

SOCIETY

Events of the Week in Norfolk

The Lenten season, although effective so far as things formal were concerned, had little appreciable surface effect upon Norfolk life during the week just past. There were more than a half thousand teachers in town from all over the northern part of the state. They came beneath huge Merry Widow hats of bright colors, and they brought cheerful hearts and happy smiles along with them. For their special benefit there were things doing at the Auditorium three nights in succession—and so things weren't by any means quiet. Before many more days—April 22—north Nebraska bankers will be in town and then a week later come the state U. C. T. boys for their big convention, so that it doesn't look like dull sailing ahead for some months to come. Preparations are being made for Easter, which is now close at hand, and Norfolk womenfolk have during the past week been looking over new bonnets and new suits, with an eye to the forthcoming season.

Pleasures of the Week.

Dr. Holden and daughter Margaret have the pleasure of celebrating their birthdays the same day, March 28. Mrs. Holden entertained a small company of friends at 6 o'clock dinner in honor of the occasion, and also in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Boas, who are soon to leave Norfolk. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Boas, Mr. and Mrs. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gow, Mr. and Mrs. Gillette, Mr. and Mrs. Wittigman. The decorations were in yellow; dainty yellow primroses holding up their pretty heads under soft yellow candle shades, while little yellow chickens holding a place card at each plate for the guests, gave a suggestion of Eastertide. Cards followed the dinner.

Miss Susan Gillette entertained a company of friends on Thursday evening at her home on South Twelfth street. Miss Blanch Putney of Oakdale, one of the successful contestants in the high school contest, favored the company by rendering her selection, "Naughty Zell." Miss Dorothy Rudat also gave a very interesting reading. Miss Putney was voted the most successful conversationalist and received the lady's prize, the prize for the young gentlemen going to Charles Durland, Millard South, who is home from Donne college for vacation, was an out-of-town guest.

Little Misses Bessie Dolsen and Willamie Weaver, members of Mrs. Cora Beels' kindergarten class, gave a parlor recital last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Dolsen. Master Fred Dolsen and Winifred Hazen were also on the program. The little folks all did fine, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by a large company of friends.

Members of the senior class were guests of Miss Verna Coryell Friday evening at a party given complimentary to Millard South who is home from Doane college for the vacation week. Miss Louise Cook, who represented the Norfolk high school in the declamatory contest, was also a guest in addition to the ten members of the graduating class.

They say if you always wait for an invitation you miss a lot of good times. A few friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds decided not to wait for an invitation to help them celebrate their fifteenth anniversary last Saturday. The friends took their suppers with them and stayed for a game of bridge in the evening.

Col. S. S. Cotton entertained a small company of friends at dinner on Tuesday in honor of Rev. Edwin Booth of Beatrice, who has been a guest in the home of Col. Cotton the past week. Rev. Mr. Booth will occupy the pulpit at the First Congregational church Sunday morning.

The young ladies of the Baptist church gave a social in G. A. R. hall Tuesday evening. A short musical program was rendered, followed by progressive games. Ice cream and cake served to the seventy-five guests present netted the young ladies a nice little sum.

Miss Marion Gow entertained nine of her friends at her home, corner of Eleventh street and Nebraska avenue, on Friday afternoon from 3 to 6. Games and music for the afternoon, a nice little supper with hand-painted place-cards, made the party a decided success.

Saturday afternoon Misses Loreen Gow and Myrtle Doughty, pupils of Miss Nell Schwenk, gave a recital to forty-five of their little friends at the home of Miss Schwenk. The program consisted of five numbers, and the young musicians were heartily applauded.

The party to have been given for this spring's graduates by Miss Amy Paine, principal of the high school, was postponed two weeks on account of the death of Mrs. Tannehill, a grandmother of Miss Edith Evans, a member of the senior class.

Ten members of the "Merry Widow" club spent a pleasant evening with Misses Maud and Myrtle Clark on Thursday. The evening was spent in an industrious and social manner. The hostesses served a dainty lunch.

