

SOCIETY

Events of the Week in Norfolk

Formal parties have been rather missing from the social calendar the past week...

Pleasures of the Week. J. W. Rose, manager of the Grand Island sugar factory...

Mr. and Mrs. D. Mathewson entertained at one of the most delightful dinner parties of the season...

Following the initiation of a class of seventeen young men into the A. O. U. W. Tuesday night elaborate refreshments were served...

Ten friends took lunch with Mrs. Blakeny Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. P. Parish...

There was a gathering of friends at the home of Mrs. Frank Kruger, sr., in Edgewater park last Sunday...

Mesdames Morrison and Wells entertained the Ladies guild of Trinity church Thursday afternoon...

A birthday party was given for Miss Clara Salzwedel Tuesday evening at her home in South Norfolk...

The Christian Endeavor of the Christian church gave a social Wednesday evening at the home of C. E. Hartford...

Mrs. M. A. McMillan entertained a small company of ladies at lunch on Friday, at her home in the Heights...

Miss Bessie Richey was hostess to the senior class of the Norfolk high school at a party Friday evening...

The Filo club held a pleasant meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Faie Burnham...

Misses Margaret Klentz and Freda Korth entertained the "Merry Widows" Thursday evening...

An Eastern Star banquet followed the initiation of four candidates Thursday evening...

The Modern Brotherhood of America held a box social in G. A. R. hall Friday evening...

Mrs. Ray Hayes entertained the Trinity Social guild on Thursday evening...

Miss May Schwenk entertained the O. M. C. club last Saturday evening...

Coming Events.

The Norfolk Commercial club's smoker complimentary to the traveling men who make this city their headquarters is given next Saturday evening at the city hall...

The north state high school declamatory contest is held Wednesday evening in the Auditorium. Thursday the north Nebraska teachers come for a three days session...

The Norfolk band will give a dance at Marquardt hall on the evening of April Fool's day.

RAILROADS

A notice was posted at the Missouri, Kansas & Texas shops at Sedalia yesterday announcing that the shops, which employ 500 men, would be shut down on April 1. No explanation was given...

Fire destroyed the Burlington stock yards at Putnam, a small station south of Beatrice, and also burned four ricks of hay belonging to Mr. Cooper and Mr. Kruse, farmers of that vicinity...

Quite a movement of corn is being handled by the Burlington from Lincoln and Nebraska points to Louisville, Ky. The corn goes to St. Louis over the Burlington lines and there is transferred to other roads. It is

claimed that east of St. Louis this business is evenly divided between competing lines. "The Missouri Pacific adopted one method of reducing operating expenses during the recent force reduction era..."

Western railroads are considering the discontinuance of the folder rack in hotels and all large depots. It has been the custom of the roads to print immense supplies of folders for dis-

tributed everywhere so that the public could easily ascertain the time and routes of trains. The publication of folders is the largest item of the advertising bills of the railroads.

The executive committee appointed by the railway labor organization to plan the establishment of co-operative stores in Lincoln, Wymore, Alliance, McCook and Omaha continued its work at the Lincoln hotel. It was said that the organization work had not proceeded far enough to make public the details. Three general chairmen of organizations of the Burlington road are here at work with the local committee. It is said that where this scheme was tried in an eastern town the local merchants refused to ship goods over the line of road represented by the organizations and that a strenuous fight resulted. No fear of such a fight exists among the promoters who expect to establish co-operative stores at all division points on the Burlington system. It is said that labor organizations on other roads have the same plan under consideration and that soon the establishment of these stores will be undertaken on other roads.

Arrangements have been perfected by the Northwestern to start the operation of cream cars commencing next Sunday, and continuing so long as the business will justify. The cars were taken off last fall, and now the increasing business has caused the railroad people to prepare to again start the service as formerly.

Fremont Herald: Officials and employees of the Northwestern are to be called together Monday at the company's offices in Fremont for a conference regarding the federal law relating to the number of hours employees are permitted to be on duty. Full explanations of the law will be made and all its different phases will be freely discussed, so that everyone may understand the situation thoroughly. From all indications the attendance at the conference will be large and the meeting will be a most important one.

Try a News want ad.

THE OMAHA DIVORCE MILL

UNPRECEDENTED RECORD FOR THE PAST EIGHT DAYS.

COMPETITOR OF SOUTH DAKOTA

At the End of Eighteen Years, if the Rate of the Past Week is Kept up, There Will Not be a Single Married Couple in Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., March 27.—With a continuation for eighteen years of the records of the divorce courts and marriage license bureau of Omaha for the past eight days, the city will be without a single married couple, in the event of all the divorce petitions being granted.

