

MONDAY MENTION.

Miss Wilda Chase of Stanton was in Norfolk. C. H. Groesbeck has returned from La Crosse, Wis. R. G. Rohrke of Hoskins was in the city on business. Misses Bertha and Maria Shafer spent Sunday at Hoskins. Mrs. Pheasant of Pierce spent Sunday with Mrs. Cora A. Beels. Miss Lillian Langenberg spent Sunday with friends at Battle Creek. Miss Ida Nitz, who has been here visiting friends, returned to Hoskins. Miss Eva Pohant of Stanton is here visiting her cousin, Mrs. John Schmidt. Miss Anna Pahn and Miss Dena Lehman spent Sunday with friends at Hoskins. Miss Sofia Watson of Plainview is in the city visiting with the I. M. Hamilton family. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Irvin, after a week's visit with relatives at Kansas City, have returned to Norfolk. Mrs. Charles Beiersdorf returned from a few days' visit with her sons, Charles and Edward, at Emerson. A card from George B. Christoph, who is in Texas looking at land, says he expects to return to Norfolk February 1. Mrs. U. L. Parker and children, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Pippin, returned to their home at Plainview. E. M. Morseman Jr., general attorney for the Nebraska Telephone company, with headquarters at Omaha, was in the city on business. Miles K. Culver of St. Ansgar, Ia., was in the city on business and calling on friends. Mr. Culver is editor of the American Cooperative Journal. Miss Mabel Stetson, who has been here for the past two weeks visiting with her cousin Miss Emma Schorgege, has returned to her home at Eyota, Minn. Miss Margaret Hamilton, who has been here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hamilton, has returned to Plainview, where she has charge of a school. Z. H. Bateman is on the sick list. C. F. W. Marquardt, formerly of Norfolk, is now operating an optical shop in Omaha. The Royal Neighbors lodge will hold a special meeting at the G. A. R. hall this evening. All members are requested to be present. John Cook received a gash above the eye while excavating east of Norfolk Monday morning. Two stitches were required to sew up the gash. The county commissioners are busy repairing the old bridge near the county line, putting in the tubing. The old bridge was built twenty-four years ago. Jacob Widaman has purchased the acre lot on Thirteenth street and Nebraska avenue. Mr. Widaman will build a residence and a barn on the place. It was announced from the pulpit Sunday that Miss Hattie Hill and John Felger are to be married Wednesday. Both of the young people reside on farms southeast of the city. Street Commissioner Uecker is busy cleaning the gutters on Main street, which are filled with ice and snow to such an extent that when it thaws, the sidewalks are flooded with water. The Dorcas society of the Congregational church will hold a social meeting at the home of Miss Laura Durland Tuesday. Each member of the society is requested to represent a popular song. Rain, of about two minutes' duration, visited Norfolk Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Although it was only a sprinkle, the raindrops were quite large, and for a few moments it looked like a spring shower. W. H. Green, district manager of the Independent Harvester company, has arranged a contract with the Norfolk Transfer and Storage company for the storage and forwarding of their implements. Mr. Green has also rented office room at the company's place of business. H. W. Hinkley, a traveling stove salesman living on Ninth street and Koenigsstein avenue, will move with his family to Lincoln next week. Mr. Hinkley's territory lies in southern Nebraska and with Lincoln as his headquarters, it will be more convenient for him there. Reports sent out of Norfolk to buck elevators, by a stranger, that an elevator blockade existed here, are denied by elevator men. In the middle states every year there is usually a shortage of grain and stock cars, but nothing like this has been experienced by local elevator men. John W. Warrick, a Meadow Grove live stock dealer, was in Norfolk Saturday afternoon, the guest of Smith Grant. Mr. Warrick says that his part of the country has come to depend upon The Norfolk News for the news of the world, to the practically complete exclusion of all other newspapers. Arrangements have been completed by the Boys club for their hop at the Marquardt hall Tuesday evening. Many members of the club are members of the local company of national guards and a special program with which they entertained guests at their former hop will probably be put on Tuesday evening. Because the standpipe was almost full of water Monday morning Water Commissioner Brummond was unable to make the proposed test of the wells which are reported to be going dry. The steam engine was fired up and ready for action, but Mayor Friday refused to make a test with the standpipe filled with water. The mayor does not believe a satisfactory test with so much water in the standpipe can be made. There will probably be three tests made later. The largest sale of stamps ever recorded here in one day was made at the local postoffice Saturday afternoon, when 16,250 two-cent stamps were purchased by the Nebraska Telephone company for use in this district. Us-

