

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Mrs. Nora Sims left at noon for Sioux City. C. S. Smith of Madison was in the city Tuesday. C. L. Hall is in Coon Rapids, Ia., on a visit to his mother. Robert Jamison is spending the holidays at the home of his parents west of the city. Miss Emma Hartman was called home from Douglas, Wyo., by the illness of her mother. Mr. and Mrs. E. Weatherly returned last evening from Omaha. C. E. Greene of Plainville was in Norfolk Tuesday, calling on Tom Brice at the Oxnard. Mrs. Lottie Davis left for Chicago this morning where she will make her home with her mother. Mr. and Mrs. John Magnuson of Elkhart, Ind., who have been visiting B. W. Jones, left today for the east. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chilson, who have been visiting in Norfolk at the C. S. Hayes home, left today for Crete, where they will be the guests of their daughter. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sohlinger and little daughter left today for their home in Clyde, Kan., after spending the holidays at the home of Mrs. Sohlinger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Alberry. Dr. W. H. Pilger is back from Omaha. M. J. Sanders has gone to North Platte. H. C. Sattler is home from a visit to Baltimore. Ray Page of Stanton has been visiting Fay Nightingale. Frank Flynn of Gregory, S. D., is home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Will Hall are spending the week in Columbus. H. Seidel of Stanton was in Norfolk on a visit with friends. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Coleman spent Christmas at Newman Grove. Sam Kent, Jr., and family left today for a visit at Rochester, Minn. Paul Paul arrived home last night from a short visit in Omaha. George Bosburg returned today from a week spent in South Dakota. R. B. Hall and sister, Miss Marie Hall, are visiting in David City. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weiland of Fremont were in Norfolk Christmas. Miss Effie Cronk is spending the holidays with her parents in Norfolk. Miss Georgia Blakeman returned last evening from a Christmas visit to Omaha. Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rice, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Braasch, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Winter, a daughter. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klug, of near Norfolk, a daughter. Born to Mr. and Mrs. August Hechman of Hadar, a daughter. H. E. Truesdell of Creighton, while in Norfolk, fell on a pane of glass, badly cutting a hand and severing an artery. Plainville Republican: H. M. Scott informed us that he will soon begin the erection of a building 25x90 feet on the lots north of the Loiz millinery store for his automobile garage. On Thursday afternoon eight Columbus ladies will give a musical at the Norfolk insane hospital for the benefit of the patients. Mrs. C. S. Evans has spent the past four weeks in Meadow Grove with her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Dunn. She returns to Norfolk much improved in health. Charles Bridge arrived home yesterday from Fremont, having spent Christmas there on his way back from Oberlin college, where he has been seriously sick with an attack of blood poisoning. Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: C. D. Case, Wood Lake; Miss Maggie Jordan, Creighton; G. W. Coomes, Niobrara; H. E. Truesdell, A. E. Reed, J. Cross, H. E. Cross, J. L. Jordan, L. M. Mansfield, J. S. DeForest, Creighton; Donald Brodie, Bonessel, S. D.; Pat Dougherty, Dallas, S. D.; B. F. Coryne, Pierce; R. J. McFadden, Gregory, S. D.; Willard Sisson, Frank McCloud, St. Edwards; Newton L. Clark, Fairfax, S. D.; Herbert Rhodes, Creighton; Paul F. Lamoureux, O'Neill; Chioe Beckley, Creighton; Miss Ardella Van Conett, Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Justin, Meadow Grove; A. J. Wilcox, Gregory, S. D.; Robert Schultz, Pierce; Tom Johnson, Miss Florence Tillson, Clarence Tillson, Winslow; Frank Strelow, Pierce; Allie Klenow, Winnetoon; Mrs. McCarthy, Verdel; H. H. Mohr, Plainville; O. S. Winter, Carlock, S. D.; Pat McDonald, Humphrey, H. E. Mason, Meadow Grove; Charles Watts, Humphrey. Fremont Tribune: Trainmaster E. O. Mount of the Northwestern has moved into the house, 1231 Park avenue, recently vacated by F. W. Saxton, who moved to Chadron. Battle Creek Enterprise: Fred Lau residing six miles east and three miles north of Battle Creek, was in town Tuesday making arrangements for his public sale which will be held Wednesday, January 6. Mr. Lau has rented his farm and will move to Norfolk. State Senator C. A. Randall, who will represent the Eleventh district in the coming legislature, will leave Newman Grove next Sunday for Lincoln. Mrs. Randall and her son will remain in Newman Grove. The senator's headquarters will be at 410 K street. Fred W. Richardson, whose appointment as postmaster at Battle Creek has been confirmed by the senate, has announced that he will retain Miss May Willis as deputy. Miss Willis has had sole charge of the office since the death of her father, Postmaster F. H. L. Willis. Before the election of N. A. House of Battle Creek as county superin-

