

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Senator W. V. Allen of Madison was in the city. Miss O. F. Grauel went to Omaha on business. She was accompanied by Miss Ruth Grauel. Miss Louise Steffen, who has been visiting with her sister at Rock Rapids, Ia., has returned to this city. Mrs. Harry Hoskinson returned from Scriber yesterday, where she had been visiting with her parents. Mrs. G. O. Rankin and Mrs. William Dutton returned yesterday from the Ladies of the Maccabees convention at Lincoln. E. R. Butler, traveling agent of the Northwestern road, with headquarters at Chadron, was in the city transacting business. Miss Krissie Kingsley, Walter Pylant, Phillip O. Hill and Harvey O'Brien made an automobile trip to Stanton Saturday. Miss Alice Holt is again at her desk after a week's vacation. Mrs. Lethauer of Beemer has moved to 452 South Fifth street. W. H. Smithers, a traveling salesman, has moved to 316 Indiana avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Larsen of 608 South Fourth street have moved to Missouri Valley, Ia. F. E. Campbell, a traveling salesman of Blair, is moving into the McNamee house, 904 Madison avenue. The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Oxnam Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 promptly. Everyone is cordially invited. Mrs. E. E. Shepard of 306 South Fourth street, is having her household goods prepared for shipment out of the city. After being confined to his bed with an attack of tonsillitis for three days, Louis Leeder is again able to be at his desk. W. J. McNamee has moved from his old residence, 904 Madison avenue, to his new residence at 695 South Eighth street. Trees are being planted in front of the library building. Workmen are busy today constructing a new sidewalk leading to the building. Commencement exercises of the senior class of the high school will take place on June 2. Invitation cards and programs are being arranged. Lieutenant Hans Anderson is preparing to take a few days' vacation and arrange for a rifle range at which the local militia company will practice for about a week. Charles Biersdorf is the winner of a \$40 suit of clothes as the result of a bet over Texas land with Ed Maher, manager of the Lincoln office of the Texas Land company. Has anyone found a brass wagon hub? Fire Driver Truesdel is appealing to the public to make a search for a brass wagon hub which he lost en route to the Junction Friday. Leo Glidde, baggage master at the Northwestern depot at the Junction, has been promoted to the position as baggage master at Sloux City. His brother, Paul Glidde, will succeed him here. Julius Degner, who was found lying unconscious near his home on South Fifth street Friday morning, is today reported somewhat improved in health. Mr. Degner was attacked by stomach trouble. F. A. Lyon, formerly employed as salesman in the local store of F. E. Davenport, has charge of the Davenport shoe store at Tilden. Ben Kalk of Plainview was added to the Davenport store force in this city. G. T. Sprecher has received a letter stating that his brother, P. F. Sprecher, and Kenneth Norton have won out on every point in their land contests, thus giving them clear title to 160 acres of land each in the Flathead Indian reservation. Certificates of the first shipment of Belgian horses for the Commercial club were received in this city today. The papers had to pass through the agricultural department of the United States government before they were finally sent to Norfolk. George N. Beels returned from Spencer, where he delivered the anniversary address for the Odd Fellows celebration, which was held at Spencer in connection with the regular district meeting of that organization at the Spencer opera house. Mrs. A. J. Wilkins, formerly of this city, is seriously ill at her home in Lincoln, to which city she moved only recently. Miss Bertha Wilkins, who has been in the city visiting with friends, went to Lincoln at noon, saying that her mother's condition was critical. Ben Skalowsky, a popular Norfolk fireman and an employee of the Al Degner hardware store, was married in New London, Conn., Friday afternoon. Many telegrams containing congratulations were sent to New England to the Norfolk man, who will bring his bride here soon. Councilman R. J. Eccles is again able to enjoy a visit among the business men in the city after an operation at Hot Springs, S. D. Mr. Eccles says it will be necessary for him to return to Hot Springs next week, but the second operation will not be as serious as the first. Colome Times: George Dudley arrived here Monday from Norfolk and spent the time until yesterday on his claim near town, returning to Norfolk yesterday. Mr. Dudley stated that he was surprised at Colome's growth in the few months he has been away and said it looked better than ever to him. At Madison Saturday afternoon occurred the wedding of C. H. McFarland, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. McFarland, and Miss Sarah Jane McFeters, a prominent young Madison lady. The young couple will make their home on South Sixth street in this city. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McFarland attended the wedding. Madison Star-Mail: Clara Stoeber of Norfolk has filed her petition for divorce in the district court against her husband, Charles H. Stoeber. Mrs.

