

STRICKEN WITH PTOMINE

FAMILIES OF W. F. AHLMAN AND H. H. MILLER AFFECTED.

THEY HAD EATEN DRIED BEEF

The Ahlman Family Have a Serious Time Until the Effects of the Poison Are Counteracted—Miss Alvina Miller Most Serious in That Family.

[From Friday's Daily.]

With father, mother and son suddenly stricken with ptomaine poisoning and with every one in the house too ill to call a doctor or summon help over the telephone, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ahlman and their son, Charles W. Ahlman, living at 208 South Fifth street were in a most perilous condition. The three members of the family were all taken suddenly ill shortly after 9 p. m., following a cold supper at which dried beef was among the articles eaten.

The effect of the poisoning came on so suddenly and attacked the different members of the family at so nearly the same time that no one was in condition to call for assistance for some time. Mrs. Ahlman was finally able to reach for a telephone and get word to a neighbor, who in turn called Dr. Holden.

Mr. Ahlman, sr., was in a very critical condition. Once after Dr. Holden arrived it seemed that the poisoning might result fatally.

By morning the danger had passed. C. W. Ahlman was able to go to work but the father and mother are still quite sick.

H. H. Miller Family Stricken.

After eating dried beef for supper Miss Alvina Miller, living at 433 South Third street, was taken suddenly ill about midnight. She was quite sick until about 3 o'clock in the morning. Today she had recovered from the effects of the poisoning but was still weak.

Her mother, Mrs. H. H. Miller, and a sister, Miss Anna Miller, were also taken sick but not so seriously.

Sample Sent to Chemist.

A piece of the dried beef which is supposed to have caused several cases of ptomaine poisoning in Norfolk has been sent to the state chemist at Lincoln for examination. The beef was put up by a South Omaha packing house.

TAINTED MEAT AT DALLAS.

Four Families at Dallas Suffer From Ptomaine Poisoning.

Bonesteel (S. D.) News: Last Saturday afternoon Drs. Johnson and Murman of Gregory were hastily summoned to go to Dallas to attend four families at that place who were apparently suffering from poisoning.

Dr. Hofer, the resident physician, was out of the city and therefore the necessity of sending to Gregory for medical aid. The families who were affected were those of Mr. Haverly with a family of seven children; the family of Mr. Evans, the family of Mr. Barnett and the name of the fourth was not learned. They are apparently all suffering from the same cause and the primary cause of their sickness was traced to some meat they had eaten. The Haverly family were the worst afflicted and every member of the family for a time was in a very serious condition. At last reports they were all improving.

A GALE IN NORFOLK.

Wind Blew at Terrific Rate From the North All Friday Afternoon.

One of the severest gales that has ever been known in Norfolk swept down from the north all Friday afternoon, and the temperature dropped to forty-eight.

The wind blew at so fierce a pace during the afternoon that people were almost taken off their feet, buggies were nearly overturned and glass doors were banged with such force as to shatter the glass in a few instances.

Rural mail carriers reported that their wagons almost blew over on the tops of hills.

A high wind continued Saturday, but not nearly so severe as that of Friday afternoon.

Preceding the windstorm there was rain and an area of low barometric pressure that made a tornado seem almost imminent.

CHANGE NEXT WEEK.

City Administration Formally Changes Tuesday, May 5.

The present city administration has seven more days of life. On Tuesday, May 5, the municipal authority will pass from the Durland administration to the Sturgeon administration. For the first time in three years Norfolk will have a republican administration.

The change of officers will take place about 9 o'clock on the morning of April 5 at the city hall. The old council will hold a brief session. Mayor Durland will preside for the last time and speak according to custom, a few words of farewell. Then he and Councilmen Haase, Buchholz and Spellman will give way to the new men at the council table.

The new city officials will take the oath of office and Mayor Sturgeon will call the new council to order. The new mayor will then announce his list of appointments and outline his policy. Applications for saloon licenses for the coming year will be in the hands of the city clerk to be acted on by the council.

Not for a good many years has there been as many changes in the personnel of the city government as will occur next week. There will be a new mayor, J. D. Sturgeon. There

ATTACKS TWO GIRLS SETS FIRE TO HOME.

KEARNEY COUNTY PEOPLE HUNTING BERT M. TAYLOR.

