

COMFORT OF THE FARMER

OMAHA BEE POINTS TO MADISON COUNTY SUCCESS.

WHY BE AN OIL KING TODAY?

From Nothing to Wealth, From a Dug-out to Comfort and Luxury, From Hardship to Rural Route and Telephone!

Omaha Sunday Bee, Oct. 27.—Do dreams come true? Could one dream of greater luck than going into a new country as a young man and penniless, settling down upon the unbroken prairie, and finding one's self, just at life's prime, with lands worth close up around the \$100,000 mark, with sleek herds of cattle around one's barnyard, with the respect of the community, with a modern home and modern luxuries for one's comfort, with crisp, fresh country air to breathe from morning until night, and with no difficulty in the world to worry over for the rest of one's life?

And yet it's not luck, after all. Nor is it a dream. Such cause for contentment on earth has come to hundreds and thousands of ordinary men—just plain folks—all over these fertile plains of Nebraska as the result of foresight and persistent effort properly applied. The story of success, as success in this world goes, is no uncommon tale in the Nebraska farm regions of today. Productive expanses of fertile soil, comfortable and even luxurious modern homes, well painted and well built barns and substantial cribs, up-to-date and expensive farm machinery, good looking modern carriages and fat looking herds of live stock, are today common pictures painted here and there and everywhere over these broad prairies, and it is the story of failure that attracts interest and attention, rather than the commonplace story of success.

There was a time when kings of finance had deep meaning for the west. But today kings of the farm land are of more importance. Today the Nebraska farmer, who walked into this section without a cent to his name thirty years ago, and who homesteaded a quarter section of land worth homesteading is as independent as a czar, or more so, and as care-free as care-free could be. Gloomy forecasts of financial distress have no alarm for him, secure as he is from panic's perils, and on "Easy street" through a calm knowledge that his crops go on growing, his cattle taking on beef, even while their master sleeps. It is little wonder that this uncrowned emperor is taking joy out of life, without a mixture of the city's nerve-strain, realizing as he does that each passing moment is adding more and more to his material well-being.

From nothing to fame and fortune—to a niche among the "honest rich" and "desirable citizens"—at the age of 48. To walk into a virgin paradise at the age of 19 and to be independent of the wolf, to be independently rich under 50! From a dug-out and a homestead to possession of 680 acres of the finest farm land in all the world, a modern home equipped with every convenience, to a place of honor in the legislature of the commonwealth, and to be a young man still! Does it not savor of a romance or a magazine story for Sunday afternoon reading? Why be an oil king?

Nor is one's imagination called into play to weave this story. The hero of this particular tale is Thomas E. Alderson of Madison county, Nebraska. And his is but the usual success that has been attained by persistent farming in Nebraska. As a youth of 19, young Tom Alderson and an older brother came to Madison county. That was in 1871. Alderson had been born back in Iowa county, Wisconsin, October 26, 1852, and he had a yearning for the new west. His yearning was that of a money-maker. First locating on a farm three miles southeast of Norfolk, then moving to the present site of Creston in Platte county, Tom Alderson in 1874 returned to Madison county and took a claim eight miles southeast of the present city of Madison. Upon that claim he still resides, though differently environed.

Coming to Madison county in 1874 with no capital save their courage and willingness to work, John W. Ray and Louis W. Ray, now owners of 1,000 acres of fine farm land five miles west of this city, stand out as notable examples of the success that can be attained from Nebraska's soil through persistent effort. Undaunted by the fact that during the first three years of their life in this country their crops were ravaged by the grasshoppers, these two young brothers, today under 46, kept stiff upper lips and "made good." Continuously for a third of a century they have farmed the land on which they live. They took homesteads and later added to their claims. Farming has been their only occupation.

