

MODERN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA CLASS INITIATION.

LARGE CLASS OF CANDIDATES

Norfolk Members Do Not Know Exactly How Many Visitors Will be Here—Banquet Will Follow the Initiation.

The Norfolk lodge of the Modern Brotherhood of America is ready for a big night Friday when several big delegations of lodge candidates are coming to Norfolk from away for a big joint initiation which will be in charge of the local lodge.

Norfolk members do not know exactly how many guests they will have from away. They expect fifty or seventy-five candidates alone.

Candidates are expected from Stanton, Carroll, Wayne, Meadow Grove, Warnerville, Battle Creek and Creighton.

State Manager S. S. Hayman of Grand Island will be in Norfolk for the initiation.

A banquet, probably in G. A. R. hall, will follow the initiation.

West Point News.
West Point, Neb., Dec. 27.—Special to The News: The local Deutsche Landwehr Verein have planned a unique entertainment to be given at the opera house in West Point on January 11, for the benefit of the society. The entertainment will be a series of eighty living pictures representing scenes and events in the Franco-Prussian war and will occupy about three hours for the performance. Hon. Jacob Houck of Omaha will explain the meaning and history of the scenes and tableaux as the drama proceeds. Fifty persons will take part in the performance.

Much interest is being shown by the local farmers in the forthcoming Farmers' Institute, which is scheduled to take place early in February. Cuming county has heretofore distinguished herself in the number and class of progressive farmers who are alive to the benefits of these gatherings.

The holiday trade in the various towns of Cuming county has this year been abnormal. Merchants report a greater volume of business than in any previous year. The fine weather prevailing, good roads and the apparent abundance of money combined to produce this happy result.

Henry Slatonoff, a well known farmer of western Cuming county who has been visiting in Germany for the past six months has returned home. While he enjoyed his visit he says he is glad to get back to the United States and expresses his firm opinion that Nebraska beats the world.

Jacob Hagedorn, a well-to-do farmer of this county, has for the second time been adjudged insane and has been lodged in the hospital at Norfolk. Cuming county is acquiring an unenviable notoriety by reason of the large number of cases of insanity which develop here.

Victor Landholm of Cuming township has just been granted a patent upon what appears to be a unique in its line and promises to be a great boon to the farming community. It is a device by which a traction engine is made to do all the work of building fences. This machine not only digs the holes but drives in the posts, stretches the wires, fastens them, and leaves a completed fence as it proceeds along. An immense distance of fence can be built by one operator with this machine in one day.

The newly elected officers for 1908, of St. Joseph's branch, No. 403, of the Catholic Knights of America are: Very Rev. Joseph Ruesing, president; Frank Rezac, vice-president; William Stieren, treasurer; John H. Lindale, recording secretary; Ferd. Walter, financial secretary; Theo. Gentrup, sergeant-at-arms; Bernard Kaup, sentinel; Charles McDermott, trustee for three years.

REV. FRANKLIN BAKER'S BIBLE.

Former Norfolk Minister Said to be Preparing New Version.
Rev. Franklin Baker, formerly pastor of the Second Congregational church in Norfolk, and who has attained more or less notoriety and publicity in several ways, is now, it would seem from the following letter to the Denver Republican, preparing a new bible. The letter says:

"This man Baker makes people think—makes them think that some terrible mistake has been permitted to live and poison the minds of unsuspecting generations. 'That paper idol,' the Bible, is doomed to speedy suppression. For, while it does not contain the nauseating obscenity of Boccaccio or De Kock, yet it is sufficiently lecherous to cause Baker to carefully examine his copy; and wherever he finds anything that cannot withstand his pure and lofty gaze, he ruthlessly cuts out the leaf with a penknife and throws the offending portion into the grate.

"Ralph Waldo Emerson, under the nom de plume, 'Alfred Tennyson,' tried to stem the tide of reverence for the wicked volume by writing 'Crossing the Bar,' which, as everyone recalls, is a bitter attack on the Bible and a protest against having anything to do with a certain Pilot, whose name is not mentioned. The real Simon-pure Bible is now in course of preparation, under the strict supervision of Baker.

A number of well known literary lights have been asked to contribute to this work, among them being Confucius, Buddha, Paine and Walt Whitman.

