

SOCIETY

Queen Esther Circle of the Methodist church met with Miss Anna Thayer at her home on Norfolk avenue Tuesday evening. Election of officers was held, resulting in Mrs. F. G. Getzinger for president, Miss Ethel Douche, vice president; Miss Edna Loucks, recording secretary; Miss Lena Mills, corresponding secretary and Miss Ella Bland, treasurer. Miss Snickley, a deaconess in the church read a paper and then followed the planning of a year's work. These young women are doing a practical and helpful kind of missionary work, having undertaken to play the school for one year for a young orphan girl, sixteen years old in the Bennett school in Jackson, Miss. They will also send their protegee a Christmas box filled with acceptable gifts and no twenty-five dollars in cash. There are twenty-five young women who are members of the circle and they certainly deserve a great deal of credit for the splendid work they are doing. Miss Thayer served light refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. J. Pilant and Mrs. W. A. Kingsley were hostesses at a delightful afternoon on Wednesday, at the Pacific hotel. After a social visit in the parlors the guests were invited to the dining room, where a splendid supper was served. The table decorations were in pink and green, with a pink carnation at each plate. Candles with pretty pink shades were used to light the tables and added very much to the effect. In the guessing contest the honors went to Mrs. Orris and Mrs. Appleby of Stanton. Seventeen ladies came up from Stanton for the afternoon and a company of fourteen Norfolk ladies were present.

The Methodist ladies' birthday club in the Heights met with Mrs. H. L. Snyder on Tuesday to celebrate the birthdays of four members. Mrs. M. C. Hazen, Mrs. C. E. Doughty, Mrs. Joseph Abney and Mrs. Snyder were the fortunate ones this time and each received a beautiful spoon from the club. A splendid luncheon was served at 1 o'clock and then followed an afternoon of visiting over pretty bits of work that were being fashioned for Christmas giving.

The Economic department of the woman's club met with Mrs. H. L. Snyder on Monday afternoon. It was an open meeting and a mothers' meeting. A number of guests were present and enjoyed the program which was an interesting one. Mrs. M. A. McMillan, Mrs. Coryell and Mrs. Viele read papers and these were followed by a general discussion on subjects of interest to mothers.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Congregational church met with Mrs. H. J. Cole on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. C. S. Parker and Mrs. A. N. McGinnis had charge of the program. Papers were read by Mrs. Mary Mathewson, Mrs. M. A. McMillan, Mrs. D. S. Bullock, Mrs. S. F. Erskine and Mrs. Parker.

Mrs. G. D. Butterfield entertained a company of sixteen ladies at a 1 o'clock luncheon on Tuesday. After the lunch a picture contest was enjoyed. Mrs. C. H. Reynolds and Mrs. P. H. Salter won the favors. Mrs. Butterfield will give another luncheon on Tuesday of next week.

The ladies' auxiliary of the B. of L. F. and E. met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Dean Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in discussing and making Christmas presents. At the close of the afternoon a dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Drebert celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Monday evening. A small company of friends were invited for the evening which proved a very pleasant one. Mrs. Drebert served a nice little supper at 10 o'clock.

Miss Leona Raasch and Hedwig Raasch entertained the choir of the St. Paul Ev. Lutheran church on Tuesday evening at their home on one-half mile west of the city. The evening was very pleasantly spent at music and games.

Mrs. J. W. Ransom, Mrs. J. H. Lough and Mrs. Demson entertained the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church at a social meeting on Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Ransom on South Fourth street.

The young ladies of Trinity social guild met with Mrs. Joe Hight at her home on South Ninth street, Thursday evening. Plans were made for a leap year party to be given on December twenty-eighth.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Walcott on Thursday evening gave a dancing party at the Northwestern eating house. Refreshments were served at the close of a pleasant evening.

Miss Etta Durland Thursday evening entertained the boys of her Sunday school class at a 6:30 o'clock dinner.

