

**RAILROAD LANDMARKS GONE.**

**Northwestern Depot at Fremont was Built Twenty-Two Years Ago.**

The old Northwestern passenger station in Fremont, a railroad landmark in that city, which has stood vacant at First and Main streets, since the removal of official headquarters from it two years ago, is to be demolished and the timber taken to Octavia to be used in the construction of a depot to replace the one that was recently destroyed by fire. The old depot was the second passenger station built in Fremont by the old Elkhorn road. It was used up to six years ago, when the passenger business was transferred to a union station. It stood vacant for a time and then was used as a division headquarters office during the time that Frank Walters, formerly general superintendent for the road, was stationed in Fremont. For the past two years, however, it has stood vacant. It is said the ground on which the old depot stands will be used for track extensions.

The building was built about twenty-two years ago. The original depot was located on Union street and was reached by a stub when the route of the road went around to the northeast of Fremont. This original structure was very small and is now used for a yard office. The present Northwestern main line was at first operated by the Sioux City & Pacific company. When it passed into the management of the later owners, the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, the track was built through Fremont, and the south Platte lines constructed. All of this change and growth necessitated the construction of the depot which in turn was found insufficient and the union station took its place.

The Northwestern Railway company has made the largest appropriation ever made for bridge construction on any one of its divisions—the Iowa division of the system. Clinton, Ia., will be the base of supplies for the immense contract of rebuilding every important bridge on the main line of the railroad, between this city and Cedar Rapids. The work will occupy the whole of the present year and next year the bridges between Cedar Rapids and Boone will be rebuilt. Solid concrete abutments are to be built as foundations for the new bridges. They will be erected on pile foundations. No expense will be spared by the company in building the bridges, which are calculated to endure for generations to come. In the Clinton yards thousands of dollars worth of materials and machinery are being stored for the big contracts. Gravel is being quarried in the Almont pits, which will be transported directly to the various stations along the line where the work is to be accomplished.

Alnsworth Star-Journal: Several times before the Star-Journal has spoken of the proposition to build a railroad from Springview to Alnsworth. It should be an electric line with standard gauge so that cars from the Northwestern could be switched and carried on it. Ultimately the line should be extended north to Burton and Gregory and south by the way of Endeless, and Elmore to Dunning. At present, however, the pressing need is for the line from Alnsworth to Springview. The Star-Journal has information that leads to the belief that \$50,000 worth of stock in such an enterprise will be taken by citizens of the two counties directly interested. The Niobrara and Plum can be dammed to secure power and the line put into operation without asking one dollar in bonds from Kewa Paha or Brown county.

The Northwestern Railway company completed its double track system between Chicago and the Missouri river. The link in the double track system was completed when the second track out the new bridge across the Mississippi river was finished Easter Sunday morning the track was opened for regular traffic. The new bridge has been in use for several weeks, but only one track was in service up to the present time. The bridge cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000, and is said to be the finest piece of engineering and mechanical ingenuity on the Mississippi river.

The immense steam derrick used by the Northwestern Railway company in erecting the new double track bridge across the Mississippi river, was completely wrecked in Wisconsin, and has been transported to Clinton, Ia., for repairs. The wrecker, which cost \$20,000 to build, fell from the falsework of a bridge over Root river last week, and was almost demolished.

Lincoln Journal: City Agent McGinnis of the Northwestern states that there is little probability of the proposed new time card going into effect on the Northwestern before the movement of cream in the early summer, and the increased activities of other business lines demands a new schedule.

**North Nebraska Deaths.**  
Max Mueller, a prominent pioneer of Pierce, died last Tuesday.

**HAS METHUSELAH CROAKED?**  
250-Year-Old Tortoise Been Sleeping Since Last Fall.

London, April 17.—London was shocked today by a report that Methuselah was dead.  
Inquiries from many sources disclosed that he was probably not dead, but in a trance—a theory held by the best posted observers. Therefore, no funeral or burial services will take place yet.

