

HOLIDAY WEEK SOCIALLY

FESTIVITIES OF THE YULETIDE HAVE PREVAILED.

DANCES, THEATRE, HOME COMING

A Few Holiday Weddings Besides Christmas Trees—Features of the Week That Have Had to Do With Holidays in Norfolk.

Socially holiday week in Norfolk has been given over to dances, to the theater and to family dinner parties. Of course social parties there have been few or none. Norfolk enjoyed Christmas according to its wont. There were possible fewer than the usual number of Christmas visitors from away but there were many home gatherings while the college students gave an added holiday tinge to the air. Beginning with the Elk dance a week ago Friday, Marquardt hall has been almost altogether given over to the dancing of Christmas week.

Christmas eve Norfolk saw and enjoyed the jolly musical comedy, "The Mayor of Tokio." On the same evening there were Christmas trees in a dozen Norfolk churches where the little tots carried out special programs in the early evening.

After the lull which naturally follows the dances and dinners of Christmas week Norfolk society may be expected to enter into the winter activities preceding Lent.

Pleasures of the Week.

The trainmen's ball is an annual Norfolk event which each year seems to have reached the limit of its possible success but which each year proves a little bigger and a little more enjoyable than the year before. Given this year in Marquardt's hall on Christmas night the twentieth annual ball of the Brotherhood of Railway trainmen furnished dancing and a pleasant evening to more than half a thousand people. The hall as usual had the typical railroad decorations, which with the dance as a whole brought credit to the committees. Special trains carried the railroad men to and from South Norfolk, the Northwestern extending its usual courtesies. W. H. Beck was master of ceremonies.

Miss May Johnson's Thursday evening was hostess to a party of twenty friends invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Randklev, complimentary to Miss Johnson's brother, J. A. Johnson who is visiting in Norfolk from Rockford Ill. The party Thursday evening was a novel "peanut party," the evening opening with a peanut hunt while "progressive peanut" occupied the principal part of the evening. In the "hunt" Miss Clara Rudat won the prize while in the progressive game the honors went to Mr. Johnson. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Norfolk people who enjoy the comic opera at its best spent a delightful Christmas eve at the Auditorium where "The Mayor of Tokio," with the best in songs, chorus, costumes and scenery won the right easily to be classed as the best attraction so far this season at the Norfolk playhouse. It was especially in sharp wit and delightful comedy that "The Mayor of Tokio" excelled. Norfolk despite the other attractions that commonly hold on Christmas eve greeted the play with a large house.

Judge and Mrs. Barnes gave a reception on Monday evening for their son and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Barnes, Jr., at their home on West Norfolk avenue. Many friends called to extend congratulations and best wishes and enjoyed a pleasant evening at the Barnes home. Thursday evening the young people left for Casper, Wyo., where the groom is already meeting with success in practicing law.

The senior class were very pleasantly entertained Friday evening by Herbert Hauptl at the home of his parents, 1204 Taylor avenue. A guessing contest was a feature of the evening in which Ralph Luikart carried off first prize and Agnes Matraun the booby prize. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Miss Korinne Saunders had the choir girls of Trinity Episcopal church as her guests last Saturday evening at a birthday dinner, the occasion of Miss Saunders' fifteenth birthday. A three course luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carter entertained about twenty friends at a Christmas dinner at their home on North First street in Edgewater park.

The annual holiday dance at the Norfolk hospital was announced for Saturday evening of holiday week.

Trinity social guild gave their first dancing party of the new season Friday evening in Marquardt hall.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Ray were entertained at Christmas dinner by Mrs. C. H. Hibbon.

Miss Margaretha Boeck entertains the O. M. C. club Saturday evening.

Mrs. W. R. Jones entertained a few friends at a party Friday evening.

