

TAFT CHANGES THINGS.

Has Made Numerous Revisions in Methods Used by Roosevelt.

Washington, March 30.—Although only eighteen days elapsed between the inauguration of President Taft and the sailing of Theodore Roosevelt for Africa, it is a matter of remark that the president has placed the seal of disapproval upon many of the methods of his predecessor in doing business. A list hastily prepared today is as follows:

- Disuse of simplified spelling; through no longer spelled "thru."
- Abandonment of the evidence obtained by the bureau of corporations on criminal prosecutions.
- Abandonment of plan of recommending details of legislation to congress.
- Rejection of the plan creating commissions and expending money without the authority of congress.
- Reversal of the policy instituted by the Roosevelt administration of closing the Pensacola and New Orleans navy yards.
- Departure from the policy of appointing negroes to office in the south over the protest of a majority of white citizens.
- Long messages to congress discarded.
- Senators given anew the right to recommend presidential appointments.
- Tennis court deserted; tennis cabinet dispersed.
- New policy in process of formation for enforcing the interstate commerce laws.
- Members of cabinet given the privilege of choosing their assistants.
- Orders issued to officeholders at a distance to "stay on their jobs" and keep away from Washington.
- Luncheon policy discarded; president eats only an apple for lunch.

Company "D" Mustered in.

Captain, C. L. Anderson.
First Lieutenant, C. H. Pilger.
Second Lieutenant, to be filled later.
The order from the state military authorities transferring the Norfolk militia detachment from company "B" of Stanton and converting it into company "D" of the First Nebraska was read Monday evening to the members of the detachment by Second Lieutenant C. L. Anderson at the Norfolk armory. The work of mustering the new company into the state service and of increasing its membership was at once undertaken. By next Monday evening the muster rolls will have been signed up and forwarded to Lincoln.

The election of officers resulted in Second Lieutenant C. L. Anderson being elected the first captain. C. H. Pilger, who has had volunteer and militia service in the past, was elected first lieutenant. The second lieutenant was left vacant to be filled at a later election.

Non-commissioned officers will be appointed later. At present Sergeant E. A. Evanson, who is out of the city, Sergeant Huns M. Anderson and Corporals Leo Horkisley and Lorin Brueggeman represent the full quota of non-commissioned officers, having held over from the detachment. Clifford Parish an Charles Hulac are acting corporals.

Band Serenades.

The Norfolk band in the latter part of the evening visited the armory and serenaded the new organization with a band concert. A smoker and lunch was part of the evening's program. Several speeches were made, Captain Johnson of the parent Stanton company being one of the speakers. Several new enlistments brought the strength of the company up to thirty-three.

Some Politics at Winside.

Winside, Neb., March 30.—There are four tickets in the field here for this year's municipal election, eight candidates for two offices. Clyde T. Ecker, who is chairman for two of the tickets and secretary for a third, says that "from the reports of workers in every part of the city, straw votes and all other mediums for gaining the confidence of the voters, there is no doubt of the election of all of them by overwhelming majorities."

START ON BIG BRIDGE.

H. M. Tripp Arrives at Valentine Ready to Begin Work.
Valentine, Neb., March 30.—Special to The News: H. M. Tripp, engineer in charge of the Valentine revision, with his several assistants, arrived here this last week to open offices and direct work of building the new railroad bridge and cut off east of Valentine. The bridge is to be a big one and will take over a year to build and there will be about 300 men employed in building it.

Alleged Rustlers Bound Over.

Valentine, Neb., March 30.—Special to The News: The two alleged horse-thieves charged with stealing the big bunch of horses from near Merriman a couple of weeks ago, had their preliminary here yesterday before Judge Quigley and were bound over to district court.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

City Clerk Ed Harter is in Lincoln. Snowden Hook of Creighton was in Norfolk Tuesday on his way to Atkinson.
W. H. Stevens of Gregory, S. D., was in Norfolk between trains Tuesday.
W. L. Dowling of Madison was in Norfolk Tuesday on his way from Wayne to Tilden.
Pat Stanton of Tilden was in Norfolk yesterday, having been in Madison on county seat business.
Mrs. G. D. Butterfield arrived home last evening from Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. Butterfield, who was detained on

business, will arrive home this evening.

Mrs. Fechner, Mrs. Hoehne, Miss Pauline Fechner and Walter Fechner of Stanton were in Norfolk yesterday. Miss Letta M. Stone of Omaha is the guest of Miss Charlotte Hilgen on her way to Gregory to look over the Rosebud. Miss Stone drew \$32 in the Tripp drawing.