HE IS APT TO BE LYNCHED

ASSAULTED TWO SISTERS-IN-LAW, WITH MURDEROUS INTENT.

LEFT THEM TO DIE IN FIRE

Taylor Burst in the Door of the Home Where Lived Two Sisters of His Dead Wife, and Assaulted Them Viciously.

Minden, Neb., April 29.—Special to The News: Bert Taylor, who yesterday assaulted two sisters, was still at large at noon today.

It is believed, however, that he will be captured before the day is over.

Minden, Neb., April 28.—Special to The News: Nearly every resident of Kearney county is today searching for Bert M. Taylor, who is charged with assaulting with intent to kill his sisters-in-law, Pearl Taylor, and her sister, Ida, at their home in the country last night, and then setting fire to their home.

The deed is considered the worst of its kind ever perpetrated in western Nebraska.

The girls, although of the same name, are not related to Bert Taylor, except that he married their sister, who is now dead.

The two girls live together in a house provided by their father, Ida Taylor told the story of crime this morning.

She said that Bert Taylor came to their place at midnight last night, burst open the door, dragged Pearl from bed into the kitchen, where he assaulted and choked her into insensibility. Then he returned to the bed and gave Ida a terrible beating, poured kerosene over the bed and set fire to it. After he had set fire to the bed he fled.

Ida, nearly dead from the beating, jumped up, pulled her unconscious sister from the burning home and in her nightgown ran to a neighbor's home to secure assistance.

The two girls were bundled into wraps and carried to a neighbor's house.

Summary justice awaits Taylor if he should be captured.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

County Assessor Ruth and Deputy County Clerk McFarland were in Tilden Monday evening, passing through Norfolk.

Miss Laura Younger, who has been teaching school near Norfolk, has returned to Omaha, her school having closed for the summer.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: C. L. Ferguson, Fairfax, S. D.; Mrs. L. M. Peterson, Emerson; A. W. Fulton, Plainview; E. Crook, Foster; County Attorney J. A. Van Wagoner, Pierce; E. G. Malone, Columbus; W. C. Campbell, R. R. Mitchell, Creighton.

A railroad conductor who had just come from Bonesteel, reported a heavy fall of snow in that section.

Mrs. H. E. Hardy, who has been seriously ill in a Columbus hospital following an operation, is steadily gaining. Mr. Hardy has just returned from Columbus.

R. H. Reynolds has just completed the construction of a new brick building at Tilden for Tom McDonald, who will occupy the structure as a store building.

Wisner Free Press: Marshall Moore examined two hobos one morning last week, who were supposed to have attacked a Northwestern train crew with knife and gun. No incriminating evidence was found upon them and they were released. It is rumored that one of the trainmen was quite severely hurt, but we can learn nothing definite.

Creighton Liberal: A foot racer and hacker dropped into town Saturday and Monday morning a forfeit of \$50 was made by the sporting element here for a race between Earl Watkins and the stranger to take place three weeks hence. Earl will take some training in the meantime and the spirit appears to predominate that when the stranger returns he will think he is bucking the stock market on Wall street. No one knows his name or his address.

NAME OF 'ROCK' COUNTY

DOUGLAS TAKES EXCEPTION TO RAILROAD BOOK.

IT TOOK NAME FROM CREEK

Not From the Soil, as the Railroad Book Says, But From Rock Creek Did the Name Come, According to Rock County Attorney.

Commenting upon the new book just published by the Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railways, entitled "A History of the Origin of the Place Names," J. A. Douglas, Bassett, county attorney of Rock county, takes exception to the origin of the name of Rock county, as interpreted by W. H. Stennet, author of the book.

The book, portions of which were given to News readers Saturday, says that Rock county derived its name from its "rocky" soil.

Rock county, according to Mr. Douglas, derived its name from Rock creek.

Commenting on the quotation, Mr. Douglas writes to The News, in part: Soil is Good.

Generally speaking the soil of this county (Rock) is not very heavy, and still it is true that the poorest soil we have is not poorer than some of the soil in Madison county, and Madison county ranks as one of the good counties of Nebraska. It is true that there are a good many sand hills in Rock county, and there are also a great many exceedingly fine valleys in it, and for its size no county in the state produces more or better hay than does Rock county. There is also a good deal of excellent farm land in the county, and in the localities where the soil is adapted for farming as good crops can be raised as are grown in Madison county.

