

Real Inside Dope on the Major League Baseball Teams

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NATIONAL LEAGUE.

New York.
Club appears to have about the best chance to win the pennant. McGraw seems to have succeeded at last in developing and switching his players until he has found a winning combination. His team has good hitters and fast base runners and is probably the best offensive club in the league. The pitching department might be a little stronger, although it is much better than last year. The catching staff could be improved on, but it is not terribly weak by any means. If the Giants had a man like Cobb or Bresnahan they would have the pennant cinched.

Chicago.
Although the veterans are slowing up, the club is still strong to be in the hunt again. It has the best defensive team in the league. The pitching staff is uncertain, but Manager Chance will depend on King Cole and several other youngsters to land him near the top. The



Cincinnati.
The Reds should run about third. The prospects for the club look better than in many years. Griffith's winter deal whereby he obtained Pitchers McQuillan and Moran, Third Baseman Grant and Outfielder Bates makes the Reds a formidable aggregation. A weak pitching staff kept this team out of the first division last season. The club has one of the best outfields in the country. It is also the best base running team in the country. The only big weak spot is at short.

Philadelphia.
Team appears stronger than last season, but is not a championship aggregation by any means. Pitching staff has been weakened since last year. Too many veterans on the infield. Catching department, with Manager Dooin at the receiving end, is strong. As a manager he is not a Frank Chance or a Hugh Jennings.

Brooklyn.
Is the dark horse in the race. Club has the strongest pitching staff in either league, good catchers and a sweet outfield. Infield looks very good at present. Team lacks ginger and is not the best base running team by a long shot. But Bill Dahlen may surprise us.

St. Louis.
The Cardinals ought to whoop up things this season. Bresnahan has filled up some holes since the close of the last campaign. Club has the fastest infield in the league. Pitching staff and outfield very uncertain. Is liable to finish in the first division if the team gets the lucky breaks.

Boston.
A sure bet for the cellar championship. The club has one good catcher and a few good pitchers—that's all. The Rustlers will be very lucky if they win as many games as the St. Louis Browns did last year.

Pittsburg.
Too many veterans on the team. Wagner, Clarke and Leach are about

Twenty Games Enough, Says Walter Johnson.
"No major league pitcher should work in more than twenty games," says Walter Johnson of the Washington Americans. "I intend to practice what I preach."
"The game is too strenuous these days. It's like everything else."
"The strain is greater, and duties should be minimized."

The merchant, must never relax his anxiety to create buying opportunities for his patrons—not one now and then, but an endless chain of them!

News want ads are effective.

America League.
Due for a big slump. Pitching staff is also poor, and there is a big hole at first base. If anything happened to Gibson the club would be without the services of an experienced batsman. Still, with these handicaps the club figures stronger than the balance and ought to finish in fourth place.

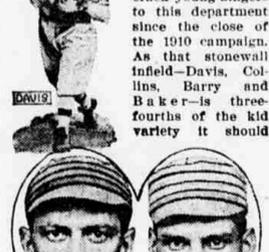
New York.
The real strength of the team lies in the pitching staff. Catching department, too, looks formidable. Infield is very fast, but outfield is uncertain. Team played great ball for Stallings last year, but may not deliver for Hal Chase. Club ought to finish second. Only drawback apparently is lack of experience of the manager.

Detroit.
Very little improvement over last year. Twirling corps again weak. Infield inferior to many other clubs. Outfield is still one of the best in the country. Has poor catching staff. With Hugh Jennings' never say die spirit and Ty Cobb's batting and base running the team ought to finish third.

Chicago.
Club has good chance to land in the first division. Sox have great pitching staff. With hole at first base plugged up, infield will be very fast. Outfield looks good, and catching department is one of the best in the circuit. Team is very fast on the bases, but weak in hitting.

Boston.
Team is not as strong as last season. Infield is shot to pieces. Club made big mistake in trading McConnell and Lord to Chicago. With Stahl on retired list Manager Donovan will have a big job filling up hole at the initial sack. Has good catchers, but twirling staff needs strengthening. Outfield is very fast.

