

SATURDAY SIFTING.

Dr. Cherry of Winside was in town between trains. Mrs. H. A. Haley is ill with an attack of the grip.

Mrs. Carl Lueck was down from Hoskins Saturday. Fay Nightengale has been up from Columbus on a visit.

D. Rees went to Gregory Friday to attend the land sale.

Mrs. Warrick will leave for a visit in Omaha tomorrow.

William Haverman of Winside was a Norfolk visitor Saturday.

Miss Emma Heckman returned Friday evening from an Omaha visit.

R. F. Schiller has been in Gregory attending the government land auction.

The West Side Whist club will meet with Dr. and Mrs. Bear Tuesday night.

George D. Butterfield is expected to arrive Monday or Tuesday from Hot Springs, Ark.

Henry Kohlhof and family have returned from a visit with Charles Albert at Hoskins.

A son has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Zastrow, five miles northeast of Norfolk.

H. M. Culbertson, a Norfolk traveling man, has purchased a touring car from D. L. Best of Battle Creek.

B. W. McKeen of the Madison Chronicle was in Norfolk Saturday on his way to Elgin, his former home.

Clyde Whalen is ill with an attack of the grip. James Peters has taken his place at the Killian store until he regains his health.

Misses Clara Napper, Merle Blake-man and Dorothy Salter left for Central City today where they will be guests of Miss Hazel Schiller for a week.

John L. Davis of Emerson and Franklin Westrand of Wakefield were in Norfolk Friday evening, attending the initiation at Damascus commandery.

C. B. Salter returned at noon from Pierce, where he went on a duck hunting expedition. He arrived just in time to see the ducks go south on account of the night's freeze.

Mrs. Elsie Desmond has gone to Los Angeles for a visit of a month or two.

Norton Howe and Frank Broom left Friday night for Woodlake, Neb., where they will spend a week or ten days after ducks.

A. T. West, a prominent farmer of Antelope county, living two and a half miles from Neligh, was in Norfolk Friday afternoon on business. Mr. West says that considerable seeding will be done next week.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: C. A. Nash, Creston; Emil A. Luth, Butte; Miss Anna Wainlin, Battle Creek; Dr. E. M. Barnes, Plainview; W. H. Westrand, Wakefield; Miss Sibyl Warner, Creighton; O. E. Bradley, Burke, S. D.; Everett Barr, Dallas, S. D.; John A. Durin, Burke, S. D.; Frances Stanek, Howells; D. F. Felton, Gregory, S. D.; Ed O'Shea, Madison, R. E. Fish, Bonesteel, S. D.; John Malone, Madison; Mrs. H. E. McQueen, Tilden.

C. A. Kraft of Meadow Grove has come to Norfolk to attend the business college.

W. A. Porterfield of Omaha has come to Norfolk to assist in the H. E. Gooch grain office.

It was in the old William Beels' yard on South Fifth street that the buffalo head was found.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brewer have decided not to remove to Page, but will continue to reside near Norfolk.

Rev. C. W. Ray delivered his lecture on "Life and Customs in the Holy Land" at Wakefield last evening.

H. W. Winter is able to be about after eight weeks' illness as a result of catching cold the night of the Norfolk House fire.

Pilger Herald: Paul Schneider went to Norfolk Wednesday noon as he received word that his wife who is visiting her parents there was sick.

Rev. John E. Craig of the Second Congregational church delivered an illustrated lecture at Pierce Wednesday under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

Sam Reynolds, formerly chief night train dispatcher on this division of the Northwest, is now working as a truck dispatcher at Billings for the Northern Pacific.

Newman Grove Reporter: Sheriff Clements was in town Monday serving a summons. He will not be a candidate for re-election and will probably move on to his farm when his successor relieves him of official duties.

Scarlet fever this week claimed the lives of little eight-year-old Ella Osborn, whose parents live near Battle Creek, and of Harmon Walker, a nine-year-old Minneapolis lad who with his mother was visiting in Battle Creek.