Methuselah is the oldest citizen of London, his last birthday anniversary

being the 250th he has celebrated. He is the chief tortoise in the zoo and has been an object of curiosity since the time of Cromwell. Washington Irving may have fed him with smoking tobacco and made him foam in 1806 and Longfellow may have delighted Methuselah's soul with cabbage stalks in 1842.

Methuselah draws the line at all young things. His only intimate companion is a callow tortoise of 200 years. There are plenty of elephants, parrots, pikes and rhinoceroses about the armour-plated vivarium, any one of which may run up to 100 or so, but Methuselah cuts them as insufferably immature. He went to sleep tardily last fall, fell on in November instead of in September as usual. He is the last riser, anyway, and hence his keeper thinks that while he is still asleep, one of these days he will wake up.

His heart does not appear to beat, but that seems to be a small affair with Methuselah.

**Dies From Injuries.**  
John Hinz, who was receiver of the property of the Globe Gold Mining company, situated near here, died at St. Joseph's hospital from concussion of the brain, after lying unconscious several days. Foul play is suspected, but as yet no clew as to the identity of his assailants has been found.

**Smith Brothers' Circus is Sold.**  
Norfolk has lost its circus. The Smith Brothers' circus, which was until a few months ago known as the Leman circus, has been sold, according to an announcement made by the Smiths, to Sioux City parties. It is stated that the show will be carried through the present season along the lines planned by the Smiths and that the circus will visit this territory the latter part of May.

J. S. Smith stated Saturday that the sale of the circus had been closed and that he would leave Sunday for Oregon to round up some 4,500 head of horses to ship to Nebraska markets, the bulk probably to go to South Omaha.

**Cross River on 16-Inch Plank.**  
The role of the pioneer doctor who braves dangers in reaching patients that the eastern physician hardly dreams of, who risks his own life in an effort to save the life of some sufferer was essayed this week, according to a story which comes from Basset by Dr. Charles H. Root of Basset and Dr. P. H. Salter of this city.

One moonless night this week Dr. Salter was called to Basset by Dr. Root for an operation at Carns, a little inland town in Kewa Paha county just over the Niobrara river. Leaving the county seat town the two physicians drove out into the black night to the Niobrara river, where the recent high water had taken the bridge out sometime ago. The bridge had been sufficiently repaired to permit two eight-inch planks being laid together for a distance of some fifty or sixty feet. Beyond this the bridge was solid.

**A Perilous Trip.**  
The doctors did not hesitate. Leaving their conveyance they started across the sixteen-inch plank walk without support on either side and with the Niobrara roaring some thirty-five feet below. Dr. Root led the way with the lantern. Dr. Salter came groping along the narrow plank in the darkness behind.  
But the operation was performed.

**Sensation in Wall Street.**  
New York, April 17.—A sensation was created by announcement that Receiver Lindsay Russell of the failed brokerage firm of Ennis & Stoppant, had obtained an order from Judge Holt, summoning Senator Patrick H. McCarron, the well known democratic leader, to testify next Tuesday at the bankruptcy hearing and produce such books, records, and documents as may be required. The summons was based on the alleged discovery of expert accountants that one or several blind accounts, entered as "No. 339," was that of Senator McCarron, who had for years past been a close personal friend of both members of the firm. "Account No. 339," it was stated, was very active and it also showed that the man operating under it was indebted to the firm over \$100,000. The fact that members of several New York stock exchange firms have also been subpoenaed to appear at the bankruptcy proceedings caused a stir in the financial district.

**Wayne Normal is Leased.**  
As a result of the Wayne normal bill having passed the legislature too late to secure an appropriation for a maintenance fund, the school property, according to an announcement from Wayne, has been leased by the state to the present management for a period of two years. The school will therefore not come under state control until 1911.

Fred M. Pile, a son of the late president, has, according to the Wayne Herald, been advanced to the post of president. Fred Pile was connected with the school during his father's life time. The faculty will remain the same.

