

F. A. McCornack, a Sioux City banker well known in Norfolk, and who was one of the men who started interest locally in the Y. M. C. A., was the victim of an overcoat thief the other day, and the man who stole the overcoat, now an ex-convict with a long prison record, is a north Nebraska boy. Roy Fero was the thief. He was formerly a Ponca, Neb., boy, having been born there twenty-nine years ago. He was always a "bad boy" and served a term in the Kearney reform school twenty years ago. Since then he has developed into a professional crook, and has served time in Sioux Falls and Fort Madison.

Regarding the theft of McCornack's overcoat, a Sioux City report says: After an exciting game of hide and seek Chief of Detectives J. B. Richard captured Roy Fero, a man with a half dozen prison records, who was released from Fort Madison only last week. He has finished serving a four-year term for burglarizing a West Sixth street home. Fero is charged with stealing an overcoat valued at \$35 belonging to F. A. McCornack, president of the Y. M. C. A. The coat was stolen from the association lobby Monday evening during a business session of the chairman of the various Y. M. C. A. committees.

The detectives were notified and were given a description of the man suspected. The description tallied so closely with Fero, who is well known by every detective in Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska, that Detective Richard produced a picture of him. The Y. M. C. A. officials identified the suspect by the picture. The coat was located later in a second hand store. The pawnbroker identified its seller by the photograph. He had given only \$1.50 for it.

For a week the search had been constant, but no trace of Fero was found. Information indicated he was still in the city, and Detective Richard arose at 6 o'clock for the purpose of making a search. He went to a saloon where he thought Fero might be. Just as he entered Richard saw something which out of sight at the rear end of the bar. A man stepped up and blocked the open passage way behind the bar. Richard walked down to the stove and stood rubbing his hands as though to warm them. He made a quick dodge past the man and behind the bar, where Fero was found.

"I've known you ever since I was a boy, Dick," Fero said to the detective at the station, "but you surely got the laugh on me that time." He had been spending his days in hiding. Before robbing a house in Sioux City four years ago, Fero had served a term in the penitentiary at Sioux Falls, S. D. He has served, it is said, almost a dozen terms on petty larceny sentences. He is about 29 years of age, and of smart appearance. During the last year of his most recent term in prison he sent letters regularly to Detective Richard personally, thanking him for arresting him for the robbery, saying that he was a new man, and that when he was released he was going to start life right.

The letters were all written in a fine hand and composed in excellent English. Sometimes they were four and five pages in length. Fero will be given a hearing in the police court today. When arrested here last he was booked under the name of L. N. Farrell.

FRUIT FOR PLAINS FARMERS.

A Department of Agriculture Bulletin Tells How to Grow it.

The department of agriculture has been investigating for several years the possibilities of fruit growing on the great plains of the west and the results of these investigations have been embodied in a bulletin which is for free distribution.

The bulletin says that the plains are not a favorable region for fruit growing on account of the lack of moisture, but as the farmers of that region must either grow fruit or do without it the department has undertaken to help them.

The investigation has shown very encouraging possibilities for the growing of apples, cherries, plums, grapes, gooseberries and currants, and, in the southern part, peaches and pears. Where irrigation is possible fruit growing is comparatively easy, but in the great plains irrigation can only be depended on in exceptional localities. Conservation of the scant rainfall must be the main dependence. Much depends on using the most favorable location, selecting the most suitable varieties, cultivation and fertilization of the soil. The bulletin discusses all phases of the question, and gives many helpful suggestions.

BUY ORGAN FOR CHURCH.

Ladies of St. Johannes Church Earn Organ by Fancy Work.

Members of the St. Johannes church are thanking the Ladies' club of the church for their untiring efforts to purchase a new organ for the church. The organ, which is a beautiful instrument, has arrived and has been placed in the church. A history of many months of hard work on the part of the Ladies' club is attached to the purchase of this organ. The Ladies' club is composed of about fifty members of the St. Johannes church who pay a membership of ten cents a month into the club's treasury.

