

FOR THE PUBLIC'S SAKE.

Railroad Man Takes Issue With Critic as to Extravagance.

A New York newspaper writer, commenting in a recent article upon conditions in the railroad world, perpetrated the following epigrams, with attending observations:

"Opulence begets extravagance. Necessity stimulates economy. American railroad companies have been lavish in their expenditures upon what might be called the ornamental, as witness the erection of veritable palaces as stations in the larger cities. If the public refuses to provide the money for such projects, then there will be a lull in improvements of this kind until conditions again change for the better— and conditions in a young and progressive country are far more likely to recover than to retrograde."

A prominent railroad man, interviewed upon this subject, said: "The paragraph quoted above has been given wide publicity. No doubt there are some who, caught by its clever verbiage and yielding willingly to a somewhat human tendency to cheer when the sound of a 'swat' is heard—whether the blow be justified or not—will echo its sentiment."

"But a second thought will be of some assistance. An analysis of the writer's assertions will give a correct interpretation of the so-called 'extravagance' and 'lavish expenditures' which have their manifestation in the construction of railroad stations which deserve to be called 'veritable palaces.'"

"These 'palaces' are public places, built for public use and public comfort. A railroad station, like a post office, or a court house, or a city hall, is one of the most democratic institutions in the country. There the folk of high caste or low degree meet on common ground, enjoying the same accommodations, sharing alike in the conveniences that are provided, appreciating alike the beauties and luxuries that have been installed if the station be in keeping with the times."

"No more unpopular place is numbered among America's public buildings than the old, unsightly, dilapidated railroad station. Persons of all classes deprecate the continued use of such a building, and all classes are just as earnest in their praise when a rickety passenger depot gives way to a structure of handsome architecture and modern equipment."

"The public, which enjoys such a building's beauties and appreciates its comforts, does not regard the expenditure as an extravagance. From the viewpoint of civic pride, held by those who live in the city where the expenditure is made, as well as from that of personal comfort, held by all travelers from all sections of the country, a new station project is looked upon favorably. The critic who holds an opposite opinion has failed to measure public opinion."

"The public will not refuse to provide the money for such projects. The public, on the contrary, wants them. And in a country like ours it is counted wise to give the people what they want."

"Moreover, from the economic side of the proposition, these terminal improvements appear in an equally favorable light, for the building of a fine depot makes busy dollars of a great many idle dollars—sends those dollars to the pockets of countless individuals for the purchase of brick and stone, cement and steel; for other materials of various kinds; for the employment of skilled and unskilled labor. All classes of artisans are benefited, just as all classes of travelers are accommodated. So a hundred good results come at the call of the master builder."

"New railway stations, then, even though they be 'veritable palaces,' are both popular and practical, in that they meet the wishes of the masses and promote prosperity. The position taken by the writer of the article quoted above will find no endorsement from those who are most interested in such improvements—the great army of American business men and laborers, and that greater army of American travelers who, moving about from day to day, want and demand the conveniences and luxuries that the modern passenger station affords."

"Furthermore, it should be borne in mind that, in many instances, improvements of this character are demanded by the various railway commissions throughout the country, who are the people's representatives. Therefore, it is unfair to criticize the railroads for complying with the demands of the public, and endeavoring to meet their needs in this respect."

Taft Tells the Democrats.

Washington, April 4.—President Taft began to take the democratic members of the house committee on foreign affairs into his confidence regarding the movement of troops to the Mexican border. The president talked over the matter with Representative Sulzer of New York, who is to be chairman of the committee. Flood of Virginia and Garner of Texas. Mr. Sulzer carried away a portfolio containing a mass of papers relating to the situation. He refused to discuss their contents.

To Hear Packers' Demurrers.

Chicago, April 3.—Judge Carpenter in the United States circuit court today set April 13 as the date upon which he will hear arguments on the demurrers filed Saturday by the indicted Chicago meat packers. The demurrers attack the anti-trust law as well as the indictments.

MEXICAN OFFICIAL LEAVES.

Vice President Announces That He Will Go to Europe.

Mexico City, April 4.—Ramon Corral, vice president of Mexico, petitioned congress for an indefinite leave of absence. As a reason he said he considered it advisable for him to leave the country for a time because of his health. Germany was named as his destination. It is known that he expects to spend

some time at Carlsbad. The petition will come up for its second reading today.

That congress will grant the petition is almost certain.

The budget was presented, but aside from this and the presentation of Mr. Corral's application for a leave of absence, little but routine business was transacted.

WORK ON VETO BILL.

