

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Chandler Owen has returned from a visit to Carroll.

Earnest Bridge returned to the university at Lincoln this morning.

Mrs. W. F. Thurber of South Norfolk went to Pierce this morning to visit relatives.

Miss Agnes Matrau accompanied Warren Eller to his home in Lincoln yesterday.

B. T. Reed returned on the noon train from Spearfish, S. D., where he spent the holidays.

Miss Viola Kern has returned from Bloomfield, where she has been visiting since Christmas.

L. P. Beavers, manager of the Armour company, is in Stanton today as a witness in the chicken stealing case.

"Grandma" Carrabine died at her home at Battle Creek yesterday and the funeral was held this afternoon.

The 5-weeks-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stengel died yesterday of pneumonia at their home five miles northwest of the city.

Mrs. W. H. Shippee and daughters departed this morning to visit with friends at Albion, this state, over Sunday.

Rev. J. F. Poncher has returned from his visit to Blair. While in that part of the state he united in marriage Dr. J. P. Clark of Herman and Miss Annie Anderson of Blair.

M. J. Robb, who was reported paralyzed by THE NEWS yesterday, has no very severe attack, if he had any, because he was on the streets yesterday afternoon and was not feeling badly.

General Superintendent O. C. Hughes of the Elkhorn passed through the city this noon on his way home to Omaha from a trip to the Black Hills. He was accompanied by Ray Miller, who formerly lived here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Baker gave an elegant 6 o'clock dinner at their home in the Heights last evening. Covers were laid for 12 persons and a five course repast was served, the guests remaining for a pleasant evening.

Madison Mail: Congressman Robinson, who has been suffering from appendicitis for a couple of weeks, was down town Wednesday for the first time since his illness. Mr. Robinson expects to leave for Washington in a few days.

F. G. Simmons of Seward, deputy grand master workman for the A. O. U. W. of Nebraska, is in the city to spend a few days in the interest of that organization. Mr. Simmons was here last January on the same mission and his efforts resulted in a gratifying increase to the membership of the local lodge.

The trial of Joe West charged with stealing chickens, is on at Stanton today. W. W. Young is defending the prisoner and is putting up a hard fight. Samuel Bloom, implicated with West in the case, has been dismissed. W. G. Uecker, L. P. Beavers and Chief Kane went to Stanton today as witnesses, in the case for the state.

The Elks of Council Bluffs complimented A. B. Beall of Sioux City, who is likewise manager of the New theatre there, by having an Elks night Monday during the presentation of "Cozy Corners" with Miss Adelaide Thurston in the leading role. Two hundred members of the order engaged seats for themselves and members of their families.

Madison Mail: On Friday Owen Bros. of Norfolk filed a suit in district court against Sherwood & Keenan for the recovery of money alleged to have been advanced the defendants on a contract which was not completed. Both parties in the suit are engaged in railway construction, the defendant holding a subcontract from the plaintiff. The amount involved is \$1520.78.

At the meeting of the city council last evening, the Madison County Telephone company was given permission to transfer its rights under the franchise granted some time ago to the Elkhorn Valley Telephone company. It is understood that the Madison County company has been reorganized under the name of the Elkhorn Valley company and that preparations are being made to construct the system as originally planned.

A splendid seat sale for the presentation of Mark Twain's "Pudd'nhead Wilson" which will be given at the Auditorium tonight, is reported, and there is every prospect that the house will be crowded with "standing room only" when it is time for the curtain to rise. The company played at Blair last night and came in from the east at noon. There is a lively demand for seats from people of nearby towns, and Manager Spear reported 300 seats sold within a short time after the box office was opened this morning.

Hugo Lenzler was taken before the board of county commissioners at Madison yesterday by Constable F. J. Jarmer and was there adjudged insane and will be taken to the hospital at Lincoln for treatment. Mr. Lenzler's mind has been deranged for some time and it is alleged that family difficulties are responsible for his condition, divorce proceedings being now pending between himself and wife. He is harmless, his penchant being self emulation, but it was thought that perhaps the treatment

he would receive at one of the state hospitals would restore his reason. He is a fine carpenter and his mental condition does not prevent him from doing good work at his trade.