"Special concessions have been granted to Whittier and Lowell; for, despite their generally uniform orthodoxy, they said some things that were sufficiently at variance with the old

work: 'Baker's Bible—A Symposium by Several Who Knew Nothing About the Bible, and Some Who Knew Better Than They Wrote.' Respectfully, Farmington St. John."

The Rev. Mr. Baker at one time started people of a California community by producing a billiard cue and kindred sporting articles in the pulpit with which to illustrate a sermon. A couple of years ago he made a long walk with a Sunday school class. While here he played leading role in an amateur production of "The Christian."

Mrs. Baker was formerly Miss Effie Hall of Norfolk.

TEDDY BEAR CRAZE ENDS.

Fad For Peculiar Pets Has Succumbed. Bears Drug on Market.
The Teddy bear craze is dying out, according to the toy dealers in New York. When the stores closed Christmas most of the toy departments were pretty well cleared out, except for Teddy bears.

In the holiday rush just over, thousands of dogs, elephants, monkeys and rabbits, made of furry cloth and stuffed as are the Teddy bears, were sold, but very few of the great numbers of bears that went into the top shops early in the season have left the shelves. Last season the dealers could not get enough of them. This year they are a drug on the market.

SPORTS

It cost Yale \$40,000 to maintain its football team for six weeks last fall and the gate receipts at games turned \$80,000 into the treasury. The cost of the football team's maintenance was as much as would have been the cost of paying six professors for a year.

Tommy Burns will fight Jem Roche, an Irish champion, at Dublin on March 17 for a \$2,500 a side and a purse of \$7,500. Burns recently whipped Gunner Moir, English champion.

Kansas City is to have a six-day bicycle race.

Jimmy Barry has offered a match to Al Kaufman.

Reno (Nev.) is trying to get a McFarland-Nelson battle.

Mike Sullivan is trying to get a match with Stanley Ketchel.

GOLD IN ANTELOPE COUNTY

A Christmas Goose That Revealed the Secret.
Neligh, Neb., Dec. 27.—Special to The News: Besides its agricultural wealth, it is not impossible that Antelope county may forge to the front as a producer of gold. For Christmas, Mrs. M. J. Romig bought a fine goose at Roby's market, and remembering the reported finds of valuable articles in the craws of geese, that lady made a close inspection of the contents, with the result of finding a couple of bright looking particles, the size of a large pin head. They were taken to Jeweler Cleaver, who inspected and tested them and pronounced them to be pure gold.

Inquiry at the market only developed the fact that the geese from which the above was selected were purchased from a farmer residing east of this city, but whose name was not known.

Doubtless the incident will excite more or less comment, and in some cases will be disbelieved, but the facts are exactly as given. An effort will be made to locate the feeding ground of the geese, with the hope that the search will result in untold wealth to the lucky discoverer.

Shares of the Antelope County Gold Mining and Development company may sometime be an allurement to investors.

LINDSAY WILL LEAVE PIERCE.

Resident for Quarter Century—Woolverton's Death the Cause.
Pierce, Neb., Dec. 27.—Special to The News: A regrettable surprise has reached all Pierce county and the city of Pierce in particular, when Benjamin Lindsay announced on his return from Spokane a few days ago that he and his estimable family will remove from Pierce in the near future, the only unsettled question being what western city will be their future residence. In all probability it will be Spokane, Washington.

Mr. Lindsay has, for more than a quarter of a century, been one of the most respected as well as valuable citizens of this place. He was the senior member of the well known firm of Lindsay & Woolverton and has seen Pierce grow and been a material factor in building it up from a half dozen frame houses to a model city of the second class. While Mr. Lindsay still retains much property here that will bring him to Pierce frequently his removal will be a serious loss to the town and Mrs. Lindsay will be inexpressibly missed in church and social circles. The death of Byron Woolverton which occurred a few weeks ago at Spokane where both gentlemen had large holdings of property, has demanded more of Mr. Lindsay's time than he could devote were he to remain in Pierce. The best wishes of all will follow the departing family.

SKATING AT VALENTINE.

New Roller Skating Rink Has Been Opened There.

Valentine, Neb., Dec. 27.—Special to The News: Bauman's roller skating rink has been opened here in the opera house. A new maple floor has been laid, making a perfect floor for dancing and skating. A large crowd was in attendance, making it a grand success.

Try a News want ad.

A CHRISTMAS PARTY THAT WAS TURNED INTO A WEDDING.

EVERYONE WAS SURPRISED

Three Other Couples Made Happy on Christmas—Wedding Bells and Christmas Bells Ring Together—No Demand for Leap Year.