Besides farming today 1,000 acres of land bordering on the Elkhorn river—and there is no prettier valley in God's out-of-doors than the Elkhorn—these Ray brothers feed and ship to market every year about sixteen carloads of fat cattle. All of the corn and other grain raised on their farm land is fed to their own live stock. Last year they raised 15,000 bushels of corn and 400 tons of hay has been cut this year. In a year they shipped sixteen carloads of cattle to market—ten cars to Chicago and six to South Omaha. Besides this, they ship six to ten cars of hogs—sixty head to the car—every year to Omaha. And when it is borne in mind that hogs are practically "velvet" on the farms, their

"board and keep" amounting to practically nothing at all when a herd of cattle is maintained, it may be seen that John D. Rockefeller has no monopoly on all of the money-making of the country. Not while the Nebraska farmer is on earth. Both John and Louis Ray are happily married, beautiful homes and charming wives being among their proudest possessions. Their domestic relations are particularly pleasant, and, living next door to the rest of the world on account of the rural mail service and the telephone, they have nothing to desire. Besides being successful farmers they are princely fellows and take a large interest in the affairs of the community. L. W. Ray has one son and John W. has two sons.

**Battle Creek.** Lambert Kerbel went to Spencer Monday where he is interested in the saloon business. Geo. Stevenson of Madison was here on business Monday.

Steve Coley, who has been running one of Napper's ranches north of town moved back to town again Monday and is occupying the Connelly house on the west side.

Chas. H. Brown and brother-in-law, Dr. Ramsey, arrived here Monday from Omaha on a business visit. Otto Janke arrived here Tuesday from Milwaukee for an extended visit with his uncle, Henry Stoltenberg and family.

An anti-borathief association was organized here Saturday afternoon with about forty members. Adrian Craig of Norfolk and Geo. W. Losey were attending. The following officers were elected: President, E. J. Brink; vice president, John H. Rodekohr; secretary, Fred Volk; treasurer, Herman Hogrefe; chief captain, Frank Massman. The membership fees are \$2.00.

County Clerk Geo. E. Richardson of Madison was visiting relatives and friends here Tuesday.

County Commissioner Burr Taft was here Tuesday from Norfolk on official business.

Henry Massman, sr., returned Thursday from the national farmers' congress at Oklahoma. He says there is no place like home and Nebraska. Jake Pratt, who left here about thirteen years ago for Montana, arrived here Friday from Idaho, where he is living on his own farm now, for an extended visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pratt, and other relatives.

Miss Birdie Hale of Atkinson was visiting here the fore part of this week with relatives and friends.

James Richardson, who has been working this summer at Aberdeen, S. D., and Devils Lake, N. D., is home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson, who are living north of the Elkhorn.

Joseph Ditttrick is building a machine shed 16x40 south of his blacksmith shop.

Walter Barrows is ill with the grip and has suspended his duties in the Sessler livery barn.

Wolsey Diven and Miss Annetta Lovoo were here from Petersburg Saturday and Sunday for a visit at the home of Henry Stoltenberg, southwest of town.

James Gillespie, a wealthy Irish farmer who lives southwest of town, is claiming that the price of corn will be 60 cents a bushel in the near future. He has just returned from a visit to the "Emerald Isle," and a grain buyer here thinks that he did not see much corn across the Atlantic pond.

There was one candidate here this week who claimed that he is always with the people. A bystander said: "I believe you are right, but some times the 'people' will be rejected."

Prof. M. G. Doering and Prof. Wm. Ditzen of the German Lutheran schools went to Seward Monday where a new building of the seminary was dedicated on Thursday, Oct. 31, and the ministers and teachers of that synod will hold a special conference.

W. C. Day, station agent for the Northwestern at Albion, was visiting with old friends here Sunday.

Frank Connelly, who was working for Geo. Souhventer at Inman, returned home Monday.

Miss Emma Walter spent Sunday with her brother, Wm. Walter, at Neligh.

Reformation services will be held in the Lutheran church next Sunday morning. The evening services will commence from now on at 7 o'clock.

John Clasey of Page was visiting here Saturday at the home of his mother and other relatives.