Philadelphia.
Team outclasses the others in batting, fielding, base running and run getting. Twirling staff is stronger than last season. Manager Mack has added a couple of crack young fingers to this department since the close of the 1910 campaign. As that stonewall infield—Davis, Collins, Barry and Baker—is three-fourths of the kid variety it should



Cleveland.
The club has spent a large sum of money in an effort to build up a pennant winner, but although the talent appears to be there, the finish is problematical. Team is weak behind the bat and in the box. The infield at first, second and short is well looked after, but is weak at third. Birmingham and Jackson look good in outfield, but that's about all.

Washington.
Place Hugh Jennings, Johnny McGraw or Frank Chance at the head of this team and the club will come pretty near landing second or third place. Club has a fast infield, a good outfield and the best battery in the game—Johnson and Street—besides several other good twirlers and catchers. More snap needed here.

St. Louis.
Looks stronger than last season, but will have a hard time keeping out of last place at that. Pitching staff is good, infield only fair and outfield very weak. Is strong on catchers. Bobby Wallace is an experiment as manager.

Tooley, Brooklyn's Sensational Recruit.
Shortstop Tooley, the Rochester recruit, is making such a wonderful impression with Manager Dahlen of Brooklyn that the other youngsters are dropping out of sight.

When Cy Young Will Quit.
"When they cut the uniform off me I'll retire, not before," snarls up Cy Young, the twirler of twenty-two major league seasons.

"Harem Twist" Latest Curve.
Pitcher Vean Greie of the Cleveland club has a new curve he calls the "harem twist."

Pavelka Throws Taylor.
The wrestling match here between G. A. Taylor, "the Burke Giant," and Ben Pavelka of Verdigris was won by Pavelka after one of the best exhibitions ever seen in this part of the

state. Pavelka outweighed Taylor about thirty-five pounds but the match had gone some time before his superior weight seemed to tell. He gained the first fall in one hour and fifteen minutes with a combination half Nelson and body hold. The second fall came after thirty minutes fierce struggling with practically the same hold as the first. Taylor made a splendid showing and gained many friends by his gameness, but Pavelka is too heavy for him. There were nearly 200 mat fans present and the exhibition seemed to please them. Some of the fans are trying to get a match here between Pavelka and George Gion of Aurora. Oscar Wasserman of Omaha, or Paul Dunke of Sioux City in the near future, and if they succeed there will be a big crowd present.

Herrick Wins Ball Game.
Herrick, S. D., April 17.—Special to The News: The Dallas high school boys came down Saturday and played ball with the local school club, resulting in a score of 12 to 0 in favor of the home team. The Dallas boys played good ball, but Herrick players fairly outdid themselves to get even for the bad luck of a week ago, when they played Gregory.

Butte Beats Spencer.
Butte, Neb., April 17.—Special to The News: The Butte high school boys crossed bats with the Spencer aggregation on the latter diamond Saturday afternoon. The victory belongs to Butte by a score of 8 to 12. Batteries: Butte, Tingle and Wilson; Spencer, Bice and Whitehorn. This is the second victory for Butte boys in their series of games being played by the high school league, composed of Boyd and Gregory teams. Butte played Bristow on April 8 and won the game by a score of 15 to 2. The Lynch boys are scheduled to come to Butte next Saturday, when the Butte nine will play their third game.

Neligh 8, Atkinson 6.
Neligh, Neb., April 17.—Special to The News: The first high school baseball game this season was played in this city at the Riverside park grounds Saturday afternoon to a fair sized crowd. The Atkinson team tried conclusions with the home boys, and it was plainly demonstrated that the visitors are not as strong in the base ball line as they are in football. After the first inning the game was interesting to the finish with good plays made by both sides. The final score being 8 to 6 in favor of the home team.

Jenkins for Neligh had the best of the argument in the pitchers, getting nine strike-outs to his credit. He certainly has an abundance of speed, and with the proper control is there and over as a high school player. Following is the score by innings:
Atkinson 2 0 0 0 0 3 0 1-6
Neligh 5 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 x-8
Batteries: Atkinson, Miller and Ramer; Neligh, Jenkins and Sellery. Struck out by Miller 4, by Jenkins 9, Hits, Atkinson 7, Neligh 9. Umpires, Crinklaw and Kryger.

The Norfolk high school will play here next Saturday afternoon.