ually when stamps are purchased in such large quantities the purchaser has them perforated with the firm's initials. The Cudahy Packing company stamps are perforated with "C. P. Co." The Nebraska Telephone company stamps will probably bear the letters "N. T. Co." Miss Rebecca Duggan returned to her school in Pierce county Sunday noon, having spent Saturday and Sunday at home. J. Evans went to Missouri Valley Sunday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Hummelworth and four children have returned to their home at Clearwater, having spent the past few days at the home of Mrs. Hummelworth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Potras. Miss Geneva Moolick returned yesterday to her school in Pierce county. Mrs. Pat Curran went to Missouri Valley yesterday on business. Mr. and Mrs. William Banner and daughter, Gladys, arrived home yesterday from Omaha. John Quick has moved his family from Park avenue to Mr. Hodson's property on Park avenue to Mr. Hodson's property on Hastings avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Harshman and daughter, Eugene, of Council Bluffs, are here visiting with Mrs. Harshman's sister, Mrs. John Koerber. Mr. and Mrs. John Beach and family of Trenton, Mo., are here visiting at the home of Mrs. Beach's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ball. Mr. Beach was a former Chicago and Northwestern conductor, living at Norfolk Junction. James Brennan went to Omaha yesterday on business. Mrs. Lester Parker and three children returned to their home in Tilden at noon, after a few days' visit at the home of Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Parker. Miss Lillian Porter of Ainsworth is visiting relatives here for a few days. Jack McGraw arrived home from the east yesterday. Ten Welsh has resigned his position as car repairer here and has gone to Columbus for a few days' visit with relatives, before going to Cheyenne, Wyo., to seek employment. Harry Fox of Creighton is here on a brief visit with friends. Examinations for rural carriers out of Norfolk took place at the local postoffice. Among the Norfolk men taking this examination were: Horace P. Gray, James W. Cook, Edgar S. Monroe, Charles W. Casselman, John A. Hedinger, Bryon B. Barkdell, George W. Saffell and Alva H. McKnight, all of Tilden have also filed examinations for the position. Examinations for carrier clerk for service at the Norfolk postoffice will take place here February 9. These positions pay from \$600 up to \$1,200 per year. W. E. Spencer, formerly a Norfolk business man but now in the creamery business at Alliance, Neb., was in the city calling on old friends. Norfolk, says Mr. Spencer, is a good place for the creamery business, but the lack of good management, with the competition of large creamery companies, has tended to hurt Norfolk's creamery trade. Mr. Spencer while at Alliance heard of the offer some Norfolk business men are giving in the way of a free gift of the valuable sugar factory buildings to any one who will guarantee to employ fifty men at the place for twenty-five years. This offer, Mr. Spencer says, is about the best he has heard of, and believes some one will soon take advantage of the offer. H. A. Pasewalk, who has charge of the factory buildings, has had many inquiries about the buildings and believes he will soon get a satisfactory offer for the buildings. That's Where You're Wrong. York Times: Norfolk has a mayor named Friday. Complaint is made to the governor that he should be removed for not enforcing the Sunday law. South Dakota at a Glance. Carthage is soon to have an electric light system. Highmore is to have a large creamery and the machinery already has arrived. H. E. Henegar has been elected chief of the fire department at Chamberlain. A movement has been started at Highmore for the organization of a Commercial club. Work on the new Lutheran college for North and South Dakota has been resumed at Eureka. A. W. Krueger of Groton has been elected president of the South Dakota Horticultural society. The board of control of the state firemen's association will hold a meeting at Chamberlain on Wednesday. E. E. Mears, a pioneer resident of Ipswich, has been arrested at Fort Smith, Ark., on a charge of using the mails for fraud. The Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad will expend about \$165,000 in improvements at Watertown this year. The plans include a new passenger station. The N. J. Lindgren Land company has been organized at Aberdeen and will deal extensively in South Dakota realty. N. J. Lindgren is president of the company. Blood poisoning resulting from an attempt to cut a corn with a razor, caused the death of James W. King, a pioneer resident of the Black Hills at Deadwood. February will see the birth of two new newspapers in the Black Hills, one of them a daily to be published at Spearfish and the other a semi-weekly at Sturgis. The Spearfish paper will be published by Joseph Todd and will be known as the Daily Caravan. Snow Covers North Germany. Berlin, Jan. 25.—Snow continued to fall throughout the northern part of Germany today. Many large towns have been cut off from communication by railway, telegraph and telephone with the outside.

