

# CHARGED WITH BURNING BRISTOW

FRED BAZELMAN, LUMBERMAN, PLACED UNDER ARREST.

HE COULD NOT FURNISH BAIL

WAS TAKEN TO BUTTE BY SHERIFF TO AWAIT TRIAL.

BONDS WERE FIXED AT \$6,000

One of the Business Men of Bristow is Placed Under Arrest Charged With Setting Fire to His Own and Other Buildings Last Week.

Bristow, Neb., March 20.—Special to The News: Fred Bazelman, of the Bazelman Lumber company of this place, was arrested yesterday by the town board, charged with the setting of fire to his own and other buildings. Bond was placed at \$6,000. Not being able to give bond, he accompanied the sheriff to Butte, Neb. Trial was set for April 4.

## NORTHWEST POLITICS.

Towns Nominate Officers—Teachers Are Chosen.

Stanton, Neb., March 20.—Special to The News: At a special meeting of the Stanton school board the following teachers were re-elected for the ensuing year: J. H. Welch, superintendent; Elsie Ford Piper, principal of high school; Lillian E. Jewell, assistant; Lurena Lewis, seventh and eighth grades; Bertha Pilger, fifth and sixth grades; Josephine Johnson, third grade; Minnie Balton, first primary. No teachers were selected for second primary and fourth grades, the board desiring to have more applicants from which to choose. The positions vacant pay \$50 per month and will be filled as soon as suitable candidates can be found.

## No Friction at Niobrara.

Niobrara, Neb., March 20.—Special to The News: A citizens' caucus last evening placed in nomination two candidates for the town council, Fred Opocensky and Dr. W. K. Glark. They are conceded to be for high license. The meeting was largely attended and no friction occurred.

Albion, Neb., March 20.—Special to The News: The anti-license faction of the local political organizations held a caucus last night in the district court room and placed for the coming city election the following ticket: For mayor, Dr. C. G. Barnes; for city clerk, G. B. McGill; city treasurer, W. S. Price; city engineer, A. A. Higgins; alderman, First ward, Frank Day; Second ward, Z. A. Williamson.

The question of license or no license is to be submitted to the voters and the officers elected are pledged to carry out the wish of the people in this matter.

The city election each spring in Albion is one of the hardest fought political campaigns of the year. The two factions are very close in number and the honors of carrying the election are well divided between the two.

The license people have not held their caucus yet.

## Raise Wages of Teachers.

Ainsworth, Neb., March 20.—Special to The News: The school board has met in a special session and voted to extend a call to all of the present teachers, at a raise of \$5 a month over their present wages. Their work this year has given general satisfaction.

## Death of Mrs. Houser.

Lindsay, Neb., March 20.—Special to The News: Mrs. Nick Houser died at her home about seven miles east of here of cancer of the stomach. Deceased has been suffering since last September and now death came to her relief. She leaves a widower and eight children to mourn her loss. Her mother, Mrs. Gilsdorf, is also living, and five brothers and five sisters. Deceased was forty-eight years old.

## LID IS ON AT VERDEL.

Saloon in North Nebraska Town Closed For Sunday Running.

Verdel, Neb., March 20.—Special to The News: For violating the Stocum law by opening up Sundays, the J. F. Mahin saloon was closed yesterday. The lid is nailed down to stay in Verdel.

## I. O. O. F. Doings at Butte.

Butte, Neb., March 20.—Special to The News: The I. O. O. F. lodge of Butte had a fine blow-out last night. Twenty-three people from Lynch, a number from Spencer and some from Naper were here to help the boys with their work. The ladies of Rebekah lodge served them with an elegant supper.

## SPORTS

### Gotch Makes Rooney Bawl.

Omaha Bee: A local man who saw the match tells of an interesting feature of the wrestle between Gotch and Rooney at Chicago last Thursday night which was not told in the press dispatches. Rooney is the big 220-pound policeman who has had it in his head for a long time that he could wrestle and he has had a special grudge against Frank Gotch. He had

taken pains to call Gotch a big stiff and a wind-jammer who didn't know what wrestling was like and he had been doing considerable jawing about how he would teach Gotch a thing or two.

Gotch knew all about this Windy City man's windy work. In fact he was not in the best humor over it. When he was in Omaha to wrestle Farmer Burns last Tuesday night he said to a friend:

"I intend to get the toe hold on that jig policeman and make him squeal before I get through with him."