Lynch Defeats Bristow.
Lynch, Neb., April 17.—Special to The News: The Lynch high school baseball team defeated the Bristow high school team here Saturday by a score of 19 to 12. The game was a regular merry-go-round from start to finish, due to the hits made by the Lynch team and the errors of same. Batteries: Lynch, Baker, L. Carter and E. Carter; Bristow, G. Hight, J. Anderson and F. Hight. Hits: Off L. Carter, 3; off E. Carter, 0; off Anderson, 3. Struck out: By Anderson, 3; by Hight, 2. Bases on balls: By Carter, 1; E. Carter, 0; Anderson, 4; Hight, 9. Also two very rotten umpires.

Art Exhibit This Week.
The Elson art exhibit, including 200 splendid pictures, will be in Norfolk Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. This array of pictures is planned by the grades of the public schools. It will be held in the assembly room of the high school building. Fine programs are planned for each evening, beginning with a series of two German plays Wednesday evening and concluding with a recital by Miss Alice Howell, professor of elocution at the state university, on Friday evening, and she, accordingly, practices from 4 to 6 every morning, thereby disturbing Hagedorn's slumbers. She is rejoiced, but here she says she will leave and answer an advertisement for a wife. The two nephews of Hagedorn, Ernst and Harry, are the ones who bring about the huge joke on the older people. The cast:
Leopold Hagedorn, Leonard Riggett, Lene, Helen Lobdell; Ernst, Wilbur Hibben; Harry, DeWitt Dunbar.

"Koffeekatsch" is an afternoon tea at the home of Frau Miller. The usual gossip about other friends and styles takes place until Frau Lehmann produces great excitement over an advance in her husband's position and declares she cannot associate with common people. Cast:
Miss Howell is not unknown as a reader to the people of Norfolk, having given a recital here two years ago for the Woman's club. Her work is artistic in the highest degree. On Thursday evening a concert will be given by pupils of the grades under direction of Mr. Solomon. Pres. A. H. Viele of the board of education will open the program on Wednesday evening with an address on "The Place of Art in the School."

The program for the three evenings are as follows:
Wednesday Evening Program.
Two short but interesting German plays will be given, with the addition of good music. "Alter schutz vor Thorheit nicht" is a short comedy dealing with Leopold Hagedorn, a bachelor, who is having trouble with Lena, his housekeeper, who is 69 years old.

A nephew of Hagedorn tells Lena she Frau Miller, Martha Winter; Frau Schulze, Ruth Shively; Frau Lehmann, Agnes Zutz; Frau Medicke, Emma Koerber, "nicht," by Opal Dunn; "Die Lorelei," by Ethel Colwell and Ruth Rouse; "Ich liebe dich," by Beulah Hayes, and "Die Wacht am Rhein," by the club.

Thursday Evening's Program.
Chorus, third grade, Washington school; piano solo, Elmer Beeler; recitation, Doris Brush; dramatization, "Sleeping Beauty," cast Lincoln; chorus, sixth grade, west Lincoln; life illustration of pictures, Grant kindergarten; vocal solo, Beulah Hayes; duet, Hilda Johnson and Edmund Curran; recitation, Mae Rollins; flag drill, fourth and fifth grades; Grant school; chorus, third grade, east Lincoln; recitation, Easter Currier; chorus, second grade, east Lincoln; chorus, eighth grade.

Friday Evening's Program.
Music, selected; recital, Professor Alice Howell (impersonator), University of Nebraska; music, selected.

Are Digging New Ditches.
Three new drainage ditches are being built west of Norfolk under the auspices of Madison county, and as a result the farmers whose land is involved believe the value of their property will be increased \$25 an acre. The work started Saturday. The ditches are eight feet deep and three feet wide at the bottom. Two such ditches were built last year, making five altogether within six miles west of town.

One of the new ditches goes through Spencer Raymond's farm for a distance of 150 rods, then goes along a dividing line for 100 rods with the farms of William Higgett, Julius Heckman and Ernst Fenske on the one side and the land of Fred Dederman on the other side. This ditch also runs through the farm of Adrian Craig for 160 rods. Another ditch will run for 225 rods through the land of Otto Born and still another one will extend for 250 rods through the land of D. A. Omerman.

A Beautiful Easter Day.
Easter Sunday, 1911, will go down in history as one of the most beautiful days that Norfolk or north Nebraska ever saw. It was as nearly perfect as a glorious spring day could be.