T. H. Brice, the popular Norfolk commercial traveler who has been ill for so many months, is now at Excelsior Springs, Mo., recuperating. In a letter to The News he states that he hopes to be able to return to work as soon as warm weather comes.

Columbus, according to the papers of that city, has been transferred from membership in the North Nebraska Teacher's association, which holds its convention in Norfolk next week, to the eastern association which holds its convention in Omaha the last three days of the week.

Humphrey Democrat: Mrs. Peter Muff and two children, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Biedinger for some time, went to Norfolk Tuesday where they have recently moved to make their home. Mr. Muff is a Northwestern railroad man between Norfolk and Bonesteel.

Rev. E. F. Hammond, who has been filling the Presbyterian pulpits at Lynch and Verdel, has accepted a call to the Norfolk church. Mr. Hammond has rented the Parker cottage on South Eleventh street and will move

here with his family next Tuesday. He will hold his first services in Norfolk the following Sunday.

Fremont Herald: Rev. Edwin Booth, Jr., pastor of the Congregational church at Norfolk, was in the city between trains Thursday afternoon. The members of his church have decided to install a handsome new pipe organ in the church and the matter of picking out an instrument has been left largely to him. Mr. Booth came to Fremont to inspect the big organ in the Congregational church.

The conviction of Jess Kinnan at Neligh for "crime against nature" is one of the first of the kind ever brought before a court in Nebraska and there has been, it is said, but few such cases in the United States. People at Neligh who have heard the testimony in the case declare that hanging would be none too good for a man guilty of such a crime upon a helpless and innocent little girl.

Neligh Register: Earl Thompson came to Neligh via Norfolk from Brunswick last Monday. On the way he lost a pocketbook containing \$42. He notified the railroad of the loss and Tuesday morning the train dispatcher telegrapher him that they had located the pocketbook in a restaurant at Norfolk where he had lost it. He went down on Tuesday's train to identify and receive his property. That's a pretty good spirit for a heartless corporation.

Plainview Republican: The death of Tobias Jasek still remains a mystery. His friends at O'Neill have failed to locate the money, gold watch, rifle and valise which Jasek had when he left Wisconsin. Shortly before leaving for O'Neill Jasek wrote that if his friends needed money he would be pleased to send them some. The friends at O'Neill are now convinced that Jasek was the victim of foul play. It is thought that the two suspicious strangers who boarded the freight train at Copenhagen that night for Sioux City were not in that vicinity for their health but for the wealth of Tobias Jasek.

Atkinson Graphic: A. O. Perry and family disposed of their holdings here last Saturday and Mr. Perry left Sunday for Kansas City to look after his show interests and Mrs. Perry and family leaving for Humphrey for a visit with relatives when she will join her husband who has an interest in the Perry & Smith combination railroad show, which they expect to put on the road as soon as the season opens. The leaving of this estimable family will be regretted by many who were familiar with their kind and neighborly acts as also in business circles, where Mr. Perry was always found in the front ranks working for the best interests of the town and county. The Graphic wishes them success in their new venture.

Julius Boche With Circus. Julius E. Boche, a Madison county boy who has turned the dense woods of the Boche farm along the Elkhorn river into a circus practice grounds and who spent last season with a circus, has signed up with the Perry & Smith circus.

Julius Boche of the Boche farm becomes "Dare Devil Boche" on the circus poster. His stunts are ski sailing, a "slide for life" and the high dive. Proficiency in all these acts was obtained out in the giant trees of the Boche woods.

With the circus Julius Boche will furnish the high dive outside the circus entrance as the principal free attraction.

Young Boche is the son of Herman Boche, whose appeal from the Jarner verdict is waiting the decision of the supreme court of the state.

Al Beemer is Seriously Ill. Al Beemer, warden at the state penitentiary, is suffering from a serious attack of brain fever. Much apprehension is felt for his recovery, according to the Beemer Times. Mr. Beemer is at Lincoln. He had planned to return to his home at Beemer next month. Relatives at a distance have been sent for, according to a Lincoln paper. Inflammatory rheumatism first seized him and later the brain fever.

