

TO BE NO BINDING TWINE

MEASURE PRESENTED TO NEBRASKA SOLONS NOW DEAD.

FOR NEBRASKA PENITENTIARY

The Bill Which was introduced for the Legislature's Consideration on the Proposition of a Binding Twine Plant, is Laid Over.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 17.—The binding twine plant which the farmers of the state want, must wait till after the senate has finally passed upon the general appropriation bills. The measure passed the house some time ago, but when it came up in the senate Sheldon moved that consideration of it wait until after the general appropriation bills are passed. This carried, and friends of the measure regard it as practically dead.

The senate spent the greater part of the morning passing bills, among them these: Permitting a wife to testify against her husband in desertion cases; preventing county officials from expending funds in excess of sums actually available; authorizing the suspension of the sentence of a husband or parent convicted of desertion by the giving of a bond for maintenance.

The senate is considering in committee of the whole the Giffen bill to allow condemnation of private property for irrigation purposes. The bill is backed by a number of western irrigationists who have been victims of the extortion of private companies.

In committee of the whole the house recommended for passage the Junkin anti-trust bill, emasculated so that it does not hit the railroads or anything but the meat trust.

SHERIFF TAKES BRIDEGROOM.

Jilted Girl at Columbus Stops Wedding.

Columbus, Neb., Feb. 17.—Just as he had secured a license to wed the woman of his choice Anton Borovick stood face to face with the sheriff and was given notice that he is defendant in a breach of promise suit for \$8,000. The prospective bridegroom was just leaving the courthouse with the marriage license to wed Miss Antonia Zuroski of this place, wrapped up in his coat pocket. The breach of promise suit was made upon complaint of Miss Theresa Czuba of the same town. And now Anton is out in the cold, waiting for the result.

Miss Czuba called at the office of the county judge earlier in the week to ask if Anton had tried to secure license to marry any other girl. Anton hadn't. Miss Czuba then requested the judge to refuse to grant a license to the young man which, of course, was impossible. At an attorney's suggestion suit was filed and the sheriff stepped in at the proper moment. The disappointed girl displayed a diamond ring and a bunch of letters as tokens of the undying affection of her one-time lover. She alleges that he proposed marriage and was accepted and that she remained single on that account. When she asked him to keep good his pledge, he refused to marry. She asserts that Anton's father was to blame and the parent is made joint defendant in the case.

HELEN GRANTLY COMING.

To Appear in Norfolk Soon in New Play, "Her Lord and Master."

Norfolk people who had the pleasure of seeing Miss Helen Grantly some seasons ago in the "Taming of the Shrew" with Chas. B. Hanford will be pleased to learn that she is to appear at the Auditorium again soon in the new and successful play, "Her Lord and Master."

Miss Grantly is a Nebraska actress, having gone on the stage from Omaha. She is beautiful and clever and it is anticipated that she will duplicate her former success on her coming visit to Norfolk.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

J. M. Smith was over from Madison. E. S. Beaty was a Norfolk visitor from Blair.

Mrs. Olla Wilhite of Gordon is in Norfolk today. T. J. Rechman was a Norfolk visitor from Creighton.

Edw. Flanagan was in the city from Fairbury yesterday.

J. T. Schocker was in Norfolk yesterday from Madison.

Mrs. Frank Davis has been on the sick list for some time.

Milo Warren was in the city yesterday from Creighton.

Chas. Foltz was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Spencer.

Rev. Mr. Hofius of Pierce was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Richards of Meadow Grove was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

A. F. Tannehill made a stock shipment to South Omaha yesterday.

Rev. and Mrs. Brauner of Hadar were shopping in Norfolk yesterday.

B. Aronson, J. Wack and W. T. Wallace are in the city from Fremont.

Miss Lee Hale was down from Battle Creek yesterday doing some shopping.

A jolly bobbed party enjoyed a trip to the Rix home, northeast of the city, in last night's moonlight. A pleasant

evening was spent at the home.

Miss Margarette Dunn came down from Pierce on the early morning train.

C. T. C. Lallich of Fremont is in the city to look after his local flour and feed business.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wagner have returned from a two months' visit with relatives and friends in northern Wisconsin.

W. A. Emery won a jury case in court yesterday against Patrick of Omaha.

The town of Bryant in Hamlin county, S. D., suffered the most disastrous fire in its history, practically every building in the principal business block being destroyed.

