

Grand Island Appointment.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 20.—President Lacey today issued an order appointing W. A. Parker acting general manager of the Grand Island railroad to succeed James Berlinget, who goes to the Virginian railway January 1 as general manager. Mr. Parker is chief engineer of the Grand Island.

Knapp Is Confirmed.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Martin A. Knapp was confirmed by the senate today as an additional circuit judge of the Second judicial circuit and he will take his place on the bench of the new court of commerce as soon as that tribunal is organized. Mr. Knapp was chairman of the interstate commerce commission.

RELEASE MYSTERIOUS MAN.

Allen, Held in Connection With Kansas Murder, Goes Free.
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—Albert Allen, the "man in the corduroy suit" held for investigation in connection with the Bernhardt murder, was released this afternoon.

"Allen was the mysterious stranger we were looking for," said the sheriff. "He was in the neighborhood about the time the crime was committed and he admits it. But he told a straightforward story, which we have verified in every particular, and I am convinced he is innocent. We are still up in the air about the case."

Fluge Behind Prison Bars.

Lincoln, Dec. 20.—William Fluge, convicted slayer of his sister, reclined upon a prison cot and slept the apparently dreamless sleep that follows physical exhaustion. He arrived in Lincoln at 4:20 o'clock. He was hurried to the penitentiary, where he arrived shortly before 6 o'clock. He was hastily registered, measured and sent to the bathroom. When he emerged, wearing a suit of gray, the prison gong sounded for supper, and the hundreds of convicts were marched into the dining room.

Fluge, maintaining his cheerfulness to the last, was assigned a place among them. He ate his first prison meal and was then locked in cell No. 5576.

"No, I have nothing to say," he said to a reporter, "except that the matter is not ended yet, and my attorneys will go to the supreme court."

A half hour after this conversation the guard reported that Fluge was sound asleep. He probably will be set to work in the broom factory.

by the government, but they go out in all kinds of weather and every letter and parcel is precious to them until it is safely in the hands of its owner. This is their duty but it won't hurt anyone to show their appreciation," declared Postmaster Hays.

While Monday will not be observed as a holiday at the postoffice or by the carriers, the Monday after New Year's will be observed by the carriers, but not by the postoffice. Sunday (Christmas) and Sunday (New Year's) the hours at the postoffice will be the same as other Sunday hours.

The city carriers did not make their usual routes Tuesday and Wednesday forenoons. This was done to enable them to be on duty all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday to make all Christmas deliveries.

Many packages are being handled at both the postoffice and the express office. At the former place many foreign money orders are being sent to various countries of the world as Christmas gifts by local foreigners to their relatives.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

W. F. Teatworth is reported ill. H. C. McKinney of Stanton was here. Thomas Murphy of Dallas was here. Miss Elsie Uttecht of Pierce was here.

Mrs. F. B. Gath of Pierce was in the city. J. A. Harmon of O'Neill was here on business. W. W. Laws of Bonesteel was a visitor in the city.

Mrs. C. L. Low of Hoskins was a visitor in the city. **Mrs. B. Deuel** of Hoskins was here visiting with friends.

William McCune returned from a business trip to Pierce. **Mrs. William Hamilton** of Stanton was a visitor in the city.

Mrs. A. R. Lundquist of Hoskins was here calling on friends. **Clarence Rasley** returned from Fremont, where he spent a day with friends.

Miss Edith Evans returned from Bethany school to spend the holidays with her parents. **Miss Inez Viele** of Niobrara is here to spend a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Viele.

L. E. Peugeo, who has been ill, is again able to be back at work. A special meeting of Mosaic lodge, No. 55, will be held tonight for work in the M. M. degree.

It is expected that the work of paving will be resumed today, seven cars of brick having arrived.

W. N. Norenberg of Winside was in the city under the care of a physician. Mr. Norenberg is suffering from blood poisoning, which has infected his left hand.

There will be a program and box social at the Raach school house west of town Wednesday night.