Thursday evening Miss Clara Napper entertained a company of forty-one young ladies and gentlemen. Jol-

ly games were played and a four-course luncheon was served. After an enjoyable evening the party broke up after midnight.

Trinity church guild met Tuesday evening with Mrs. Will Hall. The young ladies of the guild are to furnish the hall decorations for the bankers' banquet April 22, so their meetings are busy ones.

Mrs. G. D. Butterfield and Mrs. E. A. Bullock were hostesses to the ladies society of the First Congregational church on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Butterfield on Norfolk avenue.

The members of the D. W. C. carried out a pleasant surprise on Miss Nora Fuesler Thursday evening at her home on Hayes avenue, the occasion being Miss Nora's fifteenth birthday.

The Tuesday club enjoyed a pleasant meeting with Mrs. Reimers on North Eleventh street. Dainty refreshments were served and 500 furnished amusement.

The Ladies' guild of Trinity church was entertained Thursday by Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Reimer at the home of the latter on North Eleventh street.

The Norfolk band gave an April First dance on Wednesday evening.

Hymenial.

The wedding of Charles R. Hays of Denver, Col., and Miss Grace Whitcomb of Northwood, Iowa, which will take place about the first of June, has been announced in this city. Mr. Hays is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hays of this city, occupying a position of trust with the American Beet Sugar company in Denver. The acquaintance which will ripen into a wedding between these two young people began when they were in school together at Mount Vernon, Iowa, a few years ago.

The young lady spoken of in the following item from the Lincoln Star, is a niece of Sol G. Mayer of Norfolk: "The engagement of Miss Edna Mayer, daughter of Simon Mayer, to Israel Mattuck, rabbi of the Jewish synagogue of this city, was announced last night at a dinner given by the Handy club at the home of the Misses Schlesinger. No date was announced for the wedding."

Two young people, former residents of Norfolk, Frank A. Twiss and Miss Frankie Clemmons, were married this week in Lincoln. The wedding was without display and had been announced only to relatives and a few intimate friends. Mr. Twiss has been clerk at the Lincoln hotel in Lincoln but now takes charge of a hotel at Kirksville, Mo.

Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Boas have rented a house in Sioux City and expect to go there to live the first week in May. Miss Kathleen, who has been spending the past week here with her parents, will return to Sioux City tomorrow to resume her high school work. Her young friends in Norfolk regret very much that this is her last visit here as home.

H. C. Matrau went to Omaha on Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Loyal Legion, an organization composed of officers of the civil war. On Thursday Mr. Matrau went to Lincoln for a short visit with his daughters, Mrs. O. R. Eller and Mrs. C. A. McKim.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Maylard, Mrs. J. C. Stitt, Mrs. H. L. Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hazen formed a party who heard Me. Sembrich in Omaha Thursday night.

Mrs. Robert Harris of Lynch, who had been the guest of Miss Nora Dixon and Miss Maud Clark for a few days, returned home Friday noon.

Mrs. C. C. Gow and daughter Beatrice are spending a few days in Wayne with Mrs. Gow's sister, Miss Belle Temple.

M. E. White and John Doyle of Chicago were guests at the home of S. M. Braden Friday evening.

Miss Helen Bridge left Thursday noon for a week's visit with her sister, Mollie, in Lincoln.

Coming Events.

The members of the Woman's club are planning to serve dinner election day in the dining room of the Queen City hotel. The proceeds are to be used in buying new books for the public library. It is hoped the ladies will be well patronized as they are planning to serve a tempting meal.

Bad Eyesight.

Bonesteel News: The Butte Gazette says that Norfolk will be the envy of every country on earth next week because it will have five hundred pretty school marmas as guests. We will admit that school marmas as a rule are "dear" things but as to them being "pretty" we must 'fess up, we've never seen one yet.

A Race at Verdel.

Verdel Outlook: Mrs. Wm. King and Mr. T. K. Cameron ran a race out of town last Saturday and Mrs. King drove her team right over the west end of town and broke off the iron pump level with the platform, but it never slackened her speed.

TUESDAY ELECTION DAY

POLLS OPEN AT 9 A. M. CLOSE AT 7 P. M.

