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A Democratic Conference.

The Pacific hotel parlors Monday night were the scene of a democratic pro-tem, democrats from Stanton, Madison, Pierce and Wayne counties being in conference over a democratic senatorial candidate from the Eleventh district. Among those present at the meeting were: Adam Pilger, Stanton; H. D. Miller, Stanton; Albert Pilger, Stanton; Judge W. E. Cowan, Stanton; W. S. Tannery, Madison; P. H. Kohl, Wayne; Douglas Cones, Pierce; A. H. Backhaus, Pierce; John Flynn, Jack Welsh, Charles Rice of this city.

Northwest Weddings.

W. E. Vaughn and Miss Ada Gross were married at Butte. A. F. D. Meyer and Miss Graciel Border were married at Neligh. Dr. R. L. Thomas and Miss Edith Derry were married at Butte. William Ahlman and Miss Frieda Dranselka were married at Harco. Joseph Neiman and Miss Alvina Hiden were married at West Point. Bert V. Wehrle and Miss Mary Prather were married at Madison. James O'Brien and Miss Lillian Tracewell were married at Long Pine. Henry C. Jackson and Miss Verna L. Kenaston were married at Springfield. Hilda Carolyn Peterson and Arthur B. Jacobson were married at West Point.

Pole Creek Won.

Gordon, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: Pole Creek defeated the Work Horses in a ball game ten miles east of here by a score of 10 to 9.

Hail and Rain at Bordeaux.

Gordon, Neb., July 11.—Special to The News: A heavy rain and hail storm struck Bordeaux about 5:30 p. m. Sunday. Conductor Niles of Northwestern train No. 2 reported the track under water at different places and the ground covered with hail around Bordeaux. Section men were out patrolling the track. The storm reached Gordon about 7:30 p. m. and a light rain fell continuously for about two hours.

O'Neill, Neb., July 11.—Special to The News: A heavy soaking rain fell all over Holt county Saturday morning between 1 and 5 o'clock. Reports received here from every part of the county state the rain was a soaker. A high wind preceded the rain but when the rain began falling the wind died down and the downpour kept up for hours, thoroughly soaking all parts of the county.

Washington, July 11.—The national capital sweltered in a torrid heat which caused one death and four prostrations. On Pennsylvania avenue the thermometer registered 101 degrees.

West Point, Neb., July 11.—Special to The News: Heavy rains visited this section of the state during the last three days, to the great benefit of the growing crops. Pastures are reviving slightly and the hay crop is materially benefited. Corn never looked better.

Gordon, Neb., July 11.—Special to The News: Another heavy shower drenched the town and surrounding country Friday night. A fall of one-half inch or more is reported. About 7 p. m. the wind began blowing and soon attained hurricane velocity. It swept over the town, bringing such clouds of dust and sand that it resembled a veritable sand storm. Fifteen minutes later a pouring rain set in, lasting half an hour, and the wind went down. About 3 a. m. another shower came up. The rain poured intermittently till 4 a. m. One man called it a thousand-dollar rain for Gordon and adjacent country.

Raining in Norfolk.

Another rain began falling in Norfolk at 10:30 Monday morning.

Three Near-Fires at Pierce.

Pierce, Neb., July 11.—Special to The News: Three near-fires occurred at this place Saturday morning during a terrific rain and electrical storm that lasted from 2 o'clock until about 5.

The Catholic manse in the south part of town was struck by a cold bolt of lightning, knocking off all the shingles from one of the gables, then going through and breaking the joice and knocking off the plaster on the inside of the room.

In the residence of M. Inhelder, president of the Pierce State bank, the family were awakened by the repeated crashes of electricity and one of them going downstairs discovered flames over the telephone. These were put out with but little trouble. Investigation showed that the stroke had entered through the north wall of the dining room a peculiar phenomena being that it had driven a siding nail clean through the wall into the house. It had knocked a curtain and the pole down and then evidently jumped to the telephone wires as when discovered the flames were eating up the insulation on them.

During the storm Agent Cushman, at the depot, was aroused by his wife, who asked him if he left the light burning in the depot, downstairs, when he came to bed. He said that he had put it out and his wife said there was a light in the room. Hustling down he found all the interior on the north and east side afire. He at first started to turn in the fire alarm but was afraid he wouldn't have time to go to the home of Marshal Goff across the way, so he tackled the job himself and after strenuous efforts subdued the flames. All the wires were destroyed and the wall was charred to the depth of from one to two inches.