Ministers and Medicine Money. Fremont Tribune: The doctors of the Elkhorn Medical association have decided to abolish the practice of ministering medically to ministers of the gospel without monetary remuneration. Christian doctrine as well as the ethics of their profession happily precludes the possibility of the good doctors of divinity retaliating by prescribing fees (bills rendered monthly) for prayers and other holy services of which the doctors of medicine stand in need. The ministers of the gospel will prefer to assume that the administrators of medicine have made a move toward raising the standard of the profession of preaching from the level of mediocrity, which is one of its distressing attributes. Service of the Lord in the capacity of a minister has never held out any allurements as a business proposition and unfortunately, perhaps, has made little progress as such. Before money came into use as a medium of exchange people bartered the fruits of their productive abilities for the things their needs demanded, but the good preachers, producing nothing they could barter, were supported largely by the gifts of their converts and parishioners. The pound shower for the preacher and the reduced railroad fare, as well as the free medical attendance, are survivals of this superannuated practice, which, it may be mentioned, is a prime factor in making the profession take on a backnumber aspect. It is customary nowadays to pay laborers, whether they be laborers in the wheat fields, or in the field of medicine, in hard money, and the field of gospel ministry should be no exception. The requirements of the profession and its dignity demand it. Ministers of the gospel do not want free medical attention and will not take it when salaries commensurate with the requirements of their services and sufficient to their needs are paid them. The doctors of medicine perhaps have done right by deciding to charge the fees up to the doctors of divinity, but they should now take out full membership in the Society of Gospel Salary Boosters in order to collect the bills. Plan a State Baseball League. W. F. Hall is being swamped with inquiries as to what arrangements have been made for next year's baseball league. A letter from Palmer and Lowery of Fremont ask that the baseball management arrange to meet with them with a view of organizing a state baseball league, in which about seven Nebraska towns in this territory would be included. Mr. Hall will probably turn the matter over to the Commercial club, as his duties as manager of the baseball club ended when the team was disbanded. Many more inquiries from players have been received here. The Fremont letter says: As we are figuring strongly on a good ball team in Fremont this season, we would like to hear from some of the other good towns and learn what they think of a state league of about six or seven good towns. We will agree to anything in reason, and would suggest the following named towns: Grand Island, Kearney, Hastings, Fremont, Norfolk and Seward. Of course, Seward is not as large as some, but it is a good ball town and we would be glad to arrange a meeting place, so that we can meet and talk it over. We would be willing to meet in any town satisfactory to the balance of the towns. We would be glad to have you come to Fremont or we will come to you, but the sooner the better, as you know it will take some time to get organized and straightened out. Now, we would be very pleased to hear from you and any suggestions you would make we would be thankful received. We can't see why a state league would cost us any more than a first class independent team. Immigration Fund Cut Out. Washington, Jan. 24.—The \$125,000 appropriation for the immigration commission was stricken out of the urgency deficiency bill in the house today on a point of order by Representative Macon (Ark.), leaving the commission without an appropriation. Mr. Macon in a speech declared that the commission had made its recent foreign trip a "junkie" and he said he would do up in his power to "strangle" the commission. "How the immigration commission could work on an investigation for two years and spend \$657,993 is beyond the comprehension of an humble member of congress," declared Representative Butler (Pa.). Mr. Sabbath (Ill.) declared the commission's work so far "for this large sum is not worth so many pennies." A Killing in Sioux City. Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 24.—John Sears, a driver for the Martin Holmes Coal company, was slain today by Tom Mahon, a night watchman, in a quarrel over a horse. Mahon is under arrest. Fichter-Collins. Madison, Neb., Jan. 25.—Special to The News: Marriage license was issued to Raymond J. Fichter and Miss Phillis Collins, both of Meadow Grove. Mr. Fichter is a son of Judson B. Fichter, and Miss Collins is a daughter of Andy J. Collins, both well-to-do and highly respected farmers of Grove precinct. Colombe Released on Bond. Fairfax, S. D., Jan. 25.—Special to The News: John Colombe, the Tripp county Indian notary who was arrested charged with forgery was released on bond. His preliminary hearing will be held at Bonestell. Pavelka and Taylor Win. Plainview, Neb., Jan. 25.—Special to The News: A wrestling match took place here in the opera house between Ben Pavelka of Verdigris and Louis Volquardsen of Charter Oak, Ia. The match was made between Hans Olsen of Bloomfield and Pavelka,

