

SOCIAL EVENTS OF WEEK

THERE HAS BEEN SOME ACTIVITY IN NORFOLK.

ELKS WILL DANCE NEXT WEEK

The Marriage of Miss Ethel Miller to Dr. Hewitt Allen Waggener of Omaha Was a Marriage of Interest to Norfolk People.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

The week was marked by social activity in Norfolk, with signs of more to follow. The events which filled up the calendar were participated in largely by femininity, the autumn's frost being not yet far enough advanced to call men into their dress suits. A marriage of particular interest to Norfolk during the week was that of Miss Ethel Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rome Miller, to Dr. Hewitt Allen Waggener of Omaha.

Pleasures of the Week.

On Wednesday a very pleasant luncheon for Miss Mary Odiorne of Boston was given in the home of Mrs. F. E. Davenport on Norfolk avenue by Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. T. E. Odiorne and Mrs. B. C. Gentle. The luncheon was served in four courses. During the afternoon six-hand euchre was enjoyed. Mrs. L. B. Nicola was successful in attaining the largest number of punches in her score card and received a handkerchief beautifully trimmed with lace. Mrs. D. Mathewson was fortunate in the all-out contest and also received a handkerchief. Mrs. Holden enjoyed her usual luck at shouting and received a teddy bear.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. S. F. Erskine was hostess at a rather unique 5 o'clock tea which proved highly enjoyable to the forty-five guests. After supper had been served, Mrs. W. F. Hall sang a pretty solo and then Mrs. McMurphy of Lincoln, state food inspector in Nebraska, gave an interesting discussion of the new pure food law in this state, going into detail as to the intention of the law, the evils to be overcome, and the things about foods that housewives ought to know.

A party complimentary to Mrs. J. E. Copeland was given Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. A. Rankin in The Heights. Some twenty ladies of The Heights were invited to Mrs. Rankin's home as a farewell party to Mrs. Copeland previous to her departure for her new home at Evansston, Wyo. The evening was informal.

Mrs. C. E. White was hostess to a company of ladies at a Wednesday noon luncheon.

Coming Events.

The Elks will begin a series of six dancing parties with a dance at their club rooms next Friday evening.

The Friday evening reception which Norfolk teachers who were connected with the city schools last year had planned to hold complimentary to the new teachers on the force this fall was indefinitely postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather Friday. The reception was to have been given in the parlors of the First Congregational church.

Waggener-Miller Wedding.

Omaha Bee: A home wedding, beautiful in all of its appointments, was solemnized Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock when Miss Ethel May Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rome Miller, became the bride of Dr. Hewitt Allen Waggener, Rev. E. H. Jenks officiating. The home of the bride on Grand avenue and Florence boulevard, is ideally arranged for such an occasion, all of the rooms being large and spacious and arched doors made it possible for all of the guests to be in full view of the bridal party. The bride and groom were unattended except by little Dorothea Clarke, the ring bearer, who made a charming picture in a dainty frock of white French lawn, over pink silk. She carried the ring in an American beauty rose. The bride wore an exquisite imported gown of white embroidered chiffon which was made princess and trimmed with real lace. She wore a long tulle veil which was held in place by a wreath of white lilies of the valley and her shower bouquet was of the same flowers. Her only ornament was a pearl necklace, a gift of the groom. The ceremony was performed in the living room before an elevated bank of palms, while around the rooms were clusters of white carnations. A reception followed the marriage service with only the wedding guests, numbering about sixty, present. For the reception the dining room was decorated in tones of pink and green. A low mound of pink roses adorned the table and candle light cast an effective subdued glow. Mr. and Mrs. Waggener have gone on a wedding trip through the east and on their return will be at home to their friends at the new Rome hotel. Mrs. Waggener wore a striped Alice-blue go-away-gown with gloves and hat to match.

ACROSS SOUTH DAKOTA.

