

SOCIETY

Pleasures of the Week. A number of neighbors and friends of M. Stransky, who recently sold his farm stock and property two and one half miles northwest of the city, surprised him last week by calling on him and making him a gift of a fine set of silver knives and forks. A pleasant evening was enjoyed and many regrets expressed by his friends at losing a good friend and a neighbor. Mr. Stransky leaves in a few days for Yankeetown where he has purchased thirty acres of land adjoining that city.

Officers of the Eastern Star of Norfolk went to Battle Creek Friday to assist Grand Patron D. E. Green of Lincoln to institute a new chapter of that order at Battle Creek. Among the Norfolk members who were present at the ceremony were: Mrs. George B. Christoph, Mrs. A. H. Velle, Mrs. J. H. Blitney, Mrs. George Sears, Mrs. John Wynde, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Simmons, Mrs. L. Musselman, Mrs. Joseph Burton, Mrs. C. J. Hibben, Miss Edith Velle.

Mrs. J. C. Stitt was surprised Thursday evening when a large number of her friends and neighbors took possession of her home during her absence. Mrs. Stitt, who had been down town returned late and was endeavoring to solve the "What shall I have for supper" problem when her eyes met a heavy laden table which her friends had heaped with delicacies. A pleasant evening was enjoyed. The event was in honor of Mrs. Stitt's birthday.

Tuesday night the club rooms of the Fraternal Order of Eagles was the scene of much merry making. On this night the Eagles entertained their ladies at an elaborate dinner. Ed Becker was chairman of the entertainment committee on this night and had among his assistants E. A. Marquardt and W. M. Spencer. Howe's orchestra furnished music for the dancing. It was one of the most enjoyable social events the Eagles have ever held.

Mrs. W. S. Fox was hostess Wednesday afternoon to a number of her former Tenth street neighbors. The event was a 1 o'clock luncheon, the ladies bringing their fancy work for the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Fox expect to leave Norfolk the latter part of this month for Spaulding, where Mr. Fox has been transferred. He has lived in Norfolk and held the Columbus-Norfolk run on the Union Pacific for eleven years.

Members of the local camp of the Woodmen of the World have organized a debating club and are preparing a debate among their members on, "Who is the Most Logical Candidate for Governor of Nebraska, Shallenberger or Dahlman?" Dr. O. R. Meredith and Frank Cochran will defend Shallenberger; Henry Wiles and George R. Desmond will debate for Dahlman.

One hundred Norfolk ladies were entertained last Monday at the residence of Mrs. H. J. Cole, where about sixty pictures from the Chicago Artists club were on exhibition. Among the paintings were six water colors and thirty-nine oil paintings which were painted by distinguished artists, some of whom are known by a number of Norfolk ladies.

Mrs. I. Powers gave a Kensington yesterday afternoon for her daughter, Mrs. Whitney of Chicago, who is visiting in Norfolk. This was the second Kensington given by Mrs. Powers for Mrs. Whitney, the first having taken place last week.

Miss Florence Covert and D. C. Covert entertained a large number of their little friends at their home Tuesday afternoon. The party was in honor of the tenth birthday of Miss Covert.

Mrs. W. C. Roland entertained a large number of friends. The entertainment was in honor of Mr. Roland's birthday. He was presented with an elegant leather chair by the guests.

Mrs. L. P. Pasewalk entertained a number of friends at dinner Tuesday evening. The event was in honor of Mrs. Tiffany of Columbus who is a sister of Mrs. W. F. Hall.

The Dorcas society met with the Misses Nadine and Gladys Cole last Thursday evening. The regular sewing was done after which refreshments were served.

Mrs. George D. Butterfield entertained the Bridge club at luncheon last Saturday. Washington's birthday ideas predominated in the decorations.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hayes entertained a few friends at dinner Wednesday evening. Music was a feature of the evening's pleasure.

Miss Mary Odiorne entertained a number of friends at dinner Saturday evening in honor of Miss Ruth Norris of Wakefield.

The West Side Whist club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sol G. Mayer Thursday evening.

Mrs. H. C. Sattler entertained the Altar society of the Sacred Heart church Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. W. J. Stedeman gave a luncheon Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Tiffany of Columbus.

Mrs. J. C. Myers gave a 1 o'clock luncheon yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. George H. Burton will entertain a number of ladies at high tea at 5 o'clock this evening.

