

FEDERAL PRISON IN SIGHT

TWO "WILD CAT" MONEY MEN HAVING A LIVELY TIME.

GOVERNMENT IS AFTER THEM.

After They Finish Serving Time in County Jails in Southern Part of the State, Government Officials Will Give Them a Whirl.

The two "wild cat" money artists who were finally captured at Wahoo will probably see a federal prison after all. A dispatch from Wahoo says:

The two smooth individuals who recently circulated a quantity of wild-cat currency in this city and vicinity will in all probability be taken to Lincoln within a short time to be arranged before a United States commissioner upon the charge of having in their possession and distributing money in similitude to the lawful currency of the country. They are now in jail at Geneva.

The two fellows appeared here late in October and did a prosperous business for a short time. They went to a number of stores here and in surrounding towns, making small purchases at each place. In payment they gave notes issued by the old Merchants' bank of Georgia and the State Bank of New Brunswick. These notes were mostly of the denomination of \$10 and \$20, though some of them were fives. Upon their face they greatly resemble national bank notes, though the reverse side bears no such resemblance. In order to carry out the deception, therefore, two notes were pasted together, the faces only being shown. The notes were issued in 1859. The two fellows who gave the names of Thomas O'Brien and Axtel Johnson succeeded in getting in change about \$50 in genuine money before they were arrested.

When they were taken into custody about \$200 was found sewed up in their clothing and after they had served twenty days in jail they were released upon refunding the money which they had fraudulently obtained. After they had paid their lawyers and squared up generally, they had little left. They still had a quantity of the wildcat currency, however, and this was taken in charge of the federal officers. As soon as the men got out of jail here they were arrested by Sheriff Page, of Fillmore county and taken to Geneva, where they had operated before coming here. They traveled all over that section and gathered up about \$70. They were careful not to take more than \$35 in any one transaction, so that it was impossible to convict them of a felony. They were found guilty of a misdemeanor, however, and fined \$75 and costs each. This they are now laying out in jail and their sentences will expire December 14, when it is expected they will be taken in charge by a federal officer and taken to Lincoln. A week ago Sunday they succeeded in digging their way out of jail, but were recaptured before they had gone far. It has been learned that they passed a quantity of their money in the vicinity of Aurora and in that city.

The government authorities hold that while the notes which the men have been passing are not really counterfeit, they are sufficiently like national bank and treasury notes to make their distribution unlawful under the counterfeit laws.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

S. Beck went to Stanton Wednesday noon.

Leo Reeves was up from Madison Wednesday.

W. P. Logan was in Sioux City yesterday on business.

H. J. Steinhausen of Creighton was a Norfolk visitor Wednesday.

John Goff of Osmond was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Simmons will spend the next two weeks visiting in Lebanon, Kan.

C. S. Evans, editor of the Times-Tribune, went to Meadow Grove Wednesday noon.

M. C. Hazen was in Pierce Wednesday, when Judge Welch held a short term of court there.

C. W. Burger of Glenwood, Iowa, was in Norfolk over night, the guest of his uncle, C. E. Hartford.

Rev. S. F. Sharpless of Ferguson Falls, Minn., arrived in Norfolk last evening to visit his daughter, Mrs. Jack Koenigstein.

Mayor Durland, who has been troubled with a severe cold and a sore throat, was able to be down town again Wednesday.

W. M. Robinson, manager of the piano department of the Bennett company, will be in Norfolk the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Ella Maher, who went to Rochester, Minn., with her mother Mrs. B. W. Barrett, will leave Thursday for a short visit at Fremont enroute home to Denver.

E. E. Watson of Plainview was in Norfolk Wednesday, returning from Omaha, where he has been serving on an United States jury for the past ten days.

Mr. Watson has already had about five weeks of federal jury work this fall and the jury on which he is serving has not yet been discharged.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: N. S. Westrop, Plainview; Louis Winkelbauer, Frank Engelbauer, Randolph; Joseph Engkelba, Fred Wilhelm, Lindsay; Peter Doime, John Ehler, Belden; John Goff, Osmond; Henry Heydahl, Bonesteel, S. D.; John Carr, Wood Lake; Miss Marsh, Battle Creek; George Keith, Pender; Ed. Jones, Carroll; E. W. Graham, Bassett; C. E. Lear, Springview.