City Clerk Ed Harter and City Engineer H. H. Tracy returned from a day's successful rabbit hunt Monday evening. Mr. Harter made a fine shot with a 22-caliber rifle when he killed a rabbit at a long distance.

The Northwestern freight office will observe next Monday and Monday, January 2, as holidays. The office will be closed all day. Only the perishable freight which arrives in the morning of these days will be delivered. No freight will be received, says Agent J. W. Dietrich.

From Atchison, Kan., Mrs. A. K. Charles, sister of Mrs. F. E. Davenport, writes that her Buff Orpington cockerel won first prize in the Atchison poultry show. This bird is a full brother of the bird belonging to F. E. Davenport, which took first prize in the Norfolk show.

The city council last night paid \$250 to I. K. Palmer, a Kansas City engineer, for his work of drafting an estimate upon the cost of a municipal street lighting electric plant in Norfolk. The plant, including machinery, poles and wires to do street lighting only, would cost \$52,209, he said.

George Oaten, manager of the Norfolk Light and Fuel company, handed his resignation to the board of directors at their meeting last night. Mr. Oaten's resignation was accepted, but he was prevailed upon to accept the position as superintendent of the manufacturing and distributing department of the company. Fred Fulton, former manager of the company, was then elected as manager to fill Mr. Oaten's place.

General J. C. Hartigan's Christmas gift to the officers of Company D, Nebraska National guard of Norfolk for their commissions without the regular examinations. The commissions were given by the Norfolk officers on their efficiency while at camp last summer. At a meeting held by the company at their armory last night the resignation of Lieutenant F. G. Koester was accepted and a vote of thanks for his services were given him. Lieutenant Koester resigned because he had ceased to be a resident of Norfolk, having moved to Brunswick, Neb. Top Sergeant Lorin Brueggeman was elected to succeed Lieutenant Koester.

James Thomas of Carter, S. D. who is here to spend the Christmas with relatives, declares that the life of a homesteader is not a bad one. Mr. Thomas' claim is but one mile east of Carter and he spends much of his spare time during the winter as assistant at the Carter automobile garage. He also declares that there are a number of young women holding claims near Carter who seem to enjoy the life. He believes that the road to matrimony is an easy one for the lady who takes up a homestead. Near Carter, says Mr. Thomas, lives a young lady homesteader who is engaged to a well-to-do young man who will prove up on his claim in a short time. They will get married as soon as they prove up, but should they marry before that time one of them will have to give up a claim.

J. R. Losch passed through Norfolk enroute to West Point from Idaho Falls, Ida., for a holiday visit. He is just out of the hospital after a six weeks' siege of typhoid fever.

Ross Tindall of Norfolk has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Beebe, Runyan Furniture company of Omaha. He will begin January 1. This is the same company for which Frank Cummins of Norfolk travels. Sessions and Bell, after several months' search have decided their taxidermist book is gone for good. It disappeared from their office some months ago when the skin of a grey wolf had been brought in to be tanned. It is declared by the taxidermists that with the loss of the book they will lose several hundred dollars in accounts and also the valuable data of hundreds of species of animals and birds which were worked on by them.

Concerning the lectures of G. L. Carlson, the Norfolk scientific horseman, at Beatrice, the Beatrice Express said: "The discussions by the Norfolk horseman are creating much comment among his classes, and are sure to accomplish results. Mr. Carlson's talks are clear and always to the point, and his wide knowledge of his subject is the result of many years' experience. He was called to Belgium sometime ago, where his knowledge of the draft horse was desired in assisting to solve a question which is of international importance. Annually, and in this country alone, the barrenness of mares represents a loss of over \$200,000,000 to American farmers and horsemen. Mr. Carlson has given the subject much study and it will be the theme of his talk at the morning session tomorrow."

A Revival Sweeps Town.