A Christmas party was turned into a Christmas wedding in the Bishop block Wednesday evening, when Miss Eva Mihills surprised her guests of the evening by retiring suddenly and reappearing in bridal costume. Rev. J. C. S. Wells, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, also appeared at the psychological moment, performing the ceremony that united Mr. Richard H. Kilmurry and Miss Mihills. About a score of friends present at the party had no intimation of the party's intended climax. Mr. Kilmurry formerly lived in O'Neill but is now employed as a painter by H. A. Haley. The young people will live in Norfolk.

Miller-Walter.
From playmates together, living in houses across the street, Fred Miller of 430 South Third street and Miss Charlotte Walter of 429 South Third street, became husband and wife Thursday afternoon, the wedding taking place at 2:30 o'clock in Christ Lutheran church, Rev. J. P. Mueller, pastor of the church, officiating.

The bride was attended by Miss Lillian Degner and Miss Anna Brockner, the groom by Ole Boehnke and Carl Bluecher.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Walter. The groom is a young Norfolk carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. Miller will spend the winter with the groom's parents.

Invitations were issued to a reception to follow the wedding, the reception taking place at the Walter home.

Peters-Dick.
James C. Peters and Miss Mabel R. Dick escaped Norfolk friends by being married in Fremont Tuesday evening. They returned to Norfolk Wednesday noon and are at present at the home of the groom's father, Alex Peters, on South Fourth street.

The young people were met in Fremont by David Price and Miss Madeline Stine of Thayer.

Mr. Peters is one of the force in the Davenport shoe store, is a popular young man, helped make a success of the band ministris and has a prominent part in the firemen's minstrel show next Monday. Miss Dick is the daughter of Mrs. M. Dick living at the Junction. Miss Dick lived in Atkinson before coming to Norfolk Junction and has many friends there as well as in this city.

Rohrke-Braasch.
Amid a constant shower of rice H. F. Rohrke and bride, the latter until Christmas evening Miss Selma Braasch, passed through Norfolk Thursday noon enroute from Hadar to Lincoln by way of Omaha.

The jolly party which came down from Hadar with the young people consisted of A. Hullett, A. Hastorf, E. Rohrke, Mr. and Mrs. C. Braasch, E. Braasch and M. Braasch of the vicinity of Hadar.

The wedding took place Christmas night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braasch south of Pierce, Rev. Mr. Brauer of Hadar conducting the wedding service.

Mr. Rohrke is a street car conductor in Lincoln and is a son of G. M. Rohrke living near Hadar.

HANSEN COMPANY WILL FIGHT.

Tilden Corporation Will Not Accept Involuntary Bankruptcy.

The Hansen Mercantile company of Tilden is not going to accept involuntary bankruptcy by default.

The company has filed a notice in the Norfolk division of the federal court demanding a federal jury. The company's request was filed by Attorney M. H. Harrington of O'Neill.

This action will probably have the effect of holding the bankruptcy hearing over until another session of the federal court in Norfolk.

Burt Mapes has been named by Judge Munger as receiver for the Tilden company.

GREETINGS BY POST CARD.

New Feature in Christmas Mail Matter Has Grown Up.

One of the most noticeable things about this Christmas was the growth of the custom of sending postal card Christmas greetings. Of course the souvenir postcard had its responsibility.

A very large portion of the mail that was exchanged from point to point was made up of postcards, prettily decorated and bearing timely greetings. The cards are appreciated, too, by the recipients. It makes a person feel good to know that he has just so much as been thought of by a friend.

RAILROADS

Record Railroad Year.

During the year 1907 the railroads of the United States installed a total of 69,335 miles of block signals, more than during any other year of the history, built 5,730 miles of new road and bought nearly 159,000 freight cars, 1,899 passenger cars and 3,777 locomotives.

The installation of block signals was nearly 8,000 miles in excess of the previous year. With the exception of 1906, the construction of new lines was greater than since 1888.

The record of receiverships and foreclosures also give evidence of the general railroad prosperity. A total

\$15,700,000 went into the hands of receivers. Six roads were sold at foreclosure and they represented 114 miles.

In Canada during the year, 723 miles of new road were constructed and in Mexico 349 miles.

The states west of the Mississippi river show the most marked development in railroad building. The northwestern territory of North and South Dakota, Washington, Oregon, northern California and Nevada have been most active.

