

**Protests Against Hornet Going.**  
Washington, Dec. 20.—The Honduran minister today protested to the state department against permitting the departure of the steamer Hornet from New Orleans, on the ground that the vessel contemplates leading a revolutionary expedition against President Davilla.

New Orleans, Dec. 20.—The United States revenue cutter Davy again this afternoon anchored alongside the steamer Hornet and special customs inspectors were placed on shore opposite the Hornet's anchorage with instructions to report promptly any activities observed in connection with her preparations for sailing.

**He Wanted to Kill Both.**  
Considerable excitement prevailed at the home of George F. Chrisman, 501 Lincoln avenue, last evening when George Spago, an Italian laborer with a 38-caliber revolver loaded to the muzzle, threatened the life of Mrs. Chrisman and declared he was waiting for her husband and then would kill them both. Chrisman was notified before he reached home and with the aid of Patrolmen Sasse and Livingstone Spago was arrested. He was taken to Madison to stand examination by the board of insanity, a charge which Mr. Chrisman signed against him.

Spago's trouble started when he fell in love with the widow of a railroad man who moved to North Loup. He went there to visit her some time ago and when his attentions were rejected he came back to Norfolk swearing he would kill her. He secured employment at the Northwestern coal chute, where Mr. Chrisman is foreman. He also boarded with the Chrisman family and to them confided his great love for the North Loup lady. Last week he asked Mr. Chrisman's permission to go to North Loup, but when he was refused he went, notwithstanding the fact that he gave up his position as a consequence. When he came back he told Chrisman that he was unable to see his love because six men armed with revolvers were guarding her. A few nights ago he took her photograph which he always carried with him, and threatened to commit suicide. Holding her picture to his head he was about to shoot himself by firing through the picture of the woman he loved. But he was prevailed upon to think better of this, and since then he has threatened to kill both Mr. and Mrs. Chrisman because of his discharge at the coal chute.

Yesterday he lay in his room all day crying and in the evening about the time when Mr. Chrisman usually comes home from his work Spago came downstairs and at the point of a revolver threatened the life of Mrs. Chrisman and another lady who was in the house at the time. When the women attempted to go out of the house they found the revolver always leveled at them.

"I think it's about time for George to come home and then I will get him," said Spago. When the officers arrived Spago cried, "Oh, Mary, why did you have those men guarding you when I wanted to see you." He gave no resistance to the officers, who declare him insane.

Spago came to Norfolk from Humphrey about two months ago, where he says he was in trouble. He also hints at being connected in a brawl near that place some time ago when a man's throat was cut.

**A MEAN FIRE IN NEW YORK.**

**Stubborn Blaze Lasts Five Hours—30 Firemen Narrowly Escape.**  
New York, Dec. 21.—Fire early this morning in the Mercantile building at Hudson and Vestry streets occupied by Joseph Libmann & Co., paper manufacturers, caused a loss estimated at \$75,000. Thirty firemen had a narrow escape when a back draught caught them shortly after the fire started, but all managed to get out safely through the blazing and smoke-filled rooms on the first floor.

Scores of families in nearby houses fled to the street in a panic, but the firemen were able to confine the flames to the business structure. It took them five hours to conquer the stubborn blaze.

After the narrow escape in the early stages of the fire, Chief Croker would not permit his men to enter the building and they fought the flames with street lines from water towers and the roofs of adjoining buildings.

**BRITISH OFFICERS ON TRIAL.**

**Are Charged With Spying on Germany's Fortifications.**  
Lelispic, Germany, Dec. 21.—The trial of the British officers, Captain Trench of the royal marines and Lieutenant Brandon of the royal navy, who are charged by the German authorities with espionage on the fortifications at Borkum, was begun in the imperial court today. The officers were defended by the German attorneys, Herren Von Gordon and Otto. The British government was represented by its own consul at Hamburg. The defendants admitted they were gathering military information at the time of their arrest.

**Steamer Is Rescued.**

Las Palmas, Canaries, Dec. 21.—The Irma Woermann of the Woermann Steamship line, which went out Monday to assist her sister ship, the Ingbert, which had been rendered helpless twelve miles off the coast, returned today with the disabled vessel in tow. Both steamers received the force of a terrific gale and some alarm for their safety had been felt.

