

MAY BE NEW PHONE SYSTEM

INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO CONFER WITH COUNCIL.

WILL BE INFORMAL MEETING

W. J. Stadelman of Sioux City, of the International Independent Telephone Association, Says He Can Interest Norfolk People.

The question of a second telephone exchange in Norfolk will be brought informally before the mayor and the city council at a conference at the city hall tonight. W. J. Stadelman of Sioux City, a traveling secretary of the International Independent Telephone association, has asked for a personal conference with the members of the city government and the meeting this evening was arranged to comply with this request.

The conference that it is expected to hold tonight will not be a regular session of the council and no action will be taken tonight on any telephone proposition that may come before the council. Mr. Stadelman was in the city earlier in the week and asked that he might canvass the local telephone situation with the members of the city council. He is expected to be present at the conference tonight for this purpose.

"Not only will no independent telephone franchise be granted tonight," said Mayor Durland today, "but such a franchise will not be granted at any time without proper public notice. As I understand it the meeting tonight is just an informal conference. If an independent telephone franchise is asked for in Norfolk, the granting of the franchise would be a question for Norfolk to decide and no action would be taken without affording time for public discussion."

It is expected that after the conference tonight the city council will meet in regular session to grant a saloon license to W. A. Koehn.

FRIDAY FACTS.

Fred Sprecher went to Grand Island this morning.

Harry Zelman of Hoskins spent the day in Norfolk.

Miss Edith Barrett returned last evening from Fremont.

Conductor J. C. Aid of Council Bluffs is back on his Bonesteel run.

Mrs. C. H. Reynolds and children are visiting with Plainview friends.

Henry Kennedy arrived in Norfolk this morning from Sioux City to go back to work in the Northwestern yards.

County Surveyor A. J. Thatch and G. Buettner of Madison were in Norfolk today enroute to Tilden to attend the directors' meeting of the Elkhorn Valley bank.

George Kurrock, a former Northwestern yardmaster in Norfolk, arrived in Norfolk this morning from Livingston, Mont., where he suffered a broken leg in a wreck last February.

W. J. Stadelman of Sioux City arrived in Norfolk Thursday to confer with the city officials of Norfolk on the matter of establishing an independent telephone exchange in the city.

William Ellenwood left Norfolk at noon to join the Norfolk colony at Panama, accepting a position as conductor on the government railroad across the canal zone. Mrs. Ellenwood remains in the city for the present.

H. G. Bain, another Northwestern conductor, left earlier in the year to join the canal service.

County Superintendent Frank S. Perdue was in Norfolk Thursday noon on his way to Meadow Grove to present county diplomas to the eighth grade graduates at the evening's commencement exercises. President Clements of the Fremont Normal was on the program for the commencement address at Meadow Grove.

Miss Florence Taylor left yesterday for Lynch for a visit with relatives.

Little Lester Alexander is quite sick.

Mrs. Low left at noon for Alpa, Kan.

Charles Pilger went to Omaha this morning.

J. R. Hyde was up from Madison yesterday.

J. W. Turner of Genoa was in Norfolk over night.

A. R. Davis of Wayne was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Miss Kate Sagehorn of York spent yesterday in Norfolk.

Mrs. E. E. Beckwith of Neligh spent yesterday in Norfolk.

L. C. Mittelstadt has returned from a business trip to Laurel.

George Schiller came to Norfolk from Central City this morning.

Henry H. Storm of Spencer was in Norfolk yesterday between trains.

Charles Nelson and G. Chambers of Niobrara stopped in Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Noble of Hamburg, Iowa, were Norfolk visitors yesterday.

Mrs. Ida Ferguson of Boise, Ida., is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. R. Armstrong.

Mrs. D. Baum and Mrs. J. Baum have gone to Albion to visit with Mrs. Morris Mayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bridge of Fremont are visiting at the home of C. S. Bridge in Norfolk.

County Attorney Jack Koenigstein returned last evening from Madison, where he was in attendance at the district court Wednesday and Thursday.

Editor W. H. Green of the Creighton Liberator, was in Norfolk during the morning enroute to Madison.

The local chapter of the Eastern Star held an informal banquet last

evening following initiation exercises.

Editor Nellor of the Hoskins Headlight was in the city over night enroute to his home from West Point, where he had been attending district court.

Jake Christensen and brother, Chris Christensen, and cousin Hans Peterson, returned from Plainview last night, where they spent yesterday on Jake's farm.

