

SOCIETY

Pleasures of the Week.

At the home of Miss Bertha Wilkens an enjoyable Halloween party was given by the "Tuesday Night" club Tuesday evening. Upon entering the house a weird feeling crept over the party who gathered there as the lights were dim and nothing but ghosts could be seen. Each of the guests was ushered into the reception room and introduced by "Mother Witch" as friends from "Spirit Land," after which the ghosts escorted the guests to "Spirit Land." The upstairs rooms were appropriately decorated, which gave the guests that "spooky" feeling which is experienced when a ghost story is told. One of the rooms represented hades, where the fire fumed as the "little imps" danced around the steaming cauldron. Luncheon was served in the "witches' den," an elaborate leaves-and-white fortunes were told. Many faces were plunged into chilly waters while attempting to "bob for apples." Songs were rendered by Miss Bertha Wilkens, Miss McCloud, and the closing number by the "Mahogany quartette," composed of August Olmstead, Gustave Dietz, T. Amison and William Martell. The party was given in honor of Miss Wilkens, who leaves for the Pacific coast shortly. A delightful evening was enjoyed by all the guests, who received carnations as tokens of remembrance. Among the guests present were: Charles Hulac, Fritz Amms, T. Amison, M. Robertson, August Olmstead, Gustave Dietz, J. Robinson, John Carberry, R. Hammond, Robert Hagel, Charles Ritchey, Robert Ballantyne, William Martell, Misses Emma Wetzel, Lena Munsterman, Elsie Gaterley, Clara Parks, Martha Brown, Elsie Marguardt, Correen Saunders, Lillian Langenburg, Tina Cizek, Miss Kline, Miss McCloud, Ida Hagel, Hazel Bryant, Pearl Livingstone, Helen Groom, Nell Chase, Leoda Scott, Bernice Ballantyne, Emma Hilbert, Leonore Scott, Helen Seott.

One of the prettiest dancing parties ever given in Norfolk was held in Margaret hall Thursday night when Company D, First regiment, Nebraska National Guards, gave their second annual military ball. The hall was beautifully decorated in the national colors and the lighting effects were exceptionally pretty. All electric lights in the room were coated with red, white and blue coloring. On the north end of the hall was an eagle, from whose beak was suspended an electric sign of the national colors reading "Co. D." The programs were very pretty. Carnations were given to the ladies and punch was served during the evening. Sullivan's harp orchestra of Le Mars, Ia., furnished excellent music and every one present spent a most enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Davenport and Mr. and Mrs. Sol G. Mayer gave dinners on Tuesday and Friday evenings in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Davenport. At 6:30 o'clock the guests were seated at small tables and served to a delicious four-course dinner. After dinner five hundred furnished amusement. On Tuesday evening the honor went to Mrs. T. E. Olden and C. H. Reynolds, and on Friday evening to Mrs. J. S. Mathewson and W. F. Logan.

The members of the "Dolls" Sewing club are enjoying an unusual amount of pleasure on Halloween. They were guests of Miss Edith Butterfield this afternoon and for supper. This evening they will attend a masquerade party at the home of Glen Blakeman.

Bernice Ballantyne and Margaret Holden entertained fourteen little friends at the home of the former. A very pleasant time was enjoyed.

The Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church met with Mrs. J. A. Ballantyne on Thursday afternoon.

The West Side Whist club met with Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Parker on Thursday evening.

The Wednesday club met with Mrs. J. S. McClary.

Personals.

Norfolk friends have received word of the birth of a son in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Beaumont at Madrid, Neb. The young man has been christened Allen Beemer. Beaumont, Mrs. Beaumont was formerly Miss Luree Beemer and she has often visited in Norfolk. Her mother, Mrs. A. Beemer, who is with her at the present time, had the misfortune to fall down stairs last week and break her arm.

Mrs. William Stewart died at Mercer, Pa., October 12. She often visited her son, R. A. Stewart, when he was a resident of Norfolk, and she had many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Keene returned to their home in Fremont on Friday, after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McClary.