Burlington Quits Ballisting.

O'Neill, Neb., July 11.—Special to The News: The Burlington officials at St. Paul, Minn., issued orders to the local officials at O'Neill and the

men in charge of the gravel trains now engaged in hauling gravel to the different points along their line running out here, to cease further operations in improving and ballasting their road. This order is general over the entire system, and it is not known when the work will be resumed.

Railroad men are of the opinion that similar action will be taken by a number of the railroads of the country, and that this is done to retaliate in a measure against the action of congress and the president in enacting legislation opposed to them.

It is also stated that the reports of a short crop had something to do with the order. It is the opinion of those on the inside that no extensions or improvements will be continued on any of the railroads until conditions change or at least until the present controversies and railroad questions are definitely settled.

A Show Indian Drowned.

Gordon, Neb., July 11.—Special to The News: The dead body of an Indian by name of Coren was brought here Sunday morning. He was a performer in Miller Bros.' 101 Ranch wild west show. He was with the show in Massachusetts and while in swimming was seized with cramps, causing him to drown.

More Rain at Gordon.

Gordon, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: A good drenching rain lasting three hours fell here Monday morning.

McIntosh for Commissioner.

Madison, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: William McIntosh of Emery precinct filed yesterday for commissioner of the Third precinct on the republican ticket. Mr. McIntosh is one of the most prominent and most favorably known citizens of the county, and files at the earnest solicitation of his friends. He has never aspired to office before, but has always taken an active part in politics. No one can question Mr. McIntosh's fitness for the office he seeks and that he will make a strong candidate there can be no question.

Burton Independent: Dave Luce, the 13-year-old son of Mrs. Dave Luce of Springfield had a serious accident at that place on Tuesday, July 5.

It seems that this boy and several others did not get enough celebrating on the Fourth and concluded to have some more noise. They secured an old cannon, which has been in Springfield for a number of years. The boys put a pound of powder in it and filled the barrel with mud and let it dry. Dave tried to touch it off with a fuse he had made but it would not work, he then touched it off with a match. The cannon blew up, blowing the boy's hand to pieces so it will have to be amputated.

MAIDENS PROMISE.

Anti-Kissing Society, Promoted by a Health Fiend, Finds Recruits. Cincinnati, July 12.—In order to encourage good health and lessen the spread of consumption, I desire to join the World's Health organization and hereby pledge myself to discourage the custom of kissing the lips whenever it is in my power.

Such is the well meaning pledge taken by members of the World's Health organization, or Anti-Kissing league, of which Mrs. J. Rechin is president. Then to each member the badge of the organization is given, "lest she forget."

This is leafy summer, when orange blossoms bloom and the wedding march echoes from the vaulted roofs, yet Mrs. Rechin, at the league's headquarters, No. 1723 East McWilliam street, said that many prospective brides are joining the organization. On their wedding day these brides will wear the club badge in full view.

"The custom of kissing a bride on her wedding day is most dangerous," said Mrs. Rechin severely. "Er—do you mean, a bridegroom should not—er—salute his bride?" asked her visitor.

"I mean that the relatives and wedding guests should not kiss the bride and subject her to risk of getting consumption," returned the foe of osculation.

The anti-kissing leaders have mapped out a six months' campaign and when it ends kissing will be a lost art, they hope. Next month they will try to make members of public speakers and singers—of everybody "whose success in life depends on the healthy vocal cords."

In August fathers and mothers will be urged not to kiss their babies. In September teachers will implore their pupils to abjure kissing.

October, the less kissing the less hazardous the work of street cleaners and laundresses; so the organization will seek members on the highways and in the laundries.

"It would be a dreadful thing if a street sweeper should marry a laundress," mused Mrs. Rechin's visitor. "I suppose their home would soon be full of the bacilli of tuberculosis."

In November women belonging to church clubs, card clubs and literary clubs will be asked to join and to wear their badges at club meetings.

"And in December, with its Christmas weddings, we shall turn our attention to lovers," said the president. "My life for just one kiss' sounds thrilling in romance and poetry. But dissolution is found in the hospitals, whence lovers follow each other to the grave in a few short months."

