

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL.**

Ed May spent Sunday in Nebraska City.

J. R. Cain jr, of Stella was in town Wednesday.

Joe Culp has just finished another big ice house.

D. W. Niell of Humboldt was in town Wednesday.

Irvin Shirley of Humboldt was in town Wednesday.

C. F. Reavis drove to Barada on business Tuesday.

Emma Keller has returned from a visit in Nebraska City.

Miss Nell Snyder leaves today for a visit in Red Oak, Iowa.

Dr. Houston was called to Humboldt professionally Tuesday.

William Wilson is reported as being among the seriously ill.

Robt. Hoback of Barada was in town on business Wednesday.

O. L. Bantz of Humboldt was a Falls City visitor Wednesday.

Joe Culp went to Hiawatha yesterday for a visit with relatives.

Dr. G. H. Neal is very ill. The doctor is suffering from typhoid fever.

Otto Porr and F. M. Boss of Humboldt were in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stoltz of Dawson were Falls City visitors Wednesday.

T. C. Cunningham of Verdon transacted business in this city Wednesday.

Mrs. George Jennings is very ill. Her condition is regarded as somewhat serious.

A complete line of fresh, salted and smoked fish during lent.—Coupe & Thornton.

Geo. Smith of Speiser precinct was shaking hands with his friends in Falls City Tuesday.

Miss Martha Krossa is very ill at the home of V. G. Lyford. Miss Krossa is suffering from typhoid fever.

Fulton Gantt returned from the Pacific coast Monday for a visit at the home of his father, A. E. Gantt of this city.

It has now been definitely decided that the German hall will be rebuilt and the work to begin as soon as the weather will permit.

Street Commissioner Startzel and a force of men dragged Stone street Wednesday and smoothed down a good many of the rough places.

Just before his death John Burkart sold his meat market to D. McPhee who came to this city from Oxford, Neb. Mr. McPhee has had long experience in this line of business and will doubtless meet with success.

Peter Kaiser has gone to Nebraska City to take charge of one of the retail establishments of John Mattes. If Mr. Kaiser likes the change he may decide to remove permanently to that city, although he has not disposed of any of his interests here, having placed the sole control of the business in the hands of his partner, Wm. Harnack. George Thomas, an experienced man at this business, has been employed to take Mr. Kaiser's place during his absence. The many friends of Mr. Kaiser trust that he will decide not to move away permanently from Falls City.

When Guy Greenwald was called from Lincoln to this city by the death of his mother he was accompanied by Roscoe Davidson, Murray Townsend, Edward Quillen and Cliff Crooks, all members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

One of the finest window displays in town is that of Hargrave & Hargrave. It took lots of work and no little skill to arrange this window but it is worth it all and all who have seen it express their admiration.

Mrs. Kate Steele was called to Chicago Wednesday by the announcement of the very serious illness of Mrs. Josephine Steele. The latest reports show the condition of Mrs. Steele to be very critical.

Petitions were circulated this week asking the city council to call a special election to vote bonds for the purpose of buying the Schock homestead for a city park. Ben Poteet also wants the property.

Monday was Washington's birthday and the occasion was fittingly observed. The postoffice and the banks were closed and exercises were held in the various grades of the public schools.

The wild ducks are going north and whether or not this is a sign of spring, it is a sure sign that the sportsmen are having a good time. A number of local hunters report good shooting.

Among the Humboldt people who attended the funeral of Mrs. Greenwald in this city Tuesday were, Mrs. E. A. Tucker, H. E. Boyd, J. F. Walsh and wife and Ray Huston.

Mrs. Will Crook is very ill. Her condition for several days has been so serious as to cause the gravest fears on the part of her friends.

Dr. McConnell, who has been very sick is some better. He has been in the custody of the sheriff, his mind having become affected.

Oliver Emmert and wife of Salem were in the city on business Tuesday.

**YOU WILL MISS IT**

If you try to get along this winter without the proper kind of coal. Always bear in mind that the best is the cheapest in the end, and that this is particularly true when the best costs no more than other kinds. We sell the best coal that money can buy, but we charge no more for it than you will have to pay for an inferior article.

**E. A. MAUST & SONS.**  
PHONE NO. 38.

Ephraim Withee of Stella spent Sunday in this city.

Nellie Weaver of Verdon was shopping in this city Tuesday.

Reduced prices on lard and all kinds of cured meats at Coupe & Thorntons.

Mrs. John Hossack is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Sloan in Verdon.

Remember that our line of corn fed meats cannot be excelled.—Coupe & Thornton.

Rev. E. E. Haskins and Dr. Mathers have given up their visit to Waterloo, Iowa on account of an epidemic of typhoid fever in that city. The church for which they were to conduct meetings having postponed them.

**WANTED**

100 Bushels Sweet Corn at Heck's Feed Store. Will pay \$1.00 per bushel.

**PLAYED JOKE ON A HAWK.**

**Pounced Down on Meadow Mouse Attached to Inflated Bladder.**

Hawks, writes the author of "Travels in a Treetop," have an unusual amount of curiosity. They are trapped, he says, almost as often through their curiosity as through their fear. Sometimes, in winter, when there is little to attract their attention, an unbaited trap, if of a new shape or variety, is quite as likely to land a victim as if it held a moist appetizing mouse.

Once a trick was played upon a splendid black hawk that had been mousing over the fields for half the winter. It often perched upon a straw stack, instead of in the lone hickory tree that stood sentinel-like in the center of the field. Early one morning a plump meadow mouse, with an inflated bladder attached to it by a string, was placed on the top of the stack. The bladder and cord were concealed by the straw. The hawk was apparently a little suspicious when he first noticed the mouse. He was not used to seeing a mouse remain perfectly still in that way, especially when he began to circle about with his great black wings close down to the stack. Presently he alighted in a wary way on one

end of the stack; then he walked nearer, eyed the mouse sharply, and pecked at it. At last he seized it with his talons and made off for the hickory. Halfway there, however, he noticed the bladder attached, and gave the mouse a violent jerk to free it from the strange appendage. This only served to make the bladder bob up and down more furiously, and with a scream of terror the hawk dropped the mouse and all and fled to the woods. It was some time before he was again seen in the neighborhood of the straw stack.

**PAWNBROKING IN CHINA.**

**Is More a Stronghold for Valuables Than a Loan Bank.**

Pawnbroking is a great institution in the "flowery land." The Chinese pawnbroker's, however, is quite a different kind of establishment from ours of the city of London, says the Golden Penny. The pawnshop of China is more a stronghold, a place of quiet and safe repose for valuable jewelry and the miscellaneous and costly wardrobes of the people. It also, in many instances, performs the equally important but somewhat costly function of lending to the needy, and, as in the collections of similar establishments of our own land, one may see the much-prized jewels and trinkets of happier times, which cause their poor owners many a bitter pang to part with, heartaches that were perhaps brightened with the hope that one day they would be able to redeem them. To listen to the man selling these unredeemed pledges is one of the choice entertainments of the Peking streets. He is selected by the pawnbroker for his fluency of speech and ready wit, to which he gives full play in his humorous descriptions of the quality and history of the furs and richly embroidered dresses which are piled up on the platform of his tent. He at times runs off his speech in rhyme, making clever and sarcastic allusions to the requirements of his audience, pressing a satin robe on the attention of some naked beggar.

**Drawbacks.**

Everything has its drawbacks. Even apples have to be pared.—Washington (La.) Democrat.