**Northwest Weddings.**  
Deal Matteson and Miss Mamie Moore were married in Osmond Wednesday.

Harvey E. Collins and Miss Eliza Alfrod were married near Monowi last week.

Christ Kirchr of Naper and Miss Julia Wisser of Butte were married last week.

Gus Schreiner and Miss Emaline McKenzie of near Pierce, were married Thursday.

**Were Townsite Surveyors.**  
An explanation of the rumors of an immediate extension of the Northwestern from Dallas and the report

of the arrival of a party of railroad surveyors is furnished by the Dallas News of this week which declares that the surveying party consisted of government townsite surveyors. The News also states that lots in the new Tripp county townsites will probably go on sale the latter part of May and gives Judge Witten as its authority.

**SEVERE SHOCK TO COMMUNITY**

Tilden, Neb., April 17.—Special to The News: Le Roy Roby, aged twelve, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Roby of this city, committed suicide at 8:30 o'clock this morning by sending a revolver bullet into his right temple.

The boy had done some mischievous act in his father's bakery early this morning and Mr. Roby had sent the lad home, warning him to stay at home until the father should come home and punish him.

**Prefers Death to Punishment.**  
The boy went home and, rather than accept punishment for his mischief, ended his life.

The tragedy has created profound consternation in the community.

Mrs. Roby, the lad's mother, has been confined to her home with serious illness for some time. She was in the house but not in the room where the boy effected his tragic taking off. She heard the shot that ended the child's life and found his dead body where it had fallen. Death had been instantaneous.

**Fear for the Mother.**  
Because of the fact that she has been so very ill, it is feared that the shock of this terrible affair will prove grave in its effect upon the prostrated mother.

Both parents, of course, are heartbroken with grief.  
The Roby bakery is just about three blocks from the family home. The residence is in the west part of town. So it was after but a short walk, and at the end of but a very short time that the lad carried out his grewsome plot upon his own life, after being forewarned of forthcoming punishment.

**Boy was Mischievous.**  
Le Roy Roby has always been a mischievous boy. He was in no way a vicious lad, but his spirit has been filled with pranks of mischief and to control him his father has been compelled, at times, to administer punishment. There has never been anything of cruelty in these punishments. They have been always merely necessary correctives.

But the lad resented the thought that he was to be punished today and presumably in a moment of desperate rashness, over-weighting the punishment that he was to receive, he took this extraordinarily lamentable action.

It is supposed that the boy secured a revolver that was kept in the home.

The lad was in the fifth grade at school.

**WAS WELL KNOWN IN NORFOLK**

**Andrew Rosewater Dropped Dead in the Paxton Hotel at an Early Hour Saturday Morning—Planned Norfolk's Sewer System.**

Omaha, April 17.—Andrew Rosewater, for twenty-five years city engineer of Omaha, dropped dead at the Paxton hotel at an early hour this morning. Heart disease was the cause.

Mr. Rosewater, who was a brother of the late Edward Rosewater, founder of the Omaha Bee, was born in Bohemia sixty-one years ago, but was reared in Cleveland, Ohio. He came to Omaha forty years ago. For a number of years he was consulting engineer of the street paving of the city of Chicago. He leaves a family.

Andrew Rosewater was one of the

best known men in Nebraska. His was in Norfolk about three years ago, delivering an address at the city hall in regard to the sewerage system projected at that time and afterwards carried into execution under Mr. Rosewater's direction.

The sudden death of Mr. Rosewater is all the more dramatic when it is recalled that his brother, the late Edward Rosewater, died just as suddenly a year ago last summer.

**Jack Koenigstein's New Home.**

Preliminary work has started on Jack Koenigstein's new residence on Norfolk avenue and Tenth street. John F. Miller has the contract, the terms of which call for the house to be completed by August 15. Mr. Koenigstein's new home is to be a seven-room house of the bungalow type. The entire front part of the house is to be given over to a large living room. The house will be finished in quarter-sawed oak.