West Point Woman is 100 Years Old. West Point, Neb., March 27.—Special to The News: Mrs. Dora Harstick of St. Charles township, reached her 100th year yesterday and is, without doubt, the oldest woman in north Nebraska. She has been a resident of this county nearly fifty years, arriving here with her husband in the year 1859. She is the grandmother of twenty-three children and the great-grandchildren is W. H. Harstick, present county clerk of this county. A celebration of her birthday was held at her home yesterday. To all appearances she will live for some years, her health not having appreciably declined.

Big Victory for Our Schools. Norfolk people, who have long had occasion to be proud of the local school system, will have an added reason for pride in the record of the seven upper grades of the Norfolk schools in outranking six of the leading schools of the state in competitive examinations in arithmetic tests.

School Work is Practical. A Norfolk man of forty-five declared the other day that "the schools hadn't progressed a lick in twenty years." It is regularly charged all over the country that the schools are neglecting spelling, arithmetic and computation. The showing made by the Norfolk schools this week is sufficient to show the attention given practical mathematics in Norfolk and the efficiency of the instruction.

Many Nebraska schools are engaged just now in taking what is known as the Cleveland arithmetic

contest. Five problems are given and an error in any problem counts that problem wrong and detracts 20 from the grade.

Norfolk Ranks First. Returns have so far been received from seven schools. Of these seven the Norfolk schools take first place by a surprising lead. The schools reporting results so far rank as follows: Norfolk 82, Kearney 73, Holdrege 65, Hastings 61, Superior 61, Aurora 61 and McCook 55.

The Norfolk pupils taking the tests in the different grades numbered as follows: Twelfth grade 19, eleventh grade 32, fourth grade 44, ninth grade 42, eighth grade 45, seventh grade 75, sixth grade 41.

Norfolk's Victory. The following table showing who are the different grades in the several towns ranked illustrates how complete was the Norfolk victory:

Table with 2 columns: School Name and Score. Rows include Norfolk (99), Kearney (76), Hastings (72), Superior (74), Aurora (73), McCook (61), and various other schools.

The Problems. To show just what the test consists of, the list of problems given the pupils are printed below:

- 1.—Add: 1234567, 8910, 23456, 789101, 234, 56789, 210987, 3456, 78123, 432987, 65432.
2.—Subtract: 9832184567, 321983574.
3.—Multiply: 38798640209, 76929.
4.—Divide: 39426544332.
5.—Write out the answers to the several questions:

What is 25 per cent of \$280? What is 50 per cent of 8-9th? What is 33 1/3 per cent of .015? A merchant had 300 barrels of flour of which he sold 25 per cent at one time and 33 1/3 per cent of the remainder another time. How many barrels had he left?

(The papers were marked right or wrong and the grades are: 100, 80, 60, 40, 20, or 0.)

Can Figure. The test seems to prove that pupils in the Norfolk schools are taught to figure and can figure.

More Sewer Districts Planned. Indications are that the nine lateral sewer districts already constructed in Norfolk will be materially added to this spring and summer. Five or six new districts are already in prospect.

A sewer district will probably be organized on South Fourth street at the Junction. A new district will probably be laid on South Fifth from the vicinity of Pasewalk avenue. South Eighth street will probably gain further sewer extension. Arrangements are being made for a new district in the northwest part of the city.

Young Man Near Neligh Meets With Painful Accident Saturday. Neligh, Neb., March 29.—Special to The News: John Loyer, a young man twenty years old, lost three fingers on his right hand in a corn shredder Saturday, his glove catching and drawing his fingers in. He was brought to this city, Dr. A. F. Conery amputating the fingers at the hospital.

Ross Serving Sentence. Neligh, Neb., March 29.—Special to The News: Jack Ross of Orchard, sentenced by Judge Welch to six years in the penitentiary for burglary and larceny, has been taken to Lincoln by the sheriff.

Alice Dorsey Dead. After being critically ill for many days, thirty-year-old Alice Dorsey died at 2:45 p. m. Friday afternoon at the family home in South Norfolk. She was taken ill with appendicitis while attending the convent school at Madison and underwent two operations. For some time it has been known that she could not recover. This week she was brought from Madison to her home in this city. The funeral was announced for 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the J. T. Dorsey home and at 4 o'clock from the Catholic church, the interment taking place at Prospect Hill cemetery.