E. E. Cartney went to Fremont Monday where he expects to make his future home.

**ATKINSON MEETING A SUCCESS**

Methodist Ministers of That District Held a Meeting. Atkinson, Neb., Nov. 2.—Special to The News: The ministerial meeting which has been in session the past days of the Methodist church of this district was a decided success, and a great help to all who were able to attend. Some fourteen ministers were in attendance. Rev. A. R. Julian, presiding elder of this division, has spent most of the week here.

Hon. M. P. Kinkaid of O'Neill and James Cowell of Lincoln are in town for a little talk and rally at the rink. R. R. Dickson and wife of O'Neill, with Mr. J. C. Harnish, are among the other visitors from abroad.

SOCIAL EVENTS OF WEEK

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES RULED THE WEEK.

THERE WERE OTHER PARTIES

A Good Many Different Kinds of Amusement Were Brought North in Norfolk During the Week in Celebration of the Festival Day.

It has been Halloween week in a social way in Norfolk, and many were the fantastic events held in celebrating the occasion. A number of novel ideas were brought into play as pleasant features of the day. There was dancing and there was cards and there were other types of diversion. And, besides the Halloween festivities, there was considerable else in the way of things doing.

**Pleasures of the Week.** Ninety ladies were guests Thursday afternoon of Mrs. Asa K. Leonard and Mrs. L. E. Wallerstedt, hostesses at a charming one o'clock luncheon and euchre party on the afternoon of Halloween.

In Marquardt hall, where Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Wallerstedt entertained, a pretty scheme of Halloween decorations was carried out. A three-course luncheon was served in the early part of the afternoon, the Vradsburg orchestra playing while the luncheon was being served. The greater part of the afternoon was taken up with euchre, the honors at cards going to Miss Fannie Norton who won the euchre prize, to Mrs. Desmond who won the all-out prize, and Mrs. Young who won the shouting prize.

Mrs. D. S. Bullock and Mrs. E. A. Bullock pleasantly entertained at 1 o'clock luncheon Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. E. A. Bullock, corner Twelfth street and Madison avenue. After luncheon six-hand euchre proved a pleasant diversion for the afternoon. Mrs. C. H. Reynolds taking high score honors and Mrs. John R. Hays low score. The home was prettily decorated with autumn leaves.

Mrs. W. O. Tolliver, formerly of Norfolk but now of California, was an out-of-town guest.

Misses Bessie Ward and Robinet Eble entertained a dozen friends at a pleasant Halloween party Thursday evening. In addition to progressive finch a number of Halloween games were played.

Cards were enjoyed at a Halloween party given by Misses Lizzie Schram and Anna Miller at the Schram home on Wednesday evening. There were a dozen guests.

The chess club was entertained at an evening at progressive high five at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Nenow on Wednesday evening. Refreshments were served.

The fifteenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Hillie was the occasion of a pleasant gathering at the Hillie home in honor of the anniversary.

Misses Emma and Lydia Brueggemann gave a Halloween party for the F. F. S. club at the Brueggemann home.

Miss Lena Mills entertained the young ladies of Queen Esther circle on Monday evening.

The Degree of Honor gave a surprise party for Mrs. B. W. Barrett on Monday evening.

The West Side Whist club met with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Davenport last evening.

The Norfolk band gave a dancing party at Marquardt hall Wednesday evening.

Miss Dorothy Salter entertained a few friends Halloween night.

A birthday party was given for Mrs. Frank Moldenhauer.

**Coming Events.** The Elks will have a dancing party at their club rooms next Friday evening, November 8.

Eugene Moore will be seen at the Auditorium Monday night in "My Boy, Jack."

Miss Mae Abbott will be seen at the Auditorium Tuesday night in "My Dixie Girl."

**DON'T BURN AUTUMN LEAVES.**

This is the Advice of Dean Bessey of University Botany Department.

Norfolk people who are making bonfires out of the autumn leaves, according to Dr. Bessey, head of the department of botany at the University of Nebraska, are virtually burning money.

Dr. Bessey is stirred from an economical rather than a sentimental standpoint and gives voice to sentiments which will interest Norfolk property owners.

"Whatever you do with your leaves, don't burn," says he. "You might as well burn up your dollar bills, for leaves are worth dollars if rightly handled."

