

AN ART MEETING.

The Woman's Club Holds an Open Meeting and Those Present Devote an Afternoon to Art Topics.

The Woman's club held an open meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Birehard, with about 75 ladies present. This was an art meeting and the papers and pictures, with the exception of the Madonnas, all represented American art.

The walls of the various rooms were covered with illustrations of the different branches of art. In the halls were seen pictures representing sculpture and illustrating. The walls of the first parlor were covered with studies and photographs representing American painting.

The first number on the program was music—a duet by Mesdames Hazen and Snyder. This was followed by a paper on American sculpture by Mrs. Taft, which showed careful preparation.

After hearing such a paper one cannot but feel proud of the progress that America has made in this branch of art since its beginning about a century ago.

At the Paris exposition American sculpture took more prizes and medals than that of any country except France and America exhibited the work of only 31 sculptors, while France exhibited the work of 300.

Mrs. Birchard read a paper on painting which showed how thoroughly she understood her subject. From the paper it was learned that American artists, while possibly not so numerous as those of some European countries, are doing work which is not surpassed by any land or school.

Mrs. Birchard's paper showed much originality. The next number on the program was a trio sung by Mesdames Green, Snyder and Utter.

Mrs. Hazen read a delightful paper on Madonnas written by Mrs. Russel of Glenwood, Ia., in which were described the various classes of Madonnas, of which there are five. The Sistine is most admired of all.

Mrs. Weatherly read a paper on illustrating. This paper was especially interesting from the fact that it dealt with a subject which all can appreciate.

We are in constant touch with illustrating, for the time has come when few books or magazines are complete without the touch of the artist's hand.

Our beautiful country affords bountiful material in scenery for this branch of art. Mrs. Weatherly's paper gave an account of the evolution of the art of illustrating during the past century.

The closing number on the program was a most beautiful solo by Mrs. Green, which was enjoyed by all.

At the close of the program light refreshments were served in the dining room which was appropriately decorated with potted plants, lighted candles and decorations in club colors.

Each guest was presented with a small pallet and brush as a souvenir of the occasion.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

John Cooley was in town from Hoskins yesterday.

W. T. Graham was in Norfolk Monday from Laurel.

W. W. Day was a city visitor yesterday from Winside.

A. L. Howines was a visitor over night from Wayne.

S. L. Filk was a Norfolk guest over night from Humphrey.

J. W. Risk was a city visitor from Battle Creek over night.

Mrs. U. E. Foster returned to her home in Plainville yesterday.

S. A. Kilpatrick and daughter of Madison were in Norfolk last night.

Poetmaster P. F. Sprecher was a passenger for Lincoln at noon today.

Photographer C. P. Michael made a trip to and from Stanton yesterday.

Sheriff Geo. W. Loney of Madison had official business in Norfolk yesterday.

Miss Ethel Long, who has been very ill for the past two weeks, is much improved.

F. C. Faulspick and K. E. McBary were in town over night from Clearwater.

Dr. Frank Salter has purchased the C. G. Somers residence property on South Twelfth street.

Mrs. J. T. Lindsay of Niobrara, who has been the guest of Mrs. S. H. Long, left today for Council Bluffs, Ia.

H. E. Sidler, Walter Leach and J. W. and F. G. Vanleave were Norfolk guests from Fallerton over night.

Judge and Mrs. Powers went to Madison today, the judge to attend court and Mrs. Powers to visit Mrs. Willis McBride.

Mrs. D. C. Harrington, who lives on Philip avenue, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, is very sick with pneumonia.

C. H. Withey of Fremont, representing the Nye & Buchanan Commission

company of South Omaha, was in the city yesterday on business.

The almanac says spring begins tomorrow morning at 2 o'clock, but then the almanac doesn't know everything anymore than does Rev. Irl Hicks.

Mapes & Hazen will soon vacate their present office rooms in the Leonard block and will move into the Mast block. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard will occupy the rooms over the drug store.

O. D. Hamstreet leaves tonight for Crawford, Nebraska, at which place Mrs. Hamstreet and the children will remain until June, while Mr. Hamstreet will go on to Wyoming.

Roy Hight returned last night from a visit near Independence, Iowa. He reports that when he left, the weather was very spring-like, with rain, thunder and lightning as features.

Mrs. Rudat went to West Point today and Mrs. Asmus will go down Saturday. They go to assist in the celebration of the birthday of their mother, Mrs. Frederick Koch, which will take place Sunday.

