

That Old Time Christmas.

They say that Christmas is not what it used to be; that it is becoming so that nowadays people "hate" to see it come. That the real Christmas spirit of years ago is fast dying away and soon it will be a thing of the past, just like the other old fashioned days of joy. There's a dear old sister not turned on Wednesday. far from Norfolk who writes to her Norfolk brother and sister whom she has not seen at the family Christmas for many a Christmas day and in suggesting some new light on the subject says, "Why not try to make Christmas what it used to be instead of what it is today? Think it over seriously and see if you cannot make it more of a joy festival." Sug gesting further she says:

"Christmas used to be a joy festival when people gave few gifts except of the spirit. You know that Christmas now is just a parody of joy. Let's go back to the old ways. Let's dress the Christmas tree with simple gifts for the children, but let us grown-ups give a gift of the spirit. It's easy when sponded to: you get to thinking about it! Let's besides that, see that no one we know its old meaning, which we tell to the children. Let's stop the old thoughts, light the old fires, sit close to one another and be glad. If you agree, will you put a candle in your window on Christmas eve to show that old ideals have come to you?"

Pleasures of the Week.

One of the most delightful social events of the season was the dancing party given at Marquardt hall last night by Mr. and Mrs. George D. Butterfield to guests numbering about 120. The affair was a brilliant success in every way. Marquardt hall never looked prettier that it did for this party. The decorations were as unique as they were attractive. The Christmas spirit was the theme of the decorations, and they gave the hall a tone that was decidedly different. All along the great walls little Christmas trees were growing, while the air overhead was filled with the green and red of the Yuletide. The orchestra was partially hidden behind a hedge of Christmas trees that surrounded the platform. For those who did not care to dance, cards were provided. A deliclous lunch was served during the evening in buffet fashion.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rouse were pleasantly surprised when a number of friends and relatives called to help a drug firm. Mrs. Rouse celebrate her 70th birthman, Mrs. Cora Bauman, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parks, Mrs. W. D. Lewis, Miss

A company of young girl friends enjoved a delicious five course dinner with Miss Ruth Witzigman on Wednesday evening, celebrating her eighteenth birthday. The long table was a thing of beauty with it's bright decorations of holly, while each guest was given an American beauty rose. A jolly evening followed the dinner.

Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian Mrs. Berry recently came here from church Friday night was a success in the east and did not know Herbert. every way, there being a good attend- She asked who was at the door, and ance and each guest being the re- when she received no reply fired cipient of a Christmas present. The through the door with a revolver, evening was spent in looking for shooting Herbert through the heart. presents, after which music and She has not been arrested. luncheon were enjoyed.

The South Side Climbers' club met with Mrs. E. W. Stansberry Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Spellman was a guest of the club. The prize for the afternoon's contest was won by Mrs. O. E. Hedrick, after which a twocourse luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. Crosier were guests with Mr. and Mrs. George N. Beels on Thursday evening at a small informal dinner party in honor of Mrs. Robert Utter, a visitor from Texas.

Election of officers in the Ladies society of the First Congregational vance of a quarter of a cent a gallon turn with the body later in the day church places Mrs. E. M. Huntington president again, Mrs. W. P. Logan, vice president; Mrs. A. H. Viele, secretary and Mrs. O. L. Hyde, treasurer.

Mrs. E. E. Gillette entertained a few friends at a 6 o'clock dinner on Wednesday evening complimentary to her brother and his bride, Lieutenant and Mrs. Eugene Ely.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church met with Mrs. Bates on North Eighth street, Thursday afternoon.

The W. C. T. U. enjoyed a meeting in the home of Mrs. J. A. Ballantyne, on Tuesday.

Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Smith have rented the Kaufman cottage on North first of January, Mr. and Mrs. Stanton block, have taken the cottage to Prizes range from \$10 to \$50. be vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Smith. corner of Norfolk avenue and South A Eleventh street.

