

OCCUPY NEW ROUNDHOUSE

New Brick Home of Engines is Being Used Now.

M. & O. LOCOMOTIVES ARE IN IT.

The New 16-Store Home of the Steeds is Now Sheltering the Machines Which Run Into Norfolk—Other People Notice Norfolk.

[From Friday's Daily.] The magnificent new roundhouse at the Northwestern yards, South Norfolk, is now occupied by the monster steeds of steel and the old structure has been abandoned as a shelter for the machines.

The new home for the drivers is a 16-store institution, modern in every way and equipped with all of the latest methods for conveniently taking care of the locomotives. It is the newest on the entire Northwestern system and is, too, the finest that the company possesses.

M. & O. Engines There.

The locomotives on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha line which run into Norfolk are now housed in the new roundhouse of the Northwestern. These locomotives were turned out into the cold and frosty air by the fire which destroyed the roundhouse of the Union Pacific road. For many years the M. & O. machines were stalled there but they have been moved a mile away since the blaze.

While this is no definite indication that the proposed merger is a sure thing, the fact that the engines of the one company uses the roundhouse of another shows a very intimate feeling between the two, at least. And especially is this apparent when it is noted that no matter how cold the night is, the Union Pacific engines stand out in the atmosphere and never get within seeing distance of the Northwestern yards.

The following clipping from the State Journal shows that outside people have an eye on Norfolk:

"The Northwestern company is bringing the Nebraska lines up to a high standard of excellence," says a Northwestern man. "Slowly, but without stopping the company is making improvements to the property that will soon place it in as good shape as any eastern road. Every move made seems to be fashioned for the economical operation of the system. During the past year the company has put in improved coal chutes at Norfolk and Fremont. The company under the Elkhorn management had used the old bucket and hoist arrangement and much time was lost in coaling engines and getting the coal into the chutes for that use. Now it has plants where the cars are drawn up a steep incline with a gasoline engine, and where the entire carload can be dumped out in a few seconds. From the place the coal drops it may be again dropped into the engine tender, saving a great deal of time at every place fuel must be taken on the engine. This improvement is not an extensive one, but it shows the trend of the new work. New steel was placed over a large portion of the main line, and more new steel has been placed along the lines for use as soon as it can be put down. Better passenger equipment has been placed in the service and the engines bought and placed in service are as good as the factories can turn out. More work is planned for next year and by the end of another season no western road will be in a better position to handle the continually growing traffic than the Northwestern."

POSTOFFICE ROBBER EXPECTED

Chief of Police Kane is Keeping an Eye Out for Burglar Named Parker.

[From Friday's Daily.] The Norfolk police are looking just now for a fellow named Parker, who is wanted by the United States marshal for robbing a postoffice in South Dakota several weeks ago. The reason that Norfolk is especially keeping an eye out for the burglar, is that he ordered all his mail forwarded to that account, to show up almost any day. Chief of Police Kane has a description of the man and knows him by sight, having watched Parker during one of his trips to Norfolk.

Stork's Greetings.

[From Friday's Daily.] Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brummond welcomed a new boy to their home a mile east of the city Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ross of South Third street are rejoicing over the arrival of a girl baby at their house.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Voelck, who live north of the city, are the proud parents of a new baby boy.

Birthday Banquet.

[From Saturday's Daily.] Forty little tots were in complete possession of the Oxnard hotel yesterday afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock and were as thoroughly happy in that possession as it was possible for them to be. They were the guests of Mrs. Cora A. Beels, who gave the party complimentary to her three little nieces, and especially for Miss Winnifred Hazen, daughter of Mayor and

Mrs. M. C. Hazen, whose sixth birthday was thus celebrated.

A banquet followed the happy function. The little people sat down to a table extending the full length of the dining room, with places for all the guests. Decorations were of pink carnations, and in conspicuous places on the board were birthday cakes with six candles in each, while a menu pleasing to the little folks was served by the regular corps of waiters, Landlord and Mrs. Vail giving personal supervision to the feast.

Mandolin music was played during the banquet, just like at the banquets of real grown up folks.

The unique social function was recorded by a flash light photograph of the banquet board surrounded by the happy company.

FRIDAY FACTS.

* W. K. Fulborg was here from Wausau.

Mrs. A. R. Campbell was down from Tilden yesterday.

George Littell is in the city from Pierce on business.

Mrs. Green of Hoskins was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

J. F. Leady was a Wayne representative in Norfolk yesterday.

Oil Inspector C. E. Burns of Scribner was in Norfolk this morning on state business.