Personal.  
Dr. Green, who is superintendent of the insane hospital at Kankakee, Ill., accompanied by Mrs. Green, will arrive in Norfolk Tuesday for a short visit with Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Young. Dr. Green was at one time superintendent of the Norfolk hospital for insane.

Dr. and Mrs. William of Lincoln came up today to spend Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Young at the hospital. Dr. Wigton is assistant superintendent at the Lincoln hospital for insane.

Miss Fale Burnham has spent the past week in Lincoln where she was maid of honor at the wedding of her friend, Miss Luree Beemer to Frederick Baumont, on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Duval of California, who are visiting in the home of J. B. Maynard, went to Madison on Thursday to spend a week with Mr. and Mrs. George Davenport.

Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Salter expect to go to Chicago on Wednesday for a few days. Dr. Salter goes to attend the North Western Surgeon's convention.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burnham went to Lincoln on Tuesday to be present at the Beemer-Beaumont wedding on Wednesday.

Mrs. S. M. Braden, Mrs. F. H. Salter and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds were all day visitors in Sioux City on Friday.

Mrs. Harriet McMurphy of Lincoln was the guest of Mrs. S. F. Erskine during her stay in Norfolk.

J. F. Losch of West Point spent Sunday in Norfolk.

Hymenial.  
At the home of the brides' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nyland in this city, Miss Jennie Nyland was married on Thursday morning by Rev. McGregor of Madison to Mr. J. E. Martin, a son of Joseph Martin, who owns the West Virginia ranch near Madison. After a winter's honeymoon trip on the young people will make their home on the part of the West Virginia ranch owned by the groom.

In Meadow Grove at high noon on next Wednesday Homer Howard Dye and Miss Edith Estella Twiss will be united in marriage. The bride-to-be is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Twiss of Meadow Grove and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Twiss of this city.

Coming Events.  
Trinity Social guild will issue invitations soon for a leap year dance to be given at Marquardt hall on Monday evening, December 28.

The annual Christmas ball of the trainmen's order is given at Marquardt hall Christmas night.

"MONTE CARLO" AT DALLAS.  
Society Women Borrow Gaming Outfit.—Winnings and Losses.  
Dallas, S. D., Dec. 12.—The little city of Dallas, popularly described as being located on the edge of civilization, with hundreds of miles of Indian reservation lying immediately to the west, has just pulled off a society novelty that is well calculated to make the enterprising ones in the eastern circles sit up and take notice. The event here was designed, planned and successfully carried out as "Little Monte Carlo," the idea for such a venture coming as a direct reflex from the recent big land opening, when games of all sorts were in operation.

As the games are only allowed to run here on state occasions the woman in charge of the function found no difficulty in getting possession of a large line of wheels and layouts, and the 200 guests found the time passing all too quickly in mastering the mysteries and testing the chances of roulette, faro, chuck-a-luck, keno, draw poker, stud poker—and even craps. All guests were provided with as many chips as desired to back the games, strict account being kept of the amount drawn, and the winnings or losses fixed the honors of the evening. The young woman who landed the honors "got right" on roulette and played \$800 to the good—in chips, of course. She didn't deny the fascination of the game and admitted to a gentleman friend that it would be fun to play for real money—"If I one dared, don't you know."

Two local women were the originators of the "Monte Carlo" party. The invitations to the function were printed on the backs of common playing cards, and the room in which the function was held was fitted "up to the notch" in every detail. The usual standard lunch and coffee were available, only requiring the deposit of sufficient chips to cover the price of whatever might be ordered.

In addition to the card games, wheels, lunch counter and other gambling house accessories a number of clever signs helped to make appearances worthy of reproduction. One read: "Men may smoke if they've got the makkins; women may smoke if they've got the nerve." The other sign, best appreciated after noticing a woman drop about twenty pinks on the turn of the wheel, read: "Ladies will please not throw biscuits at the man running the game."