SIGNS POINT TO STURGEON

The Polling Places—Saloons Will Remain Closed All Day Until After the Polls Close in the Evening—Campaign Ends Quietly.

Norfolk voters have ten hours Tuesday in which to register their choice for city officers. The polls will open at 9 in the morning and close at 7 in the evening. The saloons will be closed during those hours, opening at 7 p. m. They will be closed previous to the opening of the polls.

The polling places are as follows: First ward, city hall; Second ward, West Side hose house; Third ward, Anton Buchholz's residence on South Fifth street; Fourth ward, Junction hose house. In the Third ward the election is held at the home of Councilman Buchholz, who is running for re-election.

The campaign now almost at a close has not been marked with political fireworks. On the surface at least little campaign work has been done by most of the candidates.

The indications are that J. D. Sturgeon will be elected mayor.

MONDAY MENTION.

Father Tevis left at noon for Constance.

H. M. Culbertson returned Sunday from a business trip to Omaha.

Miss Nettie Dortch is visiting with friends in Stanton.

Rev. M. Shelps of Pierce was in the city today enroute home from a trip to Bloomfield, Neb.

Mrs. E. Roe, who has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Corry R. Cook, for the past two weeks, left Friday noon for her home in Omaha.

Miss Emma Wetzel has resigned her position in the sales department of the A. L. Killian store.

L. A. Rothe returned Saturday from Lusk, Wyo., where with P. F. Bell he was a guest at the Tom Bell ranch. Mr. Bell will return this week.

Misses Vera and Verda Beach of Creighton returned to their home Sunday after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. John Krantz. They attended the teachers' convention here.

Miss Jennie Schwenk went to Stanton.

Mrs. E. A. Bullock went to Slou City on the morning train.

Mrs. H. M. Culbertson went to Omaha at noon to stay until after Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Scarlett of Fullerton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Faucett.

Miss Rena Olmsted left Sunday for Pierce where she has accepted a position in the Pierce high school.

Miss Fale Burnham has gone to Lincoln to visit a couple of weeks with her friend, Miss Luree Beemer.

Mrs. T. F. Maher, who has been in Norfolk on a visit with her mother, Mrs. B. W. Barrett, has returned to her home in Denver.

Ross Tindall, who has been in Norfolk for a week's vacation, left Saturday for Lincoln where he is attending Wesleyan university.

Mrs. A. N. Anthes has gone to Omaha to meet a friend, Miss Alma Unterkircher, who will return to Norfolk with her and be a guest at the Anthes home.

H. C. Matrau arrived home last evening from a visit with his daughters in Lincoln, having gone to the capital city after attending the monthly meeting of the Loyal Legion in Omaha.

Miss Jeannett Wheeler left Sunday for Crete to resume her studies at Doane college. She was accompanied as far as Omaha by her mother, Mrs. M. D. Wheeler. Miss Ruth Shaw and Millard South, also students at Doane, left Monday.

W. N. Huse is in Omaha "milling around" with the politicians. He attends a luncheon at noon given by Victor Rosewater to the sixteen Nebraska delegates to the national republican convention, and this evening will attend the reception tendered Wm. H. Taft by the McKinley club of Omaha.

Among the day's out-of-town visitors in Norfolk were: J. J. Jones, Hartington; A. A. Gilbert, Creighton; J. Hedland, Bristol; I. Castor, Emerson; Ed Allen, Brunswick; E. L. Jones, Lynch; Frank Phillips, Hoskins; H. Ranback, P. E. Gamble, Wayne; Miss Alma Frelichiff, Naper; W. H. Burdick, Creighton; G. E. Roberts, Osmond; K. W. McDonald, Pierce; Miss Margaret Dixon, Wayne; John Nekolite, Ewing; G. P. Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Welch, Wayne; Miss Jessie M. Beechell, Plainview; Miss Alice Wadsworth, Niobrara; E. L. Lundak, Verdigris; C. E. Pearce, George A. Hume, Madison; Miss Josie Richardson, Pilger; Frank P. Churchill, Emerson; B. Eckhoff, Humphrey.

