

# THOUGHT IT WAS

LOOKED LIKE THAT TO MR. BAK. ER OF BATTLE CREEK.

LUMBER SHEDS FOUND ON FIRE friends in the Wisconsin woods.

An Investigation by Authorities Goes to Show That the Fire Was Caused Children,

Last Saturday afternoon L. B. Baker of Battle Creed discovered one of his lumber sheds on fire. The fire aroused his suspicions that someone was trying to burn him out, and after thinking the matter over he sent for County Attorney Koenigstein to come up to his town and investigate the affair.

Tuesday Mr. Koenigstein made a trip to that town and spent several hours investigating the conditions and causes which might have led to the fire. From an authoritive source it is learned that the fire was probably caused by a bucket of waste which had been picked up along the railroad track. and placed in the shed by some of the boys and girls, who had used the stuff to make a fire at their skating pond close by. The waste had been on fire before being placed in the shed, but a lot of ice had been thrown in on top of the fire to extinguish the same. All who are acquainted with such conditions very well know that the fire might apparently be extinguished and still smoulder for a day or two before again breaking out into flames.

Mr. Baker was of the opinion that a son of the section foreman, Mr. Fender, knew something about the fire. Every investigation, however, failed to make it appear so to the authorities.

#### THURSDAY TIDINGS.

S. G. Dean is among the slow about town today.

Leonard Elsinger of Wayne was in town yesterday. J. A. Schonker of Madison is a sight-

seer in the city.

J. E. Wilson of Winside was in town Wednesday night.

Mrs. H. H. Mohr of Pierce visited in the city yesterday.

Father Walsh was a passenger for

Columbus yesterday. John King was a Sioux City visiter

in town over night. M. F. Maloney went to Humphrey on business yesterday.

A. N. McGinnis was a passenger to Humphrey Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor of Winside are shopping in town today.

James G. Weber of Creighton is visiting at the home of Joe Fex.

in the city visiting and shopping.

a visit with her husband in Omaha.

visited in the city yesterday afternoon. tion.

town to take in the show Wednesday rather detracted from the beauty of night

ill the year 'round with the company and will probably accept the same. The new store will probably ge heir awning up today, so that the handsome show windows can be un overed for the public.

W. A. Emery of the Norfolk Lumber company is showing his friends a handsome Christmas tree sent him by

This is the shortest day of the year and the beginning of winter. People

were reminded of the latter fact this morning when snew flurries began to by Waste Placed in the Sheds by fly, and about the same time it was rumored that a blizzard was pointed this way from out west. Telegraph

inquiry at Bonesteel and Omaha failed, however, to locate the blizzard. August Zastrow and Miss Martha Oesterwig will be married at 2 o'clock today, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Tews, the brother-in-law of the bride, about five miles northeast of the city. The gentleman who was in the city this moraing with borse and whip decorated with ribbons was the master of ceremonies for the occasion, and does the inviting to the

event William Hille, a prosperous farmer of Stanton county, has purchased a five-acre lot in the edge of fowe, and is erecting a handsome residence, barn, etc., and expects to move into the same about the first of March. Fifteen years ago Mr. Hille moved onto the farm he now occupies and be feels that he is deserving a few pleasures and a rest in town, and after looking about he concluded Norfolk with its excellent schools and prosperous fu ture was good erough for bim. G. L. Frasier and family are here

from Salt Lake City, the guesis of his relatives. Mis, Frasier and children left for Omaha this morning to visit her relatives for a few days, and Mr. Frazier will go to Lincoln (cday to see some old chume, and then will meet his family at Omaha and all return here to remain over the holiday season. Mr. Frasier is a traveling passenger and freight agent for the ID nois Central in Utab. He was formerly connected with the local rail:oads of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bolton of Emcrick precinct celebrated their silver wedding today and entertained a large number of their neighbors and outside guests and relatives. Among the presents they received was a very handsome silver table service from the Hayes establishment, which was purchased by a club of the neighbors. It is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever" to be so handscreely remem bered, and their many friends all wish that the host and hostess of the ocea sion way live long after their golden wedding a quarter of a century brace Fied Berger's company of forty peo ple-mostly girls-precented the Lip-Miss Ethel Grew Elle of Tilden, is crty Belles to a good audience at the Auditorium last night. The entertain-

