

SOCIETY

Pleasures of the Week. Twenty-six members of the Eastern Star Saturday evening, in two large bobsleds, enjoyed a trip to the E. J. Rix farm, where they took possession of the farm residence with the approval of the owners. Oysters and crackers with other refreshments, provided by the party, helped to make the dinner, after a musical entertainment, a great success.

The people of the local Episcopalian Parish were given an opportunity to greet Bishop Williams on Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock at the rectory, the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. S. Wells. Light refreshments were served, Mrs. Wells being assisted by a number of the guild ladies.

Twenty-one Norfolk people last Friday evening enjoyed a bobsled journey into the country and surprised Mr. and Mrs. William Gibbs, who were recently married. The sled was loaded down with refreshments which were served by the ladies of the party.

Mrs. Hannah Graves was hostess at an afternoon tea at her residence on South Fifth street. About fourteen members of the Eastern Star were present. Mrs. Graves is the only living charter member of Beulah chapter No. 40.

Saturday evening a large number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schulz and an enjoyable evening was spent. The party was in the way of a celebration in honor of the fifty-sixth birthday of Mrs. Schulz.

A dance and card party was enjoyed by a large number of people at the railroad men's hall at the Junction Tuesday evening. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

A good sized crowd attended the dance at the railroad men's hall at the Junction Thursday evening. Music from Hall's orchestra was enjoyed.

Mrs. Fox, assisted by Mrs. George Thurton, entertained the ladies of the First Congregational church on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Fae Burnham has been visiting in Wisner since Wednesday, a guest at a house party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McNish.

Mrs. Belle Good has returned from a visit with her son in Omaha.

Dr. Young to Return. Norfolk friends of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Young will be pleased to know they are to sail for New York February 20, after a year's stay in Europe.

Extracts from a very interesting letter written by Dr. Young while staying at Zurich, Switzerland, are given below:

Pension Delphin, Muhlebachstrasse, Zurich, Switzerland. I expect to be here until February 10, then ten days or so in London and then home. I have been lucky enough to get the privilege of a private course of instruction here from the foremost man in Europe in the application of the new psychology to the study of mental abnormalities and diseases, so I am feeling rather pleased with the wind-up of my stay abroad.

Zurich is a town of some 175,000 situated on the northern end of Lake Zurich. It is the largest town in Switzerland and surrounded by fairly high mountains. It is a beautiful place and today especially so, as there has been a fall of snow and the pine and fir covered mountains are beautiful.

This afternoon, it being Sunday, I walked up, or rather climbed, to the top of the Uetliberg, a mountain or hill some 3,000 feet high and slid down again. The path I went up on had been graveled, as it is a favorite climb for the Zurichers, but the one I came down on had a grade of approximately forty-five degrees most of the way and was covered with packed snow. I simply put one foot in front of the other and slid catching hold of trees and rails as best I could to steady myself. I thought surely I should have to get a new pair of sole on my shoes. And then when I got near the lower part of the mountain, I found the upper end of a long casting track on which shoes was a crowd of people. I was standing there munching a sausage roll I had been able to secure from a basketball near by, when up came a youngster of about 8 and asked me if I didn't want to go down with them. I was thinking of St. Mary's avenue in Omaha and he doubtless saw a longing expression in my eyes. I looked at his sled and found it to be only a small one, with a seat not more than two feet long. But he and his companion, the pilot, seemed to think it large enough, so with the pilot sitting on the extreme nose of the thing I got on, bringing up the rear.

I noticed the foremost had had a skate on one foot which he rested on the track ahead of the sled as a rudder.

We started and in less than no time were half a mile down the mountain on the edge of the town. I don't remember anything of the first part of the ride. I can recall only holding on tightly half way down and wondering how soon we were going to turn over, for we were swaying tremendously. I couldn't see much for my eyes were weeping copiously. I think after one or two trial spins it would be fine sport for I saw people of all ages sliding. You don't know how much we have enjoyed the news. "New day" has always been a red letter one for us as a rule three or four would come every Monday and the others Tuesday and Wednesday. We have been able to keep in touch.

Wayne Normal. Miss Kingsbury gave the Saturday 1 o'clock talk, and also the Sunday afternoon address before the Young Women's Christian association. The

latter was an art, which subject has been made doubly interesting by Miss Kingsbury's extensive traveling. The many inquiries coming in regarding the spring and summer terms indicates a large attendance. We purpose to make these, our last summer terms, of especial interest.