Red Tape Halts Trains.
Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 27.—Canadian government red tape has caused the temporary discontinuance of train service between Morden and Waihalia, which began a week ago last Monday. The Great Northern was running trains through to Morden from Grand Forks. The Canadian government discovered this week that the crossing of the Great Northern and Canadian Pacific had not been inspected by the high royal railway commissioners, and so the Great Northern was ordered to discontinue running trains until the inspection is made. Trips are being made to Waihalia as usual from Grand Forks.

OPERATION NOT PROBABLE.

P. M. Barrett Practically Assured That He Will Not Submit to the Knife.

P. M. Barrett of Norfolk, state president of the Eagles, is quite confident that he will return to Norfolk from Rochester, Minn., without having been operated on. A letter to this effect was received Thursday.

Mr. Barrett left Rochester to spend Christmas with relatives at Dubuque, Iowa, returning to Rochester the latter part of the week to report to the Mayo brothers.

Mr. Barrett expected to be operated on for appendicitis or gallstones.

Battle Creek.

D. L. Fender, the section foreman at this place, will quit his position in the spring. He is going to farm and has rented Mrs. O'Hara's place southwest of Battle Creek.

The city cooler had to stand another shake-up on Christmas day. A young German who has altogether different ideas of the laws of this country than the many other Germans here, was imbibing very strongly on Christmas day and also handled his pocket knife freely, was locked up; but then he broke everything up in the jail and bursted every window pane, so that Marshal Cornett had to put him into the steel cage. Just a year ago he had a spell like it, when he broke the blade of his knife in another man's chin. He has two friends in Norfolk, the county attorney and Attorney M. D. Tyler, and one friend in Spencer, Herm. Eucker who keeps that broken blade in his pocketbook for a remembrance. He got his dose Thursday in Judge Dennis' court.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Miller of Orchard spent Christmas here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stocker.

Prof. J. G. Zuck, principal of our high school, departed last Friday for Michigan, where he has real estate.

Otto Janke, who has been visiting about two months at the home of his uncle, Henry Stoltenberg, went to his home at Milwaukee Sunday.

F. C. Meincke of Verdigre is here on an extended visit with friends. Mr. Meincke is a former merchant of Battle Creek.

John Rodekohl left Monday for Concordia, Mo., for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Srb of Howells were visiting here Sunday with his brother, Joseph F. Srb and family.

They came up here from Norfolk on their way home from Monow, Boyd county, where they were looking at some farm property.

Tom and Ira Cartney of Tilden spent the forepart of this week at the home of their uncle, J. W. Rick. The boys are students of the Peru state normal.

A local conference of Lutheran ministers will be held here the latter part of this week.

John Hengstler of the Hengstler Bros. implement business, went to Michigan Sunday on a business trip.

Wm. Bierman, Jr., is here this week from Wayne visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bierman, and other relatives.

Mrs. M. L. Smith of Clearwater came down Tuesday to spend Christmas at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Ulrich.

Wm. Seiffert is here from Stanton to spend the holiday week with "old friends."

Chas. Huddle, who arrived here recently from Virginia, has occupied the Chas. Lampert house south of town in Hogrefe addition.

Miss May Willis, who went to Omaha some time ago, is home here with her parents, Postmaster and Mrs. F. H. L. Willis. She was accompanied by her friend, Mrs. B. Hutton, who formerly lived in Battle Creek.

Student Wm. Ditzen occupied the pulpit the second Christmas day, December 26, at the Lutheran church. At noon he left for Omaha for a visit with his folks.

Christmas eve exercises were held in the Lutheran and Baptist churches. In the latter they were united with the Methodists, and Christmas morning services were held in the Catholic and Lutheran churches.

Thaw Gave Gifts.

New York, Dec. 27.—Harry Thaw has made Christmas gifts to everyone in the Tombs, which has been his home since the night in June, 1906, when he shot Stanford White on the roof of Madison Square garden. To each keeper he gave a box of cigars and to each matron a half dozen handkerchiefs. To each man prisoner he gave a box of chocolates and two cigars and to each woman prisoner a handkerchief.

THREATS TO KILL WILL

JACK THOMSON, A COLORED CITIZEN, IN SEARCH OF BLOOD.

MADE A NOISE LIKE A BAD MAN

Wife Seeks Protection of Police, Claiming That Man is Going to Kill Her in Various Interesting Ways—Thomson is in Jail.

