

THE DAYS BEFORE LENT

SOCIETY IS IMPROVING THE REMAINING HOURS.

DANCES, LUNCHEONS, DINNERS

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With next week's social calendar already well filled with dances, luncheons and dinner parties, it is easy to predict with untroubled conscience that the period intervening between now and Lent will be marked with a little more than the usual amount of social activity in Norfolk, where social affairs have been remarkably infrequent since the holidays.

This week held the fifth of the dances in the Elk series, pleasant features of this season. On Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs. J. B. Maynard and Mrs. J. C. Stitt were hostesses at two enjoyable afternoon affairs, opening with a luncheon. The parties were at the Stitt residence and completed a series of luncheons began last week.

The number of luncheons, small parties and club meetings this week attested the approach of Lent, to be ushered in a week from next Wednesday, on March 4. Society, aroused this week to a knowledge of the nearness of the Lenten season, has set out to make the most of the intervening days. Among the invitations issued are those to the dancing party given by the young men of Norfolk at Marquardt hall next Friday evening. The dance is given in part as a bit of appreciation of the leap year dancing party of the Trinity social guild.

Washington's birthday was not forgotten in the social affairs of the week.

Pleasures of the Week.

A very enjoyable surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Stafford for forty of their friends last Saturday night, the occasion being Mr. Stafford's birthday. High five was played. Prizes were given Mr. and Mrs. Roland for winning the most games, while Frank McCann and Mrs. Killoran proved their ability to lose the most games and were given consolation prizes. Music was furnished during the evening by Misses Lucy Schaffer and Anna Kelleher at the piano and Mr. O'Donnell with the violin. Refreshments were served, after which the tables were cleared from the dining room and an old-fashioned quadrille danced by some of the older people present. Then the younger members of the party took possession of the floor. The time to depart came all too soon for Mr. Stafford's guests.

An informal reception at the First Congregational church Thursday evening for Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Turner was attended by about a hundred friends. The party was a farewell reception for the retiring pastor, Mr. Turner leaving Norfolk to accept a call from the church at Shenandoah, Iowa. Mr. Turner has been pastor of the First Congregational church in Norfolk for six years, coming here from McCook. He has been prominently identified with many Norfolk affairs and there were many who were unable to attend the farewell reception who regretted Mr. Turner's decision to accept the call to Iowa.

Mrs. Gwynn was the victim of a pleasant surprise Thursday afternoon. The regular weekly meeting of the ladies' guild of Trinity church was scheduled to meet with her that afternoon, but they made more of the occasion than an ordinary guild meeting. Learning that the day was her wedding anniversary, they brought well laden baskets, from the depths of which came materials for a dainty repast at the close of an unusually pleasant afternoon.

About thirty ladies were guests at a luncheon on Tuesday afternoon at the Stitt home. Mrs. J. B. Maynard and Mrs. J. C. Stitt entertained. The afternoon was devoted to euchre, the honors going to Mrs. Will Hall. On the following afternoon Mrs. Maynard and Mrs. Stitt entertained at a Kensington luncheon. Eighteen ladies were present.

Mrs. A. J. Durland entertained a small company of friends at a luncheon given Friday afternoon complimentary to Mrs. M. C. Walker, who is soon to leave Norfolk, and her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Harper of Clearwater.

A masquerade dancing party at Railway hall Friday evening was largely attended and furnished a good time to those present. The costumes were unique, and ranged from pretty to hideous.

Among the Washington birthday affairs announced was a supper by the ladies' society of the Second Congregational church at the railroad hall for Saturday evening.

Miss Martha Davenport assisted by Mrs. Odionne entertained the ladies of the First Congregational church Thursday afternoon.

The B. B. club met with Mrs. L. C. Taylor Thursday afternoon. Refreshments were served and a pleasant afternoon passed.

About twenty-five neighbors and friends enjoyed Saturday evening at the home of H. Rohwer east of the city.

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the Chess club on Wednesday evening. It was a pleasant meeting.

Mrs. E. P. Weatherby entertained the Tuesday club Friday afternoon. The afternoon was given over to cards.

