

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Mrs. H. C. Matran left for a visit to Omaha on the early train. O. S. Hixson was in the Sugar City yesterday from Plainview. Mrs. H. B. Skeen of Pierce was visiting in Norfolk this morning. C. S. Smith of Madison was transacting business in Norfolk this morning. Geo. S. Stevenson of Madison was transacting business in Norfolk today. J. W. Humphrey leaves tomorrow for his western trip, expecting to be absent two months. W. S. Tappan arrived from Casper, Wyo., yesterday noon to accept a position in the furnishing store of J. W. Humphrey. Alfred Osborn has been visiting and attending to business in Omaha during several days of this week and is still in the metropolis. Misses B. Miller, G. Miller, P. Mackay and Messrs. W. P. Conen and Grant Stacker came up from Stanton last night to see "Ole Oleson." President W. H. Bucholz of the Norfolk National bank has returned from a trip to Lincoln and Omaha. At the capital city he was an interested auditor at the Pollard-Rosewater-Baldwin-McIntosh debate before the joint revenue revision committee of the legislature. Mrs. J. N. Bandick gave a company of her lady friends a pleasant afternoon yesterday. Six-hand euchre was played and a dainty supper was served at the end of the games. Mrs. Frank Salter progressed the greatest number of times and Mrs. O. H. Reynolds made the highest score. Each was presented with a pretty bread and butter plate. Creighton Courier: Tim Leary, who has been train dispatcher for the Elkhorn company at Verdigris for several months, died in St. Joseph's hospital, Omaha, on the 21st of paralysis of the throat. About six weeks ago he was taken sick with diphtheria and grew gradually worse and was taken to the hospital two weeks ago. He was a young man who was highly spoken of by all who knew him. The Pierce Call announces that the office of that paper is being equipped with a new Potter cylinder press, which will enable that paper to enlarge and hereafter appear as a six-column quarto, four pages of which will be of home print. A new gasoline engine will be installed with the press and the job presses of the office will hereafter be driven by power. Editor Brande also edits the postoffice and he evidently believes in sharing his prosperity with his newspaper patrons. Battle Creek Republican: The will of Mrs. Hannah Carrabine, deceased, has been placed in county court for probate. According to the terms of the will everything is left to the St. James orphanage, at Benson, near Omaha. The heirs have started contest proceedings, and the hearing is set for February 12. H. H. Kilburn and Judge Powers have been retained by the contestants. The latter allege that the will is not valid from the fact that Mrs. Carrabine was under guardianship when it was made and was irresponsible. F. J. Hale was her guardian. The Henry, Ill., Times says: At the present writing we have no desire to hurl ourselves into Abraham's bosom, but if we should decide to do so we wouldn't lean up against a double-barrelled shot-gun and then tread on the trigger, as many do. Neither would we eat a square meal of rough-on-rats, blow out the gas, drink concentrated dye, sit down in the lap of a buzz-saw, smoke a cigarette, or call a Kentuckian a liar and a poor judge of whisky. We would simply get out an edition of our paper, in which we would strive to the best of our ability to print the plain, square toed truth about people as we understand it, and then calmly await the end. There are now practically two electric lighting plants in town, but they are in the same building and both owned by the Norfolk Light and Power company. A small engine has been fitted up to run an auxiliary dynamo at the lighting station. It is intended that this shall furnish light to the all-night circuit after 12 o'clock midnight. The large engine will be shut down and besides a saving of fuel during the last half of the night there will be a material saving on the wear and tear of the larger machine. Besides the auxiliary plant will be available in the event of any accident to the main machine, so that there is a better chance for at least a portion of the customers to be kept in light in case of accident. The work on the auxiliary plant is about completed and it was tested today, and will be available for use in the very near future. It was a full house that greeted Ben Hendricks and his company at the Auditorium last night, when that first and best of Swedish dialect plays, "Ole Oleson" was presented. Every seat was reserved, the boxes were taken and standing room was in demand. There have been but a few houses to equal it since the Auditorium was built, and the best part of it all was that the people who attended were pleased. The refined comedy, the singing and the plot suited their tastes and they saw just what they were willing to pay their money to see. Swedish dialect has not been as nearly