Mrs. Sol G. Mayer was hostess to a half dozen ladies at bridge yesterday afternoon.

Coming Events. The Household Economic department of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Erskine Monday afternoon.

Melcher Walters is here visiting at the M. L. Ogden home. He is on his way to Portland. L. G. Walters of Glidden, Ia., arrived here also. They are both brothers of Mrs. M. L. Ogden.

Engagements. Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times: Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Bogart announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Talbot C. Olney. The wedding will be an event of the early spring. Miss Bogart is the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bogart, and has spent her whole life in this city, where she is beloved by all who know her for her charm of manner and disposition. Mr. Olney came to Chattanooga two years ago, he holds the position of local superintendent of the Pullman company. After the wedding journey Mr. Olney and his bride will go to housekeeping in the apartment house now building by Mr. Twinn on East Fourth street.

Talbot C. Olney is well known in Norfolk having formerly been a prominent resident of this city.

Wayne Normal Notes. The second winter term opened on Tuesday of this week with a good attendance.

Already reservations are being made for the two summer terms, the first of which opens April 25th and the second June 20th.

Professor Hunter will return June 1 and will give special instruction in manual training for all grades of public schools. This one feature of the work will be worth much to the teachers of Nebraska.

As usual, a certain amount of farming will be done at the college. One item will be the planting of seven acres of potatoes. The fine weather of the last few days makes us feel that winter will soon be gone.

The education department are hard at work on Ibsen's "Doll's House" which will be presented before the end of the year. This department has done some splendid work this year, and the results are highly satisfactory.

On Thursday morning of last week occurred the graduating exercises of the Commercial class. President Fred Pile made the address. The music for the occasion was furnished by the college orchestra.

Just one year ago, the founder of the school passed into the vale of the unseen and eternal. This has been a most trying year in many respects and when we look back over the hard road beset with so many obstacles, we wonder at the courage with which they have been met.

New Addition for The News. Among the new buildings to be erected in Norfolk this spring will be a large brick addition to The Daily News building.

The new structure, made necessary by the constantly growing business of the Huse Publishing company in all departments, and particularly in the book binding and fine printing departments, will be of brick, two stories high plus the basement, will extend forty feet east of the present News building and will turn north at the rear wall of the Auditorium with an ell running eighteen feet in that direction. This will make the new addition forty feet long and forty feet wide at the rear. The stage entrance to the Auditorium will be placed in the east end of the theater.

Plant Already Employs Forty-three. The new addition will make The News in all its departments a still more important factor in the construction of Norfolk. The plant already employs forty-three persons, many of whom are men with families.

Besides the forty-three employees here, The News maintains special agents in Chicago and New York city.

New Heat Plant for Theater. Along with other improvements being made by this company, will be the installation of a new vacuum heating plant which will heat both The News building and the Auditorium.

This new heating system will be a great improvement in the Auditorium over the old hot air method, and will be vastly more safe, as all possible danger from fire in the theater will thus be removed. The change is already being made and will be completed before the next attraction at the Auditorium.

Book Bindery and Printery Growing. The rapid development and growth of the book bindery and job printing department, which is turning out big contracts for all parts of this state and parts of other states, is one of the chief reasons for the new addition this year.

May Put On New Train. Oakdale Sentinel: The present freight service on the branch is proving more and more inadequate to meet the demands of the increasing traffic along that line of railroad. The Northwestern officials have for some time been considering plans for a betterment of the service, and it is announced, from an unofficial source, that another train will be put on during the next sixty days. The new train will be a turn-around, making daily trips from Norfolk to Albion, via Oakdale, and return.

ON THE Stage

Three big theatrical attractions are announced for the Auditorium: "Polly of the Circus," "The Girl of the Golden West," and "The Traveling Salesman."