Keenest Interest Manifested in New Clipping of Wings of Lords.

London, April 3.—The real work on the veto bill designed to restrict the powers over legislation of the house of lords, was begun today with the opening of the committee stage in the house of commons. The scene in the house indicated the intensity of the public interest. Every available ticket of admission had been disposed of days before.

The debate will be long and keen. Already more than 1,000 amendments have been prepared. It is the avowed intention of the government to send the measure to the upper chamber by the middle of May, but veteran members of parliament doubt the possibility of this.

Mrs. Fredrika Glander.

Mrs. Fredrika Glander, for many years a resident of Norfolk, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Woosley. The funeral will be held in Norfolk Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Fred Leu, 705 South Fourth street, at 2 o'clock and later at Christ Lutheran church, Rev. J. P. Mueller preaching the funeral sermon. Burial will be in the new Lutheran cemetery beside the grave of Mrs. Glander's late husband. The remains were brought from the Woosley home at Columbus last night.

Mrs. Glander had been ill for eighteen years. She was born at Fanger, Pomerne, Germany, May 11, 1855, and came to Norfolk in 1883 with her husband. Here the family lived till 1906, when they moved to Columbus. Mr. Glander died in January of 1907. Two children were born, Mrs. Woosley being the only one living. Mrs. Glander is survived by three sisters and four brothers—Mrs. Fred Leu, Mrs. Fred Kell, Mrs. Minnie Anderson, Albert, August, Julius and Herman Vierzgutz. Albert and Herman reside in Norfolk, Julius in Lead City and August in Berlin.

The pallbearers will be: Albert Miller, Fred Degner, Albert Degner, Emil Koehn, Herman Hoefs, Frank Medshlag.

William Grundemann.

William Grundemann died at the home of August Koch in Klug's addition at 1:20 Sunday afternoon from pneumonia, with which he had suffered only a few days. Funeral arrangements are being arranged by the German Relief association. Grundemann was for some time a butcher employed in local meat markets, but of late years he has been employed on farms in this vicinity. Up to six months ago he worked on the farm of W. F. F. Winter, and since then had been in this city with friends. He was 55 years old and unmarried.

Mr. Grundemann has had a bad attack of the dropsy and has suffered for several years. A physician was not called until a late hour. Funeral services will take place from the undertaking parlors of Sessions & Bell at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon and at 2 o'clock from the Christ Lutheran church.

MONDAY MENTIONS.

E. T. Burns of Tilden was here.

Miss Louise Steffen went to Rock Rapids, Ia., to visit with her sister, Miss Rosa Steffen.

H. Keller of Pierce was in Norfolk.

Dr. P. H. Salter went to Plainview.

A. E. Kull of Burke was a visitor in the city.

J. J. Clements went to Omaha on business.

Dr. E. M. Barnes of Plainview was a Norfolk visitor.

Mrs. John F. Flynn went to Omaha to visit with relatives.

Miss Della Buchholz went to Pierce to spend a few days with friends.

Mrs. J. W. Brown and son returned from Coleridge and Hartington today, where they have been visiting the past week.

Miss Rose Shonka of Lincoln, formerly a teacher in the Grant school of this city, is here visiting with the R. M. Chappell family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Rice, a son.

Mrs. H. H. Miller is reported gradually improving.

George Tiele is confined to his home with an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. C. C. Nooner is confined to her home with an attack of the grip.

John Quick is recovering from the effects of an enormous carbuncle.

Strawberries have made their appearance on the local market.

Arthur Ahlman went to Highmore, S. D., where he takes charge of the King Land company's automobile garage.

H. B. Sweet of Hoskins, who has only recently recovered from pneumonia, is now reported very ill with an attack of stomach trouble.

The German Relief association will meet at 8 o'clock tonight in Winter's hall to arrange for the funeral services of William Grundemann.

P. C. Ditcher, the Oliver typewriter salesman with headquarters here, has been assigned to a new territory and will travel out of Fort Dodge, Ia., commencing this week.

A four-cylinder engine was received by Julius Boche a few days ago to replace the small engine he has installed in his monoplane. It is believed Mr. Boche has discovered that

the first engine was too small. It is not known when Mr. Boche will make his trial flight, much secrecy being made in his movements on the farm south of the city.

Thirty students of the Norfolk Business college were guests at the Baptist church Sunday evening. Special services and a musical program was rendered in their honor.

Hingenheimer & Evans took possession of the Matrau & Wille office Saturday. The furniture from the old office has been moved and many improvements have been started.