**Find Wolves in Cuming County.**  
West Point, Neb., April 17.—Special to The News: Twelve wolves were dug out of the ground on the farm of Charles Meister at Monterey in this county yesterday. The catch consisted of one old wolf and eleven young ones.

**No. 820 Dead When Time Came.**  
Gregory, S. D., April 17.—Since passing the 1,000 mark, the percentage of those failing to file for Tripp county lands is increasing rapidly. Out of the first 1,000, only 188 failed to respond when their numbers were called, but passing that point, only 92 filed out of the 150 called, and there will be ever a greater falling off in the next 150, as it is considered that there are not to exceed 1,200 to 1,400 desirable claims outside of the Indian allotments, that is, claims that are worth \$6 an acre and the wear and tear of long residence.

One of the pathetic incidents of the filing was that of Purley N. Richardson of Elgin, Neb., who drew No. 820 and immediately engaged his locator and made all arrangements to begin residence on a homestead. Three days before the time for filing, word was received from his father that the young man was very ill of pneumonia, and unable to be present on the day specified, and pleading that his son's right might be maintained for sixty days. A few minutes before the calling of his number a telegram was handed to Judge Witten saying, in effect, that No. 820 would never claim his right, that Purley Richardson was dead.

**Sunday School Workers.**  
Parker, S. D., April 17.—The meeting of the South Dakota Sunday School association was one of the most successful in the association's history.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, G. A. Uline of Dell Rapids; vice president, L. S. Hetland of Valley Springs; recording secretary, F. P. Leach of Sioux Falls; treasurer, C. N. Anderson of Watertown.

**South Dakota Towns Want Home.**  
Huron, S. D., April 17.—Delegates of Odd Fellows lodges from various parts of the state were here yesterday for the purpose of opening bids for the location of the Odd Fellows home to be established by the order at some city within the state. Offers were received from Sioux Falls, Big Stone, Lake Preston, Dell Rapids and Hot Springs.

Before passing upon the proposition the board having the proposition in charge will visit the various cities and personally examine the sites offered.

**Stockmen Meet at Belle Fourche.**  
Belle Fourche, S. D., April 17.—The second day of the stockmen's annual meeting held here closed with a large attendance from the adjacent range districts and neighboring towns. The sheepbreeders held their meeting in the town hall, received reports of those in charge, re-elected the old officers, discussed existing diseases and quarantine conditions in this part of the state, ordered all indebtedness paid and adjourned to meet the second week in July in view of permanently changing the date of annual meetings. The Cattle Growers' association has disbanded and no attempt was made to hold a meeting.

**New Lawyers.**  
Pierre, S. D., April 17.—Having passed the required examination, the supreme court has granted certificates to practice in this state to Thomas Askin, Dan McCutchen, F. W. Grogan, and F. W. Lambert, all of whom reside in Pierre; to Frank R. Fisher of Miller; Edward S. Barron, Ipswich; John W. Jackson, Armour; Geo. F. Sime, Aberdeen; C. C. Fritzel, Flandreau; R. S. McKellar, Hot Springs, and B. S. Beckington of Huron.

The court adjourned until Wednesday, April 21, when it is expected that the court will sit for the first time with five judges, as was provided by the recent legislative enactment increasing the number of judges to five.

**Gun Clubs Consolidate.**  
Sioux Falls S. D., April 17.—At a joint meeting of the two local gun clubs, officers were elected and arrangements were made whereby the two clubs were consolidated under the name of the Sioux Falls gun club which is the name of the older organization. A board of trustees consisting of seven members was also elected.

**Aged Colored Woman Cremated.**

Rapid City, S. D., April 17.—When neighbors saw smoke issuing from the house and broke open the doors here this morning, Mrs. William Washington, aged sixty, colored, was found dying on the floor, her clothes in flames. The cause of the tragedy is unknown.

