

## PLAYS FIDDLE AT DANCES

SO HIS WIFE IS ASKING FOR A DIVORCE NOW.

CASE IS IN DISTRICT COURT

Mrs. Emma G. Walker of Emerick is asking for a divorce from Frank A. E. Walker, who picks up a living playing fiddle at dances.

Madison, Neb., Feb. 3.—From a staff correspondent: Is playing the fiddle around at country dances a just ground for divorce? Mrs. Emma G. Walker of Emerick thinks so, or at least she alleges her husband's musical turns as one of the grounds on which she asks District Judge A. A. Welch to grant her a divorce from her husband, Frank A. E. Walker. They were married April 4, 1900, in Boone county. They have four children.

Mrs. Walker says that her husband is extremely cruel. She also says that he is "lazy and shiftless." This is what she says in her divorce petition: "And the plaintiff avers that said defendant has no regular occupation but is now engaged a part of his time as a musician, playing at country dances and in small towns whenever he can secure an engagement, and thus picking up a precarious living."

W. V. Allen filed the petition.

The following suits have been filed in the district court at Madison: Storz Brewing company vs. Wilhelm Hartwick, Louise Hartwick, Newman Grove Improvement society and G. C. Johnson, to foreclose lots one and two, block 4, Railroad addition to Newman Grove; Anna Marquardt vs. James Walton, appeal from justice court; Jennie M. Harned vs. Clyde A. Smith et al to set aside conveyance of lot six, block thirteen, Dorsey Place addition to Norfolk Junction.

Extra clerical help was made necessary by the filing of the city's annexation petition in the district court at Madison. The long list of defendants made it necessary to prepare over a hundred notification papers. It was thought that it would take Sheriff Clements several days to serve the papers on the property owners enumerated.

Ray Kennard from Norfolk, charged with forgery, is the only occupant of the county jail at Madison.

County Clerk George Richardson is sick with the grip.

The county commissioners are to open the bridge bills Wednesday. Five bids had been filed by Saturday.

### MONDAY MENTION.

Herman Bechtel was in Madison Saturday.

Miss Matrau was up from Madison over Sunday.

Miss Clara Rudat was a Pierce visitor Saturday.

President J. M. Pile of Wayne college has returned to Wayne.

County Superintendent F. S. Perdue returned to Madison Sunday morning.

J. C. Elliott, editor of the West Point Republican, was in Norfolk Saturday.

Mrs. T. C. Donahue and Mrs. Henry Kennedy left Sunday noon to visit Mrs. Donahue of Creighton.

County Superintendent Pilger of Pierce county was the guest of relatives in Norfolk over Sunday.

Miss Carrie Gettinger of Nebraska City was in Norfolk over Sunday, the guest of her brother, F. G. Gettinger.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Ellingson of Knox county were in Norfolk Sunday returning from Howard county, Iowa, where they were called by the death of Mrs. Ellingson's father. Mr. Ellingson lives near Center.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: S. O. Campbell, Creighton; J. C. Gould, Spencer; H. H. Ofc, Oakland; C. F. Cochlin, Wayne; C. S. Leslie, Hoskins; J. Alexander, G. L. Connany, Bonesteel, S. D.; Fred H. Free, Plainview; Paul Carpenter, Creighton; T. D. Preece, Battle Creek; I. M. Swanson, Emerson; Mrs. H. C. Buechler, Mrs. F. H. Guenther, Dallas, S. D.; Frank Phillips, Hoskins; C. H. Reed, Madison; H. Barnes, Battle Creek.

Ralph Campbell of Lincoln was in Norfolk yesterday.

C. S. Bridge is home from a business trip to Lincoln.

Harry Barnes was in from Battle Creek Monday on business.

Misses Minnie Schram and Anna Miller spent Sunday at Battle Creek.

T. D. Preece arrived in the city from Battle Creek at noon to cry the Smith Brothers' horse sale.

Thomas Bell of Lusk, Wyo., who was called to Norfolk by the death of his mother, left for Omaha.