Every Tuesday the ladies meet and do fancy sewing, for which they are paid. This money also goes into the treasury. Their charge for sewing is so reasonable that their services have been much sought by many a tired housewife of the city, and their Tuesday meetings are busy. The treasury of the club has provided many improvements of the church. The congregation paid for building the church and the rest of the work was at a standstill until the Ladies' club came to the rescue, and out of their little treasury slowly, but surely, the edifice

was painted, sidewalks constructed and many other much needed improvements were made.

At last the church was in need of an organ, and the ladies worked quietly and their little treasury was again emptied and the organ purchased. It is with great pride the men of the congregation point to what the ladies' work has accomplished.

Rev. Carl Martin is the pastor of the church.

BASSETT IS GROWING.

An \$8,500 Home Will Be Built There by Karl Linke, Rancher.

Bassett, Neb., March 14.—Special to The News: The contract was awarded for the erection of one of the finest modern mansions that has been built in any little city along the Elkhorn valley, and will be an addition to Bassett that the town will be proud of. Karl Linke, a wealthy German ranchman of Rock county, a well known stockman, progressive and full of faith in this portion of the state, will be the owner of this beautiful home.

The building will be three stories and a basement, equipped with everything up-to-date, including a lighting and water plant. When complete, it will cost \$8,500, and will be built on a fine tract of land just east of the court house.

H. W. Gallher is also rebuilding and making an up-to-date home which will be a beauty, and the fine home of Hough Miller is also ready for occupancy. Bassett citizens are glad to see Norfolk boom and take on city proportions by paying their main streets. It all helps to improve Nebraska's most beautiful valley, the Elkhorn.

Norfolk Should Act Quickly.

Sioux City is sending a man to Chicago today for the purpose of cutting off one of the most important and promising fields in Norfolk's trade territory.

By building forty miles of railroad from Wynot, Neb., to Niobrara, the M. & O. railroad would give a short line route from the northern edge of Nebraska and the Rosebud country, into Sioux City. And it is to urge the M. & O. to build this short link, that O. J. Moore of Sioux City has just gone to Chicago.

A Gregory lawyer, A. J. Wilcox, who was in Norfolk during the day, said Mr. Moore told him of the plan and said that Sioux City's commercial club is bound to get that link. They've begun a strenuous campaign to do it.

Rosebud people are ANXIOUS to have the link built, because THEY WANT A WHOLESALE MARKET NEARER TO THEM THAN OMAHA.

That is what Mr. Wilcox told The News. They are encouraging Sioux City in its efforts to get the link built, for that reason.

It is apparent that the New Northwest is going to have a closer wholesale market than it now enjoys.

NORFOLK is the natural, logical and ideally located city for this distributing center. But present freight rates, it is claimed, make it impossible for Norfolk to develop as a wholesale center because of discriminations in Omaha's favor.

It is up to Norfolk to decide whether this city will step in and, by securing fair freight rates, fill the gap and provide a closer wholesale market for the northwest. There is a vast territory which would naturally be tributary to this as a wholesale market.

From the fact that Sioux City has already started a campaign to become this distributing center, by getting a short line, it would appear that Norfolk must fight for its life in territory north and west of Niobrara.

And not a day is to be lost in starting a campaign to establish Norfolk's rights as to make it possible for this city to take advantage of its location and get a foothold in a wholesale way that would allow it to compete with Omaha and with Sioux City, even in case the Wynot-Niobrara link be built.

Right now, while the chance remains, is Norfolk's time to build a wholesale point. Once Sioux City gets its short line built Norfolk's chances for becoming established will be very materially less.

The New Northwest is going to have a closer wholesale market, whether Norfolk acts or not. It's up to Norfolk as to whether this town will be in the game.

The Commercial club directors meet tomorrow and The News believes that the solid business interests of the city would back them up in starting an immediate campaign for Norfolk's freight rate rights. Every day lost, with Sioux City already after a short line, lessens Norfolk's chances to establish itself as the wholesale market of this territory.

