

Want to be a Guard at State's Prison? Stanton, Neb., March 26.—Special to The News: Capt. Archer L. Burman of the local National Guard company is just in receipt of a letter from Adjutant General Phelps which requests that he recommend some member of his company to position of guard in the Nebraska penitentiary. This position gives a salary of \$50 per month with allowances, rations and quarters, and illustrates the fact that the training which is received in a national guard company is regarded valuable by those in positions of authority who have investigated that subject.

SELLS HOUSE WITH SPY GLASS. Makes Deal Without Taking Customer Within Three Miles of Property. Wichita, Kan., March 26.—Allen Avery, a real estate man of this city, recently sold a house and lot to a man who examined the property through a field glass and was never nearer than three miles to it.

"Have you a small house in the vicinity of the Orient shops?" asked W. R. Wilson, who visited the real estate office. "We have," said Allen Avery. "Could you show it to me this afternoon?" asked the man. "I can show it to you in five minutes," was the reply. "Well, if you can show me a house near the Orient shops in five minutes I'll take it," said the prospective buyer. Mr. Avery took a field glass from his desk and telling the man to follow, stepped into the elevator, rode to the 10th floor, went out onto the roof and by the use of a field glass showed the house, which was three miles away. Wilson was game and agreed to take the house before he had descended from the roof of the skyscraper.

Hamous-Otto. Stanton, Neb., March 26.—Special to The News: James Hamous, fireman on Northwestern, and Miss Hattie Otto, both of Norfolk, were married by Rev. John F. Poucher at the Methodist parsonage at Stanton, yesterday.

Eckmann-Wienck. Madison, Neb., March 26.—Special to The News: Judge McDuffee issued a marriage license to Theodore Eckmann of Wayne and Miss Paulina Wienck of Madison.

HAS 20 SONS. Kansas Man Stops at Denver Hotel. No Two Sleep Together. Denver, March 26.—Two by two, 14 youths, ranging in age from 6 to 16 years, filed into the lobby of a local hotel. A stout man following them approached the desk.

"All mine," said he to the clerk, "and there are thirteen more back in Goodland, Kan." He wrote "Nathan Alexander" on the register. "Single rooms, and fifteen of them," said Alexander. "I never doubted them up yet, and I don't propose to do it now." "That will be \$30," replied the clerk.

Bishop Williams at Neligh. Neligh, Neb., March 26.—Special to The News: Bishop Williams of Omaha confirmed a class of twenty-five last night at St. Peter's Episcopal church. A 6 o'clock supper was given at the rectory by the Guild ladies, which was attended by the Business Men's club and the bishop.

Election in Des Moines. Des Moines, Ia., March 26.—James R. Hanna, the present incumbent, was re-elected mayor of Des Moines at the regular city election here, polling 10,779 votes, while his opponent, Dr. Thomas Dubzig received 5,011 votes. Only one member of the old city council, Zel Roe was re-elected. The new members of the city council are Police Judge Fred VanLew, W. G. Needham, who was supported by the labor unions of the city and J. I. Mery, formerly postmaster of Des Moines.

John MacVicar, the advocate of the commission form of municipal government and member of the old city council, was second low man. Councilman Wesley, a former mine official, receiving the lowest vote. Charles Schram, head of the city finance department, made a good showing but fell below the required number. John L. Hamery, who was defeated two years ago, was 600 votes short of election.

Chinese Attack Americans. Hankow, March 26.—The three Americans, who were attacked by pirates on the Yang Tse river at Wu Shan, Messrs. Coffman and Shadon were teachers employed in the schools of the Chinese government, at Cheng Tu. Consul Gen. Paul James is leaving Shanghai for I-Chang.