Robert Ballantyne and Charles Holloway left at noon for Hartington, where they have work painting.

Charles Mathewson, cashier of the First National bank of Wakefield, was in Norfolk Monday, the guest of relatives.

Judge Briggs of Fremont was in Norfolk Monday on his way to Madison and called on his friend, C. F. Eiseley.

Sheriff J. J. Clements came up from Madison Monday morning for the purpose of notifying owners of property in the territory to be annexed to Norfolk of the suit filed by the city in the district court. It will take several days to serve the hundred or more notices.

Miss Agnes Flynn of Norfolk, the daughter of Chief of Police and Mrs. J. F. Flynn, was operated on for appendicitis at 9 o'clock Monday morning at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha. Frank Flynn received a message at

been successful and that Miss Agnes was in excellent condition after the operation. Mr. and Mrs. Flynn were in Omaha.

W. P. Logan, cashier of the Nebraska National bank, was taken ill with the grip Saturday morning.

Monday evening is the regular date of the February meeting of the Norfolk board of education.

President J. M. Pile of Wayne college was elected to membership in the Nebraska Schoolmasters club at the meeting in Lincoln last week.

The Nebraska congressional delegation failed Saturday to decide the internal revenue collectorship. Another meeting will be held Wednesday.

The Orleans hotel at Spirit Lake, Iowa, has been destroyed by fire. The loss was \$12,000. Many north Nebraska people are familiar with this hotel.

Sheriff Bauman has returned to Fremont from St. Joseph, Mo., where he found that the little girl held by the St. Joseph police was not the missing Lily Olson of Rosalie.

"That Thaw verdict didn't surprise me," said one Norfolk man. "For I saw that it would be pretty hard to hand a man for the only sensible thing he ever did in his foolish evil career."

Mrs. George LaFarge, who was operated on last week as a result of appendicitis and gall stones, is now much better. While her condition was very critical her friends are now quite confident of her recovery.

Petitions have been circulated over Antelope county for the organization of an agricultural society to hold a county fair. The meeting was called for the court house at Neligh next Saturday morning at 11 a. m.

Mr. Robinson, publisher of the new Norfolk city directory, desires local ministers to mail him the various hours of service at their churches; also that the secretaries of Norfolk lodges mail him the lodge meeting place and the meeting nights.

Wesley Roberts is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ella Roberts, because of an injured eye. He is a student at the Kearney military academy and in practice drill his eye was burned the other day with powder. Just how long he will be kept at home is not known.

William Thiesen of the West Point faculty and Roy Rich, Otto Steufer, Sidney Spillner, Henry Thiesen, Boyd Sims and Joe Limbaugh of the West Point high school basketball team were in Norfolk Saturday night returning from Madison where they lost a game to the Madison high school.

Lincoln Journal: State Veterinarian McKim was called to Aurora to take action in an outbreak of rabies that has appeared among both cattle and horses. It is said to be due to the bite of a mad dog that passed through the region recently. Some live stock died as a result of the disease but thus far no person has been afflicted.

Sam Kent of Kent Siding was seventy-five years old Sunday. And next July Mr. Kent and his wife will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Kent is one of the pioneer farmers of Madison county and one of its staunch and prosperous citizens. He was born on February 2, 1833, in county Wexford in the south of Ireland.

School directors will in the future, it is said, make short work of tramps who break into Madison county school houses to spend the night under cover. Miss Helen Irwin of Madison, who is teaching in the Tannahill school south of the city, stumbled over a man as she entered the school house the other morning. A director had to be called to eject the man.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railroad Conductors of sixty-five railroads west of the Mississippi river voted recently to change the wage system by having the rate paid per mile traveled by trains instead of by the month, as at present. The railroaders on the mountainous divisions of the east voted against the proposition as a unit because it would decrease their pay.