Jack Thomson, barber shop porter and a colored citizen of Norfolk of several weeks' tolerance, made a noise Thursday night like a bad man, threatened a colored woman whom he claims as his wife and was finally run in by the police.

Thomson and his woman have been quarrelling vigorously ever since they hit Norfolk and their noisy quarrels on Norfolk avenue having been exasperating to the police who have had trouble enough with white shooting affairs.

Thursday evening the Thomsons pulled off another Norfolk avenue quarrel. The woman sought the police for protection, claiming that the man was going to kill her in various interesting ways.

Officer Kell jailed Thomson later in the evening.

FRIDAY FACTS.

Floyd Drago of Creighton attended the Christmas ball in Norfolk Wednesday evening.

Miss Alice Holt went to Pierce today for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. M. Moolick is on this week's sick list.

Julius Salzwedel, who was taken suddenly ill with paralysis at his home one mile east of the Junction Tuesday evening, was able to eat Christmas dinner with his family and relatives.

E. W. Williams of Missouri Valley was in the Junction Wednesday.

Mrs. C. R. Kampann, who has been confined to her bed for some months, is able to be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipple of Battle Creek spent the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Elmer S. Cummins.

Leon Case, who has been bracking on the Black Hills division, came down Monday for a short visit with his parents, and returned to Chadron Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Fred Ellerbrock returned home from Fremont last evening.

Miss Edith Marty of Creighton spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Mike P. Ryan, and also attended the Christmas dance.

Miss Baker, who has been taking care of Mrs. Holmes who has been quite sick for the past month, went home to Carroll yesterday to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mrs. A. L. Tucker of Carroll visited with Norfolk friends over night, having missed a train connection here yesterday noon.

Dr. H. T. Holden was in Omaha yesterday.

John Friday was in Pierce on business Thursday.

M. C. Hazen was in Creighton Thursday afternoon.

J. H. Conley went to Lynch during the morning on business.

Miss Barnhart arrived home Thursday evening from Creighton.

Miss Dora Green of Hoskins was a guest at the Schwenk home Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koerber left today to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Beach in Gregory.

Mrs. John R. Hays, who was ill with a threatened attack of the grippe, has regained her health.

G. W. Plantz, train dispatcher at the Junction, spent Christmas with his wife in Long Pine.

Miss Minnie Koehn of Hoskins, who spent Christmas in Norfolk, returned home Thursday noon.

Carl Rice came in from Chadron for a Christmas visit with his parents living south of Norfolk.

G. A. Kuhl and daughter, Miss Birdie Kuhl, are visiting Mr. Kuhl's parents in Morris, Iowa.

Samuel Temple and daughter, Miss Belle Temple, of Wayne are visiting at the home of C. C. Gow.

Eli Henschel of O'Neill was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Thomas Shively, on his way to Schuyler.

Henry Welberger and family of Foster returned home yesterday after spending Christmas in the city.

Train Dispatcher P. H. Dornsthorpe is on the sick list the result of a severe cold having settled in his eyes.

John B. Barnes, Jr., and bride left last evening for their home in Casper, Wyo., after a short wedding visit in Norfolk.

Leon Tompkins and Carl Austin left Thursday for Inman, where they have charge of a ranch belonging to the former's father.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Smith are home from a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Smith's parents in Sioux City. They were accompanied home by a brother of Mrs. Smith, Thomas Fleming.

County Treasurer-elect Frank A. Peterson, who was in Norfolk yesterday, is still to announce the deputyship for the coming two years. The announcement, however, is expected soon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Gentle left Thursday for Creton, Iowa, where they will attend the wedding of Mr. Gentle's sister, Miss Grace Gentle. Mrs. Gentle had planned to leave earlier in the week but a slight illness postponed her trip.

Paul Wetzel was in Stanton Thursday evening.

Dr. E. L. Brush returned at noon from Inman.

J. S. Smith and E. L. Myers arrived in Norfolk at noon from Newport.

Mrs. Richard Rohrke of Meadow Grove was in Norfolk Friday, leaving for Pierce.

A. C. Peterson, who lives at 109 North Tenth street, was able to be

O. F. Strobeck of Newman Grove is visiting at the home of Mrs. Halverson.

M. F. Harrington of O'Neill and Richard Johnson of Stuart came in Friday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Tubbs of Alliance who have been the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Christoph, returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cress I. Bernard passed through Norfolk at noon, on their way from Plainview to visit relatives of Mr. Bernard in Iowa and Missouri.

