

SOCIETY

Events of the Week in Norfolk

Last Saturday was a great day for the traveling men and their families. Once each year these knights of the grip lay aside their order books and samples and let themselves to the woods for an all day picnic. For one whole day these busy travelers play they are boys again and enjoy the sports of real boys. A fine basket dinner served at noon tasted to them like the good things "mother used to make." The hundred travelers, their wives and friends who enjoyed the picnic pronounce it a great success.

A jolly picnic party spent Thursday afternoon near Hauler. Those who made up the party were: Misses Lois Gibson, Mellicie Bridgeway, Mary Odorne and Helen Maynard, Miss Nariel Jones of Lincoln, Miss Lucile Tracy of Kansas City, Miss Carrie Harding of Omaha, Spencer Butterfield, Archie Gow, Sam Erskine and Morton Seymour of Madison.

The Doll Sewing club is a new organization composed of a dozen little maidens who meet twice each week to sew for their dollies. Miss Dorothy Christoph is president, Miss Edith Butterfield vice president, Miss Helen Reynolds secretary and Beatrice Gow treasurer. The second meeting of the new club was held on Thursday afternoon with Edith Butterfield.

The Wednesday club held a morning session at the home of Mrs. G. D. Butterfield on Tuesday. The club will have a rest tent on the chautauqua grounds which will be comfortably fitted up for benefit of the members of the club and their friends.

Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt entertained a company of relatives at a "family party" last evening for Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Croser of Avoca, Ia., who are visiting at the home of Mrs. Croser's sister, Mrs. E. A. Bullock.

Mrs. W. H. Butterfield entertained a dozen young people at a porch party Friday evening of last week. Miss Nellie Hundick was the guest of honor. Light refreshments were served during the evening.

Mrs. A. Bear entertained a company of friends at an informal card party on Thursday afternoon. A dainty supper was served at the close of the afternoon.

Miss Carrie Tribshy entertained a few of her friends Thursday afternoon, the occasion of the party being her twelfth birthday.

The members of the Methodist Sunday school enjoyed a picnic at Spring Branch on Thursday.

PERSONALS

Mesdames G. D. Butterfield, C. H. Reynolds, G. A. Young, C. E. Burnham, P. H. Salter, W. N. Huse and N. A. Huse went to Sioux City Friday morning to attend a house party in the home of Mrs. C. R. Allen. The ladies will return home tonight.

Miss Gertrude Mount of Fremont, who had been visiting her young friends a few days returned to Fremont on Thursday. Miss Marion Maynard accompanied her to visit until Monday.

Mrs. D. O. Stone and daughter, Opal, of Haverden, Iowa, visited the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Brake on their farm five miles out of the city.

A letter from Mrs. A. J. Durland to Norfolk friends says they have taken a furnished house in Victoria, B. C., and are nicely settled there to stay some time.

Miss Luree Beemer of Lincoln and her cousin, Floyd Beemer of Pennsylvania, have visited with Miss Fae Burnham during the past week.

Miss Kathleen Boas of Sioux City is in Norfolk for a visit with Miss Helen Maynard and other young friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cummings moved Saturday into their handsome new residence on Koenigstein avenue.

Miss Kathryn Parkinson of Madison, Wis., arrived Friday to visit her cousin, Mrs. P. H. Salter.

Conductor and Mrs. Fox are enjoying their new home on Koenigstein avenue.

Mrs. T. E. Odorne and daughter, Mabel, have returned from a visit in Sioux City.

Miss Ollie Elliott of University Place is the guest of Miss Mino McNeely.

Miss Mariel Jones of Lincoln is the guest of Miss Mellicie Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Braden spent the week in Chicago.