With the temperature just right, with a mild tone of invigorating ozone in the air, it was a wondrous Easter morning. The very birds seemed to breathe the spirit of the occasion and led forth extraordinary efforts in April melody.

Never were Easter services at the churches more impressive than upon this day. In tune with the beauty of the day itself the floral decorations were glorious, the special music was an inspiration and the Easter sermons were most impressive. Mammoth congregations were assembled at all of the churches of the city for the Easter services. Aside from the churches, the Knights Templar held their special Easter program in the evening, as announced.

A WRECK IN OKLAHOMA.
Three Persons Injured When Rock Island Train Leaves Track.
Chicago, April 17.—Representatives of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad today received reports of a wreck at White, Okla., at an early hour today in which the entire train was derailed except two rear coaches, which became detached from the rest. Three persons were injured. They were, according to the report: Engineer Martin of Shawnee, Okla., hurt internally.
Express Messenger W. F. Baker of Memphis, Tenn., slightly.
C. C. Smith, a passenger, slightly.

The train was No. 42, a local between Tucumcari, N. M., and Memphis, carrying a mail car, express car, a coach, two chair cars and two sleepers.

Anarchy in East Africa.
London, April 17.—A Capetown dispatch says the British protected cruiser Forte has been ordered to Delagoa bay. According to the Johannesburg Express, anarchy reigns at Delagoa bay, owing to the fact that many residents of Portuguese East Africa are loyal to the deposed monarchy. Revolutionists demand the deposition of the governor of Mozambique and the expulsion of these loyalists.

Roosevelt Home, Not Talking.
New York, April 17.—Theodore Roosevelt returned home last night from a seven weeks' tour in the west and middle west. As he stepped off a train from Chicago he came into contact with a crowd of outgoing Easter visitors, many of whom greeted him with cheers. Colonel Roosevelt's face was tanned by the western suns and he said he felt "bully." He refused to discuss the reciprocity proposition, prosperity in west or his own plans.

DeBell Buys West Point Home.
West Point, Neb., April 17.—Special to The News: Dr. J. King DeBell has purchased the J. King residence property in West Point, covering an entire block, paying therefor \$5,400. The doctor was formerly for many years Indian trader at Rosebud Agency, S. D., and has now decided to locate permanently in West Point with his family. He is a son-in-law of the late Hon. Uriah Druser, one of the first settlers in this valley and is also a brother-in-law of Prof. Lawrence Bruner, state entomologist.

Stunning Gowns Are Worn.
It is rather an odd circumstance that male designers are fast supplanting women in the architecture of costumes for the fair sex. Where gowns of a distinct and new type are required it is ten to one that a man will be called in to create the style or else pass judgment. The same rule ap-

plies to the creation of styles for theatrical productions. One of the latest examples of the "male manner" is an altogether convincing farce by Clyde Fitch called "The Blue Mouse," which comes to the Norfolk Auditorium Tuesday night. Mr. Fitch seldom fails to give us prettily gowned women and his latest play is not an exception.

He begins his riot of new-fangled styles with "The Blue Mouse" herself. Mr. Fitch had fairly definite ideas of what the character, a dancer, should wear, but he frankly expressed his inability to properly clothe the young person. This was not due to the fact that "The Blue Mouse" dances in the play but that Mr. Fitch is not a designer.

Madville Ella, who has been seen in the review, and has designed every costume seen in the play. This, however, was not his first experience. For several seasons Mr. Ella has traveled abroad for the purpose of absorbing French ideas of dress in order to incorporate the newest and prettiest effects in designs for the American stage. Three seasons ago he designed a stunning gown for Louise Gunning, the actress, and in some way the fact leaked out. One of the largest and most fashionable dry goods firms of Manhattan thereupon made Mr. Ella an offer to become a sort of consulting designer and, ever since, he has acted in this capacity.

For "The Blue Mouse" Mr. Ella has created several styles that will not be displayed by this New York firm until next year. This style is shown in a gown worn by Miss Gertrude Hitz. It is a gown of pale blue cloth. The tiny V-shaped yoke is of net and the collar shows a touch of pale blue in a small bow at the front. The gown is cut under both arms, and all the way down both sides of the skirt is a line of satin covered buttons and piped loops. The plain, long sleeve is piped and buttoned from wrist to elbow. The skirt is very plain.