Misses Josie Stark and Catherine Zahn were down from Pierce today doing some shopping.

John Huebner of Hot Springs, S. D., is here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Guy W. Barnes, who has been quite ill with typhoid fever, is now gradually improving. He is up and about today.

Deputy County Clerk J. L. Daniel was in the city today from Madison, meeting old friends and acquaintances.

C. W. Orr of Monowi, a prominent stockman of that section, was in the city this morning purchasing several good looking Poland China hogs.

Miss Cora Wigton is expected home from Bellevue college on the evening train to spend her holiday vacation with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Wigton.

M. C. Wright, representative of the Edwards, Wood & Co., commission firm, has gone to O'Neil in the interests of his new wire and will return to Norfolk for Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Butterfield entertained a company of lady friends yesterday in honor of Mrs. Doe of Davenport, Iowa. Progressive dinner furnished amusement for the guests, Mrs. D. Mathewson taking first prize and Mrs. S. F. Erskine second. A dainty supper was served at 6 o'clock.

D. Rees, who has had a government contract for supplying feed for various army posts, reports that he has about completed the contract. The time for making the shipments is not up for some time yet, but there have been so many advance orders that the grain will soon all be in.

Company L, N. N. G., held a most enjoyable dancing party at Armory hall which, though entirely impromptu, was by no means less delightful. At 5 o'clock in the evening a small crowd of the soldier boys decided that they would like to have a dance and before three hours had passed a good sized crowd were upon the dance floor. The mandolin club furnished music which was thoroughly enjoyed.

H. C. Truman finds on investigation that he will not be required to move some of the things that he had in his old paint and wall paper store on North Fourth street to his new location near the Oxnard. Someone has saved him the trouble, and in the open condition of the old shop found a way of moving some of the property for him. The front of the old shop was removed, to be placed in the new location, and while this was being accomplished, some person or persons unknown, helped themselves to what they wished to carry away. The rear portion of the old shop is being torn down and the material will be used in fitting up the new place of business. The front portion will be moved onto a residence lot and fitted up for a dwelling.

LOOKING FOR HER RUNAWAY BOY

Mrs. Emma Kraft Thinks that if Charley Knew His Mother Wanted Him He Would Return Home.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

Mrs. Emma E. Kraft of Meadow Grove was in the city this morning looking for her 15-year-old son Charley, who ran away from the farm home three miles out of Meadow Grove about two months ago.

"I heard he was in Norfolk," said Mrs. Kraft, "and if you will let him know that I am looking for him and want him to come home again, I am sure he will come."

Mrs. Kraft said the boy wanted to go to town one evening and left, but failing to return she made an investigation and found that he had packed up his clothes and departed with the idea of making a lot of money in the city or some place else far away from home. He has a scar two inches long on his left temple that was made by a severe scratch received from a wire, which will be a means for his identification and his mother says that she will cheerfully pay for any information leading to his location.

NO RECRUITS FROM WEST

Army Officers Who Have Been Here, Have Closed.

LIKE WESTERN MEN BETTER.

As a General Rule, They Find That Young Men in the West are Too Busy to Join the Army—Always Get Poor Stock From the Cities.

[From Friday's Daily.]

The recruiting office which has been in progress at the Pacific hotel during the past few days, has been closed and the army officers who have had the work in charge have gone to Columbus on a similar mission.

The few days in Norfolk were not especially profitable so far as securing new material is concerned, and the officers left without taking any of Norfolk's young men into the service of their Uncle Samuel.

Lieutenant George R. Armstrong was in charge of the office here. In speaking of his work to a News reporter, Lieutenant Armstrong said, "No, we have not had what you would call great success from the viewpoint of the army, in Norfolk. Neither have we secured a large list of recruits from any other point in Nebraska or for that matter from the west. The young men in the west are generally too busy to join the army. They are all employed and are getting good enough incomes, so that they are not looking for the army life which appeals to many in the cities."

"When we can get men from the country, however, we much prefer them to the city stock. We are always more sure of the character of the men when we get out here. In a city we get very frequently the scum of the earth without really any way to distinguish between them and a better man at first sight."

"Then there are always a lot of tramps hanging around a city with nothing at all to do and they are glad enough to join the army because it looks easy and is sure pay."

"We go to Columbus from here."

Dancing Party.

The Jolly Dozen club of South Norfolk were hostesses at another very enjoyable dancing party last evening in Railway hall. The Mandolin club furnished the music and the longest hours of the evening were shortened up into wee sma' ones before the happy event came to a close.