"Aunt Kitty" Passes Away. West Point, Neb., March 26.—Special to The News: In the death of Mrs. Catherine B. Neligh, which occurred Sunday night, West Point has lost its oldest resident. Mrs. Neligh was the first white woman to make her residence in what is known as Cuming county. She came here with her husband, the late John D. Neligh, the father and founder of the city of West Point, in the year 1856. She was 76 years of age at her death. Mrs. Neligh had the distinction of being the mother of the first white child born within the confines of Cuming county. Mrs. Alice Sims, now residing here. She is also survived by three sons, William T. S. Neligh, U. S. Grant Neligh, and John P. S. Neligh.

"Aunt Kitty," as she was affectionately called, was a woman of remarkably gracious personality, the soul of kindness and hospitality, a favorite with all classes of the community, especially the children and young people whom she especially loved and who, more than anyone, will miss her bright and genial presence. Almost up to the time of her death she was busy in charitable work, ever ministering to the wants of the poor and afflicted and doing her best, at all times, in season and out of season, to alleviate pain and trouble. She was a true "Mother in Israel," a perfect type of the fast disappearing brave pioneer women of Nebraska, unselfish and self-denying, generous to a fault, spending their lives for others and building up a race of men and women who are today enjoying the fruits of the toil and sacrifices of such as she and her late lamented spouse.

Mrs. Neligh died a painless death, sinking to sleep in the arms of her beloved children, her life work done and her spirit ready to return to that infinity from whence it came.

For Missouri Governor. Jefferson City, Mo., March 26.—David A. Ball of Pike county filed his declaration as a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor.

Antelope Deputy Sheriff. Neligh, Neb., March 26.—Special to The News: Sheriff L. Bennett has appointed Harry C. Frady of this city as his deputy, and the bond was approved last week by the county board of supervisors. The appointment is a worthy one and the general sentiment sanction the actions of Mr. Bennett.

BLUNT INQUEST FRIDAY. Coroner Postpones Inquiry Into Young Farmer's Death. Springfield, Neb., March 26.—Coroner Armstrong announced that the Blunt inquest, which was set for this morning at 10 o'clock, had been postponed until Friday morning at the same hour. It was found impossible to secure the attendance today of some witnesses whose testimony was needed. The inquest will be held in the town here.

Three Lake Steamers in Ice. Chicago, March 26.—Three steamers which were caught in the ice off of Evanston last night were reported six miles out in the lake today battling with the floes in an attempt to reach Chicago. An unbroken stretch of ice separated the vessels from port, and there seemed no hope of reaching the city before evening unless the wind should shift. Fears for the safety of the 150 persons aboard, however, were allayed by wireless messages. All the boats are well provisioned and coaled and those on board are suffering no hardships. The marooned steamers are the Racine of the Northern Michigan Transportation company and the Alabama and the Georgia of the Goodrich transit fleet.

Smith Wins in Sioux City. Sioux City, Ia., March 26.—A. A. Smith was re-elected mayor here over Jonathan W. Brown by one of the closest votes in the city's history, his lead being less than 150 votes. G. B. Healy and E. O. Wesley were re-elected commissioners. The fight for the other two commissioners is between Charles O'Shannessy, Ed Evans and W. E. True, all three running within 100 votes of each other in early returns. Mayor Smith is serving his first term under the commission plan. His friends claim his victory is due to a successful administration in the last two years.

Mrs. Stork. Madison, Neb., March 26.—Special to The News: The funeral of Mrs. Ann England-Stork was held at the old home eight miles northeast of Madison Sunday and interment made in Crown Hill cemetery, beside her husband who died three years ago the 14th day of May. Mrs. Stork was a pioneer of Madison county and perhaps no woman who has lived and died in this county has left a more abiding impression. Mrs. Stork passed away Friday evening, March 22, just at the close of the day, being 86 years and 2 months old. She was born at Dowsdale, Lincolnshire, England, coming to New York state with her husband and two infant children in 1853 and removing to her present home, then a homestead, in this county, in 1870. She leaves to mourn her departure three sons—William, of Madison; Charles, residing northwest of Madison and George, at home; and six daughters—Mrs. Rebecca Burney; Mrs. Mary Lyons, and Mrs. Hannah Lyons of Madison; Mrs. Annie Lyons of Lincoln; Mrs. Jennie Lyons of Enola, and Mrs. Gusta Wright, at home.