Misses Elvira and Etta Durland returned Monday from a four months' visit with friends and relatives in New York.

Mrs. C. S. Parker has returned from a week's visit in Omaha with Mr. and Mrs. Pugsley and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker.

David Baum has disposed of his household effects and will make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Baum.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Melcher are nicely settled in their new home on South Tenth street.

Coming Events.

A. F. Tannehill will give a luncheon

at his residence Sunday in honor of his son, J. W. Tannehill, and daughter, Miss Vada Tannehill, who leave for Panama Monday, where Mr. Tannehill holds a government position as postmaster. About thirty of the relatives and family will gather at this luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt have issued invitations for a dinner on Tuesday, November 5.

Mrs. S. F. Erskine will entertain at a 1 o'clock luncheon and kensington Thursday, November 11.

Maas-Grieppe.

Frank Maas and Miss Eulckie Grieppe were married at the German Evangelical church here Thursday afternoon. Rev. J. Lipply of Milford performed the wedding ceremony, after which the young couple went to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Grieppe, a prominent farmer living east of the city, where the wedding was celebrated by about fifty guests. Mr. Maas is the son of a prominent farmer living near Hoskins, Mr. and Mrs. Maas will make their home on a farm near Hoskins.

Slaughter-Beach.

Carl Cook South Dakotan. Word was received here today of the marriage of J. S. Slaughter and Miss Mildred Beach, which occurred at the latter's home in Trenton, Mo., yesterday. Both parties are well known and highly respected in this community. Mr. Slaughter was for a long time cashier at the Bank of Carl Cook and Miss Beach was assistant postmistress at this place for many months. She resided with her parents on a farm six miles northwest of here until about a year ago, when she removed to Trenton, Mo. We are informed that after a short journey the young couple will return to Herick, where Mr. Slaughter has a lucrative position.

Winneteon News.

Seth Jones went to Omaha Friday afternoon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Smith, Friday, a girl.

Mrs. Ed Haley from Creighton was in Winneteon Friday forenoon.

Theodore Palmer, traveling salesman, was in Winneteon Friday forenoon.

Geo. A. Myers' new automobile is here and Mr. Myers is well pleased with the car.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schleen returned home from Norfolk and Pierce Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Gould and children returned to their home at Plainville after a visit with their sister, Mrs. M. A. Jensen, of this place.

Howard Miller expects to finish husking his large corn crop Monday. Mr. Miller husks 360 bushels of corn a day with his new corn husker, which certainly is a grand success.

Butte's New Opera House.

The people of Butte are jubilant over the completion and formal acceptance of the new opera house, which has just been completed. This building was built by a stock company composed of nearly every business man and farmer of Butte, and is thoroughly modern, and has cost the association a trifle over \$11,000. The first attraction to appear in the house was a home talent play, which crowded the house to its capacity and netted the association an even \$100. The scenery was all painted in the house and is fine. At a meeting of the directors J. N. Fuller was elected secretary of the association and O. R. Robinson was elected manager of the house.

Norfolk Man Draws Claim.

Aberdeen, S. D., Oct. 30.—The drawing of the 20,000 names for claims in the Standing Rock and Cheyenne River reservations ended. The task of abulating the names will continue here for a month.

John W. McClary of Norfolk was one of the land winners in the Aberdeen lottery. He drew No. 4375.

R. Blatt went to Aberdeen two weeks ago and registered for himself and for Mr. McClary, who had the soldier's right to register in that way.

Among the winners were:
4612—John Bathwell, Ainsworth.
4796—Hans Riter, Winside.
4984—Arthur W. Knapp, Dallas.
5651—Dan M. Foley, Bristol.
5729—Roy Jackson, Madison.
5762—John Wilson, Stanton.
6963—Edward Harris, Herick.

Judge Witten Answers Hill.