Sonda, Butte; James G. Weber, Henry Schwartz, Frank Linger, Creighton; S. W. Lightner, Lynch; B. J. Overton, Gretna; George W. Goff, Osmond.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. White are on the sick list.

Messames C. H. Reynolds and P. H. Salter are in Omaha to visit until Friday.

Mrs. Watkins of Creighton was in Norfolk to attend the funeral of little Helene Sultzer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Taylor left Wednesday for an extended visit in Sioux City, Iowa, and Pierre, S. D.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stokes, son-in-law and daughter of Dr. D. K. Tindall, arrived in Norfolk today for a few weeks' visit.

Father Alberts, who has been assistant priest at the Norfolk church of the Sacred Heart, left today for his new assignment at Greeley Center, Neb. Father Tevis, the new assistant, is expected in Norfolk Thursday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weber, a daughter.

A crowd of about one hundred young people spent a merry evening skating at Klug's pond last night.

The young ladies of Queen Esther circle were entertained Tuesday evening at the home of J. H. Oxnam.

Mrs. Jack Koenigstein and Mrs. E. R. Hayes entertained at two 1 o'clock luncheons, one given on Tuesday afternoon and one on Wednesday in the Koenigstein home.

Mrs. Geo. H. Spear entertained a company of twenty-eight little folks Wednesday afternoon to celebrate the birthday of her daughter Irma.

Mrs. Gus Kuhl, Mrs. C. E. Doughty and Mrs. E. L. Loucks will entertain the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church on next Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Kuhl.

The city council did not meet Tuesday evening as intended but as a result of Mayor Durland being slightly ill and unable to come down for the meeting an adjournment was taken until December 19, the date of the regular mid-month meeting.

Dr. O'Keefe of Waterloo, Iowa, was called to Norfolk by the illness of his wife, formerly Miss Dora Wade of Norfolk, who was taken ill with an attack of appendicitis while visiting at the Wade home in this city. Mrs. O'Keefe is much better and will not be subjected to an operation.

At the annual meeting of St. Paul Lutheran church held Tuesday afternoon the following named officers were elected: Ludwig Wachter, deacon; Fred Grimm, trustee for five years; Ernest Zutz, members of school board for three years; August Melcher, member of cemetery committee for five years; Mr. Dressen, janitor. It will probably be two months yet before the splendid new church that is now being erected will be ready for dedication.

The election of officers of the Norfolk Relief association for the ensuing year is as follows: H. W. Winter, president; H. C. Kraha, vice president; Julius Fisher, treasurer; Otto Zuelow, secretary; Carl Zuelow, assistant secretary; Max Schmiedeberg, trustee. The Relief association is allied with the St. Paul and Christ Lutheran churches and works among the members of those two churches. Winter's hall was rented for another year.

With the casket surrounded with many floral offerings, the funeral services for little Helene Sultzer were held Tuesday afternoon in the First Methodist church, Rev. C. W. Ray, pastor of the church, conducting the funeral. Music was furnished by a quartet consisting of Miss Ethel Doughty, Miss Edna Loucks, Claude Ogdin and Arthur Hazen, and accompanied by Miss Jessie Drebert. Interment was at Prospect Hill cemetery. The pallbearers were Misses Faye Livingston, Agnes Matrau, Ethel Caldwell and Stella Caldwell. Helene Sultzer was the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Sultzer.

Charlie Rice has just had an exceptionally fine, and at the same time expensive, overcoat sent Mr. Rice by his brother-in-law Louis Haas, who has been engaged in the fur business in Omaha for several years. Before the sable was made into the coat Mr. Rice refused \$400 for the fur. The sable is, of course, used as the lining for the coat, the shell of which was furnished by Remington & Kessler of Omaha, while the fur work was handled by Shukert in Omaha. The coat is trimmed with American mink while the sleeves are lined with otter as more durable material. The sable fur sent Mr. Rice came from Manchuria in northern China, the seat of the Japanese-Russian war.