Stoeber alleges that Stoeber is a tailor by trade and is competent to make for her and her minor children a good living, but he fails to do so. Extreme cruelty and excessive drunkenness is also alleged. Constable John Flynn, who returned from a business trip to Omaha, reports that his attempt to arrest Gustave Manske at Pierce for violating the Norfolk city automobile speed ordinance was unsuccessful. Manske was out of the city when the Norfolk officer arrived at Pierce. A warrant for Manske's arrest was left in the hands of the Pierce marshal. Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. John Schmidt were held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the family home and at 2:30 Rev. John Witt held services in the St. Paul Lutheran church. Interment was made in the St. Paul cemetery. The pallbearers were: Carl Schmiedberg, H. W. Winter, Henry Klug, Carl Zuow, Albert Miller and Richard Len. Funeral services over the remains of V. Armatas, the Greek laborer who was killed by Northwestern train No. 6 near Battle Creek a few days ago, took place Saturday in the undertaking parlors of Sessions & Bell. An orthodox Greek priest of Omaha had charge of the services. Interment was made in the Prospect Hill cemetery. Theo Armatas, a brother, and John Savis, a cousin, of Council Bluffs, were present at the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. John F. O'Donnell are in the city on their honeymoon, the guests of relatives. They were married at Rapid City, S. D., April 19. Both are popular north Nebraska young people, having lived at Bassett formerly. Mrs. O'Donnell was Miss Gertrude Alderman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Alderman of Bassett, and is a successful teacher and piano instructor. Mr. O'Donnell has been in the piano business at Lead and Rapid City, but will probably locate at Norfolk. Water Commissioner August Brumund reports that although his term expires on April 30, he will have to remain in charge of the office until the bond of Frank Garrick, water commissioner-elect, is approved by the city council. Monday night's meeting of the city council will be an interesting one. The saloon licenses are to be issued at that meeting. George W. Sattler, father of H. C. Sattler of this city, who died at his home in Baltimore, Md., from heart failure Friday afternoon, had been ill for quite a long time and had been attended by his daughter at Baltimore. Mrs. George W. Sattler, the mother of H. C. Sattler, died about five years ago from old age. Mr. Sattler was unable to reach Baltimore in time to attend the funeral, owing to the illness of his wife and daughter in this city. His son, George W. Sattler of Omaha, however, will attend the funeral. J. E. Haase, vice president of the Citizens National bank, had a restless evening at his home, 295 South Tenth street, Friday night. At 10 o'clock he was disturbed by a loud knock at the front door and a young man inquiring for a member of The News staff almost insisted that this was his destination. Not long after he was directed on his way, a cab stopped before the Haase home and an aged lady knocked at the front door and was pleased to know the end of her journey was reached. She, too, was disappointed when told she was in the wrong pew. A real estate deal involving about \$10,000 was made recently and today the three principals in the deal are having household goods moved to different residences. Herbert King, residing at 207 North Eighth street, has purchased the F. Z. McGinnis residence at 1211 Norfolk avenue, and is moving today. Mr. McGinnis in turn has purchased the N. S. Westrope home at 508 South Eighth street and is moving from 1211 Norfolk avenue. N. S. Westrope follows by moving from 508 South Eighth street to the house vacated by Herbert King, 207 North Eighth street. The new bungalow on North Thirteenth street, being built by Mr. Westrope, will be a modern one. Eble-Anderson. At Hubbard last Wednesday afternoon occurred the wedding of Joseph M. Eble and Miss Anna Anderson. Mr. Eble is a former Norfolk man, but is now engaged in the painting and paperhanging business at Hubbard. Miss Anderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Anderson, prominent farmers of Hubbard. The young couple will make Hubbard their future home. Kirk at Get Power from Niobrara. Sioux City, Ia., April 29.—An expenditure of \$1,500,000 in the development of 10,000 horsepower from the waters of the Niobrara river at Niobrara, Neb., are involved as the basis of the plans revealed by F. L. Kirk, general manager of the Sioux City Service company, in his application for a franchise from the city of Omaha. Mr. Kirk today announced that he expects at Omaha to find a market for the power to be developed at Niobrara, where he has the water rights granted by the state board of railroad commissioners. He last year had an exhaustive report on the proposition by expert water engineers who indicated that the project is a feasible one and, while costly, will enable him to sell power at a very low rate. The plans for water power development embrace the damming of the Niobrara river for its full width and the cutting of a canal six and one-half miles long, eliminating a big bend in the river. The dam will raise the water at the head of the canal twenty feet, and the canal, leading the stream along the highest bench of the stream, will drop it straight down from a