Aberdeen, S. D., Oct. 30.—Judge James W. Witten, superintendent of the government opening, speaking of attack made on the method of these openings by Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway at the Billings dry farming congress, remarked that Mr. Hill was misquoted or misinformed as he would not have made such "grossly extravagant statements" had he known the facts.

Mr. Hill is reported as having called the recent Flathead, Custer de Alamo and Spokane registration a "swindle," and said, "It is estimated that 300,000 people went out there. We received our portion of the money but we don't want that kind of money."

"These figures are grossly misleading," said Judge Witten.
"The combined registration for all three was but 286,848 and one-third of that number, or 95,616, represents the number of applicants if each registered three times."

Aberdeen, S. D., Oct. 30.—The Christian family of Aberdeen, was the luckiest one in the land drawing. Four brothers have drawn claims under 10,000. It may be possible for them to file on adjoining quarters, giving the family a whole section.

Judge Witten will immediately return to Washington to prepare for the coming session of congress, but the staff of clerks will remain here for a month or more at work.

TO SAVE THE BABIES

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD TO CONSIDER WAYS AND MEANS.

CAUSES OF HIGH MORTALITY

Most Blame Placed on Congestion Under Unfavorable Conditions as to Light and Air—Improved Tenements May Be Solution of Problem.

Appropos of the appalling mortality among the babies not only in our own land, but throughout the civilized world, no single factor can be pointed out as the primary cause of this blot on our modern civilization. The problem and the possibility of its prevention are to be considered at a special conference arranged by the American Academy of Medicine, to be held at New Haven, Conn., Nov. 11 and 12. What are regarded as contributory causes can be gathered from some of the subjects mentioned in the announcement for the meeting. Four avenues for the introduction of preventive measures are indicated by the titles of the sessions—medical, philanthropic, institutional and educational. Practically all causes suggested under these headings are summarized in the four mentioned in the section on medical prevention—congenital debility, unsuitable nourishment, improper care and communicable or infectious diseases.

When it is recalled that the men who are in the thick of the fight against the heedless and unnecessary waste of baby life assert that the present infant death rate could be cut in half by the enactment and rigid enforcement of laws requiring the adequate inspection of the sources of the milk supply, coupled with the sanitary inspection of tenements, the accurate registration of births and the instruction of the mothers by visiting nurses or other properly accredited representatives of the local boards of health, it is readily seen that two very grave sources of danger are to be found in the quality of the nourishment fed to babies and the conditions of the homes themselves. Serious as the problem of a pure milk supply is, it is much less difficult of solution than the more complicated one of housing conditions.

Overcrowding a Prime Cause.

One hundred years ago three and one-third per cent of the population of the United States lived in the cities. Today thirty-three and one-third per cent of our 85,000,000 people are crowded into the cities. Overcrowding, the congestion of population in slum districts, the herding together of the great unassimilated mass of immigrants in inadequate and insanitary quarters, the selfishness of property owners, the apathy of municipal governments in dealing with situations which require drastic measures, all contribute to make this one of the most disheartening factors in the big problem of the prevention of infant mortality. According to a recent report, there are 300,000 absolutely dark bedrooms in the city of New York alone, where humankind, old as well as young, are supposed to live and move and have their being.

That congestion of population with in a given area would not necessarily mean the absence of hygienic conditions was pointed out recently in a paper by Dr. Stowell of New York visiting physician to the New York City Children's hospital and schools. As instances of congestion under favorable and under unfavorable conditions he contrasted the largest apartment hotel in New York—the Ansonia—which houses 1,202 persons to the acre, with the notorious Christie-street tenement block, in which 1,280 persons are housed in a single acre. The hotel covers a total area of 1.6 acres of ground, and houses 2,000 persons in 2,500 rooms. As there are sixteen inhabitable floors, the total area amounts to about twenty-six acres, and all of the rooms are open to the outside, admitting the sovereign preventives of disease, light and air. In the seven years since the place was opened not one of the 400 employees has become a victim of tuberculosis. The tenement block, on the other hand, has been a veritable breeding ground for that disease.