Hymenial

A pretty Christmas wedding with a decidedly novel turn was the marriage of Mr. H. Kilmurry and Miss Eva Mihills, who surprised a score or so of friends who found themselves suddenly and unexpectedly changed from guests at a Christmas party to guests at a Christmas wedding. At just the right moment in the party festivities

disappeared. Then she appeared in bridal costume, while Rev. J. C. S. Wells of Trinity Episcopal church stepped into the room to perform the ceremony. Miss Mihills is a popular young lady of Norfolk. Mr. Kilmurry lived in O'Neil before coming to Norfolk.

Leaving Norfolk friends for a quiet marriage in Fremont, Mr. James C. Peters and Miss Mabel R. Dick of Norfolk were wed in the Dodge county seat town on Christmas eve. Two friends, Mr. David Price and Miss Madeline Stine of Thayer met them in Fremont by agreement. Mr. and Mrs. Peters returned to Norfolk Christmas day and were the recipients of congratulations and best wishes from numerous friends who were not specially surprised at the Fremont announcement. The trip to Fremont was not especially secret and the wedding was one that was counted on as one of the Christmas "affairs."

The marriage of Mr. Fred Miller and Miss Charlotte Walter in Christ Lutheran church on Thursday afternoon represented the culmination of a pretty romance. Bride and groom have grown up from playmates together, living in houses across the street. At the church the bride was attended by Miss Lillian Degner and Miss Anna Brocker, the groom by Mr. Ole Boehnke and Mr. Carl Bluecher. A wedding reception at the Walter home was attended by many friends of the young people.

Mr. H. F. Rohrke, now of Lincoln but of a prominent family of this vicinity, and Miss Selma Braasch, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braasch living south of Pierce, were married Christmas evening at the Braasch home. Rev. Mr. Brauer of Hadar officiating. The young people were accompanied by a jolly party of friends as far as Norfolk on their way to Lincoln by way of Omaha.

Coming Events

The minstrel show under auspices of the Norfolk fire department to be given at the Auditorium Monday evening, will be the theatrical event of the week. It promises to be largely attended and well worth the price of admission. While the advance announcements of this attraction state that it is the great Crescent Minstrel show, as a matter of fact every actor is a Norfolk boy and a member of the local fire department. These young men—fifty in all—have been drilling in their various parts for the past five or six weeks under direction of J. Sylvester DeForest, who was one of the leading actors with Walker White-side a few years ago, and it is said by those who have attended the rehearsals that the teaching has been most thorough, so that when the minstrel is presented Monday evening it will be on a par with the famous Dockstader aggregation. There will be two and a half hours of specialties, jokes, clogs, acrobatic work and tight rope walking. The show will open with a standard minstrel part, which will contain references to local affairs and people. The second part will begin with a band concert by the Creighton band, which will assist, acrobatic stunts, "Ten minutes with a real one and Dan Patch," while the famous "New York" comedians "Mack and Mack" will be featured. A big street parade at the noon hour will be given Monday and it is planned that the parade in size and quality shall give some hint of the minstrel show of the evening. The parade will be headed by W. P. McCune, manager of the show. The Norfolk band will be followed by the comedians, Charles McMinder, Robert Ballentyne, Lorin Bruggeman, James Peters, Jess Beemer and Herbert Wichman. Then will march the eighteen young men of the minstrel "circle." The Creighton band will be in the line of march and Creighton in addition will be represented by eighty-five firemen who will come to Norfolk in a special car. The Norfolk fire department will close the parade.

The third of the series of Elk dancing parties will be given in Marquardt hall on Friday evening. The Elks are planning their annual anniversary dancing party for January 17.

A ball will be given by the Own dancing club on New Year's eve at the Railroad hall in South Norfolk.

A band dance will be given New Year's eve.

IN MAYOR OF TOKIO.

Brother of Prominent Norfolk Man in Company Last Year.

It was in the "Mayor of Tokio" company last year that Albert J. Wallerstedt, brother of L. E. Wallerstedt of Norfolk, played a leading role. Mr. Wallerstedt was the brother of the American girl. At the time of the company's appearance in Sioux City last year Mrs. Wallerstedt made the trip to see the show. This year Mr. Wallerstedt is playing in a company which will not come west of Chicago. It is a company playing "take-offs" on grand opera.