tendent, written notice was given the Battle Creek board by Commissioners Malone and Sunderman that Mr. House would be appointed, thus making it possible for the board to take definite steps toward filling the vacancy. Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Young will be informally at home to their Norfolk friends on Friday evening at the hospital. After an informal reception, there will be dancing. No invitations are being issued, but all the Norfolk friends of Dr. and Mrs. Young are cordially invited through The News. Manager W. J. Stadelman of the Norfolk Long Distance Telephone company says that the recent order of the state railway commission, prohibiting the granting of free telephones, applies only to the independent plants in Nebraska that have ever had any free telephones on their lines. C. M. Thompson, the Newport banker, was in Norfolk today. Jack O'Leary and Lee Davis "mix it" in Gregory, S. D., on New Year's night. The mill is expected to be a fast one and is for twenty rounds. Touching his chances to win, Jack O'Leary, who is well known here, writes: "It looks a little hard on me, but I surprised the boys up here last winter and I am going to try and hand them the same bunch this winter." Madison county is represented by the following young people in this year's graduating class at the Wayne normal: Mr. Nordgren, Newman Grove, Mr. Dunn, Norfolk, Miss Jamieson, Norfolk, Mr. Cukosky, Battle Creek, science course; Mr. Taft, Norfolk, Miss Sachtjen, Madison, Miss Trent, Madison, teachers' course; Mr. Losoy, Battle Creek, commercial course. Robert Schoenfeld, whose funeral was held in Hadar by Rev. Mr. Brauer, was a member of the Norfolk lodge of the Sons of Herman. Mr. Schoenfeld was declared by local lodgesmen, to have been highly esteemed by all. He had been a member of the Sons of Herman for about a year and was in good standing. As a result the family is entitled to all the benefits of his membership. Aside from "The Honey-mooners," which comes to the Auditorium Saturday night, the following are Geo. M. Cohan's attractions: "The Governor's Son," "Running for Office," "Little Johnny Jones," "Geo. Washington, Jr.," "Forty-five Minutes From Broadway," "Fifty Miles From Boston," "The Yankee Prince," "The Talk of New York," "An American Idea," "The Doll's Holiday." Stanton Register: Charles Reiche gave an electric show and musical entertainment at the Sporn school house Tuesday evening. After the moving pictures were all shown, he presented some views of homestead life in South Dakota, showing the kinds of buildings, the lay of the land and the crops raised. These were an excellent aid to the pupils who attended in giving them an idea of how people live in the newly settled homes on the prairie. Little four-year-old Johnny Fink, a son of George Fink, a Northwestern bridgebuilder living at 611 Park avenue, choked to death at 7 o'clock last evening. The little boy was taken with a severe cold a few days ago, which developed into pneumonia and tonsillitis. When a physician was called yesterday afternoon he said the child could not live. The father was away but was expected home at noon. The family belong to the Zion German Congregational church. Ira Wolfe of Elgin, a merchant of that place and manager of the opera house there, was in Norfolk yesterday afternoon. Mr. Wolfe came to town to visit his friend, Tom Brice, who is still recovering from a very serious stage of typhoid fever. Mr. Wolfe has not been in Norfolk for ten years. He was surprised at the improvement shown during that time and commented favorably upon the city's metropolitan tone. Christmas business at Elgin, Mr. Wolfe said, was never so good as this year. Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Soat of Naper passed through Norfolk yesterday with the remains of their son, B. J. Soat, who died suddenly in Colorado springs last week. Mr. Soat was traveling salesman for an Omaha jobbing house and was well known over the state. Last spring he went to Colorado for relief from tuberculosis. He improved rapidly and the disease seemed to have left him. On Thursday he started for Nebraska, intending to resume his traveling. While on the way to the depot he was taken with hemorrhage of the lungs and died in a few hours. He was about thirty years old and unmarried. YOUNG WIFE DIES. Mrs. Carl Braasch Dies in Norfolk, Leaving Babe a Week Old. Mrs. Carl Braasch, living in Edge-water park addition, died at 5:15 Wednesday morning. She was twenty years old and had been married but thirteen months. She leaves a young husband and a little baby a week old. Mrs. Braasch was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reiche, living south of the city. She was raised in this vicinity and had many friends in and about Norfolk. WILL FREMONT GET IT. Understood that Fremont Can Have Next Firemen's Convention. Fremont Tribune: Whether Fremont wants to entertain the state firemen's convention in 1910 is a question confronting the Fremont fire department. Owing to the central location of Fremont, the firemen of the state are understood to be ready to come. Norfolk gets the convention this year, which will be held January 19, 20, and 21, and to which Fremont will send a large delegation, including representatives from every county and