Ballasting Roadbed Across Reservation to the Black Hills Country. Mitchell, S. D., Sept. 27.—That the Milwaukee railway is not losing any time in ballasting its roadbed across the reservation to the Black Hills country is shown by the fact that the company has put a day and a night force to work in getting out the sand and gravel from the pit near Oacoma. An electric light plant has just been established at the gravel pit to furnish light for the workmen. Several hundred carsload are hauled out in a day

and distributed along the track, and at the present time the roadbed is completed in ballasting for some distance west of Murdo.

During the winter it is expected steps will be taken by citizens for the erection of a new high school building. An effort will be made to concentrate public opinion on a \$100,000 high school building, to hold a special election during the winter, sell the bonds, and then commence work in the spring.

The agricultural exhibit at Mitchell's corn palace this year, from all indications will surpass any previous year. Twelve counties have already made application for space in this department, and the products of the soil will be shown to a fine advantage. The counties to display their products are Hand, Douglas, Stanley, Jerard, Davison and the exhibit of Brookings agricultural college.

NEW CHICKEN THEIVING

BOLDNESS OF THIEVES GOING UP IN NORFOLK.

USE TRAINED DOG TO HELP

Three Chicken Yards Were Ransacked by Rustlers in Broad Daylight. Heads Are Wrung Off on the Spot. Not Caught.

Like everything else, the nerve of chicken thieves in Norfolk's vicinity is going up. Now they're stealing chickens in broad daylight with the aid of a trained dog.

The chicken rustlers drive along a roadway and hide behind a hedge. The trained dog goes into the chicken yard and, one by one, brings out the specially selected fowls. The heads are wrung off then and there, and the dead birds tossed into the wagon.

There were three victims to these thieves Monday—Barney Edwards, Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Robert Batke. Three birds were stolen from Mrs. Batke and the deadheads found at the roadside. The dog was a light yellow animal with a peaked nose. The thieves were not caught. Their theft occurred in broad daylight.

GETS ARTIFICIAL LIMB

Norfolk Boy Cripple for Life as Result of Baseball.

Carl Nitz, son of Albert Nitz living five miles northeast of Norfolk, went to Omaha Monday to have fitted on the artificial limb that he is to wear through life.

One of young Nitz's legs was amputated just above the knee in an Omaha hospital during the summer. Loss of the limb, it was said, was due to complications resulting from an injury received in a game of baseball.

When young Nitz lay very ill at his home north of town last spring and the trip to the hospital seemed necessary the kindness of a "soulless" railroad corporation was appealed to that the young man might be spared the dangerous ride overland to the depot. It was for young Nitz that the M. & O. passenger stopped at the Nitz farm yard, through which the road passes, while the sick boy was carried to the train.

After weeks spent in the hospital Carl Nitz was able to return to Norfolk. Now he is going back to Omaha to find a mechanical substitute for the limb he lost in the hospital some weeks before.

West Point News.

West Point, Neb., Sept. 30.—Special to The News: A marriage license has been granted to Elias Anderson and Miss Esther E. Henry of Garfield township and to Paul Wegner and Miss Mollie Munderloh of Neligh township.

The subscription list now being circulated in Cuming county for the purchase of a colony of Hungarian pigeons has met with such success that fourteen pairs of birds will be purchased and colonized.

The heavy rain which fell generally throughout this section yesterday was a great relief to suffering humanity. The dust had become intolerable. The potato crop is being dug and the major part marketed. Prices are ruling higher than an average year, the merchants paying 45 cents per bushel for the tubers.

Father Casimir Renner, an old time priest of the West Point parish and who for some years past has been stationed at Randolph where he has built a large church and parochial school, has been transferred to Elgin.

N. P. Hammarlund, aged 70 years, an old and well known pioneer settler of Cuming county, died at the home of his son in Cuming township of ailments incident to old age. Funeral services were held Saturday at the cemetery attached to the Oakland Swedish Mission church.

Walter Kerl, until lately employed as a compositor on the force of the West Point Republican, has resigned his position and will enter the University of Nebraska.