I. Sonnenland, the Newman Grove business man who is to open a clothing store in the Marquardt block May 1, is in Norfolk looking for a home in order to bring his family to this city.

Dr. W. R. O'Neill of Wayne was in Missouri Valley to see his uncle, Conductor O'Neill, who has been seriously sick for some time. The latter has been in the Northwestern service since 1873.

Miss Vida Krause, who represents the West Point high school in the declamatory contest, and Miss Oneah Krause, who is on the musical part of the program of the teachers' convention this week, will arrive in Norfolk Wednesday noon and will be the guests of Miss Faye Livingston.

Big Real Estate Deal in Dixon.
Dixon, Neb., March 30.—A local real estate firm have sold 1,040 acres of Dixon county land for a consideration of \$62,800 which they claim is the largest "deal in dirt" ever made in north Nebraska.

The Wednesday club will meet with Mrs. W. N. Huse.
Norfolk gained another citizen through the annexation, when a son was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Krueger in Edgewater park.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nenow have traded their house and lot just east of St. Paul's church for a Holt county quarter section. They will move to Holt county at once.

The Phil Hull will was probated at Madison Monday afternoon without protest. According to the terms of the will Jack Koenigstein and Mrs. A. E. Hull were named as executors. The widow is left the bulk of the estate.

C. J. Fleming, Will Hall and L. P. Pasewalk, a special membership committee from the Commercial club, are meeting with success in soliciting new members. In less than two days' work the committee secured over forty new members. A Commercial club membership of 300 is the aim of the club directors and the committee hopes to approach very close to these figures when it reports at the quarterly meeting of the club April 8.

Under the new rule firm memberships have been abolished and all individuals have been placed on the same basis.

W. N. Huse is in Chicago on business.

H. E. Harly was in Columbus yesterday.

Miss Hattie Manske was down from Pierce yesterday.

C. H. Groesbeck has gone to Denver on a business trip.
J. E. Cordry of Aberdeen, S. D., is visiting his son, D. C. Cordry.

Mrs. C. E. Burnham arrived home last night after her trip east.
Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Marchant have gone to Illinois for a month's visit.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eberling left for Dallas, S. D., where they will make their home.

C. E. Burnham left on the early morning train for Lincoln to attend the funeral of his old-time friend, Al Beemer.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kuhn returned last night from Los Angeles, Cal., where they had been visiting Mrs. Kuhn's parents since February.

George Williams returned last night from a trip to the South Omaha market. In Omaha Mr. Williams met a stockman from Bloomfield who told him that actual work is being done on the Yankton-Norfolk bridge across the Missouri river.

William McDonald of Meadow Grove was in Norfolk this morning on his way to Madison on business connected with his office as deputy assessor. Mr. McDonald has largely disposed of his interests at Meadow Grove and will leave for the Pacific Coast Monday. Mr. McDonald has been interested in coast county investments before.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: C. O. Shane, C. Hagedorn and sons, A. T. Lybolt, Brunswick; J. H. Claus, Madison; F. Vilbard, Verdel; Willard Sisson; St. Edward; Robert Schwarz, Wisner; W. L. Dowling, Madison; F. J. Pratt, Humphrey; Walter Plank, Madison; E. E. Cartney, Battle Creek; J. S. DeForest, Creighton; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cheney, Creighton; Ben Tekalsky, Leon Pavik, Verdigre; R. V. Wilson, Butte.

Only three smallpox cases are now under quarantine at Fremont.
J. S. DeForest of Creighton, who is well known in Norfolk, is to take charge of Campbell Brothers' circus band.

Perry Covert has resigned his position as clerk in the trainmaster's office at the Junction to accept a place as timekeeper in the Northwestern gravel pits at Atkinson.

It is understood that another effort to secure the liberty of Pat Chandler, now in the county jail, will be made when district court convenes at Madison on April 9.

The new King turbine engine ordered some time ago by the electric light company has been received. The engine will furnish 350 horse-power and is expected to materially improve the service.

Postal cards pictures of L. M. Wolf and a party of hunters in Montana have been received in Norfolk, showing a number of big game. Mr. Wolf, who formerly lived here, is now foreman of a steam dredge.

Yankton Press-and Dakotan: The Milwaukee has a big carload of lumber for the Yankton-Norfolk and will

be interesting to watch the big timbers go into place with the Nebraska shore as the objective point.