**Carnegie Library for Madison?**

Madison Chronicle: A. E. Ward, secretary of Madison's public library board, has received a reply from Andrew Carnegie, through his secretary, Mr. Hertram, in regard to the matter of Madison securing a Carnegie library building, concerning which Mr. Ward was instructed to write him last

summer. Mr. Carnegie has been absent in Europe and has only recently returned, which accounts for the long delay in receiving a reply. Mr. Ward has received the usual information blanks, and when these are received and examined, a more definite reply will in all probability be received. There is little or no doubt that Madison can secure a Carnegie library building, the main question being whether we can get only a \$5,000 building, or whether we can get a \$10,000 one, and which one we want the worst. A \$5,000 building will require a \$500 maintenance fund for each year, while a \$10,000 building will require an annual maintenance fund of \$1,000. Madison at present pays a maintenance fund of \$600.

**GIVES QUART OF BLOOD.**

**Nebraska University Student Sacrifices to Save Woman's Life.**  
Lincoln, Dec. 21.—John H. Goodnough, a medical student at the University of Nebraska, gave up a quart and a half of his blood to save the life of Mrs. L. C. Keek of this city, who was dying of blood poisoning. Mrs. Keek is now greatly improved and her recovery is looked on as certain.

**Egerton Martin's Assistant.**

Lincoln, Dec. 21.—Frank E. Egerton will be the assistant attorney general of the state of Nebraska during the administration of Grant G. Martin, who takes office next month. George W. Ayres, the present assistant in the office, will be the new deputy. The new assistant attorney general is a graduate of the University of Nebraska with the class of 1900. At the time of his graduation he was president of his class. He continued his law studies in the George Washington university of Washington, D. C., receiving the degrees of LL.B. and LL.M. For the past year he has been practicing law in Thurston county, Neb.

**VIOLENCE IN WINNIPEG.**

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Many street cars have been damaged in all parts of the city by striking street car men or their sympathizers. At the Fort Rouge car barn, a crowd of fifty strikers and sympathizers made a demonstration and were attacked by about seventy-five strike-breakers, who used clubs and switch irons. Several of the strikers were hurt but no arrests were made by the police.

**NO HOPE FOR PATRICK.**

**Not Much Chance That New York Lawyer Will Get His Liberty.**  
New York, Dec. 21.—The New York Medico-Legal society, which has been trying to get another trial for Albert Patrick, the lawyer serving a life term for the murder of millionaire William M. Rice, in 1900, will hear the report of their committee selected to wait upon Governor White, at a dinner this evening. It is not believed, however, that the report will be very encouraging, although none of the members of the committee will discuss the matter. The committee, which is headed by Clark Bell, the well known lawyer, wants Governor White to commute Patrick's sentence, pending a scientific inquiry. This case is one of the most famous in the country because of the number of distinguished men who are fighting both for and against the release of Patrick, who is a lawyer of eminent ability himself.

**Waterworks for Battle Creek.**

Battle Creek Enterprise: Battle Creek is to have waterworks—that is, Battle Creek is to vote on a proposition to have waterworks, which we trust means the same thing. At a meeting of the trustees Monday evening an ordinance providing for an election for the purpose of voting bonds in the sum of \$10,000 was passed and publication will begin next week. A petition was circulated among business men and citizens and little trouble was experienced in securing the requisite number of signatures. In all probability a mass meeting to consider the matter in its every detail will be called before the election, which will be held January 15, and all will be given opportunity to make suggestions as to the best method of procedure in case the proposition is carried.

**EDISON SEEKS NEW FIELDS.**

**Mysteries of Electricity Pail on the New Jersey Inventor.**  
New York, Dec. 21.—We are still animals. It is our egotism that convinces us otherwise. The brain does not think; it is nothing more than a phonograph record. I do not believe in spiritualism, and in regard to a hereafter, I am from Missouri. No one knows what electricity is, only that it is a great, a terrible force in the world. Science as yet has not been able to explain such a simple matter as the energy which enables a man to wriggle his finger.