Game Fish Into River.
Looking as happy as a school boy at the beginning of his annual vacation, Governor C. H. Aldrich stopped off in Norfolk Saturday afternoon for about fifteen minutes. The governor was en route to Valentine, where he will spend a few days fishing. The governor is the guest of deputy fish wardens Miller and Clarkson and was accompanied by W. J. O'Brien, the fish expert. Deputy game warden A. F. Stearns and Burt Mapes met the fish car at the Junction and after receiving a can of fine bass, containing about seventy-five fish, and four cans of catfish, containing from fifty to seventy-five fish each, the Norfolk men were given permission to place a hoop net below the mill dam and transfer all game fish to the upper part of the river. With this permission Norfolk sportsmen believe the upper part of the Northfork, which has proven a failure as far as fishing is concerned, will soon afford some fine sport. The fish were deposited near the Country club house and north of the club grounds.

W. L. Dowling of Madison had a conference with the governor on important matters, but what the subject of this conference was, Mr. Dowling did not divulge to friends.

The governor had just finished luncheon when visited by the Norfolk men, and from an inspection of the car, it was easily seen that the governor is faring very well. The car is well equipped and affords much comfort to the traveler.

Thomas Cantwell Expires Suddenly.
Thomas C. Cantwell, proprietor of the Cantwell feed barn, Braasch avenue and Third street, and whose residence is at 202 North Eighth street, died from heart failure at Creighton early Saturday evening. The remains were brought to Norfolk by Mrs. Cantwell morning. Mr. Cantwell had gone to Creighton about a week ago on business, and while there suffered a shock several days ago. He had been laid up at the home of friends and was to have come home Saturday when overtaken by the fatal shock.

T. C. Cantwell was born in Granville, New York, April 27, 1854. His death came at 5:45 Saturday evening. He leaves a wife, three daughters and two sons. Two daughters live in Norfolk and one lives at Ord. A brother lives at Greeley, Neb., and there are two brothers and two sisters in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Cantwell were married October 13, 1880, at Clarksville, Neb., and settled at Silver Creek, Neb.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Church of the Sacred Heart and burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery. This will be the first burial in the new section of the cemetery set apart for members of this church. Mr. Cantwell had lived in Norfolk four years. The children who survive are: Alice, Nellie, Jean, Lynn and Harmon. Mr. Cantwell was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Ben Hur and Knights of Columbus.

Forty Delegates Are Coming Today.
Forty delegates from fifteen counties in northeast Nebraska are expected here today to attend the seventh annual convention of the fourth district Nebraska Christian Missionary society which will be held in the Christian church today, Tuesday and Wednesday.
After the informal reception at 5 o'clock this evening, held by the local committee, Albert Miller, the boy evangelist, will formally open the convention with a sermon. Pastor Scheel-Hastings will preside at the quiet-hour meeting (with closed doors) Tuesday morning. Several good speakers are scheduled for addresses.

A Balloon Runs Away.
Saxony Aeronautical society. The balloon Nordhausen ascended prematurely, carrying off Otto Korn, a Drossler manufacturer, clinging to the outside of the basket. The pilot at once opened the valve, letting off the gas, but the balloon was driven with great force against the gasometer. Korn fell to the ground, breaking his leg.

The balloon, freed from this weight, ascended quickly and passed over the gasometer, but the escaping gas ignited, causing an explosion. The four occupants of the balloon were thrown from the basket and crashed through a roof. The pilot, Captain Von Oldtman, suffered a fracture of the skull and is not expected to recover. The other three also were badly injured.

G. E. Session Is Finished.
After a two days' successful meeting, beginning Friday evening, the first annual convention of district No. 7, Nebraska Christian Endeavor union, closed Sunday night with a consecration service by Karl Lehman of Boston, Interstate field secretary of Christian Endeavor, and "Nebraska's guest," who was the feature of the convention throughout its session here.

The business session and election of officers took place in the Christian church Saturday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
President, Rev. E. F. Hammond, Norfolk; secretary and treasurer, Miss Lizzie Patterson, Cedar Rapids; superintendent of missions, Miss Etta Durland, Norfolk; superintendent of junior work, Miss Clara Plass, Madison; superintendent Christian citizenship, Rev. T. M. Evans, Fullerton.
Miss Clara Plass opened Friday evening's session at the Christian church, and after the song service, Rev. Roy J. Lucas held devotional services.

