

COUNTY JAIL IS EMPTY

SEEMS TO BE A CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE JAIL.

BUT THE TREASURY IS FULL

People Are Coming Forward With Their Taxes In Response to the Annual Tax Notices Which Were Sent Out by Schavland.

Madison, Neb., Dec. 28.—From a staff correspondent: In these days when crime is much advertised and also likened to a rising tide it is comforting to reflect that the Madison county jail is empty. Of course the citizen with a grudge will insist that an empty jail is one cause of the community's woes. But nevertheless and notwithstanding, the county jail is empty, has been empty for a month or so and the general run of Madison county humanity haven't been very wicked during the last few weeks.

Of course there are several criminal cases waiting trial but everybody concerned has given bond so the county's board bill is light for it isn't anything at all.

In fact fortune has been playing against the county jail recently. The last Madison county man to commit murder passed his own sentence. Then there were the Battle Creek horse thieves who when hard pressed by Captain Losey and his men had the good sense to surrender their booty, dropping the spoils of their raid for a chance at a "getaway." Horse thieves, too, are a class whom Madison county would like very much to entertain behind the bars.

But not only is the county jail empty but during the past week no cases were filed in the district court, nor marriage licenses sought in the county court. It was a quiet week at the court house—except for the county treasurer. The annual tax notices have been sent out and people are coming forward with their taxes.

So the treasury will be full if the jail isn't.

The big Omaha banquet of the Dahlman democracy was a grand success. This is the statement of Editor J. B. Donovan of the Star-Mail, who went down for the banquet, Madison county was also represented by J. C. Reeves.

Senator Allen, Shellenberger and Dr. Hall of Lincoln were discussed as possible occupants of the governor's mansion in Lincoln. Berge, it is said, wasn't mentioned. And Bryan's nomination at Denver was made unanimous.

In regard to the continual circulation given Senator Allen's name in connection with the governorship it is said that his boomers might as well quit for the senator is out of politics. Senator Allen, it is said, has definitely decided in favor of making money as a lawyer as against winning additional honors in the political field.

He was a pleasant looking old gentleman with an engaging smile and a shotgun. He boarded the afternoon Union Pacific train for Enola and calmly placed himself and gun in the coach that ten days before had been the scene of the Nethaway tragedy. "No, not now," said Conductor Lenaberry, as he pounced upon the offending gun and carried it back to the baggage room. "No more shotguns in this coach, please." The old man left the train at Enola, where his gun was returned to him. The "ban" on shotguns will not be a dead letter on one train in Nebraska for several months.

The coach seat which was splintered by the shot from Nethaway's gun has been repaired.

Madison, like Norfolk, is working to improve its library facilities. Norfolk is seeking to secure a site for a Carnegie library, Madison to raise funds to start a public library. Madison has not reached a stage with her library where the situation demands a library building. A mass meeting held in Madison recently voted in favor of attempting to raise \$1,500 for the library.

The Madison farmers' institute will be held in the Madison opera house on January 6-7, 1908. There will be an afternoon and evening session on the first day, a forenoon and afternoon session on the second day. Ex-Governor Poynter will be one of the speakers. J. Q. Wakely is secretary of the Madison association.

A farmers' institute will be held at Battle Creek on February 27-28. A meeting of farmers will be held at Battle Creek next Saturday for the purpose of forming an organization to prepare for the institute.

The Farmers' Elevator company at Madison has held its first annual meeting since it purchased one of the Madison elevators and was launched as a live organization. The following officers were chosen: President, J. Q. Wakely; vice president, J. C. Reeves; secretary and treasurer, Peter Rubendall; board of directors, Wm. Busted, J. R. Mowbray, J. Q. Wakely, Thos. Lesina, Valentine-Schmitt, J. C. Reeves and S. O. Davies. With the exception of J. J. Mattison as a member of the board of directors and old officers were re-elected. Mr. Mattison manages the company's elevator and as a result asked to be relieved on the directorship.

Next Friday and Saturday examinations for teachers' certificates will be given at the court house by County Superintendent F. S. Perdue.

Now that corn husking is over the school authorities are turning their compulsory county ch...

to attend school, it is said, for the new laws are stringent.

The annual meeting of the Madison branch of the anti-horse thief association will be held in the Madison city hall at 2 p. m. on December 28.