There should be not a shadow of opposition in Norfolk to such a campaign. Its success would mean Norfolk's growth and the increase of Norfolk property values. It is a matter of vital importance to every person in the town. And no one with the city's interest at heart would refuse to support such a campaign.

With the new danger of being cut off from all chance to get established as a wholesale point, the time element has now become a very vital factor in the matter, and Norfolk can't afford to lose a minute. If the city has freight rate rights that it is not enjoying, the quicker that point is settled the better chance Norfolk will have to take advantage of it. But delay may spell a very serious loss of territory, now available if gone after in a campaign for freight rates that will put Norfolk on an equal basis with other points.

MONDAY MENTION.

Otto Uhle went to Madison. A. Buchholz went to Madison. E. R. Lucas of Foster was here. E. C. Sweet of Madison was here.

P. G. Hale of Atkinson was in the city. F. G. Auringer of Neligh was in the city.

John Pofahl of Hoskins was in the city.

Miss Emma Korth returned from Pierce.

S. S. McAllister of Lamro was in the city.

Mrs. Louise Pahn spent Sunday at Hoskins.

Henry Haase went to Sioux City on business.

W. A. Witzgman went to Madison on business.

William Zutz of Hoskins was in the city on business.

John Eickler of Creighton spent Sunday here with A. W. Finkhouse.

Miss Winnie Conley of Tilden was in the city visiting with friends.

Mrs. Louise Krause of Hoskins was in the city visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Schulz of Pierce spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bostrom are in the city enroute from Wausa to Denver, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Perry went to Stanton, where they are visiting with relatives.

F. H. Scott left this morning for a two months' business trip through South Dakota.

Joe F. Healey of Witten, S. D., and his sister, Miss K. C. Healey, of Sioux City were in the city.

Miss Anna Rosenbaum, who has been here spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Karl Stefan, returned to her home at Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Scott and Miss Hazle Boyd of Columbus spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott.

Mrs. L. W. Schlote of Tilden was in the city to attend the examination of Miss Annetta Schlote at the St. Johannes church.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Jacoby a son.

The front door window of the Hoffmann & Viele store was broken into some time during Sunday night. It is believed an attempt to enter the store was made.

A stack of hay belonging to Otto Zuelow was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon as the result of the strong wind carrying the flames from a fire from burning rubbish two blocks away.

M. J. Sanders, district manager of the Bell Telephone company, was at Pilger Saturday and organized a farm line of fourteen subscribers. Fourteen miles of line will be built north and west of Pilger.

Many immigrants moving to different parts of the state have passed through the city during the past week. Thirty head of horses from Tilden on their way to Oshkosh, were in the city Sunday night. One of the old time prairie schooners passed through.

With the beautiful spring weather of yesterday automobilists were up bright and early for a spin into the country. Golfists betook themselves to the Country club grounds, where they enjoyed some lively games on the links, which are in fine shape. The club house has been cleaned up for the summer and arrangements for social gatherings are now in order.

At the quarterly meeting of the St. Paul's Lutheran church Sunday it was found that subscriptions to pay off the \$5,000 debt of the church reached up to \$5,600, which leaves the church not only out of debt, but \$600 to the good in the treasury. The subscriptions were not solicited but were all free and voluntary donations. The salary and expenses of the church for the year was \$2,300.

A large number of hunters were out bright and early after the ducks which are beginning to haunt the watering places surrounding Norfolk. Some of the hunters were lucky enough to kill a few of the fowl, but the majority came back empty handed. "The ducks," says a farmer on whose place there are a number of ponds, "are not stopping here much. They are still flying too high."

Not all of the north Nebraska corn of the 1909 crop is worthless as seed, according to Carl Reiche, living south east of Norfolk. Mr. Reiche says he tested the corn which he husked before the snow came, and 95 per cent of it is good for seed. He tested that which remained out in the weather all winter, and found 75 per cent of it good for seed. Herman Bergman is said to have tested his corn and found it all worthless. Mr. Reiche has nearly 500 bushels of his 1909 crop.