HYMNICAL

At 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Schelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schelly, to Dr. Carl J. Verges, was solemnized in the family home on North Seventh street. Seventy-five guests, relatives and friends of the young couple witnessed the ceremony which was performed by Rev. J. P. Mueller, pastor of Christ Lutheran

church. The bride wore a beautiful gown of white silk and carried white roses. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Lillie Long of Rock Island, Ill., and her sister, Miss Lillie Schelly. Miss Long wore a pretty costume of green silk, while Miss Schelly was gowned in pink silk. Miss Mary Herman of Rock Island, a little cousin of the bride, was flower girl. The groom was attended by Ed Bruegeman and Fred Hellerman. Following the ceremony and congratulations a wedding supper of six courses was served. Dr. and Mrs. Verges left Wednesday noon for a trip to Colorado. They will be "at home" to their friends after September first, at the Verges residence, 912 Prospect avenue. Many beautiful gifts as well as sincere congratulations were given this young couple who are very popular among their friends.

The following account of the wedding of a former Norfolk girl is taken from a San Diego, Calif., paper: At the home of her parents Mrs. and Mrs. E. H. Requa, Twenty-fifth and A streets, at 8:30 o'clock last evening, Miss Rhoda Kendall Requa was united in marriage to W. W. Francis. The rooms were charmingly decorated with sweet peas, white roses and asparagus fern. Dr. Jordan performed the ring ceremony under a canopy formed by asparagus fern curtains, draped against a background of sweet peas. A basket of sweet peas hung from the center of the canopy. The bride was gowned in a dainty light blue silk trimmed with white lace. After refreshments had been served the young couple were driven immediately to their new home 3836 Center street. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Requa, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Requa, Harriet Requa, Lewis and Randall Requa, Mr. W. H. Francis, Miss Francis, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Hust, Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston, Mrs. G. K. Phillips, Mr. C. L. Torr, Mr. J. Burnett, Lillian Holmquist and Mrs. C. K. Smith, the great aunt of the bride who celebrates her ninety-first birthday today.

On August 12 Miss Ruth Daniel of Omaha, a daughter of the late Dr. Daniel, for many years a prominent resident of Norfolk, will be married to Mr. John H. Lionberger, after a trip through Colorado, the bride and groom will go to the Kimball ranch at Mercer, Neb., a station half way between Fremont and Valey.

The engagement of Miss Minnie Verges of Norfolk to Mr. H. Fritzsche, a landscape gardener of Thuringen, Germany, was announced recently.

SLEEPER PARTY AT NELIGH

Neligh, Neb., Aug. 1.—Special to The News: It was a "sleeper party"—in fact a late introduction here—given by Miss Vera Cleaver of this city last evening in honor of her friend, Miss Helen Tanner, daughter of Dr. Tanner of Battle Creek.

There were sixteen jolly girls in the crowd, and it goes without saying that the time they had was one to be long remembered. Those present were Misses Helen Tanner, Lotte Maybury, Olive Hall, Esther Conroy, Elsie Teagarden, Etta and Grace Jackson, Grace Berry, Fern Bradbury, Grace Ryan, Nettie Wattles, Louise Palmer, Georgie Fletcher, Irine Selery and Grace Borgardus. Miss Bolon chaperoned the young ladies.

RISE TO DO BATTLE WITH THE COW HERD

TO LEGISLATE COW DRIVERS INTO COW LEADERS.

Hasn't Norfolk outgrown the town herd? This question is being propounded by several property owners who want an anti-cow ordinance. They haven't anything specially against the cow—it's the cow drivers they are after. If the cow reformers carry the day there will be no cow drivers at all. Instead there will be cow leaders. The greatest complaint comes from the southwest part of town. "What's the use of trying to beautify the town," exclaimed one citizen in disgust, "when lawns are ruined by cows tramping over them." Up in the prairie country of the new northwest the cow issue is a big one. The herd law question is an active issue. It is strange that it should also be in Norfolk. But here is a party of citizens demanding that "cow leaders" replace "cow drivers." Norfolk is proud of its handsome lawns. A lawn competition is now in progress. Prizes are being offered to stimulate interest in better kept property. Fences are dropping. And here the cow, a discerning and patient animal, picks the choicest grass patches while the small boy plays marbles by the way side. "We don't dispute the place that the cow has in the northwest or the growing importance of the dairy interest. We just say that the place of the cow in Norfolk isn't loose on a public street or wandering over a lawn," said one of the ordinance seekers.