Large Dairy Country.

A large portion of Rock county is suitable only for grazing, and no county in the state has greater possibilities in the line of dairying than it has, area considered. Some reasons for this fact are: Practically enough grain is raised to supply the needs of the dairyman and stockman; there is plenty of hay in all parts of the county for home use, with thousands of tons left each year for the outside markets; there are numerous small streams, many lakes, and underflow water easily accessible in all parts of the county, and no county in the state excels Rock county in the quality, quantity and accessibility in this regard. The native grasses here are as good as any of the grasses in any other part of the state of the same altitude, and even the sand hills furnish splendid summer grazing.

People Are Prosperous.

A large per cent of the people in this county are prospering because of the quality of the "soil" and the many other natural advantages.

The statement concerning the significance of our county's name implies that either there is a great deal of rock in this county or that its soil is extremely poor. As above stated, the soil is not all good nor is it all bad, and in the main it answers very well for the uses that are being made of it.

The Real Origin.

It might be of interest to your readers to know why this subdivision of the state is known as Rock county. In 1888, and when it was decided by the inhabitants of the territory comprising this county to detach the same from Brown county, of which it was a part, and erect a new county, certain formalities had to be observed, and the first step necessary for the formation of a new county out of the territory of the county to which it then belonged was to present a petition so presented the name of the proposed county was a necessary part. A few of the promoters of the new county idea met at the village of Newport to perfect arrangements for the circulating of the petition and to select a name for the proposed county, and at that meeting it was agreed that the county should be named after a stream of water than which there is no more beautiful stream in all the state, to-wit, Rock creek. This stream has its source in the about six to seven miles northeast of Bassett, and it flows northward and empties into the Niobrara river. About half way between the source and mouth of this stream is a deposit of exceptionally fine building stone, and undoubtedly this stream took its name in an early day from said deposit of rock. On this stream is the only real rock quarry in the county, and there are but very few places in the county where rock is found at all on or near the surface.

MONDAY MENTION.

John Ambroz was up from Madison. W. J. Stadelman was in Omaha Monday.

Al Irwin of Bristow was in Norfolk Monday.

Mr. Rich of Appleton, Wis., is visiting Rev. John Witte.

Ernest Raasch returned Saturday from a visit at Cherokee, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Thompson of Newport spent Sunday in Norfolk.

B. J. Overton, the Grotna real estate man, was in Norfolk over Sunday.

Mrs. W. R. Hoffman and little daughter left Saturday for a visit at Albion.

Mrs. L. L. Nethaway returned yesterday from a visit with her son at Fort Calhoun, Neb.

Mrs. W. F. Thresher of Fremont arrived in Norfolk at noon on a visit with Mrs. D. W. Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ware of Winfield were in Norfolk over Sunday, visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Ware.

Mrs. R. D. Beckom of Spokane is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Bullock. Mrs. Beckom is accompanied by her daughter, Miss Maude Beckom.

Mrs. Ella Roberts returned from Omaha after visiting with an old schoolmate and friend, Miss Hettie

CLARE, FORMERLY OF KNOX COUNTY BUT NOW OF SPOKANE.

District Judge A. A. Welch was in Norfolk at noon on his way to convene court at Neligh. He was joined in Norfolk by Court Reporter Powers and by Attorney M. C. Hazen.

George E. Schiller and son, Harry Schiller, of Central City, were in Norfolk over Sunday. Harry Schiller returned home this morning. Mr. Schiller will go back tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bishop of New Haven, Conn., are in Norfolk, stopping here on their way home from California. They will be here for several days, going to Pierce probably Wednesday for a visit with W. E. Bishop, Mr. Bishop's uncle. Mr. Bishop is the owner of the Bishop block on Norfolk avenue and his property interests in and about Norfolk are quite extensive. He has always been satisfied with his Norfolk investments, which he contemplates extending.

Clarence Anderson was up from Wisner visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weatherholt of Hoskins were over-Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blakeman.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: T. M. Lane, Fremont; Misses Ruth Klise and Lilian Hallinger, Pierce; J. J. Jansen, Niobrara; G. L. Connyan, Bonesteel; Albert Gregersen, Foster; William Williams, Niobrara; Misses Mary Nilsrant and Sarah Robinson, Macy; J. F. English, Humphrey; R. C. Caulk, Henry Lincolter, Allen; R. F. Dickman, Nebraska City; W. D. Funk, Bloomfield; F. D. Brooks, Creighton; J. P. Forsyth, Niobrara; Sheriff and Mrs. Grant Mears, Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moler, Wayne.

