

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Mrs. L. Mason and daughter of Pierce were in the city today. Ed. Killan has taken a position in Paul Nordwig's harness shop. Miss Taylor of Battle Creek is doing some shopping in Norfolk today. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bucholz returned last night from a visit to Omaha. R. I. Burns returned last night from a visit with relatives at Scribner. Postmaster Hays returned last evening from a business trip to Omaha. Miss Ada Ogden returned last night from a visit with relatives in Carroll, Iowa. G. H. Mason is home for a month's visit with his family on South Twelfth street. John Hebler is in the city visiting friends. He is enroute home from a trip to Omaha. Miss Anna Nordwig has accepted a position in Hayes' jewelry store during the holiday rush. John Conway is expected from Niobrara tonight to spend Sunday with Norfolk relatives. Miss Edna Lawrence returned last night from Nebraska City, where she has been employed. Dr. K. W. Williams, the optician, goes to Omaha tomorrow for a week's visit with her brother. Miss Anna Verges is expected home tonight from Lincoln, where she has been attending the university. Marshall Leavitt returned last night from Doan college at Crete, to visit with his parents over the holidays. Miss Agnes Kennedy arrived from Omaha last night to visit with her parents in South Norfolk over the holidays. Mrs. H. J. McManus of Hawarden, Iowa, and Mrs. F. P. Stone of Sioux Falls, S. D., mother and sister of Mrs. W. N. Huse, who have been visiting here ten days, left for their homes this morning. Norfolk friends have been informed that Esther Seabury is a recent arrival at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Seabury at Sedro-Woolley, Washington. Mrs. Seabury was formerly Miss Margaret Morrow of this city. The rain and warm weather of the past 24 hours has converted the fine field of snow largely into slush and mud, but if cold weather should happen along with a few inches of snow as a circumstance the sleighing would be better and more permanent than ever. Reports from the west and north are to the effect that a terrific blizzard is raging and the train from the west over the Elkhorn was delayed for four hours today by the storm. Conditions are perfect for a blizzard here and it will not be surprising if one is raging before night. At the meeting of the city council Thursday night no action regarding the lighting of the city was taken, owing to the absence of a member of the committee appointed to investigate the question. It is expected that the question will be taken up and disposed of at the next meeting of the council. The "Uncle Josh Sprucey" company came in from Sioux City this morning and will show at the Auditorium tonight. While this company carries a band and orchestra, it is said of it that all its strength is not shown in the music department but that the company is of high grade and will put up a good entertainment. There should be a good attendance. John Mullen, who has been at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Brown, on account of the sickness of his nephew, Harry, left for his home in Ironwood, Mich., yesterday noon over the M. & O. Harry's condition showed a change for the better soon after his arrival here and when Mr. Mullen left he was showing fine progress toward complete recovery from his long and severe illness. December 19, 1902, will long be remembered by the neighbors of R. F. Bruce as the 65th anniversary of his birthday. A feast such as only Mrs. Bruce knows how to prepare, accompanied with the good cheer with which their honest, generous hearts are always overflowing, made the hours pass all too swiftly. That there may be many happy returns of the day, will be the wish of all who know them. Spear & Hollingsworth have abandoned their attempt to provide the people of Norfolk with the amusement that may be afforded through a roller skating rink, on account of lack of patronage and appreciation, and the rink in the Olney building was closed Thursday night with a farewell dance. The firm is seriously considering the advisability of removing their paraphernalia to some other town and opening for business. The city council of Grand Island is drawing the line pretty fine. At a recent meeting an ordinance was passed prohibiting the people from spitting on the sidewalks, and on the floors of public buildings, halls, churches, hotels, opera houses, etc. The ordinance may be difficult to enforce, but it is now there to enforce if need be. The "personal rights" league might deem it an infringement of their privileges, but it is now on the books. Church members who go to the house of worship to

smoke and chew and spit on the floor may especially have a protest coming. The council of that city has also required the telephone company to paint the poles used in that service in the city, and the local manager has been instructed to comply with the demand. Yesterday seemed to be a hard day for trains in a local way. The Black Hills passenger on the Elkhorn, due here at 7:30 last evening, was over an hour late, owing to the fact that the locomotive was disabled at Stanton and it became necessary to send another engine down from here to pull the train in. The U. P. freight due here about noon yesterday did not get in until nearly midnight, the difficulty also being with the engine. The U. P. passenger due at 9 o'clock last night was an hour late. Manager Spear has been giving the Auditorium the most thorough cleaning it has experienced