Gordon, Neb., Dec. 20.—Special to The News: A great revival wave has swept this place for the past few weeks. For thirty-four days past, closing last night, there have been evangelical services every afternoon at 2 o'clock and every evening at 7:30 in the Methodist Episcopal church, making in all seventy meetings. Dr. Carridine, the noted southern evangelist, assisted by Mrs. Gingles at the organ, led these services for the first seventeen days, and Rev. William Huff of Sioux City, Ia., another of America's famed evangelists, filled the pulpit and set his hearers to thinking, during the remaining seventeen days' services. About 150 persons professed sanctification, while hundreds were converted and have resolved to quit their meanness and lead christian lives.

Many amusing incidents all over the city have taken place as the result of these services. Old family quarrels and bickerings have been terminated. Old outlawed debts have been paid and one business man, from a worldly point of view, has declared that these services were far ahead of any collection agency.

And yet were are not through, for another series of revivals will follow in the Church of God, as soon as Santa has come and gone.

O'Neill's New Depot.

O'Neill, Neb., Dec. 10.—Special to The News: The work of moving the instruments and other furniture used in the Northwestern railroad office here began yesterday. The new depot is complete and when the local officials are settled and have everything in working order O'Neill will have one of the most complete depots on the Northwestern line. The building is heated by hot air, and has two waiting rooms, one for ladies and one for men. The office is finished in up-to-date style, a wide brick platform surrounds the entire depot, and all the modern conveniences necessary in depots are installed. O'Neill people are pleased with the accommodations and benefits derived from the new building and are satisfied that the company will be repaid in the increased patronage they will receive by reason of the new building.

Farmer Shot Him.

Naper Advocate: John Ridenour encountered a painful accident Monday evening on a return trip from the west end of the county. While driving along the road near Martin Ulrich's farm, his horses were attacked by dogs, and in defense of his team Mr. Ridenour fired several shots from a revolver at the canines. Upon hearing the shooting, Mr. Ulrich with a shotgun in hand, followed down the road and at almost out of gunshot, fired in the direction of the wagon. Several of the shot struck Mr. Ridenour in the back of the head, and although it was not serious it caused him severe pain for a few days. As near as we can learn the shot fired by Mr. Ulrich was intended to hit, which would lay him liable to a serious charge, but an agreement was made whereby Mr. Ridenour received \$50 and the matter settled outside of the court.

Moonshiners in Alaska.

Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 20.—A raid by the detachment of marines from the revenue cutter Rush has resulted in the breaking up of an Indian moonshiners' camp at the Indian village of Hoonah. Mandy Wartin, a squaw who was arrested, is said to have made a confession implicating her husband and other members of the tribe.

Betting On Sullivan.

O'Neill, Neb., Dec. 20.—Special to The News: Jack McKenna, manager of "Montana" Jack Sullivan, went down to Norfolk yesterday to make final arrangements for the O'Neill end of the bout Wednesday night between Sullivan and West. Sullivan has been training faithfully with his brothers Dan and Gene. McKenna was accompanied by Art Ryan, who has taken a great deal of interest in the battles of "Montana Jack," and as Ryan has come from Missouri, they will have to "show him" before he is willing to concede that anybody on earth can best Jack. Sullivan's younger brother

Gene has lately taken up boxing and is developing into a classy little boxer. His weight is about 133 pounds, and the lightweight that puts him down will have to be busy all the time. And he is not backing away from anyone having a few pounds the better of him. He is open for matches and will without doubt make good from the start.

"Montana Jack" is in fine form and is taking easy work from now until the evening of the contest. O'Neill never does things by halves and their confidence in the Montana boy getting the long end of the purse is strong enough to induce them to lay a good piece of money on him.

Transfer a Fight.

New Orleans, Dec. 20.—It was announced that Jim Barry and Tony Ross, whose scheduled bout here was called off by the authorities, would meet in Memphis next Monday night.

A Bantam Fight.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Johnny Coulon, claimant of the bantamweight championship of the world, disposed of Carl Denning of Chicago in five rounds before the National Athletic club. A right hand punch to the jaw brought Denning to the mat and Coulon was awarded the decision.

A Fight Called Off.