Carl Reiche is just recovering from an accident last week on his farm southeast of Norfolk, which came near being serious. A team of horses which he was unhitching became frightened at a chicken and started to run. He held to a rein but was kicked by one of the animals, and thrown under the horses' feet. He was stepped on in three different places and believes that but for a silver dollar in his pocket, which was badly marked by the horse's shoe, he would have been seriously injured. The horse shoe cut a hole through Mr. Reiche's clothing and purse.

The Norfolk steam laundry building was entered during the night by persons who probably were in search of money which they thought was left in the cash register over Sunday. No money, however, is kept in the safe or cash register over night, and nothing save possibly a few linens was taken. The burglars entered the building through the windows on the south side of the building. When John A. Craven, who is in charge of the laundry here during the absence of Dan Craven, who is at York looking after the interests of his company there, first entered the laundry he noticed that the cash register had been moved from its usual place, and that the clean linen had been thrown about as if some one was in search of valuables. Nothing, however, has been missed by Mr. Craven, who says it is impossible to tell if any laundry had been stolen until callers for the linens are all heard from. The four windows on the south side of the building were

shades in the front windows, which were left open Saturday night, were pulled down. The police are investigating the burglary.

Mrs. Kingsbury.

Mrs. Mary Hoag Kingsbury, who had been bedfast for nearly three months as the result of falling and breaking her thigh on December 18, quietly passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt, at 5:15 o'clock Sunday evening. Mrs. Kingsbury was almost 94 years of age, having been born May 2, 1816.

Funeral services will be held at the Rainbolt home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Edwin Booth, Jr., of the First Congregational church, in charge.

Mrs. Kingsbury was a woman of remarkable intellect and wonderful will power. Despite her extreme age, up until the time of the accident which led to her death she took the keenest interest in all that was going on in the world. Though her eyesight had failed to quite an extent, she continued, by the aid of a powerful glass, to be a great reader, keeping up with the telegraph news of the day with much more precision than most people fifty years younger. Save for her weakened sight and slightly defective hearing, she retained her faculties to an amazing degree. Her great constitution and her extraordinary will power were never more clearly shown than in Mrs. Kingsbury's last illness when, week after week and often when it seemed life could not linger another hour, she would revive and fight off the end with growing strength.

For one of her age, Mrs. Kingsbury had an unusually large number of friendships among younger folk of the city and her keen wit and quaint humor were a match for any age.

It was sixteen years ago that Mr. Kingsbury, then 84, expired. He died January 5, 1894.

Mary Hoag Kingsbury was born May 2, 1816, near Poughkeepsie, N. Y. On September 17, 1839, she was married to H. F. Kingsbury. Mrs. Rainbolt of this city is the youngest and only surviving child.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury lived for many years in Aurora, Ill., moving thence to Ames, Ia., and later to San Diego, Calif. After a short residence in California they came to Norfolk in the fall of 1883 to make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Rainbolt.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury usually spent their winters in California until the last winter of Mr. Kingsbury's life.

Mrs. W. H. Bucholz and Mrs. W. M. Rainbolt are here and Mr. Bucholz and Mr. Rainbolt will arrive tomorrow.

TWO NEBRASKA TRAGEDIES.

Mangled Body of Man Found Near Coburn Junction.

Dakota City, Neb., March 15.—The body of a man, believed from a letter in his pocket to be Joseph V. Packard, was found dead about a mile south of Coburn Junction, about fifteen feet from the right of way of the Northwestern road by three South Sioux City boys, who were going hunting.

The man was evidently killed instantly by a passing train, as he had a deep cut across his forehead, his left cheek torn open, his hip broken and numerous other bruises and contusions all over his body. He was about 27 years of age. The letter in the inside pocket was addressed to B. F. Packard and signed "Father." It was dated at West Cunningham, Mass.

About \$5 in change, a quart bottle of whisky, a raffle ticket and a receipt belonging to Dugan & Hefferman's saloon was found in his clothes. He is suspected of the robbery of Dugan & Hefferman's saloon Saturday night in Hubbard, Neb. He was seen in that city at midnight Saturday night.