BURIES WIFE NO. 14.

James Nicholas Vann of Mount Hope Says He is 110 Years Old.

Middleton, N. Y., Dec. 28.—James Nicholas Vann, who claims to be 110 years old and resides a few miles from this city in the town of Mount Hope, has just been bereft of his wife, Martha Maria Vann, who the aged man declares, is the fourteenth one he has wedded during the century of his existence. Saturday afternoon her body will be laid to rest in the family burial plot, a short distance from where she died.

Today's ads. may help you find a new employer.

NO SCHOOL COURTSHIP

SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AGAINST IT IN NORTHERN NEBRASKA.

YOUTH FAIRLY WELL INFORMED

Already Knows Too Much About Courtship, Thinks One Superintendent, Who Labels the Scheme "Dangerous to All Parties Concerned."

North Nebraska has been asked to decide and has decided against the teaching of courtship in the public schools.

Back in Illinois the question is being fought bitterly according to press reports but in north Nebraska the school authorities are "agin" it.

It was in the columns of the Sioux City Tribune that the educational courtship question was fought out. The Tribune asked for the views of County Superintendents Teed of Dixon county, Perdue of Madison, Miller of Cedar and Littell of Wayne on the subject of giving young Nebraskans scientific and technical instruction on all the phases of courtship and the arts of love making.

These educators replied to the Tribune's referendum vote and by their verdict the young generation will have to go at its love making blindly and without instruction.

County Superintendent A. V. Teed of Dixon county wrote from Ponca:

"The teaching of courtship in the Nebraska schools would be time wasted. Illinois boys may need coaching along that line, but such notions are intuitive with the average Nebraska youth. Such affairs interfere with the school work of too many pupils now, and the conditions would doubtless be worse when encouraged by educators. Considering the limited supply of school ma'ams in Nebraska, it would be exceedingly unwise, for teachers are expected to enter heart and soul into the knowledge of all subjects taught—teaching by example as well as precept. I should label this scheme 'dangerous to all parties concerned.'"

County Superintendent F. S. Perdue replied from Madison:

"As long as human beings come into the world in the old fashioned way, it will not be necessary to introduce into the course of study of the public schools the subject of courtship and marriage. Superintendent Francis G. Blair to the contrary notwithstanding. Nature has given man intuitive knowledge in this subject which cannot be improved upon by any human instruction. Another serious objection will be the difficulty of finding suitable instructors for this subject were it placed in the curriculum. The average old maid teacher is not able to give the necessary instructions by the laboratory method which is the essential method for all school subjects."

County Superintendent Littell of the Wayne county anti-dance crusade said:

"It appears to me that the talent to 'court' in the average boy or girl develops too early in life, along with the natural order of things, without any scientific system to give it impetus. Already it is reduced to a fine art in Nebraska. Why should it be attempted scientifically when a battle royal is being waged between matrimony and the compulsory education law? Few census reports are given to us in which are not included the names of married women. We have the evil of 'skipping grades' to combat. Think of the 'leaps' and 'bounds' that would be taken to gain the grade in which Superintendent Blair's suggestion had been carried out! Again, our faithful teachers, who have stormed the 'three-year limit' and added several years more of their lives to the work, would find themselves confronted with difficulties insurmountable; it would be hard to convince the boys and girls that their lives had been dedicated to the work of teaching, as a reason for not having long since applied the principles of courtship which they would teach. I shudder when I think of the number of texts on 'courtship' that would flood the market, of the original ideas that would be supplemented by teachers, and of the resulting 'affinities.' I am convinced, therefore, that it is better for us to prepare Nebraska girls and boys for their life's work and let the school system of Illinois do for theirs what they will, so long as they do not inflict upon us any of the 'finished product' resulting from the plan proposed by the state superintendent of that state."

County Superintendent Miller of Cedar county replied:

"This subject may admit of a great many different opinions. But it seems to me that the child of today thinks of and practices courtship enough without having it brought more forcibly to his mind by the teacher in the school room. When a man discovers his 'affinity' I do not think it would help his cause any if he had had the science of courtship taught him all his life. He would probably forget all his set rules and precise words when the exciting moment came. Seriously, courtship and love come naturally to one, and I think the time in the school room could be spent more profitably.

