

**St. Paul Theatre Burned.**  
St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 20.—The Grand opera house, one of the landmarks of the northwest, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$150,000. John Thome, a fireman, lost his life and Miles McDonough was injured by falling from a ladder.

**New York Bank Merger.**  
New York, Feb. 20.—Negotiations have been concluded, it was learned today, whereby the Manhattan trust company will shortly be merged into the Bankers Trust company.

**Wilson Meeting Will Be Called.**  
Following the Harmon meeting at Fremont Monday, a Wilson meeting is to be called at Lincoln within ten days, with M. F. Harrington of O'Neill as the prime mover. The battle in Nebraska for control of the national convention delegates will be a hot one, it is said.

Following will probably be the Wilson ticket for delegates-at-large: W. J. Bryan, M. F. Harrington, L. J. Dunn and George L. Loomis.  
It is said this will be the Harmon slate:  
Delegates-at-Large—Senator Hitchcock, Fred Volpp and two others.  
For U. S. Senator—Shallenberger.  
For Governor—Moorehead.  
For State Treasurer—George Hall.  
For State Auditor—Henry C. Richmond.  
For National Committeeman—Charles E. Fanning.

**Harmon Democrats Meet at Fremont.**  
Fremont, Neb., Feb. 20.—At a statewide meeting called by Harmon leaders Democrats of Nebraska favoring his candidacy for the nomination for the presidency organized and fired the opening gun of the Ohio governor. The meeting was presided over by former United States Senator William V. Allen, who declared, although he had supported Mr. Bryan three times and would do so again if he were a candidate, that he was now for Gov. Harmon. Berman McKenney of Red Cloud was elected president of the organization and Chris Gruenther of Columbus secretary.

Mr. Gruenther, who has been active in the management of former state committees, will have active charge of Gov. Harmon's campaign in this state. A vice-president for each county is to be selected.  
Secretary Gruenther made brief reply to Michael Harrington, who recently charged that Gov. Harmon participated in the bond sale during President Cleveland's administration where alleged New York financiers made \$8,000,000. Mr. Gruenther declared that Harmon did not become a member of the cabinet for several months after the bonds were issued and did not in any manner participate in the issue.

**Mrs. Cassairt Is Badly Burned.**  
Bonesteel, S. D., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: Mrs. George Cassairt, wife of a conductor on the Northwestern, was seriously injured by a gasoline explosion at her home in Bonesteel. Her face, hands and hair were badly burned, but it is thought she is out of danger and will recover.

**Broken Leg Is Cause of Dispute.**  
Stanton, Neb., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: Yesterday morning about 5 o'clock when Louis Schaffronick attempted to get off the westbound freight near Pilger, he fell and broke his right leg in two places. He was discovered by the conductor of the freight, then carried to Norfolk. About 9 o'clock he was brought down to Stanton by a special train and left here and the county authorities notified. The county attorney made an investigation and decided that the railroad company was responsible for his care and refused to permit the county physician to take charge of the case. Thereupon some communication followed with railway officials and Dr. Underberg as a matter of humanity set the broken limb about 11 o'clock and at 1:15 the railroad company took Schaffronick to Fremont for further treatment.

**Marriage Licenses Issued.**  
Madison, Neb., Feb. 21.—Special to The News: Judge McDuffee this morning at his office joined in holy wedlock Joseph Linter of Madison and Miss Martha Janssen of Platte county, and issued a marriage license to Adelbert G. Simson of Norfolk and Miss Hazel Belle Wheeler, daughter of Mont Wheeler, residing near Warnerville.

**Minister in Kimmel Case.**  
St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 21.—Rev. Corell Herick, formerly chaplain of the Auburn, N. Y., state prison, now associated with an insurance company of New York, took the witness stand this morning when the United States district court here convened for the continuance of the Kimmel insurance case. Rev. Mr. Herick was being cross-examined when court adjourned last night and counsel for the defendant bank of Niles, Mich., which is suing for payment of a policy on Kimmel's life resumed their questioning at 10 a. m.

**Funeral of Mrs. Putney.**  
Neligh, Neb., Feb. 21.—Special to The News: The funeral and burial services of Mrs. W. W. Putney were held yesterday afternoon at Oakdale. The deceased was 88 years of age and up to within about two weeks of her sickness was considered in the best of health. It is supposed that the constant attention paid her husband, who is still in frail condition, may have been the immediate cause of her sudden illness and death.

