

GIFT OF GOVERNOR HERE.

A Norfolk Family Made Happy by Savage.

PLEA OF DAISY LAWRENCE.

Appealed to Governor in Her Father's Behalf and He Could Not Resist the Prayer—Mr. Lawrence Home for Christmas.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Down at 409 South Fifth street is probably the happiest home in the state of Nebraska tonight. The reason why this is such a merry Christmas eve to the mother and five children at that place, is that shortly after the 7:20 train over the Elkhorn rolls in tonight, their husband and father, A. E. Lawrence, who has been serving a fifteen months' sentence in the state penitentiary at Lincoln, will walk in upon his family, a free man.

Governor Savage is the Santa Claus in the case, and his gift comes, as told in Saturday's NEWS, in response to a touching letter written to him by Daisy Lawrence, the child of the pardoned man. Many efforts had been previously made to enlist executive clemency in the Lawrence case, but not until the epistle from the pen of Miss Daisy came to the state house, was the sympathy of the governor touched.

This is the letter that set her father free:

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 4, 1902.—Dear Governor Savage: Your letter nearly broke mamma's heart because she thought that you would surely let papa come home. Papa wasn't in a habit of drinking, but he just started when this came. He won't drink any more, I know. Oh, please, sir, won't you let him come home by Christmas, because mamma wants him to be here then. You can't imagine how happy you'll make all of us if you will. My mamma isn't very strong, and there are five of us children that she has to take care of while he is away. She nearly makes herself sick worrying. Papa is all she had to depend on, and when he went away she couldn't see how she was going to take care of us. Please answer this and address it to me because mamma doesn't know I wrote, and I'm afraid if you can't let him come home she would go nearly crazy or die.

Yours Truly,
MISS DAISY LAWRENCE.

Box 714.
The letter written to the governor by Mrs. Lawrence follows:

Norfolk, Dec. 6, 1902.—Mr. Savage: Dear Sir—Yesterday I received a letter from Mr. Simpson of this place from you in which you said you thought best to let A. E. Lawrence stay where he was. Now I would like very much if you will listen for a few minutes to my story. You and some others seem to think it was drink that made all the trouble. That had a small part and only the last few months at that. Sickness had more. I have been down with my lungs two winters and the doctor says I have to be very careful. How can I with five children dependent on me. The rest can care for themselves. We have nothing, only what we can earn, and at present I am unable to leave the house or do anything to earn anything. And what good will it do me for him to come home next summer if I am not here. I have tried to fight this off for his sake and the children, but you know that it is almost useless. It would make it much easier if he could only be with me, for he has always been a good husband to me, too good, or he would hardly be where he is. I pray day and night that he may be here by Christmas, or very soon. He must come soon. Oh, God, let him come. I want to see him once more. I will pray day and night that God will let you see some way that it may be. For Christ's sake grant my prayer, if you can. He has been away now six months.

Oh, Mr. Savage, I can't give up just yet. For the sake of all you hold dear and for the dear Lord's sake help me if possible.
MRS. A. E. LAWRENCE.

Lawrence was sent to prison by the Singer Sewing machine company last June for embezzlement of about \$900. He was given the lightest sentence possible. Until this offense, he had, according to the prosecuting attorney, "been his own worst enemy." He was in the county jail two months before he was taken to Lincoln. Numerous petitions for his pardon were sent to Governor Savage, and he read the evidence. But he did not grant the pardon. Then, without the knowledge of her mother, Daisy wrote, and Wednesday afternoon the governor decided that Lawrence should go home for Christmas.

The governor intended not to let the family know of his act, until the man should walk in upon them. But the papers got the story and Saturday morning the news went to the Lawrence home.

At once there was joy in the hearts of that family—the mother, weak and discouraged, and the five children, who have longed for a father to take care of them again. But this pleasant anticipation has not been without its troubles.

Immediately after the news was out that Lawrence was the man to draw a pardon from the Nebraska prison for Christmas this year, the house on Fifth street became besieged by newspaper men who wanted the picture of the little girl to use as Christmas features in their papers. This was absolutely refused by Mrs. Lawrence. Representatives of journals the country over, knocked at the door all day Saturday, Sunday and Monday, but turned away with the murmur, "Nothing doing."

It was notorious that the wife of the pardoned man wished to escape, and

the idea of publicity has much disturbed her peace of mind during the past few days. When she learned that the papers wanted the picture, and were using the story as a Christmas feature regardless, her nerves gave way and she broke down completely.