**Auto Frightened Horse.**

Pukwana, S. D., April 17.—Frightened by an automobile whose driver neglected the usual precautions against accident, the horse ridden by little Miss Lydia Busack stampeded near Chamberlain, throwing her from its back. Her foot caught in the stirrup and she was dragged some distance when the frightened animal came to a fence and was forced to slacken speed and the little girl's foot was released, but not until she had received some severe bruises about the head and shoulders.

**188 of First 1,000 Drop Out.**

Gregory, S. D., April 16.—The filings passed the 1,000 mark for Tripp county lands, and out of that number 188 have failed to respond when their numbers were called. When the price of these lands, \$6 an acre, is taken into consideration, this is the greatest record ever made by the government in disposing of lands under the lottery system, less than one-fifth of the first thousand dropping out of line.

**File Once, Take it or Leave it.**  
Neils K. Nelson and Alfred Brockman filed on land without seeing it, and when they went to look it over they found that the prominent features of their tracts were stone piles. They asked the department to change their filing to other lands selected by them, but their application has been denied. There is to be only one chance in the lottery.

**5-CENT COIN CONVICTS HIM**

**Edward Gay Found Guilty of South Dakota Postoffice Robbery.**

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 19.—Special to The News: A jury in the United States court which tried the case of Edward Gay, alias Fred K. Moore and Gus Peterson, charged with the robbery of the postoffice at Crooks on the night of December 3 last, returned a verdict acquitting Peterson but convicting Gay. The conviction of Gay was secured through his having in his possession when arrested a Canadian five-cent coin of the date 1900 which was among the cash stolen from the postoffice. The postmaster identified the coin, and thus the little five-cent piece was directly responsible for the conviction of Gay, as the entire case against him hinged upon the coin. Peterson will not be given his liberty because he was acquitted in this case, as he yet is under indictment on other charges in connection with the robbery of postoffices at other places in South Dakota.

Charles Looking Back, a Sioux warrior, was convicted by a jury on the charge of introducing liquor into that part of the Standing Rock reservation which extends into South Dakota.

William Jefferson and Harry Smith, tried on the charge of selling liquor to Indians on the Cheyenne River reservation, were acquitted. A verdict of acquittal also was returned by the jury in the case of Thomas Rainbow, who was tried on the charge of introducing liquor into the Rosebud reservation.

Perhaps the most interesting case to be tried during the present term of United States court will be called for trial at 9 o'clock this morning. The case is that of Anson Wagar, formerly United States commissioner at Dallas, who will be tried on an indictment charging him with having embezzled trust funds to the amount of \$2,680.37 which had been placed in his hands by homesteaders with which to pay the purchase price of their lands.

The trial of the case, it is expected, will extend over several days, as every inch will be stoutly contested both by the government and by the attorneys for the defendant. Wagar will be defended by Aikens & Judge, of Sioux Falls, while the prosecution will be conducted by United States Attorney Wagner and Assistant Attorney Porter.

**MINISTERS HERE THIS WEEK**

**Conference Here Tuesday and Wednesday, Bishop Nueslon Coming.**

Some forty ministers of the Norfolk district of the Methodist church will be in the city Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, attending a conference of Dr. Tindall's district. The sessions will be held at the Methodist church. Bishop Nueslon of Omaha and Chancellor Davidson of Wesleyan university are among the speakers from away. M. C. Hazen, Former Mayor Stanton and Rev. J. F. Poucher of Stanton are also on the program, which is as follows:

2:00 p. m.—Devotional service—Rev. J. G. Galloway, Belden.

**Kansas City, Mo.**

8:30 p. m.—"Our University," Chancellor W. J. Davidson, University Place.

Sacrament of the lord's supper, conducted by the district superintendent, Rev. D. K. Tindall, Ph. D., D. D., Norfolk.

Wednesday's session:  
8:30 a. m.—Devotional service, Rev. L. V. Slocumb, Beemer.