Rev. Zanders, Episcopal clergyman of Columbus, conducted the funeral exercises.

Oscar Wassem Wins. Lincoln, March 26.—Oscar Wassem, the Omaha wrestler, last night defeated George Gion of Aurora, Neb., in their match for the state championship and a side bet. Wassem won in straight falls with but only after a desperate struggle, the first fall coming after 1 hour and 6 minutes, the second in 34 minutes. Gion, the lighter of the two, set the pace at the outset, and wore himself out, Wassem reserving his strength for the opportune moment, when he pinned his man down.

Fleige Jury to Report Monday. Ponca, Neb., March 26.—Special to The News: The jury to try William Fleige, a farmer living near Wayne, for the murder of his sister, Louise, on June 30, 1910, will be convened in Ponca next Monday noon. Court adjourned last night till that time. This is Fleige's second trial.

Fleige's attorneys did not ask for a change of venue. A motion was made, petitioning the judge to overrule the "first degree" murder charge, but this was overruled. At his first trial William Fleige was convicted of murder and given a life sentence, but the supreme court granted a new trial. Miss Fleige was killed on the Fleige farm, near Wayne, on June 30, 1910.

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Louise Fleige was found dead. Eichtenkamp, an employe on the farm, claimed he saw Fleige kill his sister. William Fleige was arrested and charged with the crime. After a long trial he was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment at Lincoln. After serving a few months he was liberated pending a second trial.

The work of the doctors who examined Louise Fleige's stomach will play an important part in the trial. The defense hopes to prove an alibi for Fleige and in this manner clear him of the charge.

Seidel Exonerated. Milwaukee, Wis., March 26.—At the session lasting until long after midnight Emil Seidel, the socialist mayor, was exonerated of a charge of malfeasance in office brought by the opposition, the charge being that he suppressed information on which taxes should have been higher against favored taxpayers. The charge was investigated by a city council committee, consisting of five socialists and none of the opposition and the socialist council confirmed the report of the committee.

Butte Miners May Strike. Butte, Mont., March 26.—The Butte miners' union of the Western Federation of Miners voted to take a referendum vote next Thursday upon the question of striking. The controversy leading up to the vote resulted from the discharge of several hundred miners because it was said they were active members of a socialist club. The miners say the men were discharged to prevent the election next month of more socialists to the city council.

Put Poison in Cistern. Muscatine, Ia., March 26.—A plot to wipe out the family of Charles Reed, a non-union button worker, was discovered here today when a chemical test proved that poisonous acids had been placed in the cistern of drinking water at the Reed home, according to the police. Prompt medical attention saved the life of Mrs. Reed, who had drunk some of the water. There is no clew.

OMAHA LUMBER YARD BURNS. Missouri River Lumber Company Suffers \$40,000 Loss. Omaha, March 26.—A spectacular fire destroyed the greater part of the Missouri River Lumber company yards at Thirtieth and Boyd streets last night, besides putting out of order all the independent and Bell telephones north of Boyd street. The origin of the blaze cannot be determined.

The Missouri River Lumber company is owned by F. H. Bowman of Minneapolis and H. G. Kranz, 3335 Woolworth avenue, Omaha. Mr. Kranz is the local manager and he said last night that he roughly estimated the damage at between \$40,000 and \$50,000, which amount is entirely covered by insurance.

Chappell Banker Dies. Chappell, Neb., March 26.—Fred Sudman, president of the First National bank of Chappell, died yesterday after an illness of one week. Mr. Sudman was one of the pioneers in this county, coming here in 1883. He has large holdings in Chappell, Oskosh and Lewellyn. He leaves a widow, three daughters and one son. It was only about six months ago that Mr. Sudman's son was killed in an automobile accident.