worked to death as Irish and German characters and it is not difficult for a play presenting this to attract a crowd. Hendricks in the title role made a splendid Swede and his singing was a feature highly appreciated. Miss Mattie Lockette as Genie Dimple was scarcely lower in popular estimation than the hero himself. Her acting was clever, her singing good and dancing spirited. The Swedish Ladies quartet was, alone, "worth the price of admission." They responded to four encores and the audience would have called them again if they had been assured of a response. They wore Swedish costumes and their voices accorded perfectly. Miss Josie Devos, the leading lady, as "Mrs. Agnes Jordan" was suffering from heart trouble during the play but pluckily responded to her cues throughout. She experienced a fainting spell early in the evening and for some time it was thought the play might have to be dispensed with, as she had no substitute. Under the care of a physician she recovered, however, and carried her part through. The plot of the play, which centers around the tribulations of a young widow and the efforts of a faithful young Swede to help her, is told with the simplicity that is heart appealing. Mrs. Jordan, the widow, has almost overcome the schemes of an unscrupulous brother-in-law, when her first husband, Jefferson Bassett, whom she has long believed to be dead, makes his appearance and co-operates with the scoundrel to secure a fortune left her by her second husband. In their pursuit of this plot they run counter to the young Swede, who instinctively dislikes the two rascals and becomes Mrs. Jordan's self appointed guardian. The development of the Swedish immigrant from the uncouth and awkward lad of the first act into the quick-witted, resourceful and up-to-date Swedish-American citizen of the last act is carried along on lines of mingled comedy and pathos that have "the simple annals of the poor" ever in mind.

MONDAY MENTION.

The legislature has adjourned until next Monday. Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Ryan of Chadron are visiting at the Sheehan home. The number of a new telephone at the residence of Mrs. Desmond is 259. Misses Nora and Lena Hans were city visitors Saturday from Battle Creek. Fred Aamus returned from Omaha last night and will take a course in the business college. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Moore welcomed a new daughter to their home on North Tenth street yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blakeman returned today from a visit with friends at Omaha, Blair and Tekamah. Miss Ella Curas of Battle Creek spent Sunday in the city, the guest of her friend Miss Annie Herman. Judge Robertson has so far recovered from his recent illness that he was able to be on the streets a short time today. Geo. D. Butterfield is very much improved and it is now believed that he will escape the threatened typhoid fever. W. W. Butterfield, nephew of W. H. Butterfield, who has been visiting here, left for his home in Norfolk, Miss., today. The measles continue to rage and there are few houses in certain portions of the city but that have one or more cases. J. B. Larrabee leaves this evening for Cedar Rapids and Albion where he goes on business for the Champion Harvester company, for which he is collector. A picture of H. W. Winter of this city appears in the Illustrated Bee of yesterday with those of the other officers of the state commissioners' association. Mr. Winter is president of the association. J. A. Stewart of Des Moines, Iowa, general agent for the Farrand organ company, was in the city over Sunday the guest of J. D. Sturgeon who handles the goods of the firm in this section of the state. The house that was purchased by Levi Eddy is on its way from Edgewater to its new location in the southern part of town. It was brought across the M. & O. tracks on Fourth street this forenoon, and is proceeding south at a lively rate. The vanguard of that popular western traveling contraption, the prairie schooner, has been seen in Norfolk. It is unusually early for their appearance in this part of the country and they no doubt foreshadow an unusual number of immigrants by that method. Kenneth McVeigh is still very low at the home of B. W. Barrett, at the corner of Norfolk avenue and First street, and it is feared that he will not recover. Mrs. McVeigh's parents at Clearwater have been asked to come and take the three young children and are expected here today. Alvin Low has just returned from a three weeks' visit with relatives and friends in western Oklahoma. He comes back well content to remain in Nebraska. He reports that the chief industry down there is raising sweet potatoes and castor beans. The people

are content with little exertion. It is no stock country and therefore unpopular in the estimation of Mr. Low. Senator W. L. Fries and wife of Arcadia arrived in the city this morning from Sioux City. They were met at the train by members of the committee and taken to the hospital grounds for a hurried inspection of the property. They returned just in time to catch the afternoon train for Lincoln. Dr. G. F. Bilger has received from his son, Ambroz, who is with the army in the Philippines, a number of plant specimens from those islands. They come in a dry, bulb like state, but when they are placed in water they soon develop a green plant and put forth beautiful blossoms. It is a botanical curiosity, peculiar to Uncle Sam's new eastern island possessions and Mr. Bilger has had no difficulty in disposing of his supply. Many business men are very favorably impressed with the proposition of entertaining the state firemen's tournament here this summer. The committees from the department have not yet interviewed all of them but there appears to be little doubt but that the proposition will be accepted. It will afford something definite and reliable in the way of entertainment and the plans being commenced this early in the year will afford opportunity for advertising and development that will assure its success. It will be known definitely within a very short time whether or not Norfolk will be the city chosen. G. W. Randall, one of the substantial men of Newman