It contains the emergency clause, so that it will go into effect as soon as it receives the signature of Governor Sheldon.

If you ended the old year right—by answering some ads.—begin the new year even better by both using and answering want advertisements.