

SOCIETY AND CHRISTMAS

HOLIDAY SPIRIT HAS PRETTY NEARLY FORMED A TRUST.

EVENTS OF WEEK JUST PASSED

Cards, Suppers, Luncheons and Smokers Have Formed the Menu During the Past Few Days—More Doing After Christmas.

"Too near Christmas."

That is the way in which one Norfolk society woman explains the social lull of the week that has just passed, and she ought to know. What's more, she does know. That's the condition of things, and everybody understands it because everybody has the same viewpoint at holiday time. The feature of the week has been the series of entertainments continued by Mr. and Mrs. George D. Butterfield. Last week they entertained at a large dancing party and this week, on Friday night, they entertained at a supper party, while Mrs. Butterfield gave another luncheon on Saturday afternoon.

With the Christmas season rapidly approaching, Norfolk is settling down into the spirit of holly and there is little else able to claim attention and interest. Femininity is busy all the day long sewing and buying and fretting over Christmas things, while menfolk are kept equally engaged with the annual rush of business that always comes during the latter part of December.

There will be a large number of young people in Norfolk for the Christmas vacation from various colleges and universities, and it may be anticipated that they will have gay times. Even among the older folk there is promise of "something doing," and here's a little tip that people will do well to get their pumps in shape.

Pleasures of the Week.
Mr. and Mrs. George D. Butterfield entertained a company of friends at their home on Norfolk avenue Friday evening at a supper party. The supper, deliciously prepared and daintily served, occupied the early evening and was followed with six-band music, which afforded fun until a late hour.

In the prizes, four ladies tied for high score, Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt winning on the cut. Mrs. M. C. Walker won the largest number of shouts among the ladies. Dr. P. H. Salter took the gentlemen's high score prize and Dr. H. T. Holden the gentlemen's shouting prize.

Mrs. George D. Butterfield entertained a company of ladies at 1 o'clock luncheon Saturday afternoon. As an after-luncheon feature, a novel contest in flags was brought into use. The guests were given a couple of dozen flags, representing various nations, and were asked to guess to which country each flag belonged. Some remarkable geography developed.

The supper given by a committee of ladies of the Congregational church on Thursday night, in the parlors of the church, was well attended and a nice sum of money cleared. The seven-cent packages sold fast.

Rev. J. C. S. Wells entertained a few gentlemen friends on Thursday evening in honor of Rev. Dr. Westcott. Coffee and cigars were served and the informal meeting with Dr. Westcott was enjoyed.

Miss Lillie Schelly entertained sixteen girl friends on Thursday night, the occasion being her fifteenth birthday. The evening was pleasantly passed in games and music.

The West Side Whist club enjoyed a meeting Monday evening with Dr. and Mrs. Bear. Oyster stew proved a novelty in the line of refreshment, and was much enjoyed.

The Queen Esther circle held their first meeting on Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. D. K. Tyndal.

Theatrical.
Manager Pedersen of the Auditorium recommends two plays which are to appear in Norfolk during the coming week "Faust" on Tuesday night at \$1 prices and "The College Boy" on Thursday night at 75-cent prices. Ralph Riggs is playing in the latter. He was in the Florodora company which was advertised for Norfolk last year but failed at Fremont.

"There were two large audiences at Greene's yesterday. Both in the afternoon and the evening the house was filled. There was hardly a vacant seat. And the audiences were both highly pleased with the performance and manifested their pleasure by frequent and hearty applause.

"There are but nine people in the play, but it does not take a large number of artists to make an enjoyable performance. That has been demonstrated time and time again and never more thoroughly than yesterday in 'The College Boy.' The parts were all in capable hands, and there were no weak places."

"With a compact and well written play, with a sensible, believable plot and lines full of brightness with some good singing and dancing and with a clever and capable company, 'The College Boy' proved to be one of the most enjoyable of the moderate priced attractions of the season.

Otis Skinner, who was so tremen-

lously popular when he appeared in Norfolk, and who has long since grown out of this class, is just now attracting large audiences in St. Paul in his new play, "The Duel." He is said to be more artistic in this romance than ever before.