Miss Edith Barrett entertained the girls of the O. M. C. club Saturday evening.

Dr. P. H. Salter of this city yesterday performed an operation upon George Davenport of Madison. The operation was not serious and Mr. Davenport will be able to be out within a few days.

John F. Flynn will not be entirely disappointed when the new administration comes into office. There will be another man on Norfolk avenue as chief, but Flynn will still be an officer of the law with a right to arrest the unruly. Constable Flynn has still a year and a half of his term of office to serve. Chief Flynn was elected a constable of this precinct at the general election last fall. He was elected for two years.

W. G. Merten, the Emerson contractor who is erecting the new buildings at the Norfolk hospital, was awarded the contract Saturday for the new six story Toy building in Sioux City to cost \$100,000. The first floor of the new building will be occupied by the Farmers' Loan and Trust company of Sioux City, of which James F. Toy, who is also president of the Citizens National bank of Norfolk, is president. The building will be completed by October 15.

Answorth Democrat: Sheriff Piercliff who has been on a man hunt in Idaho for the past ten days returned with his prisoner last Friday. The young man is Frank Kizer, who is charged with disposing of mortgaged property. Since he was taken into custody the young man has acted somewhat strange, and an expert from the Norfolk asylum in company with the insanity board passed on his case and it was decided that a period of treatment would be beneficial. The sheriff departed for Norfolk Tuesday morning with the patient in charge.

Over at Manila in the Philippine Islands there is a soldier, a member of the band of the Twenty-sixth United States Infantry, who wants to come to Norfolk. His time is about up and he is going to leave the army to "settle down." He heard of the Norfolk band, saw an add for musicians, and has written to the manager of the local band, M. V. Avery, to see if the Norfolk band can't get him a place in Norfolk. This soldier musician has been playing a saxophone for thirteen years, eight years in army bands and five years in show and quartet work. Now he has got to quit the army to support a sister and her two children. He is a man with no trade but "will accept most anything with a fairly decent salary attached to it." He will reach America by the last of August. The man's name is George H. Winter.

Building Boom Coming.

Norfolk will have something of a building boom in the residence section this season. Several local men are figuring on erecting houses to rent in some of the best residence districts of Norfolk. One man especially is not only going to put up a substantial home for himself but he is going to put some money into several other houses to be modern in every respect.

There has been a scarcity of homes in Norfolk for some time. Local men have seen a chance to get a return on their investment by preparing to meet this demand. Several houses are already underway about town, but the homes in these cases are being built by the men who are to occupy them.

Y. M. C. A. Building.

Seventy-six subscribers have signed pledge cards for the Y. M. C. A. building fund. There are easily three times that many people here who in the natural order of things may be reasonably expected to aid before the campaign closes.

There is still a little over \$12,900 to be raised. Not so small a sum either.

But if twelve men would each sign a \$1,000 pledge the story would be written.

Or if half of the dozen would come through and twelve others would qualify in the good cause to the extent of



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\$500 the fund would be raised. Fifty subscriptions of \$250 each would do the work. So would 120 \$100 men.

What will the winning combination be?

Dr. Tindall's lecture at the Methodist church Tuesday evening will push the fund up a notch or two.

The Y. M. C. A. boosters will meet at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the city hall.

The fund today stands at \$12,870. The \$13,000 mark is going to be passed by April 30.

Carl J. Verges is the seventeenth signer of a \$100 pledge.

