

FIGHTING HORSE THIEVES

MEETING HELD TO PERFECT THE CONSTITUTION.

ALL TOWNS MUST BE ORGANIZED

Nine Horses Have Been Stolen in This Section Within the Past Few Weeks. Must Organize to the Rosebud—Only Members to be Protected.

About twenty-five farmers attended the meeting of the North Nebraska Live Stock Owners' Protective association held in the city hall at Norfolk Saturday afternoon for the purpose of amending the constitution so that subordinate associations may be provided with a treasurer and keep their own funds.

The meeting came about because other towns in this territory have been organizing and have raised the point that they ought to have their own treasury and keep their own funds. Some of the members put forth the idea that there ought to be one central organization to receive all funds and take care of the business.

It was thought that the committee would probably arrange for the local association control of funds, etc. Must Organize Clear to Rosebud. "In order to capture these horse thieves who have been working in northern Nebraska, we must have anti-horse thief associations as far northwest as the Rosebud reservation, and they must all be alive to the work," said George W. Losey, formerly sheriff of Madison county, who attended the meeting Saturday and took an active part in favor of giving all authority to local associations.

"Unless we do that," he said, "we will fail to get the thieves. If we do that, we will capture them. The horse thieves from this section invariably work to the northwest. Most of the horse thieves that I trailed when I was sheriff, went to the northwest. Horses are becoming more and more valuable each year, and the result is that the thieves are growing bolder. Begin Hunting Forty Miles Away. If we are to succeed, we must begin to hunt for the thieves forty miles from the point where the horse is stolen. These thieves will drive a team or ride a horse from forty to sixty miles the first night, so that we must begin looking in a circle forty miles out, and from there on further away."

During Mr. Losey's term of office, a thief one night stole a horse from Battle Creek and rode to St. Edward. The thermometer was twenty-seven below zero. The next night the thief rode to Central City, where he was caught. Another thief was caught in Iowa by an accident. He stole a horse in Norfolk. On the train Losey mentioned to a friend that he was looking for a horse thief. Another passenger overheard the remark and declared that he saw the horse in question sold to a sheriff near Essex, Iowa. Losey trailed the man, got his thief and forced the sheriff to give up the horse, though the sheriff had bought the animal after receiving a letter telling of the theft.

A team of horses stolen at Madison last year, with three blind eyes in the two horses, was driven forty miles to Neligh and sold at an auction sale. That team was captured through the news announcement in the News. Only Members Protected. Farmers of Norfolk and the northern part of the state want to distinctly understand that only members of the association in good standing will be protected. No effort will be made by the association to capture thieves who molest any but members. This is only fair to those who are in, because otherwise the association would not succeed.

At least nine horses have been stolen within the past few weeks: Two from Norfolk, five from Pender, two from Wayne and one from Verdigris. Wakofield farmers are organizing the Logan Valley protective association. Hoskins farmers are enthusiastic and some of them attended the Norfolk meeting Saturday. Madison is organizing. Other towns ought to quickly follow.

TUESDAY TIDINGS. Ernest Raasch is ill today with an attack of throat trouble. W. H. Blakeman has engaged men to enlarge his warehouse on Seventh street. W. A. Witzgman made a business trip to Meadow Grove yesterday, returning this morning. Mrs. C. W. Chapman and Mrs. F. McDuffey of Fremont are visiting at the home of Andy Teal. Miss Lou Young returned to her home in Stanton today after having visited friends in the city for the past week. Mrs. Chas. Goodell returned to her home in Spencer yesterday after having spent a few days with her aunt, Mrs. C. F. Shaw. Mrs. M. P. Sutter has been selected to make delicious biscuits at the Deg-

ner stove exhibit this week. Hot biscuits and hot coffee are being served and on this kind of a day they taste mighty good. The Trinity social guild will meet with Miss Clara Rodat this evening. The West Side Whist club will meet tonight with Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Holton. The Wednesday club will meet tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. J. S. McClary. Geo. Schwenk's new residence is nearly completed, and the family expects to move in soon. Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Koenigstein entertained a few friends last evening in honor of Miss Lou Young of Stanton. Six-hand euchre was played, at which Miss Young won first prize, Miss Dorch second prize, and Mrs. Hill the gentlemen's prize. Mr. Koenigstein served a dainty two-course luncheon. Thirty-two hogs were sold in the Duroe-Jersey sale of M. Mihills, the average price paid being \$39.17. Most of the fine animals went into the neighborhood of Stanton. The highest price paid was \$75. There were a large number of outsiders present, and one hog was shipped to Armour, S. D. The sale was eminently satisfactory. The following ladies went to Wakefield at noon to be guests of Mrs. Haskell Hill evening: Mrs. D. Mathewson, Mrs. J. S. Mathewson, Mrs. C. H. Reynolds, Mrs. John R. Hays, Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt, Mrs. Geo. D. Butterfield, Mrs. A. J. Darland, Mrs. E. O. Mount, Mrs. Burt Mapes and Mrs. H. J. Cole. A number of ladies from Wayne are also invited, and all will return this evening. The Interstate Commerce commission has handed down a decision that the railroads can no longer extend the limit of tickets because of sickness. The practice of the railroads has been to extend the limit of a ticket provided the purchaser made sufficient showing that he was unable to continue his travels within the required time, but this has been changed. The commission held that perhaps this should be done in cases of emergency, but that 50 per cent. of the cases were not bona fide and were simply a subterfuge to get an extension on a cheap rate ticket when the purchaser was not entitled to it. The interstate commerce commission has ruled that the railroads may continue to make excursion rates on the certificate plan for designated societies. Another ruling is given that party rates for organized parties one way, such as theatrical parties and such organizations, must now apply to the public alike. The supreme court, under the old law, decided against this stand but what it will do under the new law will have to be determined.