The Woman's club will meet in the Congregational church parlors Monday afternoon at 2:30. As there is business of importance to come before the club, a full attendance is desired.

Miss Loreene Gow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gow, was seven years old yesterday and a large company of little friends were invited in to help celebrate the event. A most delightful afternoon was spent.

Vera Hall, an inmate of a resort on the row, was caught in disorderly conduct within the city limits yesterday and jailed. She was fined \$16.10 in court. Vera was drinking in a saloon when arrested. She has been in court several times before.

Herman Radenz was fined yesterday \$10.10 for being drunk and disorderly. Herman is on the water wagon now, having a diet of bread and water in jail. A fellow named Quinn was also arrested, and fined \$10.10. The three bridge timber thieves have been released, each having paid his fine.

A bad fist fight between two young men behind a pool hall on Norfolk avenue yesterday brought police officers to the scene. One was a country youth, the other a Norfolk lad. The rural fighter was taken to the police station, his bleeding nose bathed and then sent homeward horseback. No arrests were made.

The marriage of Willis Kelly and Miss Jessie Eble took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eble, North First street, last night at 8 o'clock. Rev. J. H. Clay officiating. Mr. Kelly is a telegraph operator and has been employed in the Northwestern offices at South Norfolk for some time. He goes from here to Blair.

Old Lady Blue Jay is still in town and probably intends to stay until the weather is warm and balmy. She is growing quite nervous, however, about the condition of her larder and this morning she appeared on the business part of Main street, scolding and chattering in her well-known bold faced way, shaking her topknot at Mrs. Sparrow, who, bolder than she in spite of her menacing voice, was down in the doorways pecking up the bits of sweepings that contained the nutriment required for her bodily welfare. Both visitors would undoubtedly appreciate the thoughtfulness of the specimen of genus homo who would place handily a scrap of provender that could be approached readily and without fear and trembling, by Mrs. Jay as well as Mrs. Sparrow, when the latter and her neighbors do not object. This, too, was one of the mornings that Mrs. Jay was glad she did not follow her colony to the south. It breathed of spring and the clearing away of the snow when she could walk fat on the morsels uncovered.

Try a News want ad.

POOR MAN'S HOME BURNED

J. W. Barr of Ainsworth Left Destitute by a Noon Day Blaze.

Ainsworth, Neb., Feb. 21.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barr, who live four miles south of here on the farm of L. K. Alder, was burned to the ground with its contents, only an organ and a part of the family clothing being saved. The fire occurred during the noon hour while Mrs. Barr was preparing dinner and is supposed to have caught from a defective flue. The members of the family were absent.

Mr. Barr is a poor man with a large family and this loss leaves them practically destitute. He is a farmer, but had been teaching school in his home district to tide his family over the winter.

THE ROBIN HAS APPEARED.

Harbinger of Spring Shows up in Norfolk.

One of the very earliest robins of the season perched on a tall cottonwood tree in Norfolk this morning and stood up for Nebraska by pouring forth his very sweetest and choicest odes to spring. This, on the 21st of February and a full month before spring is scheduled by the almanac to arrive, is a splendid testimonial to the behavior of February, which after giving a full illustration of what it is able to do in a zero way during the earlier part of the month, has chosen to break the record with summer balminess in the latter half.

With this example before them the people can afford, in the language of Bixby, to don their gum boots and continue to stand up for Nebraska.

People having time to read is it not pertinent that the men with merchandise to sell should have their advertisements before the people?

SUGAR FACTORY IS EMPTY

THE MACHINERY HAS ALL BEEN SHIPPED TO COLORADO.

NOW PATCH HOLES IN WALLS

Within a Week the Norfolk Plant Which Ran for Thirteen Years, Will be Abandoned—Transfer of Property to Come This Week.

Work on the dismantling of the Norfolk beet sugar factory is practically at an end and every wheel that formerly turned in the plant at this point has been shipped to Lamar, Col. This week the masons are busy patching up the holes in the buildings which were made by getting the machinery out. Within a week it is estimated that everything will be finished and the place abandoned.

The property has not yet been transferred by the American Beet Sugar people to the committee and donors, but this will be done shortly.

MONDAY MENTION.

H. Reekganer of Bristow was in the city Sunday.

A. M. Day was in the city Sunday from Osmond.

Ferd. A. Schulz of Pierce was in the city yesterday.

Wm. Mathieson of West Point was in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Antfeld of Tilden were in the city.