The basketball first team will go to Winside Saturday evening, where they will play with the high school team of that city. A number from the college will accompany them.

Miss Carroll went to Harrison, Neb., where she gave an evening entertainment last Saturday evening. Miss Mary Fenske is principal of the Harrison schools. She has a fine school, is doing splendid work and is very popular.

L. G. Lockwood, a former student, who is at present representing the Fowler Publishing company of Lincoln, was a college caller Wednesday. Mr. Lockwood likes this work much better than teaching.

A large and appreciative crowd attended the basketball games Wednesday evening. The Wayne high school and the college second team played a very spirited game, which resulted in a score of 3 to 11 in favor of the college. This put the audience in a frame of mind to appreciate the game between the Homer regulars and the college first team, which resulted in a score of 14 to 36 in favor of the college. The college has a regular athletic club and the young men are systematically trained. The raised seats in the gymnasium were used for the first time, and it is needless to say that this feature was thoroughly appreciated by the on-lookers.

OVER SEAS ROMANCE ENDED.

A Whirlwind Wooing Has Its Too Frequent Finish. Chicago, Jan. 22.—The filing of an answer to a divorce suit has disclosed for the first time to the public the unhappy ending of an international romance, the desertion of the bride after a few weeks of wedded life, and the fact that for two years she has lived in Europe while her husband remained in Chicago.

The separated couple are Dr. Andres Frick, a wealthy and widely known North Side physician, and his wife, who is a sister of Herman F. Gade, Norwegian consul in Chicago. The physician brought suit for divorce in the circuit court three weeks ago, alleging desertion, but the action was suppressed. In the answer no denial or admission of the charges is made, but it is set forth that in the divorce suit her husband did not give her full name, which he designated as Ingeborg Gade. Her full name is Ingeborg Katherine Grace Gade Frick.

"It is true that my sister deserted her husband," Consul Gade said today. "They lived together for only a short time after their marriage, August 8, 1907. I cannot say anything of their domestic differences beyond the fact that they were not compatible; and my sister just left him. She went to Europe shortly after and is now in Norway."

"No, she is not asking for any alimony or anything. She is simply satisfied for him to get a separation on a charge of desertion."

"Rumors that she is planning to re-marry are false. She has no such idea. No, she will not appear at the trial, but will be represented by her counsel."

The marriage of Doctor and Mrs. Frick followed a whirlwind courtship on the part of the Chicago physician. It was called by society the "international alliance" between Norway and Sweden. Doctor Frick is a member of an aristocratic family of Malmo, Sweden. Mrs. Frick is the daughter of Gerhard Gade, formerly American consul at Christiania.

The romance began in Chicago some four years ago, when Miss Gade first met the physician at the residence of her brother in Lake Forest. She had come to this country with the members of the chorus of the University of Christiania who were making a concert tour of the United States. Miss Gade captivated the physician by her accomplishments in literature and the foreign languages. He began an ardent wooing, making a special trip to Norway to win her.

Bank of Carlock Is Open Again. The Bank of Carlock, at Carlock, S. D., which recently was forced to suspend because of a series of hard lucks, has been reorganized and reopened to business by one of the strongest banking combinations of north Nebraska, J. D. Haskell of Wakefield is president, D. Mathewson of Norfolk vice president, C. D. Haskell of Gregory vice president and Harold Gow, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gow of Norfolk, cashier. C. C. Gow is one of the firm of Gow Bros., well known Norfolk loan men.

Mr. Haskell passed through Norfolk at noon enroute to Wakefield from Carlock, where the bank reopened on Wednesday. On the first day there was a slight withdrawal of deposits, but on the second day the deposits had increased. Mr. Haskell was there four days.

It is conceded that Carlock people may well regard themselves fortunate in getting behind the reorganization men of such standing as those who have taken charge of the institution.

CATTLE DROWN NEAR PILGER. Herd Being Driven Across Ice, When Ice Gave Way. Pilger, Neb., Jan. 22.—Special to The News: As John Kratky, a young employe of the Schauble farm, was driving forty head of cattle across the lake the ice broke letting the entire herd into about eight feet of water. Otto Schauble, who saw the episode, hurried at once to the scene. And by heroic efforts succeeded in saving a small portion. The remainder taking a watery grave. The loss is estimated at several hundred dollars.