since it was built. He has had a force of men at work for several days with hot suds and lye cleaning the floor and he promises to pay particular attention hereafter to the men who spit tobacco juice over the floor. Mr. Beall is fixing a ticket rack for use in the Auditorium with a separate compartment for each ticket, which will be a great convenience in handling the sale of seats. Mrs. Elvina Braasch, aged 66 years, died yesterday morning at 3 o'clock of the grip, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Obed Raasch, at the Braasch family homestead just north of the brick yards, after a sickness of but a short time. Mrs. Braasch was the second wife of Herman Braasch, one of the first settlers of this vicinity, who died 7 years ago at the family home. She leaves but one child, Mrs. Raasch, but there are a number of step children, among them Ed. Braasch of the firm of Braasch & Zuelow. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 from the house and at about 2 o'clock from the St. Paul Lutheran church. The first Mrs. Braasch died in Norfolk many years ago, and on a trip to Wisconsin Mr. Braasch met and married the late deceased. MONDAY MENTION. Ed. Dixon visited at home over Sunday. Mrs. Valentine of Hartington is in the city. George Koehig made a trip to Omaha Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers are city visitors from Niobrara. Mrs. F. A. Bryant has returned from her visit with friends in Iowa. Mrs. P. T. Birchard went to Omaha Saturday, returning last night. Miss Martindale, one of Bloomfield's teachers, is visiting Norfolk friends. Editor Wm. Warneke of the Scribner News visited with his mother over Sunday. Miss Bertha Pilger has returned to her home to spend her Christmas vacation. Mrs. T. F. Maher of San Francisco, Cal., is a guest at the home of B. W. Barrett. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Karns of Grand Island are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Buckendorf. President G. A. Luikart of the Citizens National bank returned last night from a trip to Chicago. Mrs. L. M. Wolfe has returned from Iowa, where she has been visiting her mother who was seriously sick. B. T. Reed returned Saturday night from an eight-weeks' trip through eastern Nebraska and southern Iowa. Warren Eller came up from Lincoln Saturday night and will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Matrau. H. M. Roberts has purchased the oil business of W. J. White, and will hereafter serve the customers of the former. The Italian orchestra and Dan Metcalf for prompter, went to Fairfax, S. D., this afternoon to assist in giving a dance. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Green have broken up housekeeping in the Powers house and have taken rooms at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Walker. Mrs. M. J. Romig returned from her visit at Neligh today and was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Crealy, who will spend the holidays in Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Wolfe will move to Gothenburg to make their home in the future, that being more convenient to Mr. Wolfe's work as lodge deputy. A number of Norfolk teachers will attend the meeting of the state teachers association at Lincoln Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. Kimball Barnes, Ernest Bridge and Norris Huse came up from the university at Lincoln Saturday night and will spend their holiday vacation at home. Charles Verges returned last night from Watertown, Minn., where he has been attending school, and surprised his sisters and a company of friends. Ernest Schulz and William Heller returned Saturday from New Ulm, Minn., where they have been attending school and will spend their holiday vacation at home. Mrs. J. L. Beach, Mrs. A. Viole, Mrs. Askins, Mrs. Medrick, Mrs. Fairbanks

and daughter Hazel and Miss Leone Bromo, were passengers for Omaha this morning. A fellow who leaves his horse stand out in weather as cold as the present without blanketing the animal should not know the comfort of an overcoat or a warm fire. Emil Koehn advertised a Christmas turkey raffle but he was notified that such a raffle could not be held without getting him into trouble and he has therefore called it off. S. G. Dean was called to Lincoln yesterday by a telegram announcing the death of his brother in a hospital of that city. Mr. Dean will take remains to the old home in Wautaga, Ill. The electric lights were turned on at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon owing to the darkness caused by heavy clouds, and the light given was quite a convenience to the patrons of the system, and much appreciated. Owing to the absence of Mr. Dean and others during the holidays, there will be no meeting of the Knights Templar lodge tomorrow evening. The usual Christmas service will be held in the hall at 11 o'clock Christmas morning. Ambrose Bilger has written his parents, informing them that he has been transferred to Iligan, in the Philippines, from Dapitan. He expects to return to "the states" in June and is anticipating his home coming with a great deal of pleasure. Frank Warden and Harry Thompson were before Police Judge Hayes this morning with a charge of disorderly conduct on the books opposite their names. Each was given the minimum fine, which with the costs, amounted to \$7.10 in each case. J. D. Cone has supplied the need for a public reading room at Creighton by opening such a room and supplying it with some books and papers. He invites the co-operation of others in supplying reading