Letter List.
List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice at Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 17, 1907:

Mrs. Jim Bushnell, Mrs. H. Burrill, Effie Colver, J. R. Foster, Mr. Clarence J. Goodwills, C. J. Havalyn, G. G. Laransone, C. A. Leckliter, C. G. Olson, Mr. Lever Rutlin, Miss Almada Radford, Mr. Lewis Smith.

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

Parties calling for any of the above please say advertised.

John R. Hays, P. M.

COURTSHIP STUDY IN SCHOOL.

Greenfield Parents Object to the "Science."

Greenfield, Ill., Dec. 21.—War has been declared in this village on Professor H. G. Russell, superintendent of the high school here, for introducing the art of lovemaking into the school curriculum.

Parents of some of the pupils in the senior class of the high school declare they do not want their children's thoughts turned so early to love.

Professor Russell and his wife, who is his assistant, say they will stick to their colors and see the experiment through at any cost.

The innovation, which State Superintendent Blair first suggested, is radical; but Professor Russell believes it is sound. He thinks that in time courtship will be taken out of the realm of empiricism and lifted into the realm of exact science, as chemistry flowered from alchemy.

A mixed organization of twenty-three pupils, ten of whom are girls, constitute the first class in the world to receive formal instruction in courtship. Professor Russell has given them three lectures, and they have written one set of essays on themes allied to the study.

The instruction will be chiefly through study of the literature of love. The "Courtship of Miles Standish," a favorite with the class in its junior year, is to be taken up again with a special view to the lesson to be gleaned from John Alden's experience. A John Alden club has been formed in the class.

"Romeo and Juliet," the vivid speech of Idas to Marjessa, and standard works of fiction will be included in the course. Ella Wheeler Wilcox and Halle Erminie Rives will be strictly tabooed.

The pupils will be expected to draw from their readings specific instruction on these interesting points:

How to take a heart by storm or by siege.

How to detect the advent of the grand passion.

How to behave if parental objection is manifested.

How to pay a compliment.

How to encourage a bashful suitor or corner an elusive girl.

How to allay unfounded jealousy.

How to propose marriage.

How to ask papa.

The etiquette of the engagement ring.

Deporment during engagement.

The instruction will be defensive as well as offensive, and a girl is expected to learn how to promise to be a sister to him in case she rejects his proposal.

The boys will pick up incidental hints on how to elude persistent young women with mistaken ideas about affluence, but it is not probable that Bernard Shaw will be consulted for advice on this point.

COMING MINSTREL SHOW.

Firemen Preparing to Entertain People of Norfolk December 30.

Over at the city hall on three or four nights of every week more than a score of Norfolk young men are engaged in rehearsing songs and minstrel "stunts" that are to make the firemen's minstrels a success when the big home talent minstrel show is given at the Auditorium on the evening of December 30.

Many of the young men who are preparing to amuse Norfolk have had previous experience but a lot of new material is being worked out and Norfolk people, it is said, will be surprised at the character of the entertainment when it is finally ready for their inspection.

J. S. DeForest, last seen in Norfolk with Walker Whiteside, will be seated in the middle of the black circle. The end men will be James Peters, Lorin Brueggeman, Jess Beemer and Herbert Wichman. Robert Ballantyne and Charles McMIndes are announced as the principal comedians.

Here is the chorus: John Schelley, Jack Davis, Fred Hellerman, Edward Kline, Nick Carstenson, Hans Vogt, M. Buritt, Fred Haase, Jack Napper, Adolph Moldenhauer, Will Evans, Charles Ahlman, Harry Faucett, Charles Balleweg, William Wetzel, Will Davis, Ed. Brueggeman and Charles Stoerber.

The evening's entertainment will be divided into the customary two parts, the first the minstrel show proper, the second the special features of the evening, introducing among other things a band concert, plenty of singing and several good comedy features.

The services of DeForest were secured as director.

Every day in this city some merchant sells some particular thing at cost, or nearly so. Ad. readers know where to look for such "bargains."

NORFOLK LID IS WORKING

PROVISIONS OF THE SLOCUM LAW ARE BEING ENFORCED.

DRINK BEER IN THE OPEN NOW

The Screens Have Given Way to Open Windows and the Saloons Close at 11 O'Clock—New Order Doesn't Suit Liquor Element.