9:00 a. m.—Conference business, 11:00 a. m.—Address, Former Mayor J. D. Sturgeon, Norfolk.

Afternoon:  
Bishop Nueslon, presiding.

2:00 p. m.—Devotional service, Rev. William Cornall, Bancroft.

2:30 p. m.—"Is the Laborer Worthy of His Hire?" Col. John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton.

3:00 p. m.—Book review, "The Church of Today," Rev. J. P. Yost, Randolph.

4:00 p. m.—"Our Duty to the Superannuated," Rev. J. M. Bothwell, South Omaha.

7:30 p. m.—Devotional services, Rev. John F. Poucher, Stanton.

8:00 p. m.—Report of Committee on Resolutions.

8:10 p. m.—Address, the Rev. Bishop John L. Nueslon, L. L. D., Omaha.

**Flour Mill Burns.**

Sturgis, S. D., April 19.—The Tilford flouring mill was burned to the ground. The loss is \$5,000; insurance \$1,000. The mill belonged to F. P. Hampton of Sturgis. The fire is supposed to have originated from sparks from a passenger train locomotive.

The mill was close to the track. There was no water handy and nothing could be done to save it. A large amount of flour and wheat was consumed.

**Prairies to be Planted.**

Pierre, S. D., April 19.—Travelers on the line between here and Huron say that there are fully 100 power breaking outfits to be seen from the train between the two towns. This means that there will be an immense amount of prairie sod turned over this year, and while a part of this will be planted to corn, most of it will be put into flax, which will mean the heaviest crop of that grain ever raised in this part of the state. While the weather conditions have not been very favorable to seeding operations, every fit day has been taken advantage of, and a large part of the seeding of small grain is done. But the small grain crops which were looked upon as the staples of the Missouri valley for years are now being used only as a side issue of the main crops of corn, flax and alfalfa, which are taking the lead, as they are looked upon as more profitable crops than wheat. While the weather delayed the seeding, it was not allowed to interfere with the work of the breaking outfits, and the amount of sod which will be turned over this year in this part of the state will be largely in excess of the acreage in any one year since the settlement of the country.

**Rapid City Jeweler Bankrupt.**

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 19.—Special to The News: A petition in voluntary bankruptcy has been filed in the federal court in this city by John N. Knowlton, of Rapid City, proprietor of a jewelry establishment. Knowlton schedules his liabilities at \$1,830.67 and his assets at \$1,015.15. Of his assets, property to the value of \$272 is claimed to be exempt. A similar petition has been filed by Sears W. Burdine, of Summit, Roberts county, who gives his occupation as a laborer. He schedules liabilities of \$5,869.52 and assets of \$750. The full amount of his assets is claimed to be exempt.

**HILL'S TRAIN LOAD POLICY.**

**Scheme Proves a Failure on Burlington Lines.**

Omaha, April 19.—The "train load" policy the pet theory of James J. Hill, which he inaugurated on the Burlington railroad when he obtained control of that system, has proven a failure, and, beginning immediately, that railroad will return to the old policy of running shorter trains and at more frequent intervals than has been done for the past five years. Orders in accordance with the return of the old policy are now being prepared for distribution over the system.

The train load policy made famous by Mr. Hill is simplicity itself and is, briefly, as follows:

"Don't move a freight train until the locomotive has every pound of freight behind it that it is capable of pulling."

When the time arrived for the departure of a freight train from a terminal point, unless that train had every ounce of freight the locomotive was capable of hauling it was held until more freight was received.

If a freight car with a capacity of 50,000 pounds was being loaded at Omaha for Spokane, and there were only 48,000 pounds of freight, that car was sidetracked and held in the Omaha yards until another ton of freight for Spokane was received. Sometimes that extra ton came immediately; sometimes it was several days or even a week or two in showing up. But the car was held at the originating point until that last ton was received.