A Modern Woodman dance, the second in the series, was held Thursday evening in Marquardt hall.

The West Side Whist club was pleasantly entertained Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. David Baum.

The Ladies of the W. R. C. served a chicken pie dinner as a feature of Washington's birthday.

The South Norfolk card club gave its third card party Tuesday evening in railroad hall.

Mrs. William Beck entertained the N. H. O. E. club at tea Wednesday afternoon.

The fifth dance in the Elk series was given Friday evening in Marquardt hall.

The Owl club gave a masquerade dance in South Norfolk Friday evening.

The Wednesday club met with Miss Helen Bridge.

Hymenial. Mr. E. B. Kauffman and Miss Kate Reiter were married on Sunday evening in the Catholic church of the Sacred Heart, Father Thomas Walsh officiating. After the ceremony, which was attended only by the witnesses, Mrs. Burritt and Mr. John F. Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman left on a short wedding trip through Iowa.

Mr. Robert Klug and Miss Lesetter Wachtler were married Sunday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wachtler, by Rev. John Witte, pastor of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran church. After March 25 Mr. and Mrs. Klug will make their home on South Eighth street.

Coming Events.

Invitations to a Longfellow social have been issued by the Christian Endeavor of the First Congregational church, the party being set for next Friday evening. Those present are expected to attend in costume.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burnham will entertain at a 6:30 dinner next Monday evening and also on Wednesday evening. The dinner parties will be followed by cards.

A dancing party will be given in Marquardt hall next Friday evening, the dance being given in return for the leap year party of the Trinity social guild.

An evening at cards will follow a 6:30 dinner party given next Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Erskine.

Mrs. Spear, Mrs. McNamee and Miss Mason are to be hostesses at a one o'clock luncheon on Tuesday.

Passed Away in Bancroft.

Was at One Time a Circus Performer of Some Fame—Started With Ringlings Years Ago When They Had a Wagon Show.

Frank Cousins was called to Bancroft by a message telling him of the death of his brother, Lou Cousins, until recently employed in the Thiem meat market in Norfolk. Cousins, it will be recalled, suffered a sudden attack of paralysis one night in Norfolk, the attack affecting his speech and auditory centers. He never entirely rallied from the attack.

Lou Cousins, before he gave up the glimmer of the saw dust ring for prosaic work in a meat market, was a circus performer of some fame. He was a born contortionist, with a remarkable control over his muscles and loose joints. He had the "knack" of the circus stunt and he made good in the circus world in high wire and horseback work as well as a contortionist.

Nineteen years ago Cousins left a little town in Iowa to go along with the Ringling circus, then still a wagon show but in a few years to become one of the two "big" circuses in the world. At different times Cousins traveled with most of the big shows. And when ever a circus came to Norfolk he felt the old circus fever.

Lou Cousins was married. His mother also lives at Bancroft. He was taken to Bancroft about two months ago.

T. P. A. OFFICERS.

Post F of Norfolk Holds Annual Election Here.

Post F, Travelers Protective association of America, held its election of officers in Norfolk Saturday afternoon, with the following results:

President, A. F. Stearns; first vice president, D. S. Day; second vice president, A. L. Lagger; third vice president, F. H. Scott; fourth vice president, S. H. Anderson; fifth vice president, Tom H. Price; secretary and treasurer, Herman O. Kiesau.

Following are committee chairmen: Railroads, J. T. Thompson; legislature, S. F. Erskine; hotels, George H. Spear; press, F. G. Gettinger; physician, P. H. Salter.

Directors: S. F. Erskine, chairman; F. G. Gettinger, D. S. Day, A. L. Lagger, J. T. Thompson, I. T. Thompson.

TRAGIC FAMILY RECORD

TEMPESTUOUS CAREER OF THE BOCHE FAMILY.

PIONEERS IN MADISON COUNTY

Many a Dramatic Story Appears in the Lives of William Boche, Sr., and His Family Down on the Elkhorn River—Tragedy Always.