C. E. Buraham was in Tilden Friday morning.

Ira Burnham of Pilger was in the city yesterday.

E. P. Weatherby returned this morning from O'Neill and left again at noon for Bloomfield.

General Superintendent S. M. Braden left at noon on an inspection trip north on the Bonesteel line.

Mrs. O. C. Klentz and little son, Lloyd, returned to Sioux Falls, S. D., yesterday afternoon after a visit in Norfolk at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klentz, sr.

D. D. Dorsey of Des Moines, Iowa, is here visiting with his cousin, J. T. Dorsey.

A little baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Evans yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Ellenwood, who has been here visiting with her son, E. W. Ellenwood, went to Coleridge yesterday.

Mrs. John Hinze went to Omaha at noon today.

Some evil disposed person entered the home of Ed Adams last evening and made away with twenty dollars.

Mose Howel returned home from Chicago at noon yesterday where he has been to take the examinations for engineer. Mr. Howel passed one hundred in air, and also in machinery.

E. W. Ellenwood is having a new front porch built on his house on South Third street.

The Queen Esther circle met last evening with Miss Jessie Drebert.

The store of E. B. Kauffman has been nearly repaired and redecorated throughout the interior.

After residing on the Rosebud for more than a year, Mrs. C. E. Muffly and her sister, Miss Laura Engelka, have left that place for an extended visit at Lindsay. They are traveling by carriage and on the way expect to visit friends at Burke, Bonesteel, Spencer, O'Neill, Oakdale and Clearwater.

The installation of the new officers of the recently organized Brotherhood of St. Paul will take the place of the regular evening services at the Methodist church Sunday evening. Short talks by Norfolk men connected with the new organization will occupy part of the evening's program. The permanent organization of the brotherhood will be completed at a second meeting to be held Monday evening.

The ladies of the aid society of the Congregational church were entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. Randklev on South Eighth street. In the absence of Mrs. E. P. Olmsted, one of the hostesses of the afternoon, Mrs. Randklev was assisted by Mrs. Robert Utter.

Members of the G. A. R., W. R. C. and Spanish war veterans will meet at the Lincoln school house on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock preparatory to marching in a body to the M. E. church. It had been planned to meet in G. A. R. hall but this proved to be unavailable owing to church services which will be held there at that time.

Work of carrying on the improvement of South First street has been temporarily suspended to permit the First street improvement committee having the work in charge to ascertain the attitude of Norfolk people towards the new roadway. The aim of the committee has been a graveled roadway from First street to the Junction and a stretch of upper First street has already been perfected so as to afford an idea of what has been and can be done on the principal street leading to the Junction. Three hundred dollars is needed to carry the work contemplated to the Washington school house. Additional subscriptions for this amount are required by the committee. Meanwhile the work of taking First street out of the mud is lagging.

Edwards Briesse came up from Omaha Saturday for a visit with relatives.

A. C. Bredehoft was a business visitor to Tilden Saturday.

Geo. Schmidt, who arrived here recently from Missouri and worked here in the butter and egg store, went to Albion Saturday, where he has taken a position in a general store.

Tuesday Rev. J. Hofman went to Martinsburg to attend a conference of Lutheran ministers of northeast Nebraska.

Mrs. Rose Krivanek of Meadow Grove was visiting here Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lambert Kerbel.

Ehrhardt Claus of Omaha was visiting here Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herm. Claus.

A ball game was played here Sunday afternoon between the Meadow Grove and Battle Creek teams. The result was 14 to 8 in favor of our boys.

Henry Just, who is an employe in Stoeber's tailor shop at Norfolk, was visiting here Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Just.

We had a nice thunder shower with a fine rain here Thursday morning. There was no wind. The way it looks, we will have plenty of pluvius.

Our public school closed last Friday for summer vacation. The closing exercises were held at the Martin opera house on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday. Six young ladies and one young man, Pete Losey, graduated from the eleventh grade, and exercises were held Wednesday night at the opera house, which would hold only half of the people wishing to attend.

Mrs. Amanda Sessler went to Clearwater Wednesday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. John James.

Fourteen carloads of stock were shipped from here the last three days,

TALKED WITH LATENSER

DESIGNER OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL CAME TO TOWN.

TO DISCUSS SPECIFICATIONS

Owing to the High Water Level in Norfolk, the Basement Can Not be Dug Deep Enough to Make the Effective Gymnasium Hoped For.