its fire chief, Harry Hauser, to attend. M. M. Mortensen of Fremont is president of the state association. Business Changes. Mr. Lucky, who has been a North-western operator at Stanton, has opened a jewelry store in Pilger. Stephen Jones at Madison has doubled the capacity of his ice houses. MOTHER GOT HIS LOVE LETTER. Plains for Secret Marriage Failed Through an Old Mistake. Kansas City, Dec. 26.—If he cares to profit by past experiences perhaps in the future Paul W. Lutz, seventeen years old, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lutz of 1846 Denny avenue, Kansas City, Kan., will look twice the next time he writes a letter and places it in an envelope. After he went to St. Louis in November to work, young Lutz addressed an envelope to his mother, but instead of inserting the letter he had written to her he inserted a dainty note intended for his sweetheart, Miss Edith Herron of Kansas City, Kas. The letter received by Mrs. Lutz disclosed the fact that her son had asked Miss Herron to go to St. Louis and marry him on Christmas day. Mrs. Lutz lost no time in writing to St. Louis officials to stop the marriage. Fire Cure for Wayne Jag. Wayne Democrat: Wednesday afternoon the Democrat was told that a certain party visiting in Wayne had gotten into a little fuss, and to please not "write him up." As it was supposed to be only a slight fracture of the peace, the request was granted; but later information is to the effect that the affair was quite serious and it is just a matter of a few seconds that the "visitor" is not ripe for planting in the cemetery. However, we omit the gentleman's name out of regard for his family. Marshal Mier requests that the incident be made public if only to show what a damnable shack the city of Wayne keeps for a cooler. The offender had a bit of fuss with a bartender, and later Marshal Miner arrested him and took a loaded revolver from his person. The marshal then put him in the soak house; this being Tuesday evening. During the night the engineer at the power plant happened to notice smoke or fire in the dope parlors, and hurrying just in time to pull the drunken man out of the burning bed clothes, flames flaring up from the insect-lined linen. Marshal Miner says that ten minutes more would have made a permanent cure for the drink habit of this unfortunate, and he further states that the "calaboose" is a dangerous place, not only for inmates, but that there is a great risk of the old fire trap being the cause of a fire to the city power plant. It is so rotten that a prisoner could go through the floor or roof, and is utterly unfit to imprison even a dog. The party who came near being cremated will appear before Police Judge Britton on probably a couple of charges. Reunion in Bishop Block. Boyhood friends together, living in the same house in far away Norway, I. Sonneland, a business man at Newman Grove, and Dr. L. A. Culmsee of Norfolk, met in this city yesterday for the first time in thirty-three years. And when, after a third of a century had passed, Mr. Sonneland stepped into Dr. Culmsee's office in the Bishop block, the doctor looked up and called his Newman Grove friend by his first name. When Sonneland left Stavanger in Norway he was eighteen years old. Culmsee was a lad of thirteen. He had been born in Denmark but his parents had early moved to Norway. For four years the two had lived in the same house. Sonneland was on especially intimate terms with an older brother and was pallbearer at the latter's funeral. Then came a gap of thirty-three years. When Sonneland read that a Dr. Culmsee, a native of Norway, had recently located in Norfolk, he set about to ascertain if it was old friend. And when he came to Norfolk to visit E. E. Coleman he went up to the Bishop block and precipitated an "across the ocean" reunion. Sonneland would not have recognized his friend. Railroad News. The activity of the Union Pacific railroad officials in and about Lincoln points to great building operations by the Harriman system during the coming year, according to a Lincoln dispatch. The Southern Pacific line at Dennison, Texas, is to be extended north on an air line through Topeka to Lincoln, where a connection will be made with the main line of the Union Pacific, giving Harriman two of the shortest routes from the gulf to Pacific coast points. A new double track of the Union Pacific cutoff will be constructed from Omaha through Lincoln, connecting at Central City with the present main line, thus saving mileage and giving the Harriman system the long desired main line facilities in the Nebraska capital city. General Manager Mohler was in Lincoln last week considering arrangements for driving a new line through the heart of the wholesale district. The condemnation of property promises to cost several hundred thousand dollars, but Union Pacific officials admit that Harriman is not to be restrained by expense and say they have orders to proceed with the new line south from Lincoln to the gulf. This will cut out Kansas City as a clearing house for gulf trade and also divert the Nebraska and Kansas wheat trade from the lakes to the gulf. Teachers are Coming Back. North Nebraska teachers, over 500 strong this time, are coming back to Norfolk in the spring. The conven-