"Are You Crazy?" Coming. "Are You Crazy," a merry musical farce with Frank Damsel and seventeen other clever players, will appear at the Auditorium next Monday night. This farce is playing in Omaha this week to Akarben crowds. The musical numbers are all new and are decided hits. The new teddy bear feature will be seen with interest. Pretty girls who can sing and dance are said to form a striking feature of the show. "The big music fun show," it is called. This play has been drawing packed houses in the cities at \$1 prices. In Norfolk the boxes will be 75 cents and parquette seats only 50c. Other seats will be at lower rates.

TRAINS WILL MAKE RACE

GOVERNMENT MAIL CONTRACT IS AT STAKE.

NORTHWESTERN IN RUNNING

Four Big Railroads Will Compete for the Million Dollar Mail Contract Between Chicago and Omaha and Winnebago Will Know It's a Race.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 28.—The greatest race of a century over a course 500 miles long, across rivers and prairies, the racers being four great locomotives, the largest and fastest ever operated by a transcontinental railroad, is soon to be pulled off between Omaha and Chicago. The prize is a contract worth \$1,000,000, the donor being the national government, and the winner will also receive the honor and prestige of being selected by the government to carry the fast mail between the Missouri river and the great lakes. As its badge of honor the winner will have the right to inscribe on its cars the magic words, "the transcontinental fast mail," and its advertising matter may state, "the route of the overland fast mail."

The four monster locomotives which will enter the race will travel over as many different railroads—the Northwestern, the Rock Island, the Burlington and the Illinois Central. The latter is a newcomer in the field of the fast mail, and it has never before competed for the honor. In past years only the Northwestern and Burlington were considered of force enough to haul Uncle Sam's mail across the country. But two years ago the Rock Island decided it wanted a "throw," and announced that it would go after the contract. The Burlington beat it out, however, and retained the fast mail.

Are After Burlington.

All went smoothly until last spring. Then came the new rate laws, and among all the states which passed restrictive laws Nebraska headed the list. In retaliation the Burlington has reduced the time of the fast mail until now it requires about three days for a letter and an answer between Omaha and Chicago. A general howl arose all over the west, and as a result the government is going to relet the contract, and to the road making the best schedule and maintaining that schedule for a month will be given the contract for the fast mail between the Missouri and the lakes, this includes the mails for the Pacific coast and the orient as well as the local Nebraska mail.

The Northwestern was the first road in the field, and declared its intention of getting the contract if possible. Having the only double track between Omaha and Chicago, and being shorter than any of its competitors, the Northwestern claims that none of the other roads can make better time between the two points.

But the Rock Island, since its failure to secure the contract two years ago, has been preparing for the future, and to that end has rebuilt many miles of its line through Iowa. It is now having built six of the largest and fastest locomotives in the west, and with these greyhounds it expects to get in ahead of the other racers.

The Burlington has had the contract for so long it believes itself invincible, and its officers say they do not fear the outcome.

Central a "Dark Horse."

But the Illinois Central is an unknown factor in the race—a "dark horse." Never before has the Illinois Central had the nerve to get in a contest with the other giant lines between Omaha and Chicago, where there is a run known as one of the fastest in the country. There is yet a possibility that the contract will have six entries instead of only four. The Milwaukee and the Chicago Great Western are both capable of making it interesting for any line which beats their trains from Omaha to Chicago. Especially is this true of the Milwaukee, which is only one mile longer than the short line between the two points.

The mileage of the different Omaha-Chicago roads is as follows: Northwestern, 491; Milwaukee, 492; Burlington, 490; Rock Island, 503; Great Western, 494; Illinois Central, 516.

The coming race is attracting the greatest attention among railroad men everywhere, and the winner will know it has been racing.

NEWS OF WEST POINT.

Rains Help—New Bank—Report of Pierce County Fire.