Harry Reid has moved from Madison to Norfolk.

Extensive alterations and improvements are being made in the residence property of G. B. Salter.

H. A. Fritz and F. W. Farrand will represent the Columbus council of the U. T. C. at the state convention in Norfolk next month.

Dr. M. D. Baker, a resident of Madison for the past four years, is to remove to Tilden this month entering into a partnership with Dr. Campbell of Tilden.

Oakdale Sentinel: Clyde Baskett went to Norfolk Monday expecting to take the position of station agent at Winnetoon, five miles northwest of

Creighton, and be ready to take up the work the first of the month.

The fishpole has come out of its winter hiding place, and is beginning to dip down into the clear waters of river and slough. Yesterday there were a goodly number of recreation seekers who ventured to try their luck at the old sport, landing more or less flimsy success.

Misses Mildred Wall, Ermel Orris and Mary Hicks, who had been visiting at the home of S. T. Napper, have returned to their homes at Stanton. Miss Clara Napper did not entertain for her guests, as was reported.

B. R. Cowdery, who has been in the Otis & Murphy bank at Humphrey, intends to locate in Norfolk just as soon as he can move his family to this city. Mr. Cowdery is to be special agent for the German Mutual insurance company.

Lynch Journal: A number of Lynch business men have said to us since the announcement of Chas. Viterna's sentence that much of the momentum for his downward course was acquired in Lynch gambling rooms and that they should be stopped.

The board of health held a special meeting Saturday and authorized the appointment of a special quarantine officer to look after several places which are quarantined on account of contagious diseases. The appointment was referred to the chief of police by the mayor, J. H. Van Horn was named.

Creighton News: Ernest Brennen-stall came up from LeShara, Neb., Monday. Ernest has been bookkeeper in the LeShara bank under J. C. Foster but the bank changed hands the first of the month and Ernest was let out of a job. Frank Austin formerly cashier of the Security bank now has charge of the LeShara bank. We understand J. C. Foster will open a real estate office in Norfolk.

Creighton News: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Petersen came up from Norfolk Friday to visit friends. Mr. Petersen returned Saturday morning by way of Slou City, and Mrs. Petersen remained over until Wednesday evening. While here Mr. Petersen closed a deal on his residence property on south Redick avenue to August Merritt, who with his family moved into the same this week.

Pierce Leader: Mrs. J. C. Morey this week closed a deal whereby she gives possession of the Morey hotel in June to Mrs. Jas. Williams of Osmond. At that time the Morey family will leave for Stanley county, S. D., and move on their homestead. They have lived here for the past ten years and during that time they have made a large host of friends who will regret to see them leave our midst.

The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad company is not held responsible for the recent accident at Wakefield, in which the two Blied brothers were run down, one of them being killed instantly. The coroner's verdict released the company from all blame, it having been found that the engineer had blown the whistle, rung the bell and made every possible effort to warn the men of the approaching train.

Five former presidents of the North Nebraska Teachers' association attended the 1908 convention. The five were County Superintendent C. S. Coney of Stanton county who was president in 1894, Miss C. M. White of Norfolk who was president in 1895, H. E. Mason, the Meadow Grove banker, who was president in 1895, City Superintendent E. P. Wilson of Wayne who was president in 1906 and County Superintendent F. S. Perdue of Madison, last year's president.

Lincoln Journal: People at the town of Georgia, between Valentine and Cody have petitioned the railway commission to require the Northwestern railroad to maintain a station, telegraph operator and agent at that town. The petitioners say there are 240 patrons of the postoffice and 1,000 people living within a radius of ten miles. Complaint is made that freight will not be carried out of the town unless the shipper goes to the track and bills his own freight out. Cattle are driven through town to other towns.

Omaha Trade Exhibit: When Marshall Field, the merchant prince of Chicago died, he left an estate of \$80,000,000. Of this vast sum, a portion was represented by Nebraska land in Stanton county much of which has since been sold at from \$75 to \$100 per acre. Here is a suggestion. If you have money to invest put it into Nebraska dirt. Mr. Field bought this land around \$10 per acre, and in a few years it increased six, eight and ten times in value. It is said that during the latter years of Mr. Field's life, he told some of his intimate friends that the most profitable investment he ever made was when he put a few thousand dollars into Nebraska land.