Miss Mead of Chicago has arrived to take the position of trimmer with Durland Sisters during the present season. She was expected some days ago but has been delayed by sickness.

Hoffman & Smith are soon to move their furniture stock into the Mapes building, at present occupied by G. M. Thompson's grocery store. Work is to be commenced at once of constructing a brick addition in the rear of the store room, the size of the addition to be 40 by 85 feet.

M. O. Burnett and his gang of bridge builders left for Columbus today and will build a bridge across the Loseke creek at that place. As soon as that contract is completed the gang will return to Norfolk and construct a bridge across the North Fork river, this side of the creamery.

The examination of the classes for confirmation at the Lutheran churches will take place next Sunday and the confirmation ceremonies will be held on the Sunday following, the 31st. The class in Christ church consists of 38 young people, while in St. Paul church the class has 24 members.

The village marshal of Creighton, in search of the horse and buggy stolen Monday night from W. H. Butterfield & Son, went to Neligh yesterday and there found the rig, the horse having been turned loose on the streets.

The thief or thieves had successfully made their escape but evidently found it necessary to abandon the horse and buggy.

Some Fremonters do not like the Salvation Army a little bit. Recently the meeting of that organization was adjourned because someone had placed a piece of tin on the top of the chimney and the Army was smoked out.

At another time their electric lights were stolen. Sunday night a brick was thrown through the plate glass window of the building in which the meetings are held and another was tossed through a panel in the rear door barely missing Mrs. Roshon who was reading from the pulpit.

The fellows responsible for the attack will undoubtedly be punished if apprehended as Mayor Vaughan declares that "Any religious meeting is entitled to the fullest possible protection."

The lecture on liquid air and experiments with the substance on the evening of the 29th will undoubtedly be one of the most interesting features of the North Nebraska Teachers association, to be held here the last week in this month.

Interest in this curious scientific production has been revived here since it has been known that the people of Norfolk and vicinity would have an opportunity of learning more about it by hearing its qualities explained by an expert and his talk illustrated by demonstrations.

A harmless appearing liquid that will boil on a cake of ice, freeze a flame over which it is placed, convert alcohol and mercury into a solid, freeze tin and copper until it is brittle as glass, and accomplish other wonders, not only excites the curiosity of the people but is worth investigating, and the attendance at the entertainment will undoubtedly be large.

The weather for the last 24 hours has been anything but springlike and winter has been asserting his right to linger in the lap of spring with a vigor that admits of no dispute.

The wind from the north commenced to blow Monday and has continued since, often with the velocity of a gale. Last evening the weather was as blizzard-like as it has been any time this winter.

The wind was icy cold and considerable snow fell, which was blown into drifts along with the dust of the streets. The mercury has fallen steadily and last night it reached the minimum of six degrees.

The weather is particularly disagreeable in that people generally have their thoughts set on spring and are anxious to have the balmy season ushered in without unnecessary delay. There is one thing for which all may have reason to be thankful, however, and that is that the development of fruit blossoms has been delayed. Ordinarily a few warm days in early spring serves to open the buds and they are nipped by the next frost following, with disastrous results to the fruit crop.

It is not too late for that to happen yet and a few days like last Sunday would have done the damage, but with this severe cold snap now on it may keep cold until warm weather comes to stay.

Those who are fond of fruit will hope that this spring may prove an exception to the general rule and that fruit, such as is raised here, will be abundant.

MEADOW GROVE.

Frank McCullam drove to Battle Creek last Sunday.

Rev. G. W. Damon was a Battle Creek visitor Friday.

Mrs. Wm. Crooke is very sick with inflammatory rheumatism.

Owen Wade of Battle Creek made a business trip to this city Monday.

Nellie Luton visited at Tilden from Friday evening to Sunday evening.

The markets: Wheat 53, oats 20, shell corn 29 1/2, ear corn 29 1/2, rye 35.

Bud Lewis shot a good sized wolf on his father's farm last Friday morning.

Miss Ruby Lewis and Bud Lewis drove to Tilden to spend the Sabbath.

Principal Walter Pilger spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in Norfolk.

Miss Lizzie Hopkins of Tilden visited in this burg last Monday and Tuesday, the guest of Nellie Luton.

The residence of Dr. Kindred is nearing completion. When finished it will be as cozy as any in the city.

Homer McDonald came down from Tilden Saturday and visited relatives in this city till Sunday evening.

Improvements are being made on the building occupied by The Press, in the shape of an addition to the rear end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burnham and daughter, Fay, of Tilden were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDonald Sunday afternoon.