The tragic drowning of William Boche in the Elkhorn recalls the peculiar death of his mother more than a dozen years ago. Mrs. William Boche, sr., died as the result of having swallowed a fish bone. The Boche families have always been great fishers and trappers and fish have been constantly on their tables for two score years. A fish bone lodged in Mrs. Boche's throat. She would not have a physician but members of her family tried to relieve her. Infection is said to have set in, death resulting.

Mr. and Mrs. William Boche, sr., were pioneer settlers in Madison county. William Boche, sr., was a "sixty-six" man, one of the Madison county farmers who came here from Wisconsin and one of the founders of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran church, Norfolk's pioneer church. The Boches were of a coast fishing people. They came from the north German coast. So William Boche took his homestead on the Elkhorn in a region where trapping and fishing were afforded him and his sons for two score years.

Many a dramatic story is held in the lives of William Boche, sr., and his family down on the Elkhorn river, some three miles southeast of Norfolk. William Boche, sr., is now dead. He died a year ago, to the last a man with no faith in banks, for when he died he left several hundred dollars in gold hidden on his farm. On his deathbed he tried to tell where the gold was hidden.

William Boche, sr., left two sons, William Boche, who was drowned this week, and Herman Boche, who will be tried next week at Madison for shooting Frank Jarmer.

The killing of George Ives nineteen years ago was a dramatic incident in the lives of both William and Herman Boche. William Boche and Ives were quarreling when Herman felled Ives with an ax.

Then last spring came the murder of Frank Jarmer which again brought the Boche family into the limelight.

William Boche was drowned in a river that he had lived beside for more than forty years. He was drowned just as he was making preparations to leave the vicinity where he had spent pretty nearly every day of his life since boyhood. And he was drowned on the eve of the trial of his brother for murder.

Close by the fertile farms of William and Herman Boche is the outdoor camp of Fred Boche, their cousin, Madison county's giant and probably the biggest man in Nebraska. For eight years he has slept in a tent, securing the comforts of a house even in the winter.

Drowning Was Accidental.

Additional circumstances which come to light all tend to confirm the original theory that the drowning of William Boche in the Elkhorn last Wednesday was wholly accidental. Stories of suicide, while still abroad, are credited by few of those acquainted with the facts. Boche seemed to have been pleased over his prospective removal to Knox county, nothing unusual had been noted in his actions, his tracks are said to show that he walked up and down the river bank looking for a safe place to cross, that he avoided several open places and came back to cross in a place where thin snow ice appeared safe when it was really but a thin coating over a deep hole in the river. He was warmly clad preparatory to his trip to Norfolk.

Short funeral services for the late William Boche will be held at the Boche home at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The remains will be taken from the home to Christ Lutheran church in Norfolk where Rev. J. P. Mueller will conduct regular services. The interment will be in the new Lutheran cemetery.

William Boche was a religious man and a member of the congregation of Christ Lutheran church.

COON TOWN WHIZZERS.

Successful Home Talent Entertainment at Neligh.

Neligh, Neb., Feb. 24.—Special to The News: What was the most successful and enjoyable home talent entertainment given in this city for a number of years was pulled off at the Auditorium Saturday evening, when Mr. M. B. Huffman presented in miniature, the "Coon Town Whizzers." The reserve seat sale was sold out last Tuesday morning, consequently nothing but general admission and standing room tickets were sold on the evening of the performance.

The stars of the cast were J. C. Jenkins, Geo. Whitney, Geo. Owen, Housh and Master Dana Cole. The receipts of the evening's entertainment were over \$200, which will go toward paying for the piano and purchasing new scenery.

EIGHTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY.

C. H. Wilde, a Pioneer of Cuming County, Celebrates.

West Point, Neb., Feb. 22.—Special to The News: C. H. Wilde, one of the first settlers of the county, celebrated his eighty-second birthday on Saturday. He is a native of Germany and has been a resident of Cuming county for forty-one years, rearing a family

ing well. Mr. Wilde homesteaded the quarter section where he still lives and has acquired the rest of the section by purchase since, owning now the entire section two miles from the city limits. His health is excellent and to all appearances he will live to see one hundred years. He is a director of the First National bank and has held many offices of honor and trust.