ON THE Stage

In the Theatrical World. The great fight between the syndicate (Klaw & Erlanger) and the independents (the Shuberts) is just about over. All of the western managers who withdrew from Klaw & Erlanger have agreed to come back into the fold. The Oliver theater, Lincoln, Neb., was one of the Shubert strongholds, as was the Burwood theater of Omaha. On account of so few attractions the Burwood was changed into a burlesque house and the Oliver at Lincoln has had less high grade shows than has Norfolk.

"Nothing is more uncertain than the route of a theatrical troupe nowadays," says Karl McVitty, advance representative for "The House of a Thousand Candles." "The fight between the syndicate and the independents has caused routes to be changed on the shortest possible notice. Some plays are booked ahead from twelve to eighteen months, others are booked on a week's notice. No one can ever tell just where they will land when they start in the show business."

William Anthony McGuire, who wrote Frank Keenan's latest play, "The Heights," is only 23 years old. He wrote his first play when he was 18 and it was produced by amateurs at South Bend, Ind. Keenan was seen here in "A Poor Relation." He is now a New York favorite.

William Beach, who plays "Martin Drury in 'The Traveling Salesman,'" Henry B. Harris' most successful comedy, made one of the biggest hits of his career as leading man for Maxine Elliot in Clyde Fitch's play, "Her Own Way," at the Garrick theater, New York.

St. Elmo, a new play, will be seen at the Auditorium early in February. There are five companies playing the piece. One is now running in Chicago. A short time ago two of the companies were playing at the same time in Brooklyn.

Hugo Koch, now playing the leading role in "The House of a Thousand Candles," will be starred next year in "The Port of Missing Men." Mr. Koch will be seen in Norfolk next Wednesday night.

Miss Cuba Niblo will be seen at the Auditorium late next season in "Rosaland at Red Gate," under the same management as "The House of a Thousand Candles."

There are three Sunday night towns in Nebraska—Omaha, Grand Island and West Point. Humphrey and Verdigris used to play Sunday night shows.

Walker Whiteside, who has just finished a long and successful run in New York in "The Melting Pot," opened the Norfolk Auditorium.

Julia Marlowe's right name is Sarah Frances Frost. She was born in Cumberland, eight miles from Keswick, in the village of Colbeck, in 1870.

Charles Frohman produced "Charlie's Aunt" at the Bijou theater, New York, October 2, 1892.

Lillian Russell played "Patience" in an opera of that name in New York in 1882.

A FEARFUL CRIME.

Woman Decapitated and Her Body Mutilated. Chicago, Jan. 22.—The decapitated and mutilated body of a woman, identified as that of Anna Furlong, was found in a room in a resort of 50 West Seventeenth street. The head was missing and the police believe it was carried away by the murderer in an attempt to conceal the woman's identity.

The woman evidently made a terrific struggle for life, as the room was found in great disorder, chairs, tables and other articles being thrown about. The body was clad in a nightgown, which was cut and torn in several places. The police think the woman had been dead for several hours. The body was disemboweled and parts of the hair and scalp were scattered about the room.

The body was identified as that of Anna Furlong and other inmates say she had lived there for several weeks. She was said to be about 24 years old. The police have been unable to learn anything about her relatives.

Hoskins. Fred Brueckner leaves today for Thalheim, Calif., to visit his parents. Miss Helene Schemel returned from Omaha Saturday, where she had spent a week with her father, who is in a hospital there.

Mr. George of Norfolk was up here this week looking for trouble and found considerable of it with some of the telephones in town.

Principal Darling and the Misses Reed, Moran, Cross and Winters were among those who attended the teachers' meeting last Saturday.

Miss Meta Aron has returned from a visit to Iowa.

Agent Crouch is on the sick list this week, and a man from Emerson has charge of the depot.

Miss Blessing of Dakota City visited a few days this week at the Crouch home.

W. F. Behmer was in Omaha this week with stock.

DOS AND DON'TS ON COLDS.

Physician Tells Students Not to Change Underclothing Often. Chicago News: "If you wish to pass through a winter immune from the ravaging effects of a cold, do not change your undergarments with the calendar."

This advice was one among a number of precepts laid down by Dr. Joseph E. Raycroft, physical examiner at the University of Chicago.

"A cold is indicative of a physical condition," continued Dr. Raycroft. "A person who is frequently troubled with the affliction may be sure that its presence indicates a low vitality. The ease with which the person catches cold indicates the degree of vitality which the system possesses."