Architect John Latenser of Omaha, who designed the new high school building plans on which the school board is advertising for bids, came up from Omaha last evening to confer with the board.

The special session of the board of education to meet Mr. Latenser was held in the new Lincoln building. The conference with Mr. Latenser touched certain details of the plans and specifications on which contractors have been asked to submit bids by June 10. It was the desire of the school board to embody in the specifications provisions that would insure the use of as much as possible of the salvage from the old building, in order to effect the maximum saving.

As a result of the meeting last night several details of the high school plans will be modified before passing into the hands of the contractors. Before returning to Omaha this morning Mr. Latenser visited the site of the high school building and personally examined the salvage that has been secured from the old building for use in the new structure.

A representative of the Omaha hydraulic pressed brick company appeared before the board last evening, submitting samples of pressed brick manufactured in Omaha by the hydraulic process. No action along this line was taken last night, but it is probable that the board will depart from the ordinary red pressed brick in erecting the high school building. A medium brown brick with iron spots was viewed with favor last night.

When the new high school building is constructed it will contain a basement room that may be utilized for gymnasium or for other uses, but which will have too low a ceiling for the effective gymnasium that had been originally hoped for. The reason for this, it is explained, lies in the fact that the high water level in Norfolk prevents a basement being built beyond a certain depth into the ground, while the basement could not have been greatly extended above ground without practically constructing a three story building.

Battle Creek.

Otto Fuerst, the electrician, and Wm. Newman went to Spaulding Tuesday to put in a new exchange for telephone purposes.

O. H. Maas, W. B. Fuerst, Fred Koester and Henry Mleynek were attending the district retail merchants' meeting at Clearwater Friday. They decided to knock out all the "dead beats" and other beats. They were well received and handled at Clearwater.

Mrs. Martha Sharp of Niobrara was visiting here last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hedman. Mr. Sharp is employed on the Northwestern at that place.

"Honest Joe" Trulock was here Friday from Norfolk visiting old friends.

Geo. Spear was here Saturday on business from Norfolk.

Wm. Beller, who has been here for some time in the livery and feed barn business with his brother Frank, boarded the noon train Wednesday for the west hunting for greener pastures.

Since last Sunday the morning services at the Lutheran church will commence at 9:30 during the summer season.

Fred Hohenstein had an addition built to his house on his farm southwest of town.

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Among the shippers were Wm. Newlay, J. L. Pope, Joseph and James Finkral, Oscar Reeves, Tom Lestina, L. C. Bonner, John Ott, Carl Praemer, L. B. Baker, John Osborne and Howard Miller.

Deputy Sheriff Walter Elley of Madison is in this vicinity this week collecting delinquent taxes.

Phil Lund of Norfolk was here Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Caroline Lund.

T. D. Preece received one carload of horses from the west Sunday. As far as our horse sense goes they are fine animals. A. C. Bredehoft is breaking them and as soon as broken they will be turned over to S. T. Napper for Uncle Sam.

R. F. D. 3.

Aug. Huebner, who is seriously ill with cancer, went to Stanton Monday.

Otto Rohrke went to Fremont last week to look over the city.

Mrs. Wm. Schultz of Minnesota is here visiting her sister, Mrs. John Fauble.

Fred Conrad celebrated his birthday. Mr. Conrad was sixty-nine years old. Those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Heone, Mrs. Wm. Lehman of Norfolk, Mrs. Chas. Appel of Meadow Grove, Mrs. Agnes Masson of Madison.

Hugo Rohrke, who was at Grand Island going to school, returned home Sunday.

Wm. Huebner of Hot Springs is visiting with his brother and sister.

Miss Bertha Rohrke is making her home in Norfolk.

Prof. Slechta of Pierce, our Union band instructor, came down Tuesday evening and instructed the boys, who are doing nicely.

Eddie Rohrke purchased a new buggy last week.

Grandmother Heckman returned from a trip to Council Bluffs, where she had been visiting her son, Conductor Heckman, for the past several weeks.

August Heckman and crew are erecting a new house at the home of Aug. Huebner this week.

WEST POINT PAPER'S EDITOR IS ACQUITTED.

CHARLES HARDING HAD MADE THE COMPLAINT.

HIS CREAMERY WAS ATTACKED

E. M. Von Seggern of West Point is Acquitted in Short Time in Libel Case Tried There in the District Court—Hoskins Paper Concerned.