Preacher Bars Merry Widow. "The Merry Widow hats must go, or our congregations will be broken up" is the statement made by a Muskogee, Oklahoma, minister who had a few dozen of the new hats in his congregation Sunday. "With a few Merry Widows on the front seats, what's the use of anyone else coming in? They cannot see the minister and he cannot see them. Besides, with the Merry Widows only one person can sit where three used to sit. It is difficult enough to keep the congregations up to the standard in the summer time under ordinary circumstances, but what's the use to try with the new canopies worn?"

It is understood that the Ministers' alliance will take the matter up and try to get concerted action to persuade the women of their congregation to go bareheaded to church on Easter Sunday, or else not wear Merry Widows. They fear that the male contingent of the congregation, which is usually out in full numbers on Easter, will vow a vow never to go again if

the Members get hedged in with a Merry Widow hat on each side and one in front of him.

Hat Money For Church.

Several dozen women, members of the First Methodist Episcopal church in Chillicothe, Mo., have shown their devotion to their church in a unique manner. They have agreed to forego that article of dress so dear to the feminine heart, the Easter hat, in order that a church debt of \$700 may be paid.

A year ago the Ladies' Working society of this church took upon itself a debt of \$700 for the church. The debt is still in existence, and the leaders of the society have been at their wits' end as to the best means for raising it. Recently one of the society members hit upon the plan of asking the members to put the money that they expected to spend for Easter bonnets into a fund to pay off this debt.

Drawing up a list pledging its signers to such a promise, she first signed it and then took it to other members of the society. The proposition was a severe test on the loyalty of the women to the church, but they were equal to the sacrifice. Many of them signed the list and thus agreed to give up the cash that would have been spent for a "Merry Widow" for the purpose of paying off that long-standing debt.

The result is somewhat hard on the millinery stores, but it is quite gratifying to the church officers. The women who have thus pledged themselves are expected to go to church Easter Sunday bareheaded and show to the other members of the congregation who have made the sacrifice.

Whether the brethren will arise to the occasion by giving up spring "derby" for the same purpose remains to be seen.

Death of W. S. Hayward.

Slou City Journal, April 2: Mr. and Mrs. Rome Miller of Omaha, Neb., who arrived in Slou City Tuesday night, left yesterday for Vermillion, S. D., where they have been called by the death of Mrs. Miller's father, W. S. Hayward. Mr. Miller, who is the proprietor of the New Rome hotel in Omaha, formerly resided in Slou City.

Mr. Hayward, who was one of the pioneer settlers of South Dakota, was 79 years old. He moved to Vermillion more than forty years ago and for more than twenty years was engaged in the general merchandise business there. He retired from business about twenty years ago. He is survived by his wife and five children, as follows: Mrs. Rome Miller, Omaha; Mrs. Rufus C. Milligan, Slou City; William Hayward, Centerville; Wall Hayward, Iowa City; and Mrs. C. C. Bridgman, Vermillion, S. D.

The funeral was held at Vermillion yesterday afternoon.

To Become a Journalist.

Miss Hazel Council, of Morning Side, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Council, formerly of Norfolk, now of Slou City, has gone to Mobile, Ala., where she has accepted a position as a special writer for the Mobile Herald, one of the leading afternoon papers of the south. Miss Council spent some time in Mobile with her mother, sister and younger brother two years ago and she fell in love with the city and has longed to return to it.

During her stay in Mobile Miss Council wrote a little "storyette" which fell under the eye of the editor of the Herald and he has been trying for some time to attach Miss Council to his staff. A pleasant experience in prospect for this Slou City young woman about to enter the newspaper world is a tour of the large southern cities soon to be made by a party of writers on the Herald who will furnish the material for manufacturers' editions.

Miss Council is a graduate of the Slou City high school and not only is an accomplished writer, but a young woman of wide popularity.