West Point, Neb., Oct. 1.—Special to The News: Frequent recurring rains have put the fields in fine condition for fall plowing which is becoming more and more the custom in this section of the state. Stubble fields are now soft and mellow and in excellent condition for plowing and fall seeding. Pastures have been greatly benefited by the recent rains as also late corn which has not been damaged in the least by the light frosts of last week. News was received from Pierce of the total destruction by fire of the dwelling house of Louis Schlotte, a former West Point citizen who now lives three miles west of Pierce. During the fire his daughter, Ida, was severely burned. Cuming county now boasts of another national bank, the First National of Bancroft having commenced business last week with a capital of \$30,000. The officers are: J. E. Turner, president; J. E. L. Carey, vice president; A. G. Zuhlike, cashier; directors: J. E. Turner, J. E. L. Carey, A. G. Zuhlike, John Munderloh and John Hermebrecht. This institution succeeds

the private bank of J. E. Turner which was the first financial institution in Bancroft established some twenty years ago.

The Woman's club of West Point have announced their first meeting for the coming season for next Tuesday, October 1.

Emil Von Seggern, editor of the Nebraska Volksblatt, has purchased the fine residence property of Andrew Sorenson in Neligh's addition.

Henry Hachmeier had the misfortune to have his jaw broken and sustain other severe injuries in a runaway a few days ago.

O'NEILL CLAIMS THE BELT

GIVE ARGUMENTS TO SHOW BASEBALL SUPERIORITY.

WON TWENTY IN TWENTY-FIVE

Atkinson Was the Only Team in the Northwest Which Twice Defeated O'Neill—O'Neill Insists That Atkinson is Not Champion.

O'Neill Neb., Oct. 1.—Special to The News: O'Neill closed the 1907 baseball season by defeating Brunswick on their home grounds last Saturday afternoon by a score of 5 to 1. On last Thursday afternoon O'Neill defeated them upon our grounds here by the same score, 5 to 1. During the season just closed the O'Neill team has played twenty-five games and has won twenty of them. The only team that has defeated us twice this season is Atkinson, which defeated us by a score of 3 to 0 last Friday, but they had but two of their regular team on the field and were reinforced by three western league players: Ice Hall of Sioux City, Stein of Lincoln and Townsend of Omaha. O'Neill defeated Neligh three straight games and Neligh defeated Atkinson three straight. O'Neill defeated Ainsworth three out of four and Ainsworth defeated Atkinson three out of five. So it would appear that their grounds for claiming championship honors were not good.

Railway Notes.

A. C. Bird has tendered his resignation as vice president in charge of traffic of all the Gould lines.

It is reported that the Burlington has been making almost as good time with its stock trains from the northwest as its passenger trains make.

The Panhandle people have disposed of a number of their old eight-wheel engines used for switching purposes and will replace them with new engines.

George F. Stevens, president of the Chesapeake & Ohio, states that his company has resumed operations that had been canceled when the recent scare over money matters came. He last week approved of an order for the completion of twenty-eight miles of double track that had been temporarily abandoned.

The Chicago & Eastern Illinois is turning over 150 carloads of coal per day to the Peoria & Eastern at Danville Junction, to be shipped to the northwest, avoiding delays in getting into Chicago and out. It is expected that quite a new business will be built up over this new route to the northwest. The P & E. will get a 128 miles haul.

Owing to the congestion of traffic on roads east of St. Louis no consignments of grain are accepted by the Burlington road. The embargo provides that no Burlington or foreign cars may be loaded with grain to either St. Louis or East St. Louis. Foreign cars may be loaded on the lien of that road only when destined to points on connecting lines beyond St. Louis. It is understood that other roads are considering following the Burlington's example.

A rumor is current that at the annual meeting of the Chicago & Alton road, in Toledo next month, the Hawley-Shonts interests will show their ownership, George H. Ross, now vice president of the Clover Leaf, will be elected president of the Chicago & Alton. Should this be the case, it is believed that he will be continued as vice president of the Clover Leaf. Mr. Ross is a product of the C. B. & Q. road and began his railroad career in the freight department. When T. P. Shonts secured a controlling interest in the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa road, he called Mr. Ross from the C. B. & Q. and made him traffic manager of the "Three I's." He soon got that road on a paying basis and sold it to the Lake Shore, and with Edwin Hawley, purchased the Clover Leaf, and Mr. Ross was immediately made traffic manager and afterward given the title of vice president.