Upon the discovery of the dead man the three boys notified Byron Buchanan, station agent at Coburn Junction, who in turn notified Coroner B. F. Sawyer of Jackson, Neb., who decided death was accidental.

Woman Shoots Herself.

Lyons, Neb., March 15.—Mrs. Edward Sabin shot and killed herself east of here at the home of John Cooney, where she and her husband were working. It appears that John Crawford and Mr. Sabin were in a quarrel at the Cooney home. Crawford drew a revolver, when Mrs. Sabin snatched the gun from his hands and shot herself, dying instantly. The trouble started a few days ago when Crawford and John Montgomery had a fight, supposed to have been about Mrs. Sabin. The case was taken into court, and the trial set for April 8. The coroner and sheriff have been sent for.

Uniform Spencer Firemen.

Spencer Advocate: Hereafter the Spencer fire department will appear on parade at all celebrations and public gathering in full dress uniform. A committee of firemen met with the village board Tuesday evening and it was decided to order parade uniforms for the department.

These uniforms are to be paid for out of a special tax to be collected from insurance companies doing business in the city.

Winner Goes "Wet."

Winner Journal: The annual township election for this township was held Tuesday. There being but one ticket in the field the vote was not as heavy as it would otherwise have been. The vote on the sale of intoxicating liquor was thirteen "dry" and thirty-eight "wet." The following officers were elected: Supervisors, one year term, W. B. Roe; two year term, Charles Carter; three year term, J. M. Marshall; clerk, P. O. Beaulieu; assessor, H. P. Tallman; treasurer, V. J. Wagner; justices of the peace, Ed. Johnson and R. D. Gammon; constables, W. E. Place and Phil Murphy;

overseers of highways, Lee Bollen, Theodore Funk and Frank Lewis.

NOT A WORD ON POLITICS.

On the African Shores Roosevelt Was Met by Correspondents.

Khartoum, March 15.—"I have nothing to say and will have nothing to say on American or foreign questions or any phase or incident thereof.

"I will give no interview, and anything purporting to be in the nature of an interview with me can be accepted as false as soon as it appears. This applies to our entire stay in Europe."

Theodore Roosevelt, who is returning from a year's hunt in Africa, appearing hardy and strong, made the foregoing statement today to a newspaper correspondent who met the ex-president on the edge of the jungle.

BELMONT SAILED AS A VALET.

And His Actress Bride Was Booked as "Miss G. Smith."

New York, March 15.—Listed as "valet" to "Miss G. Smith," who later turned out to be his actress wife who was Eleanor Robson, August Belmont and his bride sailed for their honeymoon trip to the Mediterranean on the North German Lloyd liner Berlin. Neither the name of Belmont nor that of his bride was entered on the ship's list.

Alongside the name of "Miss G. Smith" on the ship's list was "maid and valet." Great secrecy was maintained by the ship's officers to keep the identity of the mysterious "Miss Smith" a secret.

About fifteen minutes before sailing time a large limousine car drove up to the pier. A woman attired in a somber dress, who was recognized as Mrs. Belmont, closely followed by August Belmont, jumped from the car and hurried to the gangplank. They were considerably surprised when accosted by the newspaper men.

"I thought we might elude you," they went immediately to the suite that had been set aside for them. This was the quarters of Captain Lungerstern and the first officer, located on the top deck forward, almost directly alongside the bridge. They had selected this suite, regarded as the most disagreeable located on the ship, so as to avoid as much as possible the gaze of the other passengers.

CARUSO TROTTED IN STATE.

One of the Tenor's Artist Guards Wore a Gold Bracelet.

New York, March 15.—Court Square in Brooklyn had its usual quiet disturbed. At about 9:30 o'clock a chunky, black haired man, wearing a derby, a silk faced green overcoat, lemon colored gloves and carrying a mace-like gold headed walking stick, walked rapidly up from the subway exit. He was in the center of a hollow square formed by six or eight determined looking men and they all moved rapidly over in the direction of the municipal building. They hadn't gone two dozen steps when a newsboy's shrill cry rang out.