A long list of "dos" and "don'ts" was given by the speaker and he urged the 150 co-eds who assembled to hear him to change their modes of living to conform to the rules which he set down.

"Keep in the best physical condition possible," he commanded.

"Take plenty of exercise, but be sure that it is the right kind for your own individual needs."

"Don't eat improper food. The food that you take into your system must be properly eaten and properly chewed."

"Don't allow yourself to become over-fatigued."

"Take plenty of rest, but do not overdo it."

"Don't breathe impure air. If the air in the room where you work is bad, go to the window at least once every hour and take from six to a dozen deep breaths of fresh air. You will find that it will act as a wonderful tonic."

"Don't expose yourself to chills."

"Don't allow yourself to be in a draft, especially when you are perspiring."

"Keep your feet dry. The lower extremities of the body, when they become damp, favor congestion in some other part and a cold is the certain result."

"Don't make too much difference in the weight of your summer and winter underclothing. Confine the greatest difference to your outer garments."

"Take cold baths each morning upon arising, if they agree with you. If they do not, avoid them."

To those who have been so unfortunate as to contract a cold the doctor also had a word of advice:

"The best cure for a cold is rest. Take plenty of it, and don't attempt to work any more than is necessary. Don't overeat. Eat discriminatingly and carefully, and with proper care the cold will soon disappear."

Real Estate Transfers.

Real estate transfers for the past week, compiled by Madison County Abstract and Guarantee company, office with Mapes & Hazen, Norfolk:

Robert F. Taylor to Mollie A. Taylor, warranty deed, \$1,500, lots 3 and 4, block 15, Battle Creek.

Henry Clausen to James M. Young, warranty deed, \$11, part of Clausen's cemetery.

August Johnson to Clemma Ellwanger, warranty deed, \$3,000, n/2 nw 3/4 22-23-1.

Margaret F. Memminger to J. B. Mayland, trustee, warranty deed, \$2,750, lots 7 and 8, Burrows' Second addition, Norfolk.

E. W. Kiesau to G. A. Kiesau, warranty deed, \$2,250, lot 4, block 10, Durland's First addition, Norfolk.

John Furber to B. D. McLaughlin, warranty deed, \$100, lots 2 and 3, block 3, Verges' additional suburban lots, Norfolk.

D. E. Wyant to Theodore Knudson, warranty deed, \$1,100, north 40 feet of lot 10, block 18, Railroad addition, Newman Grove.

Jackson C. Miller to John F. Miller, warranty deed, \$50, sw 1/4 lot 13, block 5, Pasewalk's addition, Norfolk.

Myron H. Farley to P. A. Woods, warranty deed, \$1,000, lot 10, block 6, Norfolk.

William W. Fuhrman to George D. Smith, warranty deed, \$2,500, lots 2 to 7, block 2, Edgewater Park addition, Norfolk.

James E. Nelson to Ella Thornton, warranty deed, \$1,000, lots 2 and 3, block 8, Kimball & Blair's addition, Tilden.

of last week on business from Creighton. Lots of Battle Creek relatives attended the funeral of William Eden last Thursday at Petersburg. Mr. Eden was one of the first settlers in this county and homesteaded the place where William Schulz lives now, between Battle Creek and Norfolk. When the Scribner branch was built he moved to Petersburg and put up the first hotel there.

Paul Hogreter returned Saturday to Ames, Ia., to resume his study in the agriculture department at the state agricultural school.

Frank Srb, who came here last spring from Howells and started a restaurant, is tired of business and is moving back to Howells this week. A good chance for the right man here now. Mr. Srb, in company with Jim Lodi, worked here in the Kuzick meat market, intends to start a butcher shop at Howells.

Harry Mentzer and family moved to Meadow Grove Monday, where he has taken a position with Fred Frye, north of that town.

L. E. Burch has built a nice large barn on his residence lot north of M. J. Rooney's place.

A. W. Tillotson, who has been ill several months, was taken to Tilden Sunday for an operation by Drs. Campbell and Baker.

Bernard Stolle, an old settler, celebrated his 65th birthday Sunday.

A son was born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Werner, near Meadow Grove.

Holy communion services will be held at the Lutheran church Sunday morning.

John Homan sold his dray line to Mr. Hamby (better known by the name of "Happy"). Mr. Homan boarded the passenger Sunday morning for the east and nobody knows the destination.