E. H. Eatrom was a Sunday visitor in Norfolk from Butte.

Mrs. W. G. Brown of Hazle Mills was a Norfolk visitor this morning.

Miss Mollie Busch of Battle Creek was shopping in Norfolk yesterday.

Arthur Pilger of Madison visited with Norfolk relatives over Sunday.

Bud Ditman and Roy Hopper were Norfolk visitors yesterday from Stanton.

Chas. S. Boscuit and R. B. Severns were in the city yesterday from Foster.

John E. Owen and Ed. Owen of Wayne were Sunday visitors in Norfolk.

Misses Clara Brueggemann and Fay Widaman went to Pierce Saturday to attend institute.

George Winters, Boyd P. Gambriel and Seph A. Boysen of Madison were in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hoffman of Tilden visited over Sunday at the Twiss home in this city.

Ernst Fenske, living four miles west of town, welcomed a new daughter to his home Saturday morning.

Editor J. S. Jackson of the Creighton Courier arrived in Norfolk on the early train this morning to attend to business matters.

Vern Walton has arrived in the city from Walnut, Iowa, for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walton at their home on Madison avenue.

H. J. Billerbeck and daughter of Osmond, were in the city yesterday enroute to Humphrey where his daughter is very seriously ill with pneumonia.

George McCombs, formerly in business here but now of Omaha, is in the city visiting friends.

Mrs. Wilhit of Gordon was in the city Saturday. She stopped over on her way home from a visit with relatives at Pierce.

Miss Laura Buckendorf left this morning for St. Joe, Mo., where she will learn the coming styles in spring millinery trimming.

Mrs. J. N. Bundick and children returned last night from Washington where she had been visiting her mother. Mr. Bundick met them in Omaha.

Miss Dorothy Salter accompanied him to Omaha and returned with the Bundick children. Mr. Bundick reports having met E. C. Howe, general manager for the American Beet Sugar company, who had been ill a week in Chicago. Mr. Howe was caught forty hours in a snowbound train, in which the coach froze up and the pipes burst.

The freshmen of the Norfolk high school to the number of forty-two enjoyed a pleasant class party Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Loucks. They report having had a splendid time.

Ernest Hartman was arrested Saturday night and spent Sunday in jail on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was brought before the court this morning, roundly lectured and assessed a fine.

F. W. Harder, having received settlement for his fire loss of a week ago, will re-open his saloon in a building that will be temporarily built on the site of the burned restaurant. As soon as spring opens a new building will go in.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Butterfield entertained the Team Whist club in a novel manner Saturday night. The members were treated to a bobbed drive over the city until 9 o'clock when they all returned to the Butterfield home on Norfolk avenue for supper.

Harold Cole is home from Stanton, where he is employed in a bank, and has been quarantined at the home of his mother at the corner of Norfolk avenue and Tenth street. The rear part of the house is alone quarantined, the forepart being free from the red card.

As a result of the sunshine of yesterday and the warming weather,

were transformed into running streams and little rivulets went rolling down the avenues toward the eastern end of the city. In several spots there were good sized pools formed as a result of the flow.

The work of clearing away the wreckage and rubbish of the burned Turf Exchange saloon and restaurant has commenced and it is understood that the work of rebuilding will be undertaken as soon as the weather will permit. A handsome brick block will doubtless take the place of the burned frame structures.

Frank Massick was given a farewell party at his home on South Eighth street Saturday night. He expects to leave tomorrow for Lamar, Col., where he will be employed in the new sugar factory which is being built there and into which the machinery shipped from Norfolk is being installed. Mr. Massick has been in the Norfolk plant for a number of years.

The boys and girls have a chance during a portion of the day to again put their skates into use. The blocking of drainage channels with snow and ice and the melting of the snow banks create numerous ponds that during the night are covered with a smooth coating of ice and afford good sport for the youngsters until the sun bites into the surface later in the day.

Miss Faith Johnson was hostess at a party in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Saturday afternoon. A large number of little folk enjoyed the fun with unique games and enjoyed also the dainty refreshments that were served. Cute little pasteboard hatchets served as favors for the afternoon, within the handles of which were bits of history printed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blakeman and Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Koenigstein will entertain this week at three different social affairs. On Tuesday night at 6:30 the first party of friends are invited. The second function comes on Wednesday evening and a number of ladies will be entertained on the following afternoon. The parties will all be given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blakeman.