In the department circles there is as much interest shown in the coming election of officers as there is in the city election. The election takes place Wednesday evening. Present Chief Green is scheduled for re-election.

Roy C. Hutchinson, bookkeeper at the Norfolk state hospital, has resigned his position and leaves today for Red Cloud, Neb., where his father is county clerk. What Mr. Hutchinson will do in the near future, he has not yet decided.

Water Commissioner August Brumund is suffering from a badly injured eye and a deep wound on his temple as the result of slipping on the sidewalk at his home on Madison avenue Sunday night. The wound was dressed and sewed up by a physician Monday.

Professor D. E. MacDonald, discoverer of the hookworm disease, died in Memphis, Tenn., last week. Professor MacDonald was pursuing further knowledge of the disease in the southern states when overtaken by pneumonia, from effects of which he succumbed. Professor MacDonald was one of the faculty of the University of Scotland at Edinburgh and was scheduled for an address in Norfolk during the Farmers Breeding institute, but owing to this illness was unable to come. G. L. Carlson only yesterday learned of the educator's death.

Among the day's out-of-town visitors in Norfolk were: John Conway, Gregory, Omer M. Hughes, Colome, S. D.; Chris Colome, Colome, S. D.; John Knecht, Colome, S. D.; Margaret Adams, Meadow Grove; O. B. Hayes, Gregory, S. D.; William A. Shunk, Colome, S. D.; K. Leslie, Gregory, S. D.; J. H. Papoušek, Gregory, S. D.; J. S. Reynolds, Burke, S. D.; George H. Brunning, Gregory, S. D.; John Reinbrecht, Colome, S. D.; William Miller, Colome, S. D.; J. C. Hayes, Gregory, S. D.; Carl Schinkel, Gregory, S. D.; John Douville, Burke, S. D.; Mrs. Blanch Raisbach, Oakdale; Joseph Bucher, Pierce; Dr. A. F. Conery, Neligh; P. S. Palmer, Madison; J. P. Behn, Gregory, S. D.; R. V. Wilson, Butte; D. E. Coffey, Fairfax, S. D.; J. H. Butler, Fairfax, S. D.; W. H. Barker, Gregory, S. D.; George Ferguson, Battle Creek; F. M. Robbins, Battle Creek; F. G. Eggert, Niobrara.

He Knows Coleman.

Clearwater Record: We see by The Norfolk News that our old friend Ed Coleman is to be the republican candidate for mayor this spring and we can't forbear saying that from our own personal experience with Ed in business relations and otherwise we believe the people of Norfolk will make no mistake in putting him at the head of their city government.

May Ask the Questions.

Washington, April 3.—The supreme court of the United States today declined to enjoin the federal grand jury in Oklahoma from enforcing decrees they had issued in cases involving questions of jurisdiction of liquor in interstate commerce.

To Restrain Coal Carrying.

Washington, April 3.—By virtue of a decision today by the supreme court of the United States, the federal government will be given another opportunity to restrain the Lehigh Valley railroad company, piercing the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania, from carrying coal, violating the commodity clause Heyburn rate law.

BRYAN IN WASHINGTON.

Felicitating His Fellow Democrats on First Majority in 16 Years.

Washington, April 3.—W. J. Bryan is in the national capital rejoicing with members of his party here that tomorrow there will be called to order the first democratic national house of representative in sixteen years.

Mr. Bryan had numerous conferences with various leaders, including Champ Clark, who tomorrow will take the speaker's gavel, Senator Owen and others. He expressed himself as highly gratified by the excellent and harmonious start which had been made, declaring that it looked exceedingly well for the future.

"I have no intention whatever of leaving Lincoln," he declared in response to a query as to what he would tell a committee of prominent business men from Memphis, Tenn., who are on their way here to invite him to make Memphis his future home. He expects to remain here about a week.

NO DECISION ON BIG CASES.

Standard Oil and Tobacco Trust Cases Are Still Undecided.

Washington, April 3.—No decision was announced today by the supreme court of the United States in either the Standard Oil or Tobacco anti-trust suits.

Flies High for a Week.

F. A. McDonald, claiming to be a wealthy land owner and land buyer of Chicago, is in the Norfolk city jail charged by W. A. Kingsley, landlord of the Pacific hotel, with defrauding and not paying his week's board bill.

McDonald for a week enjoyed more luxuries than any man in the city, and all that without spending any money. From the King Automobile company he purchased a fine black Cadillac car, and extra equipment was ordered for him by the firm.