Mrs. A. C. Smith, sr., will leave Monday for her home in Cedar Falls,

will join them later.

new home. They expect to move next today. Monday.

Mrs. Charles Sturdevent will come up from Columbus on Monday, for a visit with Mrs. O. L. Hyde.

from Madison on Tuesday and re-Miss Eloise Dietrick left Friday for

Coming Events. Mrs. D. S. Bullock will entertain the

Neighborhood Kensington next Wednesday afternoon.

TO OBSERVE CHRISTMAS Knights Templar of Norfolk Are Pre-

paring for the Day. Damascus commandery No. give each other no material gifts ex. the world. Eminent Commander Sir of the State Federation of Retail dealcept a Christmas card that we choose David Rees will act as toastmaster, ers at their monthly meeting in the carefully. Then to those we love, let's and the following toasts will be re- Commercial club rooms Thursday

Our Most Eminent Grand Master." Sir David Rees.

Albion.

County Commissioners I. H. De ger returned today from Grand Island, where they have been in attendance at the Nebraska State Association of County Commissioners. Mr. Cavey was elected a member of the legislative committee.

Fay Spencer is now able to be out after a terrible siege of rheumatism. Mrs. Kunkle, mother of Harry Kunkle, a prominent ranchman of Petersburg, died at her home in Petersburg yesterday. Old age was the cause of her death. Funeral next

Sunday. R. E. Stewart has been appointed postmaster at Loretto, Neb., to take the place of G. J. Mills, resigned. Surveyors were in Albion last week plotting out the switch which will

connect the Union Pacific and Northwestern railroads. The commission at Lincoln has given them ninety days in which to place the switch,

H. C. Steiner will erect a large brick building on the lot now occupied by Mr. Johnson's barber shop, next spring, same to be occupied by

The second annual corn show and day. Mrs. Rouse received many pretty domestic science exhibit is now in and useful gifts. A dainty lunch was progress. Today is the first day. served. Those present were: Mr. and Much interest is taken by the young Mrs. Warren Rouse, Mr. and Mrs.Mc. people of Boone county, and as a re-Kerrigan, sr., Emmett McKerrigan, Mr. sult the hall resembles a county fair. and Mrs. Jim Rouse, Miss Dorothy Bau. Corn and subjects pertaining thereto are exhibited, and there are discussions relative thereto. Bakery goods Ruth Rouse, Mrs. Fred Byerley, Mr. and needlework are well displayed and Mrs. C. E. Rouse, Mr. Albert and show the work of the young la-Lewis, Miss Mabel Rouse, Mr. and dies. A very large attendance was re-Mrs. J. Gano, Lloyd Rouse, Raymond | ported. County Superintendent Miss Hannah Johnson deserves much credit for the work she has started along this line of her educational work.

Lead Woman Kills Man.

Lead, S. D., Dec. 15.-C. B. Herbert, aged 45 years, was shot and killed last night by Mrs. Amie Berry. The house owned by Herbert. The latter J. A. Sellery, J. N. Mills, E. C. Morwas quite deaf. Last night he went The Spiderweb social given by the to the Berry home and tried to enter.

A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.

California's Electors to Be Chosen by a Statewide Vote.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 15.-A presi dential preference primary, but providing for the election of the twentysix presidential electors at large by a statewide vote, passed the assembly today by a vote of 73 to 0.

PRICE OF GASOLINE GOES UP

A Quarter of a Cent a Gallon Added Lyle Jackson his reporter.

By Standard Oil. New York, Dec. 15 .- The Standard Oil company has announced an adin the price of benzine and gasoline. for his home near Cody.

Albion.

Albion, Neb., Dec. 15 .- Special to The News: Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Howell left today for California on an extended visit. They go by the southern the supreme court of the United route, and stop at Mexico for a short States yesterday when counsel for time.

A miscellaneous shower was given her engagement to Mr. W. H. Kellogg that tribunal to review the difference sistant principal in the Albion schools appeals, which had the "bucketshop" last year, and is at present superin. law "constitutional." tendent of the schools at Platte Center. They will be married shortly after Christmas.