"Polly of the Circus." Frederic Thompson's big success, comes this month. The story is that of a circus rider, a young woman who is inured in the things of the world, in spite of her surroundings, who falls in love with a minister into whose house she is carried when she is injured in a fall. The congregation agree, the girl or the minister—one must go. The girl decides it shall be she. Then she goes back to the circus and then the Thompson versatility is shown. And then comes the circus! Who has not seen a real circus? Who has not walked back and forth from one place to another in the days that are no more, all the loved ones close at hand, all the children eating their fill of popcorn and washing it down with the "red lemonade" that was made of anything but lemons. Those were the days when men, women and children loved. Those were times when the citizens were being founded. Many lived in them then but many have since left the country towns to make up the city millions. The great elephants, the children's delight; the happy-go-lucky clown, the amusement of the old and young; the side shows that "coined" money; the mighty tents and the dozens of musical instruments that go to make up the country circus band; they were all there then. And they are all there now. For a passing moment they have been provided. For just that passing moment will the older persons in the audience be carried back to the young days when the now grown-up child was a baby; for just that moment will that now grown-up child see what it was that delighted the dear old parents who are with the production of "Polly" or who have passed before them into the Great Beyond that waits them, as well. Only those who remember the circus days of old will appreciate the enormous expense incurred by the producer of "Polly of the circus" in carrying the paraphernalia for a moment's exhibition. To the younger generation it may be but one of the many Thompson treats to which they have become accustomed.

David Belasco's "Girl of Golden West." The master touch of David Belasco is in every detail of "The Girl of the Golden West" in which he will present his own company at the Auditorium soon. David Belasco, a name synonymous with perfection in dramatic art, has in this offering given a picture of a land almost unknown to the dramatist. In New York, where "The Girl of the Golden West" ran continuously at the Belasco theater for two years, and in the few other cities that have thus far witnessed the play it scored the veritable triumph and success of the most substantial character has once more perched upon Mr. Belasco's banner. The critics of the cities named are enthusiastic in their endorsement of the play as the pinnacle of Mr. Belasco's career. In Washington, before the most brilliant and representative audience ever assembled in the capital city, comprising the diplomatic corps, foreign legations and cabinet members, together with others prominent in social, army and navy life, "The Girl of the Golden West" won a triumph such as has been accorded few plays on record in that city.

The unusual sight of an entire audience leaving a theater before the conclusion of a performance was witnessed during the performance of The Golden Girl at Connersville, Ind., caused partly by a badly printed program, but mainly because the stage manager lowered the asbestos curtain between the last two scenes and the audience thought the show was over. When the final curtain went up, there were but four people in their seats. Part of the audience hurried back into the theater, but most of them had gone on home none the wiser.

Henry B. Harris has signed contracts with Charles Klein, the author of The Lion and the Mouse and The Third Degree, to write a new play for Rose Stahl, who is now playing her fourth season in James Forbes' successful comedy, The Chorus Lady. Miss Stahl is to continue with her present vehicle all this season, and will come into New York in the spring of 1911 in her new play.

The Lyric comedy company in their minstrel sketch this week fell back from their usual good talent to please the audience. Although many of their turns were decidedly clever the critic must say that the edge on some of the jokes could be taken off. The boys will put on a new turn next week.

The Overland Four at the Crystal is making a hit with the public with their new comedy sketch. The quartet which is composed of Norfolk talent is composed of good songsters. Norfolkians in Tripp County. Norfolk, Neb., March 5.—Editor The News: I just returned from a ten days' visit at my sister's place in Tripp county. I also visited Carter and other new town cities like Winner. They are certainly coming to the front fast. Jordan had nothing but a well so far, but as soon as the weather permits will grow up in a month or two that will beat many of our surrounding towns for business. Help is very scarce and wages are high. The land is almost too high now for speculation as many places

are relinquishing as high as \$2,500. These are quarters that were sold in the first place, or rather relinquished, for about \$300 to \$700. Note the raise in nine and twenty months. I also visited John Uttecht, the man that formerly worked for the Chicago lumber company. He lives up almost on top of the buttes on a large flat with the best of soil. He referred to a statement from this town that he had to go through many hardships. He would like to have the error corrected as he never suffered any so far and to prove it he took me to his smoke house and showed me ten large hams and shoulders of hogs which he had recently butchered, all his own raising and feeding. I also ran across Charles Howard, who was working at the carpenter trade. Charles Lierman is also working at Winner. I also had the pleasure to have a big dinner with an Indian family who set a very fine table no "dog soup" either.