Moving Pictures Start.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] The first night of moving pictures and light vaudeville at the Auditorium proved a genuine success in spite of the inclement weather. A good sized audience listened to the songs, watched the buck and wing dancing and enjoyed the moving pictures.

Vaudeville features were buck and wing jig dancing by Ollie Uecher; the hobo band by Ben Hull, Harold Clark, Walter Howe and Herman Shelby; the stage hands' quartet by Howe, Haloway, Ballantyne and Brueggeman; illustrated songs sung by William Wetzel. All these features were heartily applauded. They were snappy.

The moving pictures were clever and well received. The last film, in particular, made a hit. This is entitled, "Father Buys a Moke," and shows a number of gymnastics through which one real active mule can go.

The shows will continue every night, excepting when there is a theatrical attraction booked. The admission is ten cents to any part of the house.

BRAASCH GIVES UP STAR

CITY COUNCIL INVESTIGATES POLICE MATTERS.

CHIEF FLYNN IS EXONERATED

It Was Said That Old Records Were Brought In to Justify the Fee Proposition—Matter is Now Considered Settled.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] The city council conducted its police "investigation" Monday evening behind closed doors.

As a result of the investigation Night Officer Braasch has left the force, Chief of Police Flynn has been exonerated of the charges against him and Mayor Durland says that there will be a new deal in police court matters.

The following men were present at the investigation: Mayor Durland, Councilmen Buehholz, Craven, Degner, Dolan, Haase and Kauffman, Acting City Attorney Burt Mapes, Chief Flynn and Night Officer Braasch.

Officer Braasch did not file additional charges against the chief and the question of alleged over-charges exacted from prisoners was taken up by the council. Outside of the men present no witnesses were examined.

An Old Custom. At the close of the investigation councilmen said that old police court records were examined and as one of the investigators said: "The practice of making what might be called 'over charges' under the head of police expense can be said to have become a more or less recognized 'custom.' In fact police expense charges have been actually less than an average during the last few months than formerly."

Along towards midnight a formal motion was passed declaring Chief of Police Flynn to have been exonerated of all the charges filed against him.

Officer Braasch was then asked if, in view of the circumstances and the council's action, he thought that he could serve on the force with his present chief. He did not think so.

Braasch Resigned. A motion to declare Night Officer Braasch's place vacant was introduced. It was never put to a vote, however, as Officer Braasch was offered an opportunity to resign, of which he availed himself. The resignation was accepted.

The vacancy on the night force will be filled by the mayor Thursday evening. In the interval Chief Flynn will secure the services of a special officer.

One result of the recent police episode, it is said, will be an adjustment of the chaotic "fee" situation as it affects police court.

Will Regulate Fees. "Police fees will be a matter of consideration at the next council meeting," said Mayor Durland, "and action will be taken by the council rather than by the mayor." Mayor Durland has expressed himself as satisfied that there will be no further occasion for charges of abuse in the matter of over-charges entered on police court dockets.

Would Excuse Fee Matter. "None of these cases where excessive fees were claimed to have been charged are matters of any great importance," one member of the city administration said Tuesday morning. "The fact is that none of the people from whom the fees were collected were nice people and the truth is that they did not get what was coming to them in police court as far as their fine was concerned. I think that the chief's back and assistance fees were straight enough and custom is back of them."

Braasch Had a "Hunch." Officer Braasch said Tuesday that he was ready to drop the fight. The ex-officer said that Monday afternoon he became aware of the course that the investigation would take and that councilmen had said plainly enough what would happen to him when his row with Flynn came before the city council.

Consider Affairs Ended. The city administration now considers that the police row has been finally settled and that the police charges are now buried. The whole matter is frankly admitted to have been very unpleasant to members of the administration, who thought the "executive session" Monday night the easiest way to have the affairs quietly settled.