Mrs. H. E. Owens has returned from ment was far better than the ordinary musical comedy which appears here Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hahn of Stuart and on the whole gave good satisfac-The company labored under a Frank Phillips of Hoskins came to few disadvantages, however, which the piece. A musical comedy should

H. Holmberg and Miss Ida Swan. always be given with a full orchestra. whereas last night only a piano, drum son of Wakefield were in the city yesand cymbals were used. The electric terday. The state is doing everything possi-Frank Herman of Stanton was look- current in the house is limited to 100 ing over the Christmas things in town 16-candle lights and the result was that there was insufficient power to yesterday. R. B. Hall has arrived home for the throw the colored lights effectively. holidays and will assist in the store The swing scene, one of the prettiest in the piece, was cut out entirely on while here. H. Ziemer and Wm. Maas of Hos. account of some defect in the stage.

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JOHN BETKE AND CLAUD HOUSCH IN TROUBLE.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF GAMBLING bone and sinew. The Rounder smiled

With a Jack Pot of Fifty Cents They Were Having a Good Time Last Night When the Police Took Them in-Another Story Back of It.

Two boys, 15 and 16 years old. named John Betke and Claude Househ. were found by Night Marshal Eucker gambling with a "jack pot" of fifty cents. He took them in tow and the procession stopped at the city cooler. This morning they were brought before Police Judge Westervelt where they pleaded guilty to the charge of gambling. He fined them \$25 each with costs, and as they could not pay the fines they were sent to jail.

This fine seems heavy for a couple of boys, but it appears that there is a story connected with the whole affair which is the cause of the judge making the price high.

Miss Ella Mather boards at the Ox nard hotel and a few days ago she missed a watch and a handsome ring. She made a complaint and said she believed the boys could give some information in regard to the matter and to quietly discover what he could, when ney were found as stated. Both boys Was Guilty of an Atrocious Crime in deny knowing anything about the jewelry and it was for this reason that the fine was made larger than usual, as it is believed the boys will grow tired of their incarceration and tell all

cambling, were released upon paying

boys.

#### Just a Drunk.

citizens of that place, and at that time

#### Farmers' Institutes.

penter, secretary.

er, secretary

thankful every time 4 think how much that mule sold for." When the M. & O. came in Monday RAILROAD BUILDING OF COMING night among the passengers was Ed

since, for I found them more expensive

to buy than horses, but I feel very

and Mr. Esau realized he had met r

member of the Prevention of Cruelty

to Animals society and forthwith came

forward for information. He wanted

a hotel. A letter was produced signed

by the postmaster at Pender, saying

YEAR WILL HELP. mund Esau, alias Red Horse Tail, an Omala Indian - a fine specimen of

THE NORTHWESTERN EXTENSION

#### Will Go Out on to the Rosebud Fifty Miles Next Season - Union Pacific Pushing Out-B. & M. Possibilities for Norfolk.

the bearer was a square fellow and There is now no question but what "not cat dog man." Mr. Esau said he the Northwestern system will extend was enroute to Niobrara and that he was 69 years years of age. "I old their line at least fifty miles northwest man." 'The rounder took him into his from Bonesteel, S. D., in the spring. auto-walk-fast and escorted him to the This will be done to invade the terri-Norfolk house where Mr. Esau was tory of the Milwaukee lines, the latter make a call now. I have already congiven a guest chamber and left to now having under construction a line tributed to Christmas trees and supthink of the glories of his forefathers. from Chamberlain to Rapid City, South pers until I am beginning to fear I will The noon train today took him north Dakota, which will give the Black Hills not have anything left with which to to his destination. He is quite an in- another through line to the lakes.

Yankton and Running Water, S. D.

which will mean more trains from Nor-

town will be a better wholesale center

Then there is the Union Pacific

which it is announced will build a live

from Spaulding into Keya Paha ccun-

was rumered at the time that a line

through Boyd and Keya Paha county

was the object of their visit. An ex-

tension from Norfolk would take the

than it is at present.

telligent old man and carried a civi lized grip and was fairly well dressed.