"Garden Cities" Established.

As a means of decreasing the overwhelming mortality in congested industrial centers, the "garden city," like that at Bourneville, near Birmingham, England, is being established in some parts of Great Britain and in our own country. The removal of the manufacturing plant which employs very large numbers of individuals to some suburban district and the erection of cottages with gardens attached for the workers and their families, the establishment of schools and other features of city life and the development of the property along community lines with the agreement that an interest over 5 per cent on the investment shall be devoted to public improvements are features of this plan.

Obvious difficulties make the application of the plan on a general scale impracticable, and the improved tenement offers a more feasible solution of the problem for the majority of cities. The registration of slum property is advocated by some English investigators as a means of weeding out the undesirable and insanitary tenement house. Owners of slum property are not particularly sensitive, as a rule, to their responsibility as their brother's keepers. But nobody can tell what the future may have in store.

Everybody in Norfolk reads The News.

"Wets" Quote Dr. Percival.

While Governor Shallenberger aroused the ire of the liquor interests of Nebraska in signing the daylight saloon bill, one of his appointees, Dr. Joseph P. Percival, superintendent of the Norfolk insane hospital, is soothing the wounds of those same interests by a statement that he has issued.

Dr. Percival is being quoted in literature sent out by the liquor interests, with regard to the failure of prohibition to prohibit in the state of Kansas. Following is an extract from the article in question:

"Unsupported statements that prohibition can or cannot be enforced are of little value. The reader must have the proof from those who know."

"Dr. Joseph P. Percival, a prominent physician of Norfolk, Neb., in a letter dated September 27, 1909, says: 'I lived in Kansas for four and a half years, and during that time I became thoroughly disgusted with the way the liquor question was handled there. I visited the old town two weeks ago and in a town of about 1,000 people I saw eight drunks in one day, which is possible only in a prohibition state. Strict regulation and local license is the only system for regulating the traffic.'"

Boche Yarn a Pipe Dream.

That the Madison Chronicle's story in which Herman Boche, the Norfolk slayer of Frank Jarner now serving a term in the state penitentiary, was painted as refusing to do any sort of work in the prison and as having been nailed out of an alleged "pumping tank" to save him from drowning, was based upon rumor and fiction, is the declaration of Boche's Norfolk friends after investigating the yarn.

William Kelsey of Norfolk took the trouble to write to E. G. Heilman, formerly of Madison and Norfolk and now an official at the state penitentiary. Mr. Heilman, replying, states that Boche has never refused to work, that he has not been punished for disobedience and that there is no such "water tank and pump" as was described in the Madison paper's story. Following is Mr. Heilman's letter:

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 23.—Mr. William Kelsey, Norfolk, Neb. Dear Sir: Replying to your letter of 20th inst. relative to the conduct of Herman Boche, I beg to say that the statement that he has refused to work or that he has been punished for disobedience is untrue.

I have been employed in the state penitentiary for over five years and have not seen a water tank and pump said to be used for punishment, nor anything to indicate that such an apparatus has ever been employed in this institution. Nearly every day I go through the shops with visitors from five to ten times a day and always find him at his post paying strict attention to his work.

Yours sincerely,
E. G. Heilman.

To Be Healthy, Drink at Meals.

Add at least a quart of water to the amount customarily taken at each meal if you wish to derive the maximum efficiency from your food.

The water drinking edict has gone forth as the result of tests recently conducted by C. C. Fowler and P. B. Hawk, professor of physiological chemistry at the University of Illinois.

The unanimous opinion of the medical profession has been strongly antagonistic to the taking of water at meal time. The argument of the physicians is that water taken in this way dilutes the digestive juices and therefore lowers the efficiency of those fluids. The University of Illinois experiments, however, apparently overthrow the deep rooted ideas of many doctors.