"What Christian Endeavor Stands For" was the subject of Mr. Lehman's opening address, after which a reception was held by the Norfolk endeavorers to the visiting delegates. During the evening Miss Beulah Hayes and Miss Gladys Hartford sang solos. Misses Cole and Sprecher gave two recitations.

Saturday morning President Clara Plass again opened the meeting, and after the song service Miss Belle Gillespie of Madison held devotional services. Karl Lehman gave two interesting addresses during this session, one on "Problems Probed" and another on "His Great Command." The afternoon devotional services were held by Miss Lydia Donovan of Madison. Rev. J. H. Salsbury, ex-state president, delivered two excellent addresses on "Eastward Ho" and "The Organization and The Individual." Mr. Salsbury's presentation of state work was very interesting. The business session took up much of the afternoon's session.

Saturday evening a dinner was served in the parlors of the Congregational church and adjournment was taken later to the Christian church, where Rev. Edwin Booth, Jr., held devotional services. Special music was rendered by Norfolk endeavorers, after which Karl Lehman addressed the convention on "Individual Work for Individuals."

About fifty of the endeavorers were up bright and early Sunday morning and attended the quiet hour services at 6 o'clock, held by Rev. E. F. Hammond, in the Presbyterian church.

Miss Clara Burroughs of Norfolk held the devotional services in the Christian church Sunday afternoon. Karl Lehman's addresses during this session were on "Riddles Riddled" and "Every Junior a Booster." The Norfolk Juniors gave junior exercises. Adjourment was taken to the Congregational church where at 7 o'clock President Clara Plass led the union services. Rev. Roy J. Lucas had charge of the devotional service, and after his address on "Vision and Service," Karl Lehman closed the convention with consecration services.

Among the out-of-town delegates in attendance were: Miss Clara Plass, Madison; Ida Hill, Monroe; Grace McWilliams, Monroe; Ruby Freeman, Columbus; Enola Hall, Columbus; Alba Vough, Atkinson; Blanche Elliott, Atkinson; Roy Elder, Atkinson; Odessa Johnson, Stanton; Edna Suchs, Stanton; Rickie Phesles, Stanton; Miss Emma Wilson, Crofton; Mildred Thompson, Columbus; Lizzie Patterson, Cedar Rapids; Lydia Donovan, Madison; Belle Gillespie, Madison; May Jarvis, Fullerton; Bryan Snyder, Fullerton; Dwight Davis, Genoa; W. C. Hall, St. Edwards; Grace Kramer, Primrose; Nettie LaGrange, Columbus; Opal Snyder, Columbus; Ada Corbit, Atkinson; Charles Moulton, Atkinson; Opal Planck, Madison; Euphonia Planck, Madison; Winifred McCurdy, Madison.

Oakdale News Items.
George W. Park was a business visitor to Atkinson the forepart of the week.
L. B. Nicola of Norfolk was transacting business in town Monday.
Misses Nellie Admire and Gertrude Gove returned from Lincoln Sunday evening.

County Surveyor Staples was engaged in surveying the road leading southwest of town the first part of the week, at the request of the Booster club, and a petition was circulated which will give a direct road through instead of winding over the prairie as it has been previously. The laying of the road has been somewhat delayed owing to the weather but work will be pushed as rapidly as possible so as to get it finished before the spring rains.
A. L. Drebert has purchased lots on the corner of Grant street and Lawton avenue on which to erect his new residence.
Miss Ethel Hibben of Norfolk was visiting at the home of C. H. Brainard on Tuesday.
Bernard Whitmore of Tilden was a business visitor in town Thursday.
Dr. C. B. Bolzell expects to move to

Stanton in the near future at which place he has purchased dental parlors. E. A. Broadbent was a Petersburg visitor Friday.

C. F. Bernard of Plainview was in town from Plainview Monday transacting business.
Mr. Avenas, a harness maker from Ileton, has arrived and opened up his shop in the Mrs. J. L. Campbell building on Fifth street.
Mrs. George F. Boyd returned Friday noon after a week's absence at points west.
Byron Walker of Norfolk was a business visitor in town Friday.
Barney Caldwell of Norfolk was a visitor in town Friday.