"Old Arkansaw," and "The Messenger Boy" appeared in Norfolk during the past week. They played at popular prices and were good enough, considering the rates. They drew small houses.

Concerning "The College Boy," the Republican of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, says:

EAGLES PREPARE TO FLY

Annual Ball Will be Given on New Year's Eve—Railway Ball Coming.
The Sugar City aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles have announced their annual ball, which will be given in Marquardt hall New Year's eve, December 31. Preparations are being made for an event of splendor. The following committees, who have just been announced, insure the party's complete success:

Master of ceremonies, Judge I. G. Westervelt.
Reception committee—George H. Spear, John Friday, C. S. Smith, G. W. Munger, George B. Christoph, James Hogan, F. H. Garrett, Harry Loder, Robert Schwartz, Freeman Francis, C. E. Linn, Herman Milber, A. E. Craig, Emil Lueck.
Floor committee—C. H. Matheson, M. R. Green, E. B. Kauffmann, W. H. Powers, P. E. Carrick, Peter Davidson, George Benedict, F. P. Leahy, F. A. Cousins.

Door committee—P. M. Barrett, Lee Hershiser, A. L. Carter, Paul Nordwig, C. H. Groesbeck, Ray Weber.
Cloak room committee—W. L. Kern, Fred Boche, R. Blatt, Jacob Christenson, Thomas Potras, Thomas Hight, M. E. Slawter, Earnest Apfel.

Decorating committees—J. H. Mackay, John Weidenfeller, F. L. Dominissee, Emil Koehn, William Uecher, G. A. Burton, W. E. Smith, H. R. Ward, J. H. Conley, Emil Moeller.

The railway trainmen are making elaborate preparations for their annual dancing party which is to be held in Marquardt hall on Christmas night. A large number of invitations have been issued and it is expected that a great many couples will avail themselves of the evening's pleasure.

PEANS SUNG IN LEAD.

All Citizens Were Wild With Joy When Strike Menace Disappeared.

Lead, S. D., Dec. 15.—Not in all the thirty years of Lead's existence has there been such a joyful day as the one on which the news was made public that the Homestake company had granted an eight-hour day, as requested by the miners' union. Everyone feared the strike; the women, the business men, the management of the mine and the miners themselves. Consequently, when the news spread that there would be no strike, the demonstrations were general. Men threw their hats into the air and yelled with joy; women laughed and wept alternately and hysterically, and emotional foreigners fell on each other's necks in true old-country fashion. Lead was wild with joy.

A meeting of the miners' union, held in response to the news that Superintendent Grier had allowed the eight-hour day, resulted in the appointment of a committee of five to wait upon Mr. Grier and arrange the details of the settlement. This meeting has not been held yet, as there is still some disposition to find fault with the fact that the men cannot come and go on the company's time. It is thought, however, that this will not prove a serious barrier to the settlement. Other details have not been made public, though it is known that no question of wages is involved. The wages allowed for the ten-hour day will be maintained.

The outlook for labor conditions is brighter than it has ever been. Not the least factor in this encouraging outlook is the action of the Terry Peak union. Three hundred men are working for Bald Mountain companies, most of which have not yet arrived at a dividend-paying basis, but are spending money developing their properties and building mills. The union therefore decided that it would not strike, and that this was not the time to ask for a raise of wages. This consideration of the men for the conditions under which their management is working will receive, in time, its own reward.

William Randolph Hearst owns no stock in the Homestake mine, and his mother's closest business adviser is Edward Clark of San Francisco. The opinion is general that Mr. Hearst has but little if any influence in the policy of the company.

Homestake employees are to receive even more than they demanded, and the time schedule goes into effect December 15. Last evening a committee from the two unions met with Superintendent Grier to arrange details. It was finally agreed that the time taken to go and return from the mines be divided between the men and the company.

Mr. Grier also announced that the company would extend the arrangement to the mill men and others working above ground, giving them also eight hours. This will necessitate the employment of three shifts at the mills.

The demand for hours was made only for those below ground. All questions are now satisfactorily adjusted.

GAMBLERS PUT UP FIGHT

ALMOST A RIOT OCCURS IN TOWN OF BURKE, ON ROSEBUD.