**Ed Rotherham.**  
Ewing, Neb., Feb. 21.—Special to The News: The death of Ed Rotherham of Lindsay, Neb., was first learned in Ewing by a telephone call yesterday morning to his brother, Jim Rotherham. The deceased was among Ewing's oldest citizens and one who was the most highly respected. Mr.

Rotherham leaves tomorrow, he leaves a widow, three daughters and four sons who are among America's first subjects and Ewing's most popular citizens. Mr. Rotherham will be buried in the cemetery adjoining the town.

**Newman Grove Wins Both.**  
Newman Grove, Neb., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: In a one-sided contest here Saturday evening Newman Grove won two victories from Madison by large scores. The girls game was easily won by the Newman Grove girls by a score of 37 to 7. The Newman Grove boys completely outclassed the Madison boys in both team work and shooting goals, running up a final score of 60 to 19.

**Revival Causes a Town Quarrel.**  
Kearney, Neb., Feb. 20.—Sheriff Ed Andrews was called to Elm Creek, where he is investigating the eeking of Prof. Thomes, singing evangelist, brother of Geraldine Farrar and assistant to Dr. Joel A. Smith, evangelist of Beloit, Wis., which precipitated a melee during which George F. Smith, a member of the Methodist church, sustained a broken arm at the hands of one of his own churchmen who mistook him for one of the opposing gang.

The revival meeting here has resulted in intense excitement in the town. The Methodists, who are holding it, have secured thirty-five converts, but have been opposed by the Christian congregation in the town, who have a gymnasium in the church basement, and to which the young men adhere although not church members.

Sharp criticism of the morals of the men of the town, especially the young men, is given as the cause. Seventeen names in all were given the sheriff as members of the suspected gang, four of whom were recognized.

**Ten Children May Get Homes.**  
Ten Norfolk children and their parents, accompanied by Miss Caton, agent of the state board of control of the department of dependent children, and by Sheriff C. S. Smith and County Commissioner Burr Taft, were taken to Madison Tuesday morning for the purpose of being brought before Judge McDuffee of the juvenile court. The authorities, after several weeks' investigation, found that the parents of the children were unable to support them, and summonses and subpoenas were issued yesterday for the parents and the children. They were all taken in charge by the authorities. After the hearing before Judge McDuffee the children will either be sent to the children's home, in charge of Miss Caton, or returned to their parents.

Three of the children are those of Mr. and Mrs. Mole. The father is in Texas and has not been sending the family any money, nor has he left any visible means of support. The mother, say the authorities, is not well and deserves the attention of the county officials.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shepard were also taken in with their three children. The authorities charge Shepard with drinking too much. They declare he has sold all his furniture and makes no effort to support the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson and their four children were also subpoenaed. This couple, say the authorities, are unable to support themselves, without considering the children.

The authorities declared all of these cases pitiable ones. Every effort has been made to assist the fathers to work and county aid has been furnished. They declare that sending the children to the home will be a great benefit to both the children and the parents.

**Ben Hur Lodge Has Big Initiation.**  
Thirty-nine candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the Ben Hur Monday night, when Marquardt hall was crowded with members of the order. After the initiation the program was given over to the Norfolk reception committee and a luncheon was served. During the refreshment hour the Norfolk firemen's orchestra furnished music. The firemen file and drum corps acted as an escort of honor to the members in the march from Odd Fellows hall to Marquardt hall. Among the out-of-town visitors were:

J. L. Grant, C. H. Haskins, Mrs. S. R. McFarland, Mrs. Hoopman, Mr. and Mrs. Fanage, Casper Lyons, Mrs. Elliott, S. F. McFarland, Ira Reeves, Scott Balloo, Roy Wehrle, Floyd Wehrle, L. L. Wetzler, Mrs. L. Wetzler, all of Madison; Miss Scott, Pilger; Mrs. Waters, Wayne.