For Killing Her Husband. St. Louis, Mo., March 26.—When the case of Joseph Seidel and Mrs. Annie Hunning, charged jointly with the murder of the woman's husband, Martin Hunning, was called in the circuit court of Hillsboro, Mo., attorneys for the defendants obtained a continuance until late in the afternoon. A notice was served that a change of venue would be asked. Hunning was shot and killed Dec. 9, 1911. His wife was in the house at the time with her husband. The shot was fired through a window.

Court Adjourns at Fairfax, S. D. Fairfax, S. D., March 26.—The regular March term of the circuit court for Gregory county was finally adjourned yesterday by Judge Williamson, of the Eleventh judicial circuit, the business on hand having all been practically completed.

Among the last business of the term was the sentencing of Pat Stevens, found guilty by a jury at this term of the charge of robbery and at last term of jail-breaking, to an indeterminate sentence of from three to five years in the penitentiary, the sentence being co-ordinate for both offenses.

Lloyd Forgraves' sentence was from four to five years and a stay of execution was granted for thirty days to perfect an appeal to supreme court. In both cases against Stevens and the one against Forgraves, both parties are to be permitted bail during the perfection of appeal.

Forgraves was convicted of "white slave" traffic.

How Much Did he Make on the Horse? Valentine, Neb., March 27.—Special to The News: This city is confronted with a grave condition. A little problem in arithmetic is the cause of it all. If a man sold a horse for \$90, then bought it back for \$80 and sold it again for \$100, how much did he make on the two transactions?

This problem is the source of much heated discussion that has thrown the whole town into a turmoil. In the hotels, drug stores, restaurants, and other places where men gather, this absorbing question is being argued pro and con. All agree that he either made \$20 or \$30, but which is

correct is the highly disputed point. Bankers, merchants, lawyers and prominent stockmen have entered into the controversy and the arguments wax warm and furious. Local politics have been forgotten for the time. The peaceable citizens of this city are trying to find some one who is skilled as an authority in arithmetic to intervene and declare which answer is correct before blood is spilled.

1,078 Delegates in Convention. Omaha, March 27.—The exact number of delegates in the republican national convention is definitely fixed by this statement by Victor Rosewater, acting chairman of the republican national committee:

"In view of the many inquiries, it may be stated officially that the number of delegates in the republican national convention under the call is 1,078, making 540 necessary majority to nominate. This is nearly 100 more than in the convention of four years ago, which consisted of 980 delegates. With the exception of Hawaii, whose representation is increased from two to six, all the increases correspond with increased congressional representation under the new 1910 apportionment. The apparent discrepancy over New Mexico and Arizona comes from the fact that New Mexico has been accorded two representatives in congress although the apportionment gave it only one."

A Sale Pavilion. Ewing, Neb., March 27.—Special to The News: As the facilities for our stockmen and farmers have been so inadequate in the past for the taking care of and disposal of their stock a meeting was held at the city building at which our citizens took a very lively interest. At the meeting articles of incorporation were formed looking towards the erection of a sales pavilion and stock yards for the better accommodation of our farmers and stockmen with pedigreed stock and all others who may wish to avail themselves of the opportunity. Any or all of our farmers can avail themselves of this great advantage if they so desire. About \$3,500 has been subscribed. This is one of the best moves our citizens have ever taken along conservative lines. The following officers of the corporation have been elected: W. H. Graves, president; J. L. Fisher, secretary; J. N. Trommerschauer, treasurer; John Berigan, manager. The board of directors are: J. L. Stringfield, M. T. Sanders, John Carr, William Snyder, James Leaby and J. S. Weavering. Our little city has taken on new life since the new enterprise has taken hold and Contractor Davis with a force of men commenced Monday to carry out the work of the corporation and in which the first sale is expected to take place April 13.