"Rather than this," she declared "I would have had him stay away. The governor has tried to give us a merry Christmas," she cried, "but these newspapers are making it hell, instead. I have sent him the only picture we had of Daisy, and he can use his own discretion about giving it out."

Daisy Lawrence, to whom is due the freedom of her father, is not the "little girl" that she has been called, but is said her mother, a "young lady, 14 years old, and a freshman in the high school." But despite the fact that Daisy Lawrence sprang so suddenly into the public prints, and regardless of being called "little", she is the happiest girl in Norfolk tonight, and the best Christmas present she has had for a long, long time will step from the train shortly after 7 o'clock.

Happy Christmas for Bank Wrecker. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 24.—Tomorrow is going to be the happiest Christmas enjoyed in a number of years by Gideon W. March, once president of the Keystone bank of Philadelphia, and who for wrecking that bank and involving in the wreck City Treasurer John Bardsley, was condemned to twelve years' imprisonment. This afternoon, by virtue of the commutation of sentence granted by President Roosevelt March will be released from the Eastern penitentiary.

The wrecking of the Keystone bank occurred in 1891. The arrest and conviction of March took place some time afterward, as he was a fugitive from justice for several years. It was not until 1898 that he was sent to prison. At the trial he pleaded guilty to three indictments, under the impression that he was pleading guilty to a single indictment, and received a sentence under each. The aggregate sentence was eighteen years in prison.

With a keen, cold wind that whistles and moans around the corners of the town, and slaps you in the face when you venture out; one that sets the signs to creaking and the wires to humming, turns your fingers blue and at the same time paints the mammoth shop windows with a thick coating of whiteness, until the pretty holiday displays are lost to view, the day before Christmas swooped down upon Norfolk this morning.

With the thermometer standing way below zero all day long, the last, fast rush in holiday trade that had been expected and hoped for, has been snapped off rather short, and merchants, between times of getting warm, have been thinking of what might have been. There has been some trade in Norfolk today, but nowhere enough to clear up the counters.

Tonight, the happiest night in the whole year to hundreds of thousands of children over the country, old Santa, well bundled up in furs, will dart down a thousand chimney places in Norfolk, make glad five times that many hearts, and be gone again.

The thaw of a few days ago has converted the fields of snow into ice and while there is sleighing it is not of a high order of excellence and the horse that travels the road must be sharply shod to prevent slipping. The boys who receive new sleds and skates will no doubt be able to find a place to give them a trial, but if the weather tomorrow is as it is today, the boy who has not been remembered with good warm clothing will be handicapped in his enjoyment.

A Cosmopolitan Christmas.

Christmas is the most generally observed holiday on the calendar. There are holidays and holidays, but the Christian people who observe Christmas are more widely scattered over the face of the earth and are by far the most numerous of any religious following, and to them the anniversary of the birth of Christ is given more general importance than any other holiday. The observance of the holiday is infectious and those who are not believers vie with the devout in observing the holiday. The message, "Peace on earth—good will toward men," appeals to all civilized people, everywhere, and from the highest to the lowest and the richest to the poorest, Christmas is anticipated with equal pleasure.

This year there will be a more general observance of Christmas among the civilized people of the world than for many years past from the fact that one of the most important Hebrew holidays, Hanuka, or the feast of lights, will fall on Christmas. It is one of the most joyous holidays on the Hebrew calendar and commemorates the victory of the sons of Israel over the forces of Rome. A legend, still repeated by the rabbis, recites that when the Maccabees recovered their temple in Syria the perpetual lamp in the sanctuary was still burning brightly, although not a drop of oil was in the bowl. To recall this incident Jewish homes are brightly decorated and candles burned. Presents are exchanged and there are festivities of a nature which have earned for the day the name of the Hebrew Christmas.

While Christmas is celebrated in the civilized countries the world over, it is probable that none give it such general and joyous observance as the United

States of America, where the people of every city and village have prepared for a season of joy, seldom equaled, even here. Among the great capitals of the world New York is said to have the greatest cause to rejoice for material prosperity. Rome and Paris are fairly prosperous, but St. Petersburg, Berlin and Vienna are all suffering from bad trade conditions.

For the first time in four years, European countries are free from war with the exception of the trouble at Venezuela and the papers express the general satisfaction felt for such a condition and the indications are that this will be the cheeriest Christmas in many years, especially in England. In the large towns the purchases of holiday presents have exceeded the totals for last year, and the fact that Christmas falls on Thursday will give the business men and wage workers a rest of four days, and there will be a cessation of business from Wednesday night until Monday morning, Friday being "Boxing Day."