Coasting on Dexter's hill proved rare sport up until Saturday night for a few. The track leads from Eleventh street to Seventh, with several curves, making a distance of about five blocks through which the long racing sleds speed with the swiftness of lightning. Danger at guiding the long racing bobs through a narrow gate but increases the sport. The rising generation, however, has had so little training of late years in the coasting stunt that the hill was not crowded this season as of old.

The sleighing is at an end. The sun killed it. With one backhanded stroke it slew the sleigher's path of snow yesterday afternoon and there'll be no more this winter. A large number of the streets in town have lost almost all of the traces of a snowfall and are as bare from whiteness as on a hot September afternoon. The bob runners that had been fastened to the vehicles of all sorts and shapes, have been taken off and relegated once more to the hayloft, while freshly oiled wheels have been spun on again.

The epidemic of la grippe continues with unabated fury in Norfolk and there is today scarcely a home in the city in which some one or more members of the family have not been or are not, afflicted with this dreaded aching. Doctors report that people are ill with the attack literally by the hundreds. It is just bad enough to make the patient feel the limit in meanness and yet not severe enough to be given the sympathy that real illness ought to have. The germs seem to have spread considerably during the past week.

A few letters of the alphabet are frequently of inestimable value, and the editor of the Madison Star-Mall was last week one of the men who would give considerable to have a few little type in the place they were calculated by the editor to go. In an article on the finances of the county the editor intended to say that "the county roads are in bad shape," but the compositor made "roads" into "records" and the proofreader let it go at that, the consequence being that quite a serious statement was made from one intended to be a nominal complaint. Mr. Donovan has taken prompt measures to correct the impression that the article conveys in a portion of his edition.

It is springtime, for fair. The golden sun came up over the eastern hills this morning like a gilded summer's day. The air is crisp and sweet and fresh, just balmy enough to drink in with long, deep breathing, and fragrant enough to remind the inhabitants of the northwest that there is no place like home, after all. It has made many a man forget the troubles of the severely cold three-weeks which passed not long ago, and has revived hope that the robins may some time sing again. In fact they can almost be heard singing today, in the far away south, and it seems, from their coming constantly nearer and nearer, that they are flying this way. The groundhog, after all, may have been mistaken. Perhaps the winter winds are done right now, the gardening season is at hand. At all events the wild geese flying northward will be watched for with eager eyes by the small boy who has no gun and by the bigger men who have been paying coal bills, from now on.

AVERT A THEATRE PANIC

FIRE ALARM IN WEST POINT SCARES AN AUDIENCE.

NO ONE WAS HURT IN MIX-UP

Because the Audience at the Opera House Believed That the Fire Alarm Indicated a Blaze in the Theatre Building, They Were Frightened.

West Point, Neb., Feb. 17.—Special to The News: A theatre panic in the opera house here was narrowly averted when an alarm of fire was given in the town on account of a blaze in the home of Jim Larson. The idea prevailed in the opera house, where a large audience was seated watching the performance of the Andrews Opera company, that the fire which brought on the alarm was in the theatre building, and a rush was made by some for the doors. Fortunately the frenzy was quieted before any damage was done and no one was hurt.

The home of Mr. Larson, which caught fire at about 9 o'clock, was entirely destroyed and but little of the furniture was saved. An explosion in the kitchen is supposed to have been the cause.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

J. Brooker was over from Winslow yesterday.

Jos. Kluse of Stanton was in the city yesterday.

Miss Emma Meleher visited in Hadar yesterday.

O. A. Danielson was in the city from Center.

E. P. Weatherby went to Columbus on business.

C. E. Wright was a Sunday visitor to Norfolk from Oakdale.

Geo. C. Stevenson of Madison was a Sunday visitor in Norfolk.

A. H. Holmes of Foster was a visitor to Norfolk this morning.

C. G. Whipple came down from Niobrara on the early train this morning.

Fred Remender came down from Plainview on the early train this morning.

Herman Martin of Hoskins has just returned from Germany. This is the third trip he has made to the fatherland since he lived in this country, which is about twenty-five years.

E. S. Leahy was over from Wayne yesterday.

Ben Smith was here yesterday from West Point.

O. Haaseh was in town yesterday from Scribner.

W. T. Wallace was up from Fremont yesterday.

Mrs. Carry Lucke was down from Hoskins yesterday.

Chan Collins was in the city yesterday from Fullerton.

John Dolan of Sioux City, Iowa, was in the city yesterday.

Midge Bayer was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Dewey of Tilden were in the city today.