There are a good many Norfolk people who do not know that Manager G. T. Sprecher's title is really "district manager" in the service of the Nebraska telephone company. The state is divided into about twenty districts, the Norfolk telephone office being the headquarters for one of these districts. The Norfolk district has more miles of poles than any other district in Nebraska, though not more miles of toll lines. It is the biggest district in the state in point of territory and includes forty-five toll stations. It also includes 150 sub-line stations.

The town of Columbus has lost its national guard company on account of the inefficiency of the organization. Company K, First regiment, has been ordered mustered out of the service. In its place the First separate infantry company of Wymore, formerly the Wymore battery, has been assigned. The new company has also been assigned to the third battalion of the First regiment. The election of Second Lieutenant Frank E. Crawford by the new company K has been approved by the governor. He is to take rank from December 16.

A library is something more than a collection of books. An imposing array of sumptuous—and untouched—volumes does not make one. Your books should express your own individuality, says a writer in The Delinquent. Do not let any one persuade you to buy a book you know is not your kind of book. Do not be lured into buying a handsome library edition of some author that you do want, if the library edition is heavy and uncomfortable to hold and your own preference is a comfortable pocket edition with flexible covers. And above all, if you are building up a home library, to which the whole family is to have free access, do not choose bindings of such delicate colors or expensive texture as to destroy all the comfort of reading.

## GROUNDHOG SAW SHADOW

THE LITTLE ANIMAL HAS GONE BACK TO HIS HOLE.

SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER

It Was a Rather Peculiar Coincidence That Ground Day in Norfolk Should Bring the Coldest Weather of the Winter—Nine Below.

The groundhog saw his. Six weeks more of winter; banish the thought of an early spring; no premature activity in the millinery business; no early spring suits; keep your overcoat collar up.

All minds Sunday turned to the ancient fable. All over north Nebraska men, women and children arose with the break of dawn to go shadow searching. But there was no active search. It was a cloudless day.

The groundhog emerged from his hole about the time the noon edition of The News usually comes from the press. He wanted to read the weather forecast. But he gave a slight gasp when he saw a great clear-defined shadow and returned gloomily to his hole, there to hibernate another six weeks.

Incidentally it was not until groundhog day approached that Norfolk and north Nebraska got the first real touch of winter weather. In the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock Sunday morning the temperature dropped to nine degrees below. During the same period ending Monday morning it was as low as three above.

The origin of groundhog day is accounted for in the Housekeeper for February in the following way: February 2, or Candlemas day, was a favorite holiday, marked by public gaiety and ceremonies in Europe during the middle ages. It is still marked there by the closing of banks and offices, but not otherwise outside of the reading of church services.

In the church calendar it is known as the feast of purification of the Virgin, and was first instituted by Pope Sergius, about the year 684 A. D. The popular name of the day is derived from the early custom of lighting up the churches with candles and carrying these in process on the festival.

As to the weather superstition that gives to Candlemas the name of "groundhog day," that is a world wide fable. In Germany it is the badger that breaks his winter nap on this day to essay the thankless task of weather prophecy; in France and Switzerland it is the marmot. In England the hedgehog.

Whatever the value of the superstition it is a general truth that in temperate latitudes, warm and sunny weather in the first half of February is apt to be followed by a change and a cool spring, and on this fact our groundhog and badger stories are founded.

### Real Estate Transfers.

Real estate transfers for the week ending January 31, 1908, compiled by Madison County Abstract and Guarantee company, office with Mapes & Hazen.

Franz Dollerschell and wife to August Schulz, W. D., consideration \$900, lot 15, Newens addition to Norfolk.

M. C. Garrett and wife to John H. Garrett, W. D., consideration \$5,000, 1/2 of NE 1/4 of 22-2-21.

C. A. Smith and C. M. Thompson to Jacob Thompson, W. D., consideration \$1,000, lot 6, block 13, Dorsey Place addition to Norfolk Junction.

Ed Hyde and wife to Dell D. Antislid, W. D., consideration \$1,400, block 18, F. W. Fritz addition to Madison.