A Problem in Time.

There is a Norfolk girl away at college who writes forty-page letters home. Her father is trying to figure out how any one who writes forty-page letters can have time enough left to do enough to fill forty pages, or how anyone who does enough to fill forty pages can find time enough to write that long a letter.

Equalizing.

"Things equalize themselves in this country," said a Norfolk man as he went down town one cold morning this week. "The poor man may think he is cold now but he will be warm enough next summer."

BOCHE TRIAL ON MONDAY

CASE WILL COME BEFORE JUDGE WELCH AT MADISON.

REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE TIME

It is Expected That Difficulty Will be Experienced in Securing a Jury and That This Preliminary May Take Two or Three Days.

With the Boche murder trial up Monday afternoon, the case being set for 1 o'clock, all eyes in this section will turn to Madison where Herman Boche will be tried for shooting Frank Jarmer. The court room in the Madison county house will be packed with spectators when District Judge Welch arrives to convene court.

The Boche trial is expected to occupy the greater part of next week. Considerable time will be consumed in getting the jury of twelve men. It is probable that the regular panel of jurors will be early exhausted and that Sheriff Clements will be sent forth to summon Madison county citizens to appear to be examined as possible jurors.

The jury panel already drawn consists of E. A. Amerine, F. W. Baker, O. T. Bostrom, B. L. C. Bonner, D. D. Brunson, A. P. Brubaker, C. H. Brake, Vern Coupland, Joseph Dankey, P. H. Finnegan, A. W. Goldsworthy, F. A. Henninger, Adolph Hille, Charles Knapp, W. H. King, George F. Mills, J. H. Massman, Reuben E. Nichols, Obed Raasch, W. G. Reeves, Henry Stoltenberg, Lou Thavenet, P. H. Tyrrel and Anton Weiland. These names will be drawn by lot.

The prosecution is permitted six peremptory challenges, the defense sixteen. There is no limit on the number of jurors who can be challenged for cause. On account of the wide interest excited by the case difficulty is expected to be experienced in getting the required dozen of unprejudiced men.

The witnesses will be in Madison Monday afternoon. The jury once secured the case will be opened by the statement of the case of the prosecution.

Herman Boche, who will be tried for murder at Madison next week, was in Norfolk Friday. He came to this city on business connected with his father's estate, being administrator of the estate.

THE GREGORY COUNTY SEAT

FIGHT IS STILL ON TO WREST IT FROM FAIRFAX.

HERRICK AND BURKE PETITIONS

If These Towns Fail to Have Enough Signatures, the Town of Gregory Will Enter the Contest and Try to Secure the Coveted Prize.

Gregory, S. D., Feb. 24.—Special to The News: The board of county commissioners of Gregory county are now in session at Fairfax for the purpose of acting on the county seat petitions of Herrick and Burke, both of which towns are attempting to wrest the county seat from Fairfax. It is understood that Herrick and Burke have about the same number of signatures but it is not considered likely here that either has a majority of the voters as required by law. It is possible that Gregory will circulate a petition later on in case neither Herrick nor Burke succeeds in getting a place upon the ballot, as it is believed here that Gregory is the only town in the county that could secure a majority of the voters.

FLOURING MILL AT SPRINGVIEW.

Company Formed to Erect a Mill in Keya Paha County.

Springview, Neb., Feb. 22.—Special to The News: A corporation has been formed under the name of the Springview Milling company for the purpose of erecting and running a flouring mill in Springview. The capital stock is \$10,000, of which nearly half has already been subscribed by residents of this locality. This new industry will mean a good deal for the county besides supplying food stuffs, it creates a grain market equal to that of any of the towns along the railroad. The corporation elected the following officers: J. F. Carr, president; E. H. Tisue, vice president; H. L. Millay, treasurer; J. W. McLean, secretary; R. E. Jones, Adam Bammerlin and Chas. Henne-

A WAYNE MAN IS IN JAIL

JOE BARLEY ACCUSED OF STEALING THOSE SKATES.