but on account of Olsen being injured a few days ago, the Iowa man was substituted. A preliminary between Bruce of Verdigris and Glen Scott of Plainview proved to be an interesting affair. After twenty minutes of hard work the bout was declared a draw. The main event between the two big men was one of the best exhibitions of scientific wrestling, catch-as-catch-can, ever seen here. Pavelka weighed 182 pounds and his opponent tipped the beam at an even 200. Pavelka won the first fall in twenty-three minutes after getting his man three times in a number of tight places. The Iowa man was badly winded by the desperate work. Pavelka rushed into the second bout and wore his man down, gradually pinning his shoulders to the mat in nine minutes, winning two falls and the match. A good sized house greeted the grapplers and the efforts of both men were liberally applauded and in every way quiet and orderly and in every way a success. Pavelka made many friends here by his manly and clean wrestling and his opponent was also a gentleman. It is the prevailing opinion that the Verdigris wrestler is more than a match for any of the mat artists in this part of the state. Lyons, Neb., Jan. 25.—Special to The News: Taylor, the Burke giant, wrestler, took straight falls from Chingway, the Indian wrestler of Wall Hill, Neb. Beemer is Growing. Beemer, Neb., Jan. 25.—Special to The News: W. Dencker & Co. are moving from their old stand, occupied for over fourteen years, into the Homes building, on the opposite corner, giving them a much larger and better lighted store room. It is rumored that a gent's clothing stock will occupy the room vacated by Dencker & Co. This adds to the list of a new butcher shop, garage and restaurant for Beemer this spring. Diphtheria at Ainsworth. Ainsworth, Neb., Jan. 25.—Special to The News: The schools here have closed on account of a diphtheria epidemic. Women Are Leaving City. Denizens of the restricted district are said to be making a wholesale exodus from Norfolk, following notices recently served upon keepers of the places by owners of the houses, that the resorts must be vacated by a day or so, the places will be practically deserted. Citizens on North Eighth street are threatening to file complaints against colored women in that locality for being inmates of disorderly houses. The colored women, it is said, have been employed in resorts in the eastern part of the city, a cabman each day driving them back and forth from their place of employment. Graham Takes Lloyd's Place. Washington, Jan. 25.—Accepting the action of the democratic caucus the house elected Representative Graham of Illinois as a member of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee in place of Representative Lloyd of Missouri. The choice of Mr. Graham was ratified by the house without debate and by a viva voce. Death of Miss Scattergood. Ainsworth, Neb., Jan. 25.—Special to The News: A. W. Scattergood received a telegram early this morning from an undertaker in San Francisco informing him of the death of Miss Ofal Scattergood, a cousin, residing in France, but who was making a tour of the world and was intending to make him a visit in the near future. He had no further particulars. He left Monday night for San Francisco to take care of the body. It will be brought here and probably buried here. Need Not Disclose All Evidence. Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 25.—That attorneys do not need to disclose all their evidence in their answers to a complaint, is the substance of a decision which recently was rendered by the state supreme court in the case of David Williams vs. Charles F. Black, editor of the Waubay Clipper. Black in his paper charged that there was a lumber combine in Day county, designed to unlawfully restrain competition in trade, and that Williams, as lumber companies, was a party to the deal. Williams soon afterward commenced suit against the Waubay editor by which he sought to recover damages in the sum of \$10,000. An answer was filed by the attorneys for the editor, and this was demurred to on the ground that it was insufficient for a defense. The demurrer was sustained in the circuit court. The editor's attorneys then put in an amended answer, disclosing little if any more of the evidence than in the original answer. This also was demurred to and, after being sustained by the circuit judge, was appealed to the state supreme court, which now has reversed the decision of the circuit court. Herman Draeger Badly Hurt. Pierce, Neb., Jan. 25.—Special to The News: Herman Draeger, a farmer living on the Ernest Fisher farm, ten miles northeast of this place, was injured seriously by being trampled by a team of heavy horses. He was in the barn harnessing the team when he in some manner stumbled and fell under the animals' feet. The injured man remembers nothing after his fall, but was found later by members of the family under the horses in an unconscious condition. He was carried to the house and a physician called, who found Mr. Draeger to be suffering from four broken ribs on the right side and internal injuries that it is feared may prove fatal.