GAMBLERS ORDERED FROM TOWN

Fierce Weapons Were Flashed and Several Bloody Fights Resulted. Citizens of the Town Claim They Will Rid Community of Gamesters.

Bonesteel, S. D., Dec. 15.—Special to The News: What might nearly be classed as a riot occurred in Burke, a small town on the reservation, last Wednesday evening. A short time ago the town was incorporated and the village council adopted ordinances with a view to remove gambling. The ordinances were rejected by the gamblers and as a result a clash took place—the gamblers and saloons on the one side and the town board and many people on the other. A number of fights took place and deadly weapons flashed. A number of gamblers have been ordered to leave town and the order will be enforced. The Burke town board is determined to wipe out the gambling and saloon element in that village and when that is done it will be the only village on the Rosebud reservation where gambling and saloons are prohibited.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Ernest Hartman went to Pierce on the noon train.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Conley Saturday morning, a son.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Lee on Friday, December 14, a son.
A boy came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schenzel yesterday.
M. Nichols of Foster was a Norfolk visitor during the day.
Mrs. Chas. Lodge of Warnerville visited in Norfolk yesterday.
R. W. Moyer of Oakland was in Norfolk on business yesterday.
Fred Pagels of Clearwater went to Beemer Saturday morning.
J. C. Catron from Tilden was transacting business in the city Saturday.
Miss Stella Caldwell and sister went to Omaha on the early train Saturday.
C. H. Torpin and wife of Oakdale were in Norfolk on business yesterday.
Mrs. John Scott of Creighton came down last night to visit Mrs. J. D. Sturgeon.
P. J. Peterson was in the city Saturday forenoon. He will return to his farm near Gregory after a short stay at Lindsay.
Miss Ada Ware went to Meadow Grove Saturday afternoon for a visit.
C. W. Lemont went to West Point Friday to investigate a real estate proposition.
E. A. Bullock left yesterday on a business trip to Columbus, Omaha and Council Bluffs.
Mrs. L. Owens returned from Battle Creek yesterday, where she had been visiting the past week.
Mrs. George Davenport and Mrs. Nicholson of Madison spent a few hours in Norfolk yesterday.
Miss Matilda Fox came home from her school at Warnerville last night, to spend Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fox.
Frank Bowman and daughter of Cody were passengers Saturday morning for Stanton where they will visit during the holidays.
A. C. Atwater came down from the ranch in Rock county Saturday and took the Sioux City train for Iowa, to confer with his associates in the ranch proposition.

Mrs. Sornsberger went to Plainview at noon for a few days' visit with friends.

Miss Nellie Hyde came home from Battle Creek last night from her school to be at home over Sunday.

John Lesey, engineer for the Nye, Schneider-Fowler company, went to West Point Saturday morning.

Judge Starcher of Fairfax and Attorney Willis and wife of Butte, were passengers for their home at noon.

M. F. Morton, a Gregory county ranchman, passed through Norfolk at noon enroute to his home after a trip to Omaha.

Mrs. Searle of Omaha passed through the city enroute to Monowi, where she went to visit her father, Rev. Mr. Hess.

W. L. Johnson of Vivian, S. D., who is one of the Johnson Brothers of Plainview but is now holding down a claim in South Dakota, was a Norfolk visitor Saturday.

Mrs. John Barr and Mrs. Nelson Merchant of Alnsworth were passengers on the Union Pacific train at noon for Columbus where Mrs. Barr, an invalid, goes to a hospital.

Judge McCutcheon, newly elected county attorney in Boyd county, passed through the city enroute to his home at Spencer, after having consulted with Attorney General Norris Brown at Lincoln.

George W. Evans and Herman Bue-tow, officers in the North Nebraska Live Stock Protective association, went to Pierce Saturday noon to discuss with farmers of that vicinity the need of organizing an anti-horse-thief association in every county of northern Nebraska.

O. P. Masters and family expect to leave Norfolk soon after the first of the year for Long Beach, California, where they will make their home in the future.