**POET'S WIFE HOME TO COOK.**

**Mme. Maeterlinck Cabled Her Grocery Order Before Sailing.**  
New York, Feb. 20.—Mme. Georgette Maeterlinck, the wife of Maurice Maeterlinck, the Belgian poet, sailed on the French liner Provence, wrapped in her famous leopard skin coat and wearing a hat constructed principally of two golden wings. The French singer is bound for Nice by way of Paris. On the rosy Riviera, Maeterlinck is engaged in writing a new play and madame having finished her season of concerts and operatic appearances here, is hurrying over to keep house for him at their villa.

Mme. Georgette was very sorry to leave, partly because she has found American audiences both friendly and intelligent and partly because she is terribly afraid of the sea. Before the liner sailed she stood on the pier using the end of a trunk as a desk as she wrote a cable message to her husband and incidentally carried on a long conversation with a sailor in regard to the weather which the Provence would probably encounter. She would not go on board until the last minute and then had to be led by her friends.

Mme. Maeterlinck is an enthusiastic housekeeper and likes to do her own

cooking. Part of the long cable dispatch was a list of groceries that she wants her husband to order in preparation to her homecoming. She explained that he was such a genius that unless she instructed him beforehand she might get home and find not a thing in the house to eat.  
"I am sad to leave America," she said. "I have been here six weeks and have found the people charming and intelligent. The works of my husband are understood here perhaps better than anywhere else. I have seen many artistic performances here and in Boston. The performance of 'Tristan and Isolde,' by Weingartner, by the Boston Opera company, was one of the finest things I have ever seen."

**Bonesteel Wins Case.**  
Bonesteel, S. D., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: The circuit court of Gregory county sustained the demurrer in the case of J. S. Jackson vs. City of Bonesteel. It will be remembered that Mr. Jackson, editor of the Pilot, at Bonesteel, brought injunction proceedings against the city to restrain certain work that the city council had done and was about to pay for when the injunction issued.

**Regards Them As Outlaws.**  
New York, Feb. 21.—President Lynch of the National league said that the proposed United States and Colombian leagues, which are trying to break into the major league cities, will be regarded by the officials of organized baseball as outlaws. The remark was prompted by the reports from Cincinnati that August Hermann, chairman of the national commission, had said he did not regard the new leagues as outlaws and that if the Cincinnati team, of which he is president, had any surplus players which all the other major league teams would waive on, the independents were welcome to them. Lynch said he could not believe Hermann had expressed himself.

**INTERRUPT THE SNEED TRIAL.**

**Woman Brings Gun Into Court—One Man Jumps at a Lawyer.**  
Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 20.—A woman spectator at the murder trial of John B. Sneed refused to allow doorkeepers to search her for firearms as has been the custom since the trial began and when brought before the bar a revolver was found in a pocket of her cloak. She was ordered from the court room. She is Mrs. Mary Rea, against whom Judge Swayne recently ruled in a divorce case. Mrs. Rea was committed to jail pending inquiry as to her sanity. This was one of two interruptions at the trial. The other came when Lynn Boyce, son of Capt. A. G. Boyce, whom Sneed killed and for which he is being tried, leaped at a lawyer whom he deemed had asked his mother, a witness, an improper question.

It took five court attaches to stop him. He was ruled in contempt, fined \$100 and placed in jail one hour.

Whether Sneed was sane when he shot Boyce will not be an issue in the trial. This was decided by Judge Swayne when the defense at the start of its evidence in sur-rebuttal, endeavored to show that Sneed was not mentally responsible. Sustaining the objection of the prosecution the court said that as the state had made no attempt to prove Sneed was not insane the defense in its rejoinder it is not originally a new line of inquiry. The court's ruling will have the effect of shortening the trial.

**Mrs. R. L. Crosby.**  
Bonesteel, S. D., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: Mrs. R. L. Crosby of Bonesteel died of pneumonia, being sick only one week. Mr. Crosby was a banker at Naper, Neb., for many years, but retired and moved to Bonesteel some years ago, where his two sons were engaged in the banking business.

Mrs. Crosby died at her daughter's residence, Mrs. S. M. Smith, near St. Charles, S. D., where the Crosbys were visiting at the time of the sudden attack which caused her death.

**Italians Land 500 Men.**  
Lohmei, Red Sea, Feb. 20.—An Italian force composed of 500 men is reported to have landed on the islands of the Farsan archipelago, opposite the Turkish province of Yemen and about eighty miles to the north of this port.