"The falling of the leaves has again started up the annual waste of raking them up and burning. Leaves contain much valuable plant food. Leaves added to the soil would enrich it. The reason that forest soil is rich is that year by year the leaves have been allowed to fall to the ground and decay there, adding their substance to the soil. If we went into the forest and raked up the leaves, taking them

away, the forest soil would be as lean as that of the open ground. Fortunately we have not yet begun doing such a foolish thing.

"But we are wasteful, to say the least. We rake off the leaves from our grounds so that not a leaf is allowed to add its decayed substance to the soil. We expose the soil and sod to the dry air of the fall and winter by removing the leaves. This dries out the soil unduly, and the only wonder is that more of our grasses and other plants do not perish from drought. Why should we not allow the leaves to remain on the ground? The first rain will beat down most of them into the grass, and there they will stay until rotted, which will be the case by next spring. I fear that it is hopeless to urge people not to rake their yards. Everybody does it, and not to do what everybody does would be quite impossible. So I suppose we will rake off the leaves, in spite of the fact that we ought not to do so.

"Well, if you must rake off the leaves put them in a neat pile in one corner and throw on a few buckets of water to wet them down. Toss on a few shovelfuls of earth to keep them from blowing about; then go about your business until next spring when you will find that you have a nice lot of rich leaf mould with which to fertilize your flower beds, and for use in the pots of your house plants.

"If you have a bed of ferns put a loose layer on it, being careful not to pack them down. They will protect the ferns from freezing or drying out in the winter, and when spring comes they will prevent them starting up too early. Do not remove the leaves from your fern bed. Ferns like to grow among leaves. They like the moist, cool soil that lies under the mass of leaves and they grow luxuriantly all summer long."

**Close of Campaign.**

End Was Peaceful, As Had Been the Opening of the Battle.

The closing days of the political campaign in Madison county were, as had been the opening, calm and exceedingly quiet. There was a little shaking of hands among candidates and voters, and that was about all. There were no speeches, no torchlight processions.

There was everywhere a feeling among republicans that, if the party but turns out and does its duty at the polls, there would be a victory all along the line from the head of the ticket down. In Madison county the fact that the republicans had put up a solid ticket, with no gaps in it, was considered favorable to the party's success. The present Madison county officials have given splendid satisfaction and it was believed this service would be heartily endorsed at the polls.

There was everywhere in Norfolk, as in other parts of the county, a disposition to uphold the present board of county commissioners for the very excellent work they have done in building better roads and bridges all over Madison county. People in Norfolk comment upon the improved roads and many said they intended to vote for Harding's re-election because he had earned it with good roads. The permanent remedy afforded for the Corporation gulch water was also commented on as a strong sign of the present board's progress. There was also a general belief that the northern and western parts of the county should be represented on the board, which would not be the case were Mr. Harding defeated. Sheriff Clements, whose home is in Norfolk, will receive a big vote here. Christopher Schavland, whose excellent services have been appreciated by Madison county people, will receive a big vote for county judge. It was said in many quarters that George Richardson, the present efficient county clerk, and Frank Peterson, deputy treasurer and candidate for treasurer, would get very large majorities. There is every indication of a complete republican victory, if the party vote is cast.

**MORE TROOPS SENT**

MORE CAVALRY SENT TO CHEYENNE RESERVE.

CAUSE OF MOVE NOT KNOWN

TWO MORE TROOPS ORDERED TO TROUBLE SCENE.

PREPARE TO HANDLE THE UTES

Two Additional Troops of Cavalrymen From Fort Des Moines Have Just Been Ordered to Proceed at Once to South Dakota.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 4.—Two more squadrons of cavalry have been ordered to the Cheyenne Indian reservation in South Dakota, where the renegade Ute reds have caused trouble.

The two additional troops of cavalry were ordered from Fort Des Moines the order having been received this morning.

The cause for this latest movement of soldiers to the scene of trouble had not been learned in Omaha up till noon.