Ernest Raasch. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ziemer Wednesday. Louie Krause has bought the Benser property south of R. G. Rohrke's home and will move to town soon. Fred Nelson has gone to Loretto to work in the Edwards & Bradford lumber yard there. Harry Ruhlow has taken his place here. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Frederickson Saturday. Mrs. Elmer Darling enjoyed a visit this week from her mother who lives at Decatur. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cook Tuesday but died Wednesday. Phillip Frieze and wife arrived from Texas this week and will move on the F. C. Schroeder farm. W. F. Roker and family have moved back to Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Templin went to Albion Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Templin's father who died Thursday. Ike Carr has moved into the Mantle flat and Swanson Bros. will move into the house vacated by W. F. Roker. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green returned Wednesday from a visit to Wisconsin. John Huebner and wife were Omaha visitors this week. John Ahrenschildt has arrived from Missouri and will take a position in Benser's store. Mrs. A. W. Barge of Crofton was in town Wednesday.

Commissioners' Proceedings. Madison, Neb., March 1, 1910. 1 p. m.—Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Commissioners Henry Sunderman, John Malone and Burr Taft. The minutes of the meeting of January 11, 12 and 13, 1910, were read and approved as read. The matter of letting the bridge contract came up for hearing. The proposal of the Midland Bridge company, not being accompanied by a certified check, endorsed to the county clerk, was not considered. The proposal of the Nebraska Construction company was not accompanied by a certified check, endorsed by the county clerk, therefore was not considered. The proposals of the Western Bridge and Construction company and of Jas. P. Riddle, being accompanied by properly drawn and endorsed certified checks, were opened and compared. Upon comparison of the bids of the Western Bridge and Construction company and of Jas. P. Riddle, the board finds that the bid of the Western Bridge and Construction company is the lowest and best bid on all classes of steel bridges, and that the bid of the Western Bridge and Construction company is the lowest on wooden bridges and on the repairs for all classes of bridges, and the contracts for the construction of such steel and wooden bridges and for the repair of all steel or wood bridges as the board may find necessary and may order to be constructed or repaired during the year 1910, was awarded to the said Western Bridge and Construction company, upon their giving a good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of said contracts. On motion the amount of bond to be furnished by the Western Bridge and Construction company was fixed at \$3,000. The matter of publishing the commissioners' proceedings, road notices, etc., was taken up and it was moved, seconded and carried that the contract for 1909 be renewed, excepting that The Madison Post be included in the list of papers that are to publish such notices, and that the compensation of each paper be computed pro rata among the publishers on a basis of the sworn circulation of each paper participating. It being understood that next year the board will let the contract to only one paper as the official paper. On motion the following appointments were made: W. P. Kennedy, constable for Madison precinct. S. M. Dowling, assessor for Madison precinct. L. C. Ulry, assessor for Grove precinct. S. M. Dowling, road overseer for road district No. 15. E. Rowlett, road overseer for road district No. 9. John Frisch, road overseer for road district No. 25. Frank White, road overseer for road district No. 26. George Hobus, road overseer for road districts No. 6 and 21. C. R. Rouse, road overseer for road district No. 24. W. R. Snyder, road overseer road district No. 20. On motion the county clerk was instructed to have the insurance of the dwelling at the county poor farm renewed as soon as it expires, and to have an additional amount of insurance of \$1,500 written on the barns