**PITNEY'S NAME GOES IN.**

**President Sends New Jersey Man's Appointment to Senate.**

When Chancellor Pitney shall have been confirmed President Taft will have the extraordinary experience of having constituted a majority of the highest tribunal in the land—a bench on which it had been his most exalted ambition to serve as chief justice.

In addition to naming five new justices on a court of nine, President Taft also had the distinction of elevating Associate Justice Edward D. White to the chief justiceship. The five justices named by Mr. Taft were Messrs. Lurton, Hughes, Van Devanter, Lamar and Pitney.

**125,000 Idle in Chicago.**  
Chicago, Feb. 20.—Mayor Harrison sent to the city council the appointment of a commission of twenty-two men to find out why 125,000 men are idle in Chicago. Charles R. Crane, a wealthy manufacturer, was made chairman of the commission. Prof. Charles R. Henderson of the University of Chicago is another member of the commission. The commission will make a scientific investigation of industrial and economic conditions which have resulted in the present situation.

**When Usury Begins.**  
Washington, Feb. 20.—Confusion in several states, notably Missouri, New York, South Dakota and Alabama as to the time given to a borrower of

money from a national bank in which to sue the bank for collecting usurious interest, was set at rest when the supreme court of the United States decided that the time starts from the actual payment of usury and not from the date of the making of the usurious contract. The point arose in the suit of Patrick B. McCarty against the First National bank of Rapid City, S. D.

**LABOR MAN FLAYS COURT.**

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 21.—A coffer of judicial jockals betrayed the common people of our commonwealth, prostituted themselves and the high office they hold and repaid the money interests their thirty pieces of silver for the jobs they gave them by rendering this infamous judgment on the constitutionality of the law, which they set aside.

This was the charge of John Walker, president of the United Mine Workers of Illinois, in his annual report to the convention at its opening session here with reference to the "Tanner act" which the supreme court found unconstitutional in a decision handed down on April 19, 1911.

The Tanner bill provided that a concern or individual against whom a strike had been declared could not import a laborer from a foreign state without informing that laborer that a strike was in progress and could not import labor from such foreign states under guard.

**PHONE CO. RESCINDS ACTION.**

**Farmers Mutual of Gregory S. D., Declines to Retain Exchanges.**  
Fairfax, S. D., Feb. 21.—Special to The News: A meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Mutual Telephone company was held here and among other matters disposed of was the rescinding of a former order to sell their local exchanges here and at Bonesteel to the "Bell" interests.

The farmers company is meeting with much encouragement.  
The farmers company contemplate extending their lines to Gregory and Dallas, there connecting with Tripp county lines which will give service throughout both counties. They already have good connections with most of the Boyd county (Neb.) towns.

The vote to rescind the former order and to retain the exchanges was carried by a very large majority, nearly 3 to 1—94 to 33.

J. T. Olson is president and C. J. Alexander secretary, of the recently elected board of directors.

**HARMON TO LEGISLATORS.**

**Ohio Governor Gives Kentucky Lawmakers Advice.**  
Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 21.—Gov. Judson Harmon of Ohio warned the Kentucky state legislature and all public officeholders to analyze their own records to see just how much they were responsible for the unrest that he said was making a demand for innovations in government generally.

Gov. Harmon spoke briefly at the session in answer to a recent invitation of the legislators. He said, in part: "Whatever we may think of the innovations in government we are heartily in favor of, it behooves every one who holds a public position to make diligent self-search to find whether any shortcoming on his part figures in the unrest which the proposal of these changes signifies. For, while some doubtless advocate them for other reasons, the greater number would not lead an ear without some real or supposed ground for discontent with public agencies as they are." "And it must be noted that all are involved in the measures in question. Direct legislation is aimed at the lawmakers as a body and the recall at the individual members as well as at the executive officers and judges. And it may fairly be said that the support these devices receive varies with the real or supposed need of them, as well as with opinions about the balance of advantage in them."

Gov. Harmon then recounted two of the administration changes that have been effected since his administration in Ohio began, the substitution of a single board of administration for the nineteen state institutions and the adoption of a uniform tax rate. Closing he said:

"I believe the reform most sorely needed now is in administration, better results at less expense." "It ought not to cost a billion dollars a year, or over \$11 for each man, woman and child in the country, to maintain the federal government with its limited functions."