WANTED: BRIDE WHO CAN PLAY AN ORGAN

WYOMING RANCHMAN YEARNS FOR MUSICAL AFFINITY.

HE HAS WRITTEN TO NORFOLK

Herman S. Wood of Saratoga, Wyo., Has Hunch That Somewhere in Norfolk is a Young Lady Who Would Like To Be a Ranch Bride.

Is there a young lady of thirty in Norfolk who can play an organ? Out in Wyoming there is a lonely ranchman. He misses that organ.

Here is a chance for a Norfolk girl of thirty to play her way into matrimony. She can win a husband and a home on a Wyoming ranch.

Won't this offer appeal to some Norfolk girl of thirty—ranch, husband or man and all? Herman S. Wood, ranchman and lonely, thinks it would. Some way he got a tip that his affinity, his organ playing affinity of thirty lives in Norfolk. And he has also seized the idea that Miss Affinity would change her address from Norfolk to the sunny wind-swept ranch out near Saratoga, Wyo.

Who would be most likely to know of the young lady in Norfolk most calculated to fill the generous requirements of our ranchman? Mr. Wood thinks that the Norfolk postmaster should be able to help him out. He has written to Postmaster Hays.

The government is delving into pretty nearly everything just now. Maybe it has a matrimonial bureau in one of its departments.

But Mr. Wood has pinned his faith on Norfolk and here is his letter: "Saratoga, Wyo., July 27, 1908.—Postmaster, Dear Sir: I will write to see in you can find me a housekeeper or a young lady that wants to get married and live on a ranch here in Wyoming. If you can find one for me tell her who I am and where I live, a woman about 30 years old, one that can play an organ, tell her my name and address and oblige. Herman S. Wood. Write soon."

THE BLACKLISTED HUSBAND.

A Queer Story of Kansas Politics Told In Emporia.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 1.—Politics apparently makes stranger bedfellows in Kansas than anywhere else under the sun, as illustrated by a peculiar condition of affairs reported from William Allen White's town of Emporia. Kansas has always taken their politics seriously, but the climax of partisanship has been reached in the case of Mrs. Mary McCreary Parkman, the editor of the Emporia Times, and her husband, Harrison Parkman, the county surveyor of Lyon county. Mr. Parkman is a republican and is a candidate for re-election, and Mrs. Parkman is a democrat and a candidate for county superintendent of schools. Outside of office hours and between campaigns Mr. and Mrs. Parkman appear to lead the lives of ordinarily contented folks, agreeing pretty well on religious, social and business questions, but when the nominations have been made and the keynote is sounded they go at it like brother lawyers employed on opposing sides of a case.

Mr. Parkman labors under a handicap. It is one of the rules of the Times that when he is mentioned he is simply the "county surveyor," his name never being mentioned. This policy of blacklisting her husband has caused some comment in the town and Mrs. Parkman has written an editorial giving her side of the case. She frankly states that she believes she has the right to do as she pleases with her newspaper and that if she puts up with her husband morning, noon and night she should not have to be putting him in her paper all the time. Asserting that she and her husband agree pretty well on religion, literature, art, the nebular hypothesis, the comparative value of breakfast foods and the proper way of poking the fire, Mrs. Parkman continues: "But we disagree on politics. We think our husband has a good deal of sense—for a mere man—on lots of subjects, but on politics he doesn't know much. He is a Republican—a black Republican, a mean black Republican, and as such has no claims on us either as a molder of public opinion, a fellow citizen or as a wife. We will cook for our husband, we will mend our husband's clothing, we will brush and darn him, and keep him up—as our husband. But as an office holder of a vile, venal and corrupt organization, an emissary of Wall street, and as an oppressor of the poor, our husband has only our unspeakable contempt. He should thank his lucky stars that we do keep his name out of the Times."