and outbuildings at the poor farm, and that M. G. Doering of Battle Creek be given this additional insurance. On motion the county clerk was instructed to correct the 1909 tax list by computing the personal taxes of Richard Tews of Norfolk city, on an actual valuation of \$270, instead of \$1,370, on account of error in assessment. On motion the 1909 personal assessment of Wells, Abbott, Nelman Co., at Norfolk city, was reduced from \$2,000, actual valuation, to \$200, actual value, on account of error in assessment, and the clerk was instructed to correct the tax list accordingly. The report of the state auditor showing that F. A. Peterson, county treasurer, had paid to the state treasurer the full amount due to January 1, 1910, was received and ordered filed. On motion the county treasurer was authorized to make the following transfer of funds in his office: From the 1908 county general fund to the 1909 county general fund, \$1,000. On motion the county clerk was instructed to correct the 1909 tax list by computing the taxes on the school land lease on the 1/2 of sw 1/4, and 1/2 of ne 1/4 of 16-23-3, R. Collins and C. L. Daniel, by transferring said taxes from school district No. 5 to school district No. 10, and compute the taxes accordingly, on account of error in listing by assessor. On motion the Security bank of Meadow Grove was designated as a depository for county funds. On motion the 1909 personal assessment of Frank Schula in Norfolk city of \$10.02 was ordered stricken from the tax list on account of double assessment, and the clerk was ordered to so correct tax list. On motion the action taken by this board at the meeting of January 13, 1910, allowing the claim of Boone county for one-half of road work on county line, of \$25.50, was rescinded and reconsidered, and same was on motion wholly disallowed, and the county clerk was ordered to cancel the warrant for same. On motion the county treasurer was authorized to transfer from the 1909 county general fund to the drainage ditch No. 1 fund the sum of \$525, the same to be in the nature of a loan. On motion the county clerk was ordered to draw warrants on drainage ditch No. 1 fund, as follows: W. P. Dixon, ditch contract, assigned to Alvin How, \$ 9.23 W. P. Wilson, ditch contract, assigned to Jack Koenigstein 14.66 W. P. Dixon, ditch contract, assigned to Jack Koenigstein 8.90 W. P. Dixon, ditch contract, assigned to M. C. Hazen 170.33 A. B. Tashjean, damages, assigned to Jack Koenigstein 231.56 On motion the following bills were allowed: Western Bridge and Construction Co., contract 3,500.00 Burr Taft, labor and mileage 72.20 Nye-Schneider Co., bridge lumber 38.65 Hume-Robertson-Wycoff Co., hardware, road district No. 11 3.25 Nye-Schneider Co., lumber, road district No. 12 150.40 Nye-Schneider Co., lumber, commissioner district No. 3 43.70 Hume-Robertson-Wycoff Co., district No. 14 29.65 Dieter Bros., road drag 10.00 Fleming pharmacy, drugs for pauper 2.60 George Fisher, road work, commissioner district No. 3 2.50 F. A. Barrett, house rent for pauper 8.00 Battle Creek Hardware Co., hardware, road district No. 3 5.00 Frank Pospisil, road work, road district No. 14 3.50 H. Kilburn, register births and deaths 3.75 C. R. Rynearson, register births and deaths 26.25 Chas. Letheby, register births and deaths 6.75 M. L. Koehn, register births and deaths 5.00 B. H. Mills, register births and deaths 8.75 O. A. Sleeper, substitute, register births and deaths 30 Nebraska State Institute for Feeble Minded, account of Thos. Shalley 28.56 Nebraska State Institute for Feeble Minded, account of Albert Woods 21.43 Nebraska State Institute for Feeble Minded, account of Theresa Gauditz 81.15 N. A. Housel, postage and expense for January 13.36 Loonan Lumber Co., bridge lumber 21.65 Hammond & Stephens Co., supplies, superintendent 11.25 Farmers Institute, Newman Grove, expense 20.50 Farmers Milling & Elevator Co., coal for pauper 9.35 Nebraska Telephone Co., Norfolk, tolls 6.65 George Losky, bridge lumber 5.00 W. A. Lauffer, supplies for pauper .50 Madison city, electric lighting Peter Emig, road work, road district No. 12 4.50 F. A. Long, commissioner of insanity 11.00 N. A. Housel, salary for January 116.68 Everett Cokeley, road work, commissioner district No. 2, assigned to D. A. Ommerman 9.50 Dr. F. A. Long, medical services 7.00 C. J. From, supplies for pauper 8.00 Oscar Sunderman, hauling bridge lumber 4.00 Frank Scheer, hauling bridge lumber 4.00 Walter Sunderman, hauling bridge lumber 4.00 Harry Cunningham, road work, road district No. 7 2.00 Joseph Hughes, road work, district No. 3 13.00 A. B. Tashjean, attending pauper 26.00 L. C. Mittelstadt, lumber, road district No. 1 19.58 Jos. Weibersberger, shoveling snow, road district No. 15 7.00