O'NEILL KNIGHTS INITIATE.

Sixty Candidates Taken Into Knights of Columbus There.

Sixty candidates were initiated into the Knights of Columbus at O'Neill Sunday. The initiation was the first held in the splendid new hall of Charles Carroll of Carrollton council at O'Neill. The day was a perfect day for the exercises and added to the enjoyment of the O'Neill hospitality.

At 10 o'clock Sunday morning the candidates and members assembled at the new hall and marched in a body to the Catholic church where high mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Father Cassidy, resident pastor. An eloquent sermon appropriate to the occasion was given by Father O'Hern of South Omaha.

The initiation began at 2 o'clock. It was witnessed by nearly 300 members. Assistance was given by several members from the Omaha council. Among the candidates was W. S. O'Brien of Norfolk.

In the evening the banquet tables were spread with a sumptuous dinner prepared by the young ladies of the O'Neill parish. While the dinner was being served music and songs were rendered by Misses Rose Fallon and Mae Campbell.

John A. Harmon of O'Neill was toastmaster.

After the invocation by Rev. M. F. Cassidy, Rev. Thomas Walsh of Norfolk responded to the toast "True Knighthood."

James A. Donohoe of O'Neill spoke on "Modern Chivalry," M. F. Harrington of O'Neill on "Impressions of the Day," T. V. Golden of O'Neill on "The Past and Future," and Arthur F. Mullen of O'Neill on "What We Need." At the conclusion of the formal toasts addresses were given by Father Loecker of a Kinson, Father Cassidy of O'Neill, Father O'Hern of South Omaha, Owen Donohoe of Hubbard

and Charles Garvey of Omaha, the remarks of the latter being spicy and humorous.

Members were present from the Omaha, South Omaha, Chadron, Hartington and Columbus councils.

Among those who attended from Norfolk were: Father Thomas Walsh, D. P. O'Brien, J. P. Ragan, W. F. O'Brien, Lou Gutzmer, W. T. O'Donnell, Will Stafford, Anthony Corke, Bud Carberry, S. H. Carney, Martin Kane, Sam Kent, Will Kennedy and T. C. Cantwell.

The candidates were: Charles A. Grass, Page; John Timmerman, Wm. Ulrich, Joseph Timmerman, Stuart; A. M. Dendlinger, Wood Lake; Jacob A. Gasper, Wayne; Martin Langan, M. F. London, John Connelly, Elgin; D. E. McCarthy, Ewing; W. E. Brogan, Nicholas L. Kent, Tilden; John White, Dorsey; William Torpy, J. F. Nightingale, Nicholas O'Connell, John Bauman, Atkinson; J. D. Kirwan, Edward S. Kirwan, Gross; W. S. O'Brien, Norfolk; C. F. Bauman, Charles Zarn-faller, J. F. Gallegan, Atkinson; Casper Prbill, Inman; John Lorge, Randolph; John Gallispie, James M. Gallispie, James Gallispie, Charles Gallispie, Meadow Grove; John Mechalay, John E. Bleley, D. D. Harrington, Anthony Stanton, James T. Farney, Carl A. Baker, A. J. Kirwan, F. J. Gallagher, D. A. McDermott, W. J. McDermott, James W. McDermott, Daniel McCarthy, M. P. Sullivan, Pat Shea, Jeremiah Handley, Dennis Murphy, Patrick Sullivan, John Hickey, Wm. LaViolette, Dennis Murphy, John Peter, John Hirskey, Michael Langan, Martin S. Judge, L. L. Mandeville, A. P. Brooks, John Hickey, James J. Kelley, W. J. McNichols, Bernard S. Mullen, Martin Stanton, Wm. Hammond, James LaViolette, George Gibbons and Wm. H. Haley, O'Neill.

SERMON BY REV. EDWIN BOOTH

Congregational Minister From Beatrice Speaks in Norfolk.

Rev. Edwin Booth, pastor of the Congregational church at Beatrice, occupied the pulpit of the First Congregational church Sunday and proved a very effective speaker. Mr. Booth is a descendant of the same family from which came the famous actor, Edwin Booth.