From March 16 to March 24, twenty-eight divorce petitions were filed and twenty-one marriage licenses issued, showing the unhappy couples to have a clear advantage of 23 1/2 per cent over those entering connubial ventures.

This remarkable condition, said one of the district judges, is the result of Nebraska laws which make it easy to secure a divorce. "Talk about South

Dakota," remarked the judge, "why that state does not even present a strong case of competition. I have been thinking seriously of asking other members of the court to join me in suppressing the number of divorces granted. Two or three of the court rooms are crowded half the time with people waiting to testify in divorce cases. The record for the past eight days is plain evidence that our laws should be amended in a manner which will prevent them putting a premium on divorces."

This criticism was brought about by the application for a marriage license by Joseph Tapley and Miss Ida Howard, of Moorhead, Iowa, Tapley having been granted a divorce five days ago.

The district judges of Omaha have been trying for three years to stop the wholesale divorce business in Omaha, but admit that they have been discouraged largely by an influx of persons from surrounding states, especially Iowa, Minnesota and Kansas, who establish a six months' residence and at once begin their suit for a decree.

The police records show that nearly fifty suicides have resulted from the ranks of transients who have come to the city within the past year to sue for divorce.

On Hats. Ponca Courier: A millinery salesman was in town the other day and kindly allowed the agricultural editor to take a look at the new styles. His report reads like this: The new styles will be fully as pleasing as those of last year. The principle change noticed was that the front porch has been enlarged and an upper deck added to the roof. In many instances they will run in three story effects with the roof garden rich in foliage and evergreen. The bay window has been moved from the front to the left side, while the chimney has been done Gothic instead of Grecian design. There will be a lister furrow across the rear garden. Owing to the fact that no new colors have been discovered recently there will be no change

in this particular, although an effort will be made to get at least a dozen different shades on each hat. The eave trough will sag over the left eye. Owing to the financial flurry the price will be from one to nine cents lower. This is supposed to be the latest accurate information on the new styles.

Spring Hats. Wait Mason in the Emporia, Kan., Gazette: "My poor old lid looks pretty slim; I've worn it seven years; and when I view its crown and brim, I shed unbidden tears. It is the climax and the sum of all that's tough in life; yet, though it's looking fierce and bum, it beats by forty miles, the hats I see the women wear, around the town this spring, all loaded down with grass and hair and moss and everything. You'll see their hats of every hue the dyer's arts command; with flowers like none that ever grew outside of Bughouseland; with wings of birds and tails of cats, and traps too wild to tell—O Mary Ann! Such screaming hats, would make an Indian yell!"

Times Looking Up. Neigh Leader: Fred Thornton received a telegram from Chicago on Wednesday afternoon stating that the train of cattle shipped by him from the Ford feed yards the first of the week sold at \$7.15, and averaged 1,440 in weight. They were bought by the United Dress Beef company of New York. This is way above the top of the market to this date, and the shipment will net a handsome profit, when earlier in the season a big loss was expected.

Wayne Normal Banquet. Faculty and Students Come to Norfolk for Good Time.

Thursday Evening at Pacific

"Wayne Normalites" Will Have a Banquet Here, at Which the Faculty, Graduates, Former and Present Students Will Attend.

Graduates, former students, faculty members and present students of the Wayne normal will have a banquet in Norfolk at the Pacific hotel in this city on next Thursday evening. It is expected that 300 "Wayne normalites" will attend the banquet.

The Wayne meeting will follow the Thursday evening session of the North Nebraska Teachers' association and the lecture by Governor Buchtel of Colorado at the Auditorium. The Wayne banquet will be attended by all of the present normal faculty and many members of the alumni who live in north Nebraska within easy reach of Norfolk.

The Wayne reunion will be one of the pleasant features of the teachers' convention next week. Incidentally it will be a factor in drawing more teachers to the convention proper.

J. T. Sauntry of Wayne is chairman of the committee in charge of the banquet. The banquet tickets have been placed at \$1.

LA FOLLETTE ANSWERED. James B. Forgan and Charles Dawes Answer Senator's Charge.

President Forgan said Senator La Follette, president of the First National bank, and Charles G. Dawes, president of the Central Trust company, who were classified by Senator La Follette in his speech against the Aldrich bill as "tools" of the country's "industrial dictators," and as taking orders from "higher up," retorted today in kind.

Chicago, March 30.—James B. Forgan is a demagogue, who is playing to the galleries, stirring up class feeling and class prejudice, and that he is a "rainbow chaser," drawing on his imagination instead of producing facts.