Wm. Clasey, road work, road district No. 8 20.00 John Rislor, road work, road district No. 10 3.00 H. Fricke, plow, general fund 14.15 Charley Hartman, wolf scalp 2.00 L. C. Mittelstadt, lumber, road district No. 1 63.87 Madison Telephone Co., tolls, Madison Telephone Co., rent, January, February, March, Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co., coal for pauper 10.55 Wm. Schmidt, road work, commissioner district No. 1 12.50 Wm. Schmidt, road work, commissioner district No. 3 12.50 R. W. Linn, road work, commissioner district No. 1 17.00 Walborg Hermanson, caring for paupers 5.50 N. A. Housel, salary, February 116.66 N. A. Housel, postage, etc. 13.08 S. R. McFarland, county clerk, postage, recording, etc., January, February 36.50 Farmers Mercantile Co., supplies 12.25 Henry Sunderman, cash advanced for road work, road district No. 10 2.00 Hume-Robertson-Wycoff Co., hardware, road district No. 9 50 O. S. Christian, road work, road district No. 9 2.50 Henry Sunderman, labor and mileage 57.75 Hume-Robertson-Wycoff Co., hardware, road district No. 15 1.65 Huse Publishing Co., stationery 59.44 Huse Publishing Co., books 192.00 Huse Publishing Co., publishing 176.17 Krumm & Warren, lumber, road district No. 5 31.55 Henry Sunderman, cash for wire for bridges 1.30 Geo. W. Dorr, shoveling snow 4.00 J. T. Moore, work on bridges Ed Voss, draying 7.85 S. E. Hewins, house rent for pauper 16.00 John Alstadt, road work, commissioner district No. 1 4.50 J. M. Smith, salary and boarding prisoners 127.30 Fred Byerly, bridge work 14.50 Ed Rowlett, road work, commissioner district No. 1 12.00 Diers Bros., supplies for jail 21.84 Henry Wichter, bridge work 7.50 Everett Cokeley, bridge work. E. W. Rowland, road work, commissioner district No. 2 6.00 J. S. Rowland, road work, road district No. 2 4.00 John Malone, labor and mileage 37.90 Arthur Papstein, road work, road district No. 14, assigned to Carl Jeining 18.80 W. H. Field, fees, etc. 156.95 Dr. Bracking, medical services, claimed \$181.75, wholly disallowed as not a proper charge against the county. C. Eiseley, fees for Gilbert case and Howell case, claimed \$2, wholly disallowed as not a proper charge against the county. Mrs. J. T. Lindsay, caring for pauper 2.00 W. B. Fuerst, fees, state cases, claimed \$25.50, allowed 24.10 Madison Post, supplies, etc. 35.10 Wm. Bates, fees, recording, etc. 45.98 University Publishing Co., supplies, superintendent 5.00 Monarch Typewriter Co., supplies, superintendent 2.05 Ray Chapman, road work, commissioner district No. 1 15.00 Madison Chronicle, supplies 24.75 Dr. F. A. Long, attending prisoners 3.00 Watson Purdy, cash for meals for snow shovelers 2.50 Gus Kaul, salary, January and February 100.00 Oliver Typewriter Co., repairs 9.69 On motion the board examined and accepted the following report of the soldiers' relief commission: Madison, Neb., March 1, 1910.—To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Neb.: I herewith hand your honorable body my report as chairman of the soldiers' relief commission for the year ending March 1, 1910: Balance on hand last report \$ 98.25 Received from county February 17, 1909 250.00 Received from county April 21, 1909 200.00 Received from county September 17, 1909 250.00 Received from county January 13, 1910 200.00 Total 998.25 Disbursements: Paid out to W. H. Widaman \$509.97 Paid out to John Crook 270.00 To George Galpin 50.00 Mrs. Claus Young 10.85 H. Wellington 2.50 Paid exchange 7.30 Paid exchange 6.50 Postage .25 Total 985.37 Balance on hand 998.25 Respectfully submitted, H. F. Barney. Chairman Soldiers' Relief Commission. On motion board adjourned to 7 o'clock p. m. March 1, 1910, 7 p. m.—Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, full board. Official bonds were approved as follows: W. P. Kennedy, constable, Madison precinct. James Hughes, road overseer, road district No. 17. W. R. Snyder, road overseer, road district No. 20. S. M. Dowling, road overseer, road district No. 16. On motion the following claims were allowed: Herman Hogrefe, road work, commissioner district No. 2, \$135.00 Herman Hogrefe, road work, commissioner district No. 3, 135.00 E. Detloff, keeping pauper 10.00 Jos. Clinch, bridge work, commissioner district No. 1, 3.00 On motion Burr Taft was authorized to have the bridge on the Elk horn river, on county line between Madison and Stanton counties, repaired, and to superintend said work. On motion Henry Sunderman was authorized to refoor two bridges, one north of and one south of the steel

bridge near Jack Moore's farm. On motion the county clerk was instructed to have the telephones in the corridor of the court house removed and in place of these have a telephone of the Madison County Farmers' Telephone company and of the Madison Telephone company installed in each of the offices and also have a Madison County Farmers' Telephone company telephone installed in the jail, provided the telephone companies would render this service at the minimum cost to the county. On motion the board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, March 29, 1910, at 1 p. m. S. R. McFarland, County Clerk.