M'KILLIP TALKS OF TROUBLES.

Democratic War Horse Says He Will Try to Make Good.

Humphrey, Neb., April 6.—P. E. McKillip, whose affairs have been pushed into bankruptcy by creditors of this place and in Minnesota, talks as follows of his financial condition to the Democrat:

"Some of my creditors, becoming impatient, have filed bankruptcy proceedings against me, and thus tied my hands so as to prevent me from doing any business for two or three weeks until the case can be heard. Should the court adjudge me a bankrupt, then the men whom I owe would elect a trustee to take charge of my property—sell it—and pay my debts. I have no fault to find with the creditors who have commenced proceedings, as I have been unable to meet payments due them at maturity. Should my property fail to pay my debts in full, I will start again and eventually pay every man whom I owe a dollar. I am informed that there have been some wild rumors out about my running away, and you may say emphatically that I have no definite plans for moving, and that any move I may make will be with the sole object of getting into a place where I can make sufficient money to pay my debts to the last dollar. No man will eventually lose a cent and all I ask is ordinary charity and forbearance until I can get on my feet again. I am more than grateful for the consideration which the men whom I owe have thus far shown, and this has strengthened my resolve that every creditor shall be paid in full. I will remain in Humphrey at least for the present, and should a trustee be appointed for my property, will tender him my services free of cost in disposing of same and winding up my estate. Should there be a shortage, I will then lay plans for making sufficient money to pay for it, and with that end in view may possibly move, but that is a matter for future consideration."

WATER RESOURCES.

Government Geological Survey Report on Northern Nebraska.

A report of a portion of the Missouri river valley in northeastern Nebraska has just been issued by the United States geological survey as No. 215 of its series of water supply papers. The area covered by this report comprises about 4,100 square miles and includes Dakota, Cedar, Knox and Boyd counties and the northern part of Holt county. The eastern part of this area was settled long ago and the western counties are now rapidly filling up. The entire region has a fertile soil, and the rainfall is sufficient to insure crops in most seasons, especially where careful cultivation is necessary, and the few short ditches constructed during exceptionally dry years are seldom used. Stock raising is carried on extensively where the land is not farmed.

Notwithstanding the fact that there is abundance of ground water throughout most of the area, difficulty is sometimes experienced in obtaining a sufficient supply of good well water for stock and domestic purposes, and the information given in the report in regard to the wells, both deep and shallow, is therefore particularly valuable. Many springs, some of them of large volume, are found in all these counties, and artesian flows are obtained on the Missouri bottoms and adjacent lowlands from eastern Boyd to the northeastern part of Dixon county.

The mineral resources of the area

comprise brick clay, a plentiful supply of sand and gravel, and materials suitable for the manufacture of Portland cement.

The report, which was prepared by Prof. G. E. Condra, of the University of Nebraska, as the result of field work done under the direction of Mr. N. H. Barton, one of the geologists of the national survey, includes a description of the topography and geology of the region and a detailed account of the water resources, both surface and underground, of each county. The lists of springs and shallow and deep wells give full information in regard to the supply to be obtained.

Copies of this report may be obtained by applying to the director of the United States geological survey at Washington, D. C.

RAILROADS

An order issued by the Illinois Central requires that baggage be given the preference over express and if necessary, the express must be unloaded to give room for baggage.

The shut-down of the Rock Island shops at Shawnee, Ok., will be only of short duration, all the men having been notified that they will be taken back today. These orders will give employment to 400 men.

Amos Blanchard, formerly treasurer of the Boston & Maine, is dead aged seventy-five. He suffered a shock of apoplexy last Thursday and failed to rally. Three weeks ago he married Mrs. Katherine White, a widow.

The Utah Construction company has been instructed by the Harriman officials to resume grading a line from Huntington to Homestead, Baker county, Ore. This work was halted last fall at the beginning of the financial flurry.

The Galveston & Southern divisions of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe are to be united and operated as a single division under Oliver Snyder, who will transfer his headquarters from Galveston to Temple, Texas. The object is to cur