**Heard Harrington Speak.**

Butte, Neb., Nov. 4.—Special to The News: M. F. Harrington spoke in the court house at Butte on government ownership of railroads. A large crowd greeted him.

CHANGE IN MAIL SERVICE

NEW PLANS ON NORTHWESTERN ARE NOW IN EFFECT.

SHIFTING OF POSTAL CLERKS

Twenty-seven Clerks Now Operating Through Norfolk Will Hereafter Report to Omaha Office—Norfolk-Dallas Service Under New Form.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 1.—Important changes affecting the railway mail service on the Northwestern line west of the Missouri river went into effect today.

Full cars heretofore operating out of Missouri Valley will now go out of Omaha, and twenty-seven clerks employed on these trains between these points and Deadwood will report to the chief clerk at Omaha instead of at Sioux City. Clerks heretofore performing service between Omaha and Gregory, S. D., will be assigned to runs on Omaha and Long Pine trains Nos. 1 and 2. Service between Norfolk and Dallas will be by apartment car under the supervision of the chief clerk at Sioux City. Runs of clerks on the Fremont and Lincoln railway postoffice will be extended to start from Missouri Valley.

This service also will be under the supervision of the Sioux City office. The change is made for the good of the service, as the postoffice department views it, for the reason that mail cars and the runs of the clerks will correspond with the manner in which through train service is operated by the Northwestern.

**SATURDAY SIFTINGS.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lacey have been in Clearwater on a visit.

Sheriff J. J. Clements was in Norfolk during the day from Madison.

E. P. Olmsted arrived home yesterday from a visit to his farm near Sutherland.

Mrs. James Hay and little son and daughter have gone to Los Angeles, Calif., to spend the winter with Mrs. Hay's mother.

John H. Harding, republican candidate for re-election as commissioner in Madison county, spent the day in Norfolk.

John Hermann, who is engaged in building a new church at Albion, is in Norfolk for a short visit with his family.

Mrs. W. H. Butterfield is enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. Brake of Corning, N. Y. Mrs. Brake is accompanied by her nurse.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Westervelt Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Miss Grace Fowler of Lead, S. D., has accepted a position in the department store of Anthes & Smith.

Dr. D. K. Tindall, presiding elder for the Norfolk district, has secured a minister for the vacant pulpit in Dakota City. Rev. H. G. Pittinger is Dakota City's new minister.

H. E. Mason, a prominent Madison county banker, was in the city yesterday afternoon from his home at Meadow Grove. Mr. Mason is suffering from a broken hand sustained a week ago in a runaway.

Lincoln Star: One of the Campbell brothers, owners of the circus bearing that name, has been visiting at his home in Fairbury. He says the show has had a fairly successful season and will quit the year's work November 2 with a profit to its credit.

Lou Cousins, the man who lost the power of speech and the sense of hearing, is gradually improving. Friday, while still unable to speak, he was able to make a sound with what used to be his voice. Cousins regained sufficient control of the nerves and muscles of the throat to be able to swallow and take nourishment.

Smith Brothers' Land and Live Stock company, which last month removed from Newport to Norfolk, has opened offices in the Bishop block. The company's next big horse sale, and the last sale of western horses for the season, will be held at the new sale yards in this city on Thursday, November 7, two days after election.

J. D. Sturgeon came out of a dream of baseball defeats and sorrows long enough yesterday to say that he would formally challenge the nine known last summer as Maps' "own" to a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match with the Sturgeon-Beels trade show. Enthusiasm in the wrestling sport is growing in Norfolk and Sturgeon's challenge is in the air.

Bonesteel News: Geo. Krotter, who for several years past has been identified with the telephone interests of this county, and who for the past two years has been the active manager of the Gregory County Inter-State Telephone company, the stock in which company is owned and controlled by Gregory county people, has resigned his position as manager and has been succeeded by G. B. Meredith of Omaha, a man of wide experience in the work.