The fund stands today as follows: Previously acknowledged \$12,755 Carl J. Verges 100 V. V. Light 15

\$12,870 Subscriptions previously acknowledged:

- W. H. Butterfield & Son \$2,500 D. Mathewson 2,500 C. F. Shaw 500 F. E. Davenport 500 E. M. Huntington 500 Burt Mapes 250 A. H. Viele 250 A. L. Killian 150 R. F. Bruce 200 S. S. Cotton 1,000 C. S. Bridge 1,000 Mrs. McMillan 40 C. P. Parish 100 Mrs. A. J. Johnson 10 Ed. Redman 10 Eugene Harper 10 H. A. Drebert 25 C. B. Durland 100 Elvira Durland 20 Josephine Durland 100 Etta Durland 50 T. W. Mackie 25 G. L. Carlson 100 Dan Craven 200 Ladies' Aid Society of Baptist church 100 John Penney 5 C. Lederer 15 Thom. Woolman 5 Nebraska Telephone Co. 50 Emil Sar. 10 Z. H. Bateman 10 E. B. Humphrey 5 Frank Hamilton 5 L. Bruce 5 S. G. Miller 5 E. E. Gillette 20 J. H. Van Horn 15 J. A. Custer 50 G. T. Sprecher 25 J. H. Oxnam 25 S. F. Dunn 25 Cash 25 Fred Hunter 25 W. J. Stadelman 100 P. G. Coryell 100 L. P. Pasewalk 100 Beeler Bros 100 L. C. Heppery 100 M. Gregorian 100 H. J. Cole 100 M. C. Hazen 100 C. S. Hayes 100 Huss Publishing Co. 200 B. C. Gentle 30 S. M. Braden 30 A. P. Larsen 30 C. S. Parker 30 A. C. Hazen 30 Ladies' Aid Society of Congregational church 300 G. B. Salter 50 G. B. Salter 50 M. C. Frasser 10 Eugene Croty 25 John H. Steinhauer 5 B. C. Demel 10 S. T. Adams 10 Ed C. Engle 25 Sol G. Moyer 200 Royal H. Malentz 15 P. J. Fuesler 15 T. J. Mayhew 30 M. L. Oaden 25 J. A. Ballentyne 100

Fred Hunter is Chosen.

Fred Hunter, at present city superintendent at Ashland and a school executive with an exceedingly bright future before him, was elected by the Norfolk board of education last night to succeed E. J. Bodwell at the head of the Norfolk schools. The board was literally snowed under with applications from school men from the moment that Superintendent Bodwell decided to accept the offer from Beatrice.

The board had very nearly every good school man in north Nebraska under consideration.

Mr. Hunter is a young man who is rising rapidly in school work. It is only a few years ago that he left the state university. His first experience was in the Lincoln high school. From the Fairmont school superintendency he was elected to the superintendency at Ashland, a prosperous town of over 2,999 population. He has "made good" everywhere he has been and is already quite a prominent figure in state educational circles.

Once a Football "Star."

At the University of Nebraska Mr. Hunter made a record that has seldom been approached. He successfully combined athletics and scholarship. He was a member of the Nebraska football team in the best days of Coach Booth and was one of the star "N" men. He was one of the best debaters who ever represented the state university in interstate contests. Mr. Hunter's scholarship is attested by the fact that he won "P. B. K." honors at the university, an honor that not more

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morning. Mr. Valin received \$22.05 more than the original contract price.

Mr. Valin's bid on the building was \$31,760. In making the final settlement several bills for "extras" were presented and offset by certain forfeitures in favor of the board, the net result being that Mr. Valin received \$31,782 on his original contract.

Mr. Valin left at noon for Wayne, where a new school building is under consideration. Members of the Norfolk school board said that Mr. Valin had been fair in all his dealings with the board.

The cost of the new high school building will be about \$40,000. Final settlement has not been made with the plumbing company. A special contract for extra concrete footing represented about \$1,000. Other items such as wiring, blackboards, desks, seats, window curtains and like incidentals will bring the total cost a little beyond the \$40,000 mark.

Alexander Fishback.

Alexander Fishback, the Norfolk railroad man who died last week at Hot Springs, Ark., was born May 14, 1871, at Rockport, Ind. He was thirty-six years, eleven months and seven days old at the time of his death last Tuesday. He died at Hot Springs, where he had gone to regain his health.

Mr. Fishback leaves a wife, Mrs. Rose Fishback, a mother, Mrs. Eva Fishback, and three brothers, Louis, Florentine and Will Fishback.

He was born and raised in the Catholic faith. He was buried Saturday at Glade chapel, Hillsboro, Jefferson county, Mo. The funeral services were at the Catholic church at De Soto, Mo.

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Cold-That Hang On.

Colds that hang on in the spring deplete the system, exhaust the nerves, and open the way for serious illness. Take Foley's Honey and Tar. It quickly stops the cough and expels the cold. It is safe and certain in results.

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