Mrs. C. F. Shaw is visiting in Rockford, Ill. Mr. Shaw is in Iowa this week and will meet Mrs. Shaw in Rockford next week, when they will return together.

J. S. Weaverling, G. L. Butler, Martin Saunders and J. D. McClow came

down from Ewing yesterday to see about purchasing a piano for the Ewing opera house.

Ralph Willey returned yesterday from Lost Springs, Wyo. He has been there in the mining regions for some time past and has had many and various experiences. He was taken with mountain fever and the doctor advised him to come home.

George Early, an old resident of Norfolk now of Belle Fourche, was greeting old friends in the city today. Mr. Early formerly worked in the Sugar City Cereal mills. He now has a mill of his own at Belle Fourche.

Saturday morning Mrs. D. B. Simmons of Battle Creek came down from Anoka where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Willberger. The Simmons, Lanver and Cunningham families were the only settlers left in the central part of Madison county after the grasshopper raids in the seventies.

Mrs. Potras went to Clearwater at noon to spend the holidays with relatives.

The little baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Stansberry is quite sick.

Mrs. Shiplee of Battle Creek is here visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Cummins and is having some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hedrick, who have been rooming at the home of Mrs. Pat Crotty and boarding at Perry's have rented the house formerly occupied by Mrs. Cullins and are going to housekeeping in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Lee are the parents of a nine-pound boy.

The foreman of the sewer gang built a shed yesterday east of the Washington school to store their tools in over night.

Frank Siedshelay is having his corn shelled and Mr. Strum's corn sheller is doing the work.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Merritt of Long Pine stopped off Friday and spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Alexander on their way home from Omaha. Mr. Merritt is a machinist in the shops at Long Pine.

Andy Dryden and family left today for a two-months' visit at his old home in Stratford, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yost and family have moved to Burdoux, where Mrs. Yost's parents live.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill returned home from Missouri Valley last night, where they had been to attend the funeral of a niece of Mrs. Hill's.

Engineer John Welsh is marked up on the sick board this week.

Z. Bateman is fumigating and papering the house just vacated by Fred Yost.

G. W. Livingston, the night machinist in the shops, received a message that his wife, in Boxelder, South Dakota, was sick and left for there on No. 5 last evening.

Engineer R. R. Ralston, who has been working out of Council Bluffs, has returned to Norfolk and will work out of here.

Five of the youngest engineers were set back today on account of work being a little slack.

A. R. Beaton, who has been sawing wood at Fremont, loaded his sawmill and brought it to Norfolk today, where he has three carloads of paving blocks to saw for the Black Hills division.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. I. G. Westervelt next Tuesday afternoon.

T. J. Morrow, formerly of Norfolk, has just been elected city clerk in Sedro-Woolley, Washington.

The Pierce Call has a finely worded and touching obituary of M. L. Bass who died at Sheridan, Wyoming, December 8.

Rev. J. W. Morgan will move into Paul Karo's house on South Ninth street, recently purchased by Mr. Karo from John Krantz, soon.

The Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church spent a very pleasant afternoon on Friday with Mrs. Solomon and Mrs. King. Light refreshments were served.

J. E. Jones, a recent settler in Lynch, was, with his little children and other relatives, on the Bonesteel train Saturday morning. His wife died at Lynch and they were taking the remains back to Wisconsin to rest beneath her native soil.

The Modern Brotherhood of America elected officers Friday night for the ensuing year, as follows: Fred Krantz, president; Mrs. Ellenwood, vice president; G. H. Burton, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Harry Bain, conductor; Gus Werner, watchman; Godfrey Maas, sentry; Dr. Bryant, examiner; trustee for three years, Ed Conley; for two years, Ben Beemer; for one year, Gus Werner.

The sharp weather renders the work of excavation on the sewer extremely difficult. The ground in the vicinity of the Junction depot has been hardened by the ceaseless traffic and since being frozen to a depth of a foot or more it is necessary to use iron wedges exactly as in quarrying stone. Still the work goes bravely on and after the 500 feet adjacent to the depot is out of the way the remaining portions of the work will be comparatively easy.