The failure of the speaker of the evening, Ex-Congressman Andrews, now a prominent official in the Washington treasury department, to make connections Thursday resulted in the political meeting at Madison being called off. The Andrews date at Madison announced for Thursday, was the only campaign speech announced for this county. The nearest meeting that the democrats have arranged is the Bryan meeting at Humphrey Saturday afternoon. Several Norfolk democrats planned to hear the democratic leader at Humphrey.

Lincoln supporters of the sturdy German in the wrestling match between Oscar Wasem and Charlie Delivuk at the Oliver theater in Lincoln were not disappointed in the perform-

ance of Wasem, who is well known in this section. The Lincoln man won the big match which went for three rounds. Wasem gaining the first fall on a half-Nelson and scissors and leg hold that defied Delivuk's hardest attempts to break. Delivuk's fall from Wasem in the second bout came after Wasem had foolishly laid himself open to punishment in an attempt to hold an imperfect half-Nelson. The time for the three falls was 30:17, 5:51, 10:26. A second match for three falls out of five will be pulled off in Lincoln during the winter between Wasem and the Austrian. A wrestle between Farmer Burns, who was in Norfolk this week, and Oscar Wasem is being talked in Norfolk. Such a match, it is said, would have great drawing qualities.

NEED GYMNASIUM.

The Advantages and Absolute Need of It Are Being Discussed.

With the announcement that plans will soon be undertaken for the entertainment of next February's delegates to the Nebraska Y. M. C. A. convention which will be held in this city, there is beginning to be heard in Norfolk considerable discussion of the possibilities of a Y. M. C. A. building and a creditable gymnasium.

Of interest in this connection have proven the remarks of "Farmer" Burns, the famous wrestler who was seen in Norfolk the other night. "You ought to have a gymnasium," said "Farmer" Burns. "A gymnasium in this town would make stronger young men and young women. It would build muscle and brain and health. A gymnasium would turn out young men of wholesome minds—you never saw a true athlete who wasn't a gentleman."

Commenting upon this, a Norfolk man remarked: "That is the truth. Athletes, in order to be good athletes, must be pure in mind and body."

Farmer Burns, though he admitted that he was uneducated as to mind, being barely able to read or write, attributed his wonderful muscular development to the fact that he has never used liquor, tobacco, tea, coffee or profanity. The fact that his remarks on this subject were roundly applauded shows the admiration to be found in Norfolk for muscles and the underlying desire for a gymnasium where muscle could be built.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

Brown County Farmers Pay For Two Farms From One Crop.

Ainsworth, Neb., Nov. 4.—Special to The News: There is quite a bit of activity in real estate in this vicinity of late—more so than usual. W. S. Moore has sold his half section near Meadville to Zack Foster for \$11,000. Moore will come to Ainsworth to live. The county is overrun with buyers from the eastern part of this state, from Iowa and from Illinois. But why shouldn't it be? The fame of our big potato crop has gone out, and men of money are wanting to get hold of land that can produce like that. The Canadian land boomers are wont to tell this man and that man who raised enough wheat on their places this year to pay for the land. J. M. Hill raised enough oats on his land near Ainsworth this year to more than pay for his land. Many farmers have raised enough potatoes this year to buy two such farms as they cultivate. There is no use to go to Canada for such productiveness.

W. A. Slonecker and wife of Trenton, Missouri, who have been visiting their son, William Slonecker at Meadville, left here Monday morning for Pilger where they will visit other relatives for a while. They will then go to Seward and to McCook to visit other relatives before returning to their home.

There is little excitement here in politics. The county will give the republican ticket a good vote, and nearly all, if not all of the local republican ticket will be elected.

MADISON O, NELIGH O

An Interesting No-Score Game Played at Neligh Saturday.

Neligh, Neb., Nov. 4.—Special to The News: The Madison and Neligh high school elevens played the first game of football this season at Riverside park Saturday afternoon. That the game was interesting from start to finish plainly shows when at the end of twenty-five minute halves, neither side were able to score. Madison had the advantage in weight by several pounds, but were not as fast as the Neligh backs. Whenever the visitors bucked the line—which was frequent—they made the required gain in each instance, and carried the Neligh boys off their feet. It was by the hardest kind of work on the part of Coker of Neligh, that prevented Madison from scoring. It was an ideal day for football and the game was witnessed by an unusually large crowd.