From a local agent of Texas lands he was to buy much land and a chauffeur employed in a local saloon was about to resign his position and accept

the employment offered by McDonald at \$25 a week and all expenses if he would become private chauffeur when McDonald "started on his tour of California, Oklahoma and Texas." The chauffeur had his choice of any car in the world. McDonald also had a credit at a local saloon and a porter in the Pacific hotel was taken up by him as a "mascot."

Fine Appearing Man.

McDonald is a fine appearing man. He is broad shouldered, tall and handsome. His clothes, although not of the best texture, are very neat. McDonald is a great talker and seems well educated.

He was "kind" to acquaintances. In his "car" he has taken a number of prominent citizens for rides into the country, and during these times the "former" owner of the car acted as chauffeur. Before he was able to find a chauffeur, a hack driver was offered the position and was given time to take the business before the great trip was commenced. Finally the real chauffeur was employed and McDonald, having plenty of time, consented to wait a few days for his driver, who wished to stay in the city until after Tuesday so that he might cast his vote. Wednesday was the day set for the start of the tour and on that day the extra equipment was to have arrived from the east.

Makes His First Blunder.

Saturday, McDonald made his first mistake. He had told Mr. Kingsley of a \$5,000 credit he had at the Citizens National bank, but the telegram he presented to that effect was a fake, written with a pencil instead of type, on a "sending" instead of a "receiving" blank. This clumsy effort of McDonald's caused suspicion to pass through Mr. Kingsley's mind, and Saturday evening before 8 o'clock Officer Sasse was consulted and Mr. Kingsley found his man in a saloon, where he asked that a settlement for board bill be made immediately.

"Why, sure, I'll make a settlement; come outside," was McDonald's answer, and when they reached the open air McDonald confessed he could make no settlement. Officer Sasse then took him in tow and put him behind the bars of the city jail, where he told the officer that "just a little hard luck" had overtaken him.

Gets Ninety Days in Jail.

Ninety days in the county jail is the penalty McDonald must pay for his "fling" in Norfolk. The equipments for "his" automobile were ordered sent by express and arrived in the city Saturday. McDonald told Judge Elseley, who sentenced him, that he knew he was up against it, but that liquor had made him do it.

PROBE N. Y. POLICE.

Grand Jury Going at Alleged Crime In That City, in Earnest.

New York, April 3.—Magistrate Corrigan's charges that vice and crime are rampant in the city, unchecked by a demoralized and intimidated police force, are being investigated by the grand jury in earnest. Officers of twelve burglar insurance companies were summoned to give testimony today and ordered to bring with them reports of all burglaries brought to their notice since the first of the year. All the hospitals have been asked to furnish statements of patients treated by them for assault.

Twelve subpoena servers will tell what saloons they have found violating the excise law, and James B. Reynolds, the assistant district attorney who investigated the white slave traffic for the Rockefeller grand jury, has been assigned to that phase of the case. Mayor Gaynor said recently that the city was never more orderly and decent.

Colorado Elections.

Denver, April 4.—Municipal elections are being held today in every city in Colorado with the exception of Denver, the liquor question being the main issue in twelve municipalities.

Throughout the state interest centers in the fight between the "wets" and "drys" at Colorado Springs, where the issue is, "will the tourists visit a dry town."

Two years ago the scenic resort at the foot of Pike's Peak adopted prohibition. Declaring that this movement had materially injured "tourist business," merchants of the city inaugurated a campaign for a restricted sale of liquor. Their plan permits hotels to serve liquor in their dining rooms and allow a restricted sale by druggists. Saloons will not be permitted in any event.

The little town of Colbran can lay claim to the apathy record. No nominations were made because no one could be found who wanted office. The ballots for Colbran have been printed in blank and the voter may write in any names he sees fit.

KING GEORGE WILLING.

Will Not Interfere With Bills Limiting the House of Lords.

London, April 4.—King George will not exercise the royal prerogative so far as to interfere with the measures that may be proposed for the reform of the constitution of the house of lords. In a message sent to the upper chamber in reply to an address from the lords, his majesty says: "Replying on the wisdom of my parliament, I desire that my prerogatives and powers so far as they relate to the creation of peerages and to the issue of writs of summons to the lords, spirituals and temporal, the attendant, to sit and to vote in the house of lords, should not stand in the way of the consideration by parliament of any measure that may be introduced at the present session on the subject of the constitution of the house of lords."

SOCIALISTS WIN IN MONTANA.

Rebuke Administered to Democratic Administrations.