Pioneer Town Site Co. to Charles A. Hedman, W. D., consideration \$80, lot 3, block 37, Pioneer Town Site Co.'s Second addition to Battle Creek.

A. E. Lind and wife Emelie to A. E. Lind, W. D., consideration \$3,000, one-half interest in west 100 feet of lot 13, the west three feet of lot 9 and the east 22 feet of lot 10, block 9, Railroad addition to Newman Grove.

Etta H. South and husband to Gullick Oss, W. D., consideration \$4,000, lots 7 and 8, block 18, Railroad addition to Newman Grove.

Elkhorn Land and Town Lot company to M. J. Davis, C. C. D., consideration \$2, right of way across N half of NE 1/4 of 7-2-1.

Andrew J. Durland, Herman Pasewalk, Leo Pasewalk, executors of the last will of Ferdinand Pasewalk, deceased, to Alice M. Farage, W. D., consideration \$1,000, lot 9, block 7, Pasewalk's addition to Norfolk.

Alice M. Farage and husband to C. S. Smith, W. D., consideration \$900, lot 7, block 89, W. J. Barnes' addition to Madison.

Bertha J. Johnson and husband to Sigurd Olson, W. D., consideration \$900, part of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of 33-21-4.

PLEADED GUILTY, BUT INNOCENT

Sequel to Rosebud Reservation Opening Excitement.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Feb. 3.—Harry A. Jones, an eastern newspaper man who has just been released from the penitentiary here, he having been granted a pardon by the state board of pardons.

Jones, who comes from an excellent family at Rochester, N. Y., drifted to Yankton, S. D., at the time thousands of persons were gathering there for the purpose of registering for a chance to draw a homestead in the Rosebud reservation in Gregory county.

Many rough characters were at Yankton at the time for the purpose of fleeing the landseekers, and many robberies were committed. One of the victims of the pickpockets was Martin A. Stevens of Minneapolis, a traveling salesman, who had about \$30 abstracted from his pocket. Jones was arrested

for the crime. It has since developed that he had nothing to do with robbing Stevens, Stevens himself stating emphatically that Jones was not the guilty man.

Notwithstanding this, when Jones was taken before a justice for his preliminary hearing he, under a misunderstanding of the facts, and still suffering from the effects of a prolonged spree, entered a plea of guilty to complicity in the robbery. He thought he was in a serious difficulty, and was under the impression in his befuddled state of mind that the best way out of the trouble was to enter the plea of guilty as an accomplice, instead of taking chances of being convicted as the result of being tried on the charge of being the person who actually committed the robbery.

After he had been lodged in the penitentiary and the effects of liquor had passed away, he became aware that he was innocent and had made a serious mistake in entering the plea of guilty. Friends of the young man from New York to San Francisco were informed of his predicament and promptly rallied to his support.

They had the case taken before the state board of pardons and were able to present such a conclusive array of evidence that the board granted the pardon and ordered the release from prison of the young newspaper man.

### ALLEN PORTER DIES SUDDENLY

Efforts Thus Far Fail to Locate Carl Porter, a Brother.

Word was received in Norfolk Monday morning from Fairfax announcing the sudden death there Sunday afternoon of Allen Porter, Hemorrhage of the lungs was the cause of death.

Thus far efforts have failed to locate Carl Porter, a brother, who is a commercial traveler in this state for a jewelry firm.

The Porter family at Fairfax is one of the most prominent in the Rosebud country. They formerly lived at Madison.

### PIERCE COUNTY REPUBLICANS.

Will Meet in Pierce February 29 to Select Delegates.

Pierce, Neb., Feb. 3.—Special to The News: The republican county central committee met here Saturday and set February 29 as the date for holding a county convention for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state and congressional conventions. It was decided to adopt the old system of caucuses for selecting delegates to the county convention. The state ballots will be distributed at the township caucuses for the purpose of allowing the people to express their presidential preference.