bluff, giving a total fall of seventy feet, which is calculated by the engineers to be sufficient to develop 10,000 horsepower on the switchboard. The power house will be at the foot of the bluff, where the full force of the river will be directed against the turbines. All the structural work going into the plant will be of the most substantial and permanent nature. The dam and power house both will be of structural steel and concrete, built to last forever. The power will be transmitted for a distance of 150 miles by overhead wires supported on steel towers in the roadways. It will be sold at an exceptionally low rate for lighting and power, if Mr. Kirk gets favorable action by the people of Omaha in the special election that will be held if the council submits it. Editors to Meet and Fish for Bass. The Elkhorn Valley Press association will meet Saturday, June 3, at Hackberry Lake, thirty miles south of Valentine, and the bass are said to be ambitious biters. DISCORD AMONG DEMOCRATS. Representative Hammond Says Canadian Pact is Not Democratic. Washington, April 29.—Representative W. S. Hammond of Minnesota, the only democratic member of the ways and means committee who voted against the Canadian reciprocity bill in the house, in a speech in that body today declared that he would support the democratic free list bill only because it would give some return to the farming interests of the country for injuries they were likely to receive as a result of the Canadian trade agreement. Mr. Hammond believed that the Canadian trade agreement was not in line with democratic policies as expressed in previous years. Since the agreement apparently is destined to go into effect, he said the free list bill should be passed also. "If it were not for the Canadian trade agreement, which it seems to me absolutely deprives a larger class of our citizens of advantages which other classes obtain under our tariff laws," said he, "I would not deem it so necessary or so advisable to enact the legislation now under consideration." Two Bass Cost Him \$10 at Neligh. Neligh, Neb., April 29.—Special to The News: I. Howell of this city was arrested by Deputy Game Warden Dick Zieche, yesterday afternoon for catching bass out of season. Deputy Sheriff Bennett made the arrest and escorted Mr. Howell to the office of County Attorney Kilbourn. After being detained there for a short time he was released by that official, who stated that no complaint had been filed, and in consequence had no authority to hold him. Mr. Howell departed again for the river and renewed with vigor his endeavor to increase his string of fish. A second trip was made necessary by the deputy sheriff, and the accused, this time was taken before County Judge Wilson, who adjourned the case until this forenoon. This morning Mr. Howell appeared and pleaded guilty to catching two bass, paying \$10 fine. A Jail Break at Valentine. Valentine, Neb., April 29.—Special to The News: Frank Allen, ex-convict and horse thief, broke jail and got away at about 7:30 p. m. He has been held in jail on the charge of horse stealing and while the prisoners were eating supper he managed to elude both the jailor and guard and slipped out into the darkness and made good his escape before either one of the men in charge of the prisoners noticed his absence. He was located somewhere in Colorado about a month ago by Sheriff Rosseter and brought back here, and placed in jail, as he had stolen horses from near Merriman, Neb. He is a "bad" man, as he has served time in the Wyoming and Pennsylvania penitentiaries and Sheriff Rosseter is doing everything to get his man back. Smuggled Chinamen Starving. San Diego, Calif., May 1.—Ten Chinamen are on the northwest Shelter island, eighteen miles from this city, marooned by smugglers. Up to noon they had been ten days without water and practically with no food. Two are dying and another is delirious. The immigration launch Orient, Captain Cheney, left to rescue the Chinese. NEW PAPER AT WOOD, S. D. The First Newspaper Published in Mellette County, is Out. Wood, S. D., May 1.—Special to The News: The first newspaper to be published in Mellette county was issued last week at this place under the name of "The Mellette County Journal." E. Crooks is owner and W. G. Squires editor. A Congressman Under Knife. Kansas City, May 1.—Representative Alexander C. Mitchell of the Second Kansas district, who underwent a surgical operation in the Penn Valley hospital here yesterday, was reported this morning as having passed a good night. His condition is considered improved. A Strike in Havana. Havana, May 1.—More than 1,000 cart men struck this morning, tying out the wholesale business of the city. Their grievance is the alleged vexatious traffic regulations adopted by the city authorities and harshly enforced by the police. Ready to Talk Peace. El Paso, April 29.—It is said that with the arrival tonight of Dr. Vasquez Gomez, he will be named by General Madero as the insurrecto peace