BATTLE CREEK PAPER REVIVED

The Republican, Recently Abandoned by C. F. Montross, is Bought From Him.

Battle Creek, Neb., Dec. 19.—Special to The News: C. F. Montross has sold the Republican printing outfit to C. C. Aliberry. Mr. Montross quit the publication of that paper under certain unknown circumstances after the last edition and the paper will be published again now by Wm. Wantlin, of near Madison, and his sister, Miss Annie Wantlin, of this place, who was engaged as compositor by Mr. Montross.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

S. A. Hueber was over from Wayne today.

Ed. Caulfield is a city visitor from Fremont.

Mrs. Herman Sonnenschein is sick with pneumonia.

A. A. Welch was in town from Wayne yesterday.

L. Willey was in the city yesterday from Stromsburg.

Miss Orpha Driscoll was in the city from Creston yesterday.

Miss Blackman of O'Neill is in the city today doing some trading.

Miss Laura Nyland was a visitor in Norfolk yesterday from Wayne. The Ludwig Koenigstein music studio will be closed for two weeks, so that the students may enjoy a Christmas vacation.

Postmaster Hays has received word that the Missouri river can not be crossed at Yankton and mail is consequently booked for that territory by way of Sioux City.

Ernest Bridge, Helen Bridge, Frank Perry, Kimball Barnes, Heman Walker and Will Oxnard are home from the university of Nebraska to spend their holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Darius Mathewson entertained about forty friends in their beautiful new home at the corner of Koenigstein avenue and Eleventh street, at six o'clock dinner last evening. The dinner was delightfully served in several courses, after which an interesting game of hearts gave pleasure plus to the company.

Omaha papers have interviewed the Northwestern officials in that city and find that the rumor which says A. A. Schenck, chief engineer, is to be moved to Norfolk, is denied. This, however, does not convince those who know in Norfolk, that the Northwestern is not contemplating this change. And perhaps Omaha will be more convinced as to the truth of the story when Mr. Schenck arrives.

Ed A. Fry passed through Norfolk this morning from Nebraska on his way to Roanoke, Va., where he goes to look up a proposition that has been offered him on the news desk of the

Virginia Daily Press. Mr. Fry has been in the ranks of Nebraska newspaperdom for the past thirty years and has made a hard struggle to win in the Nebraska Pioneer. He is one of the best writers in the state and will no doubt have eminent success in his new field of work. The best wishes of his Nebraska friends accompany Mr. Fry to Virginia. He has leased the Pioneer to Jos. F. Pa-plink.

Mr. and Mrs. Oldenburg and Mrs. Waddles of Hoskins were in the city yesterday.

Miss Dortch, stenographer for Judge J. B. Barnes, will leave on Wednesday for Oklahoma, where she goes to spend Christmas. Just at present she is busy typewriting decisions in order to get the work out of the way by the time her vacation comes.

Judge J. B. Barnes has returned from Lincoln where he went to attend the supreme court. The last sitting of the commission will be held on January 5 and the judge will be sworn in as associate justice on January 7. At that time Judge Sullivan will retire.

At the meeting of Norfolk tent No. 54, K. O. T. M., held last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. L. Kern, commander; E. E. Beels, lieutenant commander; S. R. McFarland, record keeper; C. H. Brake, chaplain; F. D. Krantz, sergeant; M. E. Slawter, master at arms; C. E. Stitt, first master of the guards; G. T. Meister, second master of the guards; O. L. Tipton, sentinel; J. H. Conley, picket; Geo. A. Staphenhorst, trustee for three years.

"I am one of those working men, and I belong to the union, too," quoth County Attorney Burt Mapes this morning, as, clothed in a carpenter's uniform of royal blue, he leaned over and began to tack tar paper along the foundation of his dwelling house on South Eighth street. "And by virtue of our order's rules," he went on, driving ten tacks to the minute, keeping perfect time with his little hammer, "I refuse to labor more than eight hours a day. What's more, I have engagements ahead for the next nine or three days and if anyone wants to get me to nail up their houses, they'd better hurry."

By the King's Command.

The News is in receipt of a copy of "By the King's Command," a book just published by the Broadway Publishing company of New York. It is written by Reginald Drew, and deals very interestingly upon the heart history of the beautiful, unfortunate, Anne Boleyn—who, royally wooed for seven years, gave her hand where her heart was not, shared the throne of England, and went to the block when the gusty passion of her fickle lord found in Lady Jane Seymour a new object for his lusty adoration—ought to furnish good material for a love romance.

