

SOCIETY

Pleasures of the Week. "A Day at the Union Station." A packed house greeted the home talent production put on at the Auditorium last Saturday night under the auspices of the Ladies guild of Trinity church. It was the biggest audience that has been in the theater this season. "A Day at the Union Station," a little farce-comedy, involved several dozen local people and was received most generously by a cordial crowd of listeners and lookers. For the grotesque costumes worn by most of the people in the attraction, were quite as striking a feature of the evening as the lines they spoke. The people in the audience said the play was a success. The putting on of the attraction was undertaken by E. C. Leggett of Aberdeen, S. D., as a holiday lark for the church guild, and to his experience and ability in that direction many of the members of the guild have attributed a liberal share of the evening's success. Besides staging the production and playing the role of director, he did clever sketches in the role of an Italian, as an Irish character and as a "Chinaman." With him in one sketch was Fritz Asmus as a German character sketch artist, which he did with ability. It would be difficult to pick the stars of the evening—so near did it come to being an all-star constellation. As each traveler or tourist got off a train and entered the union station and as each villager came to the depot to buy a ticket to take the train, the audience laughed its approval. The stage settings were picturesque and realistic. "There were the depot seats, the ticket agent's window, the telegraph instrument clicking train orders, a switch light and a real handcar running down the track. Following was the cast of characters: Ticket Agent—Eugene Osborn. Depot Master—Edgar C. Leggett. Joe Gannin—N. A. Huse. Telegraph Operator—Karl Stefan. Woman Who Wouldn't Take a Bus—Mrs. J. L. Lynde. Mrs. Martha Chattermuth—Mrs. Frank Scott. Her Daughter Maria—Vera Hayward. Aunt Amelia Saylille—Mrs. John Maynard. Mrs. Willie—Herman Tappert. Uncle Joshua Haysced—E. S. Monro. Aunt Sara, His Wife—Mrs. E. P. Weatherby. Three School Girls—Lil, Marian, Stitt; Flo, Marion Maylard; Jan, Helen Friday. Dude—Mr. Thorpe. Mrs. Garrulous—Mrs. W. R. Jones. Mr. Henpeck—J. B. Maynard. Mrs. Henpeck—Mrs. C. H. Reynolds. Professor Learned—F. G. Gettinger. Autolst—Sam Erskine. Woman, With Baby—Mrs. J. L. Lynde. Prima Donna—Lillian Marquardt. Miss Araminta Fishwell—Mrs. A. E. Chambers. Joseph Smith, Widower—Frank Scott. His Four Children—Marie Stear, Leilah Scott, John Lynde, George Lynde. Hans Biskerstein—Fritz Asmus. Mike O'Toole—Edgar C. Leggett. Miram, Country Bridegroom—F. G. Gettinger. Barbara, Country Bride—Mrs. John Friday. Lavinda, Bride's Sister—Lela Craft. Lemuel, Her Beau—John Lynde. Miss Beaumont of Boston—Mrs. Warrick. Miss Helen Flighly—Corinne Saunders. Her Aunt Martha Ancient—Mrs. J. E. Lynde. Her Aunt Marie Ancient—Mrs. G. Spear. Harry Field, Helen's Lover—John Lynde. Mrs. Needy—Mrs. J. G. Troutman. Her Children—Helen Reynolds, William Reynolds, Muriel Scott, Josephine Maylard, Victoria Maylard. Members of Opera Company—Marion Stitt, Marion Maylard, Fannie Friday, Mrs. Thorpe, Corinne Saunders, John Lynde, Ben Willie, Frank Fox, Herman Tappert, Harold Morrison. Suburbanites—Mrs. C. E. Burnham, Mrs. George Williams, Mrs. S. M. Braden, Fale Burnham and others. Group of college boys, nuns, etc. "The Ladies' guild of Trinity church held a business meeting on Thursday afternoon in the home of the president, Mrs. S. M. Braden. One hundred and eighty-seven dollars was turned in to the treasury—the net proceeds of the entertainment given Saturday evening. The ladies feel they were well patronized and thoroughly appreciate the many kind favors shown them. The guild will meet again next Thursday with Mrs. Thorpe on Madison avenue. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Braden entertained the members of the Bridge club and their husbands at a 7 o'clock dinner on Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. D. Mathewson were guests, also. In the absence of bridge which followed the excellent dinner the honors went to Mrs. C. H. Reynolds and Dr. P. H. Satter. "The Norfolk Chess club met with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beiersdorf on Thursday evening. A very pleasant evening of card contests was enjoyed after which refreshments were served. The club meets with Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Vorges next Thursday evening. After a bobbed party in which about thirty members of the Dorcas society took part, Miss Marian Stitt entertained that society at her home Monday evening. Miss Stitt was assisted by Miss May Johnson. Light refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Braden, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burnham and Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Butterfield went to Omaha yesterday noon. In the evening they en-

joyed a theater party at the Boyd, where they saw Fritz Scheff in "The Prima Donna." The Tuesday night club after a sleighing party through the country Tuesday evening met at the farm of Robert Hagei three miles east of Norfolk, where after their usual hour of Bible study, refreshments were served. The Aid society of the Presbyterian church gave a dinner in the home of Mrs. J. A. Ballantyne on Friday. After the dinner, which was well patronized and enjoyed, a business meeting was held. Lieutenant E. J. Ely of Fort Yellowstone, Wyo., is a guest in the home of his sister, Mrs. E. E. Gillette. Having visited here before, he has many friends who are glad to see him again. The ladies of the Second Congregational church held their Tea and Talk with Mrs. Jewel Fountain Thursday afternoon. She was assisted by Mrs. Shriver. Mrs. Rudolph Wichert entertained a number of friends Monday evening. The entertainment was in honor of Miss Cora Hempie of Atlantic, Ia. The ladies of the Methodist church enjoyed a pleasant afternoon on Thursday in the home of Mrs. James Roseborough on Norfolk avenue. Miss Sophia Nethaway celebrated her sixteenth birthday by having a number of her girl friends to a 6 o'clock dinner Tuesday evening. Mrs. H. L. Snyder returned to her home in Omaha today after a pleasant visit with Mrs. J. D. Sturgeon. A jolly crowd was entertained at Miss Lottie Schmiedeburg's Sunday evening. Schwichtenberg-Melick. Nelich, Neb., Jan. 15.—Special to The News: The wedding of Miss Doma Mae Melick to Julius Schwichtenberg occurred Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Melick of this city. At 8:30 o'clock in the morning G. A. Sellyer sang "Had I a Thousand Lives to Live," by Alfred Salzman, after which Mrs. O. A. Williams rendered the bridal song from "Lohengrin," to the strains of which the bridal party entered the parlor. Rev. Mr. Scheips, pastor of the Lutheran church of Pierce and brother-in-law of the groom, performed the ceremony, using the beautiful ring service, and the same was made very impressive. After the wedding a bountiful four-course breakfast was served, the tables being decorated in red carnations, roses and smilax. Many beautiful and useful presents were given the happy young couple. Mr. and Mrs. Schwichtenberg departed on the eastbound train at 11:21 for Sioux City, where they will visit among friends and relatives for a few days before going to Plainview, where they will be at home after February 1. The best wishes for a bright and happy life follow the young couple. The invited guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Melick; Mrs. John Melick, Carroll, Neb.; Mrs. Kelsey Wittmer, Rapid City, S. D.; Edward Melick, Yankton, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Scheips; Mrs. Loretta Trowbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Stuel, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sellyer, Miss Helen Boyd and A. Vance Anderson. Wayne Normal Notes. Miss Lydia Pake, primary teacher at Spencer, was a caller while on her way home from her Christmas vacation. Mrs. Wightman gave a most instructive address Tuesday morning at chapel. Her subject was "The Cliff Dwellers." Mrs. Pile was in Sioux City Thursday night to see Robert Mantell in Shakespeare's tragedy, "Macbeth." Miss Mason and Mrs. Cunningham went with Mrs. Pile. Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick was at chapel Saturday morning. He was the first preacher to venture up on the hill since the severe weather. Miss Stine, eighth grade teacher at Chadron and a graduate of the 1909 scientific class, was a guest at the college Friday and Saturday. Three former students are teachers in Chadron. Miss Stine reports Professor Wilson as doing well and very popular. C. R. Chinn returned from the Y. M. C. A. convention at Rochester. He said it was a fine trip and a great convention. Mr. Chinn was a guest of Helen Pile Newton, whom he says is the same Helen and her home a little palace. At an union meeting of the Christian associations, Attorney Rooney was the principal speaker. The school has three christian organizations, viz: Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A. and the Catholic club. The first Sunday of each term these organizations hold a joint session. This was held last Sunday and was well attended. Among the new students to enroll this week we notice the names of Mabel Anderson, Wakefield; Mae Griffen, Elgin; Blanche Elliott, Clara Wischoff, Nina Thompson, Katherine Van Norman, Wayne; Hattie Hewitt, Osmond; Messrs. Ward of Coleridge, Jones and Pearson of St. Edwards, and Anderson of Concord. Professor Hunter of the manual training department was given a leave of absence for four months. Mr. Hunter will attend the Stout Manual Training school at Menomonee, Wis., from which institution he will graduate in June. His assistant, Mr. Sears, will have charge of the work during his absence. The young men of the department presented Mr. Hunter with a handsome leather traveling bag as a token of the esteem in which he is held by them.

HAS ANYBODY A BABE TO GIVE? THE NEWS IS ASKED TO FIND A CHILD FOR THIS HOME. LAST WEEK'S NEWS BABY DIED. The Child That Had Been Taken to Pierce for Adoption Did Not Long Live to Enjoy Its New Environment—Still Another Home Wants Infant. Has anybody a baby to give away? The News has been requested to find a babe looking for a good home, just as it recently found a home for a babe, and any person knowing of a child that would appreciate a good home, will confer a favor upon the childless woman who has made an appeal to this paper, by giving the information. The Other Baby Died. The babe for which The News found a home but a few days ago, did not long live to enjoy its new surroundings. The Pierce Call tells the pathetic little story as follows: Mesdames Carse Richardson and Jesse Keeney went to Norfolk last Friday, where Mrs. Richardson adopted a baby boy that was born to an abandoned wife. The Norfolk News advertised the fact that a mother was wanted for the little fellow and already other ladies had made application for adoption. Mrs. Richardson got there first and received the mother's consent. The ladies brought the child home Friday afternoon and Mrs. Richardson was naturally very proud of the child and some of the other young mothers in our city who called were sorry that they did not go to Norfolk and adopt the baby themselves. But Saturday afternoon a cloud of gloom spread over the Richardson home when the Angel Death, came and took the little one to that bright and heavenly home above. The little one was taken with convulsions in the afternoon and lived but a short time. The family feels the loss of this little ray of sunshine nearly as much as if it had been one of their own flesh and blood. SPORTS MAY FIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO. New Board of Supervisors May Make the Fight Going Smooth. San Francisco, Jan. 15.—There is a possibility that the Jeffries-Johnson fight may be pulled off in San Francisco proper, although no final battles have been held in this city since the days of the historic California club furnished nearly twenty years ago. This is a situation in a nutshell. The laws of California say that glove contests may be licensed, but they must be limited. It is possible to pull off a fight of 999 rounds, but not a finish engagement. Since twenty years ago the supervisors of this city passed a law limiting fights to twenty-five rounds. Later it was amended, limiting bouts to twenty rounds, and this law has been in effect for more than ten years. A new board of supervisors will take oath of office in the next few days. It is understood all along the line that San Francisco will be "turned wide open." One of the most influential members of the board is John L. Herget, known in the ring twenty years ago as "Young Mitchell," one of the greatest of middle weight fighters. He is to be the chairman of the committee that will pass upon prize fight permits, and according to the best information, Herget and his followers will amend the present law, and thus make 45-round fights possible within the city proper. CUBS TO TRAIN. Owner Murphy Arranges for Fifty Cubs to Work Out in South. Chicago, Jan. 15.