Norfolk drank its beer in the open last night. And incidentally it quit drinking at 11 o'clock. Norfolk didn't spend all the time drinking; part of the time was devoted to hauling out the Slocum law and shaking the dust from some of its musty pages.

Of course all Norfolk didn't drink—that was only figuratively put. But that portion which did drink did it in more or less open view from the street. And the saloons closed promptly at 11. Screens disappeared and the mayor's "lid" order was obeyed with considerable promptness.

Discussion of the "Norfolk lid" was general on the street during the evening. The Slocum law was resurrected and its provisions reviewed.

The mayor's notice to the saloon keepers was followed by more or less "talk" around town. Some thought that Norfolk was starting in for a general temperance movement. Others said that "someone" would call down all the Nebraska "blue laws" on the city, giving the town a taste of radical law enforcement, something like Omaha is now enjoying with a legal prohibition of all Sunday business.

Mayor Durland has stood by his order, refusing to modify it when delegations of saloon keepers and other Norfolk people called on him during the day. The mayor holds that the saloon keepers themselves are to blame for the order because some of their number have been violating the agreement not to sell to boys.

There was all kinds of comment on the new "lid," "new" because Norfolk has already had a Sunday "lid" for some time. One prominent democrat waxed into oratory on the subject, "Gentlemen, we have been huncored," he exclaimed to a crowd of Norfolk avenue listeners. "Last spring you and I walked through the beautiful democratic garden in search of the finest fruit to present to the good people of Norfolk. We reached forth our hands—and, gentlemen, behold we plucked a lemon."

It is not thought that Mayor Durland cares for the political effort of his "lids." He made the race for mayor last year under protest and it was said that he accepted the nomination under pressure. Incidentally he polled a big share of the "liberal" vote at the polls when he did run.

Owing to the high windows in some Norfolk saloon buildings the removal of screens was a matter of little or no consequence. Other saloons with the bar close to the door were thrown entirely open to public gaze. In a number of cases it is believed the order may work a hardship.

TRYING THE WHISKY TRUST.

Bavarian Army Decides One Point Against The Lid.

A Norfolk man who brazenly admits that he drinks beer and even whisky was smiling last evening despite the fact that the dark outlines of the "Norfolk lid" were already hanging over the avenue.

"In these days of the rising tide of temperance," when a new lid is fastened on every thirty-five minutes, it's consoling to a drinking man like myself to find a news item that doesn't smack of the W. C. T. U., even if one has to look across the ocean to find it," explained the Norfolk man as he handed over the following news dispatch from Munich with a current date line:

"A rather severe, because unexpected, blow at the advocates of total abstinence from alcoholic beverages has been struck by the Bavarian war ministry, which has issued a report showing that in independent rifle shooting soldiers become better marksmen after imbibing a small quantity of alcohol than before. Experiments involving the discharge of 10,000 shots have been carried out at the ranges of the Augsburg school of musketry. Throughout the experiments men who had been served with a draught of spirituous liquor displayed more steadiness and accuracy of aim while firing singly than did those belonging to the squad which had been kept abstinent. In field and volley firing, however, the sections which had been abstemious attained slightly better results than their stimulated comrades. The tests are being continued and as the men are placed for one week in the total and the next week in the abstinent squad, the final results are expected to be interesting from a scientific as well as from a military standpoint."

DIDN'T MUSS UP THE OFFICE.

Comment Upon Clarence Salter's Coolness in a Trying Time.

While Clarence Salter may not win a Carnegie hero medal, his remarkable coolness on the occasion of the recent Nethaway tragedy has been a subject of considerable newspaper comment over the country. This is the way the Atchison Globe tells about the recent Norfolk tragedy:

Clarence Salter, a grain man in Norfolk, Neb., seems to be a man who is not easily excited. V. B. Nethaway stepped into Salter's office, and covering the grain man with a revolver telephoned that he had just shot his wife and was about to shoot himself.

right now." Salter, instead of becoming excited and begging the man not to kill himself, said: "Well I don't think you ought to muss up my office by blowing your brains all over it. I think you ought to go somewhere else." Nethaway took the grain man's advice, and stepped into a nearby building where he shot himself, dying instantly.