There was the introduction of a little side issue of a semi-serious nature when Mayor Ross threatened to interfere and stop the party, declaring that he considered the affair of a demoralizing nature. The con-

troversy over the matter grew quite sharp, and the women in charge insisted upon knowing why he had not been equally solicitous about the real games that had been in operation at opening time and during the mid-summer carnival. The mayor finally concluded not to interfere.

STORY OF WALT MASON.

Unique Genius of Nebraska Man Now on the Emporia Gazette.

The Kansas City Journal of recent date contains a three column article treating of the life and literary style and achievements of Walt Mason, whose Emporia Gazette verse in prose form has been run frequently in The News and in many north Nebraska papers.

The Journal's opening paragraph reads: "Enough evidence has appeared within the past year in Kansas newspapers to return the indictment that Walt Mason is a genius. His harp is singing its most eloquent songs, commingling smiles and tears. The bubbling effervescence of Ben King is surpassed. Mason's softer half notes and subdued minors get under a man's vest as do the little twilight songs of 'Gene Field.' The octaves flare wide on the ivories of the things that Mason can do. Lines come to him for every mood and tense of the great scale of human endeavor and failure—the beggar's wail, the political champion's huzza, the king's mistake, the great heart's kindness, the death of a little child, the flower strewn graves, a baby's toys, the mountebank's lying, the grouchiness of men, the mountainous ascent of the grocery bill, the klicker and his troubles, the pitiful look of the shadow of the valley of death, and on through the endless ramifications of things and feelings to which human interest attaches. Day after day Mason produces. A year ago last month he gravitated to Kansas, and each issue of the Emporia Gazette now carries on its front page two or three little poems of ten or fifteen lines, 'run together.'"

Among the Journal's quotations from Mason's pen are these significant lines, captioned "The Noah's Ark": "The little toy ark is all rusty, and its rigging is all torn; The little pink horses are dusty, and the little green sheep are forlorn. The camel stiches patiently lingers, and the bear watches still by the door, For the little affectionate fingers, That play with the toys never more. To slumber the children are creeping, The tired little girls and the boys; Alas, for the one who is sleeping. A far from his ark and his toys! The little blue ostrich is long; The zebra's been crying all day; In toy words they murmur: 'If only Our master would put us away!'"

The Journal writer had an interview with Mason to glean some facts concerning his life, and says his story of himself, without the interjections of questions, runs like this: "I began writing rhymes about the time I learned to spell, and when I was fourteen years old all the white paper on the old home place was covered with oldy song. It was about that time that my first lyric appeared in print; I sent it to a country paper in Canada, in which country I was born and 'brought up' and at which it was given a prominent place next to pure patent medicine advertising. It didn't attract international attention.

"In 1885 I was working on the Atchison Globe, and one day I wrote a parody on 'The Ninety and Nine,' touching some local topic; it was printed in prose form, and seemed to please Ed Howe, and after that I wrote a 'good many,' always in the prose shape, and some of them had a great run. In 1887 I went on the Lincoln (Neb.) State Journal, and kept up the same old gait, and my rhymes went the round of the newspapers, usually credited to 'Ex,' and some of the dirges written at that period still bob up for another run occasionally, credited to anybody but the author. 'No one a burlesque on Andie Rivers' style is a sort of over-green; not long ago I found it in a book of recitations, credited to a man named Holman, who by the way has fastened his name to a good many of mine. Another that still ticks around the country periodically is 'Klickers Must Turn to the Left.'"

"For several years I vibrated around a good deal of attention, and some people of prominence took a kindly interest in me. One day an editor-in-chief told me that I had at last achieved a genuine distinction; Mrs. Francis Hodgson Burnett of 'Little Lord Fauntleroy' fame wanted to see 'the poet of the News,' and I should go right up there. I went reluctantly. I had on a dinky suit of hand-me-downs, with a sack coat that already reached below my shoulderblades, and high water pants; they had buttons and footmen and such critters at the Burnett house, and I was ushered into a room well filled with ladies and gentlemen in correct attire; and Mrs. Burnett gave me a great reception, and introduced me to all those birds of paradise, and my duds seemed to shrink all the time, and I never was so miserable in my life.