Lincoln News: There is a valuable tip for railroad men in the report from Chadron that a number of Northwestern employees who were patrons of saloons have lately been weeded out and dropped from the payroll. Even though the average railroad man does not drink, he is handicapped if he indulged only in moderation. Transportation managers have found by experience that their most dependable employees are those who leave liquor alone. It is natural that when the time came to reduce the force of men the ones who drink should be let out. The same tendency is observed in manufacturing industries and in various lines of trade. Even the traveling man of today is dropping the old convivial habits that were once an invariable accompaniment of his work.

To be able to enjoy and assimilate a good meal is a rare occurrence with many people—too much ice water, boiled coffee and tea has made dyspeptics of thousands of Americans. Try a glass of Storz Blue Ribbon beer with your meals. It will whet your appetite, aid your digestion and help you in building up a robust constitution.

Today's ads. are full of things to quicken and enthrall "bargain hunters."

BODWELL NOT A CANDIDATE

HAS NO AMBITION TO BECOME STATE SUPERINTENDENT.

HE WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE

Superintendent of Norfolk City Schools Has Been Urged to Become Candidate for Mr. McBrien's Place, But Declines to Consider It.

Superintendent E. J. Bodwell, head of the Norfolk schools, has been subjected to pressure for many months past by school men anxious to have his name presented as a candidate for the republican nomination for state superintendent. None of those who have approached Mr. Bodwell in the matter have received any encouragement.

The state house still holds no attractions for Norfolk's city superintendent. Mr. Bodwell states his position so emphatically that further discussion of his name in school circles is likely to be dropped.

"I have positively declined to consider such suggestions as have been made to me," Mr. Bodwell told The News this week. "I gave up a political office to come to Norfolk and I certainly would not accept another. I have heard of a number of school men who might be candidates for state superintendent. I, however, will not be among the number for two reasons, first that I do not want to be a candidate and second that I do not want to be state superintendent."

Sentiment in this section of the state united for a time in favoring Mr. Bodwell as a candidate for the superintendency, because he was not only highly qualified for the place but also because of his probable strength as a candidate.

Mr. Bodwell has an acquaintance as wide as most men's in the state. For a number of years before coming to Norfolk he was county superintendent of Douglas county, being elected for several successive terms in the county which has Omaha for its county seat. He was president of the state teachers' association for one year and at the present time is a member of the state examining board. In Norfolk recently Mr. Bodwell was placed at the head of the North Nebraska School Folks' club.

School politics—and the school men have their politics—was recently stirred by the report that State Superintendent J. L. McBrien might himself be a candidate at the republican primary.

At Madison recently the state superintendent told a reporter for The News that he was undecided as to whether or not he would jump over the third tier rule.

"I have not determined what course I will take," said Mr. McBrien. "I appreciate the kind words that have been spoken by friends. But I feel at this time that it is due the office and the party that I refrain from either putting myself in or out of the running. It is early and there is no reason why school men should jump into politics before the rest of the state political field becomes active."

At the recent meeting of the "school folks" in Norfolk the presence of Superintendent Delzell of Lexington in Norfolk naturally excited some discussion in regard to his candidacy which has been a matter of some comment over the state. Mr. Delzell is credited with having made an exceptional record in Lexington.

Among school men it is said that a name as frequently discussed as any other is that of County Superintendent R. C. King of Otoe county, a strong man of experience and undoubtedly popularity in southeast Nebraska where he is known. George D. Carrington, jr., of Auburn, from an adjacent county to Mr. King, is also mentioned.

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sideers presided over a business meeting at the railroad hall Wednesday evening.

Gilbert Johnson has sold his twenty-acre farm southeast of the Junction to some parties from Illinois, the consideration being \$175 per acre, and bought a farm of fifty acres close to the mouth of the Northfork river for \$55 per acre.

Father Walsh left yesterday for Grand Junction, Iowa, to attend the funeral of Father Kenney.

The ladies guild of Trinity church will hold a business meeting at the rectory Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Bruce White, Norfolk's black wrestler, and C. F. Lenser, baggageman at the Junction depot, wrestle Thursday evening in Germania hall at Stanton, so they announce.