"It is singular that Mr. La Follette should classify me as a tool, taking my orders from 'higher up,' when it is well known that I have opposed the Aldrich bill all the time," said Mr. Forgan.

"That being true, and if I am a 'tool,' I suppose my job is in jeopardy. If the senator's statements are true, I must be a rebel against my bosses."

President Dawes took the matter humorously. He said: "I don't care to comment on Senator La Follette's speech. The Spaniards are right when they say that 'it is a waste of lather to shave an ass.'"

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED. Chadron Bookkeeper Arrested on Serious Charges.

Chadron Journal: Monday evening the community was surprised and even shocked to learn that Marvin Booth had been arrested on a complaint by R. McNair for forgery and embezzlement.

For the past few months Mr. Booth has been bookkeeper for Mr. McNair. Previous to that time, he was employed by the Chadron Mercantile company.

During his residence here, Mr. Booth has seemed like a capable young man and the friends he has made can not understand why he should commit a crime.

Tuesday the preliminary hearing was held before Justice Babcock and Mr. Booth bound over to the district court. Failing to secure anyone to sign the \$700 bond demanded he was sent to jail.

While there are heard many expressions of concern for Mr. Booth, there are many who deeply sympathize with Mrs. Booth, who is said to be a very excellent woman.

STATE WARDS LIVE WELL

SUPPLIES FURNISHED QUARTERLY TO OVER 4,000 PEOPLE.

STATE IS A GOOD PROVIDER.

Purchases are Made Quarterly—Estimates for the Next Three Months Call for Quantities of Meat and Other Provisions.

How much food does the state of Nebraska buy every three months for the officers, employes and inmates in state institutions? This interesting question has been investigated by State Accountant Fairfield probably for the first time in the history of the state, says the Lincoln Journal. As an assistant of the board of purchase and supplies he has compiled the estimates of the amount of provisions and other articles which the heads of institutions request the board to buy. The board will meet next week to make contracts for the coming quarter. The population of the thirteen state institutions where wards of the state are maintained was 4,331 last fall, enough to make a good sized town. At the Hastings hospital for the insane there are usually 1,100 or 1,200 employes and inmates, which is more than many towns can boast of.

The estimates of heads of institutions call for a total of 125,405 pounds of meat and meat products to tide them over a period of three months; 261,300 pounds of flour and meal, 43,635 pounds of sugar, and 22,425 pounds of beans. The meats are divided as follows: 87,210 pounds of beef; 9,750 pounds of pork, not including 22,395 pounds of pork products and smoked meats. A total of 8,850 pounds of bacon is asked for. It will require 1,048 pounds of baking powder to make the dough rise in the proper manner and 2,280 pounds of coffee to stimulate the employes and inmates to do their daily tasks. "Passing the salt," a remark heard at the table, will result in the consumption of 5,820 of table salt. This does not include 75 barrels of common salt for the superintendent's horses and for use in the kitchens.

That fullness after eating will be accelerated by the use of 7,700 pounds of dried apples and apricots listed in the requisitions. This does not include dried berries and other evaporated fruit. Years ago a storm was raised because it was reported that the populist administration was buying plug tobacco for the home for the friendless. Later this was denied, but the estimates now on file show that the institutions supported by the state demand 3,018 pounds of chewing tobacco and 935 pounds of smoking tobacco. There is a demand for 1,050 gallons of coal oil and 1,675 gallons of gasoline, and 7,345 tons of coal. Last fall the board bought coal for a period of six months for several institutions and many of them have fuel on hand at this time. All these figures are for a period of three months.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS. Mrs. C. A. Bacon of Wisner was in Norfolk yesterday.

Millard South is home from Doane college for the spring vacation.

Mrs. Pauline Schlack of Battle Creek is visiting at the William Klug home.

Miss Katherine Boss, who is a senior in the Sioux City high school, arrived in Norfolk last evening for a visit home.

Lester Weaver, who is a student at Wesleyan university, came up from Lincoln yesterday to spend the spring vacation at home.

Miss Flora Engleman arrived in Norfolk last evening from Carroll, Ia., where she is attending school, to spend a few days with her father, J. C. Engleman.

Miss Alberta Boermaker, instructor in music in the public schools of Madison, was in Norfolk over night the guest of Miss Grace Matrau, leaving today to spend the spring vacation at her home in Wahoo.

Miss Nellie Adams of Sheldon, Ia., is visiting at the home of her uncle, J. C. Adams, on South Fourth street. Miss Adams' home is in Sterling, Ill., but she is teaching domestic science in the high school at Sheldon.

Misses Polems were up from Madison.