GOVERNOR MICKEY TO RELEASE FREDERICK SARGENT.

1893, When He Followed the Mother of His Child in Her Night Clothes and Shot Her Twice. some months ago.

It is announced from Lincoln that Governor Mickey yesterday issued a commutation to Frederick Sargert, a Madison county man, sentenced in 1893 to twenty years in the state penitentiary for wife-murder.

Sargent, who has served twelve years and is the oldest inmate of the prison in point of service, will be remap. been a trusty for several years.

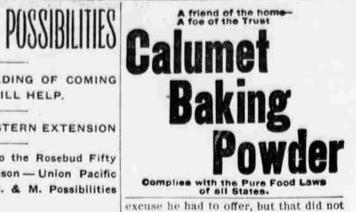
rooms

There are a great many people who made on the larceny charge which live in this part of the country who they had expected to place again t the have forgotten all about the bretal murder of Mrs. Sargent on the morning of June 2, 1893, at Battle Creck, the particulars of which arouned the

> hanging was considered 'oo good for Sargent, but he went to could and his lawyers managed to get him a cen-

ence of twenty years at Lincoln. The testimony at the time showed that there had been trouble in the Sargent domic'le off and ca for some time. On the morning mentioned he dreve tutes during the first half of January, his wife out of the house by threatening to kill her. She was still dressed in her right clothes and 1ap to the home of Frank Reaves for succor, but that family was still asleep and did not hear her cries. In running the finally fell and Sorgent caught and held her while he shot her twice with his revolver. In falling she had struck her head against a tree and that

would, and it is not beyond the range seemed to have stunned the woman. of possibilities that such a line will be The Total Appraised Valuation of Pres-But his shots did not kill her instant-But by no means the least possibil ity for Norfolk for the coming season is the extension of the Schuyler branch of the B. & M. to Norfolk. When the Schuyler branch was originally planned Roosevelt's presents, brought by her it was with the intention of bringing from the orient, have been appraised it through to Norfolk, but an agree- by the customs collector of the port of ment entered into soon after the line Georgetown and she has paid the duty, reached Schuyler precluded the Bur- amounting to \$1,206.15. The amount lington from entering Northwestern of duty paid indicates that the gifts territory. This agreement has been were not nearly so valuable as has taken to the county bastile where he broken by the building of the Sioux been stated. Their actual value was remained until tried at the November City-Ashland line and it is now figured less than \$20,000. The appraisement term of district court, and on Tuesday that both the Burlington and North- was made in strict conformity with November 28, 1893, the jury returned western will invade the other's terri- the law and not the slightest favor a compromise verdict of murder in the tory as much as possible. The bring, was shown the president's daughter. ing of the Burlington into Norfolk The amount of duty was paid by Miss Judge Jackson immediately senwould perhaps prove of more real val. Roosevelt herself, by check, drawn tenced him to a term of twenty years ue than any of the other extensions against her personal income left her in prison. The people felt greatly retalked of. lieved when the sentence had been pro-To a man who is not prejudiced it nounced and the rejoicing at Governor ooks very much like all this railroad that Miss Roosevelt received were a Mickey's act of clemency is not likely building could be used to an advant- number of oriental fans. There are age by every loyal and progressive nearly fifty, and many of them are exwhere the horrible tragedy occurred. business man in Norfolk. The railroad people are always ready tended originally for purely decorative Stand Up for Old Santa. to meet the people along their lines purposes. Pearl sticks and satin cov-If you hear anyone making an attack half way, so to speak, and Norfolk's on Santa Claus, just swat 'em on the interests right now are in a position spot. The person who will by word which very little encouragement and lections of oriental fans ever seen in or deed attempt to rob children of assistance will advance phenomenally. this city. any of their happy beliefs, is to be