The Battle Creek Mutual Fire Insurance company (incorporated) held its annual general meeting here at the Miller opera house Saturday. Delegates were here from Platte, Boone, Antelope, Knox, Pierce and Stanton counties.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pratt were here Tuesday from Meadow Grove visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pratt.

Four Wisner Teachers Hurt.

Wisner, Neb., Jan. 22.—Special to The News: In coming from the high school building at noon, Miss Tennent, principal of the high school, slipped and broke her left arm just above the wrist.

Last week one evening while the teachers of the schools were coasting one bob sled having on a bunch of teachers upset, putting Miss Baldwin to the bad so she had to go to her home at Fremont, giving a black eye to Miss Gazelle and a skinned face and black eye to Prof. S. M. Moss.

Guard For a Poor Man's Mayor.

Mayor Lew Shank of Indianapolis, who was elected as the friend of the poor people, recently announced the appointment of George Coffin as special bodyguard and detective for his office. He proposes that Coffin shall be always near him and shall make investigations and report direct in cases where it might be necessary for the mayor to act. The new mayor has been overrun by seekers after office, and some of the disappointed have threatened to "get even." Mayor Shank constrains this threat to be something more than political and wants a guard and a confidential man to keep him posted.

City Wells Going Dry?

Is Norfolk threatened with a water famine? Are the city's wells running dry? In case of a dry season, would the city find itself in a serious predicament for want of water?

A committee from the city council is investigating this danger, which has been brought to the city's attention in a letter from E. A. Bullock, whose company now does the city pumping. Mr. Bullock declares the wells are going dry and that there is not enough water in them to keep his pump going. Vacuum is pumped part of the time. He also declares there must be a serious leak in the city's system somewhere, as the water falls in the stand-pipe twenty-five feet after midnight, when little water is used.

He recommends cautioning the public to use little water when fire breaks out, and advises connecting the old steam pump with the Northfork river to use in case of emergency, unless more wells can be dug.

Dr. Mackay, city physician, declares it is the history of all surface wells, such as those here, that they give out. On Monday a test of the old steam pump will be made to find whether or not the trouble exists in the electric pump. Following is the text of Mr. Bullock's letter:

I wish to call your attention to a matter that I think should have your immediate attention, and that is the matter of more wells at the pumping station.

We are pumping more water by 100 per cent than we did at the beginning of our contract and, while our pump is not running at its fastest speed, it is running as fast as is necessary to take all the water that the wells will give up.

When the pump is run faster it pumps no more water, as it gets part vacuum.

I think, also, that there are some serious leaks in the system, as after midnight, when there are but few using water, the standpipe will lower more than twenty-five feet in an hour if we are not pumping.

The steam pump at the station is useless in case of fire for additional water, as there is no water for it when we are running the electric pump.

In my judgment, it would be a good thing to frequently caution the people to shut off all use of water in case of fire.

The ground is full of water at this time, but if we should have a "dry season," unless there is less water used

Little Tilden Girl Has Polecat For Pet



MISS LUCILE BLISS AND HER PET

The only pet skunk in captivity belongs to a little 12-year-old Nebraska girl.

Lucile Bliss, daughter of D. W. Bliss, a farmer near Tilden, Neb., and formerly a commercial traveler, is the child who has reared this unique pet from its pole-kittenhood and now, a full grown animal, the creature romps and plays with its little mistress just as any common house cat might.

The little skunklet, captured near Tilden in its infancy, was taken home by Lucile and petted. The animal grew fat under caressing and house food, and thrived as any well ordered animal might.

When Lucile comes into the house, the polecat, now grown big, races to her side, leaps to her shoulder, licks her cheeks and snuggles down into her neck. She loves it more dearly than she ever loved any other pet.

these wells will not supply the amount of water we are pumping at this time, to say nothing about the summer time, when the streets are sprinkled, as are also the lawns.

It might be a good thing to have the steam pump connected to the Northfork, so it could be used in that way in an emergency. I do not recommend this, however, if I can have wells.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Fred Nelson of Hoskins was here. D. Mathewson returned from Walthill. Frank Hart of Hoskins was in the city.

Miss Minnie Parr returned from Fremont. Sheriff C. S. Smith of Madison was in the city.

Mrs. Gustave Schulz of Hoskins was in the city. Frank Fox has gone to Sioux City on business.

Miss Anna Schulz of Hoskins called on friends here. Lee Hoffman of Emerick was in the city on business.