An invitation dance was given in the K. P. hall, and a good time is reported by those in attendance. The hall was tastefully decorated by the ladies, and music was rendered by a self-playing piano.

U. C. T. CONTEST ENDS.
George H. Spear Wins First Prize. C. I. Thompson the Second.
Norfolk council No. 120 held an afternoon and evening session on Saturday. At the afternoon session the regular routine of business was transacted, including applications for the number of names of whom five were present for initiation, which makes a total membership of 185, an increase of fourteen in the last year.

This session was the closing of the annual contest for new applications in which the secretary, George H. Spear, won the first prize, having seventeen new members to his credit, with C. I. Thompson as second.
The evening session was indulged in a public installation of officers, as follows: C. L. Chaffee, senior councillor; E. E. Miller, junior councillor; C. H. Taylor, past councillor; George H. Spear, secretary-treasurer; F. L. Cummings, conductor; S. A. Eskine, page; L. W. Greer, sentinel. Past Councillor Ed. C. Engle acting as installing officer. Senior Councillor Chaffee named A. Rankley as chaplain for the ensuing year, after which a fine lunch was served in G. A. R. hall by C. H. Pilger, in which over seventy members and their wives participated.

During the lunch several members responded to the call of C. H. Taylor, acting toastmaster, with impromptu talks, and at 11:30 adjourned for home.
A. W. Hawkins, on behalf of the council, made a very flowing presentation speech in presenting Secretary Spear with the prize souvenir U. C. T. Jewel, to which the secretary responded, expressing his sincere thanks.
On account of the grand council meeting on the regular meeting night in May, the council will hold their next meeting on Saturday, May 13.

"The Dynamite Fiend" Killed.
El Paso, Tex., April 17.—Reports apparently authentic reached Jaurez today that Oscar G. Creighton, "the dynamite fiend" as the Mexicans call him, met death while fighting for the insurgents near Jaurez Saturday. Creighton claimed to be a New York broker, with a brother in Philadelphia and mother in Boston. He was in charge of the insurgents' efforts to wreck railroad bridges in northern Mexico.

FIRE IN RUBBISH HEAP.
Gasoline Stove Starts Blaze That Keeps Firemen Guessing Some.
A gasoline stove which exploded at 10 o'clock Sunday morning in the Fred Phillips home, 109 South First street, and threatened for a time to set fire to the house, gave the Norfolk fire department three hours of strenuous work early Monday morning when it was discovered that the burning gasoline, which had been thrown on top of the river embankment immediately south of the pumping station, had started a serious fire among heaps of rubbish thrown there.

Recently the city had ordered much rock and stone thrown on top of this refuse pile, and, being so well covered, it gave Fire Chiefs Green and Nenow much concern as to how the fire could be extinguished.
Immediately after the gasoline stove had exploded in the Phillips home, Mr. Phillips, with the aid of Engineer Christian of the pumping station, carried out the stove covered with burning gasoline and threw it over the embankment. Mr. Phillips received slight burns about the hands.

Early Monday morning the smoke from the burning rubbish was so dense and took on such a serious aspect that Fire Chief Green caused the fire signal to be sounded. One stream of water was kept going on the rocks on which the firemen scrambled, endeavoring to discover the fire.

President A. W. Pinkhouse of hose company No. 3 became suddenly ill while at work at the nozzle and later found it necessary to go home. The fire was not pronounced extinguished until after 9 o'clock. The firemen commenced work before 7.

Junction News.
Mrs. Tribesee is seriously ill.
Miss Marian Murphy went to Oakland last evening on business.
Royal Adams and sister Iryl of Emmet were out-of-town visitors yesterday.
M. T. Walters and daughter Ella of Fremont Sundayed with Junction friends.
Jake Christensen went to Honesteel Sunday noon to do some work for the company.
Howard Demmon returned to Missouri Valley yesterday after a visit at the home of his mother.
Mrs. S. T. Adams arrived home from Burke, S. D., where she spent the past week with friends.
Mrs. William Beck and son Leroy made a business trip to Omaha Saturday morning, returning in the evening. The Easter exercises held at the Second Congregational church at the Junction last evening proved a success.