In local freight business this rule worked special hardships on the merchants in the smaller towns, who were sometimes compelled to wait from ten days to two weeks for goods which should have been delivered within twenty-four hours.



ing the Burlington has recinded its "train load" policy and will return to that of shorter trains and more of them.  
The policy which has just been abandoned is charged, among other things, with being responsible for the great shortage of freight cars which was felt in the west so keenly two years ago. Because of the immense number of cars held up while awaiting a full train the railroad company had not enough remaining with which to move the traffic.

**Sportmen to Meet.**

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 19.—The true sportsmen of South Dakota are taking great interest in a meeting which has been called by W. F. Bancroft of Watertown, the new state game warden of South Dakota, to be held in Sioux Falls on Friday of this week. The meeting will be held for the purpose of adopting such measures as may be deemed necessary to prevent those opposed to the new game law from having it "held up" under the referendum amendment to the state constitution and submitted to the voters of the state at the general election in November of next year.

**Gasoline Price Cut.**

Watertown, S. D., April 19.—As the direct result of a law passed by the 1909 legislature the Standard Oil company today announced a reduction of 2 cents per gallon on gasoline in South Dakota. The new law admits into the state for sale a lower test gasoline than formerly. This gasoline is refined from western crude oil, and the reduction is largely due to the decreased cost in transporting it to South Dakota points. It is contended that the lower test oil produces more heat to the gallon, and that it therefore gives more heat, light or power to the gallon. The company says that hereafter it does not intend to sell the high test oil in South Dakota except upon special orders.

**DEATHS FROM HUNTING.**

**Seven Nebraskans Lost Lives as Result of Carelessness.**

Omaha, April 19.—Seven young men dead from the careless handling of guns. That is the spring record for Nebraska up to the time of the close of the season for hunting ducks. The open season for Nebraska ducks closed on April 15. Besides those killed, there have been numerous accidents reported whereby both men and boys lost eyes and limbs and were otherwise disabled for life. This year the open season for accidents with guns opened on March 1, and so far as reported closed on April 10.

In all cases where parties have been killed, the victims have been under twenty-one years of age, indicating that old hunters are more careful in the handling of firearms than are those of less mature years.

Here follows the list of Nebraska fatalities:

Sylvester Cosad, of Curtis; shot by a companion while hunting ducks.

William Ham, of Curtis; gun exploded while hunting ducks and geese and was instantly killed.

Louis Nebola, of Leigh; shot by his brother while the two were returning from a hunt.

Harry Taylor, of Bellwood; shot by an accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of a boy companion.

Hans Jensen, of Plainview; shot and instantly killed by a companion who was shooting at a flock of ducks.

John Coffey, of Nebraska City; shot himself while pulling a gun from a boat which he had used in hunting.

Elva Ralva, of Simeon; shot his head off while taking his gun out of a boat just after he had come in from shooting ducks in a slough.

**Fort Omaha Experiments.**

Washington, April 19.—Training of men in the army signal service in the science of military aeronautics will be carried on this summer not only at Fort Myer, Va., but at Fort Omaha, Neb.

**Ruling Favors Saloons.**

Watertown, S. D., April 19.—A decision of great interest to the saloon men of South Dakota was handed down by Judge George H. Marquis of the Sixth judicial circuit. The ruling holds that it is not necessary to have a majority of all the electors of a town or city in order to issue a liquor license, but that a majority of all voters who register at the polls and cast a ballot is sufficient.  
The case came up from Goodwin, a small town near here. There were eighty-two votes cast, forty-five of which were for license. Temperance people brought an action to enjoin the town board from issuing a license on the ground that forty-five was not a majority of all the qualified electors of the precinct. The court held that the only basis upon which the number of "qualified electors" could be determined was upon the number of voters who registered at the polls on the day of the election.  
The decision also holds that a blank ballot upon the liquor question is a vote against license, thereby declaring that license must have a majority of all votes cast in order to win.