Oakdale Sentinel: A deal was consummated the first of the week whereby W. W. Hopkins again came into possession of the New Hopkins hotel. Mr. O. B. Manville, who has conducted the house for the past year, retires in order that he may devote his entire time to his real estate and exchange business. Mr. Hopkins is not new in the hotel business by any means, having been engaged in this line of work for many years. He is well known and universally liked by the traveling public and there is no doubt but that he will make the New Hopkins the most popular hotel in this section of the state.

A STRIKE ON EXTENSION

DAY REDUCED FROM TEN HOURS TO NINE, IS CAUSE.

NINETY MEN HAVE LEFT WORK

Although Twenty Cents an Hour, as Before, is Still Paid for Railroad Work, Men Want to Labor Ten Hours Instead of Nine.

Bonesteel, S. D., Dec. 15.—Special to The News: Considerable trouble has arisen in the past few days between the contractors and laborers on the Northwestern extension west from Bonesteel to the Tripp county line. Last Monday a nine-hour day was put in force, allowing the men 20 cents an hour; heretofore they were allowed the same price per hour, but were given ten hours work. The shortening of the day has caused dissatisfaction among the men and in consequence a strike is on. Ninety men have left the work of railroad building and the progress of rapid construction has been greatly crippled. Up to this time the work has not been resumed, and it is thought by many that but little more will be done until spring.

Battle Creek.

Mert Sullivan and Adolph Mantey of Meadow Grove were here Wednesday to have a little fun.

Clyde Wilkenson of Clearwater was here on business Wednesday.

Frank Beeler returned Wednesday from an Omaha hospital, where he was treated for appendicitis.

W. A. Sutherland is the busiest man known. He has just finished the W. L. Boyer place, and now he is decorating the new structure of B. Werner with wall paper.

John C. Hall of Verdigré was here the latter part of the week on business.

Lambert Kerbel was at Spencer from Friday till Wednesday. Mr. Kerbel is running a saloon at that place, managed by his brother, L. P. Kerbel.

Clark Miller, who has been about five years at Seattle, Wash., arrived here Sunday for a visit with his brother, Howard Miller. He also will visit relatives at Atkinson, where his former home was.

Chas. Schroeder and family were down to Norfolk on business Tuesday.

Miss Ella Hauptli, one of our teachers, and J. R. Wittigman and G. C. Benning of the Valley bank were visiting relatives at Norfolk Sunday.

Al Williams of Norfolk was here Monday on business.

Wm. Tiedgen shipped one carload of black Angus Aberdeen steers to the Omaha market Sunday.

Paul Vrzal was here Monday on business from Lindsay.

Mrs. Julius Henseleit and baby went to Madison Monday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kurgewit.

J. A. Wright is up and down all the time. He has just formed a real estate company at Tilden, and now he says he will start a branch office in Panama. It is believed he will make his future home there, as there is plenty of work there now on the American ditch.

T. K. Hansen was here from Tilden Monday on business.

J. A. Moore, who has been troubled with catarrh for years, is down to Council Bluffs for treatment by a specialist.

J. Nightingale and L. T. Allen of Norfolk were here Tuesday on business for the Sturgeon music store.

Carl Linstadt of Tilden was here Tuesday on business.

Wm. Mumford and Ed. Ohring of Pierce were here on business Tuesday.

James Clark, the noted leader of the republican party, moved to Battle Creek Monday.

MORE ABOUT WAGNER CASE.

Monowi Newspaper Does Not Believe All Testimony Given.

The Monowi News does not believe some of the testimony given in the recent case against Oscar Wagner, formerly of Norfolk, who was tried at Butte on a charge of arson. The jury disagreed. The Monowi paper says: The News will publish a few facts in the near future concerning the evidence of some of the witnesses in the Wagner case. The News did not believe the evidence of some witnesses at the time and now we are more than confident that they were barefaced lies. The question at the time was why they should so far forget themselves as to swear to things they knew to be untrue.

DEALERS ARE BLAMED.

President Hughitt of C. & N. W. Says Coal Dealers Held up Orders.