What should make "By the King's Command" of special interest to the people of this region is the fact that it was written by Rev. George Bray of Ponce, Neb., "Reginald Drew" being his pen name. Mr. Bray was reared at the court of England, his father being a retainer at the palace of the queen, and his family since the coming of William the Conqueror being near the sovereign. He is as familiar with Hampton court, where much of the action of the book takes place, as the average boy is with his play ground. He has had exceptional access to historic relics and such chances to become familiar with the traditions of the court, as, combined with his taste as a hystriographer, to qualify him in a signal way for the production of an historical work. Mr. Bray has written a number of short stories and sketches prior to undertaking "By the King's Command," but nothing so ambitious or of such length. He has other novels in the course of preparation which he proposes publishing in due time.

MIGHT HAVE WRECKED BUILDING

A Terrific Explosion Was Narrowly Averted at the I. M. Macy Studio.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

What might have very easily resulted in the death of a Norfolk man and at the same time the utter wrecking of one of the new structures in the city, was only averted at the Macy studio the other day by an accident. In cleaning the photographic work room, an employee had swept up everything in sight and incidentally a small box of flash light powder, which is said to be five times as powerful as gunpowder itself. The rubbish was all carried to the basement of the building and here it was, later, that Mr. Macy started to throw the material into a furnace fire. Just as he was about to dump the entire load, his eye accidentally discovered the tiny case of powder and it was taken out. If it had gone into the flames, an explosion demolishing the entire building and instantly killing the man would have unquestionably resulted.

Boys Are Charged With Seining.

Schuyler, Neb., Dec. 21.—Upon information filed by James Gadsden, Game Warden Carter was in the city to prosecute the case of Gerald Knopf, Otto Otradosky and Joe Pesek for seining in a lake on Mr. Gadsden's land. The boys were bound over and will have their hearing Wednesday.

HE PAID TO BE DRUGGED

Bartender From Bloomfield was Right in Claim.

A DOCTOR GAVE HIM MEDICINE.

The Stranger Who Claimed That He Had Been Drugged and Robbed, Was Really Drunk and Fell Asleep When He Took the Antidote.

[From Friday's Daily.]

The bartender from Bloomfield who dropped into the city and knew nothing more until he woke up in jail the next morning, his money and watch-chain missing, was really drugged the night before, just as he claimed to his friends next day.

He was drugged, however, not by a thug or a hold-up man as he told his acquaintances, but by a doctor of medicine who was paid for the service by the stranger, himself.

Dr. J. H. Mackay is the man who drugged the Bloomfield visitor. He did it because the fellow came into his office intoxicated and wanted to be "fixed up." Dr. Mackay gave him a medicine which would make him sleep, an antidote to the whisky, and told him to get immediately to bed because before so very many minutes he would be groggy and fall asleep.

How He Was Drugged.

At about 10 o'clock in the evening, the man came into the physician's office and dropped into a chair.

"Well," asked the doctor, "what's your story?"

"Nothing," he replied.

"You've been drinking," suggested Dr. Mackay.

"Yes," the fellow admitted.

"Do you want something to brace you up? Is that what you are after?"

"That's it."

And understanding what was wanted, the physician gave his caller an antidote which he well knew would put the man to sleep. He explained this to the stranger and the fellow asked to be taken to a hotel.

"Have you fifty cents?" asked the doctor.

"Yes," said the bartender, drawing \$3.50 from his pocket.

"Give it to me for the service," said Dr. Mackay, and the fellow replaced \$3 in his pocket. When he woke up, in jail next morning he had no money whatever and claimed to have been robbed.

Put Into a Wheelbarrow.

With his new patient in charge Dr. Mackay started down Norfolk avenue toward a hotel. In the middle of one of the business blocks the drunken man stopped walking, refused to go further and lay down on the sidewalk. The doctor found a couple of his friends and they agreed to wheel the fellow, in a barrow to a cheap hotel. It was impossible to get in and the loaded wheelbarrow was turned toward the city jail where the burden was given a cell over night.

He claimed to have had a watch-chain when he left Wayne but he wore none when he went into the physician's office. The \$3 that he had had the night before was also gone and he had nothing with which to pay his fine.

MONDAY MENTION.

W. E. Powers of Pierce was in Norfolk yesterday.

W. H. Peck of Ainsworth is in Norfolk on business.

F. A. Huston of Neligh was in Norfolk this morning.

M. Carberry of Wayne was in Norfolk today on business.

The fire department will hold their dance on Christmas eve.

S. S. McAllister was among the Humphrey visitors in Norfolk today.

Arrangements are being made for a dance at Mast hall on Christmas night.