I am tired of electricity; I want to discover a new energy.

We are matter, and we go back to matter, but our bodies are motors that use some unknown energy for fuel until we wear out.

Solve the energy of light, the vastness of space, or the unfathomable law of gravitation, and then we may be enabled to unearth the true theory of the origin and cause of life.

In the midst of an interview on the mysteries of nature, solved and unsolved, Thomas Edison, the inventor of West Orange, N. J., paused almost wearily and rubbed his chin reflectively and made a confession:

"I'm tired of electricity," he said; "I want to find something new. Electricity was discovered from nothing, and, as far as known, has no tangible body. Neither has the energy which runs through our body. I want to discover a new energy and apply it and

use it the same as electricity. Electricity fever has been analyzed. Lives and fortunes have been spent trying to discover its origin. Solve the energy of light, the vastness of space and the profound mystery of gravitation, then perhaps we will be able to understand better what makes your finger wriggle when you want it to.

"If from your brain you can send a long message to the end of your finger, why shouldn't it be possible to send that same unknown energy over a wire and make it do your will in just the same manner at the other end? Electricity is a great power. It accomplishes what no other power has ever begun to do, and yet the power in your body is greater.

"Before we can solve this problem and discover what mysterious force gives us power we had better find out what is on the other side of space. Compare the wonderful strides that have been made in the last hundred years with the opportunities given by the knowledge acquired and the chances of learning more in the eternity of time.

"The life that exists about us is unnatural," he continued with a smile. "New York is unnatural; the people in New York are unnatural. Everywhere there is a constant change in the manner of living. There must be a reason. It is just a matter of evolution. We change with the conditions. 'The city of New York is like a great big pond. Physical changes in the lives of the pond's inhabitants go on always. Constant physical changes are taking place in the city, too, and what is the ultimate result? In order to exist we adapt our manners; custom and even senses change. We have become artificial creatures of environment. As the world changes, so shall the people. It will be only a matter of time when we shall develop new senses. The five senses that we have will grow keener. We shall need more to come with the artificiality of the world.'

**"Hack" at Fremont.**

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 21.—In two straight falls in five and three minutes respectively, George Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler, won from C. O. Busch, the Montana giant.

**An Aid to Cupid.**

Ainsworth Democrat: As first aid to Dan Cupid, Judge Potter is certainly entitled to a front seat in the big show. During the ten years that he has occupied the position of county judge with the power not only to grant marriage licenses, but also vested with the privilege of adjusting the yoke worn by those who wish to embark on the matrimonial sea, he has issued a grand total of 537 licenses to wed, and of this number he has married an even 187 couples. As he has eleven months yet to serve he will undoubtedly push the grand total of marriages consummated beyond the 200 mark, which is certainly going some for a country supposed to be so sparsely settled. Judge Potter is certainly popular with the young people and has such a graceful way of tying the knot that most of the young fellows take their prospective brides along when they call for their license and there and then have the whole thing over without further fuss.

**That Omaha-Norfolk Line.**

Fremont Herald: C. W. Baker of the Baker Construction company, was in the city the first of the week obtaining information relative to the revenues of various kinds which go to make Fremont the city that it is—such as railway freight and passenger receipts, postoffice revenues, number of factory operatives, etc.—so that he might submit such information to the engineer who has been going over all the work of the past year, the report to be forwarded to the European capitalists who have signified their intention of furnishing the money with which to build the interurban railways to and from Fremont. The engineer, without going into details, has stated that the proposition in its entirety meets with his approval, and Mr. Baker informed the Herald that the engineer's final report would show the investment would prove far more lucrative than his company had figured themselves.

If the capitalists decide they will father the financial birth of the interurban system, work will begin on the Omaha-Fremont line in the early spring. The further plans of the company will involve much work on the lines running north from Omaha and north from Fremont before actual construction can be undertaken on them. The report of the engineer covers not only the Omaha-Fremont line, but a line running from this city to Norfolk via Howells, with a branch from Howells to Madison, Neb., and another line running from the main line at Arlington to Craig, with branches to Decatur and West Point, and the continuation of the north main line from Craig direct to Sioux City, Ia.