Welch Lowry has been released under \$3,000 bonds pending his trial by the district court of Stanton county. The bonds were signed by his mother and his brother-in-law, Ed. Arnold. The Register gives the following account of his escape: "Lowry says that he escaped from Stanton by jumping the east-bound freight Sunday night after the crime was committed. At Fremont he took the Union Pacific and went to Salt Lake City, from there he travelled through Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, coming up as far as Kansas City. At Kansas City he telegraphed Date Chambers, who was in Norfolk when the telegram arrived. Mrs. Chambers phoned Date and King bears the conversation as he happened to be listening at the time. This clue secured, Sheriff King with the assistance of Fred Hans, easily found the man in Kansas City and shadowed him to Omaha, from where he could be brought to Stanton without requisition papers."

MONDAY MENTION.

Miss Ella Barrett is on the sick list. E. H. Tracy is transacting business in Pierce today.

Andreas Schwenk of Madison was a city visitor today.

H. G. Romig of Neligh is visiting with his brother, Max, for a few days.

Shurtz & Jenkins are loading two cars of potatoes to be shipped to Sioux City.

Mrs. S. G. Dean, who has been sick with typhoid fever for some time, is reported as much improved.

Miss Clara Beech has returned from Lincoln, where she has been visiting during the holidays.

Damascus Chapter, No. 25, R. A. M., will hold installation of officers at Masonic hall this evening.

Hon. W. M. Robertson went to Lincoln this afternoon to be present at the opening of the legislature tomorrow.

E. C. Howe, general manager of the American Beet Sugar Company, is expected in the city this evening.

Joe Cople, who has been employed in the sugar factory, has gone to Grand Island to take a position in the factory at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Huebner and son John, who has been visiting here for some time, returned to their home in Hot Springs, S. D., last night.

Miss Helen Gliesman, who has been visiting Norfolk relatives and friends during the holidays, returned to her home in Doon, Iowa, this noon.

Kim Barnes, Heman Walker, John Reed and Norris Huse, who had been spending the holiday vacation at home, returned to the university at Lincoln yesterday.

W. H. Lowe's office in the city building was thronged with civil war veterans today, this being the day when the pension papers were made out and sent in to the department.

The 6-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mosely died Saturday at their home in this city and the funeral was held this afternoon from the Baptist church, Rev. Theo. Whitfield officiating.

The Norfolk schools reopened this morning, after a week and a half of holiday vacation, during which time the teachers and pupils enjoyed the pleasures of the season and an agreeable rest from school work.

Charley Nenow who has been visiting at the home of his mother on South Sixth street since Christmas, returned last night to Gordon, where he has a position in a hardware store.

Ed. Toomey, nephew of A. H. Viele, who has been spending the holidays here returned to Lincoln yesterday to resume his studies in the university. Miss Edith Viele entertained a few friends in his honor Saturday evening and the time was passed very agreeably.

O. W. Rish is in the city on his way home to Chadron, after having spent the holidays at the home of his father-in-law, Henry Fricke, at Winnetonka. Mr. Rish is now in charge of the water supply for the Black Hills division of the Elkhorn and has duties that keep him more than busy.

Clerk John H. Hulff, of the Modern Woodmen of America, today handed to Mrs. Henry Semmler a check for \$2,000, being the amount of the certificate which Mr. Semmler maintained in that order during the latter years of his life.

Rev. and Mrs. Theo. Whitfield were given a surprise pound social Saturday night by the members of the Baptist church and congregation. The evening was enjoyably spent and the larder of the minister and his wife was supplied with many delicacies and luxuries.

Carl Christian, who was hurt by a fall while attending to his duties in the Elkhorn round house at the Junction, was able to be about today for the first time in three weeks and expects to resume his duties soon. During his disability the Norfolk Relief association, of which he is a member, cared for Mr. Christian, and he is warm in his expressions of gratitude to the members of that society.

The coal situation in Norfolk and

vicinity continues about as it has for several weeks past. The dealers have not a large supply of the fuel on hand and the selection is not as large as is customary, each dealer having but three or four grades. A Tilden man drove down yesterday for a wagon load of hard coal. All he could obtain was a furnace size coal, which he will undertake to reduce it to the size required. It cost him \$14 a ton.