Surrounded by a small but lively party of their children and grandchildren, King Edward and Queen Alexandra will spend their Christmas at Sandringham, their majesties' favorite abode. This evening the round of festivities at Sandringham will be ushered in with a reception for the clergy and gentry of the district. Tomorrow morning their majesties, their relatives and guests will attend divine services in St. Mary Magdalene's church. After service luncheon will be served and in the afternoon there will be a reception to the tenantry and probably skating on the lake. The Christmas dinner will not be served until eight o'clock. The handsome dining hall at Sandringham is spacious and provides ample accommodation for a large party. At table the king and queen will occupy central positions facing each other, the other members of the royal family and the guests being seated according to precedence. The roast beef, which this year weighs 110 pounds, will be borne in with the usual quaint ceremonies of the time of Henry VIII. In accordance with time honored precedent, a plum pudding will weigh an even hundred pounds, and will decorate the center of the table, resting upon a golden platter and decorated with holly and mistletoe. While the guests are assembling an orchestra will render a Christmas carol and the national anthem. The king himself will do the carving. At the close of the dinner the toast will be drunk by the company standing to the memory of the late Queen Victoria, and his majesty will then toast in order the prince of Wales, Great Britain and her colonies, and her loyal subjects. Before rising from the table the company will pass around the loving cup, while the dining hall will resound with the strains of Auld Lang Syne.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says the czar and czarina will spend Christmas quietly at the Winter palace at Livadia, where the imperial couple have been for some time. Besides the members of the imperial family there are to be a number of guests at the celebration. The Christmas dinner will be spread at 6 o'clock. At that hour there will stand upon the royal table a whole roasted pig, kneeling with a sprig of green in his mouth. He will be stuffed with boiled buckwheat or kasche, which will be mixed with the chopped liver, heart and other edible adjuncts of the animal. Out of regard for the czar's English wife there will be English roast beef but the other dishes will be essentially Russian, including roasted eggs, kouliche or raisin cake, and pasca, which is a mixture of cheese, cream, butter, sugar and raisins.

Christmas eve, which is the principal festival of Christmas in Germany, was celebrated in the usual lively manner by Christians and Hebrews alike, the latter having trees on which were lights, apples, nuts, ginger cakes, etc. There were Christmas trees not only in every family, but in the hospitals, public institutions, asylums, prisons, soup kitchens, casual wards and barracks.

The kaiser and the imperial family celebrated the occasion in the customary German fashion at the new palace, at Potsdam. The imperial family is large enough of itself—to say nothing of the enormous household—to make a lively party, and all of the immediate connections were assembled. The kaiser, as is his wont, saw personally to all the arrangements for the celebration.

Family dinner was served at four o'clock, to make room for the the important ceremony of "bescheerung," which took place as usual in the beautiful hall of Shells. None of the children were allowed to see the inside of the magic Saal until they were admitted into the blaze of the white candles with which the tall fir all down the room were laden. The elder princes having attained manhood, at least in their own eyes, there were only five trees this year. Princesschen's being the smallest, as usual, but it was the one on whose decoration the kaiser had spent the most pains. No one was forgotten in the distribution of gifts, the kaiser especially, making a point of providing surprise presents for everyone. It is understood that the kaiser's present to his wife was a magnificent necklace of diamonds, which will form a considerable addition to the kaiser's fine collection of jewels.

Express wagons, mail carriers and mes-

sengers bore numerous packages to the white house today—presents to the Roosevelt family from friends and admirers throughout the country. With the president and his family it will be a home celebration in the strictest sense of the word. The offices will be closed and no business, whatsoever, will be transacted. In the morning, bright and early, it is safe to predict, the youngsters of the family will arise and visit their stockings to see what Santa Claus has left for them. Later the family will assemble in the library for the general distribution of gifts. The Christmas dinner will be served in the evening and only the family will be present.