The distance from Fremont to Norfolk by the contemplated route is eighty-four miles. When the line is built it is intended to be a two-hour service from Norfolk to Howells, and an alternate two-hour service from Madison to Howells, which will give an hourly service from Howells to Fremont.

Mr. Baker now possesses a quiet enthusiasm regarding the whole scheme, and expresses such satisfaction over the report which the chief engineer, Mr. Campbell, has made, that he verily believes the Baker Construction company will be in position to commence active construction out of Fremont by May 1. The franchise of the company requires the operation of the line between Fremont and Omaha before January, 1912.

**Runaway at Beemer.**

Beemer Times: Last Saturday afternoon while driving to town with a load of corn Henry Jansen had a runaway of no small proportions, and

from the reports and the look of the debris, he ought to feel lucky he got off as easily as he did. Henry was driving a fractious team and one that was especially hard to hold, and no doubt would have landed his cargo safely in the elevator had not a train come along just as he was about to pass the Martin Sharp place. The train scared the team and they started to run. The team soon became unmanageable and as they accelerated in speed one of the front wheels broke, thus letting the wagonbox tip to one side, throwing Henry off the load, and he was compelled to let loose the lines and let them go, in order to save himself. The team ran but a short distance till they upset the box and all the grain and, getting rid of the heavy load, they came down the road pell-mell and at a breakneck speed. Nearing the Martin place one of the horses struck a tree and was instantly killed, so great was the force with which he ran into it.

This ended the wild flight and the remnants were left scattered all along the road. Henry was left unhurt with the exception of a few bruises about his body, and the other horse was also uninjured. The horse was valued at possibly \$300. The running-gears of the wagon, and in fact, the entire wagon, was a complete wreck.

**Jensen and White Draw.**  
Sheridan, Wyo., Dec. 21.—Frankie White of Chicago and Peter Jensen of Sheridan fought a twenty-round draw last night before the Sheridan Athletic club. In the seventh round Jensen knocked White down three times, but the gong saved the Chicago man from a knockout. Jensen forfeited part of the purse because he was overweight.

**Fights With Broken Hand.**  
Boston, Dec. 21.—Fighting the last seven rounds of a 12-round bout with a broken hand, Hugo Kelly of Chicago made a whirlwind finish at the Army Athletic association and secured the decision over Frank Klaus of Pittsburgh.

**Barada Beats McFarland.**  
St. Joseph, Dec. 21.—After fifteen rounds of the prettiest milling ever seen here Jake Barada of South St. Joseph was awarded the decision over Tommy McFarland of San Francisco. This was McFarland's first fight since he met Ad Wolgast, lightweight champion, last September. Wolgast breaking his arm. The verdict was unpopular, the spectators clamoring for the decision over Frank Klaus of Pittsburgh.

**Albany Fight 25 Seconds.**  
Albany, N. Y., Dec. 21.—After twenty-five seconds of fighting in the first round, Bant Dorsey of this city knocked out Yankee Swartz of Philadelphia in a scheduled 10-round bout here.

**A Tame Bout.**  
Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—Walter Monaghan of Chicago, protege of Champion Jack Johnson, in a 6-round bout with "Kid" Cotton here proved a disappointment to the fans, and there was little in it to maintain interest. Cotton knocked Monaghan down in the second round, who stretched on the floor for the count of nine, to gain a rest. It was Cotton's fight, although a hugging match.

**Morris Whips Hart.**  
Sapulpa, Okla., Dec. 21.—Carl Morris of Sapulpa, Okla., heralded as the "white man's hope," knocked out Marvin Hart of Kentucky, former heavyweight champion of the world, in the third round here.

**Welch Wins Over Driscoll.**  
Cardiff, Wales, Dec. 21.—Freddie Welch, the lightweight champion of England, won his fight with Jem Driscoll, the featherweight champion, in the tenth round on a foul.

**Schools to Close for Two Weeks.**  
Norfolk public schools will close Friday for a two weeks' holiday vacation. The German Lutheran schools will also close for a vacation, but of shorter duration than the public schools.

Most of the teachers will leave Friday morning for their various homes, where they will spend Christmas and New Year with relatives. At a number of the schools the usual holiday session will be held on Thursday.