The union meetings, between the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and First and Second Congregational churches, which are to continue during the week of prayer commenced last night at the Methodist church, with a large attendance. Rev. W. J. Turner of the First Congregational church preached the sermon, his discourse being along temperance lines. Services will be held tonight at the same church.

August Brandenburg died yesterday noon at his home five miles north west of the city, aged 50 years, and his funeral will be held from the German Evangelical church, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will be in Prospect Hill cemetery. Mr. Brandenburg has been sick for a year, his trouble being caused by the formation of lime in the blood vessels, which resulted in heart failure at the hour stated. He is an old settler of this vicinity and was well-to-do. He leaves a family of a wife, three sons and two daughters.

A report reaches the city that a bad row occurred at Battle Creek yesterday, between Bob Lovelace and a liverman named Cox. As the story goes, the two men were settling an old account, and there was a difference of 25 cents between them. In the discussion, the lie was passed and that led to blows. While the two men were scuffling it is stated that a son of Cox came up behind Lovelace and struck him over the head with a loaded whip, cutting a serious gash in his scalp and severing a small artery. Lovelace was given surgical attention and the two Coxes were placed under arrest.

The preliminary hearing of Joe West, charged with having robbed several chicken coops at Stanton, which was held at that place Saturday, resulted in his being bound over to the district court for trial. Twenty of the chickens were stolen from Thomas Kingston, 30 from O. W. Underberg and 15 from C. Trent. Five chickens belonging to the latter gentleman were recovered and when taken to Stanton and released, made directly for their coops, giving indisputable evidence of rightful ownership to Mr. Trent. Clark, the other man implicated in the stealing, has not yet been apprehended.

Mark Twain's "Pudd'nhead Wilson" was presented to a large and satisfied audience at the Auditorium Saturday night. It was not only an evening with Twain's quaint humor, but those present enjoyed a personal acquaintance with his droll and interesting characters, true to life. Each member of the company was a star, apparently chosen for his eternal fitness for the part he was to represent. The costuming and make-up were perfect and the evening was one of genuine pleasure to the lovers of the play in attendance. It was, in the opinion of many, the best entertainment that has been given here this season, and in the line of comedy has not been equalled since the presentation of Keenan in "The Poor Relation." No great moral was taught, but subject for study and thought was presented in a manner that was impressive and effective. With such entertainments it would be possible to fill the Auditorium at least once a week and the people would be satisfied that they received their money's worth. If it was undertaken to specify what characters took the star part Saturday night the entire company would come in for a full share of credit. Wm. S. Gill in the title role was perfect. So were the three wise men, especially E. A. Locke as "Sheriff Blake." The twins, York and Tom Driscoll, Chambers, Roxy, Patsy and Rowy, all the leading parts were done to a turn. There were no impossible exaggerations and the weaknesses detected were few and far between. While it was a first class play presented by a first class company, there is one man with the party who should be given his walking papers, and that is W. N. Kelly, the ticket taker. In his contact with the public he demonstrates that there is one "Pudd'nhead" who is not the creation of Mark Twain, but is the real thing in actual life. A more incompetent, egotistical numskull is seldom met.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

V. Orne of Madison was a city visitor today.

C. S. Hayes made a business trip to Madison today.

C. A. Berry was a city visitor yesterday from Wayne.

Miss Alice Cole returned to her school near Osmond yesterday.

J. A. Smith of Humphrey transacted business in Norfolk yesterday.

James Nichols of Madison is in the city today on legal business.

Mrs. J. H. Milken went to Omaha yesterday noon to see "Ben Hur."

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Welch of Wayne were visitors in Norfolk yesterday.

Miss Edith Altschuler returned to

Omaha today to resume her school duties.

The Wednesday club will meet with Mrs. McBride tomorrow afternoon.

Miss Helen Bridge left yesterday for Lake Forest, Ill., to resume her studies at Ferry hall.

Dr. K. W. Williams, who went to Chicago to bury his father, is expected home this week.

John Monday, one of the Winside merchants, was transacting business in Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Mason will leave tomorrow for Omaha where they will visit a couple of months.