William Zutz of Hoskins was in the city on business. August Kloeke of West Point was in the city on business.

Mrs. C. E. Knierek of Hoskins was in the city visiting with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sprecher have gone to Alliance to visit with relatives.

A. L. Brubaker and Ray Weston of Pierce were in the city calling on friends. Miss Matilda Schmide came home to spend Sunday with her mother, Mrs. A. Schmide.

J. N. Wicks and M. J. Sanders have returned from an inspection trip of this district of the Nebraska Telephone company.

Dr. C. A. McKim and family have returned from Salina, Kan., where he has been visiting relatives for the past two weeks.

E. R. Mittelstadt of Laurel, who spent several days with his mother, returned to his home this morning, accompanied by his mother and William Preusker, who is going to visit with his daughter, Mrs. John Steckling.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fix, a son. J. W. McClary is suffering from an attack of grip.

The Sons of Hermann held a special meeting at their new hall Friday evening.

Robert Davenport, youngest son of F. E. Davenport, who has been ill, is reported better.

The Elks will hold a regular meeting tonight at 8:30. All members are urged to be present.

Automobile trading is beginning to pick up in Norfolk. D. Rees of Norfolk has purchased a new Overland.

Miss Tina Cizek has resigned her position with the A. L. Killian company to accept a similar position at Osmond.

Charles J. Larkin, son of C. L. Larkin, has wired his father from Joplin, Mo., saying he has left the hospital and is coming home.

Constable John Flynn returned from North Platte, having in custody Leone Scott, who is charged with renting a house for disorderly conduct in Norfolk.

The Boys' club of Norfolk are planning for a big hop at the Marquardt hall next Tuesday evening. The Sullivan harp orchestra of LeMars, Ia., has been secured for the occasion.

R. E. Buckmaster, formerly one of the star players of the Norfolk baseball team, was in the city in company with his father, J. M. Buckmaster of Creighton. Roy Buckmaster had for some time been in Colorado.

Chancellor Avery of the state university will be in the city Saturday, January 29, and will give a lecture at the Congregational church. On Sunday, January 30, Mr. Avery will occupy the pulpit at the same church.

Merchants are already beginning to receive their spring stocks. An early spring is predicted for Norfolk by many. Usually there is but ten to eleven weeks of hard winter, but already we have had fourteen weeks of solid winter weather. Easter coming earlier than usual lends faith to some in the belief that an early spring will come.

Mrs. Squires arrived home from Creighton yesterday, where she had been on business.

FOR CLEANER BADGES.

Movement Begun by Norfolk Firemen Finds Welcome In Convention.

The reform started in the state volunteer firemen ranks for elimination of unclean badges, by the Norfolk delegation, has spread and promises to be adopted by the entire association, according to a report in the Fremont Tribune, which says:

"Just before the gavel was handed to President J. C. Elliott of the Nebraska Firemen's association by retiring President Bert Galley last evening, the former brought the subject of obscene-ribbon trading before the convention in a fiery speech condemning the practice. The outcome of President Elliott's action was a heated discussion of the subject by nearly a dozen of the older firemen, and finally the introduction of a resolution expressing the sentiment of the association against the use of 'indecent or suggestive' messages on the ribbons."

"President Elliott declared that he would not be in favor of abolishing the practice of trading ribbons, as there was a sentiment he liked connected with it, but he most heartily condemned the trend it had taken. 'It is bringing the association into disrepute,' said President Elliott. 'If the badges went no further than to the members of the association it would not make so much difference, but they are spread about and they tend to give a wrong impression of the sincere purpose of the association.' J. C. Cleland of Fremont declared that every year he found it necessary to cull certain badges from his collection because they were unfit for him to take home. Another delegate suggested that the firemen bring no badges to the convention that would not bear the approval of their mothers and sisters."

"President Elliott on assuming office made a brief speech in which he indicated that he will attempt some reforms in the association. He said he proposed to have more 'shop talk' and closer attention to the affairs of the association."

SETTLERS FOR HAWAII.

Special Session of Legislature Called to Start Land Law Revision.

A proclamation calling a special session of the territorial legislature to consider amendments to the organic act of Hawaii has been issued by Governor Frear. Among the changes recommended are amendments to the land laws to encourage settlers to take up homesteads and increased pay for legislators and federal officials of the territory.

The governor desires to restrict public lands so that any single homesteader may take up to eighty acres; also to bar out aliens from homesteading, to enforce residence