That would appear to be enough to hold an average husband for a time, but Mrs. Parkman evidently knows Mr. Parkman and suspects that he will try to show that he is not a quitter, so she adds this postscript: "We know enough of our husband should he attempt to press this matter too far to make his vote in this election little more than scattering. But up to the present we have said nothing. We have believed that our duty as a wife had some claims on our duty as an editor. But a word to the wise is sufficient, and if our husband has learned a lick of sense from past experiences with us he will take a grand immortal tumble to himself and call off his dogs. We think a good bit of our husband, first and last, and in one way and another, but we permit of no foolishness from this Republican county surveyor. He is a bad lot and we withhold certain matters in this affair on account of the respectability of the parties concerned."

Mr. Parkman's situation commands sympathetic condolences. What profit is it to a Kansas politician to have his clothes mended, his socks darned, his meals cooked and his lodging furnished and made attractive if he has to go over the political route inco? Any liberty loving judge in Kansas would declare such treatment to come under the head of cruel and unusual punishment forbidden by the constitution.

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GRANT DESERTER ANOTHER CHANCE

MEACHAM, ARRESTED IN NORFOLK, SAVED FROM PRISON.

Hugh Meacham, the young deserter from Fort Robinson arrested in Norfolk last January, whose story of army life in The News aroused considerable interest at the time, has escaped the federal prison. The sentence passed on him was merely a nominal one—the forfeiting of \$5 of pay.

The story of Meacham's arrest in The News was read in Indiana by those who by chance had formerly interested themselves in the young man. As a result influential men exerted themselves in the soldier boy's behalf.

Meacham's story is told in the Wednesday's issue of the Martinville, Ind., Reporter: Prosecuting Attorney H. L. Moss has received official notice from the headquarters department of the Missouri, U. S. Army, Omaha, Neb., of the action taken in the case of Frank Hugh Meacham, before a general court martial at Fort Crook, Nebraska, March 18.

Young Meacham was released from confinement in the Morgan county jail last April and taken to Spencer, Owen county, for trial on charge of larceny. He was acquitted and released on parole. Later he went to St. Louis and enlisted in troop K, 8th cavalry, U. S. A., and ordered to Fort Robinson, Nebraska, from which he disappeared on or about January 9, 1908. January 10th he was apprehended at Norfolk, Nebraska, and taken to Fort Crook and confined until the sitting of the court-martial, when he was tried on charge of desertion.

His plea was "not guilty, but guilty of absence without leave, in violation of the 32nd Article of War." Sentence, "To forfeit five dollars of his pay, release from confinement and restoration to duty." During the time young Meacham was confined in the jail here he attracted considerable attention owing to the large and varied amount of beautiful needlework he did while there. He is physically incapacitated for other kinds of work but a willing helper in the household duties, and the court martial was inclined to give the young man another chance.

North Nebraska Oil, Bloomfield Monitor: H. D. Van Campen, who hails from Akron, Ohio, and who has been for some time past investigating the surface indications west of Crofton for oil or gas, has been in our city for several days past talking up the proposition with some of our business men.

Mr. Van Campen's method of operation is to secure a five years' lease on something like 15,000 acres of land near the city prior to beginning operations on a well which is to be put down at least 2,000 feet or until oil, gas, coal or other minerals may be found in paying quantities. The test well is to be begun this fall or as soon as the leases are secured and can probably be completed by the first of next January or thereabouts. No farmer or land holder who grants these leases will be asked for a dollar and the lease does not prohibit the farmer from working his land in the meantime and taking care of his crops just the same as ever. If oil or other paying minerals are found a royalty is paid to the owner of the farm on all oil or minerals taken out. If nothing is found the leases become null and void. To drill the well a corporation is formed by those caring to invest and all stock so taken is made absolutely non-assessable.

A business meeting was held at the Commercial club rooms at which were present some fifty business men and citizens. An expression was asked of those present as to whether the feeling was favorable to the movement and every man in the room but one gave affirmative assent to the very desirable proposition. It is safe to say now that Bloomfield proposes to test the depths of this country and ascertain once and for all whether there is anything below the surface worth going after or not. It is a big undertaking and takes big people to go after the proposition. As the Monitor understands the proposition it believes it to be O. K. There can certainly be nothing lost, and much might be gained.