and reference works and has established rules for the conduct of those who will frequent the room. The Union Pacific put forth extra efforts yesterday to catch up with its freight traffic in this portion of the country, and ran two or three double headers into the city during the day. The freight on the branch had been delayed for several days and it is hoped that it will come nearer to schedule time after the boost of yesterday. Manager A. B. Beal has secured "Herrmann the Great" for an afternoon and evening performance on Christmas, at the Grand in that city and the magician will appear in Norfolk on the night following. He presents an entire change of program since his last visit here and will undoubtedly entertain a large audience. The Swift packing company has prepared Christmas windows for their Norfolk customers that are quite attractive. Fred Karo proposes to fix up a display of home grown and home dressed meat in one of his windows that he thinks will discount the Swift display in his other window several per cent, both in quality of meat and attractiveness. The Sunday Sioux City Journal has the following reference to a young man well known in Norfolk, a brother of Mrs. Morris Mayer, formerly of this city: "Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Becker, who have been living in Nebraska, will make their home in Sioux City. They are now with Mrs. Becker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Schuelein. Mr. Becker will engage in business here." "Uncle Josh Sprucey" was presented to a fair house at the Auditorium Saturday night, by a company that was above the average in point of merit. The saw mill scene was very realistic and but for the interference of "Uncle Josh" the heroine would probably have been horribly mangled. The company gave a band concert on the street in the afternoon and furnished their own orchestra music at the evening performance. The funeral of Mrs. Herman Braasch which was held from St. Paul Lutheran church yesterday afternoon was attended by a large number of relatives, neighbors and friends, and interment was in the cemetery of the church in which Mrs. Braasch held membership. Walter Braasch, one of the step sons, with his wife, was over from Madison to attend the obsequies and Mr. and Mrs. Drefke of Iowa were present, Mrs. Drefke being a daughter of Herman Braasch of Hadar. Wm. Hilekemeir, a highly respectable farmer, whose home is about six miles southwest of Bloomfield, was found hanging by the neck from a rope tied to the rafters of his barn on the 11th, according to the Creighton Courier. He left a note saying, "Folks and I have had trouble. I won't harm the children any more." His wife died about a year ago and he had made arrangements for her sister to come over from Germany to marry him. She afterward wrote that she would not come. He leaves four children. They found his body in the barn a day after he had suicided. Hon. N. M. Nelson, of Plainview, member-elect of the coming legislature from Pierce and Cedar counties, was in the city today and was taken to the hospital for the insane and Norfolk's wishes explained to him. Mr. Nelson is a quiet, unassuming gentleman, but

level-headed, and it is anticipated that his constituents will be ably represented in the coming session of the legislature and the causes he champions will have untiring and conscientious support. TUESDAY TOPICS. Mrs. O. B. Walker is visiting with relatives in Sioux City. Miss Van Buskirk went to Foster yesterday to spend the holidays. Miss Mand Deuel of Meadow Grove was shopping in the city yesterday. Heman Walker is home from the university at Lincoln to spend the holidays. A. L. Bartlett of Omaha is a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. R. R. Smith. Miss Alice Cole is home from her school near Osmond to spend her holiday vacation. The West Side whist club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Baum on New Year's eve. Misses Mae and Anna Leonard of Sioux City are visiting their father, John Leonard of the Junction. Principal J. B. Barnes of the Tekamah schools is in Norfolk to spend Christmas at the home of his parents. Miss Grace Matrau is expected from Mankato, Kansas, tonight to spend Christmas with her parents. E. H. Tracy has returned from Omaha where he attended the state convention of real estate dealers. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rutherford of Salida, Col., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Rutherford's uncle, Joe Pohlman. W. H. Lowe returned last night from Omaha where he encountered the inconveniences of a holiday jam of customers. Miss Edna Mayer of Lincoln is here to spend the holidays at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sol G. Mayer. A. Stortz, who is now farming near Creighton, is in the city to look after interests here. He still owns his farm near this place. Mrs. Chas. Bailey of Charles City, Iowa, is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Roseberry of South Norfolk. Miss Helen Glissman arrived last night from her home in Doon, Iowa, and will visit with relatives and friends over the holidays. Norfolk lodge No. 97, A. O. U. W., will meet in regular session at I. O. O. F. hall tonight for the election of officers for the ensuing term. A good attendance of members is desired. The moving picture show given at the M. E. church last night under the auspices of the Epworth League was not largely attended, but many who were there were well pleased with the entertainment. John Ommerman is down from Creighton today. For the past