West Point, Neb., May 24.—Special to The News: E. M. Von Seggern, editor of the Nebraska Volksblatt of West Point, has been acquitted in the libel case brought against him by Charles Harding, formerly of Norfolk, now president of the Farmers' Co-operative Creamery company of Omaha.

The case was tried in district court yesterday and a verdict for the defendant was returned by the jury in a very few minutes.

The article upon which Mr. Harding based his charge of criminal libel against Mr. Von Seggern was one copied from the Hoskins Headlight. It made charges against the Farmers' Co-operative Creamery company.

MISSIONARY MEETING COMING

Annual Convention of W. H. M. S. of M. E. Church to be Held.

The annual convention of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the North Nebraska conference of the Methodist church will be held in Norfolk next month. The convention will be in session three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 21-23.

The North Nebraska conference of the church includes the Omaha, Grand Island, Neligh and Norfolk presiding elder districts. The attendance is expected to reach about seventy-five delegates, each local auxiliary being entitled to a delegate in the convention.

The program for the convention has been only partially completed. On the evening of June 23, however, Rev. John A. Spyer of Fremont will deliver a sermon at the final session of the convention.

Mrs. William Luce of Fullerton is president of the society.

Last year's convention was held at Columbus.

BELIEVE HE IS MURDERER.

Man Arrested at Grand Island Held For Woman Killing.

Grand Island, Neb., May 27.—Special to The News: The police arrested a man yesterday suspected of having murdered Mrs. Laura Baldwin at McCook. The Red Willow county authorities arrived in the city today and believe they have the right man. He answers the description quite fully. The man gave the name of Null.

The Red Willow authorities will take him to Holdrege tonight, fearing a lynching at McCook.

PARENTS FIND SON DEAD

STURDY FATHER FALLS IN FAINT AT AWFUL SIGHT.

MURDER MOTIVE A MYSTERY

Rumored Minor Trouble Between the Brothers—Trouble Over Hay Land, Over a Horse Cut in Wire, Over a Dog Fight—Wives Quarreled.

Hoskins, Neb., May 28.—From a staff correspondent: With only a definite motive lacking to make the course of the Hoskins double tragedy an open story, neither the coroner and his jury nor the Wayne county attorney could dig out of the peaceful hills of the Kneis neighborhood to the north of Hoskins the prompting that lay back of the strange act of Henry Kneis, who yesterday morning suddenly drove forth from his fields to slay his brother and himself.

The Coroner's Verdict.

The coroner's jury after investigating the facts open to scrutiny and examining local witnesses, including Henry Amends, who saw the tragedy, and the widows of the two brothers, reached the evident verdict that George Kneis came to his death at the hands of his brother, Henry Kneis—or "Kness," the German spelling still adhered to by the Russian-German family concerned in the shooting.

The Tragic Story Retold.

The coroner's inquest, held yesterday afternoon brought up for another telling the strange story of the morning. It was told how Henry Kneis, evidently intent on the murder of his brother, had driven to the Amends farm where he knew his brother to be, how Amends apprehending trouble from the words and appearance of Henry had warned George back into the house from which he had come in response to Henry's loud calls for his appearance, how George in response to his neighbor's warning had stepped back into the doorway of the house, how Henry had fired three shots at his brother, dragged the dead body out into the yard, reloaded his revolver and turned it on himself.

Children Shrink From Bullets.

The staggering body of the murderer and suicide, Amends had seen over his shoulder as he hurried to spread the word of the murder at his door step. In a back room with locked door a mother and seven little children waited the return of the frightened head of the Amends household. Meanwhile Henry had fallen near the body of the dead brother, he himself soon to succumb to the fatal and self-inflicted wounds. Examination by the coroner showed that two bullets had taken effect in each body. One of the shots fired at George had crashed through the walls of the Amends home threatening the family of little children.

The bare dull yard of the Amends home, a yard bare even of a blade of grass, was set aside Monday afternoon for a scene of dramatic intensity. The covered body of George lay through the day by the door step awaiting the coming of the county coroner. Awe stricken children peered at it from the window and in the yard groups of men from the neighborhood and from Hoskins stirred about.

Father and Mother Find Tragedy.

To this place Conrad Kneis and wife came to learn of the death of their two sons. Driving from their home north of Hoskins to the Amends farm the old couple came on the stricken figure of their son. Standing over the cold body of George they learned the details of the morning's madness. A strong specimen of Russian-German manhood the old father fell backward in a faint at the brutal word that a second son lay dead a mile away. Two other sons of Conrad Kneis and his wife are said to live in California.