commissioner. Judge Francisco Carbajal, the government commissioner, probably will be here Monday and the formal peace conference will, it is hoped, begin the following day. Buy Horses Here for State College. Dean E. A. Burnett, of the state agricultural college, and Dr. J. H. Gaige, professor of animal pathology, left Norfolk at noon after having purchased three of the newly arriving Belgian horses. The two university men arrived in Norfolk Friday night and spent all Saturday morning at the Beebe breeding barns, where the last shipment of pure bred Belgians are being cared for. "The best load of horses I have ever seen come from the old country" is what the dean said about the Belgians. The university for the past two years has been looking for horses to be used as class models, and the university men did not show hesitation in purchasing the three mares from the load brought here by the Commercial club. Dean Burnett let it be known that the university would have purchased ten of the horses, but the appropriation for this purchase limits him to but three. The horses will be shipped to Lincoln Sunday evening. They are two yearlings and a 2-year-old. Class Play a Success. Another home talent play has made a "hit" in Norfolk. "The Merchant of Venice Up-to-Date," played by the senior class of the high school in the Auditorium last night, was attended by a full house and the students outdid themselves, doing much better than they promised at several dress rehearsals. Superintendent F. M. Hunter was seen as coach of the first and second Norfolk high school football teams for probably the last time. He made his appearance in the last act of the play when he acted as referee, standing idly by and allowing Antonio to be arrested by Shylock's policeman. It was not like the Hunter of the practice days, but his taking an active part on the stage was favorably commented on, and a thunderous applause was given the coach from the gallery seats. Without doubt Ben Willey, acting as Antonio, captain of the football team, was the star of the evening. His eloquent "Jessica," in the person of Marian Stitt, "the ward of Shylock," was neatly acted. Miss Stitt also deserves much credit, she taking her part very well. Donald Mapes as "Bassanio," friend of Antonio, and the successful suitor for the hand of "Portia," made good. "The quick" curtain was given when "Bassanio" passed the examination, a penalty to the suitor for the hand of Portia, left behind by Portia's dead father. At this moment Gratiano, another friend in the person of Earl Denton, and Miss Dorothy Durland, who acted as "Nerissa," a friend of Portia, made it plain that they, too, depended on future happiness after Bassanio solved the secrets of the caskets. Pearl Livingston, as "Miss Three-dice," a teacher, was clever and won much favorable comment. A feature character of the play was Miss Ema Hibert, as "Shylock," the wealthy gambler. Shylock could scarcely have been better impersonated. Harry Sterner as "Gobbo," the court clown, made a "hit," and his pranks called forth much applause. A panic was narrowly averted when his "pet" mouse escaped captivity. "Mrs. Gobbo" was well represented by Vera Hayward, who is well gifted as to voice. Alva Bowman as "Tubal," Shylock's friend and captain of the Belmont football team, was also well received. Carrie Ward as the "Duke of Venice," carried herself well—as a duke should. Ray Lobdell made good as the professor and X-ray photographer, and because he could find no brains in the head of "Antonio," Shylock's bond for a pound of half nerved and after Shylock had been taken to prison and his great wealth given to Antonio, peace and happiness reigned supreme. Marvel Satterlee played "Antonio's mother," and her tears over her son's head were almost real. Nadine Cole made a good Polly, Portia's maid. The feature of the cast was the football team in action. Last season's rooters were all present and all members of both teams were represented. The forward pass and center rush were well exhibited. The rooters gave the school yell several times and the play was ended with the full company singing "Under the Yum Yum Tree," while the court clown's mouse added zest to the great applause. The musical feature was the violin solo by Miss Marian Gow, Professor Otto Voget acted as accompanist. Miss Gow was well applauded and brought back several times. The high school girls made pretty choruses and their up-to-date song and pretty dancing made a hit. To Miss Mary L. Paine, principal of the high school, is given credit for the success of the class play. Miss Paine had taken it upon herself to make the play a success and she certainly did wonders in the short time it has taken to stage "The Merchant of Venice Up-to-Date." Not one rehearsal went by that Miss Paine was not present and acted in full capacity as stage manager and director. She was assisted by Miss Hale and Mr. Solomon. The members of the class are: Merle Blakeman, Roy Bland, Alva Bowman, Nadine Cole, Ethel Colwell, Earl Denton, Edna Duell, Dorothy Durland, Arthur Felzer, Marvel Gow, Mildred Gow, Vera Hayward, Ema Hibert, Fred Ingles, Emma Koerber, Pearl Livingston, Ray Lobdell, Buel Low, Berenice Mapes, Donald Mapes, Frank Melcher, Ethel Nelson, Lulu Porter, Amy Reynolds, Leonard Rigert, Marvel Satterlee, Ruth Shively, Theo Sprecher, Harry Sterner, Marian