Ludington, Mich., Dec. 20.—Acting under orders from Governor Warner Sheriff Freeman has notified Jack O'Leary that his boxing contest with "Young" Sharkey of Milwaukee, scheduled for tonight, cannot take place. The two were to have had a ten-round bout. Less than four weeks ago a similar match was given in which O'Leary knocked out his opponent.

Savage Wins on Foul.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Jack Savage of New York won from Hank Griffin of California on a foul in the fifth round of what was scheduled to go ten rounds. Griffin had the better of Savage up to the time the bout was called.

Fast Fights at K. C.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—Tommy Bresnahan of Omaha and Tommy Dixon of Memphis fought a ten-round draw here last night. As a result of Dixon gaining a decision over Bresnahan here three weeks ago the Omaha fighter went in determined to wipe out the defeat and a good battle resulted. For seven rounds Bresnahan had the better of the battle, his clever in-fighting giving him the advantage. Dixon came back surprisingly in the last three rounds and by keeping out of clinches completely outboxed his opponent.

Johnny McCarthy of San Francisco defeated "Chuck" Larson of Chicago in ten rounds. Larson took a bad beating, but managed to stay the limit. After rounds of much wrestling and a little fighting Billy Wagner won a decision from Jeff O'Connell. The fight was fast from the start. In the first two rounds Denning was at his best and honors were even. Then Coulon's ring generalship came into evidence and, although Denning fought gamely, he was outclassed.

Both were under weight. The agreement required 115 pounds at ringside.

"Kid" Marks is Whipped.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 20.—In an athletic entertainment staged by the Northside Boat club a right uppercut to the jaw in the second round compelled "Kid" Marks of Chicago, to quit, and "Cyclone" Daniels of St. Joseph, Mo., was an easy winner. The Missouri man had the advantage throughout and the end was not unexpected. The bout was scheduled for eight rounds.

Elgin Proud of Showing.

Elgin, Neb., Dec. 20.—Special to The News: The statement given below is compiled from the records of the state railroad commission and includes the business done at all the stations on the Scribner branch of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad for the years 1908, 1909, and 1910.

Elgin is naturally rather proud of the showing and this statement will be used by the Boosters' club for the purpose of procuring a new depot in place of the old shed which is now being used for depot purposes.

Gross business done at various stations on the Scribner branch of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad company for year ending July 1, 1908, 1909 and 1910, respectively:

Elgin	—\$53,477.41.	\$60,113.33,	\$69,382.87.
Petersburg	—\$45,617.95,	\$54,842.78,	\$56,506.68.
Loretto	—\$10,778.76,	\$14,486.07,	\$14,749.46.
Albion	—\$42,348.42,	\$44,024.75,	\$40,408.62.
Bradish	—\$6,879.94,	\$11,853.36,	\$11,701.05.
Newman Grove	—\$54,666.79,	\$56,995.58,	\$59,342.31.
Lindsay	—\$40,056.78,	\$46,248.67,	\$45,919.50.
Cornlea	—\$19,833.57,	\$19,040.50,	\$15,233.35.
Humphrey	—\$25,727.08,	\$24,287.50,	\$21,030.14.
Creston	—(Not shown for 1908),	\$23,601.24,	\$35,005.50.
Clarkson	—\$40,338.36,	\$43,279.88,	\$47,476.38.
Leigh	—\$40,361.19,	\$47,976.95,	\$49,531.99.
Hollows	—\$39,215.56,	\$41,380.45,	\$45,647.81.
Dodge	—\$32,769.61,	\$32,311.00,	\$31,494.66.
Snyder	—\$13,141.94,	\$21,740.39,	\$18,556.80.
Totals—1908,	\$470,213.36;	1909,	\$542,182.45;
1910,	\$552,477.12.		

Elgin receipts, 12.65 percent of the entire business of the Scribner branch for the year 1910.

Mexican Bandit at Large.

El Paso, Dec. 20.—Reports from northern Mexico state that Francisco



Practical Railroad School for Western Boys

The established policy of the Union Pacific Company toward its efficient employes is to promote them to positions made vacant, provided they have been loyal to the service of the road and have fitted themselves for promotion.