ENGINEER KILLED. Superior, Neb., March 27.—Burlington train No. 14 was wrecked a little over two miles west of Bostwick. Engineer Paul Temple was instantly killed.

Fireman Frank Rainey's legs were broken and he was very seriously scalded by escaping steam.

Suffragette To Jail. London, March 27.—One hundred and twenty-six suffragettes were placed on trial at a special sitting of the county of London session in connection with the window smashing raids in London on March 1 and March 4. Judge Robert Wallace sentenced a succession of them to terms ranging from four to six months imprisonment. In some cases where the women undertook not to repeat the offense they were bound over for judgment if called upon. Traverse Humphreys, counsel for the treasury, in his speech for the prosecution emphasized the fact that the raids were an organized attack on property and could not be tolerated.

MRS. BLUNT IN LINCOLN. She Interviews Gov. Aldrich and Convict Morley at Prison. Lincoln, March 27.—Mrs. Roy Blunt, wife of the hostage who was killed in last week's fight with Convicts Dowd, Gray and Morley, accompanied by her father and mother, arrived in the city after a short visit with Gov. Aldrich they then went to the state penitentiary, where they held a long conference with Warden Mellick.

Convict Morley, the surviving member of the fray, was interviewed by them during their call at the institution. The substance of the visit was not given out.

Information from Springfield is to the effect that a special officer named Reed is investigating the alleged misconduct of Sheriff Hyers of Lancaster county in behalf of Lancaster county.

Hyers, it has been charged by farmers in the Springfield posse in the convict chase, was under the influence of liquor. An affidavit from A. S. Emtey, who was driving the rig Hyers used before he took a horse from George Phelps, is said to have stated that Hyers was not drinking while in the rig.

It became known here that James Blunt, father of the dead man, has retained W. R. Patrick of South Omaha to represent him at the inquest.

Court at Madison. Madison, Neb., March 27.—Special to The News: District court convened in Madison for an equity session Monday afternoon and adjourned yesterday morning. Judge A. A. Welch presiding, W. H. Powers, court reporter. The following cases received attention.

Charles E. Gibson vs. Levi Gutru and Ingeborg Gutru, remanded. Continued by agreement.

Abram White vs. Charles B. Durland as mayor of city of Norfolk. Injunction. W. L. Staples appointed referee to make survey from a known established or agree governmental corner and report to court location of East line in controversy.

William M. Cubbison vs. Nellie Cubbison. Divorce. Dismissed by plaintiff at plaintiff's costs.

First National Bank of Humphrey vs. Carl Teske. Appeal. Motion of defendant for new trial overruled. Defendant excepts. Judgment on verdict. Defendant excepts. 40 days to submit bill of exceptions. Guardian ad litem allowed fee of \$50 paid by defendant.

Herman J. Schmedeke vs. Setty Schmedeke, Gustav Teske, Carl Schmedeke and Walter Schmedeke, Partition. Finding that Setty Teske defendant has homestead interest in SW 1/4 30-21-1W. Plaintiff excepts and one-half interest in all lands subject to said homestead interest. Defendant excepts. Decree confirming shares as found for assignment of homestead and for partition of balance of land. Referee appointed to make partition.

Albert J. Brinkman, et al vs. John J. O'Shea and Dennis Flynn. Damages and restitution. Motion to strike answer overruled. Plaintiff excepts. Edwards & Bradfords Lumber Co., vs. Philip A. Schurtz. Creditors bill. Motion to strike, set off or counter claim overruled. Plaintiff given 15 days to answer.

John J. Cole vs. John M. Lederer and Grace Lederer. To set aside tax deed. Plaintiff given leave to return deposition to person before whom same was taken for purpose of having same certified to.

Clinton S. Smith vs. Alonzo Andrews et al. Foreclosure. Sheriff sale confirmed and deed ordered.

Ralph T. Cain et al vs. Ross R. Cain. Partition. Time for referee to make and report sale extended to 60 days from March 26, 1912.