Grove, died at his home in that place on Wednesday last, in the 53rd year of his age. He had been in ill health for some time and had recently returned from the south, where he went in hopes that his condition would be benefited by the change in climate, but without success. He was one of the founders of Newman Grove, having erected the first store in that town, and has been identified with its progress ever since. At the time of his death he was postmaster, and vice president of the First National bank. He was a brother of C. A. Randall, well known in this city, past grand master of the I. O. O. F. of the state. The funeral was held Saturday under auspices of the Odd Fellows. John J. Mayer of Stanton died of asphyxiation at the Merchants hotel in Omaha yesterday morning. He was the son of C. C. Mayer, a retired farmer of Stanton, and has been serving as committee clerk for Representative F. M. Gregg in the legislature. When the porter of the hotel burst open the door of his room yesterday morning, the gas was found turned on and the room full of it. Mr. Mayer was in bed but he was so far gone that within a few minutes after a physician arrived he died. The officers at Omaha telephoned to Stanton and received instructions from the father to send the body to that place last evening, which was done. It is thought that he accidentally turned on the gas himself before he retired. He was on his way to Audobon, Iowa, on a business trip.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Miss Mattie McNish has returned from a visit with friends at Lincoln. Postmaster John R. Hays went to Albion today, to be absent for several days on business. Mrs. C. D. Sims went to Omaha yesterday to take treatment at one of the hospitals of that city. A. B. Beall of Sioux City, owner of the Auditorium, is in the city on business connected with the property. Joe Walz has arrived from Carroll, Iowa, and taken a position behind the counters in Degner's hardware store. The Ladies society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. W. H. Bucholz Thursday afternoon at 2:30. Four Pierce country families were in the city this morning enroute to Idaho, where they expect to make their home in the future. The ladies of the Wednesday club will entertain their husbands at a 6 o'clock supper at the home of Mrs. W. N. Huse tomorrow night. There will be a meeting of the Hoo and Ladder company of the fire department at the city hall tomorrow night and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance of members. The men and women clerks of the city will meet in the city hall tonight for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment and what can be done toward the organization of a retail clerks' union. Miss Clara Beach has been laid up at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Krantz, with a badly sprained ankle, the injury having been done at the party at the business college Thursday night. Miss Pearl Widaman has submitted to an operation for throat trouble and is compelled to give up her school duties for a few days. Miss Mason is teaching in Miss Widaman's room during her absence. It is announced from Pender that Indian Agent C. P. Mathewson, well known in this city, is dangerously ill at his home in Winnebago from pneumonia. His condition is so serious that it is feared he may not recover. Merchants report that the spring wall paper business is already opening up

and that citizens having adequate heating facilities are repairing and repairing rooms and getting it out of the way of the spring rush, when men and material may not be available when wanted. City Clerk S. R. McFarland has received from Lynch where he went to see his father whose condition is still very critical, and there is no hope for his recovery. He is now so weak that he can barely make those who are caring for him understand his wishes. Examiner Fred Whittemore is having a time at straightening out the affairs of the Verdigris bank. He finds that the books were so badly kept and that so many errors were made that he will need to balance nearly all the pass books, before he can arrive at a solution of the question as to how much the bank owes. Mrs. Andrews, a widow woman at the Junction, is reported to be in destitute circumstances and in need of assistance from the charitable people of Norfolk. She has two children, one of whom is sick, and Mrs. Andrews is likewise sick. The well-known generosity of Norfolk people will certainly not permit her to suffer during this severe weather, when their attention is directed to the case. John A. Dangler, who was arrested here last week by Chief Kane on instructions from the sheriff of Boone county, has been bound over to the district court to answer to the charge of maliciously, forcibly and fraudulently taking the girl in violation of the kidnapping law enacted by the last legislature. The girl, Charlotte A. Lapping, has been taken home by her parents and will be kept by them until the court reaches a decision. Dangler is out on bail. This vicinity is this afternoon experiencing its worst blizzard of the season, which is not very bad, but bad enough. There were flurries of snow this forenoon, but this afternoon the storm settled down to business with energy and before 3 o'clock there was between three and four inches on the ground. The brisk north wind that has been prevailing since Sunday morning continued and the snow was settled into drifts and piles, while travel was very inconvenient, especially to pedestrians. The temperature, which has been hovering about a point but