Miss Birdie Kuhl has gone for a few days' visit with relatives and friends at Sioux City and Maurice, Iowa.

J. J. Hughes is in the city from Battle Creek today exchanging greetings with old friends and attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Huse and J. Gene went to Omaha today to see "Ben Hur." Norris will go up from Lincoln and meet them at Omaha.

A. H. Winder and B. T. Reed have started on the road with their spring samples, after spending a two-weeks' holiday vacation.

J. L. Knesel of Battle Creek is in the city today on his way to South Monica, Cal., where he and his family expect to make their home in the future.

A New Year's party was given in honor of Miss Bessie Ester of Niobrara at the home of her cousins, Misses Geneva and Hanorah Moolich, where she is visiting.

Ernest Schulz and Will Helleman, who have been spending the holidays at home, left this noon for New Ulm, Minn., to resume their work in the school at that place.

The Norfolk firemen are arranging to attend the annual meeting of the state volunteer firemen's association, which is to be held at Crete this month. The Norfolk department will, as usual, be represented by a large delegation.

Elkhorn encampment No. 27, I. O. O. F., is planning for an interesting meeting tomorrow night, when the Royal Purple degree is to be conferred on three candidates. A number of visitors from Plainview and other nearby towns are expected to be in attendance.

Ray Hayes, Ed. Dixon, and the other young men who are working for the Chicago portrait house, resumed their duties today after having enjoyed a holiday vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beerle returned last night from Omaha, having accompanied Mrs. W. Moulder, mother of Mrs. Beerle, that far on her return home to Creston, Iowa, after a month's visit here.

G. A. Kuhl of the Star clothing store, left Sunday for Muncie, Iowa, to attend the wedding of his only sister, Miss Anna Kuhl, who has visited in Norfolk several times and is well known by many of the young people.

An old newspaper man, says an exchange, who has lately gone into the photographing business: "I find that photographers rarely advertise, but I'm too old a newspaper man not to believe in it for anything. I'd advertise if I was running a cemetery—quiet rooms, clean beds and plenty of free heat."

It is perhaps but fair to explain that the icy sidewalks of Sunday and yesterday were not entirely chargeable to the delinquencies of the street commissioner, or of the people who own Norfolk property with walks abutting. There are such things as capers on the part of nature for which no mortal man is to blame.

The doctors of this section of the state are in the city this afternoon attending a session of the Elkhorn Valley Medical society which is being held at the Oxnard hotel and will continue until this evening. There are a large number of medical men in attendance and an interesting and profitable meeting is anticipated. Several important subjects are on the program to be discussed.

Several Norfolk people are interested in the colony at Geraldine, Texas, where an oil well has been bored that produces a fine grade of crude petroleum, the find being made at a depth of but 30 feet by four prospectors. A company has been organized with a capital of \$50,000 to develop the field and the promoters hope to make it the largest dividend-paying oil company in the world.

A bowling match is on at the Wilkinson alleys this afternoon between a team of bowlers from Tilden and a Norfolk team. It will be remembered that once before a Tilden team met with defeat at the hands of the Norfolk players, but they come this time with the firm conviction that they have something of a little better quality in the bowling line on tap, and hope to return home with a victorious banner waving defiantly in the breeze.

Niobrara Pioneer: A half dozen barrels of Niobrara dirt were shipped to Decatur, Ill., yesterday for the purpose of giving different kinds the proper tests for brick-making. Fred Opcensky, who is one of the men in Niobrara who dares to venture his money in home industries, will put a first-class brick plant in here next spring and set the ball to rolling by another season. He will doubtless erect a big brick block

himself for his rapidly increasing merchandise business.

A 60-foot turn table is being installed at the Elkhorn round house at the Junction, so that the larger engines now being used on the division may be handled. The turn table being removed was but 50 feet in length and there are a number of engines that could not be handled by it. The larger table was formerly used at Verdigris, but since the extension of the branch beyond that town it was of no further use there and has therefore been removed.