Say He Should Have Kept "Mum." Ex-Officer Braasch has been reproached for the publicity that he gave the police trouble. In fact this was one of the grievances against him. It was said that instead of consulting an attorney he should have made his alleged disclosures to the chief, the mayor or the police committee, recognized authorities.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Plantz, a son.

Mrs. R. W. Williams is home from Omaha where she has been visiting her husband.

George Bentle of Gregory, S. D., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon this week.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: Graydon B. Jackson, Fairfax, S. D.; Thomas Wells, Madison; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Whipple, Niobrara; I. B. Saunders, W. F. Bassett, James E. Hubbard, Albert Moore, Baxtle Mills; Howard Grubbs, C. B. Grubbs, Brunswick; A. R. Oleson, Wisner; John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton; George W. Kirk, Plainview; J. L. Phillips, St. Edward; Mrs. J. W. Sargent, Plainview; Carl R. Peterson, Monowi; Emil Hoffmeyer, Stanton; John W. Brown, M. Nichols, Foster; W. J. Shafer, Fairfax, S. D.; J. W. Cottrell,

Genoa; C. W. Brandt, St. Edward; W. R. Locke, Stanton; E. H. Whitehead, St. Paul.

Burt Mapes was in Pierce Monday afternoon.

Misses Frances and Jennie Burner spent Saturday in Norfolk.

J. H. Conley leaves Tuesday on a business visit to Boxbutte county.

Elmer Hight went to Omaha Sunday for a few days' visit during Akarben week.

H. Rhodes of Creighton, vice president of the North Nebraska anti-horse thief association, was in the city from Creighton. Captain George W. Losey was also here. The association is planning to go into Gregory county, S. D., for co-operation among the people of that section in fighting the horse rustlers.

Miss Nettie Nenow has nearly recovered from a very severe attack of the grip.

Miss Tessie Dixon has succeeded her sister as stenographer in J. H. Conley's office.

R. J. Smith, formerly of Renville, Minn., has a position in C. S. Hayes' jewelry store.

Mosaic Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M., will hold its first October meeting on Tuesday night.

The Pioneer Hook and Ladder company will hold their regular meeting Wednesday evening.

The third grade in the Lincoln building was dismissed Monday as a result of the illness of the instructor, Miss Clara Brueggeman.

Charles F. Hoeger announces the coming marriage of his sister, Miss Hazel Hoeger of Portland, Ore., to Dr. G. E. Watts. The marriage will take place Tuesday, October 8.

Miss Anna Crosby will resign her position as saleslady in the A. L. Killian store this evening in order to accept a similar position with the Pelletier Dry Goods company of Sioux City.

Monday during school hours one of the brick chimneys on the new Lincoln building collapsed. Fortunately school was in session at the time and the shower of bricks fell to the ground with no injury to the school pupils.

W. C. Ahlman, who has had an automobile agency in Norfolk, is figuring on fixing up an automobile garage on Norfolk avenue. Mr. Ahlman may erect a corrugated iron building, 28x40, on Norfolk avenue between Second and Third streets.

Several temporary changes have been made at the Northwestern train dispatchers' office as a result of the absence from the city of E. Sly, who is trying to recuperate his health. Sam Reynolds, night chief in the office is occupying the chief dispatchers' chair while W. J. Johnson has been sent out from Chicago to act as night chief.

Pending Herman Boche's trial next December and the return of the jury's verdict in the Norfolk murder case no action has been taken either by the state or the county towards paying the rewards that were offered last May for Boche's capture. Constable J. H. Conley, who brought Boche in to Madison, expects to receive the \$200 state reward and the \$100 county reward at the conclusion of the Boche trial.

The last chapter in the Philip avenue injunction case will probably be written at the city council meeting next Thursday evening. The remonstrators who sought the assistance of the courts in their fight against the closing of Philip avenue for depot purposes have announced that they have withdrawn from their suit against the city, now rendered of little moment by the erection of an individual Northwestern depot away from the disputed crossing. The remonstrators have asked that the city pay its costs in the case, consisting principally of the city's attorney fees. A committee has been appointed to interview the city's legal representatives in the depot battle for a report at the next meeting.