### West Point News.

West Point, Neb., Feb. 3.—Special to The News: Two wrestling matches are scheduled to take place the coming week at West Point. The first one will be a preliminary contest between Casimir Zacek of Wisner, a local man who has developed considerable talent, and Jim O'Leary. The second exhibition will be a contest between Jack O'Leary, the champion welterweight of the northwest, and Rastus Thompson of Casey, Iowa, who was seen here on the mat with "Farmer" Burns. The match is for the gate receipts, and is to be wrestled catch-as-catch-can style.

E. M. Von Seggern, proprietor of the Nebraska Volksblatt, and his bride have returned from their wedding tour on the Pacific coast and are now at home to their friends in their cottage on South Colfax street.

Diphtheria is epidemic in north Beemer township in this county, the Siebrand school being closed on account of the scourge, Moderator English having lost an eleven-year-old son from the effects of the disease.

### Reelect Prof. Demel.

Niobrara, Neb., Feb. 3.—Special to The News: At a meeting of the Niobrara board of education Prof. C. Demel received an unanimous re-election as principal of the schools for next year. A substantial increase in salary was made. The reason for this early action was the fact that Mr. Demel received a special inducement from elsewhere. Mr. Demel began teaching at \$25 a month in the country and has now quadrupled that figure. The Niobrara board believes in retaining good men.

He came to north Nebraska four years ago from Jefferson county, Neb. Niobrara people are pleased over the action.

### Bliss Case Affirmed.

Neligh, Neb., Feb. 3.—Special to The News: Notice has been received by R. H. Rice, clerk of the district court of this county, that the supreme court has affirmed the case of Phoebe Bliss vs. Perse Beck, Tom Perrine et al.

This was a case originating at Oakland and the plaintiff alleged that she was seriously injured by being run into by a team driven by Joe Prevot. That at the time he was intoxicated, and that this was the cause of the accident, and further that he purchased liquor from the defendant.

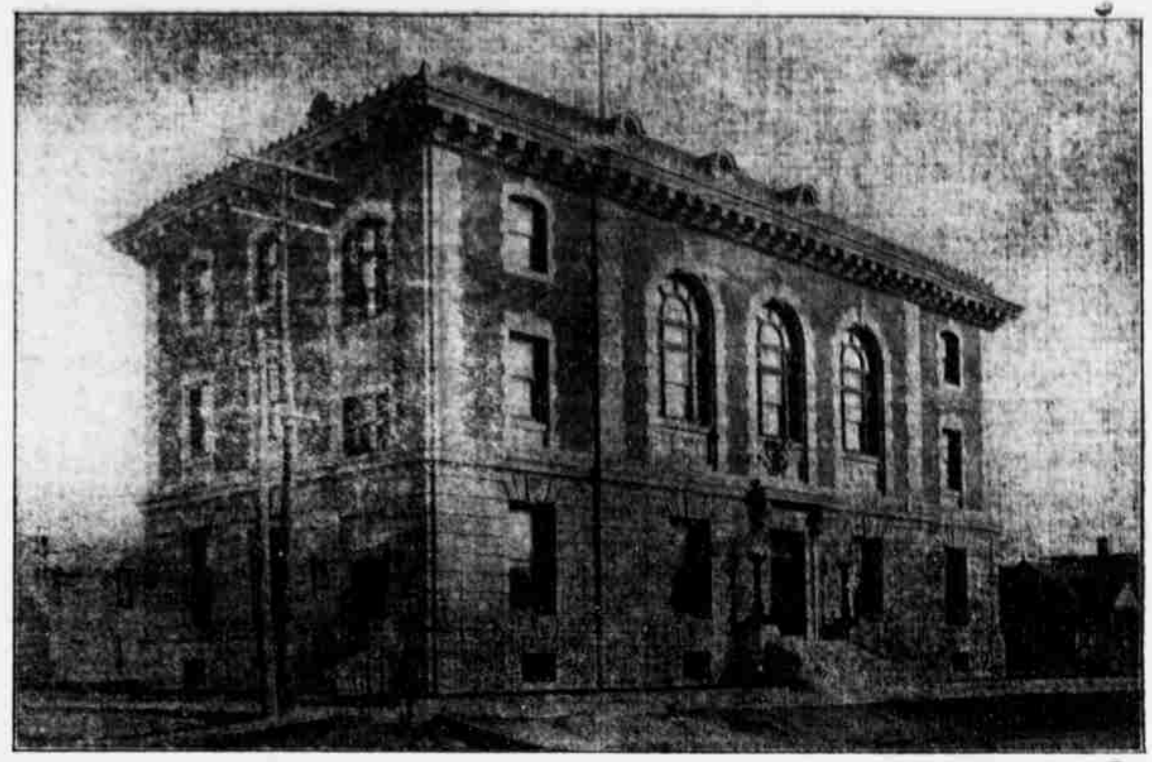
The jury awarded Mrs. Bliss \$2,000 damages and by the decision of the supreme court the money will now have to be paid.