The public school of this city close today for a week's vacation. This gives our teachers an opportunity to attend the northeastern association, which will be held at Norfolk, March 27, 28 and 29.

Notwithstanding the stormy weather, the show entitled "Johnson's Black Oddity," was greeted by a full house last Monday evening. Barring a few vulgarities, most of the audience seemed well pleased.

Mr. Frank Stilwell has sold his butcher business to A. C. Johnson, the latter to take possession on the first of April. Mr. Stilwell will not remain in Meadow Grove, though he does not know just where he will locate.

OF Interest to Gardeners.

Vick's Garden and Floral Guide for 1901 is a masterpiece of the printer's art and will be sent free to all customers of 1899 and 1900 and to others who request it.

It is issued by James Vick's Sons of Rochester, N. Y., successors of their father, who started in the seed business in 1849. The firm has been always uniform and reliable and persons contemplating the planting of a flower and vegetable garden will do well to consult them.

The Guide, always handsome, is this year prettier than ever and is, as its name indicates a reliable guide to gardeners and farmers.

The beautiful lithographed covers enclose a comprehensive catalogue of staple seeds and novelties and is illustrated with handsome half-tone pictures of flowers or vegetables produced from the seeds propagated by the firm. It is a work that cannot be appreciated without being seen and is so easily acquired that no one should be without it.

It will assist in making plans for the spring and summer garden work. Address at once James Vick's Sons, Rochester, N. Y.

AT A Ripe Old Age.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Wetzel, aged 82 years died last evening at 8 o'clock at the home of her son, Ludwig Wetzel, on East Norfolk avenue, from old age.

The funeral will be held from Christ Lutheran church, Rev. J. P. Mueller officiating, tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock and the remains will be interred in the cemetery east of the city.

The deceased has lived in Norfolk during the past 20 years, nine years of which she has made her home with her son.

She was born at Daber, Germany, and came to this country in 1881. She leaves five children, two in Germany and three in this country, besides a large number of grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

August Pribbernow is another son who besides Mr. Wetzel, makes Norfolk his home.

The sympathy of many friends is extended to the bereaved family.

GOSHEN, Ill. Genesee Pure Food Co. Le Roy, N. Y.: Dear Sirs—Some days since a package of your Grain-O preparation was left at my office. I took it home and gave it a trial, and I have to say I was very much pleased with it as a substitute for coffee.

We have always used the best Java and Mocha in our family, but I am free to say I like the Grain-O as well as the best coffee I ever drank.

Respectfully yours, A. C. JACKSON, M. D.

The Norfolk Nursery

Sells seed potatoes—pure Early Ohio, Six Weeks Early Triumph and Early Peach Blows. Also ash, box elders, elm and maple, 8 to 12 feet high.

Cherry, apple, plum trees, and small fruit plants, forest trees, seedlings, rose bushes, flowering shrubs and evergreens. Call on or address, E. D. Hammond, Norfolk, Nebraska.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

Al. Pilger of Pilger was in Norfolk last evening.

C. E. Burnham was down from Tilden yesterday.

F. S. Lambert was in the city Tuesday from Gordon.

Tonight is the regular meeting night of the city council.

G. A. Eberly was in the city from Stanton yesterday.

F. H. Walter represented Wakefield in Norfolk yesterday.

L. V. Johnson of Lincoln was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

J. P. Nuhale was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Atkinson.

F. W. Beck returned last night from a business trip to Lincoln.

Ex-Judge Douglas Cones was in the city yesterday from Pierce.

Arthur Lundberg was a Norfolk visitor over night from Wayne.

J. R. Gurney of Winside had business to transact in Norfolk Tuesday.

The wind of Tuesday overturned some of the sidewalks at the Grant school.

Mr. and Mrs. Sig. Schavland came up from Madison last night to see Norfolk friends.

D. J. Koenigstein, democratic candidate for mayor of Norfolk, went to Madison today.

Miss Nettie Lowe of THE NEWS force is at home, sick with a threatened attack of pneumonia.

County Surveyor W. H. Lowe went to Madison yesterday to testify on a case before the district court.

County Superintendent C. W. Crum is over from Madison today on business connected with his position.

Mrs. S. F. Sharpless went to Laurel yesterday to attend a missionary meeting of the Presbyterian church.

Judge J. F. Boyd was in the city yesterday on his way from Oakdale to Madison, to reside at district court.

Miss Lizzie Semmler entertained a few young lady friends last evening at her home on North Tenth street.