Union Pacific not only promotes its own men, but offers to them, free of charge, the means to obtain the knowledge necessary to fit them for holding positions of greater responsibility.

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Interesting booklets descriptive of "Union Pacific Country" are free on request. Make your wants known at your local ticket office or write to me.

**GERRIT FORT, Passenger Traffic Manager
Union Pacific Railroad, OMAHA, NEB.**

Vega, a well known bandit leader, has organized a band of twenty-five men, well armed and mounted, and is preying upon both the government and insurance factions. Vega is said to have twenty-seven notches on his gun, each representing a man killed. Pasqual Orezo, the mining man who is reported as in command of the insurgents, near Pedernales, is said to have ordered his men to kill Vega on sight.

A Washington Bank Closed.

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 20.—The National Bank of Vancouver, Wash., failed to open its doors. Inability to realize cash on its securities, and too liberal loans on realty are said to be the principal causes of the bank's embarrassment. It is thought that the depositors will sustain no loss. The capital of the bank is \$25,000 and the deposits \$57,000.

Fighters Released.

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Sam Langford, Bob Armstrong and "Porky" Flynn, were discharged in police court this morning with the consent of Rev. Dr. George R. Lunn, reformer, preacher and editor, who swore out the warrants in the raid on the American Athletic club. Jake Carry, the promoter, was held in \$500 bail for trial on December 29.

Had Ptomaine Poisoning.

Malden Post: Miss Ida Besk had a narrow escape from death Wednesday as the result of eating canned salmon. She was just able to send word to her mother by phone, and when the mother arrived she found her daughter stretched out on the floor suffering with ptomaine poisoning. The doctor was hurriedly summoned and arrived in due time and stated that had she gone much longer without medical aid she would not have recovered.

North Nebraska Deaths.

T. S. Hall died at Neligh. John Kane died at Herick. Henry Wood died at Neligh. W. D. Irwin died at Fairfax. Mrs. D. S. Sherry died at Elgin. Thomas Lound died at Winside. Mrs. A. E. Qumby died at Wakefield.

Mrs. Margaret Weisser died at Butte.

Bar High School Frats.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The board of education formally abolished the five fraternities and five sororities in the high schools on the ground that they promote exclusive and undemocratic class distinctions, fix permanent and artificial social standards, detract from the regular work of the school, and stimulate extravagant habits and involve a burdensome expense.

Fraternities have existed in the Rochester high schools since 1879.

A Toronto Bank Failure.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The Farmers bank, with head offices in Toronto and thirty-one branches in various towns and villages throughout Ontario, has suspended payment and the doors did not open this morning. The capital stock is \$1,000,000 with about \$600,000 paid up, the shareholders numbering over 1,000 principally in small amounts. W. R. Travers is the general manager.

Broke His Leg.

West Point Republican: While playing with toys in his home last Monday morning, little Freddie Kuhle, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kuhle, stumbled and fell in

such a manner as to break his right leg several inches above the knee. It is a bad place for a break, but the setting was successfully accomplished by several physicians and no permanent injury or defect is expected to follow. The limb was placed in a plaster cast and the unfortunate little fellow is being made as comfortable as possible.

Had Deserted Wife.

Pierce Leader: Leo Ward, who was brought here from Iowa City, Ia., a couple of weeks ago on the charge of wife desertion, had his trial in the county court last Saturday afternoon and pleaded guilty to the charge. His wife, who is living with her parents near Foster, was present at the trial. Both husband and wife found no objection to having the nuptial knot untied so this was agreed to both parties. As per agreement, Ward promised to pay his wife \$200 alimony and to pay the costs of the case. A number of interested spectators from Foster were present at the trial.

Albion's Fire Scare.

Albion News: Albion had a close call with another bad fire early Wednesday morning. Between 2 and 3 o'clock Carl Steinbaugh discovered the smoke house and a small shed just back of the Smith & Mellem meat market were on fire. He gave the alarm and a number of the firemen and others responded, but arrived too late to save the sheds and so gave their attention at once to saving the meat market, which had already caught in several places. The water pressure was extra good and they were not long in putting the fire out. Aside from destroying the sheds the west end of the meat market was damaged a little, two windows being burned and a few holes burned through. A window on the north side of the garage was also burned out.