SPORTS

FIGHT DRAWS NEAR.

Papke-Kelly Bout in Milwaukee the Biggest Event in the West

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Next Monday night in the ring of the Badger Athletic club at Milwaukee, Billy Papke, formerly of Spring Valley, but now of Kewanee, Ill. and Hugo Kelley, the local Italian with the Irish sobriquet, will meet in what might well be called the semi-final fight

matched with Stanley Ketchel, of Montana, for the title.

Papke and Kelly will box ten rounds to a decision, the genial Malachy Hogan will referee, and the weight will be 154 pounds at 3 o'clock. The fighters will receive 60 per cent of the gross house receipts, and if the articles are adhered to strictly, their portion of the money will be cut 75 per cent for the winner and 25 per cent for the loser.

RUBE WADDELL AN "OUTLAW"

Erratic Baseball Star May Lead an Independent League.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 28.—"Rube" Waddell may be at the head of an independent baseball circuit in the southern states next season. Local officials are talking about bolting from organized ball and forming a circuit independent of the National association.

Waddell has been wintering here and so captivated everybody, from Mobile's mayor down to the small children, that he is already a hero and has expressed willingness to work for the new league.

NO SIGN OF RESIGNING

Secretary Taft Has Buckled Down to Work of Department in Earnest.

Washington, Dec. 28.—If Secretary Taft has any idea of leaving the cabinet, it is not apparent since his return. He is buckled down to work in good form and by some this is taken to mean that when the big secretary gets several matters which are pending cleared up he will resign and look after his political fortunes.

PASTOR SPURNS COINS.

Turns Back \$100 of Christmas Present Which Congregation Gives Him.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—"If the brethren have no objections I would rather not take these five double eagles. The new money is very pretty, but it lacks the sacred motto my mother taught me to look for on all our country's coins."

With this little speech Rev. W. A. Jones, Knoxville Presbyterian church, returned to the donors \$100 of a \$200 purse his congregation had given him as a Christmas present. The purse was made up of gold and five objectionable \$20 pieces did not bear the "In God We Trust" motto.

LECTURES BRING \$50,000

Equals Salary of the President by Addresses at \$300 a Night.

Washington, Dec. 28.—According to the report of his agents, William Jennings Bryan is making about \$50,000 a year from his lectures.

Charles L. Wagner, secretary of the Slayton Lyceum bureau, which manages his lecture tours, asserts that he has filled 175 dates during the year 1907, and that his receipts for the season have averaged more than \$300 for each appearance.

Bryan stands at the head of the list of platform speakers today for the size of his audiences, for the receipts at the box office and for the demands for his appearance.

"Mr. Bryan's regular charge at Chautauquas," said Mr. Wagner, "is the first \$250 taken at the gate and half of all the receipts over \$500, not including season tickets. He is the only man who can make such a liberal contract. For an evening lecture in a course he charges \$200 cash as a guarantee, and half of all the receipts at the door."

TARKINGTON IN FIGHT.

Author Pummels Two Indianapolis Patrolmen and Lands in Station.

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.—Filled with the fighting spirit of his hero, M. Beauchaire, Booth Tarkington, in the early hours of Christmas morning, roundly thumped two of Indianapolis guardians of the peace. Incidentally, he received a few bumps himself and finally wound up in the city prison. There a desk sergeant with literary inclinations permitted him to go free after he had promised to journey straight home. This was not until he had been slated to answer a charge of resisting an officer and had promised to appear in court. Tarkington failed to appear in court this morning, and a friend obtained a continuance until Saturday.

WILL HEAR TAFT.