tion will be held in this city March 31 and April 1 and 2. The convention was located in Norfolk by the executive committee, consisting of President Campbell of West Point, Vice President Doremus of Madison, Treasurer Pilger of Pierce and Miss Jennie Vennerberg of Carroll, secretary, meeting at the Oxnard hotel this morning. Norfolk through the Commercial club asked that the convention be kept here. Columbus and West Point also extended invitations. The declamatory contest will be held on the evening of March 31 at the Auditorium. The main meetings will also be held at the Auditorium. The programs for the evenings of April 1 and 2 will be strong features of the association. Financially the association is now strong enough to secure almost anything it wants. The convention sessions are held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The Saturday session idea is dropped. The officers of the convention hope to bring the attendance up toward the 600 mark next spring. Right of State in an Estate. Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 28.—Following a hearing held a few days ago before Judge Carland, of the United States court, in a suit instituted by alleged heirs of John McClellan, a wealthy Sioux Falls pioneer who died some years ago, Judge Carland has rendered a decision of some importance bearing upon the right of the state of South Dakota to the estate. The estate has been in litigation since the death of McClellan, the state claiming it on the ground that McClellan died intestate, without heirs. At the recent hearing the state presented a motion for leave to intervene in the suit instituted by the alleged heirs, who reside in Texas, Arkansas, Colorado and Pennsylvania. It is upon this motion that Judge Carland has just rendered his decision, denying the motion but giving the state of South Dakota a period of ninety days in which to commence a proper action to establish its title to the estate. South Dakota Oil Right. Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 24.—While in Sioux Falls, S. D., D. L. P. Lamb, one of the three state oil inspectors who are on duty in South Dakota, stated that there was little doubt that South Dakota had the best oil laws of any state in the union. He further stated that within the past sixty days he had received letters from sixteen different states asking for copies of the South Dakota oil laws, and in each instance the request was coupled with the statement that the writer of the letter had been informed that the South Dakota laws governing the selling of oil were the best known. Mr. Lamb stated that during the year just closing he had been compelled to reject less than one hundred and fifty barrels of oil out of the many thousands of barrels he had inspected during that time. So far as he is aware the law might be improved in one particular, by being amended to the extent of prohibiting the distribution of oil in the state by any company which did not have a warehouse at some point in the state. Such an amendment would affect the smaller companies which ship into the state small quantities of oil that keep the state oil inspectors on the jump. NO LOVE ON \$6 A WEEK. New York Judge Says Law Can't Help Women Who Try It. New York, Dec. 29.—Judge Foster, sitting in the court of general sessions, gave warning to women who may be inclined to try love in a cottage on \$6 a week that they cannot expect the law to force their husbands to support them. Anna Glassberg had applied to the corporation counsel to compel her husband, Leszen Glassberg, to support her. They were married about a year ago. Glassberg was then earning about \$6 a week as an apprentice painter. He had failed to increase his earning capacity and two months ago he gave up the struggle to keep house and separated from his wife. "This rushing into matrimony may appeal to the president of the United States," said Judge Foster, "but it does not to any one who weighs the evidence and acts judiciously to determine whether or not such a thing is reasonably right and proper. "A most fruitful cause of misery lies in the large families the poor persist in having. "I am not going to encourage this kind of matrimony by making the husband whose earnings are \$6 a week go out and steal to support a wife." Honey-mooners Real Treat. The people of Norfolk and surrounding towns are going to enjoy a theatrical treat Saturday night of this week when "The Honey-mooners" comes to town. This is pronounced George M. Cohan's funniest and cleverest musical comedy, and anything bearing the Cohan ownership brand assures the genuine article. There are sixty people in the company, which has just come from a four months' successful run in the New Amsterdam theater, New York. Twenty of these are comedians and principals, while there are forty pretty chorus girls. Willie Dunlay, one of Broadway's favorites, is the chief funmaker, taking the role of Mr. Cohan. A Really Clever Show. Geo. M. Cohan is prodigal with his wonderful gifts of humor, musical composition and dialogue. He lavishes riches upon his productions and "The Honey-mooners" contains no less than twenty new songs, a breezy stirring plot, crisp fascinating dialogue, and two score of the prettiest girls who have ever left Broadway under the Cohan banner. It is precisely the same production which will be seen here. Those who saw