The Commercial club met last evening to transact the usual business. The most important feature of the meeting was the good roads. The club Ninth street and will occupy it the decided to offer prizes to the party maintaining the best one-mile of road field, who now have rooms in the Cot- in Boone county, with a King dragon.

Sudden Ending of Controller Probe, Is Censured.

scored in the republican minority rejoy the holidays in their handsome terior department expenditures filed in the vicinity to stop payment on the

The republicans said that common tained to trail the men, but failed. decency if not justice would have de-Mrs. George Davenport came up tary of the Interior Ballinger to cials are on guard. Richard Ryan, the latter supposedly representing the Guggenheim inter-

"The action of the majority of the Dubuque, where she will spend Christ committee," it said, "can have but around whoever, through malice, in home Sunday. spired the cowardly attack on the president."

Would Make This a Shipping Point. point, and supply to the towns in the surrounding country all their neces-Knights Templar, is arranging for an purchase them in larger cities in the strictly commercial hotel, continuing elaborate observance of Christmas, as east? Willis E. Reed, of Madison, is the custom of that order all over speaking before the Norfolk branch night, declared that with the present "What are we here for?" Sir An- outlook of over a half of a million doldrew H. Viele; "The Templar's Declar- lars worth of improvements in one spends Christmas day alone, Let's ation," Sir Charles H. Bright; "The year, the wonderful location, and with hang the mistletoe and the holly with Knight of Today," Sir Pearl H. Davis; the exercise of the proper unity and de-"The Prince of Peace," Sir John Meltermination, aided by capital, Norfolk maker; "Response to the Message of could make a city in Nebraska like evening to stay until after the holi-Waterloo and other cities in Iowa.

> W. H. Avery of Tilden, state secreteresting speaker at the meeting, and he reviewed the work of the associa-Larm, Mike Cavey and G. K. Pittin- tion as far back as 1906 when there were but about forty members in the association in this state. There are now 150 local organizations with 2,600 members.

Secretary Avery paid Norfolk merchants a pretty compliment at the outset of his address. "I could not help noticing when I came to Norfolk today the tastefully trimmed windows in the Norfolk places of business," he said. "Although I am a merchant myself, the sight of those windows made me feel as if I should do my Christmas shopping in this city."

Mr. Avery spoke briefly in connec tion with the parcels post question which he declared would not be of any benefit to the interior country.

South Norfolk News.

Miss Nadine Sumner of Fremont visited relatives here yesterday. Mrs. Anna Van Horn returned from a few days visit with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Pierce of Winnetoon.

C. B. Maynard of Helena, Mont passed through the Junction last evening on his way home from Omaha, where he had taken a car of cattle. Pat McNeely went to Neligh on bus iness yesterday.

Miss Anna Darwell of Ashland was here yesterday on business.

Dr. Eliot Rests Well.

Colombo, Dec. 15.—The physicians in charge of Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, who was operated on for appendicitis, report that his condition is favorable

Railroad Is Not Blamed.

Neligh, Neb., Dec. 14.-Special to The News: The following is the verdict of the coroner's jury in the finding on the death of Alfred Graham: "We the jury duly empaneled, here by find that the deceased came to his death by stealing a ride and falling woman's husband works at night at from train No. 5, westbound, on the Homestake mine. They live in a Wednesday evening, Dec. 13. Signed:

> gan, E. T. Best, sr., Allen Hopkins." The above verdict exonerates the railroad company from any blame whatever. The train crew returned to Neligh yesterday afternoon and were immediately escorted to the under- So State of Minnesota Is After Untaking parlors of Skinner Bros., where the inquest was held. The fireman testified, after he had reviewed the that he ejected from the "front end" either side of the track when enterfied that he recognized the corpse as | censes. the person he had seen on the depot platform Wednesday afternoon about 1 o'clock. J. F. Boyd acted as counsel

man arrived in the city on the early morning passenger, and intends to re-

Ask Bucketshop Decision. Washington, Dec. 16.-The national

"bucketshop" fight inaugurated by the government some months ago reached Louis Cella of St. Louis and Samuel