help me, and now I am nearly crazy

trying to find something else for John." "The women all have some philanthropic interest this Christmas, haven't they," commented a popular bachelor, "and it is a regular case of holdup to remember the promoters of these very It seems to have been the policy of worthy enterprises. But when a pretthese two systems to invade each oth- ty girl begins to talk to you of chiler's territory in the northwest, but dren who have never seen a Christthe Milwaukee people for some reason mas tree or of little girls who have never invaded Nebraska, although they never owned a doll and of ragged mites come to the Missouri river at Council that don't know ------ a turkey tastes Bluffs and Sioux City, Iowa, and to like, and tells the story with tears in he: eyes and her cheeks pink with in-No sooner had they commenced to tcrest, you simply can't do anything build from Chamberlain west, than the bet offer her a bill and ask to share Northwestern announced their Bone- her charity. One of the girls told last steel extension, and a new line from night of a dot of a newsboy in the city Pierre to Deadwood or Rapid City, and she met while she was down town. only a few days since, the first train And what do you want for Christcrossed the temporary bridge at Picrre mas?' she asked him, making up her and the rails were laid into Fort mind that he should receive what he Pierre, some three months in advance wacted if she could arrange it. of the time announced to the public 'Scoes,' was the surprising answer. 'But you have shoes,' she objected The Milwaukee has already crossed with a glance at his feet. 'But them'll the Missouri at Chamberlain and has wear out an' then I'll have to have ana train service something like forty other pair,' chirped the mite. 'But if miles west, upon which two or three Santa Claus should bring you shoes new towns have sprung up like mushwhat else would you like?' The mite considered the question for a moment Should the Milwaukee at any time and then his face cleared. 'I durno cross into Nebraska from either of but I'd say anuther pair of shces," he the points named in Iowa or South said decidedly. 'For that there pair Dakota, Norfolk would be on their the saint 'd bring 'ud wear out, too.'

"'Just imagine,' cried the girl, and It can readily be seen that it is only there were tears in her eyes. 'He said a matter of a few years when the he didn't care for games because he Northwestern will connect their Bone- didn't have any time to play with steel line with the Pierre extension, them."

"So we formed a committee of two folk, and more railroad people to cp- to see that the youngster is supplied erate the trains, all of which means with unlimited shoes and provided with more people here and that means this time to enjoy the games that Santa Claus is going to bring him. Oh, it's reat, this Christmas giving!"

> Dr. Meredith, osteopath; new phones, office Ash 541; residence Ash 542.



MISS ROOSEVELT WAS CALLED UPON TO PAY \$1,206.15.

Union Pacific through a much better NOT SO VALUABLE AS STATED country than one from Spaulding

they know about Miss Mather's jew-Boys Released.

The two boys who were fined \$25 ach on Wednesday, on the charge of

a fine of \$10.20 each, Police Judge Waservelt having decided to reduce the leased on New Year's day. He has same after considering the matter. It s understood other arrests will be

elry.

dent.

There was one disorderly and drunk before the police judge this moraing who plead guilty to the charge and was taxed \$2 and costs,

Prof. W. P. Snyder of the agricul ural school of the University of No raska has announced nineteen justi and this section of the state will have he following dates: Spencer, January 2-3, C. D. Methrsead, secretary. Butte, January 2-3, C. A. South, pres-Verdigre, January 4, T. A. Tikalsky,

Creighton, January 4-5, C. L. Car-

ecretary.

Pierce-January 5, 6, S. J. Plymes-

Marshal Eucker was looking them up KILLED WIFE AT BATTLE CREEK

city yesterday.

Mrs. O. R. Meredith will visit during but on the whole it was a pretty enterthe holiday season with relatives at tainment well put on. Lake City, Iowa.

Fred Burner and wife of Lindsay were in town yesterday looking after their Christmas needs.

Mrs. Curt Ball will spend the holidays at Long Pine, for which point she left Wednesday evening.

Trainmaster Frank Roach of Fremont was here yesterday attending the funeral of Robert Craft.

Ray Gleason and Miss Alma Benser of Hoskins were over to see the Liberty Belles Wednesday night.

Agent W. C. Day of Battle Creek was among the outside railroad men who attended the Craft funeral yesterday.

Fred Cashin, an old time traveling man of Norfolk, now located at Spo-

Pine, attended the Craft funeral Wednesday, and will visit friends here Mathews. for a few days.