Dr. Williams, coroner, Grant Mears, county sheriff, and George Wilbur, county attorney, arrived from Wayne late in the afternoon to hold the inquest in the open air. William Weatherholt, Frank Benser, Peter Kautz, August Reinhold, L. Zelman and D. E. Nellor made up the coroner's jury and the course of the inquest ran through the early evening.

Trouble Over Hay, Horse, Dog, Wives

There had been trouble between the two families living on the adjacent farms, that was shown early in the evidence. Trouble over hay land, trouble over a horse cut on a wire fence, trouble over a dog fight, and, perhaps more serious, trouble between the wives of the brothers, was mentioned during the afternoon. None, however, spoke of recent differences or of the sudden decision that took Henry from his hayfield to slay his brother in cold blood and to inflict a murderer's punishment upon himself. The widow of Henry on the witness stand told nothing new of the tragedy and would not admit noticing anything unusual in her husband's earlier acts of the morning.

Among the neighbors, George Kneis bore apparently the best of reputations. Henry was said to have kept more to himself. George's residence in the rolling country to the north outdated that of his brother by a year, the latter having come to George's home from near Norfolk some two years ago. George had previously lived near Norfolk for several years. Both brothers came originally from South Omaha, Henry more recently. Both men were renters.

To one man at least George was said to have expressed fear of his brother and to have avowed the intention of removing from the dissension of the neighborhood.

BURGLAR GETS \$2.50

Home of R. A. Dougherty at Junction is Entered.

The residence of R. A. Dougherty, 1208 Cleveland street, was entered by an unknown man between 7 and 8 o'clock last night and burglarized to the extent of \$2.50.

Discovery of the theft was not made until morning when Mrs. Dougherty went to her purse for change. She found that the money had been taken. Then she recalled that she had left the house between 7 and 8 o'clock last night, to call on a neighbor, and this could have been the only opportunity for the burglar.

A man's shoe tracks, imprinted with mud, were found on the porch, leading in and out of the house, showing the path of the burglar and proving that he was a man.

Chief of Police Flynn was notified as soon as the theft was discovered, but it was too late then to hope to find the burglar.

BOCHE TRIAL NEXT FALL

JURY FOR NEXT WEEK HAS BEEN DISCHARGED.

A BAIL HEARING FOR BOCHE

Judge Welch Will Hear Arguments Regarding Admitting Boche to Bail in Norfolk Next Tuesday—Casell Gets Six Months in County Jail.

[From Friday's Daily.]

There will be no jury session of district court in Madison county next week, as had been planned. The jury has been discharged and there will be no jury session of the court until next fall. Herman Boche will be tried next fall for the murder of Frank Jarner on May 1. His attorney has asked that Boche be admitted to bail and the hearing upon this point will take place in Norfolk next Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Ray Casell, a young farmhand who recently admitted that he burglarized the D. Q. Nicholson store at Madison, was sentenced to six months in the county jail by Judge Welch.

Boche Gets Continuance.

A continuance in the case of Herman Boche, charged with first degree murder for killing Frank Jarner of Norfolk, was asked for on the ground that the defense could not prepare its case in so short a period. A petition asking that Boche be admitted to bail was filed with the court and the time of hearing arguments in the matter was set for next Tuesday afternoon. It was decided to hold this session of court in Norfolk.

There was no work of importance for the jury to do next week and Judge Welch decided to discharge the jury. The next jury trials will come in the fall term.

A divorce was granted yesterday to Amy A. Hull from her husband, P. W. Hull. As alimony Judge Welch allowed Mrs. Hull \$1,325 and the home on Tenth street in Norfolk.

TAFT WILL BE IN NORFOLK

SECRETARY OF WAR WILL PASS THROUGH THIS CITY.

AT NOON ON MONDAY, JUNE 17

Candidate for Republican Presidential Nomination Will Make Inspection of Fort Meade and, Returning to Omaha, Will Eat Lunch There.

[From Monday's Daily.]

William H. Taft, secretary of war and candidate for the republican presidential nomination, will pass through Norfolk at noon on Monday, June 17, according to a schedule reported from Washington. The big secretary will eat lunch at the Junction eating house.

Secretary Taft is coming west on an inspection trip. He will go to Fort Meade, S. D., and, returning to Omaha over the Northwestern, will pass