TUESDAY TOPICS. Herman Korth went to Pierce. W. H. Avery of Tilden was here. R. S. Payne of Neligh was in the city. Mrs. Edward Reynolds of Wayne was here. C. G. Zuelow went to Pierce on business. Mrs. C. L. Wattles of Neligh was in the city. Miss Jessie Cate of Pierce called on friends here. Mrs. L. C. Gildersleeve and son of Wayne were in the city. Mrs. Ernest Puls of Hoskins was in the city calling on friends. S. S. Sidners, an attorney of Fremont, was in the city on business. Mrs. Aaron and daughters of Hoskins were in the city visiting with friends. The Norfolk Chess club meets with Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Wichert Thursday evening. Members of Kremlins orchestra of Humphrey were in the city Monday afternoon enroute to Tilden. They engaged Marquardt hall for February 15. B. T. Reid reports the repairs on his boarding house have been progressing very fast and in a short time no traces of a fire will be left. The repapering and repainting of the entire interior of the house is about completed. Many Norfolk friends of Miss Margaret Lambert, formerly instructress of the German department at the high school here, will be surprised to hear that this week she will be married to a young capitalist of Fairbury, her home. A regular meeting of the commercial club directors was held at the Oxford hotel Tuesday afternoon. The regular routine of business was gone through. Norton Howe, Will Haupt, Peter Stafford and Charles Hulac went to Tilden Monday evening, where they attended a dance which they claim was a decided success. The Norfolk skating rink management changed hands Monday afternoon, when William Eecker, street commissioner, purchased the skating outfit from Davenport & Haase. W. C. Ahlman, who is at Houston, Tex., has written in bloom around Houston and the weather balmy. Mr. Ahlman has gone to San Antonio, where he is looking over a land proposition. E. B. Kauffman has opened his bowling alleys to a large crowd of bowlers. A number of good bowlers are among the gathering and, although the scores were low at first, they increased as the players limbered up to their old-time standing. Clubs are to be formed and soon some exciting games are to be witnessed. John Davis, an inmate of the state hospital for insane, escaped from that institution Monday. Davis, who had been given much liberty, was employed in the laundry. His escape was not noticed and it is believed he had about an hour's start of the guards, who thought he was headed for his old home near Randolph. Mrs. Joseph Pilant, who has spent a week with relatives at Omaha, has returned. Mrs. Pilant says sidewalks in Omaha, which are coated with ice, are almost impassable. Many people, she says, prefer the middle of the street to the icy walks. A heavy fog also has invaded the city, and umbrellas are used to keep the soot from damaging wearing apparel. Farmers coming into the city are complaining of the extremely bad roads leading to Norfolk. In some places great holes are reported to have been made in the road from wagon wheels, making it difficult to haul large loads. The heavy snow, it is said, has kept all the frost from the ground, which is now very soft. J. E. Thomas, who recently returned from Carter, S. D., with his bride, has resigned his position as clerk at the Norfolk postoffice. Herbert Wichman, formerly employed at the H. W. Winter harness shop, succeeds Mr. Thomas temporarily. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will probably return to their homestead near Carter in about thirty days, when the leave of absence given to all homesteaders ends. Miss Lois Gibson, whose work at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, has been followed with interest by many Norfolk people, had a place on January 15 on the program of a pupils' recital given in Recital hall of the conservatory building. Her selection were from Chopin—Her Etude in C sharp minor and the Tarantelle in A flat major, both works that gave scope to a technique which under the coaching of distinguished Boston musicians is becoming well formed and competent. Norfolk fire fighters today are wearing their coats unbuttoned to show the bright new badges which adorn their breasts. The new badges arrived recently and are being proudly worn, not only by the firemen, but also by the chief. The chief's badge, on the top of which the American eagle spreads his wings, bears the words, "Chief Norfolk Fire Department," in the middle are the firemen's trumpets. The fire boys' badges, which are smaller in size than the chief's badge, bear the words "Norfolk Fire Department." In the center the number of the company to which the man belongs is plainly visible. Creighton News: Departing from a custom that has been in vogue from time immemorial the Elkhorn Valley Medical association which met at Norfolk Tuesday, passed a resolution declaring it had practice to give free medical services to preachers and their dependents and binding their members to get the good hard cash for their services in such cases in the future. Good, we never were in favor of class favoritism and we are pleased to know that the pulpit has been placed on the same plane with the newspaper, in the eyes of this medical fraternity at least, and we commend these dignitaries for their action. We always felt that the editors were being discriminated against