Non-continuous advertising of your store is confession of non-continuous interest in your store-public.

ALLEGED MURDERER COURTIED IN NORFOLK

W. A. RILEY WON WIFE HERE OVER FAMILY OBJECTIONS.

Mrs. W. A. Riley, whose husband is waiting trial for the murder of J. E. Ritts, the Rosebud homesteader, in Burke, lived in Norfolk for several months just preceding her marriage to Riley. Mrs. Riley made her home with her sister, Mrs. H. V. Evans.

Mrs. Evans very bitterly opposed the marriage. Riley's visits to the Evans' home in Norfolk in fact led to a break between the two sisters. The strained relations continued.

Mrs. Riley still clings to her husband. She was at the preliminary trial with her little baby.

For her sister Mrs. Evans has been much affected by the Rosebud tragedy. She has, however, no sympathy for her brother-in-law who is charged with murder.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Miss Ruth Grauel went to Wayne at noon.

Mrs. G. O. Rankin returned to Cody Saturday.

Mrs. M. D. Wheeler left for Oakdale Saturday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Barnhart went to Creighton at noon.

Miss Lena Mills returned from Wayne Friday evening.

Misses Alice and Florence Barrett returned from Pierce Saturday.

Miss Opal Coryell returned from Meadow Grove Saturday noon.

Will Crossland of Wayne is visiting at the home of Mr. Thomas Bithel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koerber are home from a month's visit in Colorado.

Mrs. E. Mitchell and Miss Jennie English of Battle Creek were in the city yesterday.

Misses Ethel and Bernice Hibben and Roy Hibben returned Saturday noon from Chicago.

Geo. A. Brooks of Bazile Mills passed through the city Saturday on his way home.

Miss Belle Temple of Wayne will be the guest of Mrs. C. C. Gow during the chautauqua.

Mrs. Sarah Logan and niece will be the guest of Mrs. L. A. Rothe during the chautauqua.

Frank Pilger, superintendent of the Pierce county schools, was in the city Friday night.

Miss Carrie Gettinger of Omaha and Miss Ricka Gettinger of Rockport, Mo., are the guests of Mrs. F. G. Gettinger.

Mrs. E. Graham of Sioux City is in Norfolk visiting her mother, Mrs. Kumez.

Mrs. Mariel L. Jones, who has been visiting Miss Mellicie Bridge, returned to Lincoln Saturday.

Mrs. W. F. Thurber of Fremont arrived at noon to visit Mrs. B. W. Barrett for a few days.

W. R. Hamm of Roscoe, Mo., is in the city visiting at the home of his brother-in-law, W. H. Clark.

Mrs. J. E. Lindsay went to Creighton at noon to visit her mother-in-law, Mrs. G. A. Lindsay, who is ill.

Miss Essie Vosburg, who has been visiting Mrs. Ed Beels, returned at noon to her home at Carrick, S. D.

Will Schelly, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schelly, returned to Benkelman Saturday noon.

Miss Ethel Nelson has returned from Spencer, where she has been visiting her grandparents for the past four weeks.

P. R. Cook and family left this morning for Spencer, where they will go camping for ten days on Herbache's island.

Mrs. James Poole and children returned Friday evening from Holbrooke where they have been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Mathewson of Walthill will be in the city during the chautauqua visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams left for Missouri Valley, Mondamin, Modale and other points in Iowa to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Huebner of Pierce were guests at the home of H. H. Miller Friday evening on their return from St. Joseph.

J. R. Carter, assistant manager of the Nebraska Telephone company went to Kearney Friday to spend Sunday with his family.

H. E. Hardy went to Columbus Saturday morning to bring Mrs. Hardy home. She has been in the hospital for twenty weeks, but is recuperating rapidly.

A. J. Colwell, superintendent of bridge building for the Northwestern railroad, returned Friday from a motor car trip to Dallas, where he has been inspecting bridges.

E. H. Lukart, candidate for state auditor, A. J. Dunley of Excelsior Springs, Mo., and W. H. Hovgrave of Stella were among the visitors in the city to hear Senator Dolliver speak.