G. W. Reckard has received from Sheridan, Wyo., some fine photographic views of the country surrounding the mining property in which a number of Norfolk people are interested. The company has had an improved machine at work this year and the result has been so satisfactory that it is proposed to put in four of the same kind of machines this summer and work them during the season. The photographs show some beautiful scenery, and their friends hope that the mining prospects are even more attractive.

North Nebraska court No. 9, Tribe of Ben Hur, had an enjoyable meeting last night, at which time three candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the order. Several visitors were present and after the work of the evening was transacted the members in attendance sat down to a banquet that was heartily enjoyed. There was to have been installation of officers, but, owing to the lateness of the hour when the other work was completed this was made a special order of business for the next meeting night of the order.

Damascus chapter, No. 25, B. A. M., at the regular meeting of that lodge last night installed the following-named elective officers to serve for the present term: L. C. Mittelstadt, E. H. P.; D. C. O'Connor, K.; W. R. Hoffman, S.; W. H. Bucholz, treasurer; D. J. Koenigstein, secretary. The following were the appointive officers installed: S. G. Dean, C. H.; W. H. Rish, P. S.; D. Rees, R. A. C.; S. L. Gardner, 3d V.; J. B. Maylard, 2nd V.; A. H. Viele, 1st V.; J. S. McClary, sentinel. After the business of the evening had been transacted the members sat down to a banquet that was thoroughly enjoyed.

Battle Creek Enterprise: If George Marsh swore off swearing New Year's morning, he was furnished ample provocation for breaking over before he had a chance to fairly start on the righteous road. He was working around a couple of boilers of hot tar in the Baker lumber shed when the tar took fire. One of the workmen in attempting to put out the flames struck the boiling mass with a board and a liberal portion was spattered over George's forehead and face. A drop entered the corner of his left eye, causing intense pain. The burns are not deep so there will be no serious results. After such an experience George says he prefers to have tar served with feathers.

Columbus Times: A long, lank youth dropped into Newohner's jewelry store Monday and after gazing at some fraternity pins asked: "How much is this one with a square and a pair compasses?" pointing to a Masonic pin. "Five dollars," said Ed. "You haven't got one with any handsaw on it have you? I'm just outter my time and so I'm going to set up as a carpenter and jiner I'd like to have something to wear so folks would know what I was doin', I'll take it, though I'd like to have one with a handsaw, but I guess this one is plain enough. The compass is to mark out your work and the square is to measure it, and any darn fool knows that G stands for gimlet."

The Lyons Mirror says: "The champion corn husker is Wood Hostetters, who husked 106 bushels of corn in one day for H. E. Morder." To which the Dakota City Eagle adds this husking story: "Mosey must surely have lost his cunning as a story teller, or it may be that his ability is confined wholly to snake narratives, for we have men here that can husk all around the Lyons man, and it's no story either—one of them is George Hirschback, who holds the record for husking 123 bushels a day for eighteen days, in corn that went 70 bushels to the acre; 112 bushels a day for ten days; he is now averaging 80 bushels a day in corn going 50 bushels per acre, and snow a foot deep. He has cribbed over 8,000 bushels since corn picking commenced in the fall and expects to reach the 10,000 mark before he quits. His former home was in Cincinnati, Ohio."

The Stanton Register, commenting on the report that Norfolk would not support a ball team the coming season, thinks it a mistake for the smaller towns of the state to attempt to support an entire salaried team, but should hire a good battery and fill in the balance of the team with local players. The Stanton team lost money for its managers last season because the attempt was made to support a salaried team when only a catcher and pitcher should have been hired. Stanton is about as good a base ball town as Norfolk, which undoubtedly got a little out of its element when trying to maintain a team equal to that supported at Sioux City, Sioux Falls and other larger towns. Stanton, Creighton, Neligh and other smaller towns can afford almost as good base ball as Norfolk,

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because when a game is played there everyone attends and don't crawl under the fence, either. They are loyal to their team and take keen delight in offering inducements for them to play good ball and win. If a battery was hired it should not be difficult to fill out a team with local fans that would prove equal to other towns of the class, and who knows but that amateur players here would develop professional ability with practice? Norfolk should provide some sort of amusement for the summer and the suggestion of the Register might be worthy of a trial.

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. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by A. H. Kiegan.

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