Scheduled to Make Four Speeches in New England City.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Secretary of War William H. Taft, leading candidate for the republican presidential nomination, will deliver four speeches in Boston next Monday, and there is much interest evinced as to what he will have to say. When the secretary arrived from his trip around the world he found arrangements all completed for his New England trip in conformity with the promises he had made some time before he left for the Philippines. Perhaps the more important of the four speeches will be before the Elysium club, an organization of Hebrew citizens, most of whom are prosperous business men. The secretary, it is expected, will tell them something of the existing conditions in Russia, and how former conditions have been ameliorated.

LEAP YEAR BEGINS SOON.

Next Wednesday Brings the Fateful Day—No Organization Yet.

Although leap year begins next Wednesday—the first leap year in four years—little has been done in Norfolk to take advantage of the condition in an organized manner. Last leap year a club of young ladies was organized for a leap year campaign and today most of them are happily wedded. An opportunity for girls four years younger is now presented.

No announcements for open house next Wednesday have been made in Norfolk.

TRAVELING MAN EXPLAINS SHORT ORDERS THIS WINTER.

FAULT OF WEATHER, NOT PANIC

In Fact There is No Shortage in Money in This Section of the Country, But the Mild Weather Has Affected Trade Considerably.

"North Nebraska business has had a decidedly stronger enemy the last two months than the financial flurry, which hasn't affected things much," said one of the younger Norfolk traveling men this week. "Now my own line of business has been unusually good but a lot of the boys have found slow sales. Now, anything that looks like slow business is charged up to the flurry which I can't see has been of much moment."

"The hard lines for business in north Nebraska have been caused almost altogether by the weather. We have had another winter with September weather. Result? Why, seasonable goods haven't sold. Next result? Everybody blames the flurry."

"The merchant not having sold his winter stock isn't in a disposition to buy. Or, perhaps, having sold his money tied up in a slow moving stock the noisy financial flurry causes him to trim his sails."

"The splendid Christmas business just over has proved that the country is prosperous and that it is spending the money. The only trouble is that for three months past it has not had to spend its money for a lot of seasonable goods that were loading down the stock shelves."

"Now that real cold weather promises to be setting in I look for business to pick up rapidly and am confident of a big spring business in any event."

"Norfolk is large enough to be affected by a good many different influences that make or unmake the town's prosperity. But with all north Nebraska it is different. After all is said and done it is the prosperity of the farm that counts and the farm is prosperous as never before. The farmers have money. They must spend it in the little centers and business there must be good for it is close to the earth. It can't help but be good."

RESOLUTION IMPORTANT.

Bill Regarding Certified Checks May Solve Financial Problem.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Much importance is attached by financial men to the joint resolution introduced in the house by Congressman Hill, of Connecticut, declaring it to be the sense of congress that the treasury may take certified checks in payment of public dues and may make payments with certified checks against the deposits of the government in banks to such creditors as will receive them.

FARMERS BUNCOED.

Real Estate Grafter's Playing Their Tricks in South Dakota.

Mitchell, S. D., Dec. 28.—The real estate grafter is abroad in this state, and he has been able to work his scheme with a great deal of profit in the north part of the state, notably in Brown county. Twenty-two farmers were caught in the smooth deal, and their notes are now standing out, waiting for some bank to collect them when due. The "queer" real estate man goes to a farmer and asks him if he will sell his farm, to which the farmer replies that he would not sell the land now. The agent then made him an offer, and followed it up with several others, each time going higher in price, until the farmer finally said he would take \$60 an acre for the farm. The agent said he could sell the land at this figure, and would make the sale, provided the farmer would pay him 50 cents an acre for advertising purposes, payable when the farm was sold. This the farmer agreed to, and the agent produced a contract, which the farmer signed. The contract simply reads that the farmer shall pay the agent 50 cents for advertising the land, and does not mention that the agent must sell the land before the 50 cents is payable. This little joker was overlooked by the farmer, and several weeks later he received a copy of an advertisement of his quarter section for publishing his advertisement. One of the farmers of the twenty-two paid \$220 as his share of the swindle, but the others assert that they are going to fight the payment of the contract notes. Attorneys who have been consulted on the validity of the notes state that they are good and can be collected through the medium of the courts.

BOY GETS PRESENT.