little removed from zero will probably take another tumble before night and the prospects are that winter of the severe sort will be a feature for some days. Three committees of the Nebraska senate will be in the city this evening. There will be 23 senators in the party, comprising the committee on public lands and buildings, Senator Sheldon, chairman; the committee on finance, ways and means, Senator Anderson, chairman; committee on insane hospitals, Senator Alden chairman. They will arrive over the Elkhorn at 7:30. At the depot they will be met by a committee from the commercial club and taken to the Oxnard for supper, after which they will be tendered an informal reception at the Elks club. It is the purpose of the committee to visit the hospital for insane tomorrow morning, and local people will escort them over the grounds. Senator Alden arrived in the city this morning from Pierce and will join the others here this evening. County Judge William Bates at Madison last evening sentenced Clarence Brady to the state industrial school at Kearney. Chief of Police Kane, County Attorney Mapes, and the boy's father, Frank Brady, were in attendance at the trial. He was one of the boys who recently pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace C. F. Eiseley to stealing chickens from Mrs. August Kiehl. His companion was released after his parents had paid a fine and costs of the suit brought against him. His term in the school will depend altogether on his conduct. If he is a good boy he may be released in about 18 months, or if not good may be kept there until he is 18 years of age, which would be about six years. Clarence is a bright little chap, and the training he will receive may prove just what he needs to develop him from a vagabondish boy into a man of use to himself and his family and of credit to his generation. He neglected no chance to evade attendance at school at home, but there he will find it impossible to escape from a certain acquisition of knowledge that will be of value to him in after years. WEDNESDAY WRINKLES. A Norfolk business man was heard humming, "Sing me a song of the sunny south," this morning as he deftly loaded a scoop with the beautiful and deposited the aforesaid beautiful in the street. The Melcher-Schwenke wedding is to be performed in St. Paul Lutheran church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The section foremen were looking for idle men with an ambition to be out in the weather and shovel show this morning. The Ladies society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. W. H. Bridge instead of Mrs. W. H. Bucholz. Wm. Wagener, jr., has returned from a visit with relatives and friends in Wisconsin, where he has been since Christmas. The clerks and occasionally the pro-

rietors of Norfolk business houses were wielding the shovel and broom this morning with vigor and removing the snow drifts that had accumulated about their places of business during the night. The blizzard got away with the meeting of the clerks which was to have been held in the city hall last night. Another attempt may be made to hold a meeting next week when it is hoped that the weather will not interfere. G. H. Marquardt who is here from Haislead, Kansas, after his family, proposes to move as soon as he can straighten up his affairs here, which will be in the course of a few days. He is well pleased with the business opening. The Norfolk Methodists have appointed a committee consisting of H. P. Frelund and C. S. Hayes, two of the oldest members of the local society, to assist in compiling the history of the local church to go into the history of Methodism soon to be published. Justice of the Peace S. W. Hayes is employing his spare time between hearing justice and police court cases in properly indexing the dockets and papers left to his care by predecessors. He finds that they failed to come up to his requirements in exactness. Police Judge Hayes is preparing his report to the city council regarding the police cases in his court during January. He has four cases to report, which swelled the school treasury to the amount of about \$6 in fines collected. As compensation for maintaining the office he received about \$9 in fees. J. N. Bandick gave a card party to a number of his gentlemen friends at his home on north Eleventh street last evening. Although the night was so bad that it was almost impossible to get about the streets, nearly every invitation was responded to, and the cordial warmth found inside soon dispelled all thought of the raging storm. The card games were lively, the refreshments just right for masculine appetites and all in all it was a very pleasant occasion in spite of the storm. THURSDAY TIDINGS. There will be a social dance at Mast hall tonight to be given by Mr. Ernest. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pierce of Winnetoon are guests of Mrs. Pierce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn. W. H. Johnson left yesterday for New York to purchase spring goods for the Johnson Dry Goods company. Norris A. Huse came up from the university at Lincoln to spend a day with his parents, returning to his school duties this noon. There will be a club dance at Railway hall, South Norfolk, tonight, and a pleasant time is anticipated by those who will attend. There will be a social session of the ladies of Trinity guild at the home of Mrs. H. C. Matran tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. All the ladies of the parish are cordially invited. Dr. A. Bear is suffering from a badly sprained knee, which he received from slipping in the snow Wednesday evening. He was confined to his bed all day yesterday. The government thermometer registered at 8 degrees below zero last night, being the coldest night that this vicinity has experienced in something like a month. The wind is still from the north and promises to hold it down to zero weather for some time yet. Some of the store windows afford reliable indications that St. Valentine's day is approaching. Good displays of new goods are shown. Novelties with small figures of people, birds and animals are the feature of the displays. Apt quotations are used and the new form of valentine is proving popular. Another legislative committee will be in Norfolk tomorrow. The house committee on insane hospitals, Dr. A. E. Bartoo, chairman, will arrive in the city at noon over the Elkhorn. The Commercial club will do the honors of the occasion and try to have the committee see the hospital situation in the right light. Hoffman & Viele have rented the east room of the Beels block and are removing their second hand and undertaking goods from the Buchholz building to the new location. The room will be partitioned and the front room will be devoted to the undertaking goods of the firm, while the second hand goods will be placed in the back room. The city council will meet in regular session tonight and it is anticipated that the city lighting question may come up for further discussion. Those interested will undoubtedly be present and an interesting session may result. The council will likewise be asked by a committee representing the firemen what concessions will be made for the state tournament. Mr. Louis Melcher and Miss Bertha Schwanke were united in marriage at St. Paul Lutheran church this morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. Philip Hoelzel officiating. The wedding is being celebrated this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, seven miles east of the city. The groom is a young farmer and has been living with his parents on the Stanton road. The young couple will continue to reside on the farm. J. C. Johnson, one of the most trust-

Constipation Does your head ache? Pain back of your eyes? Bad taste in your mouth? It's your liver! Ayer's Pills are liver pills. They cure constipation, headache, dyspepsia. 25c. All druggists. BUCKINGHAM'S DYE for the Whiskers. Worthy employes of A. B. Beall, owner of the Norfolk Auditorium, is in the city to take charge of the play house, after March first, as resident manager. Until that time Mr. Spear will continue to act as business manager and Mr. Johnson will take charge of the stage and do special advertising. Mr. Johnson comes from Council Bluffs where Mr. Beall also owns an opera house, and is highly recommended for the work he will assume in Norfolk. He is a progressive young man and in addition to his other acquirements is a scenic artist and an electrician, both of which will be of value in his connection with the Auditorium. His special effort during the next month will be to advertise coming attractions in neighboring towns. It is the intention of the management to run two excursion trains for each attraction during the balance of February. Geo. H. Spear, who will sever his connections with the Auditorium after the first of March, has managed the business of the Auditorium for three years with much satisfaction to the patrons and many of them will sincerely regret that he will be with it no longer. The concert given by the Bridges Concert company at the Baptist church last night drew a crowded house and the audience was charmed with the program rendered. If the Bridges can but bestow a portion of their musical ability on those who have joined the class, the members will be fully satisfied that their time and money have been well expended. Mr. Bridges opened with a statement of the objects of the company in visiting Norfolk and giving a free concert. This was followed with a refined and pleasing musical program, consisting of solos, duos, trios and quartet singing, and a reading and impersonations by Mr. Bridges. During the program the solicitation of members of the musical convention was undertaken and met with much success. Forty members were secured last night, and with those previously secured, the company will have a class of about 60 pupils to start with. They will be in the city two weeks and will give vocal instructions each night at the Baptist church during that time. The church people were especially impressed with the plan as a means of improving the singing at church services. In addition to vocal instruction, a mandolin and guitar class has been organized for instrumental instruction. The engagement of the company will close with a concert in which members of the classes will take part. 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 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. Klesau. MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILWAY HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS. On November 5th, and 19th, and December 3rd, and 17th, the Missouri Pacific Railway will sell tickets to certain points in the South, Southeast, and Southwest, at the rate of one fare for the round trip, plus \$2.00. Final return limit 21 days from date of sale. Fast Time and Superior Through Service. Reclining Chair Cars (seats free). Pullman Buffet Sleeping Cars. For further information or land pamphlets, address, E. W. O. BARNES, T. P. A., Omaha, Neb. H. C. TOWNSEND, C. E. STYLES, G. P. & T. A. A. G. P. & T. A. St. Louis, Mo. Kansas City, Mo.