—Owner Charles Frank of the New Orleans club spent the greater part of the day in conference with Mr. Murphy, closing up arrangements for the spring training of the Cubs in Pelicanotum and endeavoring to separate the Chicago magnate from some of his surplus players. He had better success as an arranger than as a separator. Accommodations will be secured for fifty Cubs and Cublets in the south, although at present Mr. Murphy has mislaid the names of four of them and thinks they may be lost. There were fifty of them before the political campaign opened last fall, but when the list was checked up four were missing from the string box. Another search of the offices will be made before the matter is reported to the police. Owner Frank said everything would be in readiness for the Cubs on their arrival early in March. The damage caused last fall by the cyclone, which tore off the roof of the Pelican grand stand, and blew down all the fences, has been repaired at a cost of \$5,000 or \$6,000 and the weather is promised to be good in March. Arrangements have been made for dressing rooms, lockers and bathing facilities at the Young Men's Gymnastic club, the courtesies of which have been extended to major league clubs for many years through the influence of Mr. Frank. The one exception was in the spring the Athletics trained in New Orleans and Rube Waddell, in playful mood, violated some of the unwritten laws of the club. Every trade, business or profession has its "trade journal." The business of housekeeping, or home-making, has its most valuable "trade journal" in the classified advertising columns.

THIS GYROSCOPE A SUCCESS. A Berlin Inventor Carried Six Men in His Machine. New York, Jan. 14.—By balancing perfectly on one rail a gyroscope car demonstrated the monorail system at a special exhibition to the press in the Claremont Avenue rink, Brooklyn. The car, a smaller reproduction of the gyroscope cars that are to be run in Germany, circled the rink with five passengers and a motorman, and although the passengers bunched together on one side of the car, instead of tipping over that way, rose higher on that side to meet their weight. The car was brought over by Richard Scherl of Berlin, one of its inventors. He was accompanied by Emil Falcke, his chief engineer, and eight assistants. Hart O. Berg is managing the affair. Wednesday and Thursday the car will exhibit for an admission fee to go to charity, after which it will be open to the public two weeks. A monorail track was laid around the rink and the power furnished by the electric light wire. The voltage was only high enough to give a speed of fifteen miles an hour, although the inventors assert that under proper conditions the regular size car on the outdoor track can make 125 miles an hour. The car exhibited was sixteen by three and one-half feet with a controller box at either end. The car's balance is maintained by two gyroscopes set in a vacuum on perpendicular axes and run in opposite directions, making 133 revolutions a second, or 8,000 a minute. Richard Scherl said that a Berlin professor of mathematics worked a year to figure the exact number of revolutions necessary to insure perfect balance and finally made it 7,999. To leave a good margin of safety they made it 8,000. The passengers got on one at a time, the car rising on the side stepped on each time. It was explained that the two revolving tops would keep right on revolving for a long time after the current gave out, because they were spinning in a vacuum, where there was little friction. In case of an accident, it was explained, there would be plenty of time for the passengers to get out before the car toppled over. In the meantime it would be possible, according to the demonstration, to lower supports on either side of the car, and this would prevent its falling. The car used was equipped with this safety device, which could be operated by the motorman. It was seen that the supports could be