NORFOLK A MORAL TOWN.

New Arrival in City Comments on Lack of Drunkenness and Crime.

"I want to say that I consider Norfolk one of the most moral cities of its size that I have been in," remarked a Norfolk man who had recently moved to town. "I notice very little drunkenness on the streets, there seem to be few crimes committed and apparently the community is a non-contributor to either the penitentiary or the reform school. I consider Norfolk on a high moral plane. The people here seem to be unusually intellectual and there is an utter absence of that 'fast' atmosphere which is found in social circles of so many cities."

FOUR HORSES STOLEN

FIRST THEFT FROM ASSOCIATION MEMBER.

A REWARD OF \$650 IS OFFERED

THIEVES WENT INTO WAYNE COUNTY SATURDAY NIGHT.

ALSO TOOK A SPRING WAGON

At the Farm of Chan Norton, in Wayne County, Four Horses Were Stolen Saturday Night—Association Makes Quick Big Offer.

Wayne, Neb., Nov. 4.—Special to The News: Four horses were stolen from the farm of Chan Norton, near Wayne, Saturday night. A reward of \$650 is offered for the thieves and property. This is the first theft to affect the North Nebraska Live Stock Protective association. Of the reward, \$500 is offered by the association, \$100 by the owner and \$50 by the county.

The four horses stolen were black. One was a gelding weighing 1,000 pounds, one a gelding weighing 1,200, and two mares weighing about 1,100 pounds each. One mare has a white foot, the other has both hind feet white. The small gelding has a lump on the right ankle, is a kind family horse and will single foot some. Three of the horses have their fore-teps clipped. The spring wagon was heavy and covered with mud. The harness has three tugs spliced on the ends. One was an old bridle, one new.

W. H. Gildersleeve is secretary of the Wayne county branch of the anti-horse thief association.

Warnerville.

O. D. Munson went to Battle Creek Saturday for a few days' visit with his son, Dr. H. O. Munson.

The box social at J. A. Chamberlain's Friday evening was well patronized and the sum of twelve dollars was realized for the M. E. church.

Ed Warner and wife of Jerseyville, Ill., who have been visiting Mr. Warner's parents for several days, went to Garfield county Monday where he has a homestead.

S. S. Haymon of Grand Island, state manager of the M. B. A. was here one day last week and wrote five applications for membership in the Warnerville lodge.

Notice.

To the Congress Construction Company: You are notified that on August 15, 1904, you placed in my warehouse on Branch avenue in Norfolk, Nebraska, for storage, three derricks and fixtures, one box of rope, one barrel of junk and three pair of stone fongs, that the charge against said property to November 15, 1907, is \$195.00. If said charge is not paid within three months from the 4th day of November, 1907, the same will be sold according to law.

George W. Stalcoep.

PASSENGER BOARDS.

Next Meeting of Western Association Will Consider Revision.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—A call was issued for the next regular meeting of the Western Passenger association, to be held Nov. 7. Some important business has been docketed for consideration, among which is a proposition to abolish all local associations. Since the passage of the Hepburn act, and its strict enforcement by the interstate commerce commission, there has been a strict maintenance of rates and total abstinence from all the practices which these associations were organized to prevent, so that there is no longer any reason for their maintenance, and as they cost a good deal of money, it is proposed to get rid of this useless expense.

It is also proposed that all second-class party rates be abolished, and that this class of business hereafter be charged the regular 2-cent rate.

Southeastern roads have recommended to the association that its members cease the use of prepaid orders in all outside territory, and this recommendation will be discussed. Further, it is proposed to restrict dates of sale and limits of excursion tickets, so that it will be unnecessary to give the interstate commerce commission the statutory notice of the roads' intention to run the excursions.

The association also proposes to have a general revision of its articles of agreement and rules of operation. A great variety of routine business also is docketed for discussion.