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Auditorium Moving Pictures No More. The moving picture shows at the Auditorium have been discontinued. While this class of entertainment seemed popular with patrons and was yielding enough revenue to pay a small profit, yet the time of the manager of the Auditorium could be placed to better advantage than handling the picture proposition. The rapidly increasing development of The News with its added detail work in every department, induced the absorption of practically all the time of the Auditorium manager on the south side of the wall, where it can be utilized to much better advantage in the business office of The News. E. F. Huse will, however, continue as manager of the Auditorium and give it all the attention needed for such attractions as are booked. The show business will in future be auxiliary to the printing business.

WRESTLER HAS SPRAINED WRIST

Ben Prevotka is Out of Business With His and Wants It Fixed.

Ben Prevotka, the Verdigre wrestler who is making something of a reputation on the mat, came to Norfolk to interview Dr. Salter.

Prevotka in wrestling sprained the ligaments of his left wrist. Of course a wrestler with sprained ligaments isn't worth much as a wrestler and Prevotka was hurried to Norfolk by the troublesome wrist put under the X-ray.

A sprained wrist may not mean much to the average man but it does to Prevotka.

The wrestler was accompanied to Norfolk by William O'Keefe, one of his backers.

Operation for Mrs. Powers.

Mrs. Isaac Powers, who has been suffering from a terrible attack of gall stones during the past few weeks, will be taken to Rochester, Minn., for an operation at the hands of the Mayo brothers. Mrs. Powers will leave Friday morning, accompanied by the judge and their daughter, Mrs. Whitney. It is expected that I. Powers, Jr., whose home is in Illinois, will join the party at Sioux City and accompany them to Rochester.

Battle Creek.

A. P. Brubaker is going to quit the harness business next month. The Battle Creek hardware company has purchased the balance of the stock and will continue the business.

Joe Osborn shipped two carloads of cattle last Thursday.

Anton Dohman was here Friday from Lindsay.

Henry Tietjen and daughter, Miss Mary, returned Saturday from a three days' visit with relatives at Plainview.

Johnnie Miller, who went to North Dakota about eighteen months ago, came back Friday and is going to stay this winter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Miller.

Rev. J. Hoffman is troubled with a sore throat again and was not able to preach Sunday night.

Miss Lena Bredehoff and youngest brother, Johnnie, departed Monday for Palmer, Kansas, where they will make an extensive visit with relatives.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Fuerst and the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steuck were christened in the Lutheran church by Rev. J. Hoffman Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Mont Johnson and baby departed Tuesday for an extended visit at their old home in Smyth county, Virginia.

Lee Long went back to his home at Mullen, but will return after Christmas.

Chas. McBride of Tilden was visiting here Wednesday with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sessler.

Geo. Doering, who is a student at the Creighton college at Omaha, arrived home Wednesday for the holidays.

Geo. Boyer of Tilden was visiting relatives here Wednesday.

John Cejda, Frank Thon, Stanislaw Srb, and John Srb arrived here Wednesday from Howells for a visit at the home of Joseph F. Srb.

Recovered His Sparkler.

E. A. Schram, a Northwestern fireman of this city, has recovered his diamond pin, according to the Fremont Herald which says:

"Jet Thomas, driver for August Jens livery barn, last Thanksgiving day, found a \$50 diamond pin near the Brunswick restaurant.

"He left it at the eating house, with instructions to locate the owner if possible, and yesterday morning Fireman Schram of Norfolk, coming to Fremont for the first time since losing the sparkler, made inquiries and identified it.

He was so well pleased with his good fortune that Thomas was given a substantial reward by the railroad.

Three Score and Ten.

R. F. Bruce, a prominent citizen who has lived in the vicinity of Norfolk for many years, was seventy years old Thursday. To celebrate the anniversary there was a family reunion at the Bruce home on Madison avenue. Mr. Bruce's children and grandchildren being in attendance at the family birthday party.

Tenth Anniversary.

William Wagner, sr., and wife celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary

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Otto Uhle, who got hurt at the round house about a month ago, was able to get far as the shops today.

Miss Hazel Fairbanks was taken suddenly ill at the Junction store shortly after noon Thursday and went immediately home.

A telegram from Excelsior Springs, Mo., where Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Huse went ten days ago for Mr. Huse's health, states that Mrs. Huse is ill with diphtheria. The telegram stated that the doctor would lance her throat during the day, and they still hope to be able to leave that place before Christmas.

D. Mathewson spent the day hunting.

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