P. Richling was down from Creighton.

N. L. Taylor of Lincoln is in Norfolk on business.

J. C. Schwichtenberg of Seward was in Norfolk last evening.

Charles Lindsay came down from Creighton Friday evening on a visit.

Earnest Braasch and Clyde Best go to Woodlake to hunt ducks for several days.

Miss Lella Craft was expected home from Wayne normal to spend Sunday in Norfolk.

Burt Mapes returned Saturday from Pierce, where district court is being held by Judge Welch.

Mrs. C. E. White entertained the B. B. club Thursday afternoon. Refreshments were served.

Miss Sophia Nethaway came up from West Point Friday evening to spend Sunday with relatives.

Frank Twiss came up from Lincoln yesterday to spend Sunday with his father and mother in Norfolk.

Misses Eva Horsham, Mable Krielman of Madison were in Norfolk.

Mrs. Connelly was reported Saturday as being very low at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Ryle. Relatives were called to her bedside.

L. A. Rothe and P. F. Bell leave the first of the week for Lusk, Wyo., where they will be guests on Tom Bell's ranch. They will spend a good part of their time hunting.

Miss Helene Wetzel left on the

STRUCK BY TRAIN

I DEAD, I DYING

TWO BROTHERS IN FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR WAKEFIELD.

SIoux CITY-NORFOLK TRAIN

ANTON BLICK IS KILLED OUT-RIGHT, HIS BROTHER DYING.

DROVE IN FRONT OF TRAIN

Driving to Town, Anton and Enoch Blick Failed to See the Approaching M. & O. Train, Although the Track Was Straight at That Point.

Wakefield, Neb., March 28.—Special to The News: One farmer was instantly killed and another, his brother, probably fatally injured by the Sioux City-Norfolk passenger train shortly before noon today.

Anton Blick, aged twenty-nine, was cut to pieces and his brother, Enoch, aged twenty-seven, will probably die. The two brothers, bachelors, were driving into town from their farm five and a half miles southeast of town on the reservation.

Track at That Point Straight. The track at the point where the buggy was struck, a mile east of town, is as straight as a string, and how the two men could have failed to see the oncoming train is a mystery.

Anton was horribly mangled and Enoch was very severely cut up. It is not believed he has a chance to live.

Still Alive; But Can't Recover. Wakefield, Neb., March 30.—Special to The News: Enoch Blick, who was not instantly killed in the train accident Saturday, was still alive at noon today, but it was not expected that he could recover.

JOHN DIBBLE ACQUITTED

ATKINSON MEAT MARKET DEALER IS NOW FREE.

CASE ENDED SATURDAY NIGHT

It Was Charged That Dibble Had Knowingly Bought Stolen Hogs But the Jury Found the Man Not Guilty. Other Cases Pending.

O'Neill, Neb., March 30.—Special to The News: John Dibble, a meat market man of Atkinson, was acquitted Saturday night of the charge of knowingly buying stolen hogs. The case had been pending for some time.

One Atkinson man was some time ago convicted of stealing hogs. The supreme court sent the case back for new trial. Several other cases are pending.

Wilson to Lincoln. O'Neill Frontier: Harry Wilson left Monday morning for Lincoln to work out with the western league team and try for a position as catcher. His many O'Neill friends hope that he will make good and cover himself and his team with glory.

YOUNG FARMER IS KILLED

HENRY WILLIAM SPORLEDER OF PIERCE, THE VICTIM.

WAS DRIVING HOME AT NIGHT

The Team Came Home Without the Wagon and Investigation Developed the Dead Body, Still Warm, a Short Distance Out of Town.

Pierce, Neb., March 30.—Special to The News: Henry William Sporleder, a young farmer of twenty-nine years who had been living with his father here but who had planned to go to work today on a farm for himself, met accidental death Saturday night while driving home. It is supposed that he was kicked by one of his horses while driving, and killed.

The young man's body was found a mile and three-quarters east of Pierce early yesterday morning. The team had gone to the parental home seven miles east and a younger brother, alarmed, immediately drove back toward town, finding the dead body on the road. The body at that time—about 1:30 a. m.—was still warm.

The right arm had been broken and there was a terrible blow over the right eye. There were no marks to indicate that any wheel had run over the young man.

Young Sporleder and his father, William Sporleder, had driven into town during the day and the young man had bought new farm machinery. He planned to begin operating a farm nine miles northeast of town this morning. The father left for home early, and the young man started later in the evening. One of his horses was spirited and it is believed that the animal kicked the driver when he leaned over too close, perhaps.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the German Lutheran church two miles east of Pierce.