Mrs. A. L. Tucker and Mrs. N. A. Mr. and Mrs. Losch.

Miss Loretta Masters returned home today from Kearney where she is atholidays with her parents.

W. Towle bridge building firm.

Rev. W. J. Turner of the First Con- braska delegation commenced to cast gregational church was a Lincoln pas- about for his successor. senger this morning, where he attends a state meeting of church workers.

Messrs. R. F. Royse and Frank Craycroft of Winside were in town today enroute to Omaha, where they have accepted positions in the packing houses of the south end of that metropolis.

Mrs. H. L. Doughty and two children left on the noon train for Belle move to town soon. Plaine and Charles City, Iowa, where they will spend the Yuletide season and attend the wedding of her sister homestead in Garfield county, at the latter place.

and including No. 7126.

The Hite boys will remain at Lamar. plant and has been offered a position Green, Mo., Monday.

kins were transacting business in the These were drawbacks that marred the pleasure of the piece somewhat,



HON. W. P. WARNER TO SUCCEED T. L. MATHEWS.

SELECTED BY THE PRESIDENT

lican State Central Committee Agreed Upon by Nebraska Senators boss' not the mule's. Some years ago and Agreed to by the President.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.-Hon. kane, Wash., is greeting friends here. Wm. P. Warner of Nebraska was yes-Thomas Sheean and wife of Long terday nominated by the president for

Mr. Warner's recommendation was agreed upon by the Nebraska senators Huse went to West Point at noon to yesterday morning and sent at once to The children cried, Ma cried and when spend the holidays with their parents, the white house and there announced without delay.

United States marshal for the district summary dismissal of T. L. Mathews.

#### Warnerville,

A. H. Cropper is baling hay and in his heavy thoughts, a hoarse voice saddest blow that could fall upon their ly. shipping it to Humphrey.

sick with typhoid fever, is improving. Milt, Webb sold his personal property at auction Monday and will re-

a load of furniture Saturday for his

Geo. Wheeler has bought Mrs. Mary future.

She became conscious before dying and kissed her little son and bade

ble to make these institutes of the him good bye greatest value to the farmers who de-Sargent, realizing the crime he had sire to profit by the experience of the committed, then took an inning at state experiment institution, where evhimself and cut his throat, but medicery effort is made to make only such al aid was summoned and his windp be advances as are practical on any farm was repaired and by the time the inin the state. These institutes should quest was held he had decided to live An immediate hearing was demanded and be pleaded not guilty and was

THE ROUND UP.

be largely attended.

The Rounder was out and wandered nto a livery barn, not to get the horse laugh," but to talk horse with the clerks of the place, and get somesecond degree. thing exciting for the ever-anxious public to read and enjoy after the evening dinner. It happened the boss was in. Well, do you ever tire of a

good horse story? Guess not. Well, the boss told two or three about Old Bill and Spot and others, but his cap- to be very great about Battle Creek the-climax was a mule story, and when Name of the Chairman of the Repub- you get through reading this, you are ta liberty to pick out his politics-the

he said that he lived down in Mis souri, and times were rather hard. After talking it over with Ma, it was decided to take the best mule on the place to town on Saturday and dis-United States marshal to succeed pose of him to meet a note of \$75 which was owing the local bank and

secured by a chattle mortgage. Well, the final day came for the mule to go. the boss left with the old sorrel mare

and his only mule for Trenton, the The nomination of Mr. Warner to be road became long and dreary. The town was finally reached and the mule tending school. She will spend the of Nebraska comes as a sequel to the unharnessed and led into the arena on the south side of the court house Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hepperly left at The hearing given Mr. Andrews by square. He was carefully examined, noon today for Waterloo, Neb., where Attorney General Moody on Monday and by and by a fellow from up in he goes in the interests of the John was productive of nothing in the way Nebraska City said he would give \$65 of a reinstatement, and then the Ne- for him. The boss hitched up and started home disgusted, as he had

spent fifteen cents for a store lunch and thirty-five cents for mineral water. Having just about gone to sleep

aroused him, and looking up, a Mis- precious hearts. They will grow old Frank Reed, who has been seriously souri colonel confronted him with, and become burdened with the trials woman, whose brows were drawn into

went home, paid the note and took tings Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Morris, who the balance of the money and moved Colo., until the sugar campaign is have been visiting in this neighbor- to Nebraska where "mules were What could be nicer for a Christmas the store that as long as he had spoiled over. Dolf is a foreman in the sugar hood for two weeks, went to Bowling cheap," and Mr., I moved up in this gift to a young man or young lady my surprise he could keep his clock. dence, 109 North Tenth street, 'phone state and have never owned a mule than beautifully engraved cards?