The only local activity of much consequence reported to the Norfolk police Wednesday was an alleged attempt at suicide on the part of a young lady whose love affair had become somewhat tangled.

A state convention of county commissioners was held Wednesday and Thursday of this week in South Omaha. Madison commissioners were not in attendance, not holding the convention in especially high esteem.

Omaha Bee: August Schroeder of Creighton has asked Governor Sheldon to commute his sentence of imprisonment in the Lancaster county jail so that he may go home to his parents and be good. He is 19 years old and was given a long jail sentence for taking money from his employers in Lincoln. The governor has taken the case under advisement.

Neligh Register: Otis A. Williams, as next friend of Jeannette McBride has filed a civil appeal in the district court against Bert Allen to recover damages for injuries to Jeannette McBride sustained on Allen's merry-go-round last 4th of July.

Pierce Leader: Jos. Wolf, who has been section foreman at this place for the past couple of months, left Sunday afternoon for Anoka where he was before he came to Pierce. George Osbey of Norfolk has been appointed to look after the road here and arrived Sunday with his family.

December 20, the new date for the firemen's minstrels, will not be altered as definite contracts have been entered into for that date. December 18, the date first announced, was merely a tentative date. It was quite impossible to have a minstrel production like the firemen are preparing made ready in so short a time.

Butte Gazette: James C. Myers, M. D. C., of Norfolk, Mr. Myers is assisting State Veterinarian McKim in exterminating the glanders in this part of the country. They are very wisely keeping a close watch on barns and herds, where the disease has been discovered, to see that it is entirely wiped out.

A change of managers at the Norfolk office of the Western Union telegraph company took place Wednesday evening. C. J. Haviland who has been in charge of the Norfolk office being succeeded by P. Paul of Kearney. Mr. Paul has only been in the Western Union service for a few weeks, his previous experience being with railroad telegraphy. He was transferred to Norfolk from the Council Bluffs office of the company. Manager Haviland was promoted to the Western Union office at Concordia, Kan., a better paying office. Mr. Haviland left Thursday morning for Concordia, the young man who succeeds him arriving in Norfolk during the afternoon.

Pierce Leader: Woods Cones, president of the County Bank at this place returned Monday morning from Omaha. While in that city he learned that Chas. Viterna, formerly employed by him as book-keeper, had recently come into notoriety by forging checks to something like \$15,000 on different banks in Nebraska and South Dakota. As yet we have seen no account of this business in the daily papers, but Mr. Cones no doubt knows whereof he is speaking, and the probable reason for not making it public is to capture Viterna before he discovers that officers are after him. It is said that Pinkerton detectives are now after him, and it will only be a question of time before those human bloodhounds will have their net so encircled about him that to escape is impossible. The news that Charlie was guilty of such a piece of work was a complete surprise to Pierce people, for he had always been looked upon as an honest young man.

A general movement of corn to market was reported by John Goff and George Goff of Osmond, who were in Norfolk yesterday on business. They estimated that something like 30,000 bushels of corn had been brought to Osmond during the last ten days. "In the last week or so, beginning a short time after the market was restored, pretty nearly everybody has been moving something to market. Corn was at forty and a half Tuesday. The higher the price has gone the more corn they have been bringing into Osmond and the more they bring in apparently the higher the price goes. You see since the flurry there has been quite a pressure for the liquidation of debts. Farmers couldn't very well pay when there was no market but now that there is a market and all creditors are more than usually insistent a heavy movement to market has set in to get out of debt. But flurry or no flurry this will be an exceptionally prosperous year around Osmond. The yield of corn was heavy, on our land running thirty-five and forty bushels to the acre, while the price is good. The result means prosperity on the grain farm at least."

The Goffs handle 975 acres of Butterfield land near Osmond, feeding on their own account about 500 head of cattle and 400 head of hogs.

David Graybiel Has Served Nearly a Generation in One Position.