"When it is in my power," runs the anti-kissing pledge. When the full moon's rays vainly seek to penetrate the honeysuckles that shadow the darkest corner of the piazza; when the dearest fellow in the world is seated next to her there; when gently he puts his arm around her waist and leans toward her—

Is it in her power then "to discour-

age the custom of kissing on the lips?" Ah, the danger of it. Did she only know it, all around her the malevolent bacilli of tuberculosis are all laughing for vicious joy.

Wife of Stuart Joy Dies.

Stuart, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: The funeral of Mrs. Gane, wife of Rev. H. H. Gane, pastor of the Presbyterian church at this place, occurred Sunday. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Angel, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Atkinson, assisted by Rev. Mr. Beebe of the Methodist church of this place. Mrs. Gane died in an Omaha hospital shortly after undergoing a surgical operation. Three children, a little boy aged 2 years and two girls 6 and 8 years, are left motherless. There is much sympathy for the bereft ones.

Neligh Plans Chautauqua.

Neligh, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: Neligh's first annual chautauqua will be held at Riverside park on August 6 to 14 inclusive, nine days with eighteen double programs.

The citizens and business men of Neligh have pledged a guarantee of \$2,200 to the Midland Chautauqua bureau for the success of this undertaking. The officials of this city are: J. F. Boyd, president; J. C. Jenkins, secretary; R. S. Payne, treasurer. There are seven managers who have exclusive charge of all business pertaining to the welfare of the visitors and their entertainment. This committee will also look after the concessions. They consist, including the president, of: C. L. Wattle, O. A. Williams, W. T. Wattle, E. T. George, J. G. Crinklaw and J. C. Jenkins.

Neligh Near-Accident.

Neligh, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: Mrs. W. J. Shane of this city had a close call from being seriously, if not fatally, burned yesterday morning by gasoline. In filling the can that feeds the burners on the stove some of the oil was accidentally spilled and in lighting a match the wasted gasoline around the can and stove immediately ignited. Mrs. Shane lifted the burning can of oil from the stove and threw it out doors, where it was smothered by R. J. Forsythe, who happened on the scene at this time. It is reported that only the presence of mind of Mrs. Shane prevented without doubt the destruction of the home and herself being badly burned.

Third Neligh Bank Starts.

Neligh, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: The Security bank opened its doors yesterday morning in the C. J. Allison block. This is the third banking institution in this city and starts out with a capital of \$25,000. The officials are: S. D. Thornton, president; F. H. Plank, vice president; S. D. Thornton, jr., cashier; R. B. Thornton, assistant cashier. Mr. Thornton states that the present location will be occupied until September 1, when the bank will be moved into the postoffice building across the street.

The News Beat 'Em All.

Niobrara Tribune: The Norfolk Daily News sent an extra edition on July 4, which reached Niobrara Tuesday morning, giving details of the Jeffries-Johnson fight six hours ahead of all other papers.

Ruediger-Mortenson.

West Point, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: News has been received in the city of the marriage of Henry L. Ruediger and Miss Ingherta Mortenson which occurred in Los Angeles, Calif., three days ago. The bride is the daughter of the former county treasurer, James Mortenson, of Cuming township, and the groom a resident of Hoquiam, Wash., and a brother of Fred Ruediger, a business man of this city. He is well known to our citizens. They will reside in the state of Washington, where the groom is in business.

West Point Races Start.

West Point, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: At half past 1 this afternoon, three days' circuit race meet opened at West Point. No expense has been spared to make this a record breaking meet. All the races have been filled and some of them very largely. Arrangements are being now made by the people of the city to take care of the large crowds which are expected. The citizens will open all their homes to the visitors and everything possible will be done to make everyone feel at home. The baseball games are scheduled as follows: Beemer vs. Dodge, Tuesday; Bancroft vs. Pender, Wednesday; Oakland vs. Stanton, Thursday. Each game will be called at 10 o'clock at Sherman park. A hard fight is expected on the part of each team.

A Big Shed at Gordon.

Gordon, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: Margrave & Duerfelt are having an extensive shed built. The shed is a frame structure 55x100 feet and 10 feet at the eaves. It has a solid concrete foundation.

THIS BOY RIDES THE COW.

Gordon Lad Develops Unique Method of Getting Bossy to Pasture. Gordon, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: The barefoot boy that drives the cattle home has another way of performing the arduous task of driving the cattle besides that of walking. Many boys ride a saddle horse, but it took a Gordon boy to find a more unique method.

A small boy, the son of Jess Burnett, rides the cow. He has a gentle bossy that he takes to the pasture about five blocks from his home, in the mornings and brings home at night.