Young Man the Subject.

In a detailed statement given out by the university authorities yesterday it was pointed out that the subject of the experiment was a young man 22 years of age, who was normal in all respects and who weighed 155 pounds when the investigation was inaugurated. The statement continues:

"In experiments of this sort, it is customary to use a simple diet in order that the chemical analysis of the foods may not entail any undue labor. In this instance the daily diet consisted of three-quarters pound of crackers, three ounces of corn flakes, two ounces of peanut butter, one and one-half ounces of sugar, three ounces of butter, one quart of milk, nine-tenths quart of water, and, in addition during the water period, three quarts additional of water was added to the daily meal. Of the nine-tenths quart of water taken daily during the preliminary and final periods, three-quarters of it was taken between meals."

Results of Water Drinking.

After sifting and boiling down their conclusions and translating them into non-technical language, the investigators believe the influence of copious water drinking with meals to be as follows:

"The water, as it enters the mouth, comes first into contact with the saliva, diluting this fluid to a marked degree and causing this digestive fluid to assume greater digestive activity than that possessed by the natural saliva, which is secreted upon food which is ingested unaccompanied by water."

"Digestion is further accelerated and the products of digestion are more rapidly and completely absorbed through the presence of the large amount of water."

"Finally, as a result of the above factors, the body weight of the water drinker was increased two pounds during the five days of water drinking, a gain which was not subsequently lost."

Dr. Hawk, in reporting the results of the investigation, was careful to call attention to the fact that the experiments included tests upon but a single subject. He adds:

"However, the experiments up to date indicate that the drinking of large amounts of water with meals is most beneficial from the standpoint of health. Other investigations along similar lines are under way."

Say They'll Go On From Dallas.

Confirming recent statements in The News that the Northwestern railroad will early in the spring extend its line from Dallas, thus giving Tripp county a railroad and adding still more territory to the region now tributary to Norfolk, that railroad company has filed official notice with the state government of South Dakota, as is required by law, that the new extension will be built in six months.

The state law of South Dakota provides that notice must be given six months in advance when any railroad building is to be law. And complying with this law, the Chicago & Northwestern railroad company has just filed official notice at Pierre that it intends to build 120 miles of extension from the Norfolk-Dallas line, crossing Tripp county.

Exact Route Not Decided.

Just what route it will take across Tripp county, it is stated, is not decided upon, and that this depends upon development of the county. If it goes straight across the county, which is thirty-four miles wide, it will be heading for the Pine Ridge reservation, which the Northwestern is planning to build across from Nebraska in the belief that part at least of Pine Ridge will be opened in a year. If it goes northeast it will connect with the road from Pierre to Rapid City. If it crosses the Pierre-Rapid City road it will connect with the line being built twenty miles or so at present southeast from Belle Fourche.

Will Help Norfolk.

But in any event the settlers of Tripp county will have a railroad to market and Norfolk's great location will be made still a better one.

Fire in Tripp Finally Checked.

Dallas, S. D., Oct. 30.—A prairie fire which burned over an area estimated at more than sixty square miles, which started Thursday, was checked yesterday afternoon after it had destroyed farm and ranch property of a value of perhaps \$100,000 and resulted in dangerous burns to two persons who were caught by the flames.

Mr. and Mrs. William McGrieve, living north of the village, attempted to escape on a single horse, which became exhausted and they were stranded in the middle of the prairie. By starting a back fire they escaped, but were seriously burned. About twenty ranchmen and homesteaders suffered losses ranging from \$100 to \$5,000.

Black Hills Forest Fire.

Deadwood, S. D., Oct. 30.—No less than six forest fires are now burning in the Black Hills. The most serious one, near Pactola, is still unchecked, but making less progress today since the number of fire fighters has been increased. The Deadwood office of the forest service has been notified of a fire burning north of Custer, another east of Hill City and one at Mystic and another near Merritt. This latter threatens so much Homestead mine timber that the Homestead force at Pactola has been recalled to save its own timber preserves. The damage done by the fires will be extremely heavy, running into the hundreds of thousands.