Numerous Copies of Chancellor's Day's "Raid on Prosperity."

Washington, Dec. 28.—The negro elevator boy in one of the office buildings largely populated by newspaper

costs you a trifle less than Arbuckles' Ariosa Coffee, but you really pay more for it and do not get as good coffee.

Don't get confused—Arbuckles' Ariosa Coffee is really the cheapest good coffee in the world.

In sealed packages for your protection.

ARBUCKLES BROS., New York City.

APOLOGIZES TO BARNES

O'NEILL INDEPENDENT EDITOR MAKES RETRACTION.

AND DODGES PROSECUTION

Editor Miles of the O'Neill Independent in This Week's Issue Says His Article, He Finds on Investigation, Was False.

O'Neill, Neb., Dec. 28.—Special to The News: The criminal libel case filed against Editor Miles of the O'Neill Independent by Supreme Judge J. B. Barnes of Norfolk has been settled out of court. The Independent, in its issue today, makes a retraction and apologizes to Judge Barnes for the gross injustice done him. In consideration of the retraction and apology Judge Barnes, having no ill will toward Editor Miles and only desiring justice, has dismissed the prosecution against the newspaperman.

In his retraction Editor Miles says that after careful investigation he finds that the article which he published was false. He admits that he did Judge Barnes a great wrong through his paper. He is sorry for what he did and wants to right the injustice as much as he can. He says that his partisanship in politics should not justify making false charges and he is anxious to set Judge Barnes right before the people.

Supreme Judge J. B. Barnes confirmed the news dispatch from O'Neill that he had dismissed prosecution against Editor Miles, in view of the retraction and apology. He said he felt no ill will toward Miles and had consented to drop the prosecution in view of the retraction.

ADVERTISERS GOT THE BUSINESS

How it Happens That Advertised Stores Sell for Less Money.

After all, the proof of the pudding is in the eating. The Norfolk merchants who advertised most before Christmas did the biggest business. Those who didn't advertise at all are complaining because business was dull.

You can't point out a single big business, in a profit way, that has not gone into advertising. And the more extensively the advertising is gone into, the greater the profits.

The News simplifies the problem in Norfolk because The News is read in practically every home both inside the city and on all five rural routes out of Norfolk (each route covering twenty-five miles) every day. Is it any wonder that merchants who are using The News to place attractive bargains before the buying public in and around Norfolk, are the business getters?

And there's another side to it. It is perfectly reasonable that these merchants who are advertising extensively can give better values to the public because, doing the greatest amount of business, they are able to sell on smaller margins.

It is therefore very vitally important to the pocketbook of people in and around Norfolk to try those merchants who advertise before all others. It means money-saving.

And by virtue of the fact that more and more tempting bargains are being offered every week in The News, the subscribers of The News are enabled more and more to save the price of their subscription many times over in the course of a year.

Suppose a housewife saved 10 cents a day by reading The News' ads, and snapping up genuine bargains that she needed. That would be sixty cents a week. The paper, delivered every day, is only 10 cents a week. So that woman would save six times the price of the paper in getting genuine bargains offered in The News and offered through no other medium. For The News is the only advertising medium in Norfolk.

And here's another thing. Don't let any merchant presume upon your intelligence by trying to sell you an article inferior to the one you ask for. When you see an article advertised, and want it, insist upon getting that article. Don't let any dealer sell you an inferior article for the simple reason that he can make a bigger profit off the inferior article.

Advertised articles must stand up. They must be of a quality to sustain their own reputations after being advertised. Otherwise the advertising would be of no permanent effect. So insist upon getting what you want. Don't be cheated.

Operation for Blood Poisoning.

Blood poisoning setting in in his right arm necessitated an operation on Peter Stafford, jr., Friday evening. The operation was performed by Dr. A. B. Tashjian, the patient resting easy afterward. The cause of the blood poisoning is a mystery, not a single scratch being discernible on the arm. It is hoped that the trouble has now passed.

men, is rejoicing in the possession of some unexpected Christmas presents, but not rejoicing much. The 200 newspaper correspondents and the 432 congressmen here have all received from some unknown Santa Claus copies of Chancellor Day's book on "The Raid on Prosperity." Most of them placed their presents on file in the waste-baskets or sold them to second-hand book stores; but a bright mind among the newspaper correspondents in this building hit on a better scheme.