HE IS NOW IN JAIL AT LAUREL

The Box of Stolen Skates Was Shipped From Wayne to Laurel But Accidentally Broke Open on the Depot Platform—Barley Once in Court.

Wayne, Neb., Feb. 22.—Special to The News: Joe Barley of this place has been arrested and is in jail at Laurel on the charge of having stolen forty-two pairs of skates from the Wayne opera house two weeks ago.

Barley shipped a box from here to Laurel. He was at Laurel when the box arrived. Accidentally the box broke open on the depot platform and the skates fell out. The marshal was there and arrested Barley.

Barley was formerly an M. & O. brakeman and was implicated in a charge of cashing another man's pay check at Sioux City a couple of years ago. After a hard fight he was cleared of that charge.

THE SOUTHERN NEGRO BEST.

A Norfolk Porter Compares Merits of Nebraska and Alabama.

"Dis here north Braska land am sure not nike old Alabam. Down there when dey get through wid da ole moon dey cut it up into little stars," remarked Bill as he gave a back flourish to the shoe in front of him. "Sure didn't you 'uns ever hear tell about dat moon?"

"But hittin away from dat poetry fancy Awh can tell you one way what Alabam has got old Braska beat across a watah melon patch. Awh point to the colored men. Talk all you want to, who ever heard of a colored man up north doin' anything fob his country? Da colored man grow best in da south."

"But Alabam am powful slow. It takes twenty men to start a fight in Alabam. In Norfolk it takes two men or one woman."

DURNO, THE MYSTERIOUS.

Popular Number in High School Lecture Course.

The most popular number in the high school lecture course, Durno, "The Mysterious," and his company, comes to the Auditorium next Saturday night. It is this number that is expected to fill the Auditorium and to help straighten out the finances of the committee in charge of the lecture course.

While the preceding numbers have been greeted with good houses the total expenses of the course have been heavy on account of the price that it has been necessary to pay to get a course of merit. The sale of individual tickets for the next two entertainments will have to amount to \$240 to prevent a deficit. When the season opened the committee picked Durno as their popular attraction and are planning an active canvass. The tickets will remain at fifty and twenty-five cents.

Durno is not only a magician but is a comedian and humorist. The evening is characterized as a mixture of mystery and fun.

Battle Creek Free of Small Pox.

Battle Creek Enterprise: Battle Creek is now absolutely free from small pox. The quarantine enforced at the residence of Fred Miller, Jr., was raised today and members of the family are at liberty to go when and where they please. The cases were light in each instance and no serious results will follow.

The Miller residence was the second to be quarantined and as no new cases have developed there seems to be little likelihood of Battle Creek residents being further inconvenienced by the pest.

Uncle Lige's Toes Sliced.

Clearwater Record: E. Luther had the misfortune to cut two of his toes off Saturday. Uncle Lige has lived to be past sixty years old and handled an axe all his life but the axe got the better of him this time. Dr. Hall was called and he stuck the severed members together and sewed them so they will stay and he thinks they will grow back all right in time.

Motor Cars in South Dakota.

Leads, S. D., Feb. 24.—Some time this spring it is expected that motors will be adopted on the Lead-Deadwood run of the Northwestern railroad. Although the officials decline to verify the rumor, employees assert that an order for the motors has already been placed by the company. They will be similar in type to the one which has been used on the Bonesteel and York branches and are expected to make better time on the steep mountain climb between Deadwood and this city, by rail a distance of but five miles.

Outside Precinct Caucus.

Republicans of Norfolk outside precinct met in the city hall at 2:30 o'clock and selected the following delegates to the Battle Creek convention, which meets next Saturday: A. L. Carter, Martin Brubaker, W. J. Freeman, C. P. Byerly, Burr Taft.

A. L. Carter was chairman and L. C. Hepperly secretary of the caucus. While presidential primary ballot was taken, it was said that nearly all those in the caucus are Taft men.

INDIAN SUMMER ON ROSEBUD.

Building Operations Have Continued During Winter.