Grand Opera and a Boy. Nebraska, Neb., March 5.—I had read so much about grand opera that I thought hearing it would surely eclipse the usual joys of boyhood, such as flying kites, fighting with other boys, playing marbles, playing "hook-ey," jumping on trains, loading in barber shops and going to the circus. So one night I decided to hear "Carmen." As I always did believe in general harmony of grandeur between a person and his surroundings, I borrowed some clean cuffs from a fellow-boarder and dressed up. As I took my seat I was truly magnificent in all the glory of a new seven dollar suit, gorgeous, beflowered "wescut," near-diamond, hair pasted down and shining, noisy new shoes and incongruous hosiery. In all this finery I felt "real cutupish and gaydogish." (No doubt I looked like a "shining mark for mingling sharks.") I also felt pretty important but no one noticed me except the policeman at the door.

With a fine disregard for etiquette I turned and stared at the plutocrats as they entered the boxes. There were elderly ladies of portly figure and icy manner, who later held their opera glasses on "sticks" and seemed fussy; young ladies of high color, in fluffy ruffles, delicate looking youths; each with a weak eye; (I wondered if they were duds); and a few heavy rosy old gentlemen with beaming faces—probably members of the beef trust. Everybody was very polite and bowed a great many times in a way which was truly Turveydroplan. Finally the orchestra crashed and the curtain went up. Out upon the stage strode a fierce looking gentleman in velvet breeches, be-feathered hat, and a black stage-villain mustache which turned up at the ends. Without warning he struck a love-like attitude and emitted an explosive half-song, half-yell. It was the famous tenor. His manner was so ferocious that I half expected to see fire emanating from his nostrils at any moment. Then the great bass singer came out and quarelled with the chesty tenor. The bass man seemed excited about something and pranced about the stage in boots, and roared like thunder from the "vasty deep." It was very affecting. At this dreadful moment the beautiful princess appeared on the balcony above and made divers high noises with her voice which seemed to utterly subdue the misbehaving noisy knights below. Then the leader of the orchestra made some furious and bewildering movements with his person and his baton, and the orchestra gallantly responded with some really first-class crashes. I had hardly recovered from this when out from the wings came the motley mob. There were kings and queens with their fan bearers and cigarette holders, dukes and robbers, priests and pirates, painted chorus ladies, tin soldiers and "noblemen out of a job." These dime novel folk kept moving about with great animation, and singing and shouting, and fiercely drawing their flashing swords and immediately putting them back again, (no lives lost). It sounded like some wild horses turned loose in an uncarpeted dining room. I wondered what it was all about.

Suddenly a great extra-special "shout arose to a height of nine feet," as Bill Nye says; and the crowd parted. In skipped a picturesque Spanish girl with a cat-like movement. She gyrated, plunged to and fro, and sang with incredible vigor. It was Carmen herself. Hereupon the mighty bass villain roared with renewed gusto, strutted about, and made a big racket with his boots. It was a thrilling moment. This achievement of his boisterous protagonist seemed to make the tenor jealous. With a mighty vocal effort the latter triumphantly struck the highest note in his war song. (At this delicious climax my seatmate—an excited little gentleman with side-whiskers—went into a trance.) Having reduced his rival, the tenor drew his trusty sword, and with flashing eye challenged the whole company to mortal combat. Just then the curtain came down and the lives of the company were saved. The audience went wild and I went home, feeling that simple tunes were good enough for me.

Frank Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Goodell arrived home Monday evening from a visit at Harrisburg, Pa., with Mr. Goodell's mother and other relatives. Mrs. Gibbon returned to her home at Garnett, Kan., after a few weeks' visit at the home of her son, C. W. Goodell.

Mrs. Haslem returned Monday from Kentucky where she has been visiting her mother, during the winter months. Her sister and brother, Miss Ridgeway and Mr. Ridgeway, returned with her for a visit.

Will Argenbright is in Omaha this week attending to business matters. Miss Hedda Kafka won first place in the high school contest Wednesday evening, Arthur Miller second and Matilda Meyers third. The program was very entertaining as all of the eight contestants did splendid work.