F. W. Melcher of West Point was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Barney E. Smith of Lynch was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Julius Thandil was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Ewing.

Samuel Fremont of Decatur was a visitor in Norfolk yesterday.

Oil Inspector E. C. Burns of Scribner was in the city yesterday.

J. W. Kovalek of Battle Creek had business in Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reavis of Plainview were in Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dewey came down from Neligh on the early train this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ziemer and family of Hoskins were shopping in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. L. C. Taylor has returned from a visit with relatives and friends at Harlan and Avoca, Iowa.

Mrs. Pohlman and daughter of Stanton were in the city yesterday visiting friends and doing some shopping.

The Wednesday club will meet with Mrs. John R. Hays tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

O. S. Christian, a prominent Madison stockman, had his left hand mangled in the gearing of a feed mill. His thumb had to be amputated at the wrist joint and the tip of his index finger was removed.

Jack O'Brien, a farmhand who worked at Hornick, Iowa, has disappeared and no trace of him can be found. He left the place January 1. He has a brother living at Madison, Neb. He had not been heard from at Madison.

Henry Hurst, landlord of the Prince hotel at Madison, who has been acting strangely for some time, has been taken to Lincoln where he has been placed in a private sanitarium for treatment. His wife and one of his brothers accompanied him to that city.

The combined action of the sun and the shovel has succeeded in making a large number of the sidewalks of the city in passable condition, but there are a number of crossings that could be materially improved as a means of accommodation to pedestrians.

Eva Loomer, a Chadron girl of 13, had a novel, but not pleasant experience. She was sitting near the stove and a celluloid comb which she was wearing in her hair started to blaze, burning about a quarter of her abun-

dered by a cool-headed member of the family.

Charles Ulrich of Pierce transacted business in Norfolk.

In spite of the fact that the snow has been disappearing rapidly during the past few days, there is no indication of high water in the Northfork river at this place. The current is confined under a layer of a foot or two of ice and all the water in the stream is used by the mill in turning the machinery of the plant.

On complaint of Ira L. Hamilton, constable, J. A. Rainey, deputy game warden, was yesterday arrested on a charge of assault and battery. This morning Rainey pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$6. Rainey and Hamilton had a warm discussion on the street early yesterday morning and Rainey wound up by slapping Hamilton on the face.

Ernest Hartman, arrested Saturday night on a "drunk and disorderly" charge, failed to pay his fine and was put at work on the streets yesterday, working off the assessment of \$15. The police state that Hartman has a large family for whom he has provided little in the way of sustenance during the winter, though he worked at fair wages. His wife is said to have done most of the work for the family provision.

"An Innocent Convict" was the initial play put on at the Auditorium last night by the Tomson repertoire company, who are booked for this week every night. Several of the characters were clever and kept the house going in interest. Mr. Tomson, himself, assumed the role of the tramp comedian and made good. He also made a little speech before the curtain which took well. Miss Tomson is attractive and clever. The theater was packed for the beginning of the week. Popular prices prevail. "The Gilded Youth" will be put on tonight.

Stanton Pickett: A serious and peculiar accident happened at the Goetsch farm last Friday. The brothers were sawing wood with a large circular saw. The morning was very cold and the machinery frosty. Shortly after starting, when running at a high rate of speed, the large fly or balance wheel on the saw broke in several places. These broken pieces flew in all directions, some of them striking and severely bruising both Paul and Frank. Fortunately and surprisingly their injuries were not serious and, though considerably bruised, they are getting along well.

Tomorrow is Washington's birthday and the banks will be closed during the day. The only public arrangements for the observance of the holiday have been made by the public schools, many of the grades having prepared interesting programs that would serve to interest the pupils in the revolutionary general and the first president. These will be given during the afternoon and the schools will be dismissed early. Some of the grades have issued invitations to parents and other patrons of the school in neat hatchet form showing the national colors. A large number of visitors are expected to attend the exercises.

John McDonald, four years old, is a South Dakota prodigy who has been attracting attention on his violin at Elk Point. Recently his father refused an offer of \$10,000 a year for his services. His mother, Mrs. D. W. McDonald, is well known in Norfolk, having visited in this city with her sister, Mrs. H. J. Caulfield and having sung in Trinity church at one time. The lad played the violin when two years of age. He has appeared but once in public, before the Beethoven club. He has never yet appeared in public at Elk Point and will play there for the first time on March 3 in the opera house. Dr. McDonald formerly lived at Ponca, Neb.

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