somewhere. Dr. Johnson was elected vice president of the association. O'Neill Frontier: The case of W. P. Mohr vs. N. O. Hopkins, on a breach of contract, which was commenced in the district court on October 28, was, upon application of the defendant, who is a resident of Westboro, Mo., removed to the circuit court of the United States, Norfolk division. According to the petition this case involves land valued at \$54,600. On September 20 last, the petition states, Mohr and Hopkins entered into a contract by the terms of which Hopkins was to deed to Mohr land valued at \$23,400 and Mohr was to deed him land valued at \$54,600, and the difference, \$31,200, Hopkins was to pay Mohr in cash. Mohr alleges he stands ready to fulfill his part of the contract but that defendant refuses to fulfill his part of the agreement and seeks to compel him to live up to the contract. The half yearly meeting of the Baptist Young People's union was held at the home of J. C. Adams, South Fourth street. The following officers were elected: President, Cleo Lederer; vice president, Miss Nora Taylor; secretary, Miss Lydia Brueggeman; treasurer, Miss Florence Lewis. Misses Lula Porter, Marion Taylor, Ruth Beebe were elected chairmen of the devotional, social and membership committees. Miss Ruth Beebe organist. Five new members were enrolled and one taken off the roll, Miss Gladys Adams, who leaves soon for Los Angeles. Refreshments were served. Acting upon the suggestion of C. S. Fridge and Dr. J. H. Mackay, that trees and logs in the Northfork are getting so numerous that floods would be inevitable because of the ice gorge, which would no doubt soon form, and that the trees and old logs have a tendency to hinder the free flow of the water, the city council has given orders to Street Commissioner Uecker to commence the work of removing this rubbish immediately. With the aid of three men Mr. Uecker will remove all trees, logs, stumps and anything which tends to hinder the water flow of the Northfork, up to the city limits, from which place the same work will be immediately commenced by County Commissioner Taft, who is also already "on the job." Creighton News: The fire alarm was turned in Wednesday night about 1:30 and a number of citizens turned out with the fire company and were directed to the home of William Mason living the Wagner house in the northeast part of town. Mr. Mason, who was at home alone, was awakened by choking from smoke and discovering the neighbors who gave the alarm, Mr. Mason kept all doors closed tight, which kept the fire in check until the fire company arrived and they made quick work of it, but not before considerable damage was done to the inside of the house and Mr. Mason's furniture is almost a total loss, which is covered by insurance. Mrs. Mason had gone to Norfolk Wednesday morning for a few days visit, but she received word of the fire and returned home Thursday morning. Tests on the Norfolk waterworks system were started early Monday, when Water Commissioner Brummond fired up the boiler and started the steam pump in operation. At 12 o'clock fifty-five feet of water was reported in the standpipe, and at 2 o'clock Street Commissioner Uecker stood ready at two hydrants with hose attached to flush the sewers when the standpipe, which was expected to be full at 2, would probably overflow. E. A. Bullock at noon did not believe there was much water in the standpipe, and at 2 o'clock was positive that not more than forty feet could be found in the pipe. He also was confident that the standpipe would not be filled during the day. The idea of the city's test is to fill the standpipe, let water out at two hydrants, keep the steam pump working and ascertain how long the pump could hold the water in the pipe, and also to ascertain if the wells furnished enough water to keep the pipe filled. To Plow Up Dakota Prairies. Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 25.—Reports from the northwestern part of the state, where thousands of homesteaders are experiencing their first winter on their claims, are to the effect that many of them have been having a strenuous time during the severe weather. Those who live in flimsy rough board "shacks" have suffered the most, many of these depending upon kerosene stoves for warmth. Among the numerous homesteaders are quite a number of young women, who are bearing the hardships incident to frontier life as well as the men. The homesteaders generally are bearing their hardships with fortitude, and now are planning on their spring work having determined to break an aggregate of many thousands of acres of prairie land and put it into crops the coming season. Fairfax Postoffice Scrap. Fairfax, S. D., Jan. 25.—Special to The News: A pretty little political fight has been on for the past sixty or ninety days over the postmaster-ship here. It is understood that "trumped up" charges were filed some time ago against the present incumbent, Mr. Olson, and afterwards friends of W. H. Barger urged his appointment. Thus issues became joined and a merry fight has been on until quite recently Mr. Barger received the endorsement of the local "powers" that he, which has been forwarded to the senators and representatives at Washington for their O. K., and President Taft's approval. However, knowing one says the fight is not over, intimating that possibly the "insurgent" senators will possibly object to confirmation of a "stalwart." However, as both the present incumbent and prospective are both stalwarts, "We shall see what we shall see."