J. W. Smith, who travels for Haley & Co., of Sioux City is sick with pneumonia at his home on Madison avenue.

Farmers at Beemer had commenced to sow wheat, but the work was abandoned when the blizzard struck.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Edens of Verdigris have a new daughter, born last Thursday morning. It's weight was four pounds.

The work of remodeling the second floor of the Marquardt block for the use of the Elks for lodge purposes has commenced.

Mrs. W. H. Clark returned today from Lincoln, where she went as a delegate to the grand lodge Ladies of the Maccabees.

H. W. Winter has returned from Madison, where he has been attending a session of the board of county commissioners.

E. W. Hayes of Indianapolis, Ind., is expected here tonight on the 9 o'clock train to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hayes.

E. P. Weatherly has removed his law office from the Marquardt block to the rooms in the Mast block formerly occupied by Geo. A. Latimer.

Miss Agnes Pierre of the Johnson Dry Goods company returned last night from Wisner, where she went to attend the funeral of her grandmother.

The Fremont teachers went in a body to Omaha recently to visit the schools of the metropolis and get pointers on teaching the "young idea how to shoot."

Gottlieb Heckman is still very low with pneumonia at his home on Madison avenue and it is understood that but slight hopes of his recovery are entertained.

Arthur Hansen has recently returned to his home in Fremont after a year and a half service in the Philippine islands. He brought back a number of interesting relics.

Heaney Leroy and his company have arrived in Norfolk and will present "Other People's Money" at the Auditorium this evening. They bring a large amount of special scenery.

Meadow larks and other spring birds are in evidence again today and their cheery notes contain no complaint of the rather severe spell of squaw winter to which they have been subjected.

H. H. Patterson has resigned his position as president of the Norfolk Tontine association, and he desires to have the public understand the fact that he has severed all connection with that association.

The murder trials of Rhea, Gardner and Darrell recently completed at Fremont, have cost Dodge county almost \$3,500. It was rather expensive but the riddance of the gang is undoubtedly worth all its costs.

Barnhill & Ramsey have rented the small building at the corner of Norfolk avenue and Sixth street, formerly occupied as a shoe shop by F. H. Graenwald, and will open a stock of wall paper and paints therein.

The contract for the erection of the new Main street steel bridge across the North Fork has been let by the county commissioners to the Canton Bridge company of Canton, Ohio, of which John W. Towle of Omaha

is agent. The material has been ordered and work will begin as soon as it arrives.

Newman Grove Herald: Peter Carrar's family certainly have had their share of affliction this winter. Smallpox has now made its appearance there.

Young Tom is the afflicted one. It is said to be a mild case. This case is about twelve miles northeast of this town. It is nearer Lindsay and not much farther from Madison than from Newman Grove and can as fairly be considered belonging to either of those places as this.

Eggs at the rate of two cars a week have been shipped from the Dexter cold storage here to Lowell, Mass. One carload was shipped today. A car contains 455 cases and each case contains 30 dozen eggs, so that a carload is 13,650 dozen or 163,800 eggs.

The hens in the territory tributary to Norfolk appear to have been doing their full duty when they furnish 327,600 eggs a week through one firm to eastern consumers, besides supplying all local demands.

Pierce Leader: A special train consisting of fourteen double deck cars loaded with sheep left Pierce Tuesday afternoon. There were 3,000 head in the train load and belonged to Zimmerman & Arnot, who have been wintering a large number of sheep on the Duff ranch north of town.

This takes about half the bunch and the remainder will be shipped later on. They go to Omaha, where they will be inspected, and then reshipped to Rockford, Illinois. John Bell and Lew Miller went along to look after them.

Scribner News: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Huebner, who conduct the Huebner house at Hot Springs, S. D., arrived in Scribner Monday morning and visited with friends until the next day.

On account of their limited time they were not able to call on all their acquaintances, although they much desired to do so.

While at Hooper they received notice of the death of their nephew, Henry Huebner, a young merchant of Hadar.

The information, however, did not reach them until after the funeral had taken place.

The small dwelling second east of the North Fork river bridge on Norfolk avenue was destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock last night. An alarm was rung in and the department responded promptly but as the property was outside the water limits the hose companies could do no good and did not, therefore, go over with their carts.

The hook and ladder truck was hauled over but the company could do nothing toward saving the building. It had been occupied by a family up to a week or ten days ago but has been vacant since.

The origin of the fire is a mystery but incendiarism is strongly hinted at, as there was a plainly distinguishable smell of coal oil in the vicinity.