### LONG PINE WINS TWO DEBATES

Triangular Contest is Held Between Atkinson, Ainsworth, Long Pine.

Long Pine, Neb., Feb. 3.—Special to The News: A triangular debate took place between the pupils of the Long Pine, Atkinson and Ainsworth high schools. Ainsworth and Long Pine pupils debated at Ainsworth, Long Pine winning; Atkinson and Ainsworth pupils debated at Atkinson, Ainsworth winning, and Atkinson and Long Pine pupils debated at Long Pine, Long Pine winning.

## NORFOLK FEDERAL BUILDING CENTER OF INTEREST JUST NOW



The Norfolk federal building located at the northeast corner of Fourth street and Madison avenue occupies an important place in the public mind just now in connection with the location of the proposed Carnegie library. It is the federal building that makes the corner of Fourth and Madison the

most conspicuous corner in the city and the ideal location, as most people agree, for the library site.

The federal court house and post office in Norfolk are housed in a 100,000 building of press brick and stone. In no state in America is there a city of Norfolk's population with as fine or expensive a government building.

**Battle Creek Mutual.**  
On January 11, 1908, the members of the Battle Creek Mutual Insurance company held their annual meeting.

Delegations from Knox county, Platte county, Newman Grove and Tilden were in attendance. The president, Geo. Heuerman, called the meeting to order and the secretary, M. G. Doering, read his annual report, showing condition of the company.

Following is the report condensed: Policies in force Jan. 1, 1907, 588, carrying an amount of \$1,017,811. Written during year, 214 policies, the amount of which was \$373,033. Expired and canceled, 107 policies, with an amount of \$173,407, leaving in force Dec. 31, 1907, 695 policies with an amount of \$1,217,437. Net increase for the year, 107 policies, amount, \$199,626.

**Financial Statement.**  
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1907...\$ 446.85  
Total income.....1,444.54

Paid out for losses..\$907.70  
All other expenses.. 484.38  
1,392.08

Amounts in process of collection..... 300.49  
Cash assets of company.....\$ 799.81  
The last assessment of two mills was made Sept. 29, 1906.

M. G. Doering,  
Secretary.

### REPORT FAVORABLY.

Measure Provides for Compulsory Investigation of Federal Disputes.

New York, Feb. 4.—A Washington special says that congress is contemplating the enactment of a bill which will play a highly important part in preventing the development of controversies between capital and labor to a point injurious to the people.

The house committee on the interstate and foreign commerce has decided to report favorably the Townsend bill, providing for compulsory investigation of disputes affecting interstate commerce transportation of mails or civil or military operations of the United States, whether the cause of the disputes are found in differences concerning wages and hours of labor or conditions of employment generally.

The bill does not contemplate compulsory arbitration. It does permit, however, an investigation by the federal government without an invitation from the parties to disputes and it relies mainly on publicity of facts to force settlement, though a report of the investigation must be submitted to the president and by him transmitted to congress.