Butte, Mont., April 4.—In the election in this city the socialists swept

the field, elected mayor, city treasurer, police judge and five out of nine aldermen. Two years ago the democrats elected every candidate in Silver Bow county. Yesterday's upset is considered a rebuke to the democratic administration, following an expose of alleged shortage as disclosed by a recent ten-year audit of the financial affairs of Butte.

Socialists in Walkerville, a suburb of Butte, elected two or three aldermen.

Rev. L. J. Duncan, Unitarian minister and a socialist, is elected mayor of Butte over J. J. Quinn, democrat, by a plurality of 1,834, the biggest plurality ever given a mayor here. Duncan carried every ward except one. Thomas J. Booher, who attracted national attention at a Western Federation of Miners convention in Denver two years ago by his remarks on the American flag, was elected police judge and Daniel Shevlin was elected city treasurer. B. H. McCarty, democratic candidate and incumbent, who, according to the audit, owes the city about \$12,000, was a poor third in the contest for treasurer.

Helena elected one socialist alderman, the first socialist ever elected to office there. The remaining six aldermen in Helena, the democrats secured two and the republicans four.

PLAN LOCAL BASEBALL.

Some Good Material Developing for Coming Season.

"Shorty" Krahn, last year's fast shortstop of the Norfolk ball team, headed a number of Manager Rasley's men to the driving park diamond the other day for the first practice of the Norfolk ball season.

"Norfolk will have a ball team and don't you forget that," said "Shorty," nudging Captain Glissman, who will again appear on the home diamond with his usual fast plavay which has excited many a batter. Glissman plays a fine game in the catcher's box and he is some batter, too.

"We really have some good players here this season," said Krahn, "Skeet" Hoffman is here and Bristow Kroeger, who pitched for a fast Texas lineup last year had been tried out. He has some steam and we expect after some practice he will pan out good."

Krahn's statement has cheered up the Norfolk baseball fans, who really believe Norfolk should not go without a fast team this year. The idea of hitching up with the state league has been forgotten and the star players have been holding star chamber meetings to determine just what should be done.

Election in St. Louis.

St. Louis, April 4.—Members of the city council and house of delegates are being elected here today. A light rain fell during the early hours of the voting. The polls will close at 7 o'clock.

In East St. Louis, Ill., six candidates are contesting for the office of mayor and a like number of men are seeking other municipal offices.

ARREST ALLEGED SPY.

Agua Prieta, April 4.—It was reported in Cananea that William Norman, who claims to be a British subject, has been arrested at Puapac, Sonora, charged with carrying messages from Madero to Juan Cabral. It is said Norman hoped to meet Cabral in Puapac.

When arrested by the federals it is said Norman slipped the message into his mouth and chewed it to a pulp. On his person was found a list of names of Americans and Mexicans residing in Nogales and Phoenix. Norman was taken to the jail at Arizpe.

Thirteen prisoners have been taken from Cananea to Hermosillo charged with sedition. Among them is Carlos Ortega, charged with being a recruiting officer for the rebels.

Atkinson Graphic Sold.

Atkinson, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: The Atkinson Graphic has again changed hands. G. N. Williams, who has been the editor for the past two or three months, has sold out to Rev. A. H. York, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at this place.

Two Deaths Near Ainsworth.

Ainsworth, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: Ed, Hartman, who lived over the Niobrara river in Keysa Paha county, died Saturday after a short illness of a gripe.

Shepherd Moore, one of the old settlers of Keya Paha and Brown counties, died Monday afternoon at his residence in this city.

TO PROTECT PRISONERS.

Chihuahua, Mex., April 4.—Inquiry concerning the condition of the American prisoners at Casas Grandes revealed that the state department at Washington is determined to give the prisoners the utmost protection.

Mr. Severs of New York wired the United States consul at Chihuahua asking that if possible he put his son in communication with the outside world and give him the benefit of an attorney. Since the publication of the identity of prisoners it is believed that the Mexican government will see that they are not harmed.

Elections in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., April 4.—Elections are being held today in all Kansas cities that have the commission form of government. Twenty-two cities are voting.

A mayor and four commissioners will be elected for four year terms in the first class cities and a mayor and two commissioners in the second class cities. Kansas City, Kan., Wichita, Topeka, Leavenworth, Parsons, Pittsburg, Coffeyville and Hutchinson are the larger cities voting.

Socialism is an issue in Wichita, Pittsburg and Iola, where the party has candidates in the field for mayor and commissioners. In Wichita, A. L.