"You have heard of John A. Joyce? He has infested Washington for about 100 years, and he has always claimed that he wrote Ella Wheeler Wilcox's poem, 'Laugh and the World Laughs With You.' He used to send poems to the News, and I turned down one of his lyrics. He came to the office every morning for two or three weeks to expostulate and break the furniture, and I finally had to dig it up and run it in self-defense. As a result of my poetry the panic came on the spring of '93, and everything went to the bowwows; the News, like other institutions, began cutting down salaries. I was sick for the west, and so I went to Beatrice, Neb., where I wrote a suburban place, and mixed writing with agriculture for a good

many years. I wrote for the Lincoln Journal and the Beatrice Express, and for a year or two was editor of the latter paper. I was so interested in my Grimes Golden pigs and Early Ohio chickens, and cows and calves and other wild beasts that I lost interest in my newspaper work, and did poor execution. But my agricultural triumphs were noteworthy. I built a hog house four stories high and people used to travel for miles to see the pigs shinning up ladders and shooting the chutes and otherwise diverting themselves. About three years ago I started a weekly paper at Beatrice, and it achieved a state circulation, but I was so busy rustling subscriptions and advertising for it that I turned over the editorial work to a man who wrote long essays on Swedenborg, and people seemed to lose interest in it. Had luck of various kinds came along and the paper failed and I went broke. In October, 1907, discouraged and out of funds, I came to Emporia to work temporarily until something should turn up, as it were. Mr. White and I got along so well together that I have been with the Gazette ever since, and it looks like a life sentence now. If my work has improved since coming here, it is because of an inspiration I got with or from W. A. White. As a man who has accomplished high things in literature, his encouragement is worth something, and he is always giving it. I have had most encouraging success contributing recently to New York papers and have had letters from the editors praising my stuff."

Interesting to read is what William Allen White told the Journal writer about Mason. White said: "In many ways," replied White, "quick as a flash," "is the most remarkable newspaper man I ever knew. He can get a bigger day's work, a bigger month's work or a bigger year's work done than any man I ever worked with. He writes the poetry on the first page—and some of it is poetry, and all of it is interesting. He writes it as quickly as he writes prose. He also edits the Associated Press telegraph report; he does all of the editorial twenty days in the month, when I do not contribute a line; he gets up the Kansas comment; he slips out the Shots at Emporia; and he writes an every other day feature, 'In Other Words.' All of this is good stuff. He is never cross, never grouchy and never moody. Everyone in the office likes him. He and I are about the same age, and most of the people are younger; so they call me 'father' and 'uncle.' And everybody works but 'father,' and 'He is a most remarkable man aside from his wonderful capacity for good copy. He has read more than the average college professor. And he remembers accurately what he reads. A lot of people know many important things that are not so; but Mason's knowledge is accurate. He never gets things mixed up. He puts his stuff on the book without having it go through anyone's hands, and while he writes some things that I do not agree with, they are generally based on common sense, and we never had a word about 'policy.' It has no blacklist, no favorite sons, and no forbidden territory. Two friends can get on, running a newspaper, just as they can keep house, if they are willing to 'put up' with each other. So far we have had no 'daxing,' and we have had a lot of fun all the time."

KILL WILHELM'S CANNED TALKS  
Germans Don't Want Voice Preserved.  
Emporer's Conduct Queer.  
Berlin, Dec. 11.—Steps are said to have been taken for the suppression of another American kaiser interview which his majesty spoke five years ago into a talking machine for preservation in a collection of the voices of immortals at Yale university. The emperor is said to have filled the record on condition that it was not to be released until after his death.