On January 12 and 13 many principals and superintendents will go to Lincoln, where they will attend a two days' session of the State Superintendents and Principals' association, of which organization Superintendent F. M. Hunter of Norfolk is president. A large attendance is looked for at this meet, at which C. C. Cary, state superintendent of Wisconsin, with headquarters at Madison, Wis., will be one of the principal speakers. The theme to be considered at this meeting will be hygiene and sanitation.

**Girl Hurt in a Wreck.**  
Chicago, Dec. 21.—A dozen persons were injured, one perhaps fatally, in a collision today between the Manhattan flyer on the Pennsylvania railroad and a switch engine on the elevated structure at West Fifty-seventh street in the city limits. The locomotive of the flyer was thrown off the track, finally crashing against a viaduct girder when the boiler exploded and set fire to the baggage car and mail coach. Among the injured was Miss Bertha Penrod of Leigh, Neb., cut and bruised.

**ASQUITH SEES THE KING.**  
London, Dec. 21.—Premier Asquith, who came down from Scotland specially at the command of King George, had an audience at Buckingham palace today. It lasted only three-quarters of an hour.

It is understood that his majesty wished to be fully advised as to the premier's views and the cabinet's

plans for the future, now that election is over, before leaving London to spend Christmas at Sandringham, where he goes. The king is very anxious to tide over the coronation period with the least possible political upheaval and his influence will be exercised with the parties in direction of a compromise.

**PRaises COMMERCIAL CLUB.**  
Carlson Has Good Words for Organization Working for Norfolk.  
G. L. Carlson, the scientific horse breeder, has opened his uptown offices in the Oxnard hotel building. Mr. Carlson is great in his praise of the Norfolk Commercial club, which organization, he says, should receive much credit for many improvements in Norfolk. He believes that the club is now pushing forward after a number of months' handicap.

"The club has been accused of doing nothing when really they had nothing to do with," he said.

Mr. Carlson believes the efforts on the part of the Commercial club to bring the farmers' institute to Norfolk is a great thing for Norfolk, and the club should receive credit for what it really does. The directors of the club are working hard for the Norfolk institute and Mr. Carlson believes that they will succeed in their endeavors.

**Arrested Near O'Neill.**

O'Neill, Neb., Dec. 21.—Special to The News: J. P. Breeding, sheriff of Madison county, Ia., wired Sheriff Grady of Holt county last Friday to arrest and hold Wylie Hilderbrand of Winterest, Ia. Sheriff Grady located Hilderbrand a few miles out of O'Neill and arrested him Saturday. He wired the Iowa sheriff of the arrest and the deputy sheriff from Iowa arrived yesterday to take charge of his man. Requisition papers were mailed to Governor Shallenberger for the return of the prisoner to Iowa. When the deputy arrived in O'Neill the prisoner Hilderbrand, waived his rights to be compelled to return him and returned this morning to stand trial.

Hilderbrand is charged with selling mortgaged property in Madison county, Ia. He is about 24 years old and has relatives in Holt county near Dorsey. He also has relatives living in Iowa who are well-to-do, but it is not probable they will give him any assistance at the trial.

He is an inoffensive looking fellow and this is said to be his first offense.

**Preacher Was a Gaffer.**

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 21.—J. C. Tolliver of Ainsworth, who was in the city on his return from Chicago, furnished testimony in the latter city against a preacher who had worked a smooth swindle game for over fifteen years. Mr. Tolliver was one of the preacher's victims and that accounted for his summons by the court.

Some time ago Mr. Tolliver secured a patent on a winding stairway and shortly afterwards he received a letter from a Chicago party who offered to undertake to put the stairway on the market. Several letters were exchanged between Mr. Tolliver and the Chicago party and finally when the details were agreed upon, Mr. Tolliver was informed that his picture should be placed on the literature describing the stairway, and that he would be expected to forward \$3.50 to pay for the cut. Mr. Tolliver forwarded the money. That was the last he heard of his Chicago correspondent, until he received the summons to appear in court. Meantime, someone else who was caught by the game made complaint to the authorities and Mr. Tolliver's name was found among the papers at the house of the minister who was arrested on the charge of a swindle. It is charged now that the minister devoted most of his time to writing letters to persons who had been granted patents. He was content to receive \$3.50 from each victim and the victims in turn preferred to drop the matter to taking the trouble to invoke the aid of the law.