Hattie E. Lindsay vs. James F. Lindsay. Divorce. Finding for plaintiff. Decree of divorce. Custody of children awarded to plaintiff. Defendant to pay \$3 per week until further ordered by court for support of child. Judgment vs. defendant for costs.

Sena Fisher vs. Edward Harry Fisher. Divorce. Defendant defaulted. Finding for plaintiff. Decree of divorce as prayed.

Ella Clauson vs. Charles C. Clauson. Divorce. Defendant defaulted. Decree of divorce and custody of the children to plaintiff.

William Kamrath, et al vs. Lots 3 & 4, Bk 19 Railroad Ad. vs. Newman. Partition. M. S. McDuffee appointed guardian ad litem for Minors-defendants. Finding for plaintiffs. Decree confirming shares as alleged and for partition. Otto Scheer appointed referee to make partition.

Rose M. Fix vs. Geeska Fix. Damages for \$15,000. Motion to strike overruled. Defendant given 20 days to answer.

Mary E. Tollefson vs. August Peterson, et al. Partition. Referee's report approved and confirmed. Sale ordered. Bond fixed at \$3,000.

Minnie Kell vs. Albert Kell. Divorce. Defendant defaulted. Findings for plaintiff. Decree of divorce and custody of children awarded plaintiff.

Hannah Sar vs. Samuel M. Rosenthal. Damages for \$1,900. 7th paragraph of motion of defendant sustained. Plaintiff excepts. Motion overruled as to all other paragraphs. Defendant excepts. Defendant given fifteen days to answer. Plaintiff given five days to answer.

John S. Johnson vs. Hellick J. Hamre, et al. To quiet title. Defendants all defaulted. Finding for plaintiff. Decree as prayed.

Elizabeth Schermer et al vs. John Schermer, et al. Partition. M. D. Tyler appointed guardian ad litem for minors. Finding for plaintiff decree confirming shares as alleged and partition. Referee's report approved and confirmed; sale ordered. Bond fixed at \$5,000.

Advance Thresher Co., vs. E. P. Carragher and R. L. Carragher. Appeal. Defendant given 20 days to plead.

John Scheffee vs. Martha A. Parke, et al. To quiet title. All defendants defaulted but Fred Bender. Findings for plaintiff. Decree quieting title as prayed and for specific performance as prayed.

Matthew Schaffer Sr. vs. O. H. Minler. To quiet title. All defendants defaulted. Finding for plaintiff. Decree as prayed.

Elsie Moeller and Robbinette Eble vs. John Eble. Partition. Defendant defaulted. Finding for plaintiff. Decree confirming shares as alleged and partition. J. S. Matheson appointed referee to make partition. Referee's report approved and confirmed. Ordered to sell said premises. Bond fixed at \$8,000.

The Bank of Tabor, Iowa, vs. J. H. Pieper. Note for \$675. Motion for security for costs confessed. Plaintiff given five days to comply. Defendant given twenty days thereafter to answer.

State of Nebraska vs. Joe Felton. Horse stealing. Pleads guilty. Sentence suspended temporarily.

Catherine Payne vs. Edwin L. Dixon. Damaged in sum of \$2200. Motion for security for costs sustained. Plaintiff given 20 days to comply.

Ethel M. Burroughs vs. Clarence M. Burroughs. Divorce. Finding for plaintiff. Decree for divorce and restoration of maiden name. Judgments for costs and \$5 attorneys fees vs. defendant.

Hannah Bryant vs. The Modern Woodman of America. Recovery of insurance money. On the court's own motion, ordered that both parties show cause by April 23, 1912, why order extending time to submit bill of exceptions purporting to have been made April 27, 1911, should not be annulled to show that the same was

signed June 28, 1811 to conform to the facts and that attorney for both parties be notified hereof.