the New York presentation will remember what a gorgeous spectacle it was, the gowns and scenery being singularly beautiful. "The Honey-mooners" is a delightful cross section of life in a typical New England town, Tigerville, Vermont. Mr. Cohan who understands the American small town as does no other contemporary author, has depicted a score or more of types and dealt with the villagers in a spirit of brilliant fun and genial satire full of laughs but without a single taint of bitterness. There is a hot local political campaign, a love affair and a general intermingling of the characters for laugh making purposes that keeps the observer both excited and pleased. Cohan has the rare gift of steering a strong plot amid music and laughs and preserving its coherence. Among the song hits in the big show are "Kid Days," "Let's Take an Old Fashioned Walk," "I'm a Popular Man," "In a One Night Stand," "I'll be There in the Public Square," and "If I'm Goin' to Die I'm Goin' to Have Some Fun." There are some forty pretty girls all skilled chorus workers, gowned up to the minute and brimming over with Cohan vivacity. In the powerful cast are such favorites as James Bartley, Daniel Sullivan, Jack London, Thomas A. Hearns, William Singer, Annie Wheaton, Gertrude LeBrand, Rose Gildea and Minnie Pillard. "The Honey-mooners" is the best of the Cohan song shows. Prices for the attraction will be 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.50. Seats go on sale Friday morning, but mail orders are reserved now. It is anticipated that a good many people from towns near Norfolk on all railroads will come in for this show. For a Room Directory. A special room directory, to be used in placing visiting delegates in Norfolk, is to be compiled by the Commercial club. In this way the Commercial club officials will know just where visitors to the city, in attendance at different conventions, can be placed during their stay. The list will include hotels, rooming houses and private homes where hospitality may be extended to visitors when occasion demands. In the past a separate canvass has been made for each big convention and the results of the canvass immediately lost. The permanent list will be compiled by W. R. Hoffman and W. A. Witzigman, named at a meeting of the Commercial club directors last night. The directors pledged their moral support and the usual financial aid towards the annual teachers' convention. A. L. Killian and F. A. Peeler were named to secure the necessary contribution from Norfolk avenue business men who will profit by the convention being held here. Some arrangements were made for the annual meeting and election of the Commercial club on January 8, a call for which will be issued in a short time by President Degner. W. R. Hoffman, W. A. Witzigman and J. D. Sturgeon were appointed as an entertainment committee and instructed to arrange a light lunch for the annual meeting. The coming state convention of Nebraska commercial clubs was discussed and will be taken up further at the annual meeting. BURLINGTON GETS OUTLET. Acquisition in Colorado Said to Give Hill More Leverage. Sioux City Journal: Railroad men and others in Sioux City are interested by the report from New York that the Burlington road has secured a controlling interest in the Colorado and Southern, including a network of lines in Colorado, a prospective line from eastern Wyoming to Denver, and an outlet from Denver to the gulf. The addition of the Colorado and Southern road to the Hill system will stimulate the Colorado and western business of the Burlington from this territory. It will mean that the Burlington can sell a ticket over its own lines from Sioux City to scores of towns in Colorado, including places as far west as Grand Junction, the terminus of the Colorado Midland, half of the stock of which is owned by the Colorado and Southern. That the outlet to the gulf which the Burlington will secure through the acquisition of lines owned by the Colorado and Southern will have any importance in this section is scouted by railroad men. When the Ashland cutoff was built much was said about an ultimate line from the had of the lakes to the gulf, but a study of the railroad map shows it will not come this way. The Colorado and Southern owns 2,207 miles of road, consisting of the Colorado and Southern, the Fort Worth and Denver City, the Trinity and Brazos Valley, the Wichita Valley and the Colorado and Cripple Creek District Railway companies. In Wyoming the Colorado and Southern has a line from Orin Junction, on the Northwestern road, south through Guernsey, the western terminus of a Burlington line, to Cheyenne. From Cheyenne to Denver the company has a traffic arrangement with the Union Pacific. But the Colorado and Southern operates lines from Denver north to Fort Collins and Greeley, and these probably will be extended to Cheyenne. When this extension is completed and when the Burlington line is extended northwest to Thermopolis, the southern terminus of the Burlington's new line in the Big Horn basin, the Burlington will have a connection from Galveston, on the gulf, to Seattle and Tacoma, and a direct line from eastern Wyoming to Denver. The purchase of the Colorado and Southern will give the Hill system one of the most important railroad systems in Colorado.