Black Hand in South Dakota.

wealthy rancher of Sully county, and gambling. has threatened to burn buildings befurnished \$1,500, officers are watching of Iowa, who is prosecuting the case, sustained by Surrogate Cohalan. the place where the latter was ordered COMMITTEE IS SCORED is a bachelor living forty miles north moters took to exceed \$1,000,000 from other son, Thomas T. Eckert, jr., and slides of the many grinders and, mixof here, received word that unless he various persons of different states. James C., who was left only \$50,000. place, his farm buildings would be det that several persons of prominence brother unduly influenced his father of "middling."

ir, and daughter, Elinore, and who will that the government had allowed a ficials watched until early morning, stand, but it was not intimated by the disability. spend the holidays with her. Mr. Smith monopoly of the coal harbor at Con- when they retired to the house to prosecution when his testimony would troller Bay, Alaska, was roundly warm themselves. When they returned be given. shortly afterwards, the check was Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Verges will en port of the house committee on in- gone. Esselbrugge notified all banks checks, and bloodhounds were ob-

Sam Thorp, also a wealthy rancher manded some investigation to expose of the same county, received a letter Peter Weedlun, on a farm near here, those responsible for the fabrication notifying him to place a check for was entered yesterday by one or more of the so-called "Dick-to-Dick" letters, \$1,500 at a certain place under penalty alleged to have been written by Secre- of losing his buildings by fire. Offi-

Oakdale.

Dr. L. L. Nelson went to Sioux City last week, where he purchased a new runabout. C. A. Wiest drove the car one effect, that of shielding the per- to Norfolk Saturday and Dr. Nelson hind, pressed a handkerchief against troops in Tripoli are using dumdum petrator of the libel and throwing met it there and accompanied him her mouth and nostrils and carried

Vina Lytle of Tilden was the guest of her cousin, Vera Beer, the later part of last week. C. B. Beer has rented the new Hop-

Why not make Norfolk a basing kins hotel building, and after a thorough renovating by W. L. Payne the care of a physician, and the sheriff & Son, will install new furniture and and county attorney are investigating. sary supplies as cheaply as they can fixtures throughout, and open up a his other hotel and restaurant.

Wallace Thornton, assistant at the depot, spent a couple of days last week visiting in Minnesota. D. B. Leach entertained a small party of high school friends at his

home three miles south last Friday

evening to an oyster supper. Dan Springer, who has been attending school at eBatrice for the past the state fire marshal directed further four months, returned home Saturday

days. E. A. Brodboll entertained a party WANTS SHEEP MEN ORGANIZED tary of the federation, was also an in. at cards at his home last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leith are this week moving into the Harper house east of the U. B. church. Earl Knowlton arrived the first of the week for a visit with his parents,

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Knowlton. town Tuesday evening.

W. L. Stanton of Meadow Grove was in town Thursday transacting business. Dr. L. L. Nelson and O. B. Manville

were business visitors to Neligh Thursday afternoon in the former's new Ford runabout. Wilkinson Brothers have sold out heir dray and express line to Eugene

irst of the year. D. C. Lingenfelter, jr., of Plainview was in town yesterday, and while Eastshoreham, Vt., took all prizes for here purchased a very fine eighty acre merino rams, including championship tract quarter of a mile of town of Mr. 2-year-old, yearling and lamb entries.

Final Chinese Convention.

the O. B. Manville agency.

Shanghai, China, Dec. 16.-The nafinal session soon.

PLUMBERS TO SUBMIT.