The Berliner Volks Zeitung states that recent events impelled German authorities to request the possessors of the record to return it, so that a reproduction of the kaiser's speech would be altogether impossible.

Other versions of the kaiser's seclusion are current, some of them suggesting that he is deranged.

Official denial is given today in the Dresden Nachrichten's assertion that he spends several hours a day in bed and that he frequently displays annually conspicuous manifestations of piety.

According to the satirical review, Rolan von Berlin, the kaiser's seclusion is due to deep depression consequent upon the recent crisis. It says his majesty is passing through a series of soul storms of the most violent character and that he is unable to regain his composure.

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The wild west shows of "Buffalo Bill" and "Pawnee Bill" will be consolidated next year, W. F. Cody taking Major Gordon Lilly as a partner. Both shows have been in Norfolk and both have obtained their Indians from the Pine Ridge reservation with an occasional Rosebud addition.  
Rear Admiral Joseph B. Cochran, who was buried yesterday in the Arlington National cemetery at Washington, D. C., with full military ceremonies, was a great uncle of little Oliver and Philip Collins, who are spending the winter at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Anna Madsen, S. L. Brunell of 608 South First street, who is a C. & N. W. flagman on the Dallas train, left Thursday noon for Dallas, Pa., to spend Christmas with his parents, Mrs. Brunell and little daughter, Marie, have been in the east for several weeks and will return home with Mr. Brunell after the holidays.  
Several Norfolk citizens have complained about sounds of shooting at night in Norfolk. Several times heavy fusillades have disturbed the slumber of Norfolk citizens in certain parts of the city and while the morning has brought no evidence of wholesale slaughter or murder, the shooting habit is such an objectionable one that local people want to see it suppressed.  
A well selected program capably carried out by members of the junior class at the high school Thursday evening constituted the second of a series of class entertainments given to pay for the high school piano. The attendance was not quite as large as at the senior entertainment on account probably of the holiday season and rival attractions. The debate was won by Lester Weaver and Theodore Mueller over Charles Durland and John Rice, the victors arguing in favor of a still greater increase in the American navy. The "humanitarian" under the direction of Warren Beeler was a clever musical feature of the evening.  
His physical frame badly wrecked, his eyes blacked thicker than any eyes have been blacked in this section for many months, bleeding profusely from many wounds, Robert Fenske,

offices were partly demolished, yet none of the inhabitants heard it, and the robbery was not discovered until late this morning.

Funeral of Rev. John Gray.  
Sioux City, Dec. 11.—The remains of Rev. John Gray, for seven years pastor of the Congregational church at Sergeant Bluff, who died Tuesday morning at Napier, Neb., were taken to Sergeant Bluff yesterday for burial. The funeral was at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Baker, Rev. W. L. Tenney, of the First Congregational church officiating. Rev. Gray leaves a wife and six children, Mrs. Frank Baker and R. O. Gray of Sergeant Bluff; Mrs. Anna Moody, a teacher in the Army Street school of this city; H. W. Gray of Spokane; B. M. Gray of Seattle, and W. L. M. Gray of Los Angeles.

The time of Rev. Gray's pastorate at Sergeant Bluff was twelve years ago. He retired from active ministry several years ago.

Land Rushes Into Flames.  
Bassett, Neb., Dec. 12.—Special to The News: Mat Fallert, of the firm of Merritt & Fallert, butchers of this city, lost his house and nearly all his household goods by fire. Two miles southeast of town, and they lived there while Mr. Fallert drove back and forth to his business. The family had gone to a neighbor's visiting, in the evening, and as their young son came home from school, he noticed fire under the kitchen floor. He hurried to the house as fast as possible, and thinking perhaps his little sister might be in the house, he rushed in, searching each room in the smoke and heat, until he was almost suffocated, crying himself that no one was in the house. He ran to a neighbor and gave the alarm over the phone, to town people, who rushed out to the ranch in force, but it was too late to save much of anything except the other buildings. Mr. Fallert estimates the loss at about \$1,200 with an insurance of only \$500. It was discovered that his insurance policy expired in a day or so.