William Dunn, once of Pender, who came to grief recently in Norfolk, has the check habit. Dunn has the impulses of a millionaire and writes checks with delightful ease but has so far neglected to collect a bank account. In Norfolk William forgot that his Pender account did not match a check he presented to the Hazenpflug saloon. His memory failed in two similar instances here and a local court handed out thirty days in the Madison county jail. William's time at Madison was out last week but he hadn't got past Humphrey before he stumbled back into the old check habit. Chief of Police Flynn has been advised that William is now in the county jail at Columbus for thirty days on account of the Humphrey transaction.

TWO FREIGHT TRAINS MEET.

About \$8,000 Damage Results in Wreck on Albion Branch.

Northwestern freight trains No. 329 and 340 met head-on three miles east of Petersburg, on the Oakland-Scribner branch, last night. Fireman Himelcliff of Fremont sustained a broken collarbone, the two locomotives were pretty badly damaged, one car of oats was totally destroyed and three cars of cattle were badly wrecked, though only five animals were killed. None of the passengers was injured. The engine men jumped and in this way Fireman Himelcliff sustained a fractured collarbone. The damage is estimated at about \$8,000.

The two freight trains met near a sharp curve. The train orders had been properly issued for the trains to meet at Petersburg. In some way the Petersburg agent failed to deliver the order to train No. 340. An investigation as to the exact responsibility will be held by officials.

Cattle on the train were let out of the cars onto the prairie near the track. Passenger service was at once resumed by means of transferring passengers around the wreck.

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**Calumet Baking Powder**  
\$1.00 will give you for any assistance in health found in Calumet.

BIG HARVEST FOR YEGGEMEN

THOUSANDS CLEANED UP IN DAKOTA THIS FALL.  
HIT BANKS AND POSTOFFICES

Horde of Criminals Invaded the State With Harvest Hands and Have Operated in Several Small Towns in Different Parts of the State.

Sloux Falls, S. D., Sept. 30.—Chicago yeggmen who came to the two Dakotas with the influx of harvest hands several weeks ago have been reaping a rich harvest in the way of bank and postoffice robberies since their arrival, and before cold and stormy weather sets in, which will be the signal for the stopping of operations, and their return to their headquarters for the winter, probably will "clean up" anywhere from \$100,000 to \$125,000.

The operations of the yeggmen in the two Dakotas during the fall of 1906 is estimated to have netted them \$100,000, and their profits on this season's operations promise to surpass those of last year. Within a few weeks yeggmen have robbed more than a score of postoffices in North and South Dakota, and in addition have held up and robbed numerous banks, in nearly every instance securing good hauls. In a few cases the hauls were exceptionally large.

So numerous have been the robberies of postoffices in particular that a familiar salutation when one postmaster writes to or talks over the telephone with the postmaster in another town is, "Has your safe been cracked?"

At a convention of North Dakota postmasters held a few days ago there were present a number of officials whose safes had been robbed during the past few weeks. How to prevent the further spread of the safe cracking mania was one of the live topics of discussion during the convention. Inspector Hoegg, postoffice inspector for the district, was among those present, and he stated that within a few weeks fifteen postoffices in North Dakota alone had been robbed. He further reported that owing to the shrewdness of the cracksmen, who left absolutely no clues, not a single arrest had been made as yet, notwithstanding that the federal authorities had worked strenuously, and were still working, to secure evidence which would warrant arrests being made.

Inspector Hegge recommended that postmasters in the smaller towns should keep but a very small amount of either money or stamps on hand. Remittances, he stated, should be made every day from the office to the nearest depository. Only enough stamps should be kept on hand to supply the day's business. He gave it as his opinion that when yeggmen crack a safe and secure only from \$25 to \$50 for their pains their operations will cease.

DOLAN GOT HIS CROSSINGS.