OUR "REEKING" COUNTRY. Outburst of Pulpit Sensationalism Fittingly Rebutted. New York Sun: The Rev. Charles F. Aked, minister of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, does not seem to be very well satisfied with the country to which he was imported from Great Britain to preach the gospel. Speaking to the members of the New England society in this city he admonished his hearers thus: "You cannot be great while your country reeks with social injustice and political wrong; when capital and labor are ready almost to settle their differences in the smoke of battle; when all over the land women in sweatshops are singing the song of the shirt; when the cry of children is heard in factories all over the land. Worst of all is the materialism we see on every hand debasing its people." Are things really as bad as this? Does our country "reek" with social injustice and political wrong? Are capital and labor ready to fly at one another in revolutionary combat? Is the case of women in sweatshops and the children in factories so hopeless of amelioration as the reverend speaker intimates? And is the spirit of materialism debasing the people? We rather think not. Dr. Aked's language is the utterance of gross exaggeration. There is no land in the world where there is less social injustice than there is in the United States of America. It is preposterous to assert that a country reeks with political wrong in which a man of such character as William H. Taft has just been chosen president; and how about a state which has just elected Charles E. Hughes for the second time to be its governor? Notwithstanding the antagonisms aroused by some of the utterances of Mr. Roosevelt, there are hopeful signs of a better understanding between capital and labor. Thousands of devoted men and women are constantly giving time and money to improve the conditions of the workers in sweatshops and factories. As for materialism, if that is making progress, which we gravely doubt, who is responsible therefor more than the church? That there are evils of the character indicated by Dr. Aked cannot be questioned; but that they are predominant, as he also intimates, we emphatically deny. The country does not "reek" with these evils at all; but the pulpit reeks with nonsense when it is made the agency of such attacks upon its fair fame. HUNTING IN THE ROSEBUD. Sad End of an Owl Who Got in the Way—Lesson to Other Owls. Gregory Advocate: Sunday H. F. Slaughter, Fred Huston, Mike Russ, Edgar Hood and Evert Logan went to Slaughter's ranch near Brooksburg for a quail hunt. From the number of guns, little guns, big guns; long guns, short guns; and cases—cases of ammunition of course—they loaded in the automobile, one would think that they were going to join Roosevelt on his hunting trip. It certainly was a day when quail were to suffer. It made one's mouth water to hear about the number they were going to bring back. When they arrived at the ranch little time was lost in going to the woods and underbrush along the river. Hood and Logan were tramping along when suddenly there was a whirling sound and in front of them a quail was making his get-away. Both fired, the quail flew on, but a poor owl, who was moping in a nearby tree fell to the ground kerpunk dead as a door nail. The party got two quail, and their friends who dreamed all day long of quail on toast ate their usual Sunday evening lunch. Electric Company into Scotland. Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 29.—Special to The News: Scotland is the latest South Dakota town to arrange for the construction and operation of an electric light system. An arrangement has just been entered into with the company which operates similar systems at Wagner, Geddes, Platte and Armour to construct and operate a system at Scotland. Work on the system will commence as early in the spring as possible. An effort was made to form a stock company at Scotland, but these efforts failed. The outside company will be granted the franchise at once. SALOME BEATEN TO A FRAZZLE. Anna Held Girls Do a Skit at Heinz Banquet. New York, Dec. 29.—Blase Broadway showed lively interest yesterday and was even somewhat shocked by a sumptuous banquet at Rector's given by F. Augustus Heinz, the copper capitalist, to Miss Elizabeth Stanton, formerly of the London Gaiety company, and six of the prettiest girls on the New York stage. When the party broke up there was a hint of daylight in the east. Altogether it was one of the jolliest affairs of the season. When one of the girls from the Anna Held company was asked what really happened, she replied: "Not for \$10,000 would I tell you. Why, some of those men are married. What would their wives think?" But the details got out. The guests did not assemble until nearly 1 o'clock in the morning, but were rewarded with a repast at \$150 per cover. Then followed a dance by candle light. Suddenly the lights were turned on. This was the cue for the orchestra and the players twanged out strange, wierd melodies. Instantly three girls from Miss Held's company took the center of the stage, Miss Marshall, Miss Francis and Miss Anderson. It was a dance, that enthrilled, that entranced and that caused a repetition of "Oh's" and "Ah's." In the terms of the ver-