**A Fire at Fort Dodge.**  
Fort Dodge, Ia., Dec. 21.—Fire destroyed the recently constructed corn meal mill and package department of the Great Western Cereal company's plant. The loss is \$50,000, partly covered by insurance.

**Stabbed by Prison Mate.**  
Lincoln, Dec. 21.—Harry Hill, a convict serving his second term in the penitentiary, fatally stabbed a fellow convict named James Kelly. The men were filing past their cells at the time and there had been, so far as known, no quarrel between them. Hill is serving a 6-year term for horse stealing. He was to have been released three days ago, but it was learned he had five months to serve on a previous sentence and when Warden Smith so informed him it is said to have aroused his anger. The warden says it is a mystery where Hill got the knife with which he made the assault. Kelly is still alive but the prison physician says there is no hope for his recovery.

**Preacher-Swindler Indicted.**  
Boston, Dec. 21.—Rev. Norman K. Plass, former president of the Redeemable Investment company; Chas. H. Brooks, manager, and John F. Trappaden, an agent of the company, were indicted today by the federal grand jury for using the mails in a scheme to defraud. Plass and Brooks were arrested after the company was raided by the federal authorities. Trappaden was taken into custody today.

**CONDUCTOR COOK ACQUITTED.**  
Fairbury Man, Charged With Freight Robberies, Freed by Jury.  
Washington, Dec. 21.—Samuel C. Cook, the American railroad conductor whose home is in Fairbury, Neb., has been acquitted in Mexico of complicity in extensive freight robberies.

An appeal has been taken by the state, however, and the American must stand a second trial before he can be free to return to the United States.

The charge against Cook consisted in the allegation that he stood in with a gang which threw off merchandise at different stations.

It was the refusal of the Mexican government to bring the case to trial or to allow Cook to give bond that caused Representative Hinshaw to demand that the state department interest itself in the case.

**TROTTING MEN ORGANIZE.**  
Western Breeders Meet at St. Joseph and Elect Officers.  
St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 21.—At a meeting of horsemen representing a dozen middle west states here last night, the Western Trotting Horse Breeders association was organized. The officers are: Judge Clark Smith of Cawker City, Kan, president; A. C. Thomas of Omaha, secretary and treasurer.

A vice president was named for Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Texas. The object of the association is to help the interests of the breeders of race horses generally and to work for lower rates for transportation of blooded horses.

**CAN'T CHANGE BOUNDARY.**  
Taft Sends Message to Congress to Annul New Mexico Provision.  
Washington, Dec. 21.—In a special message to congress, President Taft today advised the adoption of a joint resolution authorizing the annulment of a portion of the constitution of the new state of New Mexico attempting to change the boundary lines between New Mexico and Texas. Within a short time after President Taft had sent the message to congress the senate adopted a joint resolution authorizing the annulment of a portion of the constitution of the proposed new state of New Mexico as outlined by the message.

The resolution also provides for the remarking of the boundary as established by the Clarke survey made in 1859-60.

The house has not acted on the resolution.

**WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.**  
Fred Nelson of Pierce was here. M. Nichols of Pierce was a visitor in the city.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones, a daughter.

Sheriff C. S. Smith of Madison was here on business.

Sheriff J. Goff of Pierce was in the city transacting business.

William Kane of Creighton was in the city visiting with relatives.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klug is reported very ill.

Arthur McSweeney of Ainsworth was in the city transacting business.

C. H. Fuerst, P. A. Kans and H. F. Reif of Battle Creek were in the city visiting with friends.

Horace Eiseley of Anoka is here to spend the winter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Eiseley.

State Agent Bohanan of the Columbus Fire Insurance company was in the city transacting business.

Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt has gone to Omaha to spend the holidays with relatives. Mr. Rainbolt will join her a few days later.

Lawrence Barnes of Kansas City was in the city enroute to his home at Rapid City, S. D., where he will spend Christmas with his parents.