E. D. Cresswell of Omaha, foreman of the Nebraska Telephone company's construction work, arrived in the city Friday to superintend the repairing of the toll lines between Norfolk and Wayne.

Dr. O. R. Meredith will leave Sunday for Kirksville, Mo., where he will attend the American Osteopathic association for a week. From there he will go to De Witte, Ia., to visit his parents.

Hon. J. A. Van Wagenen of Pierce, county attorney and candidate for state railway commissioner on the

Republican ticket, and something of a fisherman by way of pastime, was in the city over night.

W. L. Lehman is taking his vacation from the Star Clothing company. G. P. Housh caught two channel cat fish Friday morning in the Northfork river below the mill dam, one fish weighing eight pounds and the other five.

S. W. Garvin, who recently resigned his seat in the city council, accompanied by Mrs. Garvin, left today for Kansas to visit a daughter, Mrs. C. C. Ragan. After their Kansas visit they will go to Denver. Mr. and Mrs. Garvin have left their household goods in Norfolk and it is possible that they will return to this city after the winter. Ralph Garvin will join his parents next week.

F. L. Kautzman has severed his connection with the Realty Advertising Clear company and returned to Lincoln Friday noon to engage in the printing business with his father.

Miss Ollie Elliott gave an eloquent recital Friday evening before a fair sized but very enthusiastic audience in Meadow Grove. Miss Elliott has the degree of bachelor of education from the Nebraska Wesleyan university and has been giving successful concerts for the last two years in different parts of the state. Miss Elliott was formerly a resident of Norfolk and taught school in the grades for one year.

The first meeting of the creditors of the Faucett-Carney company, which has been adjudged a bankrupt, will be held in Norfolk on August 11 at 5 a. m. A trustee may be appointed at this meeting and creditors will be asked to prove their claims. One of the first steps of the creditors who have thrown the candy firm into bankruptcy will probably be to contest the assignment made to the bank of the firm's business.

W. T. Larimore of Oklahoma has accepted the position of superintendent of agencies for the Elkhorn Life and Accident Insurance company of Norfolk. Mr. Larimore will have entire charge of the agency work of the company in all parts of the state. He comes highly recommended to the company and has had many years of experience as an organizer and solicitor. It is thought that he will prove a valuable man.

Great interest is being manifested in the coming race meet. Up to date six horses are on the track continually trying out and several more will arrive next week. W. M. Zulauf of Pierce is here with his sorrel gelding pacer, Captain Mack, with his record 2:15 1/4. Woods Cones of Pierce has King Woodford, a brown stallion trotter, on the track working out. His time is 2:29 1/4. W. U. Rhodes has two horses here, Windsor Walnut, bay stallion pacer, 2:21 1/4, and Birdie Colyer, 2:34. D. T. Ambrose also has two horses here for the races. A. G. Wiley has a three-year-old bay gelding pacer and Eugene Wiley a brown stallion pacer with a record of 2:18 1/4.

Denver, Pueblo and Boulder, Colo., papers the past months have contained considerable about H. C. Truman, formerly in the paint and wall paper business here. Truman took care of a sick man, George M. Murray, who was dying of tuberculosis. Following Murray's death he was arrested and charged with making way with property belonging to the dead man valued at about \$2,000 and consisting of over \$500 in currency, two gold watches and eight diamond rings. Investigation taken up by the Eagle lodge of which the deceased was a member showed that Truman had deposited the property with the undertaker and had later called for and received it. Truman claimed that Murray in the presence of Mrs. Truman had said that he had no relatives and that Truman could retain his property after his death. Truman was with Murray three days in a tent near the tollgate at the mouth of Boulder canon. Truman turned the disputed property over to the sheriff.

Members of the state executive board who were in Norfolk for the meeting were L. C. Macumber of Omaha, chairman of the U. P. board, F. H. Crosby of Omaha, chairman of the C. & N. W. board, P. H. Morrison of Fremont, chairman of the C. & N. W. board, F. M. Ryan, chairman of the executive board, C. D. Hopkins, chairman of the C. St. P. M. & O. board and M. J. Roche, secretary of the executive committee, had been expected here, but were called to Sioux City to organize a division.