Blaze, a shoemaker and socialist, is opposing John H. Graham, a former mayor of Wichita. Milwaukeeite Wichita" is the party slogan.

Tickets headed by women are in the field in two of the smaller cities not governed by the commission form. In Galena, Mrs. Sarah C. Scoville, a socialist, is being supported by many republicans and democrats. Elmdale presents Mrs. M. E. Johnson, a widow as one of its candidates for mayor.

Salina will vote on the acceptance of the commission form today.

Mrs. Wallace Fullerton Dead.

Atkinson, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: Word was received from California that Mrs. Wallace Fullerton, who left here about two weeks ago, had died very suddenly and that her body is being brought back for burial. This comes as a severe blow to her many relatives and friends here. She was the daughter of Mrs. D. Raymer.

3,000 Miners Strike.

Roselyn, Wash., April 4.—Three thousand coal miners employed in the mines of the Northwestern Improvement company, subsidiary of the Northern Pacific railroad, went on strike as a result of the disagreement over the open shop.

McFarland Wins It.

Canton, O., April 4.—Packey McFarland failed to stop Paul Kohler of Cleveland in their ten-round bout here but the Chicago fighter earned a decision on points. No decision was given. McFarland had the upper hand in every round. The Cleveland put up a game fight to the end but had little show against McFarland. He was satisfied however, with his showing for after the first round he realized that the stock yards fighter had him outclassed. Kohler surprised McFarland several times by landing clean blows to the face when the Chicago man thought he had Kohler at his mercy.

The Auditorium management feels that in having secured so celebrated a player for Norfolk, it has accomplished something out of the ordinary and that if further attractions of this high caliber are to be had, Miss Crossman must be given a capacity house Saturday night.

Smith Outclasses Hyland.

New York, April 4.—Young Sammy Smith of Philadelphia outclassed Dick Hyland, the California lightweight, in a ten-round bout at the Olympic Athletic club. Smith's clever jabbing was effective.

"Killed Jake Davis."

Ainsworth, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: "Yes, I killed Jake Davis."

Walter Rifenberg, alias George Wilson, last night confessed to Judge Harrington in district court that he murdered Jacob Davis, the Ainsworth pool hall proprietor who was shot down in cold blood and robbed on the night of December 27, 1909. Rifenberg a year ago last February was found guilty of the crime and sentenced to hang on June 27 last, six months after the crime. In the supreme court he secured a new trial and Judge Harrington came to Ainsworth last night to hear testimony with regard to a change of venue. Rifenberg, however, changed his mind and pleaded guilty to the murder. He was sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

Implicates Another Party.

In connection with his confession, Rifenberg made a detailed statement implicating another party. This information was withheld by the court.

"This young man has given us very valuable and very important information," Judge Harrington said, "but for the present we can not make it public. It will be divulged later."

Story of the Murder.

Jake Davis, a clean, respected citizen, closed his pool hall on the night of December 27, 1909, and started home with about \$400 in his pocket. His wife was to leave town next day for medical treatment. At 3 o'clock in the morning Mrs. Davis heard her husband's dying groans, in the stable. He had been shot and his head beaten. His money was gone. The money was mostly in the National Bank of Ainsworth.

Waterloo Keeps Franchise.

Chicago, April 4.—The Waterloo (Ia.) club of the Three-I league won the final round in its fight to remain in the league, when the National baseball commission ruled that the league must remain intact with an eight-club organization. Quincy, Ill., loses its hopes of a place in the league.

What Omaha Thought.

"Anti-Matrimony" has been as variously described by the reviewers as the limitations of the language will permit. In single words it sufficiently comprehensively and accurately designate this play Mr. Mackaye has conceived, and which Miss Crossman and her company are so delightfully presenting. It deserves an adjective all its own. To say it is a delight is to phrase it mildly; it is a bubbling, sparkling fountain of fun, whose spray dashes over all around, and revolves in them a belief in the sanity of the men and women of the race, not alone in that they can laugh, but also that they may think. A lot of folderol is cleverly pilloried by Mackaye, and just as cleverly held up by Miss Crossman for the rest of us to laugh at. And if that state the company and the play are properly appreciated in Omaha the Brandeis theater will be crowded during the rest of the engagement.

A young man returns from Europe, bringing with him his wife and baby, and goes to see his brother, a staid minister, living in the suburbs of a Massachusetts city, who is married to an elder sister of the younger brother's wife. To the consternation of the home folks, which circle includes the mother of the brothers, the returned couple announce they are not married, pronounce in favor of free love, and prate in grandiloquent phrases of emancipation,