Mrs. Lehman of Hoskins was in the city.

D. Hodson of Madison was in the city on business.

Mrs. Leroy Hunt of Tilden was a visitor in the city.

Rev. Mr. Brauer and son of Niobrara were visitors in the city.

Chris Colombe of Colome, S. D., was a visitor in the city.

Miss Emma Schulz of Hoskins was here visiting with friends.

Dr. and Mrs. O'Neill will go to Omaha to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. L. P. Raiston has gone to Blair for a few days' visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. McFarland of Madison were in the city visiting with friends.

Misses Mable Brechler and Nora Hans of Battle Creek were in the city visiting with friends.

Spencer Butterfield has gone to California to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Butterfield.

Mrs. Gustav Gnirk and daughter of Burke, S. D., came for a brief visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiedeman.

Father F. Gibauer has gone to Pierce where he will attend the annual Christmas entertainment given by the students of the Pierce Catholic school.

L. V. Kennerson reports that an ax was stolen from his yard last night. "The only satisfaction out of that is that I will not have to chop any more wood," he says.

John Phinney, manager of the Farmers' Live Stock company, has gone to Pennsylvania to spend the holidays with his mother, who is ill. She is 86 years old and it will be a surprise to have her son with her at this time.

Frank Osborn has received notice that his boxing exhibition with Kid Larson of Omaha has been postponed until New Year's eve at Brunswick, Neb.

Clarence English, who was to fight Sailor Kelley here Thursday is matched to fight Kid Farmer at Joplin, Mo., on that day. Clarence writes Norfolk friends that he is anxious to come here to mix it with some good man.

Sam Kline, foreman of the Norfolk

avenue paving work, started a large number of men Wednesday morning at laying brick. Seventeen cars of this material have arrived in the city during the past two days and more is on the way.

Because they were putting down a brick crossing instead of cement as required by the city ordinance, Union Pacific workmen employed on this work on Ninth street and Park avenue were stopped by order of the city authorities Wednesday.

Judge A. A. Welch has sent notices to a number of attorneys interested in cases which will come at the next term of district court, that the court has adjourned until December 29 on account of the meeting of the bar association at Omaha December 27 and 28. Court will convene at Madison on December 29, says Judge Welch.

T. Torrance of Lynch, who is in the employ of the government on a star route, is in the city selling books. Some time ago Mr. Torrance lost both legs under a train, one below and one above the knee. At a Norfolk hotel he was met by several friends who declare him to be one of the most industrious cripples in this territory.

Traveling men are going home for the holidays. In the sample rooms of the Norfolk hotels there has been a big rush in shipping away the sample trunks and today there are but a few of these big trunks left, showing that the man of the grip is about to take a Christmas rest. By Monday night every sample room in the hotels here will be vacant.

Norfolk business men are answering the call for aid for the poor this year with great energy. At many of the stores in the city, the clerks have been busy sorting out the stock, and many shoes and other wearing apparel have been set aside for the poor this year. In Omaha and Chicago newspapers are making a call on all "Good Fellows" to aid the poor who are not likely to be visited by Santa Claus. Business men are the "good fellows" of Norfolk and they are working zealously along this line.

Through the influence of Superintendent F. M. Hunter, the agricultural class of the Norfolk public schools is receiving instructions on the dumb animal (the horse and cow) from G. L. Carlson, the scientific horse breeder, at his breeding barns on East Norfolk avenue. Tuesday the class received about an hour's instruction on the horse, and Wednesday afternoon another hour was given to them in a lecture about cows by Mr. Carlson. Mr. Hunter was present at these lectures, which will continue until Friday.

George Spago, the Italian charged with insanity and who Monday night threatened the lives of Mr. and Mrs. George Chrisman, is still in the city jail awaiting the arrival of Sheriff Smith, who will take him to Madison before the board of insanity. A local attorney who is counsel for the widow for whom Spago declares his love, says that Spago called at his home and at his office some months ago asking about the widow's affairs. It has become known that the widow received about \$2,500 from the railroad company after her husband was killed and it is thought Spago's love was greatly intensified when he discovered this fact.

**Confirm New Commissioners.**