FEDERAL LICENSE. Representative Martin of South Dakota Proposes Drastic Measure. Washington, March 27.—A bill exceedingly drastic in its application to interstate corporations, particularly those handling food and fuel supplies, will soon be introduced in the house by Representative Martin of South Dakota. The measure may have the approval of President Taft. He is familiar with its terms and Mr. Martin has made an appointment for a conference with the president at which the bill will be considered in detail with a view to possible discussion in a future executive message.

The bill provides that before a corporation shall engage in interstate commerce it shall secure a license from the federal government issued by the secretary of commerce and labor. The corporation shall show before such license is issued that it is not a monopoly; that it does not operate in restraint of trade as prohibited by existing anti-trust laws; that it is not over-capitalized; that its capitalization

is based upon the approximate value of its plant, and the money otherwise actually invested in the concern.

Authority is given the government to examine the books of all corporations, and corporations are required in addition to make annual reports to the government.

The bill is framed, in a measure, along the line of recommendations made to congress by President Roosevelt.

Mr. Martin was the author of the resolution that resulted in the inquiry into the operations of the beef trust and its subsequent prosecution by the federal government in the court.

W. S. Slaughter Ill. Herrick, S. D., March 29.—Special to The News: W. S. Slaughter, vice president of the Bank of Herrick, has been very ill.

WIRELESS OPERATORS SCARCE. German Lloyd Line Makes Frantic Efforts to Get Man Out of Jail. New York, March 27.—The scarcity of competent wireless operators was emphasized in Hoboken, N. J., yesterday when authorities of the North German Lloyd line made frantic endeavors to obtain the release of Kurt Schleder, the operator on the steamer Friedrich Wilhelm, who was arrested in Hoboken yesterday on a charge of exhibiting a pistol in the streets.

Jack Blinn, the hero of the Republic disaster, was sent by the Marconi company to plead for Schleder, but the magistrate declined to fine the offender, and ordered that he be locked up till the grand jury could hear his case.

A representative of the North German Lloyd line said that Schleder's detention would probably mean that the Friedrich Wilhelm would steam away unprotected by a wireless operator, but the court remained obdurate.

Osmond Track Team Busy. Osmond, Neb., March 29.—Special to The News: The high school track team is at active practice now, and from indications will make a fine showing at the meet. Calundan, with the hammer, has already overthrown the best mark last year, and Matteson, in the pole vault, is doing better every day.

Osmond Business Change. Osmond, Neb., March 29.—Special to The News: A. J. Stosheck has taken charge of the store purchased from William Jilg, a few days ago. Mr. Jilg will probably start up some new enterprise in the town.

Pays Back the \$20,000. New York, March 26.—The latest trouble of Miss Mary Garden, the Salome and Thais of the Manhattan opera house, had to do not with Oscar Hammerstein, nor any Italian soprano, but with David Mayer of Chicago, who was a member of the firm of Schlesinger & Mayer. Mr. Mayer, with his wife, had advanced Miss Garden \$20,000 for her musical education, and Miss Garden has just repaid the loan.

That was eleven years ago. Miss Garden at that time was a choir singer in Chicago. She was about to start for Paris to learn to sing and act. The Mayers were interested in her—they had been friends of her father—they believed she had talent. They furnished the money necessary for her grounding herself in her art. She not only grounded herself, but made a big success. However, success at the Paris opera comique does not mean the same thing financially that success means in New York and Miss Garden did not find it convenient to reimburse her benefactor.

Baseball Notes. Stanton Register: Lewis Hartman writes that he left Monday for Kansas City from where he will go south to join the Denver team in their spring work out. His many friends here hope that he will make good as he is a clean, hardworking ball player. If he fails to make good he will be back with the Stanton team about the middle of May.

