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of refreshments was served. He was the recipient of an elegant leather rocking chair, the gift of his sons, during the evening. County Commissioner Herman Maskentin and wife of Stanton were members of the party.

The rector, the Woman's guild and the members of Trinity church wish to thank the public for the liberal patronage and to express their appreciation for the assistance rendered which made the Festival of the Flowers such a decided success. For three months Mrs. Day labored night and day with the children in addition to giving her services to the kindergarten school, which closed the middle of June. The entire net proceeds of the entertainment, which exceeded expectation, will be used for the benefit of the choir, for music, vestments, etc.

The weekly crop bulletin issued by the university of Nebraska shows that many portions of the state, in addition to lacking moisture for their growing crops, are afflicted with a surplus of grasshoppers that are doing much damage. The following is the report from this and neighboring counties: "Madison—Corn six inches high and growing rapidly; rye in bloom; wheat and oats doing well; corn getting weedy. Pierce—All crops growing finely; everybody cultivating corn. Wayne—Heavy rains washed out corn in some places and buried it in other places; meadows damaged by drift."

A one-armed individual who, with the aid of bug juice, had become imbued with the idea that he was an orator of no mean ability, started out this morning to harangue the people on Main street but had not proceeded far in his discourse when Officer Kane hove in sight. The appearance of the officer had the effect of confusing the orator to the extent that he lost the thread of his discourse—if he ever had one—then and there and proceeded at a rapid gait down the street. He was finally nabbed however, and is now getting rid of his hallucination amid the environments imposed by the steel bars and brick walls of the city jail.

It is not often that prospective old age is as well provided for as in the case of H. C. Matrau. When Dr. Bear returned from the south he brought him a cane made of hickory with the following inscription: "Cut in the centre of Cold Harbor battle field, where 18,000 soldiers were killed in thirty minutes, June 3d, 1864. Battle fought by Lee and Grant." A few evenings after, in G. A. R. hall Al. Bigelow presented him with a cane made of diamond willow, an alligator carved on the handle and decorated with a little flag and red, white and blue ribbons. The presentation speech was made by W. H. Widaman. Mr. Matrau now faces old age calmly.

The republican county central committee is holding a meeting this afternoon at the law office of Mapes & Hazen for the purpose of arranging the preliminaries of the coming campaign. Among those in attendance are S. A. McKay of Deer Creek, S. H. Grant of Emerick, Jas. Roseborough of Tilden and Jas. Clark of Highland. They have decided to call the county convention to meet at Battle Creek on September 16, at 11 a. m. The apportionment for delegates will be one for each 20 votes or major fraction thereof based on the vote cast for M. L. Hayward for governor last fall and one delegate at large from each precinct of the county. The state convention has been called to meet in Omaha September 21.

J. H. McDowell, from the supervising architect's office of the treasury department, Washington, was in the city today looking over the sites offered for a government building location. He made a thorough inspection of all lots offered, both in regard to their location concerning center of population, convenience to business interests and adaptability to the purpose otherwise. His visit to the city is not for the purpose of making the purchase, but it will have a bearing upon choice, as he reports his findings to the department he represents and it will undoubtedly make the selection in accordance therewith, otherwise it would be an unnecessary and useless expense for him to visit here. He met with a number of the business men while here and his recommendation will probably be influenced to some extent by the desires expressed by them. He completed his duties here this noon and left for the east.

A Bold Hold-up.
A traveler on his way from Stanton to his home at Bloomfield was held up about 10:30 last night at a point three miles southeast of the city.

The two fellows who undertook the job stopped the traveler's team and one of the would-be robbers approached the buggy with the evident intention of collecting their illegal toll.

The traveler was not an easy victim, however, and did not propose to yield up his valuables until it was necessary. He therefore assumed a pluckily aggressive attitude, seized his whip and when the robber came within reach dealt him a telling blow with the butt end of the horse persuader.

He then whipped up his horses and made his escape, leaving the highway-men to hunt a more remunerative source of gain and at least one of them to care for a bruised head.

Mrs. Coyle and Mrs. Moran, who have been visiting with Mrs. Dan Murphy, returned today to their home in Wayne.

MONDAY MENTION.

Wm. Moore was up from Stanton yesterday.

P. S. Peterson was a Hooper visitor at the picnic.

J. H. Little was over from Madison yesterday.

Geo. Brechler was a visitor yesterday from Madison.