so constructed that they would fall to the ground automatically in case the power gave out. Among those at the trial was S. L. E. Deyo, Chief engineer of the Interborough Rapid Transit company. "I do not believe the monorail car has passed out of the experimental stage," commented Mr. Deyo, "but that is not saying that I do not believe that some day it will come into use for certain kinds of travel. If there was a collision, for instance, and a monorail car were derailed, it probably would turn turtle, in such a case I would prefer to be on board of a two-rail car. "But for use in the subway or in underground tunnels, the monorail might probably have some advantages over the present type. There, you see, there would be no street traffic and nothing to interfere with the car. In a tube it would be even more useful, because it could be built so close to the walls that there would be no room for it to fall over. But I dare say that if you took this car that I saw today and ran it in the city streets as it is, it would come to grief before long." WAR ON FOOD TRUST. Inquiry Into Cold Storage Houses Seen as Method of Forcing Prices. Washington, Jan. 15.—The increased cost of living results largely from the manipulation of prices which is made possible by the vast cold storage business of the country, according to Representative J. Hampton Moore of Philadelphia. Mr. Moore introduced in the house a resolution calling for an investigation of the cold storage methods. If the inquiry is undertaken Chicago, as the greatest center of cold storage will be looked to for the information required. Mr. Moore's resolution provides: "The secretary of the department of agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to report to the house of representatives whether, in his judgment, the public health is affected by the storage warehouses of meats, fish, poultry, game, butter, eggs, oysters, or other food products; whether the accumulation of such food products in storage tends to reduce their unit for food, and whether it is advisable to limit the time such products may remain in storage." The resolution was referred to the committee on agriculture. "The food trust," said Mr. Moore, "speaking generally, is able to keep up the prices of the necessities of life only by reason of its ability to store these necessities for long periods and put them on the market only when the prices prove satisfactory. I do not wish to be understood as being against the warehouse men. My charge is not against them. But it is by modern warehousing facilities that a corner in food stuffs is possible, with the resulting exaggerated scale of prices." In the senate, Elkins of West Virginia and Crawford of South Dakota introduced resolutions providing for a congressional investigation into the high cost of living. Senator Elkins' resolution calls for an "exhaustive investigation" into the matter by a committee of five senators, while Senator Crawford calls upon the secretary of commerce and labor for figures showing the increases in wholesale and retail prices during the last decade and the causes for such increases.

Brother of Mrs. E. E. Gillette. Concerning Mrs. E. E. Gillette's brother, Asher W. Ely, who recently died in New York and was buried in Iowa City, Ia., a paper from that town gives interesting facts. Mr. Ely having helped organize the Elks lodges in the Philippines and in Cuba. The paper comments as follows: Mr. Ely was an Iowa City boy. He graduated from the high school here and entered the university, where he was distinguished as a football player. He was center on the championship team of 1900. The news of his death could scarcely be believed at first, and provoked the keenest regret all over the city. His sorrowing relatives have the sympathy of the hundreds of friends which the young man possessed in this city. Mr. Ely left Iowa City on December 24, 1901, bound for the Philippine islands. He was given the post of chief clerk in the commissary department of the regular army in the Philippines, and served in that capacity for seven years. At times he had several million dollars worth of supplies in his charge. Two years ago Mr. Ely returned to America, and was expecting to be stationed at Governor's Island, but just at this time the Cuban