The old cow seems proud of this strange distinction for she marches

along in a quiet dignified manner keeping her place in the middle of the street and turning a side only for whatever obstacles she may meet.

Master Burnett rides like a thoroughbred, sitting straight on her back and thoroughly enjoying his novel position in his pleasant occupation.

Neligh to Have Races.

Neligh, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: At a called meeting of the business men of this city last night, one of the largest representation was present that had ever attended before. It was for the determination of whether a race meet would be held this year.

After the usual amount of suggestions it was finally decided to put the question to a rising vote. Every person in the city had demonstrated by their action that they were in favor of a race meet and baseball tournament. A guarantee of \$1,000 was raised within two hours.

The old officers were re-elected without any opposition, and are as follows: M. B. Huffman, president; J. J. Melick, vice president; W. W. Cole, secretary, and C. L. Wattle, treasurer.

Looks Now Like a Suicide.

Ellsworth, Neb., July 11.—Special to The News: What was at first supposed to have been a lynching, is now regarded as a suicide at a point north-east of Bingham, in Sheridan county, sixty miles south of Gordon. The body of a man was found hanging in a claim shanty. The body was identified as that of C. F. Booth, a homesteader. The inquest will be held today and the facts will be investigated.

MONDAY MENTION.

H. S. Thorpe returned from a business trip at Fairfax.

Adolph Moldenhauer spent the day with friends at Stanton.

Miss Helene Schemel of Hoskins was a visitor in the city.

Mrs. Gustave Schroeder of Hoskins was a visitor in the city.

A. H. Viele has gone to Chicago and Grand Rapids, Mich., on business.

Mrs. John Poiall and son of Hoskins spent the day here with relatives.

Miss Heckman of Milwaukee, Wis., is in the city visiting with Mrs. Ed Appel.

Mrs. Ed Monroe, who has been at Wakefield visiting with her sister, has returned home.

Mrs. Henrietta Breitingner of West Point is in the city visiting with her sister, Mrs. Louise Assmus.

Ed Killian and family, who have been here visiting at the A. L. Killian home, returned to Wahoo at noon.

Paul Zuelow went to Creighton to act as groomsmen in the Woodworth-Kruse wedding Tuesday morning.

Charles Peterson of San Antonio, Tex., is expected in the city this evening to spend a few days' visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pfunder returned last night from Columbus, where they went to spend the Fourth with their son, Roy.

Charles Gerecke of Hastings is in the city to spend a week's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gerecke.

Mrs. E. C. Marshall and daughter Patricia, who has been here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Viele, has returned to her home at Niobrara.

Sam Erskine, jr., returned from Crystal Lake, where he spent a day with members of the Sioux City alumni association of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

P. A. Shurtz writes from Texas that the weather there is fine.

A regular meeting of Damascus chapter, No. 25, R. A. M., will be held this evening.

The Royal Neighbors will hold a Kensington Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Briggs, 1192 Park avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Haase have gone to Hot Springs, S. D., where they will take treatments at a sanitarium. They will be gone for about six weeks.

Harry H. Howe has purchased the hotel at Pilger, taking possession Monday. His sister, Miss Bertha Howe, accompanied him to Pilger today.

The executive committee of the Norfolk Y. M. C. A. have received numerous bids for the construction of the Y. M. C. A. building. The bids will be opened by the committee on Friday.

The Norfolk clerks' baseball team is going to Wayne Wednesday to play the Wayne team. Tony Neno, who is in the city awaiting word from Redfield, S. D., where he expects to go to play, will accompany the clerks to Wayne.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Cooney at Omaha, a daughter, Mrs. Cooney is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Flynn of this city. Mr. Cooney is a step-brother of Mr. Flynn, who is now wondering what relation the newly arrived daughter at Omaha will be to him.

O'Neill Frontier: Tom Joyce and P. J. Connolly went to Norfolk Monday morning to receive the fight returns hot from the wire. As they were ardent supporters of the white man, when they returned home in the evening they were not feeling in as good spirits as when they left in the morning.

City Engineer H. H. Tracy left the city Sunday noon for a tour of concrete paving inspection in many cities in the east, including Chicago, Fond du Lac, Wis., Gary, Ind., Mason City and Fort Dodge, Ia. Mr. Tracy will be gone about two weeks and make his report and recommendations to the city council and property owners immediately upon his return. In the meantime the paving of Norfolk avenue is at a standstill.