"It's Caruso!" he cried. "Git onto Caruso! Black Hand! Black Hand!" Caruso, for it was he, broke into a gentle trot and with his bodyguard of detectives, fellow countrymen, singers and artists, lost no time in getting into the buildings. Special officers had to guard the door of the courthouse to keep the crowds out.

The singer went immediately to the office of the assistant district attorney, Mr. Ross, and there he made affidavit that the two prisoners, Antonio Cinotta and Antonio Misiano, said to be members of the Black Hand, had tried to blackmail him. The prisoners finally were arraigned shortly before noon and were each held in \$5,000 bail for examination Wednesday.

Caruso and his guard had given everybody the slip. Besides the detectives of his guard, there were with him his old friends, Armand Lecompte, Giuseppe Taricci, the artist; Tullio Vaghero, who is one of the orchestral directors of the Metropolitan and who wears a gold bracelet, and Eduardo Misiano, a singer, who by a strange coincidence has the same name as one of the alleged blackmailers.

MRS. MILNER IN A WRECK.

Wife of Fairfax Attorney Describes How it Seems to be in Wreck.

Fairfax Advertiser: On Saturday afternoon Attorney Charles Milner received a telegram from Mrs. Milner stating that she and her mother had been in a railroad wreck, but had escaped serious injury. A letter received Sunday giving a few of the particulars in her language said: "We were within two miles of Smith Center, Kansas, when the wreck occurred and Oh! the thoughts I had while going down the embankment. Mamma was sleeping in a chair the third ahead and across the aisle from me. Never shall I forget the pitiful look of all the passengers in our chair car. I said 'a wreck, my God, a wreck,' and leaped over a young man who had been thrown on the floor by my side. Then I tried to get to her and before I could reach her the car suddenly lurched and threw her at my head, for I was landed in a heap with a large suit case on top of me. I took hold of her and held her, but it was only for an instant, when the car stopped and fire burst forth and we got out by crawling out of our car. All that makes us alive now is that our train was electric lighted. My hip is quite sore and I suffer. To tell you the cause of the wreck I can't, for no one will ever know. Five great beautiful cars were destroyed by the fire, all baggage and all the United States mails were likewise destroyed. We saved our baggage except a few incidental things, as our drinking cups, vials—only trifles."

Mrs. Milner was on her way to

make a visit with relatives in Kansas and the train she was riding on was the "Rocky Mountain Limited," bound from Chicago to Denver, Colo., which she boarded at Omaha last Friday evening. Mrs. Milner was very fortunate and we rejoice with every one here that she was enabled to escape serious injury.

Mystery in Death.

West Point Republican: The train crew on the morning passenger from Omaha discovered the body of a man, Wednesday, lying by the side of the track near the Pulsifer culvert, about a mile on this side of Crowell. The train was stopped, the man picked up, but it was evident that he had been dead for some hours. The train backed up to Crowell where the body was left and the Dodge authorities notified. An examination of the dead man showed that he had a large hole, or gash in the back of his head and that, probably, caused his death. How it was received is, of course, not known at this time. He was identified as Thomas Davis, a laborer on the old Pulsifer farm. He was, if anything, past middle age and was considered sober and industrious. He may have been struck by a train during the night before and he may have met with foul play. He has relatives in Council Bluffs.

Must Have Lost One Hog.

Bristow Enterprise: William Dalley was in town Thursday morning. He said the Niobrara woke him up rather early Sunday morning about 4 o'clock the ice gorge caused the river to overflow. Mr. Dalley says there was twenty-five inches of water in his house and he lost \$50 worth of hogs.

TO IMPROVE O'NEILL LINE.

Burlington Officials Make Another Trip of Inspection There.

O'Neill Frontier: Superintendent Ed Flynn, Trainmaster J. B. Austin, General Road master J. H. Powen, Assistant Road master E. D. Hoenschel, and General Agent P. J. Donohoe formed a party of Burlington officials who came in. The object of the trip over the Sioux City-O'Neill line was to get a general line on conditions and prospects for spring and summer business and also the needs of the line with respect to improvements that will be made this year.