The movement of the potato crop, now over, has amounted to about 500 cars, which have passed through Norfolk for eastern markets. Gordon, Ainsworth, Rushville and Hay Springs are the biggest potato shipping points in north Nebraska.

There was recently installed in the Nebraska National bank in connection with the automatic telephone a new sound muffler box, which is not only something entirely new in Norfolk but which is one of only half a dozen instruments in the state. The sound muffler is a case inclosing the telephone and serves as a private booth. The sound muffler is valuable because banks often have important telephone talks relative to checks and drafts which are presented and outside business generally.

The McAllister Contest at Neligh.
Neligh, Neb., March 30.—Special to The News: On Friday evening of last week in the auditorium was held the third annual W. L. McAllister prize contest, open to the students of Gates academy. The admission was free, and is stated that fully 500 people were present.

The subject of the oration was: "Conservation of our National Resources." Seven students, four boys and three girls were entered in the contest. All did excellent work and showed considerable efforts had been put forth in the preparation, and held the close attention of the large and appreciative audience.

Wallace Taylor won the first prize of \$10 and Harry Johnston the second prize. Music during the evening was furnished by Mr. McCollough, Miss Leona Shenefeldt and Mr. Voget, violinist. Mr. Voget, who was ably accompanied by Miss Beattie Dayton, completely captured the audience by his fine rendering of selections and was repeatedly encored.

Mr. McAllister received congratulations on all sides for the interest he has aroused in these contests. He not only donated the prize, but also paid the entire expense of the auditorium.

LAWYER FIGHTS HIM.

Epithet Is Followed by Slugging Match—Crowd Urges Punishment.
Amour, S. D., March 30.—The sequel to the week's term of court held here in the Cantonville bankruptcy case terminated immediately after court adjourned.

Mr. Cantonville applied a disgusting epithet to Attorney T. J. Spangler, of Mitchell, attorney for the prosecution, who resented it and proceeded to take it out of Cantonville's hide. The latter bellowed like a loon, crying, "Take him off!"

But the bystanders urged, "Give it to him!"
Several severe scratches are the sum total of the injuries.

TALK OF ELECTRIC LINE.

C. H. Cornell of Valentine Drives Over Prospective Route.
Valentine, Neb., March 30.—Special to The News: C. H. Cornell, who owns the franchise of a water power on the Niobrara river near here, returned from Chicago accompanied by Mr. Collins, an engineer, who on viewing the power site started across country with Mr. Cornell looking for a feasible route over paying territory for an interurban railroad with Valentine as initial point. They visited Sparks, Norden, Springview, Burton, Mills, Jamison, Naper and Butte near which place it is proposed forming a junction with the Northwestern railroad. Mr. Cornell returned home last night via Norfolk. Mr. Collins proceeding on to Chicago. They found a large and productive territory to draw from, the people hungry for a road, and Mr. Collins feels sanguine that a third rail, interurban water power electric road can be made profitable. In all probability a company will be formed shortly for that purpose.

Take Long Shot at Saloons.

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 30.—Special to The News: An important feature of the state liquor license law will be determined as the result of injunction proceedings which have just been instituted and in which the members of the town board of Goodwin township, Deuel county, are the defendants. The injunction restrains the board from issuing a liquor license, the application for the injunction being based upon unusual grounds. Those who secured the restraining order contend that at the recent annual election a majority of the voters of the township, counting all those who voted and those who did not vote at the recent election, did not vote favorably to the issuance of licenses for saloons, although a majority of those who did vote declared themselves in favor of such licenses being issued by the township. Those who secured the restraining order intimate that if the state circuit court does not take this view of the matter, an appeal will be taken to the state supreme court. On the face of it there would appear to be little doubt that license had carried and that those who did not vote upon the proposition should not be taken into consideration, but it is a question which has never been determined by the state supreme court and the anti-saloon people appear anxious to carry a test case to that court. Beresford had a somewhat similar case last year, but it was adjusted before it had reached the state supreme court.

WOMAN STRANDED BY TIPS.

Wife of New York Jeweler Explains That Employes of Boat Got Surplus.
Boston, Mass., March 30.—Because she spent her last cent tipping the

steward, stewardess, waiters, and other employes of the liner Mantou, here from Antwerp, Mrs. Lica Feinman, wife of a rich New York jeweler, is temporarily detained at the Long Wharf immigration station with her two children and her young sister until her husband can come from New York or telegraph money.

Mrs. Feinman, to the surprise of the immigration officials, was penniless, although she had the attire and aspect of a woman of means. She had railroad tickets to New York for herself and the three children, but did not have even the price of car fare to get them from the dock to the South station.