"Let us," he said to his co-laborers, "make glad the heart of the elevator boy."

Accordingly the boy received from him a nicely-wrapped book, with the compliments of the season. He accepted it with profuse thanks, unwrapped it, and found it to be a copy of "The Raid on Prosperity." An hour later, while he was turning over the pages in a vain search for pictures, another correspondent entered the elevator and handed him a nicely wrapped book and a "Merry Christmas." The boy opened it and found a copy of "The Raid on Prosperity."

They kept coming at half-hour intervals all the rest of the day. Last evening the boy was shyly wild whenever a man with a package entered the elevator.

"Dese yere 'spondents," he confided to an inquirer last night, "am pow'ful fond of readin', but the yain't got no variety in dere tastes."

THE MODERN BROTHERHOOD

BIG DOINGS IN THE LOCAL LODGE FRIDAY NIGHT.

MEMBERSHIP BROUGHT TO 185

Initiatory Work Put on by the Norfolk Degree Team—Visitors Present from Outside Towns—Banquet at the Close.

The membership of the Norfolk lodge of the Modern Brotherhood of America was brought up to 185 at the rally and initiation held in the Norfolk lodge rooms Friday night. Outside members of the order were present from Hoskins, Stanton and Warnerville but the attendance of candidates from away was rather disappointing.

The following candidates were initiated Friday evening: A. Kunitz, Mrs. Ida Kunitz, Norfolk; A. Popstein, Mary Popstein, Warnerville; J. R. Benz, Mrs. J. M. Benz, Hans Rohmer, Henry Bergeman, O. L. Hickerson, M. H. Elliott and Mrs. M. H. Elliott, Norfolk.

The initiation work was put on by the Norfolk degree team, whose work was declared especially creditable. The degree team has thirteen members: J. F. Jansen, captain; Miss Katie Reiter, Miss Lena Munsterman, Mrs. George Mather, Mrs. Fred Harder, Mrs. G. A. Warner, Mrs. Ed. Mullen, C. A. Warner, F. A. Krantz, R. F. Bruce, Ed. Mullen, Will Munsterman and James Dignan.

At the close of the exercises State Manager S. S. Hayman of Grand Island gave a short talk. W. J. Weatherholt and Charles Green of Hoskins also spoke.

At 11:30 an oyster supper and banquet was served in G. A. R. hall. About eighty were present.

The lodge aims at a membership of 200.

IVORY BALLS CATCH COLD.

Billiard Spheres Must be Handled With Care.

"Hey, close that window. There's too much of a draft."

"Why, are you afraid of a little breeze like that? It's no more than a gentle zephyr."

"No, I'm not afraid of it myself, but I'm thinking of those billiard balls. They'll catch cold."

Then the expert on billiard balls proceeded to expatiate upon the fatal effects of a draft on the spheres. He said the expensive globes, which cost from \$12 to \$15 each, should be looked after with as much care as a tender plant. The temperature of the room should be as nearly uniform as possible. Drafts find in them easier victims than the most hopeless rheumatic subjects.

THIRTY-FIVE AND FIFTY-SEVEN.

A Young Farmer of Concord and a Norfolk Woman Much Older.

Adolph H. Fink, aged thirty-five, a young farmer of Concord, and Mrs. Fredericka Kiesel, aged fifty-seven, a Norfolk widow, will be wed in this city on January 5, a week from Sunday. Rev. J. P. Mueller will perform the ceremony.

Fink met his bride-to-be as a result of visits made to this vicinity. Despite the fact that her years are nearly three score Fink became a suitor and a successful one. His home is in Cedar county.

Mrs. Kiesel lives in her own home east of the river where she owns a few lots.

The marriage license was issued from the county court at Madison Friday.