M. L. Kyle of Creighton was here this morning greeting Norfolk friends.

Harry Luebeck is home from Watertown, Wis., to stay during the holidays.

Martin Raasch is up from the university at Lincoln to spend the holiday vacation.

Edwin Winter and Will Hermann have arrived from the school at New Ulm, Minnesota, for the Christmas vacation.

The Heights whist club was very very pleasantly entertained Saturday night at the home of Mayor and Mrs. M. C. Hazen.

E. H. Luikart, the Tilden banker, was in Norfolk over Sunday, a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Luikart.

A. H. Winder and Ben Reid, of the Norfolk Shoe company, are in Norfolk for this week.

Mrs. M. J. Romig has gone to Neligh to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Hackett has arrived in the city from Kansas to take a position with the Brake business college.

Walter Pilger is home from a medical college at Omaha to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother.

Willie Heleirman and Messrs. Lehman of Stanton have returned from New Ulm, Minn. to spend their Christmas vacation at home.

A. Lagrotta's Italian orchestra will play at Randolph on Christmas night. Arrangements are being made to en-

gage them for a leap year party at West Point on New Year's eve.

Miss Lena Molitor, who has been a guest at the Pilger home on South Fifth street, left today for her home in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

J. J. Hughes of Battle Creek was in the city Saturday. He made a friendly call upon the people who pronounce their name as he does but spell it differently.

The Eagles are making great preparations for their dance on New Year's eve. An orchestra of ten pieces from Wisner, under direction of Hugh Compton, will furnish the music.

Mrs. D. J. Sheean, who is here from Rongis, Wyo., visiting her father, George Williams, reports that her little sister, Lila, who has been very sick, is getting better and that there are hopes for her recovery.

J. M. Adkinson and son Robert of Scribner are in the city. Mr. Adkinson has decided to become a resident of this section of the state, having purchased a 160-acre farm of Charles Carlson near Hadar.

Mrs. L. Wood is quite a remarkable pianist and a number of people enjoyed hearing her play Saturday afternoon at the Wood jewelry store. Mrs. Wood plays directly by ear, being unable to read a note of music. Having once heard a selection rendered, she sits down at the instrument and plays it over perfectly.

The public schools of the city will close on Wednesday noon and will not reconvene until January 4. Meanwhile the pupils of the various wards will enjoy a wholesome vacation and the teachers, who enjoy the rest quite as much, will visit in many cases with out of town friends.

Myrtle Lodge Ladies of the Macca-bees, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Ida Clark, commander; Viola Shippee, lieutenant commander; Verona Rankin, record keeper; Melinda Kuhn, finance keeper; Sarah Slawter, chaplain; Rose Bowman, sergeant; Clara Manwiler, mistress-at-arms; Lena Kern, picket; Ella Harrington, sentinel.

Miss Mamie Miller, teacher at the Norfolk high school, whose resignation takes effect after the first of the year and who will, consequently, not return to Norfolk after the Christmas vacation, was hostess Saturday afternoon to a number of her friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bridge, corner of Madison avenue and Eleventh street. During her stay in Norfolk Miss Miller has made many warm friends, all of whom regret her departure.

W. A. Moldenhauer was today notified of the death, at her home near Stanton, of Mrs. Herman Neuman, sister-in-law of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Neuman of this city. Death was caused by dropsy and occurred yesterday afternoon. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Neuman home. Deceased leaves a husband and five children to mourn her loss.

T. S. Armstrong, editor and publisher of the Butte Gazette, was in Norfolk on his way home from Knox county, where he had been on a business trip. "Butte is flourishing," said Mr. Armstrong, speaking of Boyd county's capital. "In the spring we're going to have an electric car line which will be run by waterpower which is now going to waste. We are in the heart of a good country and have a great many farmers who come to Butte as a market."

The extraordinary beautiful weather which has prevailed during the past few days is great stuff for the workmen on the government building and they are making the best of it. Yesterday the first Sunday work of the season was done on the structure and the big crane kept moving about with monster timbers all day long. Superintendent Williams hopes to get the roofing up before the fine type of atmosphere ends, so that the laborers will be independent of the weather when severe winter does come.

Forty Schuylerites Are Converted.

Schuyler, Neb., Dec. 21.—Union revival services have been conducted during the past two weeks under the direction of Evangelist E. F. Walker of Greencastle, Ind. Mr. Walker is a man of exceptional evangelistic ability, yet his work here has fallen much short of what was expected. Thus far about forty have made pro-

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