F. J. Cashine, formerly a Norfolk man but now traveling in the west for

Swift and company, writes a Norfolk friend from Reno telling him that he was one of the unlucky ones to have witnessed the Jeffries-Johnson prize fight on July 4. "Jeffries was scared from the time he entered the ring," says Cashine. "Johnson could have knocked him out in any round, had he got angry and gone after Jeff. The crowd was a large and orderly one." Mr. Cashine left Reno for San Francisco a few days ago.

A Business School Sold.

Peter W. Harms, M. A., a professor of a business college in Alton, Ohio, has purchased from T. W. Mackie the Norfolk Business college and will take possession in a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Mackie leave for the east Tuesday.

Although Mr. Mackie has made a success of the business here, his real estate interests in the east make it necessary for him to go there. Mr. Harms comes well recommended by many professors in the east and will no doubt make a success of the business.

Mr. Harms is not only one of the best penmen in the country but is thoroughly experienced in all departments of the commercial college. Mrs. Harms, who will come here with her husband, is an experienced stenographer and will have charge of the college office. A teacher from one of the large institutions in the east will assist Mr. Harms in the instruction of students.

Mr. and Mrs. Harms will occupy the rooms now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Mackie.

Firemen Win Two Games.

After playing in hard luck ever since the baseball season opened here, and coming out the losers in some of the best games played, with very close scores, the Norfolk firemen's team took out their revenge yesterday afternoon at the driving park diamond by defeating both the traveling men and the Edgewater teams, with the scores very large on the fire end of the tally. The doubleheader was called at 3:30 and was witnessed by a good crowd of fans. The firemen took the first game from Edgewater by a score of 7 to 3. In the second game of four innings they batted the traveling men all over the field, defeating them by a score of 21 to 2.

The score by innings:
Firemen 0 2 0 1 0 4 *—7
Edgewater 0 3 0 0 0 0 0—3
Batteries: Kelleher and Lucas; Waller and Miller.
Traveling Men 0 0 2 0 2—2
Firemen 0 10 10 1—21
Batteries: Molton and McMaster; Kelleher and Lucas.

RUNNING DOWN A NEW CLEW.

Detectives Uncover Another Trail in Fleese Case.

Sioux City Journal: After nearly two weeks of running down blind clews which it was thought might lead to the discovery of the murderer of Miss Louise Flege near Wayne, Neb., June 30, W. C. Davenport, a Sioux City detective retained on the case, yesterday uncovered a trail which he thinks will not only lead to the apprehension of the young woman's slayer, but which he believes will establish a motive revolting and terrible in a sense far greater than that first attributed to the unknown assassin. Mr. Davenport spent Sunday in Sioux City.

Miss Flege was alone at the home of her brother, William Flege, on a farm near Wayne. When a young man working on the farm returned from the day's work in the field he found the lifeless body lying in the dooryard with a bullet wound in the head and one in the chest.

Through the discovery made by the detective yesterday he advances just as the motive. First reports given out from the Flege home were that Dr. J. J. Williams of Wayne, who examined the body, asserted that the young woman had not been violated. Detective Davenport said yesterday that such a statement was a mistake and that the physician had never made such a report.

Every theory, including the jealousy of an unknown lover, robbery, the desire for personal aggrandizement through the young woman's estate, had been trails which the detectives working on the case had followed down to the limit and in every case their falsity was proved. For the last few days, after the frustration of their every effort along those lines, the detectives were in despair of ever bringing the guilty one to justice.

Whatever it was that the detectives discovered yesterday, it put them in the best of spirits. Mr. Davenport was most optimistic of the near success awaiting their efforts and said that in all probability there soon would be startling developments.

The detective would not explain why it was that the theory of the violation of the young woman's body had arisen. He was loath to talk about the new clew which he had unearthed, but did answer one question. "In your opinion, has the murderer left the country, or in other words, did he live near the Flege home?" was asked.

"I think he did; and what is more, I believe he is there yet," answered Mr. Davenport.

Are Against Bryan Plank.

Battle Creek, Neb., July 11.—Special to The News: Madison county democrats in their convention Saturday afternoon took a positive stand against Mr. Bryan's county option scheme and endorsed Willis E. Reed of Madison for United States senator.