According to the Omaha man, Gotch not only made this big policeman squeal; he made him bellow, and instead of sounding like a pig he is said to have reminded one more of a cow. Gotch clamped his mighty toe hold on him and tightened and twisted until Rooney let out a holler that could have been heard, it is said, for a block, and he was glad enough to turn over and lie down like a nice little boy.

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## SENATE PASSES FREIGHT RATE BILL

RAILWAY COMMISSION IS GIVEN POWER TO CUT TARIFFS.

GOES THROUGH UNANIMOUSLY

BALLOT STOOD THIRTY-ONE TO NOTHING FOR BILL.

IT IS NOW UP TO GOVERNOR

Commission, Under Measure, Will Have Authority to Change Rates and New Rates Must Become Effective Within Thirty Days—Pure Food.

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—Special to The News: In the senate this morning the bill empowering the Nebraska railway commission to lower railroad rates was passed by a vote of 31 to 0.

It will now go to the governor. The commission has power to alter such schedules after giving railroads a hearing and after publishing the new rates for thirty days.

The senate passed the Burns pure food bill. The measure requires among other things that all packages be labeled with the net weight.

An advertising campaign that grows all the time means a store that "keeps step."

# DISCUSS NEW BUILDING

NO DEFINITE PLAN IS YET DECIDED UPON.

IS QUESTION FOR NEW BOARD

Sioux City Architect Was Conferred With and Said Colonial Building Would be Better—Pronounced Old Walls Unsafe—Foundation Safe.

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Suggests Colonial Plan. Mr. Eisentraut thought the building could be rebuilt on the old foundation, using the old plans, at a cost of about \$24,000 including the cost of a heating plant.

Or, he said, a new building of colonial design, attractive to the eye and giving larger floor capacity, could be constructed on a new foundation for \$30,000. Salvage from the old building would reduce this cost to \$27,000. These latter plans were said to give a ten-foot foundation, providing for gymnasium, manual training and dressing rooms, and to furnish over a thousand feet of more working surface on the upper floors. Heating and water connections were also included in the estimated cost.

Sentiment along Norfolk avenue is strongly favorable to the use of the existing foundation and, if possible, of the still standing walls in reconstructing the building. H. C. Matrau, secretary of the board of education, stated yesterday to The News that he felt like many other citizens that the old foundation ought to be adhered to unless it could be clearly shown that such a course was inexpedient.

The old stone foundation represented too many thousand dollars, he said, to be lightly pushed aside in rebuilding.

## G. A. R. DATE AT NELLIGH.

Old Soldiers of North Nebraska to Gather July 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Neligh, Neb., March 20.—Special to The News: The dates for the Northeast Nebraska district G. A. R. reunion has been announced by the committee and are July 2, 3, 4 and 5. The reunion this year will be held in this city at Riverside park. For the past week work has been rapidly pushed on the camp grounds.

It is the plan of the business men of Neligh to have one of the largest Fourth of July celebrations in this part of the state. With the usual large attendance at the old soldiers gathering each year, it is without

doubt that the business people of Neligh can look forward to a big crowd on the celebration of Independence day.

# RANDOLPH BOY KILLED BY GUN

Tommy McCollum Accidentally Springs Trigger, Shoots Head Off.

Randolph, Neb., March 18.—Special to The News: Tommy McCollum, aged fourteen, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun at 3 o'clock, in front of his mother's house, while returning from a hunting trip with a companion, Roy Stuart.

The lads had climbed into a farmer's wagon and when the reached town they were in a hurry to get out. In his haste, the McCollum had grasped his gun, drew it toward himself and caught the trigger on the wagon box. The charge blew the top of his head off.

The lad's mother is very highly esteemed and the community's sympathy goes out to her. The companion, Roy Stuart, is a son of Postmaster Stuart.

# FINED \$5, MUST KILL HORSE

ARRESTED FOR PULLING OUT ANIMAL'S TONGUE.

SAYS THAT IT WAS ACCIDENT

County Attorney Koenigstein Filed Complaint Against William Degner for "Cruelty to Animals," and He Pleaded Guilty in Court.

A complaint drawn up under the state statutes forbidding cruelty to animals and subscribed by County Attorney Jack Koenigstein was filed Wednesday against William Degner, the Norfolk man who pulled his horse's tongue out Tuesday morning in attempting to overcome balky tendencies on the part of the horse.