Among the gifts received at the executive mansion during the past few days were not less than 100 turkeys sent from all parts. Today these plump birds were distributed to the white house policemen, ushers, messengers, servants, gardeners and stablemen with the compliments of the president. Each turkey had on it a card bearing the season's compliments. To the older employees and family servants there were also gifts of money and keepsakes. The first dinner at Christmas time given in the white house was that which took place in the year 1800, when John Adams was president and the thrifty Abigail, his wife, sat at the head of the table as hostess. It was not a comfortable meal, although a splendid hunch of venison the gift of Mrs. Washington, graced the board, and the country people of what Mrs. Adams called "the City of the Wilderness" had generously contributed gifts of all sorts to make the feast as toothsome as might be. The discomfort lay in the fact that the occupants of the white house found reflected in their residence evidence of the same haste that characterized the new government. The reception after dinner took place in the oval room, which at that time was barely habitable. The surroundings of the executive mansion were about as desolate as could be imagined. On all sides was a deep morass covered with alder bushes. The sidewalks were laid with chips from the stones with which the capitol was built. A wooden bridge spanned Black Tiber creek, and low, two-story houses, also built of wood, were the residences of the congressmen.

Get your ury tops repaired and upholstering done at Nordwig's harness shop.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.
Will Wagner has gone to Wisconsin for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. E. A. Jacobs of Oakdale visited in Norfolk yesterday, returning last night.

Miss Helen Bridge is expected home tonight from Chicago, where she attends school.

A. J. Durland was in Pierce Monday, and sold a farm to M. J. King of that place.

Miss Anne Seymour will leave tomorrow morning for Council Bluffs, Ia., to spend Christmas.

Ed Redmond is home from the Wesleyan university at Lincoln to spend the holidays.

Martin Raasch has returned from Watertown, Wis., where he has been attending college.

B. T. Reed has gone to Spearfish, S. D., to spend Christmas at the home of his parents.

The Royal Highlanders have changed their meeting nights to the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Robert Bridge and family of Fremont are expected to arrive tonight to spend Christmas at the home of Wm. Bridge.

J. B. Fitzgerald of the Citizens National bank left yesterday for Clinton, Iowa, to visit with his mother and father over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Yost of Omaha are expected tonight to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. G. T. Sprecher.

Mr. and Mrs. James Conley have gone to Fremont to spend Christmas with their daughters, Mrs. Bender and Mrs. Frances.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davenport and John Davenport, of Sioux City, and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pilger, of Madison, will

arrive this evening to spend Christmas at the Davenport home.

Alfred Hermann of Yankton, S. D., is here to spend Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hermann.

The sugar factory finished cutting beets this afternoon at 3 o'clock, 30,800 tons having passed through the processes.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Darland and family and Miss Wood, of Plainview came down this morning to spend Christmas with Norfolk friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood of Casper, Wyoming, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blakeman over night on their way to spend Christmas with their daughters at Pierce.

Miss Mary Horiskey will leave today for Pocatello, Idaho, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Will Person for six weeks. Another change in the force of telephone operators will be necessitated by Miss Horiskey's absence. Miss Maud Russell will take her place as day operator and Miss Fox will be night operator.

At the meeting of Norfolk lodge No. 97, A. O. U. W., held last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master workman, S. R. McFarland; foreman, R. Christilles; overseer, Art McCoy; recorder, F. W. Koerber; financier, H. L. Spaulding; receiver, John Quick; guide, Frank French; inside watch, M. L. Ogden; outside watch, E. A. Bullock; trustee for three years, W. W. Roberts; medical examiners, Drs. P. H. Salter and H. T. Holden.

A. H. Winder has returned from his trip to Oklahoma and Indian territory where he says conditions are like spring in this country. He met several people from Norfolk while there. S. Poesler, has sold out his business and retired to a 7-acre tract near Oklahoma City which has been planted to a peach orchard and intends to take life easy hereafter. He rents his store for \$150 and is erecting another three-story brick which will bring in the same rental. G. M. Thompson is prospering in the real estate business and is conducting a rooming house. He finds it difficult to supply all the demands of renters. Ed. Wallerstedt is conducting a fine bowling alley. He is a member of the Oklahoma team that won the western championship and a \$300 cup recently at Kansas City.

District Judge J. F. Boyd and Court Reporter Powers were down from Neligh yesterday holding a session of court in chambers at the office of Mapes & Hazen, returning to Neligh last night. The case was one from Pierce regarding a real estate transaction. John D. Neligh and P. M. Moodie of West Point owned a piece of land near Osmond which they entered into a contract to sell with a real estate firm of Pierce county. Smith & Kissinger of Osmond secured a transfer of the contract and sold the land, now Neligh and Moodie are endeavoring to have the sale set aside alleging that there was a misrepresentation. Attorneys Wille of Randolph, and Quivey of Pierce represented the litigants as counsel. No decision was given, the matter being taken under advisement by the court.