Norfolk Public School Notes. The departmental system, which has been in operation in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades during the past semester, was an experiment in the Norfolk schools. It has proved to be so successful that it will be continued during the next semester. Good resolutions have been even more prevalent during last week than on the first of January. Every one is planning to get out of examinations next time. A class of thirteen from the eighth B entered the high school on Friday. This is only the second year that mid-year promotions have been made into the high school, but the past year the plan has worked well. Some of the pupils who entered last year will graduate in three and one-half years with the present tenth grade. That Norfolk schools are growing is shown by the fact that a new teacher, Miss Fay Pittard, is being employed in the fourth grade of the Washington school. Miss Pittard comes highly recommended. It is with great regret that we learn of the resignation of Miss Lambert from the high school. Miss Lambert has during the three years work in Norfolk, won the admiration and respect of her pupils and fellow teachers, as well as the patrons of the school. She has raised the standard of scholarship, not only in the German department, but in the entire school. Although her resignation is a distinct loss to Norfolk, its best wishes go with her. Miss Barnaby has made many friends during her stay in Norfolk and it is hoped that a rest during the remainder of the year will restore her to good health. The teachers were entertained by the Woman's club last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles Durland. The decorations were in yellow and white, the club colors. Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Jones rendered piano solos and Mrs. Hazen sang a beautiful lullaby. Mrs. Erskine pleased everybody by a reading in the French Canadian dialect. Dainty refreshments were served. The Woman's club has shown its kindly feeling toward the teachers and the school in many ways, a spirit which is highly appreciated. Norfolk Better as Show Town. Norfolk is developing into one of the best theatrical towns of its size in the United States. This city has had more high grade attractions this year than the city of Lincoln. Radical changes have come over the show business in Norfolk within the past few years. Tastes have changed, the kind of attractions demanded have changed and there has been a notable change in the type of attractions offered the theater-going public. When this season comes to an end, Norfolk will have seen about twenty high grade shows—the same sort of high grade attractions that play at \$1.50 and \$2 prices in the cities. When it is called to mind that four years ago Norfolk was in the habit of seeing on an average of three of this type of attractions within a year, the change in the theatrical offerings will become apparent. Four years ago, when the present management took the Auditorium, there were two or three shows a week—all of the lowest type. They were the 10, 20 and 30 cent variety, and a bad lot of barnstormers appeared before the local footlights during the course of the season. The old management of the theater said it "didn't pay" to bring good shows to Norfolk. An earnest effort to secure high grade attractions has demonstrated that it does pay to bring the good things to Norfolk. It has been proved that Norfolk people very much prefer the attractions of class to the inferior slap-jack stuff that used to flood the town. In fact, the inferior show with cheap prices and cheap actors, doesn't get enough money in Norfolk today to pay expenses. It's the better class of attractions that draw the houses. The Auditorium management has been fortunate in linking up with Klaw & Erlanger of New York city, who control the booking of better class of attractions in the United States. Maurice W. Jencks of Sioux City, manager of the Sioux City Grand theater, who controls about fifty big theaters in the middle west, is the booking agent for the Norfolk Auditorium, being the representative of Klaw & Erlanger in this territory. And Mr. Jencks is sending to Norfolk more high class attractions than were formerly believed possible to secure for so small a town. And by reason of its alliance with Klaw & Erlanger, Norfolk has this year been given more theatrical treats than even Lincoln, the Nebraska state capital, for the reason that the management of the Oliver at Lincoln fought Klaw & Erlanger, casting lot with the Shuberts, and the Shuberts failed to bring on the good shows. As an instance of the liberal booking of good shows in Norfolk, stands out the fact that during the present week two excellent attractions are billed, one on Wednesday night and one on Thursday night. It has not been many years ago that two high grade shows within a season was nearer the normal run. Farmers Are Husking Corn. The warm days of the past week have put a crimp in the snowdrifts throughout this section, and as a result many farmers are now resuming the husking of corn which was abandoned in the fall when cold weather and snow came unusually early. Already grain is pouring into all elevators in this territory faster than railroads can supply cars to haul it away.