Plan Agreed on for Dissolution of the

Washington, Dec. 16 .- A tentative agreement contemplating the dissolution of the so-called "plumbing trust' has been reached between the department of justice and counsel for the Pacific Coast Plumbers' association. submitted.

shall submit, without resistance, to a were drowned. The Essex girl was civil suit of dissolution, based upon the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. A. visited by the early French missionterms outlined by the government. | Essex. Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nelson aries, and was the scene of numerous In consideration of this the depart- are the parents of the Nelson girl.

ment of justice would terminate the The girls, both pupils in the prigrand jury investigation now being mary department of the New Hartconducted at Los Angeles, Cal.

FARMERS HAVE BEEN STUNG.

licensed Commission Men. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 16.-As a resuit of a secret investigation which corpse, that he was the same man has been carried on for several months the Minnesota railway and at Meadow Grove. The engineer tes- warehouse commission is prepared to tified that the lights were in good or- bring action against nearly 5,000 der and that no one else was seen on commission merchants in the state who, according to Charles F. Staples ing the city limits. Ira Wood of this of St. Paul, a member of the commisplace was the only witness who testi- sion, are doing business without li-

Mr. Staples said the commission has received scores of complaints from farmers who have lost heavily by body of the Nelson girl was found a for the Northwestern company, and dealing with unlicensed commission men, and that the commission intends The father of the unfortunate young to prosecute the latter with vigor until each one of the unlicensed merchants is put out of business or com- Mrs. Berry Had Been Frightened by pelled to furnish credentials which will procure for him a license.

State of Iowa Is Prosecuting Benjamin Marks at Council Bluffs.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 16.-In the trial of Benjamin Marks, charged Charles J. Herbert, her wealthy landwith conspiracy in connection with W. Adler and Angello Cella of New fake sporting events for which John Miss Jessie Dennis last evening, and York filed notice that they would ask C. Mabray recently served a federal penitentiary sentence, witnesses were being deaf, did not hear her warnings nine of the men under his charge have had saved of his own, started on the was made known. Mr. Kellogg was as jof the District of Columbia court of called today to show Marks' connection with the alleged fraudulent transactions. The state is making an effort to show that Marks was "the power behind the throne" in protect-Pierre, S. D., Dec. 15 .- In an attempt ing open gambling in this city for Will of the Late Telegraph Magnate, to break up a black hand gang which several years, and that Mabray's opyesterday secured a check for \$1,000 erations were an incident to the viosigned by Henry Esselbrugge, a lation of the state statute against late Thomas T. Eckert, formerly pres-

to place the money. Esselbrugge, who a result of which the Mabray pro- valued at \$3,000,000, was left to an-Washington, Dec. 15.-The sudden stroyed. A signed check was placed might be brought into the case. Ma- who, he asserted, was of unsound

In., accompanied by Mrs. A. C. Smith, ending of the inquiry into the charges there, and the sheriff and other of bray himself would be put on the mind by reason of age and physical every morning," says one Norfolk cit-

\$1,000 TAKEN FROM HOUSE.

Nurse Declares She Was Seized an Carried Away by Robber.

Axtell, Neb., Dec. 16 .- The home of robbers, and \$1,000 in cash and a gold watch stolen.

Miss Helman, a trained nurse of Omaha, who has been attending Mrs. Weedlun, who is ill, had left the house to get a pitcher of fresh water from the well. As she was returning, she asserts, some one seized her from beher away. When she regained consciousness at 9 o'clock she was in a church some distance from the Weed- ister of war. lun home, he assailants are supposed to have entered the house by the door she left open. The young woman is in

Hunt Dakota Blackhander. Pierre, S. D., Dec. 16 .- According to threats sent out in unsigned letters today says: last night was to be the last for payment of several thousand dollars to a would-be blackmailer who has fright ened a number of Sully county perwent on guard at a ranch that had in bank clearings and railroad earnbeen threatened with destruction, and ings, the big uplift in the iron and search for the writer of the so-called inactivity in dry goods. blackhand letters.