How the fire started is a mystery. There had been no fire in the smoke house since last Saturday and the fire in the shed had been cleaned out Tuesday morning, so that there was no fire in either building.

It was a very close call at the best. Had the fire been discovered ten minutes later it would have been a difficult matter to save the meat market and postoffice.

DISEASE SPREAD BY KISSING.

Encourages Oculation of Healthy Persons—Segregate Unhealthy.
Cincinnati, Dec. 20.—Safety Director Small is the latest enemy of the kiss. He says he will go before the city board of health and ask restrictions against kissing by certain people.

Small says he would encourage kissing by healthy persons. But he says many diseases are transmitted by kissing and that his object is to have people examined and if they have these diseases to segregate them.

"Fully one-fourth of the people in hospitals today are there through sickness acquired by the insanitary kiss.

Plainview Bank Change.

Plainview Republican: A deal has been closed recently whereby D. J. Gaines of Omaha becomes the owner of the controlling interest of the First National bank of this city. He purchased the stock in the bank formerly owned by L. C. Barbour, who was cashier, and F. A. McCornack of Sioux City, and a part of F. C. Holbert's interests. Mr. Holbert, however, retains interests in the business and will still act in the capacity of president and

as one of the directors. Mr. Barbour expects to remain as cashier until about the first of March, when he will give way to Mr. Gaines. The business will be transferred on January 1, next. The First National is one of the oldest banks in Plainview, this being the first important change made since its organization. Mr. Gaines expects to bring his family here in the near future, and was up last week looking for a residence property.

A French Ballot Fraud.

Fort De France, Martinique, Dec. 20.—Charges of gross frauds in Sunday's elections in the several cantons are made. After the polls were closed the ballot boxes were brought here by the government officials and placed under protection. In the night the office in which they were locked up was entered and the boxes were rifled. Deputy Lagrosilliere and his friends have issued a call to arms as it is alleged the destruction of or tampering with ballots will result in an election victory for the minority.

WOMAN MEETS AWFUL FATE.

Falls From a Buggy into the Gearing and is Dragged for Miles.

Miller, S. D., Dec. 20.—Her body dragging on the ground under the buggy, Mrs. B. H. Davis, wife of a retired farmer, was found dead when the horses were stopped while passing through the streets on their way to the Davis home in East Miller. The woman had been visiting a daughter twelve miles out. It is supposed she fell from the buggy and caught in the gearing, and may have been dragged twelve miles.

A Fire at Neligh.

Neligh, Neb., Dec. 20.—Special to The News: All day yesterday and a portion of Sunday afternoon has the entire force of the Neligh mills been compelled to fight fire in the large quantity of manure that has accumulated for many years south of the new river bridge, and which has been the foundation for the roadway, but of late years has been graded up with clay.

No progress was made by the bucket brigade, and the city fire department was called upon to render assistance. From 2 o'clock until nearly 5 in the afternoon was a constant stream of water playing upon the burning rubbish with the fire hose, and at that hour from all appearances the flames were completely extinguished, but at 7 o'clock in the evening the fire broke out in an entirely different place and far more fierce than at any time during the day. The 800 feet of fire hose was again brought into play and the firemen, assisted by the mill force, worked for several hours before it was deemed safe to retire for the night.

The fire is supposed to have been started by spontaneous combustion, and it is feared that it may burn for some time, and a large amount of damage may result if not checked.

College Baseball at Stake.

Lincoln, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the University of Nebraska athletic board the delegate to the Des Moines meeting of the Missouri Valley conference was instructed to vote to abolish inter-collegiate baseball if the wrangle over the question of eligibility is not harmonized. The dispute in the conference is the right of the university students to play professional baseball during the summer vacation. Nebraska in the past has insisted on students being allowed this privilege, but many members of the conference have opposed it.