Gregory, S. D., Feb. 24.—Special to The News: Weather conditions in the Rosebud country are all that can

DEAD FISH IN CITY WATER

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How the Fish Got into the Water Mains is What is Puzzling the Authorities—Liable to be a Change in Methods of Flushing.

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From reliable information it is stated that the fish was pumped up when a minnow last spring, although rumor has it that the standpipe was cleaned out about six months ago. However, if this were true, the fish could still remain in the water mains. All the flushing that the fire hydrants received in the outlying districts of this city during the past year was done by the fire department while practicing last May and June.

The property owners and city water consumers are going to ask the council at their next regular meeting why the flushing of fire hydrants should depend on the fire department, when a water commissioner was duly appointed last year. It is not only in case of fire that clean water should be used when entering a building, but for the general health of the consumers.

Burglar Alarm Demonstration.

Valentine, Neb., Feb. 22.—Special to The News: A public demonstration was given by the First National bank to show how the new burglar alarm works, which has recently been installed in that institution. Any tampering with the combination or drilling of the walls of the vaults while the alarm is on, immediately sets bells ringing, two inside and one large one outside. It is the very latest electric alarm and was installed at the cost of \$1,000.

WILL WIRE COLUMBUS Y. M. C. A.

Ed Brueggeman of Norfolk Gets Important Contract.

Ed Brueggeman of this city has just been awarded the contract for doing all of the electric wiring in the new Y. M. C. A. building at Columbus. Mr. Brueggeman secured this contract in competition with the largest wiring companies of Omaha and Lincoln, which is a strong compliment for the Norfolk firm. Mr. Brueggeman has recently secured a number of out-of-town wiring jobs of large proportions.

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The city officials whose terms of office expire this spring are Mayor Durland, City Treasurer Haase, City Clerk Hulff, Police Judge Eiseley, City Engineer Salmon, Councilmen Haase, Craven, Buchholz and Spellman, and Messrs. Salter and Viele, members of the board of education.

DEATH OF CHARLIE MIHILLS.

At One Time Prominent Horseman Passes Away.

Charlie Mihills, a resident of Norfolk for nearly eighteen years, prominent as a horse man and as a thoroughbred stock owner, is dead. Death came at 3:30 Thursday afternoon at his rooms in the Bishop block. A year ago last December Mr. Mihills suffered a stroke of paralysis. Since that time his health has been very uncertain, death during the last year appearing many times to be quite near. His death was ascribed to Bright's disease.

Mr. Mihills when he came to Norfolk in 1899 was financially one of the best fixed men in the city. He bought and fitted up a thoroughbred stock ranch eight miles southwest of the city. He also opened an unusually well equipped livery barn here. In this business he had Frank Hewins and D. D. Brunson as partners at different times.

Before he came to Norfolk Mihills had become interested in thoroughbred horses and for a number of years he owned some blooded race horses in this city.

Several years ago Mr. Mihills retired from the livery business but he kept up his hack line until last spring.

Charles Wesley Mihills was born in 1849 in New York. Before he came to Norfolk he lived in Michigan and in Wisconsin. He was engaged in the lumber business in Fond du Lac and in Merrill, Wis. He was married in the former city in 1876, his wife dying two years ago last October. He was fifty-eight when he died.

Mr. Mihills made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kilmurry, who were married in Norfolk last Christmas-day. One brother, M. Mihills lives in Norfolk. Walter Main, the circus man, was a nephew of Mr. Mihills.

The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Trinity Episcopal church. Rev. J. C. S. Wells conducted the services. Interment was in Prospect Hill cemetery.

OLD SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION.

About Time Such Association Was Organized in Norfolk.

How about an old settlers' association for this section of north Nebraska? Or how about an organization of north Nebraska pioneers?

Two old timers were talking the matter over in Norfolk the other day. They had not seen each other for some time and got to talking about how long it had been since they had seen certain other men, still living, who thirty or forty years ago were active in the life of this section. Then the reunion idea came up.

There are a number of old settlers' organizations in Nebraska but none in this immediate territory.

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