Speaker at Omaha Would Eliminate

Congestion in Shipping. Omaha, Dec. 16,-"Reformic Distribution of the Products of the Sheep Industry," was the subject discussed this morning by P. G. Johnson of Blackfoot, Idaho, at the wool growers' Miss Cora Wagner entertained a national convention. Mr. Johnson departy of young friends at the home of clared for the organization of the her parents, one half mile south of sheep growers, which would prevent the great fluctuations in receipts of sheep at the packing centers, thus insuring more stability in price, which promising. In the dry goods trade the he said would benefit the consumer as well as the producers.

The speaker had no words of censure for the packers because they take advantage of a heavy run of sheep to cut the price to the grower, but he declared the belief that the ultimate Barkdoll, who will take possession the consumer does not often benefit by the decline in prices.

At the sheep show E. N. Bissoll. Park of the Oakdale bank, through The prize for the best flock went to Robert Taylor, Abbott, Neb.

In the rambouillet class honors were divided between F. S. King Bros. company, Laramie, Wyo., and A. A. Wood ional convention which is being held & Son, Saline, Mich. The former took at Nanking is expected to hold its first on 2-year-old and yearling ewes, flock and pen of ten ewes; the latter firm secured firsts on ram and ewe lambs, pen of four lambs, and pen of a ton. ten rams.

oming took all the first prizes. DIVES THROUGH THE ICE.

Iowa Pastor Finds Body of His Own Daughter at Bottom of Lake. Marshalltown, Ia., Dec. 16.-When The ultimate outcome depends upon they ventured out on ice that had the attitude of the officers of the as- been honeycombed by the recent warm

in the nature of a compromise, will be Esther Nelson, aged 6, went into eight one of the finest state parks in the feet of water at New Hartford, Ia., in country. The property lies ten miles It is proposed that the association the northern part of the state, and

ford schools, were dismissed from school at 3:30 Wednesday, and appartheir enemies. ently went to "skate" on the ice of a deep bayou north of the schoolhouse When the girls failed to return home their parents became anxious, and searching party was organized.

Among the searchers was Mr. Essex. Noticing a broken place in the ice, and fearing the worst, he dived into the icy waters and came up with twenty-five consecutive years of serone hand clutching a dead body which vice. proved to be that of his daughter. Benumbed by cold and burdened by the form of the little girl, the pastor was unable to gain a foothold on the ice. and when others of the searching party rescued him he was almost dead from cold and exposure. The half hour later in the same place.

LEAD WOMAN EXONERATED.

Others Trying to Get In.

Lead, S. D., Dec. 16.—Evidence showing that she was badly frightened the miller yesterday. THE "POWER" BEHIND MABRAY by previous attempts of unknown people to enter her house, resulted in the Mrs. J. J. Berry, the young matron who Thursday night shot and killed lord, when he sought admission to her house to see about rent. She was alone with her babies, and Herbert, automatic revolver through the door.

ONE SON GETS IT ALL.

Eckert, Is Upheld.

New York, Dec. 16 .- The will of the ident of the Western Union Telegraph Marks, according to the opening company, which was contested by his can put his hand on any part of the their kindness extended, and upon longing to Samuel Thorp, unless he statement of Attorney General Cosson son, James Clendenning Eckert, was

"fixed" city and county authorities as The bulk of the estate, which was

Dare, who went into the trial near the always happy, and he keeps it going."

dered mind. "The decree will be appealed by the flour, contestant, it was announced. If not sustained he will lose also his bequest of \$50,000, as the clause proshould revert to the estate.

Using Dumdum Bullets.