trouble broke out, and Mr. Ely was sent to Havana with the army of occupation. He returned a few months ago, and visited in Iowa City with his parents until he was sent to Governor's Island, New York, as chief clerk in the commissary department. Mr. Ely became afflicted with stomach trouble as a result of his Philippine and Cuban service, and was not in the best of health when he was the guest of his parents in Iowa City last summer. When he was visited by his brother in New York last week, he was in excellent spirits and appeared in good health. His brother, Nate D. Ely of Davenport, took dinner with him at the Waldorf-Astoria on Thursday evening and departed Friday afternoon for his home. When he arrived in Davenport he found a message from E. U. Gussita, Asher's house-mate, telling him of the sudden death, and offering to attend to the disposition of the remains, which will be sent to Iowa City. Mr. Ely was a charter member of Iowa City lodge, No. 590, B. P. O. E., and assisted in organizing Elks lodges both in the Philippines and in Cuba. He was 37 years old at the time of death, having been born October 21, 1872. Mr. Ely was unmarried. Surviving him are his parents, Capt. and Mrs. E. H. Ely, three brothers and two sisters: Major H. E. Ely of the Philippine scouts, who left here December 5 on his way to Manila; Lieutenant E. J. Ely of the United States cavalry, stationed at Fort Yellowstone; Nate D. Ely of Davenport; Mrs. E. P. Farr, Sioux City, and Mrs. E. E. Gillette, Norfolk, Neb. Nearly one hundred G. A. R. men attended the services, as Captain E. H. Ely, father of the deceased, is the commander of the post at Iowa City. Mr. Ely was ill and not able to attend. The sight of so large a number of feeble, white-haired veterans when the thermometer was 20 degrees below zero was truly pathetic. TEASING DRIVES GIRL CRAZY. Lily Nygren Sent to Iowa Asylum as Sequel to Merriment. Keokuk, Ia., Jan. 15.—Teased by other girls after being embraced by a young man working by her side in a wholesale house, 20-year-old Lily Nygren was plunged into deep melancholy and now is violently insane. Today she was committed to the state insane hospital at Mount Pleasant and the insanity board closed one of the strangest cases it ever had to deal with. The application to the board was signed by the girl's sister. Miss Nygren was lugged by the young man several weeks ago and the incident provoked such merriment among her companions that she went home crying. Upon returning she against was teased, her friends little knowing what effect it had upon her. She quit work and cried for several days. In one of her worst spells she tried to leap from a second story window. WEPT AS HE PASSED SENTENCE Judge Dyer Hopes for a Pardon for Two Bank Clerks Who Embezzled. St. Louis, Jan. 15.—Judge D. P. Dyer of the United States district court wept today as he sentenced George E. Smith, jr., 21 years old, and William A. Gray, 29 years old, formerly bank clerks, to serve five years each in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., for embezzlement. They will be held here until March 1, in the hope that a pardon will be granted to them. "If the law permitted me to impose a lighter sentence I would do so," Judge Dyer said. "I hate to send young men to the penitentiary." The sentence was held up three months pending an appeal to the president for pardon, but it was found that the pardon could not be considered until after sentence had been passed. Northwest Weddings. Thomas J. Flynn of Albion was married to Miss Maud M. Newbower of Rapid City, S. D., at the home of the bride on Wednesday January 5. Ray Willoughby and Miss Bessie Willis were married at Bonesteel. Victor Sommers and Miss Clara Beck of Bonesteel were married at St. Joseph, Mo. Charles M. Christianson and Miss Ollie Cornell were married at Carlock. A. L. Shannon and Mrs. Mabel Jenkins were married at Ewing. Oscar Worley and Miss Essie Johnson were married at Gordon. Miss Salina Farnsworth and Carl J. Malmsten were married near Page. Alfred Thompson and Mrs. Kate James of Butte were married at Creighton. Miss Frances Enbody and Frank Ratcliffe were married at Stuart. Earl F. Brewster and Miss Ellen Campbell were married at Springview. Miss Mary Denney and Patrick Ryan were married at Pilger.