Robt. Rubick of Wakefield was in the city yesterday.

C. B. Dunkin of Neligh was in the city yesterday.

Rev. S. F. Sharpless returned from O'Neill at noon.

Judge J. B. Barnes made a trip to Blair yesterday.

Judge H. D. Kelly was a passenger today for Madison.

A. H. Corbett was in the city from Madison yesterday.

Miss Blanche Carrick went to Madison today to visit friends.

Miss Harriet C. Wood left this noon for Omaha on business.

F. S. Perdue was a Sunday visitor in the city from Madison.

W. H. Bridge has returned from a business trip to Omaha.

H. H. Whippman from Wakefield is registered at the Pacific.

Celia Denninger of Wisner was a visitor in the city yesterday.

W. M. Robertson and son Sidney, went to Neligh this morning.

Fred Fuerst and family were down from Battle Creek yesterday.

Miss Josephine Heckendorf came up from Omaha on the excursion.

Mrs. Stephen Vail is able to be about again, after a siege of sickness.

Eddie Marquardt accompanied Wm. Carrabine to Oklahoma this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Fechteren of Stanton came up to attend the picnic yesterday.

County Clerk E. G. Heilman and family were over from Madison yesterday.

Mrs. J. W. Humphrey and son Graham have gone to Lincoln for a month's visit.

Miss Nellie Craig of Battle Creek is visiting with her sister, Mrs. A. F. Lewis.

Ed Braasch came down from Tilden and visited relatives and friends over Sunday.

Mrs. Cad Harding of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is visiting at the home of Chas. Harding.

Ed Harter leaves for Chicago tomorrow to resume his duties as telegraph operator.

Arthur Brubaker went to Meadow Grove Saturday night to spend Sunday with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Iach of Bazile Mills are visiting at the home of W. A. Moldenhauer.

J. D. Sturgeon and daughter, Mrs. F. H. Beels came home from Wayne this morning to visit.

R. S. Foale returned last night from a visit of three or four weeks to his old home in Indiana.

Rev. F. P. Wigton is over from Osmond to visit friends and look after Norfolk interests.

F. C. Barnes and W. J. Barnes and wife were among the Stanton visitors to Norfolk yesterday.

Miss Willa Allen of Madison visited her friend, Miss Irene Dexter, today while on her way west.

Mrs. H. E. Austin departed on the noon train for Omaha where she will make an extended visit.

Misses Ida Ulrick and Marie Miller visited Norfolk friends over Sunday, returning to Pierce today.

Wm. Newmun and family of Stanton were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moldenhauer yesterday.

G. H. Whaley and G. Fox of Columbus are in the city and will remain a few days visiting friends.

Miss Grace Hunter who has been visiting Mrs. F. Hoyer, returned to her home in Wakefield today.

Wm. Koenigstein arrived Saturday from St. Louis, Mo. to visit several days with relatives and friends.

B. F. White, general solicitor of the F. E. & M. V., arrived at noon to visit at the home of Bart Mapes.

Editor C. F. Montross of the Battle Creek Republican attended the picnic in Rheulow's grove yesterday.

R. C. Hedman, M. L. Thomsen and W. H. Avery were among the Norfolk visitors from Battle Creek yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Seymour, who have been visiting Norfolk relatives returned to their home in Lincoln today.

Julius Haase and his friend Harry Luecke, came down from Battle Creek yesterday and spent the day in Norfolk.

The Misses Lenzer and brother, Max, came in from Omaha on the excursion and spent the day with Norfolk friends.

Miss McLaughlin, who has been visiting with Mrs. M. A. McMillan, leaves tomorrow for her home in West Point.

Mrs. H. L. Whitney returned to her home in Omaha yesterday after a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Powers.

Max Schwertfeger, while chipping ice at the Oxnard hotel yesterday, had the misfortune to lose the tip of one of the

fingers of his left hand. He got it in the way of the cutter and the above is the result.

Miss Fannie Brome arrived home from Omaha, where she had been teaching, last evening to spend a portion of her vacation.

Mrs. Perrine, a cousin of Fannie Brome, and Durland Brome, son of Harry Brome, accompanied her home from Omaha.

Elsie Grimm, from the orphan's home at Fremont, and the week visiting with her, Miss Clara Schram of this city.