The complaint was entered in the justice court of G. C. Lambert about noon. Mr. Degner was summoned before the court. He admitted the charge, pleaded guilty and asked that the court be lenient as the offense was entirely unpremeditated.

Judge Lambert listened to the plea, assessing the minimum fine of \$5 and costs against Degner. The fine was paid. The justice also ordered that the mutilated horse be killed during the afternoon.

The action of William Degner Tuesday morning in pulling out his horse's tongue in an effort to make the animal move forward was placed before County Attorney Jack Koenigstein on his return from Madison at night. The county attorney investigated the case Wednesday morning, announcing that as a result of his investigation he would act on the complaints lodged with him.

Mr. Koenigstein said that a complaint charging cruelty to animals would be drawn up in his office Wednesday and filed against Mr. Degner in a local justice court during the afternoon.

The penalty under the state statutes covering cruelty to animals provides as punishment for such cruelty to animals a fine of from \$5 to \$50.

## DEFINES HIS POSITION.

M. D. Tyler, Candidate for Board, Tells Where He Stands.

By far the most important question before the people of Norfolk at this time is that of the reconstruction of the high school building, and the voters are entitled to know where the candidates for membership of the board of education stand upon the proposition.

The building as it stood, so far at least as the exterior plan was concerned, was the just pride of all our citizens.

While everybody concedes the necessity of replacing the high school building, everybody likewise demands that it be done at the least possible cost consistent with good construction.

It seems to be conceded that by preserving the exterior plan of the old building and making use of the walls now standing, a salvage of at least \$10,000 can be made, while if these walls and foundation are torn down, the salvage will not be more than \$3,500 (indeed, according to the best information I can get, it would not be so much as that) thus showing a difference in favor of preserving the outline and standing walls of the present building of at least \$6,500.

As to the interior arrangement of the building, this can, of course, be changed if need be to increase the convenience and utility of the building.

For one I am in favor of retaining the exterior plan of the old building, and of preserving the foundation and walls of the same just as far as possible to the end that the cost to the taxpayers of the city may be reduced to the minimum and that they be required to carry just as small a burden as possible.

I am not in favor of tearing down the walls and foundation of the old building excepting to the extent only that they have been damaged by the fire.

The voting of \$24,000 of bonds does not mean that the whole will have to be issued. Only such an amount should be issued as is necessary to replace the building along the lines above indicated.

M. D. Tyler.

## Notice.

All persons are warned not to harbor or trust my son, Otto Christian, on my account, as I will hereafter not be responsible for any bills contracted by him.

Carl Christian.

# MORE STOLEN MONEY FOUND AT BUTTE

BALANCE OF POSTOFFICE LOOT IS RECOVERED.

BURIED BENEATH COB HEAP

ALL OF THE \$1,000 TAKEN NOW RESTORED.

PAINTERS MADE THIS FIND

Beyerle Brothers at Butte Found the Balance of the Money Which Was Stolen From the Butte Postoffice Last May—Had Not Been Handled.

Butte, Neb., March 20.—Special to The News: The citizens of Butte were very much surprised yesterday when the Beyerle Bros. brought to light the money-order sack containing \$50, the remainder of the stolen postoffice money that was taken from the Butte postoffice last May.

There was something over \$1,000 in all taken and all of the stolen property has now been recovered but a few dollars. The sack was found in the coal house near where the postal sack was found in the coal house near where it was discovered soon after the robbery.

The money had never been handled as it was all in silver and some of it was in \$2 and \$3 rolls, composed of 5 and 10 cent pieces.

Henry and Ed Beyerle were painting the residence of Mrs. A. R. Armstrong and went to put the paint in the coal house when the discovery was made.

The sack was found buried in the cobs and wood that had been in the coal house since before the robbery.

## Death of a Child.

The little two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Scott died Tuesday afternoon. Death resulted from pneumonia. The funeral will be held at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning at the Scott home at the Junction. Interment will be at the Prospect Hill cemetery.

## HORSEMEN GETTING IN HARNESS

Trainer Arrives at Norfolk Track With Four Head of Racers.

Horsemen are becoming enthusiastic over the prospects for this season's racing meet in Norfolk. Norfolk has been in the North Nebraska Short Shipment Racing circuit for two years. Last year witnessed the erection of new stables at the local racing grounds. At the same time the track was placed in an improved condition.

Race horses that will carry off honors during the coming season in north Nebraska are being brought to the training quarters in Norfolk. John Keener has four head of race horses in Norfolk now and it is expected that five or six more horses will be placed in training during the next week or ten days.