Irritated by the continued complaints that the railroads are responsible for the coal shortage which is oppressing the northwest states and which has been the subject of appeals made to the railroads made by Gov. Elrod of South Dakota, and Gov. Mickey of Nebraska, President Marvin Hughitt of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad has written the governors explaining that it is the local dealers and not the railroads who should be blamed for this serious situation.

In order to avail themselves of a 20 per cent. reduction in the coal rates, says President Hughitt, the coal men refused to order early, with the result that the supply of fuel in the west is short.

schools have been closed and the householder has been put to great inconvenience to keep the fires in his home going.

In his letter to the governors, President Hughitt says:

"Thirty days previous to October 27 in compliance with the provisions of the interstate commerce law, notice was given by our company of a contemplated reduction in coal rates of about 20 per cent. The coal dealers heard of this and shipments were practically suspended for thirty days by order of the dealers. At the same time it was made to appear that the reasons why coal was not received was because we could not furnish the cars. I personally know there were plenty of cars at every point where coal was on tender. Immediately upon the taking effect of the reduced rates, October 27, the orders from the coal dealers were in excess of the capacity of the shippers."

President Hughitt explains further that unless dealers order their coal in the early autumn, the shipments must be necessarily delayed by the shippers.

BANK GIVEN NEW HONOR

NEBRASKA NATIONAL BANK MADE U. S. DEPOSITORY.

FROM TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Word Was Received at Noon From Washington That This Institution Has Been Appointed to Receive Federal Funds.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

The Nebraska National bank of Norfolk has just received notice that it has been appointed a United States depository by the treasury department of the federal government.

Friends of the bank are very much elated over this appointment. They feel that, coming after the bank has been in existence but a trifle more than two years, it is an especial honor seldom gained under similar circumstances. The bank's growth since it began business July 16, 1904, has had much to do with the awarding of this recognition to the Nebraska National.

On September 6, 1904, when the first statement after organization was called by the comptroller of the currency, the deposits amounted to \$55,302.93; at the last call for a statement, November 12, 1906, deposits amounted to \$225,902.66. This growth has been steady. The deposits reached and surpassed the \$100,000 mark in August, 1905, and a year later, in September, 1906, went over the \$200,000 mark. Today the bank has a quarter million, almost, on deposit, or nearly five times the sum which it had when the first statement after its birth was called for.

Aside from the satisfaction which comes to the bank, itself, in having won this extraordinary compliment in so short a time, the naming of the Norfolk institution as a federal depository will mean added prestige to Norfolk as a banking center and will tend to concentrate here still more of the money-action of the new north-west.

Directors in the bank feel highly pleased over the success of Mr. Butterfield in gaining this new honor for their institution and point with pride to the fact that the Nebraska National of Norfolk has, by this appointment two years after its organization won a mark of merit seldom equalled in cities of this size after twenty years of work and rarely if ever attained by any bank in so short a time.

The bank's officers point to this remarkable attainment as an evidence of extreme confidence in the solidity of their institution, so far as the United States government is concerned.

Officers in the bank are: George D. Butterfield, president; C. A. Johnson, vice president; W. P. Logan, cashier. Directors are H. C. Sattler, I. Powers, M. Benedict, A. H. Klesau, F. H. Blackman.

ROB MEADOW GROVE STORE

RINGS, WATCHES AND CHARMS ARE TAKEN.

BROKE INTO THE BACK DOOR

Grocery Store in Connection With the Postoffice Was Entered During the Early Morning—Purse Containing Money is Overlooked.

Meadow Grove, Neb., Dec. 15.—Special to The News: Robbers entered the grocery store in connection with the postoffice here at an early hour this morning and stole rings, watches, cigars and watch charms. The building was entered by way of the rear door, which was kicked in. There is no trace of the robbers, but it is supposed they went to Norfolk on the early train. They overlooked a purse containing money. No postal property, so far as can be found, was molested. G. C. Rouse owns the store and is postmaster. The robbery occurred at some hour between 11 o'clock last night and 6 this morning.

Very Low Rates to National Wool Growers' association, Salt Lake City, Utah, via the Northwestern line. Excursion tickets will be sold January 15, 16 and 17, with favorable return limits. Apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern R'y.