MISERY IN STOMACH. Why not start now—today, and forever rid yourself of Stomach trouble and Indigestion? A dieted stomach gets the blues and grumbles. Give it a good eat, then take Pape's Diapensin to start the digestive juices working. There will be no dyspepsia or belching of Gas or eructations of undigested food; no feeling like a lump of lead in the stomach or heartburn, sick headache and Dizziness, and your food will not ferment and poison your breath with nauseous odors. Pape's Diapensin costs only 50 cents for a large case at any drug store here, and will relieve the most obstinate case of Indigestion and Upset Stomach in five minutes. There is nothing else better to take Gas from Stomach and cleanse the stomach and intestines, and besides, one triangle will digest and prepare for assimilation into the blood all your food the same as a sound, healthy stomach would do it. When Diapensin works your stomach rests—gets itself in order, cleans up—and then you feel like eating when you come to the table, and what you eat will do you good. Absolute relief from all Stomach Misery is waiting for you as soon as you decide to begin taking Diapensin. Tell your druggist that you want Pape's Diapensin, because you want to be thoroughly cured of Indigestion. nautical, it had the Salome dance "beaten to a frazzle." THIS THE BOSS THIEF. Loots Chicago Jail—Fades Fellow Who Robbed a Hearse. Chicago, Dec. 29.—Columns have been written about men who would steal red hot stoves. Thieves who would loot a church have won a deserved place in detective literature. Some even have earned the reputation of being capable of robbing a hearse and chasing the driver. But this is a story of the arch-thief of them all. This is a tale of a man who robbed the Cook county jail. His name is withheld by Assistant Jailer Sweeney, who hopes to have him again in the toils before long. Because this thief had the temerity to rob the jail, George Capps, still a prisoner in the county bastille, may have to face trial on a larceny charge draped in his underclothes. For the thief's booty was Capps' only suit of clothes. George is not particularly anxious to stand trial in any garb, but as he realizes the necessity of his appearance in court he has beseeched the authorities to capture his former cellmate and recover his regular street garb. Capps said he gave the man his suit to have it cleaned and pressed when he (the cellmate, was about to be released) left the jail. The suit never came back, and inquiry of the tailor to whom it was consigned revealed that it had never been delivered for repairs. Bank, Print Shop and Store Burn. Concord, Neb., Dec. 30.—Special to The News: Fire early today destroyed three business buildings of this town, occupying a quarter of a block. The losses: Dixon County World, printing and newspaper office, totally destroyed. Loss under \$1,000. Plant insured. Concord State bank, totally destroyed; vault alone remains intact. Loss about \$2,500. No insurance. Store of Hugh Gibson, totally destroyed; loss \$1,500. All three were frame buildings. Starts in Print Shop. Fire started in the printing plant at about 1 o'clock this morning. Its origin is a mystery. Exactly a quarter of a block burned. The only thing left in that entire corner is the bank vault. Can't Open Vault Yet. The vault can not be opened for several days. The bank's money was in this. The printing office adjoined the bank. James Brink is editor of the World. James Paul is president of the bank. Concord, a small town, is the first station northwest of Wakefield on the Hartington branch of the M. & O. railway. NELIGH A BENEFACTOR. West Point Man Gives Use of Land for Skating Rink. West Point, Neb., Dec. 29.—Special to The News: W. T. S. Neligh, whose father, the late John D. Neligh, was the founder of the city of West Point, has donated to the city the use of three acres of low lying land in the vicinity of Sherman park, for the purpose of a public skating rink. Pipes have been laid from the mill race to convey the water to the tract which will be flooded to the depth of three feet, making an ideal and perfectly safe recreation ground. A toboggan slide is also projected by Mr. Neligh, who has donated these much prized privileges to the people of the town. How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last fifteen years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. W. A. WALKER, KINNAW & TORVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.