It was learned during their stay in town that the Burlington will make extensive improvements on this line and that O'Neill is to be the general headquarters of the work. Machine shops are to be opened in the round house to keep the tools and machinery in repair while work is going on widening the cuts along the line and ballasting the track. A steam shovel is to be put to work soon enlarging cuts and repairing grades and as soon as the frost is out of the ground the track will be built to the company's gravel pit northwest of town and the work of ballasting begun.

Seven regular train crews will be put on duty and a large number of men kept at work. On their visit here the officials made some inquiry as to the capacity of the town to take care of a hundred or more workmen which they will have at work here and along the line. As O'Neill will be the general headquarters of the work this force of men will be here at least a part of the time and some of them all the time.

Mittelstadt Sells Yards.

L. C. Mittelstadt has sold his lumber business here to the Bingenheimer-Evans company of Creighton. The deal has been closed and the work of invoicing will be completed in a few days. G. L. Evans of the Creighton firm is here and has moved into the J. W. Gibson house on Koeningstein avenue and Twelfth street.

Headquarters for Line Yards.

The Norfolk purchase of the Bingenheimer-Evans company now makes them owners of five lumber yards in northeast Nebraska, the other yards being located at Creighton, Winnetoon, Allen and Wynot. The company will make Norfolk their headquarters and will carry on a wholesale business. Norfolk being chosen as their distributing point because of its railroad convenience, which will enable the company to supply quick orders to other yards.

Henry Bingenheimer will probably arrive here today with his family. Mr. Bingenheimer and Mr. Evans will take charge of the headquarters here, while J. W. Bingenheimer will handle the Creighton office.

The members of the Bingenheimer-Evans firm are very highly spoken of by people who have known the firm for many years. Their acquisition by Norfolk will add considerably to the city's importance as a distributing point.

Mr. Mittelstadt Remains Here.

Mr. Mittelstadt will remain in Norfolk. He has no definite plans for the future and contemplates taking a rest of a couple of years. He has been in the lumber business for thirty-five years, and believes he is entitled to a little recreation. For twenty-one years he has lived in Norfolk, conducting his lumber business here. He has been one of the substantial and prosperous business men of the community.

Besides his yard here, Mr. Mittelstadt owns a large lumber yard and a large hardware store at Laurel, Neb., and has an interest in a lumber yard at Wnisdie.

"I shall continue to make my home in Norfolk," he said to The News. Other than that, I have no definite plans."

Shoots Off Part of Hand.

Winer Farmer, Hunting Ducks, Picks Gun up by the Muzzle.

Winer, Neb., March 15.—Special to The News: While out hunting ducks Sunday Marsh Metz, who is living on the Farley farm, four miles west of town, had the lower three fingers and

part of his hand blown off with a shotgun. He sat down to rest on the banks of the Elkhorn. When he arose to start on, taking hold of the muzzle of the gun, it was discharged with the above result.

May Increase School Board.

Shall the Norfolk board of education be increased in size from six members to nine?

The electors of the school district will vote upon this question at the forthcoming election, to be held Tuesday, April 5. Norfolk, having within the past year become a city of the first class of under 40,000 and over 5,000 population, the law provides that "the board of education shall at the option of the school district consist of nine members who shall be qualified electors of said city, and shall be actual taxpayers."

The election for municipal and school board officers is today called by the mayor and city clerk.

Sioux City Wants Link.

The Sioux City Commercial club is sending a man to Chicago today to try to persuade the M. & O. railroad to extend its Sioux City-Wynot line forty miles northwest to Niobrara. O. J. Moore is the man making the trip. He goes to Chicago in connection with Sioux City's fight for a better grain rate, and while there will also take up this Niobrara extension and urge the M. & O. to build it.

A. J. Wilcox, a Gregory attorney passing through Norfolk from Sioux City, is authority for that statement. Mr. Wilcox says that he talked with Mr. Moore and was assured that Sioux City has already begun a strenuous effort to get that railroad link built. Mr. Wilcox says the people of the