Pat Carberry, employed in the Armour & Co. chicken business, left yesterday noon with a car of chickens for San Francisco. He expects to be gone three weeks.

N. A. Huse is home from Excelsior Springs, Mo. Mrs. Huse, who is suffering with a severe attack of tonsillitis and quinsy, is still in West Point and will be unable to return home until next week.

State Manager S. S. Hayman of the M. B. A. arrived in Norfolk Friday noon to be present at the big rally and initiation of outside candidates by the M. B. A. lodge in Norfolk Friday evening. The last rally of this nature was held in Mr. Hayman's home, Grand Island.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Durland, Misses Edna, Lulu, Lucille and Gilberta Durland of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Cress I. Bernard of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wood of Plainview who were Christmas guests at the Durland home, left yesterday noon for their homes.

F. L. Campion, day operator at the Junction office of the Northwestern, has returned to Norfolk after spending six weeks in Colorado where he was called by the illness of his brother with typhoid fever. This week he was able to accompany his brother to his home in Grand Island.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: I. G. Aleya, Meadow Grove; H. F. Slaughter, Gregory, S. D.; W. R. Locke, Stanton; R. C. Bond, Hartington; William Arnold, Randolph; M. H. Christiansen, Plainview; George and Jake Schmaljohn, Rockville; P. D. Phillips, Wayne; M. H. Gable, Plainview; B. J. Overton, Gretna; Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Pheasant, Pierce; S. G. Ewing, Fairfax, S. D.; Charles Spar, R. Steinkraus, Pierce; Mrs. G. B. McGill and son, Albion.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Carstensen, a daughter.

Mrs. McCully of New York City, has accepted the position of stenographer in the office of the Durland Trust company.

County Treasurer-elect Frank Peterson was in Norfolk from Madison. Mr. Peterson has not yet announced his deputy appointment.

The Elks are planning their annual anniversary dancing party for January 17. An informal Elk dancing party will also be held Friday, January 3, according to present plans.

District Judge Welch will hold a short term of the district court at Madison next Monday afternoon. No matters of particular moment are apt to come up although one or two divorce cases may be acted on.

Three boys got soakings by going through the ice at Klug's pond yesterday afternoon, they say, and by night the skating was "all in." One Norfolk boy bought a brand new pair of nickle-plated skates and then lost out on the chance to use them.

Norfolk firemen are awaiting with considerable interest word from the horse cart company to whom the two carts recently purchased by the department were returned. The two carts were shipped back to New York City, not having come up to the standard insisted on by a majority of the firemen.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dowling of Madison were called down to Columbus one day last week to meet their actor son, Frank Dowling, who plays the leading role in "A Girl's Stampede." The company is just starting on a tour of the southern and western states, expecting to return to Denver about the first of April.

Jim Creamer got bold on Christmas eve and when two police were called to a Norfolk resort to subdue him even the superior numbers of the invading force did not put ideas of discretion into his head. So he drew a few smart taps and was thrown into the city jail. He was brought before Police Judge Eiseley yesterday and fined \$5 and costs. He paid.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sandow and Will Schmidt of Verdigre were Christmas visitors in Norfolk at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holtman. Mr. Schmidt is the young man who holds an appointment from Congressman Boyd to the national military academy at West Point. The vacancy at West Point for this district will not exist for another year. Schmidt teaches school at Monow now but wants to substitute the sword for the birch rod.

Lou Cousins, the young Norfolk man who was taken ill with an attack of paralysis in this city some weeks ago, has been removed from the home of his mother in Bancroft to St. Joseph hospital in Omaha. When taken to Omaha Cousins could walk a little. Frank Cousins, who was in Bancroft to see his brother before the latter was taken to Omaha, has returned to Norfolk. The Cousins home is in Bancroft about six miles from the Olson farm, where the countryside is being searched for the missing body of little four-year-old Lillie Olson. Cousins says that the feeling is very strong in the country around Rosalie but that suspicion is no longer directed against the girl's father. Cousins thinks that if the murderer of the little girl was located a lynching would be in very immediate prospect. Higgins was lynched at Bancroft. The little Olson girl's father is a very large man, a hot headed fellow and rather ignorant. Incidentally he is about the only Swede in that section.

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