Deadwood, S. D., Oct. 30.—The fire in the Black Hills forest reserve has gone beyond control and already 5,000 acres of the finest pine timber in the central hills has been destroyed. Five hundred men from the Homestead mines and 200 soldiers from Fort Mead are fighting the flames. Miners from the camps and ranchmen are flocking to the scene to help in the fight. The loss will reach hundreds of thousands of dollars, and unless rain comes soon, it looks as if the entire reserve would be destroyed.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

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E. G. Barnum of Dallas was in the city.

John Troester of Pierce was in the city.

Miss Erna Wilde returned from Pierce.

W. A. Witzigman returned from Omaha.

M. C. Hazen went to Gregory on business.

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W. J. Stadelman went to Columbus on business.

Miss Alice Barrett went to Pilger last evening.

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Mrs. Krueger and daughter, Miss Ida Krueger, of Hadar, called on friends.

John McKenzie and William Kinney of Stanton were in the city calling on friends.

Mrs. A. T. Hutchinson, who has been visiting with her relatives at Valley, has returned.

Mrs. Joe Horisker and daughter, Mrs. L. L. Thorburn, were in Norfolk.

Peter Simon, who has been here visiting relatives, returned to his home at St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. C. E. Barnham, who has been reading a week with her parents at Del. Ia., has returned.

J. J. Barnes, who is in Texas, has written Norfolk friends saying he will remain there all winter.

Colonel Barney Stewart, who has been here visiting friends, returned to his home at Page Saturday.

Mrs. George Hoffman, Mrs. Wolf

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Cuming county and a graduate of Creighton university, has given up his position as house physician at St. Joseph's hospital, Tacoma, and located at Montezuma, Wash.

The marriage of J. J. Newell of Garfield township and Miss Dora E. Brown of Lincoln, took place at the latter city on Thursday. The newly married pair will reside at Utica, Neb.

Efforts are being made by Father Rueping to form a local committee of the Nebraska Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. Prospects are favorable for a strong adjunct to this society being established at West Point.

Dinges Brothers have sold their quarter section farm in Cleveland township to J. W. Beckman of Seward county for \$125 per acre, the record price for farm land in that portion of Cuming county.

William Wiese, a boy of 13 years, living three miles southeast of West Point, has raised one acre of corn under the direction of the state board of agriculture and yield of which is a little more than 113 bushels. This was raised in a section of the county heretofore considered of the poorest quality of soil.

The weather for the past few days has been balmy and summerlike and farmers are taking advantage of the fact to husk their corn as rapidly as possible, even though many of them are short-handed.

LINCOLN STUDENTS ARRESTED.

Military Academy Boys Create Disturbance at Neligh.

Neligh, Neb., Nov. 1.—Special to The News: Owing to the extra precaution taken by Mayor Staple, the usual destruction of property on the night of Halloween in Neligh was very limited.

The only arrests made was that of two young men of the Lincoln military academy, who played on the football team in the afternoon. They gave the rope on the fire bell three sharp pulls and started to make their escape when they ran into the arms of Officer Nichols. He took them before Justice McAllister, who administered a sound lecture, calling attention to the fact what might have happened during the crowded condition of the auditorium, while The Perrys were holding the boards in "Kidnapping for a Million." They were released to catch the early morning train for Lincoln.

ANTELOPE LAND SELLS HIGH.

One Farm Brings \$100, Another \$90 Per Acre.

Neligh, Neb., Nov. 1.—Special to The News: Two land deals were reported Saturday. W. E. Wolf, who adjoints the town of Orchard sold twenty acres of his farm, including the improvements for \$100 per acre. L. H. Suter sold 160 acres a few miles northeast of Neligh to Joshua Miller for \$90 per acre.

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