The property belonged to Carl Asmus and there was no insurance on the building. Mr. Asmus, however, does not put an estimate on the loss as it has never been of value to him.

He thinks that perhaps the loss is the greater to the poor people who have occupied it from time to time, owing for the privilege little or no rent.

He is inclined to believe that the fire was an accidental one, started by children or tramps.

An Extract from Her Letter: "If you could only be here this winter morning and see for yourself you would no longer doubt me. Roses are blooming in our front yard and all nature is as far advanced in this lovely American summerland as it will be in your cold eastern home by June.

"We made the journey from Missouri river to the Golden Gate on the Union Pacific to avoid the circuitous routes—an important item in the winter. A trip to California is made delightful by the perfect service and luxurious accommodation of The Overland Limited, which is perhaps the most finely equipped train in the world."

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Phenomenal.

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To Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Washington—Ogden, and Salt Lake City, Utah, Butte and Helena, Montana, \$23.00.

Portland, Ore., Spokane, Wash., Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., \$25.00.

Full information cheerfully furnished on application by F. W. Juneman, Agent.

Career and Character of Abraham Lincoln.

An address by Joseph Choate, Ambassador to Great Britain, on the career and character of Abraham Lincoln—his early life—his early struggles with the world—his character as developed in the later years of his life and his administration, which placed his name so high on the world's roll of honor and fame, has been published by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and may be had by sending six (6) cents in postage to F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

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ST. LOUIS LOSS \$100,000.

Burned District Embraces Two Square Blocks.

FANNED BY A HIGH WIND.

Brewery Ice Houses, American Car and Foundry Repair Shop and Fifty Box Cars Consumed—Spark From a Passing Engine Starts Disasterous Blaze.

St. Louis, March 19.—Perhaps the most disastrous fire in the history of the southside yesterday burned the ice storage plant of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing company; the repair shop of the American Car and Foundry company, together with a number of box cars; the factory of Stule & Co., pickle manufacturers; five rooming houses and a number of small sheds. The total damage is estimated at \$100,000, the greater part of which is covered by insurance.

Two men, employees of the American Car and Foundry company, were injured, but not seriously. The burned district embraced two square blocks bounded by Zepp, Utah, First and Kosciusko streets.

The fire broke out at 12:25 in one of the Anheuser-Busch ice houses, all of which are connected. A spark from a passing switch engine is credited with having ignited straw in the loft.

While the fire was in progress a stiff southeast wind blew across the river from the Illinois side, fanning the flames and making the work of the firemen an exceedingly difficult one.

Piles of lumber adjacent to the storage house quickly ignited, causing a heat that was intense. The wind blew great clouds of smoke into the faces of the firemen. Several valuable buildings, which escaped damage, were seriously threatened.

By far the greater danger attached to buildings more remote from the scene of destruction, but in the direct line of the wind. For miles the river levee is fringed with lumber yards, factories and warehouses, while on the railroad tracks, with their numerous switches, were scores of box cars, many of them loaded with lumber and other material which would make rich food for the flames.

The high wind lifted burning embers and carried them for blocks to the northwest, terrorizing residents, and several times the department was compelled to divide its force in answer to reports of the igniting of fires elsewhere. No buildings not in the immediate path of the flames suffered damage, however, although cautious residents and business men as far away as six blocks from the scene removed goods and furnishings from dwellings and stores in a fear that the fire would develop into a widespread conflagration.

Following is a list of the losses: Anheuser-Busch, ice storage plant, \$37,000; American Car and Foundry company's car shed, \$10,000; 50 old box cars belonging to the Anheuser-Busch and William J. Lemp Brewing companies, \$25,000; Stule & Co.'s plant 5,000; five rooming houses, \$15,000. The St. Louis Steam Force and Iron works were destroyed by fire at midnight. Loss, \$100,000.

INDIANA TOWN FIRE SWEEP.

Only Ten Buildings in Village of Memphis Left Standing.

Seymour, Ind., March 19.—The entire village of Memphis, a place of 500 inhabitants, and located 35 miles south of here, was destroyed by fire yesterday and many of the people are without shelter or food. The property loss is over \$150,000.

The fire started from a spark from Haus' stove factory and in less than an hour the entire town was in flames. Many head of cattle and several horses were burned. Seventy-five dwellings were burned and only ten were left standing. Several hundred persons were sheltered last night in farm houses and barns, but scores were obliged to remain up all night from lack of shelter.

Advertisement for "Woman's Life" medicine, featuring a baby on a swing and text describing the product's benefits for infants and mothers.