Neligh, Neb., Dec. 11.—Special to The News: David Graybiel, the faithful janitor of the Neligh high school, completed on the first of this month sixteen years in that capacity. During all these years he has never heard a word of unpleasantness or a complaint from the board, teachers or patrons of the school. It is a very unusual thing for a man to fill a position like this with satisfaction to everybody, but this Mr. Graybiel has been able to do, as recommendations from teachers and principals now scattered all over the United States, which he holds, are good proof.

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Given some thought to your plans for next year's advertising. For all of next year's store growth depends upon these plans—upon their wisdom.

Today's ads. should render quick service to the man who seeks "help of any sort."

IS YOUR STORE-MANAGEMENT Weakest in Its Publicity Department? You would not allow any one to persuade you to close your store for a few days or a few weeks now and then.

You would not think for a moment of suspending your delivery service for a week now and then.

You would not even try to hire clerks for an "occasional" day or two of service.

But who is it that induces you to conduct your store-advertising on that plan—the plan of adequate advertising now and then, and perhaps almost complete suspension of advertising at other times?

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Came West As Far As Norfolk

Sam Kent Has Prospered in Elkhorn Valley

Sam Kent of Keat Sliding, now prosperous and retired, has typified in his life the success that the western homestead held and still holds for strong men of energy. Kent's life has been written along the straight lines of hard work and rewarded industry.

Kent is a typical pioneer of the middle period of the winning of the great west, one of that sturdy band of farmers who followed close upon the heels of the restless frontiersmen and stayed by the country of their choice to see it blossom out into one of the richest sections of a great prosperous commonwealth.

Kent today points with especial pride to two things in his life. The first is that every move he made after leaving boyhood was a move west. And the second is that when his westward course brought him to Norfolk he had sense enough to stop and settle down for a successful and prosperous life. For out here in the west when the times called for staunch arms and strong muscles Sam Kent is credited with having done his share.

Sam Kent has a "full name," and it is Uncle Sam Kent. Seventy-five years old, lacking but a month or two, and looking some fifteen years younger Uncle Sam Kent, retired and still living on the old homestead half way between Battle Creek and Norfolk, is one of the staunch farmers of the county.

Next July on the fourteenth of the month will take place an anniversary celebration that will be heartily participated in. It will be the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kent.

Sam Kent was born on February 2, 1832, in county Wexford in the south of Ireland. And Kent is proud of the "old sod" and of his church, the Catholic.

When twenty-one years old Sam Kent left the country of his school days and came to America. With a few schoolmates as companions he left Ireland and arrived in Quebec, Canada, on June 1. And on that first day in June he and his companions went back behind the hotel and pelted each other with snowballs.

Kent was in Montreal for a year or two. He hired out to a man for \$8 a month. The man had eighty milk cows and every morning and evening Kent milked twenty of the cows. And he saved money out of his \$8 salary and sent it home to his parents who never left Ireland.

His next move was to upper Canada, where on July 14, 1858, he married Miss Mary Doyle. He rented a farm and led a farmer's life for several years.

The year that Lincoln was assassinated saw him in Port Huron, Mich. He worked as fireman in the saw mills in the Lake Huron country. In time he bought a house and lot, which he sold in time for \$300, his capital for the venture in Nebraska.

The western homestead called him west. When he set out he thought Des Moines, Iowa, was pretty far west but he was told there that his west land was to be found over in Nebraska. So in 1870 he located in Madison county, west of Norfolk, picking out as a homestead the northwest quarter of section one, township twenty-three, range two.

Kent drove from Fremont to Norfolk in a stage. And in the same stage he was driven out to see his homestead, forcing the Elkhorn to reach it. Then his family were brought to Norfolk and life on the prairie began for Sam Kent.

Until he could build a sod house on his homestead he occupied a long

in far away lands treasure in their hearts kindly regards for their old friend, the janitor at Neligh.

For nine years in succession Thanksgiving has never appeared at Mr. Graybiel's home without a goose or turkey adorning his table, the gift of the school board, who hold him in such high esteem. Two years ago, appreciating the worthiness of his services, his salary was raised substantially, and there isn't a tax payer in the city who would think of lowering it.