## classed with those mortals who are CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND GIVING

#### heart. When you go to buy some pres-Appropriate Stories Heard and Culled ents for the children just remember

in the Days Approaching Yuletide. What busy days these are! Not in a social way, for only a stray reception or card party marks the calendar this week until the return of the college boys and girls will make the days all too short for the gaieties that are to be crowded into them. No, it is Christmas plans and holiday preparations that are sending women around with wrinkled brows and worried eyes. Instead of meeting for a chat at a tea or a reception, you will find all of your children to deal alone with Santa friends in the shops this week, for very Claus? To take Santa out of the few women have been forehanded enough to get their shopping done ear-

"It doesn't pay," mourned one little "Say, Mr., that's a tarnal fine mule and fortunes of life soon enough. In a deep frown, "I tried it this year and ye hev; wat will yer take for him?" believing in Santa Claus they have one the experience wasn't encouraging. I The boss was so astonished that he of the strongest incentives to quicken found a clock, early in December, that opened his mouth and without any the imagination and fancies. There is was just what my husband wanted, a Henry Clark started overland with effort said, "By gol, was thinkin' I'd enough material for the reformers to stunning affair, and I ordered it sent take \$200 fer him, but if yer want him reform without trying to reform the up at once, I had it charged. Well, right now will take a \$150 spot, 'cause children out of the belief there is if you will believe me, the bill was sent when I get home Ma won't let him go such a person as Santa. Don't ceprive to John before the clock reached me. The city treasurer has cash on hand Kenerson's home in Warnerville, and fer \$200." "All right." He was un- the children of their innocent and hap- 'Clock,' he said, in a puzzled tone, to pay all school fund warrants up to will move his family here in the near harnessed on the spot and the boss py beliefs. Let old Santa alone .-- Has- 'what clock have you been buying for

> 35?' I was so cross that I went right downtown and told the proprietor of 'Mistakes will happen,' was the only Ash 542.

#### ents Received by the President's Daughter on Her Oriental Trip Was Less Than \$20,000.

Washington, Dec. 20. - Miss Alice by her mother.

Among the many and varied gifts ceedingly beautiful, having been inerings predominate. It is certain that Miss Roosevelt now has the best col-

One of the mikado's souvenirs, in which Miss Roosevelt takes especial delight, is a tall screen of white satn, with pearl inlaid. It is said to be strikingly beautiful.

The present made to the young lady by the sultan of Sulu, which made so much talk, was not a ring, as had been supposed. The sultan gave Miss Roosevelt two fine pearls, perfectly matched. They are unmounted. The president's daughter has turned them over to her fiance, Congressman Nicholas Longworth, who will have them made into a ring for her.

Miss Roosevelt's presents include many pieces of royal Satsuma, given her in Japan. One piece was over two hundred years old.

It is the intention of the young lady to give each of the members of the party that accompanied her on the trip some memento of the occasion from among her presents. She has already distributed among the younger Roosevelts an assortment of Philippine weapons,

WANTED-Bright, honest young man from Norfolk to prepare for paying position in Government Mail Service. Box One, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

### O. R. MEREDITH, D.O. OSTEOPATH.

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AGRICOT & AEMAS - DATA

that they are children and buy them presents in perfect harmony with their childish beliefs and fancies. There are some people who have tried to rob

childhood of the happiest of associations. For instance, they try to convince them that there is no such person as Santa Claus. There is little enough in this old world to make children happy, and why the desire to rob

them of Santa Claus, their dearest of all friends? Why can't they leave the hearts of the children would be the

bereft of all love and tenderness of the