A COURT FOR FAMILY ROWS. New York Plans Special Attention for Domestic Difficulties. New York, Jan. 15.—New York law-yers and judges hope to secure the establishment in this city of a police court to be known as the "Court of Domestic Relations," at which only cases of men abandoning their wives and children shall be tried. There are more than twenty thousand cases of wife desertion heard in the New York courts every year, and the backers of the new movement point out that the regular magistrates in the rush of other business, are unable to give proper consideration of these abandonment cases. BRAVE FIREMEN SAVED HER. "To the Rescue, a Woman Calls," Said the Heroes. New York, Jan. 15.—Two firemen who heard shrill screams coming from the upper floor of a burning Brooklyn tenement last night risked their lives in a dash through the flames, believing that a woman was perishing. Singed and well nigh overcome with smoke, they reached the top floor to find that the cries came from a big, green parrot in a wire cage. By this time escape down the staircase was cut off, and Polly was taken down the long fire ladders to the ground. "DRY" CRUSADE TO AID INDIANS. Temperance Hosts Prepare for Fight Before Congress. Washington, Jan. 15.—The temperance hosts of the country are gathering for another onslaught upon congress at the present session. This time it is in the interest of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to the Indians. Flood Danger in Topeka Past. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 15.—With the gauge in the Kansas river here showing a fall of six feet since Thursday morning, all danger of a disastrous flood or further damage to bridges in this vicinity is passed. The stage of the river is now 12.2 feet. TIGERS GET "BUMMY" BOOTH. Former Nebraska Coach Will Go to Missouri School. Lincoln, Jan. 15.—"Bummy" Booth, the man who gave Nebraska a place in western football circles a few years ago, is slated to coach the University of Missouri eleven next fall. He is wanted for the place left vacant by the resignation of William Roper, the coach who gave Missouri a championship team last fall, and he has practically decided to accept the offer from the Columbia school. Booth would rather come to Nebraska next fall than to go to Missouri, and has written to a former Cornhusker star that in case the Nebraska Athletic board would elect him coach he would accept the position. Not getting the Nebraska job, though, Booth will go to the Columbia school. The Cornhusker board is not in favor of Booth and he will have the opportunity of taking the Missouri job. VICTORY FOR TRADING STAMPS. Sperry & Hutchinson Company Wins Important Decision. Washington, Jan. 15.—All questions regarding the legality of "S. & H." green trading stamps has been forever disposed of in the sweeping decision just rendered by Judge Muldowney. The judge carefully reviews the Lansburgh decision and holds that it has no application to the Sperry & Hutchinson company's trading stamp business, and in conclusion says: "In the defendants' scheme or plan of business, therefore, there is no element of chance, no appeal to the gambling instinct or anything by which the morals of the community may be affected." SWAP IDEAS, NOT YARNS. The Cracker Box Contingent Up to Date in New York. New York, Jan. 15.—Several hundred persons with a leaning toward assorted philosophies squeezed themselves into the parlors of the Philanthropic society's clubhouse, 142 West Eighteenth street last night. They were eager to attend the organization meeting of that society and became charter members at \$4 a head. Wilbur C. Fisk of the banking house of Harvey Fisk & Sons, who is said to be the financial backer of the "brain trust," greeted many of the prospective members. When the throng became too great, he retired to an upper story and left Walter Goodyear, a publisher of "new thought" doctrine, and the temporary president of the society, to represent him. It was made plain that the object of the newly founded organization is the exchange of philosophical ideas. Members are supposed to forgo their own and swap their beliefs as bankers do financial paper in the clearing house. Everyone must see the truth with an open mind, as one speaker put it. There are indications of an Under-standing with Rockefeller. New York, Jan. 15.—Morgan's gobbling up of trust companies and banks has little more than begun, according to financial authorities here. His absorption of one great money house or another meets with no opposition from the Rockefeller interests, which leads to the rumor that there is an understanding that may eventually lead to the National City bank's participating in the money combine. The combination of the Guaranty, Morgan and Fifth avenue concerns is regarded as only a forerunner to a bigger merger. The financiers connected with the absorption of the Morton and Fifth avenue trust companies