New School Building Inspected. Architect John Latenser of Omaha, who drew the plans for the new high school building, was in Norfolk yesterday to confer with members of the board over the progress of the building and to inspect the work that had been done.

Members of the school board went over the new building with the architect and were told that they were getting a good building. Mr. Latenser seemed pleased with the building, although its completion, of course, will not be within the scheduled time.

Mr. Latenser found only a few minor changes to recommend in the building.

SHERIFF CLEMENTS GUARDIAN Closing up of the Nethaway Estate Before County Judge.

The closing up of the Nethaway estates and the guardianship of little thirteen year old Sophia Nethaway will be in the hands of J. J. Clements.

Papers asking that Sheriff Clements be appointed administrator of the two estates and guardian of the Nethaway girl have been filed in the county court at Madison. The appointment will be made by Judge Bates after the usual legal requirements have been met.

Relatives of both Mr. and Mrs. Nethaway agreed on Sheriff Clements taking charge of the estates after a conference at Madison. Mr. Clements was formerly acquainted with the Nethaways.

As Sophia Nethaway is thirteen years old nearly five years must elapse before she becomes of age.

Sophia Nethaway will inherit from her father and mother about \$10,000 in life insurance and property. She will remain for the present at least in the convent at West Point.

SPORTS O'Neill Players Make Good. Harry Wilson, who was the star catcher of the O'Neill ball team last season, according to the O'Neill Frontier, has signed with the Lincoln Western league team for the season of 1908.

Roy Bradley, O'Neill's last season's crack twirler and "our own" Eddie Alberts have also signed with the same team. These boys are all good players and the best wishes of the O'Neill fans and fannettes will accompany them and hope they "make good" in fast company.

McCarthy Goes to Omaha. O'Neill Frontier: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McCarthy have gone to Omaha where they expect to remain this winter. Jerry figures that he will be able to pull off a few "scraps" with ambitious youngsters in the metropolis of Nebraska during the winter months.

CLUB ENDORSES SCHOOL BOARD Literary People Don't Like Basketball for Girls. The Fremont Magazine club, which is composed principally of literarily-inclined people of the city, at its regular weekly meeting Saturday evening discussed the action of the board of education in putting the ban on basketball at the high school, and gave its endorsement to the board's position, says the Fremont Tribune. Most of the members of the club indulged in a discussion of the subject and not one of them offered to defend the game. While there was a difference of opinion upon the question of whether the form of athletic amusement should be permitted under any circumstances, it was agreed that the contests with out-of-town teams, especially where the girls were concerned, should not be permitted.

Two or three persons of those present took a radical stand against athletics of any form in connection with the school work. Few were willing to endorse either football or basketball with other schools.

E. O. Garrett, whose frequent trips over Nebraska territory as representative of a school publishing house gives him an opportunity for studying school affairs, was one who was most emphatic in his stand against competitive sports. Mr. Garrett declared that while the intent of them was laudable enough, the trend they generally took was bad. He cited instances of misconduct on the part of students when away from home on such trips, and of gambling on the outcome of the games. W. H. Clemmons took a similar view and spoke interestingly upon it.

The Fremont board considers its action closed in the matter and it is not likely the petitions circulated by the pupils will get more than passing consideration if they are presented. The game is to be permitted in the school among the class teams, but exhibitions in which the Fremont girls and visiting girls appear before the public will not be allowed.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS WED Double Wedding in Which Two Members of Two Families Are Principals. At a double wedding in the Emanuel Lutheran church at Hadar Wednesday morning four young people connected with two prominent families of this section were married, the ceremony uniting in wedlock Mr. Otto Eppier and Miss Dora Raasch and Mr. Paul Raasch and Miss Emma Eppier.

Mr. Otto Eppier and Miss Emma Eppier are the son and daughter of Mrs. Christina Eppier living north of this city and east of Hadar. Mr. Paul Raasch and Miss Dora Raasch are the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Raasch living northwest of Hadar.

The joint ceremony at the church was performed by Rev. Theodore Brauer, pastor of the church. The solemn words of the wedding ceremony were first spoken for Mr. Eppier and Miss Raasch.