Stitt, Bessie Ward, Benjamin Willey, Martha Winter. A STAMP HOAX. The Story That Went With the Elephant's Head Issue. Stamp collecting is a peculiar but a fascinating hobby, and it is said that as many as 9,000,000 in all the world own it as a hobby. Germany, France, Austria, England and France rank in the order named in the number of stamp collectors they contain. "The elephant's head issue" is one of the best jokes ever played at the expense of collectors. It was worked on a half dozen well known philatelists who were astonished by the announcement that a well known New York stamp collector had secured the only copy of a peculiar stamp later known as "the elephant stamp bill." This stamp bore as its central design the figure of an elephant with the back and wings of a bird. This stamp, so the story went, was designed by a well known South American revolutionist who was about to overthrow the existing regime. The design on the stamp was meant to designate that the new ruler had the strength of an elephant and the swiftness of a bird. But alas for the plans of mice and men! His plot was discovered, and among the supplies seized were half a million of the stamps of the new and yet unborn republic. These were ordered destroyed. One of the soldiers had managed to smuggle about a hundred of these away, but he was finally caught and shot at daybreak. Before his execution, however, he had given one stamp to a little boy, and this had in some very reasonable and plausible way found the New York collector after many months. The stamp was naturally of great price and would have brought a big sum had not several collectors compared notes and found that each had in his possession on approval the only elephant bill stamp in existence. In this way the interesting hoax was discovered.—New York Mail. KNEW TOO MUCH. Tennyson's Father Had to Fly Far His Life From Russia. Shortly after the assassination of Emperor Paul of Russia, Tennyson, the father of the poet, dined with Lord St. Helens, the British ambassador, in Moscow. Several Russian officers of high rank whose names he did not know were also guests. During dinner a guarded reference was made to the emperor's death. "Why do you speak so gingerly about a matter so notorious?" cried Tennyson impulsively, leaning across his neighbor, a Russian whose breast was covered with orders. "We know very well in England that the Emperor Paul was murdered. Count Zoffko knocked him down and Beningsen and Count Pahlen strangled him." There was a strained silence; then the ambassador abruptly changed the subject. As the guests filed out into an adjoining room Lord St. Helens drew Tennyson aside. "Don't go into the next room," he whispered, "but fly for your life. The man next you, across whose breast you leaned, was Count Pahlen, and Zoffko was also at the table." He gave a few hurried directions, and Tennyson rushed off, threw his clothes into a portmanteau and fled behind fast horses to Odessa, still in evening garb, though the cold was intense. He lay hidden for weeks and at last, in the disguise of a servant, was smuggled on board an English frigate. A Funny Chase. Lord Orford, an eccentric English nobleman, once had a team of red deer stags that he frequently drove to a light coach. All went well until one day three happened to be a pack of staghounds on the road from London to Brighton, along which Lord Orford's picturesque team was straggling. There followed the strangest chase that ever mortal man witnessed. The hounds hunted the team and his own hard to Newmarket, and with such a smash into the Ram Inn yard the whole lot went that there was no more whole left and little more of driver. Lord Orford took to horses after that. THE SILKWORM. But Far Man's Aid the Domesticated Insect Would Be Extinct. A peculiar fact about the silkworm is that it is actually a domesticated insect. Neither the animals nor the fowls of the barnyard, remote as they are from the wild types, need so little restraint as this bonyx morm, which, prodigiously industrious though it be, has never been able to meet the world's demand for its spun product. As a matter of fact, the silkworm has been so domesticated through the ages that it would become extinct now were it not for the aid of man. Born in slavers, the caterpillars crawl contentedly over the narrow territory of their feeding trays, and though the moths have wings, they have lost all desire to fly. This slavery began in China more than 4,500 years ago. Nevertheless all the world's silk does not come from the domesticated insect. Not a little of the supply is "wild silk." This is the product of various insects belonging to the larger family of saturniidae. Chief among them industrially is the Indian moth called Antheraea mylitta, the source of tussah silk.—Harper's Weekly. MEET AUTO: THROWN OUT. Mr. and Mrs. John Kent, farmers, living south of the city, were thrown from their buggy Saturday night near the Burr Taft farm on South Thirteenth street when they met an automobile driven by I. M. Macy and Dr. C. A. McKim, who were returning to the city. The buggy was damaged but Mr. and Mrs. Kent were not injured.