Attempting to Open Meyer. Dallas News: Major McLaughlin, who has succeeded in making more treaties with the Indians of this country than any other one man, is now at the Rosebud agency and his mission there is to make a treaty with the Indians for the opening of Meyer county. Mr. McLaughlin has arranged for a council with the Indians on April 3. It is stated upon good authority that Mr. McLaughlin anticipates trouble in accomplishing his purpose as a large number of the influential Indians are opposed to the proposition.

ALLEN D. BEEMER IS DEAD. Warden of Penitentiary Passes Away at Age of Sixty-six. Lincoln, March 29.—Allen D. Beemer, warden of the Nebraska penitentiary through the terms of Governors Crouse, Macey and Sheedon, died at that institution following a brief illness. Warden Beemer was sixty-six years old and would have retired from the office the first of the coming month. He had for several years been active in penal institution reform work, was a veteran of the civil war and a pioneer of the state. A widow and daughter survive him.

West Point, Neb., March 29.—Special to The News: News of the death of A. D. Beemer, warden of the state penitentiary, reached the city yesterday by a telegram to M. J. Hughes, a life-long friend of the dead man. The news of the death of Mr. Beemer was a great shock to the people of West Point, his old home. His long tenure of office as sheriff of this county and his subsequent residence here and at Beemer, his intimate social and business connections with the community

deared him in a marked degree in the affections of his neighbors. His universal kindness of heart, his public spirit and unfailing good-fellowship will not readily be forgotten. His dominant thought was ever for the welfare of his fellowmen and in his devotion to public duty and the obligations of citizenship he set an example to the world.

Pantomime at Niobrara. Niobrara, Neb., March 28.—Special to The News: The Eastern Star lodge Saturday night gave a large reception and pantomime in the Niobrara Masonic hall. The pantomime was called "Buying a Husband." The ladies and the "mere man" who took part displayed unusual histrionic ability. Descriptive motions without words are a test of good control, especially with the ladies. Much mirth was elicited by the clever and humorous working out of the plot.

After the pantomime the ladies served informally a delicious luncheon.

WOMAN HURT IN EXPLOSION. Can of Boiling Water Placed on Stove By Children Explodes. Osmond, Neb., March 29.—Special to The News: Mrs. Joe Hall was severely burned on the face and neck by the explosion of a can of boiling water. The small children had put some potatoes on to cook in a closed can. The steam blew the lid off into the face of Mrs. Hall. At present she is improving nicely.

BID \$20 AN ACRE. Forty Acre Tract Near Herrick Brings Record Price at Government Sale. Herrick, S. D., March 29.—Special to The News: The Gregory county land being sold by the government has been bringing good prices. The highest bid reported up to Saturday was a forty acre tract near Herrick, which brought \$20 an acre.

Mrs. Dickson Taken to Hospital. Herrick, S. D., March 29.—Special to The News: Mrs. I. S. Dickson, wife of Postmaster Dickson, who has been very ill, has been removed to the hospital at Yankton, S. D.

MONDAY MENTION. John R. Hays left at noon for Lincoln.

C. S. Hayes is home from Newman Grove.

Jack Koenigstein was in Madison Monday.

Rev. C. W. Ray was in Stanton Monday afternoon.

Ernest Singer of Chicago is here visiting friends.

Misses Elsie and Helen Marquardt spent Sunday in Madison.

James Warner of Chadron spent Sunday in Norfolk with his uncle, S. W. Warner.

Miss Emma Heckman has returned to Omaha, where she is attending a business college.

S. G. Grant and daughter, Miss Adelle Grant, returned at noon from a visit at Emeric.

J. W. Butt of Nebraska City was in Norfolk at Newport.

Mrs. A. Wegener, who has been visiting at the Widaman home, returned at noon to her home in Garfield county.

W. R. Witzigman is back from Gregory county, where he attended the government land sale. Mr. Witzigman did not bid in any of the land, the prices being sent too high by the great influx of bidders to represent what he considered a good investment.

Mrs. Warrick went to Omaha yesterday.

Mrs. Clarence White and children left for Logan, Ia., for a week's visit with Mrs. White's parents.