Constantinople, Dec. 16.-Officials of the Turkish war office are circulating complaint that the Italian bullets. Several bombs are reported W. Va., in 1886. When he was four to have been discovered at the of fices of the grand visor and the min-

TRADE CONDITIONS BETTER

Marked Betterment Is the eFature of the Year's Business.

company's Weekly Review of Trade

"The betterment in industrial and steel trade, the advance in copper, the The brisker demand for money, and

he confidence inspired by the record

breaking cotton crop of upwards of 15,000,000 bales. Business men are disposed to move ahead, and the situamuch more encouraging as to be the year's most conspicuous development. held ever since. The holiday trade is notably active in all the large cities. This retail activity, coupled with the unusual warm weather at the end of the year, operates to make wholesale operations slower, but there has been no check n expansion in business. The outlook for the new year is exceedingly most noticeable development is the betterment in woolens and worsteds Silks are also stronger, Leather is dull, but prices are firm. Hides are

Each week serves to emphasize the pronounced betterment in iron and steel. Operations at mills and furnaces are on the enlarged scale and several plants, now inactive, will start again before the close of this month. The November statement of the United States Steel corporation was particularly favorable. Prices are strengthen ing slightly. Wire goods have advanced \$1 per ton, wire nails being now quoted at \$1.55 for carload lots. Sheets are firmer, Bessemer and open hearth are strong. Pig iron is more active, and some good sized sales are reported. Spot furnace coke is in better demand, and has advanced 5 cents

"Following the heavy decrease in In fat sheep the University of Wy. copper stocks last month quotations e advanced within a fraction

State Gets Starved Rock.

Ottawa, Ill., Dec. 16.—Starved-Rock passed into the hands of the state of Illinois vesterday when the negotiations for the picturesque tract were concluded. The state paid \$146,000 for sociation to whom the plan, which is weather, Faith Essex, aged 7, and the 296 acres. It is planned to make west of Ottawa on the south side of the Illinois river, Starved-Rock was bloody conflicts between the Indian tribes. Upon it the Illinois warriors made their last stand and after being starved were finally exterminated by

> On This Job for Twenty-five Years. If the miller of the Dee was happy when he doffed his cap and told the good king that he was happy and envied nobody, in the bygone days, so also is the miller of the Sugar City Cereal mills, notwithstanding the

On the 23rd day of this month, when the signal at the mill tells the men to start their afternoon's work, James H. take place. Lough will have started on his twentysixth year as the miller of the Norfolk flour mill. Taking out six weeks when he was ill and found it necessary to stay at his home, this miller has hardly missed a day from his work in supervising the manufacture of the material from which our daily bread

is made. "And have you not found this continuous work somewhat a strain on your physical system?" was asked of

"No," he replied, "my time here is so well occupied, that I do not have coroner's jury yesterday exonerating time to think about how long I really have worked here. I like the work. I like those that work around me and I

am glad I am here.' Those who work under his direction declare they have yet to hear an unkind word from Mr. Lough. About been employed under him from five to seventeen years, and nothing but kind words are heard from them regarding sylvania. He got as far as Sioux City, the miller.

"He has been here so long that the entire mill seems to be a part of him," says one man who knows him well. here announcing his death, he had not 'It has been often declared that this miller can go about the interior of the busy mill, and with his eyes closed machinery." Another man says that hearing the verdict of the coroner's with his eyes closed he can go about the noisy machines, which grind the wheat into flour, open the various ing the contents together in one hand.

"He comes by our house at 6:30

izen, "whistling to beat the band. He The claim of Marie E. Davis, or can't whistle a tune, but his face is

close and announced that she was the: "Yes, I have been inside these four widow of the general, is set aside on walls a very long time," said Mr. the ground that her claim arose solely Lough, "but at that it doesn't seem from the "hallucination of a disor so long." Then opening a slide on one grinder, he took out a handful of

"This is flour," he said authoritatively. "It is the flour before it is bleached. It is very pretty, isn't it? vides that if he contested, his share Come over here. When the daylight shines on it, its color is a beautiful gold. Yes, it is flour. It is a much prettier gold after it is made into bread from this unbleached material."