The country must be keenly interested in this legislative project, because it marks another step, and a long one, toward preventing grave industrial disputes like the anthracite coal strike of 1902.

**NORTHWESTERN ICE ALL UP.**  
Railroad Company Secured Its Supply This Year From Valentine.

Valentine, Neb., Feb. 4.—Special to The News: The Northwestern has finished its annual harvest of ice. Altogether 300 cars or nearly 9,000 tons of ice were cut. Employment during the ice season was given to fifty men and thirty teams, the aggregate payroll of the Northwestern for this purpose being about \$2,800.

**EVERYBODY ON WATER WAGON**  
Norfolk Seems to Have a Hard Time Making Arrests Now.

There is quite a bunch still on the water wagon. Police business in Norfolk has been dull since the first of the year and the police say that most of the fellows who got on the water wagon have stayed there.

The common charge of drunkenness was almost an unknown quantity on the police court docket for January. The police have been unusually active in other lines but the "drunks" have dropped off since Christmas time.

Police Judge Eiseley believes that the water wagon theory is the only plausible one. "The bibbers swore off," said the judge, "and they have still to slide off the wagon. But wait for a month or two, till the 'good old summer time.' What do you fellows call the summer time 'good' for, any way? My, it's the toughest season of the year. All the devilment is pulled off then."

Two men slid off the water wagon hard the last day or two. August Mat-

The federal building was completed about three years ago. The postoffice occupies the first floor of the building, the federal court house, government offices and federal prison the second and third floors.

The site most favored for a public library is the corner just south of the federal building.

ney was arrested for being drunk and then for fighting the officers. Henry Ahrendt was arrested for being drunk and for kicking out the back windows after he was arrested. Both were severely fined for their bad behavior.

### MOTHERS ANGERED.

Theatre Manager Advertising Baby to Holder of Lucky Number.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 4.—Incensed at what they term an "insult to motherhood," certain women in Minneapolis are banding together in an effort to compel the manager of a local theatre to desist from his announced plan of giving chances on a two weeks' old child to all women who attend a matinee performance at the playhouse in the near future, and as a last resort declare they will attempt to secure an injunction to prevent it.

The theatre management claim it is a legitimate advertising scheme in which many women who wish a child will be more than willing to participate. The baby has been provided, and if nothing happens to prevent, the human lottery will continue as outlined, the child going to the holder of the lucky number.

### DON'T NEED EMPTIES.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—A meeting of the American railway association has been called for Chicago February 7, for the purpose of adopting measures to stop the tremendous loss occasioned by the present movement of empty cars on the railroads of the country. It is the first special meeting in the history of the association and the emergency is regarded as great. It is stated that since the falling off in traffic began several million dollars have been wasted by the railroads in their frantic efforts to send the empty cars of other railroads home and thereby escape the penalty of 50 cents a day for the use of a foreign car. This penalty was imposed by the association less than one year ago to accomplish the very thing which the railroads are now anxious to stop. Now the situation has so materially changed that there are at least 350,000 idle freight cars in the United States, and no road desires the speedy return of its equipment. It is stated that fully one-fifth of the entire freight car movement recently has been that of empty cars being hurried to the owning or home roads.

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### "DRY FARMING" FOR GUMBO.

State Engineer of South Dakota Enthusiastic.

Pierre, S. D., Feb. 4.—State Engineer Lea has returned from the "Dry Farming Congress" at Salt Lake City, where he met a strong delegation which was ready to show what could be done with that manner of farming in a country with a light rainfall.

Mr. Lea is an enthusiast over irrigation and "dry farming," and believes that with the two systems there is no reason why South Dakota should not support a dense farming population, using the irrigation plan where it is convenient and not too expensive, and the dry farming process where the securing of water for irrigation is not practicable.

A soil with a small percentage of gumbo naturally lends itself to the dry farming process, as it makes a dust blanket of itself when once broken and will not require as much labor to preserve the blanket as will be found in a loam soil.