TWO BASSETT WOMEN DEAD.  
Mrs. M. Merryfield and Mrs. S. M. Morse, Excise There.

Bassett, Neb., Dec. 12.—Special to The News: Thursday night two old and respected ladies, Mrs. M. Merryfield, and Mrs. S. M. Morse, Mrs. Merryfield was sixty-five years of age, and leaves one brother, two sisters, two daughters and one son, her husband having died several years ago. Mrs. Morse was eighty-two years of age and has lived in this country for over twenty years. She had been a very feeble for a number of years, and the old couple had lived with, and tenderly been cared for by her son, F. W. Lake, who has a fine ranch two miles south of Bassett. Funeral services will be held in the M. E. church, Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Morse, but no arrangements had been made for Mrs. Merryfield's burial as they had not heard from the children.

Winside Minister Makes Novel Appeal in a Local Paper.  
Winside, Neb., Dec. 12.—Special to The News: Somewhat discouraged by the small attendance at revival meetings and an apparent lack of interest in them whenever they con- flicted with a lodge meeting or a show at the opera house, Rev. A. W. Arendts, pastor of the M. E. church here, inserted a notice in the local paper asking the people to attend services if for no other purpose than contributing to a fund to purchase for himself a pair of black trousers "to keep in grace." The result was very pleasing to the pastor. While the notice was inserted as a joke, he ascertained that while the people of Winside perhaps were not much for revival, they were not willing that a leading minister of the gospel should suffer any inconvenience or humiliation from not having a pair of trousers nice enough to wear on any occasion.

New Albion Bank to Open Soon.  
Albion, Neb., Dec. 12.—Special to The News: The Citizens state bank, a new institution whose new building is now nearly completed, expects to open its doors to the public the first Monday after Christmas. This gives Albion three banks, two national institutions and one state bank.  
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The wild west shows of "Buffalo Bill" and "Pawnee Bill" will be consolidated next year, W. F. Cody taking Major Gordon Lilly as a partner. Both shows have been in Norfolk and both have obtained their Indians from the Pine Ridge reservation with an occasional Rosebud addition.  
Rear Admiral Joseph B. Cochran, who was buried yesterday in the Arlington National cemetery at Washington, D. C., with full military ceremonies, was a great uncle of little Oliver and Philip Collins, who are spending the winter at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Anna Madsen, S. L. Brunell of 608 South First street, who is a C. & N. W. flagman on the Dallas train, left Thursday noon for Dallas, Pa., to spend Christmas with his parents, Mrs. Brunell and little daughter, Marie, have been in the east for several weeks and will return home with Mr. Brunell after the holidays.  
Several Norfolk citizens have complained about sounds of shooting at night in Norfolk. Several times heavy fusillades have disturbed the slumber of Norfolk citizens in certain parts of the city and while the morning has brought no evidence of wholesale slaughter or murder, the shooting habit is such an objectionable one that local people want to see it suppressed.  
A well selected program capably carried out by members of the junior class at the high school Thursday evening constituted the second of a series of class entertainments given to pay for the high school piano. The attendance was not quite as large as at the senior entertainment on account probably of the holiday season and rival attractions. The debate was won by Lester Weaver and Theodore Mueller over Charles Durland and John Rice, the victors arguing in favor of a still greater increase in the American navy. The "humanitarian" under the direction of Warren Beeler was a clever musical feature of the evening.  
His physical frame badly wrecked, his eyes blacked thicker than any eyes have been blacked in this section for many months, bleeding profusely from many wounds, Robert Fenske,