BANDS OF ASSASSINS HOLD POWERFUL SWAY

THE trial of a band of Camorristas at Viterbo, Italy, draws attention to the secret societies of Europe which have their object murder or any form of violence and crime that will promote their views or fill the pockets of the scoundrels who belong to them. The whole continent is honeycombed with such societies, who set all laws at defiance and are a constant terror to law abiding people. Morozzoff, the man who died through being accidentally shot by a fellow criminal during the attempted burglary in Houndsditch, was known to the continental police as the desperate leader of a gang of hoodlums and thieves which he had got together, known as the "Zmowa Robotnicza," the members of which devoted their energies to robberies with violence and attacks upon banks and commercial houses. In these outrages seven persons were killed. Twelve members of this gang were ultimately captured and hanged, but Morozzoff escaped. One of the most terrible of these leagues of criminals is the dreaded Mafia, which has terrorized Sicily for several generations and is said to be especially active just now. Its amiable code of honor is to defy the law and to rule the island by threats and violence. Includes All Classes. According to M. Gianelli, the Mafia is "an unapproachable and multifarious union of persons of all classes, who aid each other, in spite of the law and morality, to murder, to intimidate and sequester landed proprietors, to raise a ring in the corn market, to forge wills, to influence the results of trials and to push their best men into government offices." Its ranks include men of all classes, from outlaws to mayors and judges and from thieves and sharpers to members of parliament. At one time this remarkable band confined its efforts principally to kidnapping the sons of rich families and to coining false money. Now they draw most of their revenue from levying blackmail on wealthy landowners in return for their protection and by assisting smugglers. Direct robbery and violence are resorted to only for vengeance. How powerful the Mafia is is shown by the following stories: One day a large case arrived at the Palermo customs labeled "Biscuits." The customs officials opened it and discovered 500,000 francs in forged banknotes. Not one of them, however, dared to speak. The case was reboxed and sent on to ***** FORTY YEARS IN BED. Self Chosen Fate of Man Prevented From Marrying Girl of His Choice. Because Joseph Plummer of Milton, N. H., was prevented by his father from marrying the woman of his choice he has remained forty years in bed. He is now seventy-one years old. The woman he loved is dead, but the old man has not been told. In fact, he refused to speak of her from the very day when he said to his father, "Since you will not let me have her, I have no other ambition and may as well spend the rest of my life in bed." Joseph went to bed, Joseph did not get up. He continued in bed day after day, week after week, year after year, until the sensation of his course waned, and he became more or less of an institution in Milton. His mother and his father have both died. Now his two brothers, both well along in years, keep the Plummer household, which is a prosperous one, and take care of Joseph. These two brothers, Ephraim and Samuel, are bachelors and cook all the meals. "When Joseph took his bed," says Ephraim Plummer, "father did not make any objections, but took his food to him and let him stay there. Father didn't approve of Joseph going with the girl because she was only sixteen years old, while Joseph was considerably older. "Joseph felt that after seeing her he could never love any other girl. He was stubborn and used to having his own way. He did not like to be crossed. At first when he took to his bed none of us thought that he would stay there long. "Now he is so weak from staying in bed so long that he has lost the use of his legs." TAG BABIES "NO ME BESE." Campaign Inaugurated Against Proliferation of Children. The latest fad in the nursery is to equip children with printed labels bearing the words, "No Me Besse" ("Do Not Kiss Me"). The tags are the result of a European campaign against the proliferation of children. The wording is in Spanish because the idea is said to have originated with Queen Victoria of Spain. On hygienic grounds the queen directed that her three children should not be kissed by the sundry court attendants who desired merely to show their loyalty. Giant Melons. Giant watermelons and muskmelons grow in Diarbekir, Asiatic Turkey. Some of them are as large as a four barrel. They are raised in the beds of rivers which are almost dry in summer. Their meat is coarse and not nearly as sweet as that of smaller varieties grown elsewhere. If "the buyer" for your name is a perpetual student of the ads—your home is prospering!