five months he has been building bridges in Knox county, but as he is now through with that work he will return to Norfolk the last of the week to remain for the winter. Albert Kimmons Prince, mandolinist and whistler, with his harp-guitar accompanist, Guy Daniels, entertained a crowd at the Oxnard hotel last night for several hours with some splendid music and hope to entertain a much larger company of Norfolk music lovers at the same place tonight. They are depending on their ability to make entertaining music to carry them on their trip through the country and around the world. Dr. J. R. Montgomery of Madison is in the city over night and brings the intelligence that Congressman Robinson is recovering nicely from his attack of appendicitis. The congressman's doctors are of the opinion that he will be compelled to submit to an operation before he is entirely free from his trouble but Mr. Robinson is anxious to complete his term of service to the people of the Third district before he submits himself to the surgeon's knife. A peculiar runaway happened at the Junction yesterday morning. A horse belonging to the Atlantic hotel, and being driven by Charles and Otto Elgin, became frightened by a switch engine at the Junction tracks, overtook the buggy in a bound, swung it back into place, and, free reined, made a get away up Second street for something over a mile. The animal was stopped at the corner of Sixth and Norfolk avenue. The statement that has been circulated for the last few days to the effect that the firemen's ball on Christmas night has been given up is false. The firemen have not abandoned the entertainment but on the contrary are making elaborate preparations for a good time. This will be a good opportunity for business men to show an appreciation of the valuable service rendered the city by the fire department, by purchasing tickets to the dance. The firemen say they do not like to bore people by canvassing for the sale of tickets, and hope that the business men are enough interested in the splendid volunteer fire association to give them a good patronage. Stanton Pickett, a game warden visited Norfolk the other day and as the task at hand which furnished the least exposure for himself while giving him

a pretense of earning his salary, ordered released the pair of pet quails which had for a year or more had a home in Dr. Mackay's office. If this is not straining a point then what is it? Without question the birds were better off in a comfortable office than they will be at large in a snow bank, and might at least have been allowed to remain in their comfortable quarters until spring comes again. If the present game law is not a farce some of the so called game wardens are only a letter or two removed from so being. There was a lively trade in holiday goods with Norfolk merchants today. The number of people in the city was not large, but most of them were, apparently, here for business and the person with an arm load of packages and bundles was a very common sight. Christmas gifts from diamonds to penny dolls were in quite constant demand during the entire day and the business transacted would run up into the thousands of dollars, beyond a doubt. Another lively day for Norfolk merchants and their assistants is expected tomorrow if the weather is at all favorable. Some of the merchants are confident that before the close of the holidays the trade will meet all expectations. People living in the city should realize that they can get better service and have more time to shop during the forenoons than in the afternoon when farmers and out of town customers throng the stores. A lodge of the Royal Achates was organized in this city last evening. The meeting was held in the Orr hall, and the work of conferring the degree and instituting the lodge was conducted by Irving G. Baright of Omaha, supreme president of the order. The new lodge starts out with a charter membership of 40, and will be known as Norfolk lodge, No. 40. The Royal Achates is a new order, with headquarters at Omaha, which is growing very rapidly. It is a protection order to which both men and women are eligible. Mrs. J. S. Hicks of Omaha has been here several weeks securing applications and getting ready for the institution. The following named were elected officers: Past president, Mrs. Cora Manwiller; president, Mrs. W. Killen; vice president, H. L. Spaulding; chaplain, Mrs. Lulah Talbert; secretary, Miss May Harshman; treasurer, Dr. Holden; marshal, Mrs. Martin Slawter; sentinel, C. O. Manwiller; guard, Martin Conger; trustees, H. L. Spaulding, Martin Slawter and C. O. Manwiller. RHEUMATISM CURED AT LAST. Good News for All Who Suffer With Rheumatism Free. To all who suffer with rheumatism I will gladly send free the wonderful story of how my mother was cured after years of suffering, together with the most elaborate treatise on rheumatism ever published. 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Surely, if you have a suffering friend, it will pay you to investigate my offer, anyway, and prove for yourself these claims I make. Send me your address today—a postal card will do—and I will mail you this wonderful story. If you have any friends suffering with rheumatism no matter where located, send me their address, and I will mail them a copy. My address is Victor Rainbolt, Bloomfield, Ind. A Timely Suggestion. This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be warded off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. 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