George Jeffers of Dallas passed through Norfolk Sunday on his way to Washington, D. C., on business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Keelie and children of Council Bluffs and Mr. and Mrs. Root of Omaha are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kingsley at the Pacific.

F. M. Hunter, superintendent of the Norfolk schools, and A. E. Fisher, superintendent of the Neligh schools, came up from Omaha Saturday evening, having attended the Schoolmasters' club. Superintendent W. T. Stockdale of Wisner and Deputy State Superintendent F. S. Perdue of Lincoln were voted into membership in the club.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Best, Battle Creek; S. J. Hamling, Spencer; F. L. Hollen, Bonesteel, S. D.; Ralph Dufur, Fairfax, S. D.; J. K. Hartington; A. L. Houser, Wayne; C. A. Nash, Creston; Lloyd Protivinsky, Joseph Protivinsky, Stanton; Archie E. Mears, Wayne; G. F. Benderuf, Dallas, S. D.; J. A. Kensler, eadow Grove; George D. Rich, Wisner; M. Paulson, Wayne; C. S. Anderson, Wauss; J. W. Fitch, Newman Grove; Paul T. Hazen, Naper; John Merton, Wayne; R. S. Bradshaw, Dallas, S. D.; O. E. Viero, Wisner; A. G. Cole, Plainview; Ira Walker, Dallas, S. D.

J. R. Carter, assistant district manager of the Nebraska Telephone company, was called to Lincoln at noon by a telegram announcing that his father, Dr. J. O. Carter, a prominent pioneer physician of Lincoln, had died in Chicago. The funeral will be held in Lincoln. Dr. Carter was formerly state physician at the state penitentiary. He was eighty-one years old.

Denying vigorously that they had been married in Sioux City, Ben Hull and Miss Clara Manske were nevertheless treated to a rice shower and informal wedding reception as they stepped off the M. & O. train Sunday evening, a report that they had been married having brought a large crowd of friends to the station. Miss Manske

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was returning from a Sioux City visit. Mr. Hull boarded the train at Wakefield.

The Norfolk lodge of Elks held its annual election of officers Saturday night. Jack Koenigstein was elected exalted ruler, succeeding J. B. Maynard. The other officers elected are as follows: C. B. Salter, esteemed leading knight; E. R. Hayes, esteemed loyal knight; L. J. Nichola, esteemed lecturing knight; B. C. Gentle, secretary; C. E. Burnham, treasurer; L. P. Pasewalk, member board of trustees, J. B. Maynard was elected a delegate to the grand lodge meeting to be held in July in Los Angeles, Cal.

The Norfolk fire department will elect officers for the coming year on April 14.

John Bond of Norfolk, formerly of Atkinson, has bought the restaurant of Yantzi & Shoemaker at O'Neill. Mr. Bond has been operating a restaurant here for the past year.

M. Mihills, formerly of Norfolk but now homesteading at Viewfield, S. D., is in the city looking after property interests. He will be here about ten days. Mr. Mihills says that he is very much pleased with western South Dakota. The climate is agreeing with him and his wife.

At the organization meeting of the men's bible school class held at the Lyric Sunday afternoon the following temporary officers were elected: Chairman, Dr. O. R. Meredith; vice chairman, William Burtz; secretary, Dr. R. C. Simmons; treasurer, C. E. Hartford; teacher, Rev. Roy Lucas. The appointment of committees was indefinitely postponed, it being the expressed opinion of those present that time should first be allowed for the members to become familiar with the work. There will be an employment bureau in connection with the class which will endeavor to place those in want of occupation. From now on there will be meetings every Sunday at the Lyric.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter, and will as such be the occasion of the annual confirmation exercises at the Christ Lutheran and at St. Johannes Lutheran church, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran church, which in the past has held confirmation on Palm Sunday, has adopted an innovation and will not confirm its class until next June, thus making the confirmation uniform with the public school graduation and making the school year of both the city schools and the St. Paul parochial school end at the same time, just before the summer vacation. The practice of confirmation on Palm Sunday was brought over from Germany, where the school system is different. Christ church next Sunday will confirm a class of about thirty-nine, St. Johannes church a class of twelve. The classes were examined for confirmation Sunday.