Mr. Keener has placed the following horses in training at the quarters of the Norfolk racing club:

Republican, jr., trotter, sired by Republican 2:19 1/4.

Mattie La Mor, four-year-old trotter, by Major M-tier.

Tommy Rimac, three-year-old trotter, by Rimac 2:20, he by Robert McGregor 2:17 1/4.

Minnie Marks, four-year-old, by John Marshall.

# WEST LOOKS PROSPEROUS

VICE PRESIDENT GARDNER OF NORTHWESTERN HERE.

DISCUSSES THE TWO CENT FARE

Northwestern Will Obey This Law as it Obeys Every Other Law, Says High Official—Quick Changes by Revolutionary Measures.

"The Northwestern will obey the two-cent passenger fare law just as it obeys every other law," was the expression of Vice President W. A. Gardner of the Northwestern railroad in Norfolk Wednesday. Beyond stating that the intent of the law was clear enough, Mr. Gardner did not discuss the future aspects of the situation at this time for the reason that all attention is concentrated on making adjustments to meet the new situation.

This situation Mr. Gardner characterized as "revolutionary." Not one state but many states through which the Northwestern passes have passed radical legislation affecting the transportation companies. The combined effect of all this radical legislation is "revolutionary" and the hurried and enforced adjustment demanded presents a very serious problem to the railroads. It is the problem of meeting this present situation and not the problem of planning a future course of action that confronts the western railroad world at this time.

Vice President Gardner was in Norfolk for about twenty minutes Wednesday noon. Mr. Gardner is making a trip over the Nebraska and Wyoming division of the company's lines, leaving Norfolk at 1 o'clock enroute to Lander, Wyo. The vice president was

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accompanied by L. S. Carrol of Chicago, purchasing agent for the Northwestern. General Manager Frank Walters of Omaha and General Superintendent S. M. Braden of Norfolk were also members of the party. Superintendent Reynolds accompanied the party as far west as Long Pine.

# WILL BE MUCH BUILDING

FIFTY NEW HOMES EXPECTED TO GO UP HERE.

ALSO MUCH ACTIVITY ON FARMS

While Some Are Deferring Building Operations Until Lumber Prices Go Down, Others Believe Prices Will Never Again be Low.

With the approach of the spring building season Norfolk citizens who expect to erect new homes during the next few months are beginning to consult lumber dealers and contractors. While the building season is still some weeks distant the indications point to a healthy volume of building operations in Norfolk this year.

Local lumbermen say that at least fifty new homes were erected in this city last year. Men in touch with the situation expect to see about the same number built this year. One lumberman was called on to figure on eight new houses last week. These projected houses are for the most part well constructed cottages to be occupied by the owners. New residents are coming to Norfolk. Men who have been renters are planning to build homes of their own.

Out in the surrounding country among the farmers the building operations are even more extensive than in Norfolk. The farmers, reflecting the prosperity of the country, are building new houses, are putting up commodious barns and yard buildings. The average farm building has ceased to be a loosely built shed and is becoming a substantial structure on a brick or stone foundation.

The chief factor in limiting the amount of building to be carried on in Norfolk is the existing high prices on all kinds of building materials. Many look at the high prices as something temporary and accordingly are deferring improvements until the expected "fall" occurs. On the other hand it is claimed that the day of low priced lumber is forever passed in America. The lumber interests are beginning to see that the forest supplies are limited. The reign of the "forest butcher" is past. The reorganization of the lumber business on a basis that considers the future as well as the present means higher prices regardless of trusts, combinations or money markets.

In the business district of Norfolk few changes of moment have been announced. One new building is to go up on Norfolk avenue on the lot east of the Beels block. J. W. Ransom, agent for George H. Bishop, has made arrangements with W. M. Goble for the erection of a two story concrete-block building on this lot. The building will be 25x180 and when completed will be occupied by E. H. Walters, the furniture man.

HORSETHIEF GETS YEAR. Prefers Penitentiary to Gregory County Jail.

Fairfax, S. D., March 20.—Special to The News: J. M. McMullen, the sheriff of this county, returned from Sioux Falls and Yankton last evening. He took the young man named Brill who stole a team of horses from a farmer east of Fairfax about six weeks ago, to Yankton to plead guilty and get a sentence of one year in the state penitentiary at Sioux Falls.

The young man thought that was the best plan as he did not like to stay in the Gregory county jail until court meets.

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