"These state, county and city, which are much more numerous and expensive, cost together but little more per head and that is far too much." "True, these are times of private extravagance, but that is no excuse for public extravagance. Everybody may spend his own money as he pleases, but public officials spend other people's money, much of it contributed under hardship, and all of it for purposes which make it sacred for every patriot."

"Federal expenses bear more heavily on the people than state and local expenses, because the latter are raised by taxes on property only, while the former are chiefly raised by the tariff on articles consumed. So the per capita figure is not an estimate but a reality, because the poor man with a large family pays more federal tax than the rich man with a smaller family."

"We need other reforms, too, but this would bring quicker, greater and more general relief than any other. And reduction of the tariff taxes with care and economy in public expenditures which go hand in hand are ready means to secure it."

**Second Ward Shy One Councilman.**  
Because Councilman E. B. Kaufman moved from the Second ward

and because of illness in the family of Councilman Koerber of the Fourth ward, no quorum could be had by the city council last night, and no regular meeting was held. Adjournment was taken until next Tuesday night. Much business has accumulated and the city fathers are anxious to keep the calendar of the city's work cleaned up.

A contract had been scheduled for the Sugar City Cereal Mills company, who have proposed a low rate to furnish power for the purpose of pumping city water. This matter will be acted upon next Tuesday. No signs of a light contract were visible.

A resolution was drawn up in a blank form for the purpose of giving the mayor a chance to appoint a councilman for the Second ward to succeed E. B. Kaufman, who recently moved into the First ward. Acting Mayor Winter would not say whether or not he had a man in mind. He believed the honor of appointing such a man would be the task of Mayor Friday, who he declared would return home on Feb. 27.

**MUST STAND INSPECTION.**

**Kansas National Guard Can't Escape Regular Army Eye.**  
Topeka, Kan., Feb. 21.—A rigid inspection order sent out by Adjutant Gen. Martin of the Kansas National guard, requiring all officers and men to undergo examination, said to have originated with the war department, has caused considerable excitement among the members of the militia. The orders sent say "only sickness or death will excuse any officer or private from this inspection."

The office of the adjutant general was flooded with requests as to why the order was issued, and to these the following reply was sent:

"This department has good reasons for such an order without further questions."  
Every man and all equipment of the national guard is to be inspected by an officer of the regular army.

**West Point.**

The remains of Charles Bruner, who died in Omaha Thursday, were brought to West Point Sunday and interred in the family lot in the Mount Hope cemetery. The deceased was the son of John Bruner, a former pioneer of West Point and was born in this city. He was 44 years of age and had been in a sickly condition for some years. Mr. Bruner leaves a wife and child in Omaha. His family were the original settlers, and millwrights at West Point, arriving here in the late 50's.

Charles Gorken and Miss Margaret Stratman were united in marriage at St. Mary's church, Dean Ruehing celebrating the nuptial mass. The newly married couple are the children of the oldest settlers of St. Charles township and will go to housekeeping immediately on their own farm west of the river.

The county board has let the contract for the Cumung county bridge work for the coming year to the Standard Bridge company of Omaha. At the same meeting Dr. H. N. Wells was appointed county physician.

The ceremony which united Clement Buse and Miss Maria Stulp was performed by Very Rev. Joseph Ruehing, pastor at St. Mary's church. The bridal pair were attended by Bernard Stal and Miss Neleina Raleieh. Both the contracting parties belong to prominent families and were born and brought up in this county.

The usual blue rock shoot of the West Point Gun club took place on Sunday afternoon. There were two events of twenty-five birds each contested for. The score was as follows: First event: W. Kerl, 23; K. Thompson, 21; K. Kerl, 20; M. Kerl, 19; second event: K. Kerl and J. Jensen, 22 each; W. Kerl and J. Holst each 21, followed by J. Spillner with 18.

Messrs. Frank Cejda, Henry Ickman and R. H. Kerker have embarked in the automobile business and will erect a large and commodious garage on Main street. This will make three garages in West Point.