John F. Flynn, who was sheriff of Madison county twenty years ago and chief of police under the Durland administration but whose local police honors at this time consist simply of a constabulary, took another dip into police life last week, serving as a special night officer at Gregory, S. D., for three nights. Gregory has been handling a huge crowd on account of the government land sale which started Thursday and which does not close until tomorrow. Mr. Flynn came down from Gregory over Sunday. He did not invest as the land was selling high, the bidders figuring that when land close by was worth \$35 and \$40 an acre, the land offered even if not so desirable must be worth at least \$5 or \$6 an acre. Gregory has had even bigger crowds than during the rush days, Mr. Flynn says, and has been able to keep good order.

On Tuesday night the Auditorium will offer "Buster Brown," a musical comedy which has withstood the crucial test of repeated presentation throughout the country. No better little chap, and no better known than R. F. Outcalt's "Buster" has ever been given the fun-loving world. And yet all of the boy's popularity must not be attributed to his own personality for there is "Tige," the sharer of Buster's joys and sorrows as Buster has grown. There is also "Mary Jane," completing a trio that has never been surpassed in the realms of the cartoon. They are still in the limelight of popularity in the play with the delightful girl background. This

season of new scenery and costumes have been provided, together with the latest and most popular songs and new music. In fact it is the third edition of "Buster Brown" revised, enlarged and brought up to the hour. Master Rice will be seen in the character of "Buster." This attraction comes under a guarantee and the Auditorium management guarantees a first class show to the public.

THREE DOZEN SNAKES. Farm of H. C. Stange Yields a Real Snake Story. Here is a real snake story, a story about three dozen snakes. The story comes from the farm of H. C. Stange, who lives midway between Norfolk and Battle Creek.

The three dozen snakes were found in an old hot bed which was being dug up with the arrival of spring. The bed simply swarmed with big and little snakes, measuring from ten inches to two feet and a half. After the slaughter thirty-six garter snakes were counted.

Mr. Stange brought the news of the snake fest to Norfolk Saturday.

Unlucky Home Has Two Fires. Emil Brummond's home on South First street was badly damaged by fire late Sunday afternoon. The house was badly smoked and entirely water-soaked before the department could extinguish the flames.

Mr. Brummond, who has worked at different times in several local hardware stores, has been unfortunate in the matter of fires. A year ago his home burned to the foundation. A new cottage was erected on the lot and it was this house which was seriously threatened by fire Sunday.

Mr. Brummond with his family had left the house at noon, going out to the home of his brother, Paul Brummond. About 5 o'clock the fire was discovered by a neighbor. The flames started in a corner of the dining room a foot or two from the chimney, but the firemen did not think that the fire started from a defective flue.

The firemen had to force in the doors to get to the house and did effective work in taking out the furniture.

The damage was estimated at about \$200. Insurance was carried.

The employe who could relieve you of much of the detail that ties you down is not overlooking the want ads, nowadays.

School Debate Won by Pierce. The Pierce high school, represented by three of its senior boys, won an important debating victory at Albion Saturday evening, defeating the three representatives of the Albion high school in a debate to determine this district's representative at the state debate at Lincoln this spring.

The subject debated was the question of compulsory arbitration of differences between the railroad employes and the common carriers. Pierce contended against enforced arbitration and won a unanimous decision from the three judges, Professor Maxey of the law department of the state university, Principal Jaquith of Gates academy at Neligh and Superintendent Gibson of Plainview. Albion's debaters, however, acquitted themselves with credit.

Allen Bechter to Lincoln. In addition to giving the debate to Pierce, the three judges announced that first place was won by Allen Bechter of Pierce, who will accordingly be one of the speakers at the annual state interscholastic debate at Lincoln.

Pierce's successful representatives, Lloyd Mohr, Benjamin Inhelder and Allen Bechter, were in Norfolk between trains Sunday and were the guests of Miss Rena Olmsted, principal of the Pierce high school.

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