Mrs. Feinman explained that it was really her fault that she was penniless. "I am to blame," she said. "My husband had sent me enough money and would have cabled me more if I had asked him. But I thought I had enough. But our steamer tickets and railroad fare and other expenses cost me more than I had thought. I had some money left when we took the boat at Antwerp, but I gave that away in the usual tips to employes on the boat."

Real Estate Transfers.

Real estate transfers for the week ending March 27, 1909, compiled by the Madison County Abstract & Guarantee Co., office with Mapes & Hazen.

Burt Mapes and wife to Joseph Lampe, W. D. Cons. \$5,000. N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of 24-22.

Adella Blatt and husband to the City of Norfolk, W. D. Cons. \$175. Part of 26-24-1.

Heirs of Leroy Stanley to Mary C. Stanley, W. D. Cons. \$6,000. Part of lots 1 and 2, block 4, Tilden.

E. S. Bley to John F. Klug, W. D. Cons. \$3,500. The north 69 feet of lot 6, block 1, Koenigstein's Fourth Addition to Norfolk.

Auguste Braesch to Cora C. Buckley, W. D. Cons. \$3,000. Lots 4 and 5, block 2, Deiderman's Second Addition to Norfolk.

Clinton S. Smith to Edward Voss, W. D. Cons. \$450. Lot 8, block 31, Barnes' Sixth Addition to Madison.

Henry F. Kennedy to Patrick Stanton, W. D. Cons. \$800. Lots 1, 2 and 3, block 17, Riverside Park Addition to Norfolk.

Libbie J. Gow to Emma Tappert, W. D. Cons. \$250. Lot 11, block 13, Durand's Addition to Norfolk.

Herman Hogrefe to Bertha A. Benning, W. D. Cons. \$250. SW 1/4 6-21-2.

Mary A. Kidder et al to Carl Dreft, W. D. Cons. \$100. The W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of 21-24-1.

Mike Raber to Albert Roemert, W. D. Cons. \$8,950. NW 1/4 of 4-22-4.

Barry E. McQueen to Myrtle V. Oppermann, W. D. Cons. \$1,800. Lots 1 and 2, block 2, Pasewalk's Third Addition to Norfolk.

Lillian D. Garver to Charles W. Sprout, W. D. Cons. \$11,200. SW 1/4 of 23-22-2.

M. C. Garrett, Referee, to Lillian D. Garver, Referee's Deed. Cons. \$11,200. SW 1/4 of 23-22-2.

Mathias Jasper to Joseph Jasper, W. D. Cons. \$6,800. S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of 36-21-3.

Carl Prauner to Herman Eyl, sr., W. D. Cons. \$4,000. W 1/2 of SW 1/4 and the W 1/2 of the W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of 7-23-2.

Water Bond Election.

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 30.—Special to The News: The trustees of Proquois have called a special election, to be held on Tuesday, April 6, at which the proposition of issuing bonds in the sum of \$3,000 for the providing of a water supply for the municipal waterworks system and the construction of a pump house and elevated tank will be submitted to the voters.

AMONG OLD TIME FRIENDS.

Editor Cotton of the Ainsworth Star-Journal Tells of Norfolk Visit.
John M. Cotton in the Ainsworth Star-Journal: The trip down to Norfolk a week ago was a very pleasant one to the writer of these paragraphs. It has always been a pleasure to visit Norfolk, probably the best town in America of its size—under 5,000 inhabitants. They are a good bunch, those Norfolk citizens, and they not only know how to push their town to the front, but to welcome the stranger within their gates and make him feel like he was at home.

Among the old time friends whose acquaintance was renewed on that occasion were the following:
Postmaster John R. Hays, who, when county superintendent of Storey county, Iowa, gave the writer his first teacher's certificate. John R. has always had a word of cheer for the ambitious boy or girl and he keeps up that work to this day.

N. A. Rainbolt, a retired capitalist of Norfolk, whom the writer has known since a little boy—back at Ames, Iowa. Mr. Rainbolt goes fishing now when he feels the impulse to do some great thing, where formerly he used to spend the time in business. He is enjoying pretty good health now as a result of this change in his manner of life.

Jim Stitt, a prince among the Nebraska architects, is still the same Jim Stitt, and is doing even better work in his line than he used to do.