**ORTHODOXY AT UNIVERSITY.**

**Strange Story of New Arrangement Told by Lincoln Star.**

Is orthodoxy to be made a test for professors at the University of Nebraska? The Lincoln Star says such a test is already being applied. In its Sunday issue the Star prints the following story:

"No more professors who disagree with Genesis or refuse to credit the account of Jonah and the whale are to be employed by the University of Nebraska under an agreement reported to exist between Chancellor Avery and the Lincoln Ministerial association. As fast as educators who do not conform to the orthodox intellectual pattern leave the university or die, their places are to be filled, according to this compact, by others who can meet the requisite test of theological belief."

"The ministerial association took the initiative in this matter some time ago and, it is claimed, got a promise from the chancellor that no one known to be a dissenter from prevailing religious ideas would be recommended hereafter for important positions upon the state university faculty. (The chancellor recommends professors for advancement and also passes on applications received from outside. Usually the board of regents accepts his recommendations.)"

"The understanding between the preachers and the chancellor appears to have been working in at least one recent instance. The head of a department left the University of Nebraska some months ago to take a position elsewhere. The man next to him in the department, regarded as a thorough and capable instructor, was in line for elevation as his successor. Instead of his being advanced, however, a new professor was brought in from the outside, who has since become the

virtual head, although not yet nominally so. The newcomer, as it happens, is a devout church member, while the man who did not get a promotion entertains liberal ideas regarding religion."

"The fact that some faculty members of the state university have not attempted to harmonize their instructions with such events as narrated in scriptures has been the subject of complaint at different times from members of the ministerial union. It has been mentioned from Lincoln pulpits more than once, and less than a year ago the pastor of a downtown church declared in one of his sermons that irreligious teaching in the state university would have to stop."

"Some of the alumni who took courses under the liberal professor who failed to receive advancement to the vacancy at the head of the department are interesting themselves in his case. They assert that he is worthy of the higher place and will use their influence to see that no discrimination is made effective against him because of his religious views."

**Want Street Car Regulated.**

Washington, Feb. 21.—Claim of power to regulate interstate commerce on street railways crossing state lines was made before the supreme court of the United States by this view was presented in a case involving the power of the commission to require a reduction in fare on the railroads from Omaha, Neb., to Council Bluffs, Ia., from 10 to 5 cents.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
Transfers of real estate for the past week: Compiled by Madison County Abstract and Guarantee company, Office with Mages & Hazen, Norfolk.  
Carl Braasch to William Koepsel, warranty deed, consideration \$205, Lots 1 and 12 of Block 5, Edgewater Park Addition to Norfolk.  
Sarah Brown to Amelia Hagel, warranty deed, consideration \$500, East sixty feet of Lot 4, Block 1, C. S. Hayes' Addition to Norfolk.  
Friedrich Follmer and wife to John Follmer, warranty deed, consideration \$20,000, Southeast quarter of S-23-4.

Rudolph Dressen and wife to Otto Eppler, warranty deed, consideration \$2,550, Lot 2 Braasch's Suburban Lots to Norfolk.

Nellie T. Moore, et al., to Mary Utter, quit claim deed, consideration \$1, Lots 1, 2 and 8 Block 89, W. J. Barnes Addition to Madison.

W. M. Darlington, county treasurer, to A. E. Retzender, tax deed, consideration taxes paid, Lot 2, Block 3, Park Addition to Madison.

Frank A. Peterson and wife to Julius Hoffman, warranty deed, consideration \$3,000, Lots 6 and 7, Block 44, Clark and Madison Mill company's Addition to Madison.

Elizabeth Reif to C. D. Kiger, warranty deed, consideration \$1, West nineteen feet of Lot 2, Block 6, Battle Creek.

Carl G. Jacobson to Alice G. Swanson, warranty deed, consideration \$1,200, Part of northwest quarter of southwest quarter 34-21-4.

C. H. Pilger and wife to Park Avenue Church of Christ, warranty deed, consideration \$1, South 121 feet of Lots 6 and 7, Block 8, Koenigstein's Addition to Norfolk.

Nellie Selab to Paul B. Wetzel, warranty deed, consideration \$750, North half of Lot 2, Block 1, Haase's Suburban Lots to Norfolk.

**TUESDAY TOPICS.**

P. J. Fuesler returned from Creighton.  
M. H. Leamy of Pierce was in the city.

John Schiller returned from Des Moines.  
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Erskine have returned from their honeymoon trip.

Karl Stefan made a round trip to Omaha, where his father is seriously ill.