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Smith Bros. Have Built up an Important Factor of the Town. Newport, Neb., Oct. 23.—Special to The News: Besides being the greatest hay market in the world, Newport now lays claim to being one of the important horse markets in Nebraska. It has taken the position of the horse market of the northwest and is increasing its prestige in that respect every day. The large sale yards of Smith Bros. at this point are now a vital factor in the town. The firm brings in many carloads of horses during the season, and the sales invariably attract large numbers of live stock men from all over northern Nebraska. Some of them come from other states to buy. One of the firm's sales will be held next week, on Wednesday, October 31. GETS GIFT OF \$400 PIANO. D. W. C. Towne of Fairfax Play Piano. Fairfax, S. D., Oct. 23.—Special to The News: D. W. C. Towne, father of Clerk of the Courts A. V. Towne, has just received notice from Sioux City that a \$400 piano will be presented to him because he guessed how long a person could play a piano without stopping. He guessed exactly right—twenty-seven hours and fifty minutes. He feels much elated. STERN CHASE FOR BLOODY. General Ouchakoff, With Bloody Purpose, Follows Wife and Paramour. London, Oct. 23.—Has a deceived husband an right to kill his wife's paramour? A large section of the English public has been discussing the question all week, not only in cold blood but with daily expectation, one might almost say hope, of seeing its theories put to the test. Indeed, if the case of Mme. Ouchakoff did not present such tragic possibilities, it would constitute the greatest Anglo-French-American, not forgetting Russian, comedy ever devised by the mind of man. Mme. Ouchakoff and her Capt. Essipoff have been presented through the columns of the London Daily Mail and Mirror every day this week to English readers their views of Gen. Ouchakoff. When they had nothing to say about the irate general, they published private letters to him, in which entreaties, logic, and threats of incoherent melodrama. On Thursday, to the great relief of the sensation-mongers, but the relief of ordinary individuals, the letters ceased, because presumably Essipoff preferred to be interviewed by the papers of some other country than he was shot. London would not be in the least surprised if the eloping couple should hob up again in New York, where your much abused "yellow press" will hide its diminished head before the saffron achievement of some English papers. One of the greatest living humorists is now engaged in a minute calculation. How many thousand dollars must the eloping couples possess, in order to cross and recross the Atlantic for the rest of their days and yet per-

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As this report aroused an enormous sensation among the Roman Catholics of Britain, Father Vaughn naively writes: "I do not remember a word of it and I am rightly satisfied that I never alluded to any such situation or to what I should say were I to find myself in it."

"This has allayed an agitation that threatened to put even the carefully avoided meeting of Essipoff and Ouchakoff into the shade."

The first heavy squawking was heard Saturday night and many a man was up before the sun should have cut its way through the rain clouds yesterday morning. Beneath protected awestricks in the fields or flat on the back in the high grass, men lay all day long, their double barreled weapons pointed skyward and booming out thundering explosions every now and again.

One farmer south of town bagged fifteen, and no doubt many others were equally as successful.

The continued rain has made the hunting all the better today.

Order of Hearing on Original Probate of Will. In the county court of Madison county, Nebraska—The State of Nebraska, Madison County: To all persons interested in the estate of Gottfried Kiesel, deceased: Whereas, there is on file in the county court of said Madison county, an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Gottfried Kiesel, late of said Madison county, deceased and Frederick Kiesel has filed her petition herein praying to have said instrument admitted to probate, and for the issuing of letters testamentary, which will relate to both real and personal estates: I have therefore appointed Monday, the 19th day of November, 1906, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, at the county court room in Madison, in said county, as the time and place for hearing and proving said will, at which time and place you and all concerned may appear and contest the probate and allowing of the same. It is further ordered that said petitioner give notice to all persons interested in said estate of the pendency of the said petition, and the time and place set for the hearing of the same, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Norfolk Weekly News, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county, for three weeks successively previous to the day set for the hearing. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 23rd day of October, 1906. [Seal] Wm. Bates, County Judge.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment. The following proposed amendment to the constitution of the state of Nebraska, as hereinafter set forth in full, is submitted to the electors of the state of Nebraska, to be voted upon at the general election to be held Tuesday, November 6, A. D., 1906. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska: Section 1. That at the general election for state and legislative officers to be held on the Tuesday, succeeding the first Monday in November, 1906, the following provision be proposed and submitted to the electors of the state as an amendment to the constitution. Section 2. There shall be a state railway commission, consisting of three members, who shall be first elected at the general election in 1905 whose terms of office, except those

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