The mass meeting was called to order by P. H. Morrison of Fremont. P. F. Dolin was elected temporary chairman, George A. Kendall, temporary secretary.

Mr. Morrison was the first speaker, explaining the purpose of the organization. The way for the employees to protect their interests, he said, was to direct their vote in the right direction. It was a matter which had been passed over very lightly but which was now being brought so forcibly to their attention as to make some action seem necessary.

The power of the state legislature and the state railway commission over the well being of the railroads in general was explained by F. H. Crosby of Omaha. He then showed how the well being of the railroads reacted upon the employees.

L. C. Macumber, who is chief conductor of the Order of Railway Conductors on the Union Pacific system, told of the effect of recent legislation and explained the employees' organization last April.

Among the other railroad men who spoke were J. J. Welsh, C. M. Wurzbacher of Tilden, A. B. Lane of Scribner, J. McCarty, section foreman at Tilden, S. L. Miller, P. F. Dolin, J. F. McGrane, G. E. Kendall and F. Coleman.

Purpose of the Organization. The purpose of the organization, it was brought out at the meeting was not to prevent, obstruct or oppose any legislation demanded by the general welfare of the state, but to prevent such so-called anti-railroad legislation as would work against the employees. It was felt that the interests of the banker, merchant, the manufacturer and the farmer were the same, all tending to the general prosperity of all.

The membership of the association, it was stated already includes over 15,000 of the 22,000 railroad employees in Nebraska and that the entire railroad population would soon be included.

It was stated that of the 86,000,000 people in the United States 8,000,000 of them gain a livelihood through the agency of transportation companies. The speakers claimed that in recent years the interests of these 8,000,000 people have not been given proper consideration.

LOT SALE IN NORTH HERRICK

Twenty Lots Are Sold in First Addition to Herrick Saturday.

Herrick, S. D., Aug. 3.—Special to The News: Town lots were sold at auction Saturday in the first addition to the town of Herrick, known as North Herrick. Twenty lots were sold at a good price and it is thought several residences may soon be in process of construction on this new addition. H. F. Slaughter of Gregory was the auctioneer.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES HOLD MASS MEETING

ORGANIZE BRANCH OF THE STATE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

Gathering in an Enthusiastic Mass Meeting a Norfolk Division of the State Protective Association Was Started Sunday Afternoon.

President, J. J. Welsh. Secretary-treasurer, George A. Kendall.

Vice presidents, S. L. Miller, conductors; C. J. Hibben, engineers; H. T. Donner, firemen; F. J. McGrane, trainmen; Frank Coleman, track department; R. J. Eccles, bridge department; C. M. Wurzbacher, telegraphers; F. W. Koerber, firemen; John Hinz, machinists; Gilbert Anderson, car repairers.

At a mass meeting of railroad employees in Railroad hall, well attended and displaying considerable enthusiasm, a local division of the Nebraska State Railway Employees Protective association was formed Sunday afternoon.

The protective association is a political organization of railroad employees. It disclaims any connection with national politics at this time. Its interests will center this year in legislative candidates and candidates for railway commissioners.

Fair play for the railroads and fair treatment for the employees is the platform of the organization. It will seek to win the voters of the state to this viewpoint. The Norfolk division formed Sunday afternoon will meet twice a month to keep in touch with the situation, the meetings to be held in railroad hall at 2 p. m. on the second Sunday and at 8 p. m. on the fourth Wednesday in each month.

Fremont has a division and a division is to be organized at Chadron. The Norfolk organization will include the intermediate territory.

Prominent Railroad Men Here. Members of the state executive board who were in Norfolk for the meeting were L. C. Macumber of Omaha, chairman of the U. P. board, F. H. Crosby of Omaha, chairman of the C. & N. W. board, P. H. Morrison of Fremont, chairman of the C. & N. W. board, F. M. Ryan, chairman of the executive board, C. D.