W. C. Neuman of Hallam, Neb., is here visiting with the Moldenhauer family.

Miss Myrtle Mitchell went to Creighton Tuesday for a week's visit with friends.

J. M. Lederer, who held a sale northwest of town Tuesday will move to Battle Creek.

Edward Harper and H. H. Tracy returned from Omaha where they attended the automobile show.

Cleve J. Hunter, who spent the winter with his daughter, Mrs. John Phinney, returned to his home at Custer, S. D.

Miss Ingeborg Helgren and Miss Esther Helgren of Omaha are expected in Norfolk today to spend a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Helgren.

Among others who will attend the automobile show at Omaha today are: Dr. R. A. Mittelstadt, P. E. Carberry, W. J. Stafford, P. G. Coryell, C. P. Parish, Albert Kenney, A. J. Colwell.

R. H. Reynolds went to Plainview for the balance of the week. He is finishing the construction of a brick building there.

H. S. Overacker's cottage in The Heights has been sold to A. T. Kenney who will take possession March 15. The sale was made by Gow Bros.

Members of his congregation at Fremont have subscribed a fund of \$550 for Rev. F. M. Sisson, to help him defray the expenses of the last illness of Mrs. Sisson.

George D. Smith reports that the Norfolk Taft club petition has been signed by over fifty Taft admirers in Norfolk. A permanent organization will be formed very soon.

The big Y. M. C. A. supper and solicitors' meeting will take place in the Commercial club rooms at 6:30 this evening. Every one who wants to be a solicitor is entitled to attend the meeting.  
Word has reached Norfolk acquaintances of the death by ptomaine poisoning, at Los Angeles, of Mr. and Mrs.

H. G. Clifton, formerly of this city and of Randolph, Neb. They died within five days of each other.

Court Reporter W. H. Powers is suffering from an injured leg as the result of an accidental fall on a slippery walk.

Mrs. F. J. Keller of Fremont is here spending an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilde. Mrs. Keller was formerly in the employ of the Norfolk foot sugar company and was with that company from its infancy until it suspended business. She was cashier of the company and for some time was acting assistant manager.

Chief of Police Marquardt declares that cooperation in police circles is not what it should be. He declares he was not advised of the searching for supposed victims of an alleged murderer until he read of the fact in The News. The search has been in progress several months.

The police arrested a goat Monday morning and charged the animal with trespassing on the property of Ex-Senator F. J. Hale. The offending goat seemed fascinated by clean white clothes hanging on the lines, and the rubbing of his muddy back on white spreads created consternation.

Julius Lehman was arrested last night by Patrolman Livingston for being drunk. Lehman, in Judge Eiseley's court this morning, declared his innocence. He charged the police with being drunk for arresting him. His case was continued until tomorrow.

A. L. Kilian, who returned from the eastern markets recently, reports that the talk of an "off year" has no foundations in the east as far as he could see. All the buyers in the markets are making big purchases and the better class of goods are in demand.

A new loan company has been organized under the name of Maylard & Butterfield for the purpose of making farm loans and selling farm mortgages. Mr. Maylard will have the active charge of the business and for the present will have his office with the Elkhorst Life and Accident Insurance company with which he is connected.

A change in the combination loss and chemical wagon of the fire department has been made. After experiments by local firemen, the chemical tank was taken from the wagon box and attached underneath the wagon. This scheme, say the firemen, will make the tank more useful, and at the same time make more room for hose on the wagon.

Band Leader Smith, formerly of the Oakdale band, may organize a band in Norfolk. Mr. Smith formerly came from California, where he was engaged in musical work. Members of the former Norfolk band have arranged for a meeting which will take place in the Commercial club rooms Wednesday evening, at which time a band may be organized. All interested, especially those who have had some band experience, are requested to attend this meeting.

Among the day's out-of-town visitors in Norfolk were: A. L. Bennett, Gregory; R. O. Dunn, Creighton; M. Cleveland, Madison; Isaac Reeves, Roy Wehlo, Lloyd Wehlo, Madison; Ollie Carter, Meadow Grove; N. M. Brackle, Lindsay; G. W. Parsons, Hartington; Ole Oleson, Hay Springs; W. L. Dowling, Madison; Clarence Tilsen, Winside; Frank Wilson, Win-side; E. A