BONESTEEL MAN NAMED. Dr. Kenaston Appointed Member of Dakota Board of Health. Bonesteel, S. D., March 27.—Special to The News: Gov. Robert S. Vessey of South Dakota, has appointed Dr. H. R. Kenaston of Bonesteel to a position on the state board of health.

Dr. Kenaston has been the physician for the Northwestern railroad and has held the chairmanship of the county board of health for the past fourteen years.

TUESDAY TOPICS. Burt Mapes returned from Madison. H. C. McKensy of Stanton was here.

O. N. Mayfield of Plattsmouth is here.

Mrs. M. Everett of Verdell was in the city.

H. F. Barnhart returned from Madison.

C. S. Hayes went to Winside on business.

P. E. Carberry went to Long Pine on business.

Judge Bates of Madison was here visiting with friends.

Mrs. W. H. Blakeman returned from Sioux City last night.

Miss Mattie Mendelsohn of Pierce was here visiting with friends.

Mrs. George Davenport of Madison was here visiting with relatives.

E. O. Garrett of Fremont was here enroute from Deadwood to Bonesteel.

A. W. Hawkins and A. F. Wentworth are at Omaha transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hoefs of Pierce were here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Whalen.

Miss Amy Reynolds is home from the Peru normal school for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reynolds.

Mrs. Frances Coleman, who was called to Norfolk by the death of her sister, Sadie Du Bois, has returned to her home at Dallas, S. D.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Montague, a daughter.

E. L. Beveridge and Martin Sporn are the first hunters reported to leave town on a duck hunting expedition today.

The John Reymeyer farm was sold by R. M. Waddell to W. W. Severs of Canning, S. D.

The Royal Neighbors will hold a kenstington at the home of Mrs. W. P. Davey, 511 South Fourth.

Ducks are reported plentiful, but flying high. The duck season will be very short, closing on April 5.

Manager Woodruff of the Scott Automobile Supply company has rented the Bruce cottage at 107 South Eleventh street.

R. M. Waddell reports the sale of ten acres of land in Beacon Hill addition to P. N. Nelson of Herrick, S. D., who will come here to live.

Thomas Harrison, who recently resigned the management of the Farmers Elevator at Hadar, is in search of a suitable house in this city. Mr. Harrison will come here to live.

Dr. C. J. Verges celebrated his birthday last night. After the meeting of the city council Councilman Verges entertained the other members at a luncheon in his new residence.

Julius Altschuler, brother of Mrs. J. Baum, and formerly employed in the Baum Bros. store here, died in Chicago last Friday. Funeral services will be held in Kirksville, Mo., next Sunday.

G. G. Stockton has opened a branch photograph studio at Tilden which will be in charge of his brother V. V. Stockton. Up to this time there has been no photograph gallery between Norfolk and Neligh.

There will be a regular meeting of the Beulah chapter Thursday night. All members are requested to be present. There will be a social meeting after the business and refreshments will be served.

All was in readiness at the Commercial club rooms for the delegates to the convention of the Farmers Co-operative Elevator association, Tuesday. Up to one o'clock none of the delegates had arrived at the headquarters.

The Norfolk river is unusually high today and the ice is slowly coming down a wide channel which has been open for several days. It is believed the river will rise much higher, tomorrow, but not to a danger stage. The river below the dam is quite high but free from any ice which might cause a gorge.

Postmaster John R. Hayes has received the applications of two local bachelors who wish to employ the young Omaha girl who recently wrote that she desired to act as housekeeper for either a bachelor or a widower. Both applications have been forwarded to the young woman at Omaha. The postmaster reports that as yet no widower has applied at his office.

Miss Amie Smith, teacher of the Ray school seven miles west of town, will preside over a unique entertainment at that school Saturday night. A home talent play "The Iron Hand," a four-act comedy followed by a shadow social, is to be a feature of the entertainment which is given for the benefit of the school. A large attendance is looked for by Miss Smith.