The convention was called to order by W. E. Reed of the democratic central committee. M. S. McDuffie of Madison was chosen chairman and F. E. Martin of Battle Creek secretary. The following committee was named on resolutions: Herman Gerecke, J. B. Donovan, W. S. Tannery, M. J.

Hughes and J. C. Osborn. The committee's report was unanimously adopted.

Following were the resolutions: Resolved, That the democrats of Madison county, Nebraska, in convention assembled, do hereby endorse the businesslike administration and statesmanship of Governor A. C. Shallenberger. We are heartily in favor of the strict enforcement of all existing laws.

We are unqualifiedly opposed to county option.

We heartily endorse the course pursued in congress by Hon. James P. Latta, representative from the Third Nebraska district.

We heartily endorse the candidacy of Hon. Willis E. Reed of Madison, Nebraska, for United States senator, and take pleasure in presenting his name for consideration by the people of Nebraska.

We hereby endorse Henry Sunderman for re-election as county commissioner.

Delegates to the state convention were elected from the body of the house. They were:

Delegates—Willis E. Reed, J. B. Donovan, Dr. A. Bear, Peter Barrett, Herman Winter, Charles Rice, Herman Gerecke, T. C. Cantwell, John Flynn, W. H. Weekes, W. S. Tannery, P. J. Stafford, Oscar Sunderman. Alternates—J. C. Osborn, M. J. Hughes, Pat Stanton, J. A. Bressler, E. F. Hans, M. G. Doering, J. F. Newhall, M. S. McDuffie, L. B. Baker, Frank Wright, Jack Welsh, Henry Sunderman, Emil Moeller.

At a meeting of the new central committee M. S. McDuffie of Madison was elected chairman and F. E. Martin of Battle Creek secretary.

Stanton County.

Stanton, Neb., July 11.—The democratic county convention met at the court house. John Shindler was chairman and D. C. Chase secretary. The delegates elected to the state convention are: Adam Pilger, P. D. Miller, John Shindler, George Munger and W. P. Cowan. A resolution was passed utterly opposing the county option law.

Wayne County.

Wayne, Neb., July 11.—The democrats of Wayne county met a well attended convention in the court house here. The convention elected seven delegates to the state convention, giving them no instructions and passing no resolutions whatever.

A committee was appointed to try to induce Walter Gaebler of Winslow to stand for the lower house of the legislature and Phil H. Kohl for senator.

These delegates to the state convention were selected:

Phil H. Kohl and Robert Skiles of Wayne, J. C. Ecker of Winslow, John Kennedy of Sholes, Henry Bartells and James Finn of Carroll and George Sweigert of Hoskins.

17-Year-Old Boy Suicides.

O'Neill, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: A young son of Frank Jonas, living ten miles northwest of Atkinson, was found hanging from the ceiling of a school house about one mile from the Hall ranch where the boy had been working. He was missing since Saturday from the ranch, and no attention was given to his absence until he failed to return Saturday night. A party to search for him was hastily made up, and an artificial lake on the Hall ranch was dragged. Men were riding as fast as horses could carry them for miles around the ranch and his father's home, but no trace of him was found until some of the little boys living in the vicinity of the schoolhouse came running home breathless and wild-eyed saying they saw somebody hanging in the schoolhouse.

This happened about 5 o'clock last night, and those who heard the little boy's story rushed to the schoolhouse and found it true. The boy, not more than 17 years old, was hanging by a short rope and from appearances had been dead for several hours. It is not probable the boy will be taken home before the sheriff, coroner and county attorney examine the suicide. Those officials left O'Neill this morning at 6 o'clock and go direct to the place where the boy hung himself. The trip was made in an automobile and they expected to arrive not later than 7 o'clock. The boy was without doubt insane, not having any cause to take his life other than an unbalanced mind. Some years ago two of his

brothers were taken to the asylum for the insane and one of them died there. The boy's relatives are good, respectable people and the unfortunate ending of their boy is greatly regretted by their neighbors.

Toll Buried at Niobrara.

Niobrara, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: The body of A. L. Toll, one of Niobrara's earliest settlers, who died at Valentine, Neb., was brought here yesterday for burial. He was a charter member of both the Niobrara Masonic lodge and the Grand Army post. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and the last living charter member of the lodge. He served two successful terms as receiver in the United States land office. After the old town was damaged by water Mr. Toll moved to the new Niobrara and established the Hubbard house, a hotel, which he conducted for many years.

Rev. M. J