On Monday evening Norfolk council, No. 16, Loyal Mystic Legion of America held its annual election of officers, and the following named were elected: Mrs. E. Ogden, W. C.; Mrs. D. A. Quick, W. V. O.; Mrs. E. Seger, W. P.; L. M. Gaylord, W. Sec. and W. Treas.; Miss A. Oppenlander, C. P.; and Mrs. L. E. Dudley, C. E. There was an unusually large attendance and considerable interest was manifested in the election. No doubt interest was quickened somewhat by the presence of the prize banner, which was much admired. After business was over tables were spread in the waiting room and a fine banquet laid, which was highly enjoyed. Many of the members had invited some from their own families as guests and, taken altogether, there was a good-sized crowd. Music and singing closed the program and everyone went home happy.

Letter List.
List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice December 23, 1902.
Dey Bloom, Frank Beebe, John Davis, Mr. Foy, Lena Gross, Andrew Johnson, Richard Johnson, E. F. Mathieson, John B. Preece, Nellie Shannon, George Swarty, F. R. Beebe, D. W. Miller, Mrs. Ed. O'Connor, Louis Volpp, H. A. Watson, Edd Weeber.

If not called for in 15 days will be sent to the dead letter office.

Parties calling for any of the above please say advertised.

JOHN R. HAYS, P. M.

The value of Expert Treatment.

Everyone who is afflicted with a chronic disease experiences great difficulty in having their case intelligently treated by the average physician. These diseases can only be cured by a specialist who understands them thoroughly. Dr. J. Newton Hathaway of Sioux City, Iowa, is acknowledged the most skillful and successful specialist in the United States. Write him for his expert opinion of your case, for which he makes no charge.

How to Prevent Croup.

It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In all cases all danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by A. H. Kiesau.

A Thousand Dollars Worth of Good.

A. H. Thurmes, a well known coal operator of Buffalo, O., writes: "I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble for years, passing gravel and stones with excruciating pain. I got Foley's Kidney Cure, then the result was surprising. A few doses started the brick dust like fine stones and now I have no pain across my kidneys and I feel like a new man. It done me a \$1000 worth of good."

Excursion Rates.

The F. E. & M. V. (The Northwestern Line), announces the following rates for the holidays and the meeting of the state teachers' association:
For Christmas and New Year's, holiday excursion tickets will be sold at one fare for the round trip to points on the F. E. & M. V. railroad within a distance of 200 miles, on December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, good returning January 2, 1903.
For the state teachers' association at Lincoln excursion tickets will be sold on December 30 and 31 at one fare for the round trip, good returning January 3, 1903.
H. C. MATRAIC, Agent.

Report from the Reform School.

J. G. Gluck, Superintendent, Pruntytown, W. Va., writes: "After trying all of the advertised cough medicines we have decided to use Foley's Honey and Tar exclusively in the West Virginia Reform School. I find it the most effective and absolutely harmless."

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

A Hurry-Up Medicine.
Every housekeeper recognizes the need of effective remedies to be used in emergencies; when something must be done right away. Such a remedy is Perry Davis' Painkiller, for sprains and bruises, for strained muscles and for the aches and pains resulting from blows and falls. Its mission of mercy began sixty years ago. It is used in all countries. There is but one painkiller, Perry Davis'.

Get this out and take it to the Kiesau drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, the best physic. They cleanse and regulate the bowels. Regular size, 25 cents per box.
A Liberal Offer.
The undersigned will give a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets to anyone wanting a reliable remedy for disorders of the stomach, biliousness or constipation. This is a new remedy and a good one. Kiesau Drug Co.



PERSONALLY CONDUCTED FLORIDA EXCURSION VIA "Dixie Flyer" Route

On Tuesday, January 6th, an excursion will be run from Nebraska to Florida, with through sleeping cars from Omaha and Lincoln, via Burlington Route to St. Louis and the "Dixie Flyer" Route from there to Jacksonville.

This excursion will be a personally conducted one and will be in charge of Mr. Geo. W. Bonnell, C. T. A., B. & M. R. R., Lincoln, Neb., who is thoroughly familiar with the points of interest en route and in the state of Florida.

As you pass through Cairo, Martin, Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta and Macon, and make a 12-hour stopover at Chattanooga—where an experienced guide will conduct the party through Chickamauga Park, pay a visit to Lookout Mountain and other points of interest—the trip will be an interesting and instructive one.

An early application for sleeping car space is suggested.

Ask for copy illustrated booklet outlining the trip at 1402 Farnam street, Omaha, or write,
**W. H. BRILL, Dist. Pass. Agent,
Illinois Central R. R., Omaha, Neb.**