Among the students of the Christ Lutheran church who will be confirmed next Sunday are: Elizabeth Boehnke, Frieda Donner, Marie Elenberger, Emma Berner, Alma Berner, Alma Vasholz, Martha Schilling, Ida Walters, Anna Brummund, Lydia Bernhardt, Anna Schaeffer, Mabel Poesler, Louise Luebke, Meta Droege, Alfred Bluecher, Otto Blank, William Henkel, Arthur Walters, Gustave Gall, Gustave Steffen, Carl Haas, Otto Zellmer, Paul Ohm, Walter Ohm.

Seven hundred teachers of this

state have received personal letters from a leading Norfolk business man, inviting them to be present at the teachers' convention which convenes here this week. The local committee is well prepared for the teachers and all arrangements are completed for their comfort. Notwithstanding the fact that the warm weather has caused the streets to be in bad shape, the street commissioner has promised to make things comfortable before the teachers arrive.

TO PROTECT POTASH FIELDS. Taft Sends Special Message to Congress to Protect Public. Washington, March 26.—President Taft today sent to congress a message urging the immediate enactment of a law to protect from private entry and exploitation fields of potash such as recently were discovered in southern California.

South Norfolk. Mr. Welsh returned home from Osmond last evening, where he visited relatives.

Mrs. John Daugherty and daughter Leota have returned from a brief visit in Bonesteel.

Mrs. Tom Shively left for Omaha this morning.

John Hinz returned from Omaha last evening, having spent the past week there with his mother who was hurt.

Alpha Clark left for Fremont yesterday to work.

The party of eight employes at the shops, who visited with Tom Hogan at an Omaha hospital, yesterday, arrived home last evening.

Mayor Appoints New Councilman. C. H. Krahn, democratic nominee for councilman in the Second ward, was appointed to fill the councilmanic vacancy made by E. B. Kauffman's removal from the ward, by Mayor Friday at last night's council meeting. The council approved the mayor's appointment and Mr. Krahn immediately filed his bond with the city clerk and was sworn in. Mr. Krahn lost no time and took part in the business transacted with the other city fathers.

According to Mayor Friday, there have been a large number of applications for the appointment.

The council vacated the old plat of Beacon Hill addition and an ordinance was passed to this effect. The new plat for this addition was approved and signed by Mayor Friday. President Winter, City Clerk Harter and Engineer Tracy.

O. W. Rish was given the contract to construct the sewer on North Fifth street from Norfolk avenue to the new Union Pacific depot. This work is to be finished by April 10, according to the specifications.

The public works committee was instructed to purchase an electrical pump and other necessary material for the purpose of meeting the requirements in the pumping contract given to the Sugar City Cement Mills. This pump can be purchased without creating a special fund, by a levy, say the councilman.

Two Thieves Are Caught. Samuel M. Rosenthal, proprietor of the Bee Hive store, proved the captor of thieves who intended to rob his store of clothing and probably money. The same thieves, according to Fair Store proprietors, are the men who during the morning stole several bolts of silk valued at \$17 from the drygoods department of that store. A suit of soldiers' clothing found secreted in a stairway of the Margardt building is thought by the police to be the property of one of the two men, who is believed by the police to be a deserter from the United States army. Both men are locked up in the city jail awaiting action by the county attorney who will prosecute them. Both men were drunk, it is believed, when they stole the silk in the Fair store.

The men entered the fair store at an early hour and salesmen Harry Morgan and E. S. Clements were ordered to watch them. Notwithstanding this surveillance, no one saw them take the silk and it was not missed until about an hour after their departure.

After leaving the Fair store, the men entered the Bee Hive and their actions immediately aroused the suspicions of Mr. Rosenthal whom they told they wished to purchase shoes. None of the shoes shown them suited, and they insisted in remaining close to the men's clothing department. So left, however, were the two thieves, that Mr. Rosenthal, who was very close to them at all times, did not see one transfer three pairs of men's trousers from a pile of clothing to a place