a well known farmer living northeast of Hoskins arrived in Norfolk on Hadar Thursday evening and was hurried to a local doctor's office, where he remained during the night and the greater part of Friday. His condition was such that it was necessary for a physician to stay up with him all night. Fenske was thrown out of the saloon at Hadar and severely pounded. Complaint was filed during the day with County Attorney J. A. Van Wagenen of Pierce against the saloonkeeper, Charles Herschlag, and his stepson, Frank Madrow. The latter claim that Fenske was very drunk, which is admitted, that he would not pay for drinks that he owed, that he thought he could fight four or five men and that he tried to fight to stop from being choked. The charge, if filed, would probably be assault with intent to do great bodily harm, which is a penitentiary offense. County Attorney Van Wagenen up to Friday afternoon had not decided whether or not the facts warranted the charge. Herschlag and other witnesses were called to Pierce Friday. Fenske's contention is that he was assaulted without provocation. He says he has witnesses who will support this.

Four Yeggmen Caught.  
Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 10.—Going to the well once too often appears to be the case with four alleged yeggmen, giving their names as Fred K. Davis, George Norris, Just Peterson and Elmer Voigt, who have been brought to Sioux Falls by Jerry Carleton, chief deputy United States marshal of South Dakota. The men were arrested at Davis, where it is alleged they were about to rob the postoffice when their presence was detected by residents of Davis, who although more than a year had elapsed, recognized them as the identical four men who on the night of Nov. 1 of last year robbed the Davis postoffice. In possession of the four prisoners was found a complete outfit for postoffice and bank robberies. The prisoners were given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Conway of this city, when the prisoners were identified by Davis business men. The preliminary hearing was continued until Monday morning of next week, when it is believed the federal authorities will have a clear case against the prisoners.

ILLEGAL SALES TO INDIANS.  
Saloonkeepers Are Being Apprehended This Time at Pender.  
Pender, Neb., Dec. 10.—Two special agents of the United States government arrived in Pender to investigate the alleged sale of liquor to the Indians by the local saloons. It is said at least a dozen informants will be filed against saloonkeepers and bootleggers before the investigation ceases. Two booze vendors have already been served with notices to appear for trial next Saturday, and there is considerable excitement and alarm among the liquor interests regarding what is to come next. These cases are brought under the state Slocum law and not under federal jurisdiction.

Any issue of this newspaper which does not contain an adequate advertisement of your business—all that you have to say about it to the readers of that issue of this paper represents a wasted opportunity for

More Dakota Yeggmen Bagged.  
Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 11.—Special to The News: That several gangs of yeggmen are prowling around South Dakota has been made evident the past few days as parts of three separate parties are now in jail either in this city or vicinity. The first haul was made in this city when four of a yegg gang got drunk and got into a row with a hackman which resulted in the arrest and discovery of a complete safe blowing outfit which was found in their possession. Tuesday at Davis, a few miles south of here, Deputy United States Marshal Jerry Carleton succeeded in bagging a party of four who are believed to be the gang which robbed the Davis postoffice a year ago last month. When this party were arrested all the tools (including a liberal quantity of nitro glycerine) was captured on their persons. Tuesday evening at Salem the officials of that place had their attention attracted to four suspicious characters. An effort was made to arrest them. Two got away, but in the possession of the two captured were found all of the tools and other equipment for safe blowing.

Needed Special Casket.  
Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 10.—Special to The News: Chris Mall, one of the most prominent of the pioneer German-American residents of the western part of Minnehaha county, is dead at the family home at Humboldt. He had been in poor health for some time and was recently at Rochester, Minn., but surgeons there could give him no encouragement and he was taken back to his home, where he gradually failed until death relieved his suffering. He was a member of the Germania Verein society of this city, and a special committee will represent the society at the funeral. The deceased was an unusually large man, so large, in fact, that it was necessary to telegraph to Chicago for a special casket that would be large enough to accommodate his remains.

Duke's Last Cable Miss Elkins.  
Rome, Dec. 11.—A cable message which the Duke of the Abruzzi is reported to have sent to Miss Katherine Elkins concluded with these words: "I will remember you forever."  
This cable message is to be the last which will be sent by the duke to the young woman.