Miss Martha Parker, assistant kindergarten teacher in the Omaha schools arrived home this noon to visit relatives and friends.

Rev. J. E. Fowler of Madison occupied the pulpit at the M. E. church yesterday morning. There was no evening service held.

Miss Addie Slothower returned to her home in Nickerson Saturday, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Lewis Johnson.

Mrs. Adelheid Koenen of Freeport, Minn., is in the city visiting friends. She is a sister of Carl Zuelow and Mrs. August Hellerman.

Mrs. L. E. Walterstadt and two children and Miss Ethel Landell, have returned from Oakland, where they visited for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Correll and Harold Holbert returned to their home in Plainview today after a visit of several days with Norfolk friends.

The date for the annual picnic of the Modern Woodmen of America for northeast Nebraska has been fixed for August 31 and will be held at Ponca.

The people of Blair raised the magnificent sum of \$2,193.50 for the relief of the Herman cyclone sufferers, some of the private subscriptions being as high as \$200.

An exchange warns people who use gasoline to use flour, meal or sand to extinguish it in case it becomes ignited. Never use water, as it but spreads the flames.

The sidewalk on the east side of the Pacific hotel is receiving extensive and necessary repairs, being leveled up and new planks replacing the old ones which were worn or rotted away.

Miss Susie Thompson returned home from Omaha, Saturday evening. She has been preparing herself for a teacher by taking a course of instruction in a kindergarten training school.

Emery Smith came up on the excursion train from Omaha yesterday morning to visit with friends. Mr. Smith is attending college in that city and fitting himself for a higher place in life's duties.

A band of aboriginal Americans passed through the city Saturday in wagons. They were no war paint and were quite docile, as compared with their ancestors as pictured by history and fiction.

The concert given by the Chicago Trio orchestra yesterday afternoon at Pioneer walk's park was very creditably rendered and much enjoyed by large crowds of people all the afternoon. It is to be hoped they will give another concert soon.

Wm. Carrabine came over from Wayne yesterday and departed this morning at 10:40 for Guthrie, O. T., where he has secured a position as cook for a gang of 75 men running steam threshers. The job will last about four months.

R. H. Reynolds and Wm. Klug went to Bancroft today, where they have a contract to put up a brick building. Mr. Reynolds thinks he has just reason to complain against these McKinley times, because he does not have any leisure at all lately, whereas a few years ago he had plenty of time with nothing to do.

Vic Merlia, son of Emil Merlia the South Norfolk shoemaker, was taken to Madison this morning by Chief of Police Spaulding and will appear before County Judge Bates to answer to the charge of incorrigibility. He will undoubtedly be sentenced to a term in the industrial school at Kearney, in which case Chief Spaulding will take him to that institution.

Yesterday was observed as Children's day at the church of the Evangelical association. The interior of the church had been nicely decorated with flowers and other adornments for the occasion.

In the morning the pastor delivered a sermon to the children. The evening service was largely attended and consisted of speaking and singing, in which the children took prominent parts.

The secretaries of the state board of transportation will be in Norfolk tomorrow and at 2:30 in the afternoon will meet with representatives of the Norfolk Business Men's association and other citizens. The object of the meeting is to hear complaints concerning freight rates against the C. St. P. M. & O. road. The road will undoubtedly be represented by officials of the line, who will present that side of the case. An interesting meeting is expected.

Madison County Reporter: Norfolk is again entertaining hopes that the Norfolk-Yankton railroad will be built this year. Also another connecting line which will put Norfolk in connection with the Port Arthur route. Activity

in railroad building is very pronounced this year and it is not at all improbable that Norfolk's long deferred hope is to be realized this year. The building of these roads would make Norfolk an important railroad center and as a wholesale distributing point make it second to none in the state.

T. O. Warner, who lives 19 miles northwest of the city and holds the record as the best rifle shot in the state of Iowa, took the train this morning for Madison with the pelts and skulls of nine large gray wolves, which he killed near the Yellow Banks, and for which he is going to collect the bounty offered by the county. Mr. Warner has killed these wolves since January 1st, not making any particular hunt for them but shooting them mostly while on his trips to and from town. Three of them were killed at a distance of approximately 65 rods while they were on the run. He can relate many items of interest concerning his shooting experience if one has the time and inclination to listen to him and he has the time and inclination to talk.

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