Was Born a Miller. James Lough was born a miller. He was born on a farm in Monongabela, years old his father took him to Pennsylvania where little James was brought up in a flour mill which his

father had purchased. When Mr. Lough was but 12 years old he was put in charge of the manufacture of flour under his father's supervision. When 17 years of age be had full charge of the mill, but the call New York, Dec. 16.-R. G. Dun and of the west brought him to Illinois, and he spent almost an entire summer on an Illinois farm. When not quite 18 years of age, he came to Norfolk trade conditions, signs of which have His present employer had purchased been visible to close observers for the Norfolk mill only a year previous, two months, has now become plain to and Mr. Lough was employed as an sons. Deputy sheriffs with bloodhounds all, and is reflected by the expansion assistant miller. The mill was then owned by Burchard, Bridge & Co. Mr. Lough remembers his first entrance into the mill at 1 o'clock on Dec. 23. At that hour and date every year since. Mr. Lough has stood before the clock at the mill and, with the other employes, donned the white work clothing of a miller and started on another year's work. It only required a tion as the year draws to a close is so few years till Mr. Lough became miller in charge, and that positon he has

On June 10, twenty years ago, James H. Lough and Miss Elizabeth Moss were united in wedlock, and to this happy couple a son and daughter were born. The daughter is now 18 years of age, and will be among those who will graduate from the high school this year. The son is now 14 years old.

Three years ago, Mr. Lough was a candidate for a place on the board of education, but was defeated by C. S. Bridge, his present employer. He is a faithful church member, and is very prominent in A. O. U. W. circles, having passed through all official chairs of that order.

Rosebudders to Join Elks Here. Soon after the first of January a arge number of prominent Rosebud citizens will be initiated into the Norfolk lodge of Elks. The local lodge has just obtained a special dispensation from the grand lodge, permitting the initiation of these South Dakota men. who are geographically in Yankton's territory. The accessibility to Norfolk as compared with the roundabout journey to Yankton. Mr. Shepard of Colome was the first one of the Rosebudders to be initiated. More than a score of others have already signified

their intention of joining.

Death of G. H. Romig. Neligh, Neb., Dec. 16.—Special to The News: George H. Romig died this morning at 1:30 at his home in this city after an illness of several months' duration. For the past three days he had been up and around and apparently gaining strength when he was suddenly taken worse vesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, and never regained consciousness. In all probability he suffered a hemorrhage of the brain during his last hours. Mr. Romig was one of Neligh's and Antelope county's oldest settlers. No arrangements at this time have been made

for the funeral. Later it was decided to hold the funeral Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock

from the Congregational church. Railroad Victim Had a Good Home. Neligh, Neb., Dec. 16.-Special to

The News: John Graham, the father of Alfred Graham, who met his untimely death in this cty last Wednesday evening by falling from the passenger train, was in Neligh yesterday making arrangements for the removing of the body of his son to Cody, from which place they will be taken to the nome, twenty-six miles north, where funeral and burial services will

Mr. Graham appeared to be a man of high standing in his race, and from all appearances is a prosperous and industrious farmer. He brought with him gilt-edge recommendations from leading business men of Cody, that he presented to C. J. Anderson of this city, whom he has known for about eighteen years. In an interview with Mr. Graham he stated that his son was born at Pine Ridge agency twenty-two years ago, and in his own broken language said that he could not see why his boy would not stay at home. He intimated that he was the favorite of the family. "Had a good home; home that cost \$3,000; money in the house and money in bank, and if Alfred only for 2 cents let him know, I would send him money."

He also stated that he gave the young man \$50, and about \$35 that he twenty-second of last September for the Carlisle Indian school in Pennwhere he secured employment at the stock yards as checker, and up to the time of receiving the telegram from communicated his whereabouts to his parents. Mr. Graham expressed his appreciation to the people of Neligh for jury read was perfectly satisfied that no one was to blame for the accident and death of his boy.

He said that he was the son of John placed \$1,000 in cash at a certain Charges were also made by Cossons contested on the ground that his can pick it out and name the variety that his wife was a white woman of Irish descent, whose name was Lizzie McDonald before their marriage.