by the Guaranty Trust company were in conference over the final details of the plan. It was learned definitely that, while Morgan & company were at the head of the enterprise, the First National Bank and the National City bank interests were also more or less closely affiliated with the scheme. The Guaranty company stands forth in point of aggregate resources among the trust companies of the United States. The Morton ranks twelfth and the Fifth Avenue forty-ninth. When the merger is finally effected, the combination will show total resources which probably will make it rank first or second in the list of the country's trust companies. It undoubtedly will take first position if the Bankers' Trust company becomes a party to the deal, which is admitted to be within the easy possibilities of the near future. The Morgan interests and the National City bank people are working in entire sympathy in these matters. J. P. Morgan, Jr., recently became a director of the National City bank, and it is known that the Morgan interests have materially enlarged their holdings of National City bank stock. It is believed that the mergers are only the beginning of a larger movement and the Mercantile Trust company and the Equitable Trust company eventually will be taken into some sort of a powerful alliance. It was hinted that the Morgan interests bid actively for the Vanderbilt holdings of the Union Trust company stock which passed ten days ago into the possession of Speyer & Company. The Morgan interests are believed to be virtually in absolute control of the National Bank of Commerce by reason of the stock owned by various members of the Morgan house and the large holdings in the hands of the Equitable Life and the Mutual Life insurance companies. The National Bank of Commerce is one of the three largest banks in Wall street, and because of its remarkable charter, which is so drawn as to free its shareholders from the double liability clause applied to other national banks, its stock has a unique value. TRAILS FUGITIVE; NEARLY DIES Follows Trail of Murderer for Days Without Food or Water. Pierre, S. D., Jan. 15.—Carey Benson of Newark, S. D., was found near by frozen to death in a snow cave under Sully Buttes, forty miles north of here along the Missouri river, and brought into Fort Sully on the Sully military reservation. For nine days Benson had fought cold, hunger, thirst, fatigue and the blinding glare of the sun on the snows in pursuit of Daniel Gant, who shot and killed Benson's friend, Louis Maxwell, in Englevale, N. D., Thanksgiving day and fled the country with a price on his head. Daniel Gant is yet at large, if he still lives. But soldiers left Fort Sully Tuesday for the territory east of the Sully Buttes, believing they will find the missing fugitive dead. Benson, when in Newark, S. D., about two weeks ago, was informed that the fugitive Gant had been seen at Wapakala, the second station beyond the Missouri river on the Milwaukee roads extension. Benson then boarded a train, arrived at Wapakala and picked up a fresh trail thirty miles west of Wapakala, at a homesteader's shanty. He pursued the fugitive across two reservations for five days in blinding storms and intense cold, suffering hunger and fatigue. He dragged his way along Cherry creek to its junction with the Cheyenne river, where at a post he half recuperated and found out that the fugitive had left nine hours before. Both pursuer and pursued pushed through this almost uninhabited winter-swept country afoot, deep snows and treacherous passages making impossible the use of horses. From the post at the mouth of Cherry creek the chase turned south-eastward across Stanley county. "My limbs grew numb to my hips," said Benson. "The snow increased my thirst. River and watering places were ice-locked. The storm, the wind, the empty homestead cabins and barns mocked my helplessness. At times I was almost certain I could see Gant leaving cabins upon my approach, but I was unable to increase my speed. "I could find places where he had tried to beat holes through the flint-like ice in order to secure water. He also built snow caves to fend off the cutting wind. As we neared the Missouri I became a half frozen machine. My eyes ached, bloodshot at the glare of the sun. "I remember falling down the west bank of the Missouri—and then the cot here at Fort Sully." Meadow Grove. Miss Emma Moore of Lincoln will spend the winter with her sister, Miss Jessie Moore, the assistant principal of the high school. Ray Reynolds is in this city visiting with his sister, Mrs. Will Hopkins. Mr. and Mrs. John Warrick left yesterday for Lincoln to attend a state lumbermen's convention. The Woodmen of this city held their installation of officers Wednesday evening. The following were installed: V. C. H. D. Weygint; W. A. J. G. Weise; banker, E. B. Woods; clerk, H. E. Mason; escort, C. E. Harlow; manager, Albert Fields; inside watch, A. B. Baysinger; outside watch, Ed McNight. I. W. McIntosh acted as installing officer. Two new members were also adopted, Joe and Rudolph Dittrick. Miss Claire Hughes is again at her desk at the school house. Miss Hughes was called home by the serious illness of her grandmother last week. Rev. G. F. Mead is in Madison, where he acted as installing officer of the I. O. O. F. of that place.