Knox Tipple, who, some dozen years ago, used to run the Pacific hotel—then the best house in northern Nebraska. If there is a man any where who knows better how to run a hotel than Knox Tipple did then, the writer would like to see him—and Knox is a bachelor at that. He is boarding at the Oxnard now and enjoying life.

Dr. Francis A. Bryant, who wrote that masterful story of Aztec life—"A Romance of Two Lives"—is still at Norfolk following his profession.
Dr. Alexander Bear—stately and

digitized as ever, and enjoying a fine practice. The writer's acquaintance with Dr. Bear dates back to the time when he was Senator Bear in 1875.

M. D. Tyler and Burt Mapes, two as good lawyers as Nebraska holds within her borders—both enjoying a fine practice.

W. H. Weeks and wife, the new publishers of the Norfolk Press—both first class and up to date newspaper people. The writer knew Weeks years ago when he published the Scribner News.

The writer did not get to see the Huse of The News, but saw the boys, and they are making good every day in the year—getting out the best daily paper in a town of that size that can be found any where on earth. Nor did he get to see Dr. Mackay, a fine physician, and one of the ablest writers in Nebraska. If Dr. Mackay would devote his attention to literature he might rival Dr. S. Wier Mitchell and Dr. Woods Hutchinson.

H. M. Bushnell of the Lincoln Trade Review, president of the association, an old time friend of the writer. Bush is accumulating a gray moustache and some gray hairs on the back of his head, while the bald spot on top grows larger and larger, but he is the same big hearted Bush as of days gone by.

There are many more but this list is as long as our space will permit.

Fear'd to Put on Trousers.

New York, March 30.—The jury sitting in the suit of Mrs. A. E. Herman, costumer, against Mrs. Louise Carter Payne, actress, for the price of certain costumes for the actress' productions, "La Tosca" and "Camille," gave its undivided attention to some expert testimony as to "fits" today.

The expert in question is Phyllis LaFond, who is to play the part of the boy in "La Tosca." She said the coat and waistcoat of the costume were not just what they should be, but that was not the principal trouble. To be frank, she finally let it be known that the principal trouble was that the "pants" were too tight, so snug, in fact, that she was afraid to try to squeeze into them lest something break.

Miss Blanchard, another member of Mrs. Carter's company, showed how she thought some of the costumes ought to fit. One of the jurors did not know what an empire gown was so she illustrated by showing on herself where the waist line came in such a gown.

Lad Killed by Brother.

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 30.—Special to The News: Particulars have reached here of the accidental death of Henry, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Egger, who reside on a farm in the southeastern portion of Faulk county. The unfortunate boy met death at the hands of his own brother. Together with the brother and a companion the dead boy was engaged in hunting ducks. A 22-calibre rifle held in the hands of the brother was prematurely discharged, the ball striking the lad in the back of the head. He became unconscious and remained in this condition until his death about six hours later. The brother has been nearly crazed by the accident and the tragic death of his little brother. A physician was on the scene as promptly as possible but was unable to save the life of the boy.

TAKS KEEPS A COW.

Jersey is Given Liberty of Rear Yard at White House.
Washington, March 30.—The Tafts are keeping a cow. It is a nice, pacific creature, with soft brown spots as big as tubs scattered here and there over a pelt which is otherwise a fawn color. Owing to the fact that its horns have been eliminated it is warranted not to hook.

The Jersey animal showed up on the White House lawn last week. She had been purchased by Mrs. Taft that the White House table might be supplied at all times with pure milk. Explicit orders appear to have been given that she may roam the rear expanse of the executive grounds at will, cropping the luscious grass blades as they appear. At night bossy occupies one of the stalls in the White House stables.

Richard Davidge, one of the stablemen, does the caretaking and procures the great jar of foamy rich milk which is sent each night and morning to the White House kitchen. He dons a special white uniform while attending to this process.

Near Drowning in Keya Paha.

Burton Independent: In attempting to ford the Keya Paha river on his way to Broxburg, Peter Phillips, father-in-law of W. E. Boyd, of Burton, met with an accident that came near proving fatal to him. When midway of the stream the donkeytrucks broke, overturning the buggy, which floated down stream, turning over and over with the swift tide which was running at that time. It was about twenty-five feet from the point of the accident before Mr. Phillips could free himself from the mix-up, when assistance came he was pretty well used up, and some time elapsed after reaching safety before he was able to proceed on his way.

HATS OFF IN CHURCH.

Fremont Methodists Vote Down Easter Millinery Exhibit.
Fremont Herald: Complimentary to the men, who object to craning their necks so as to look past a big, fluffy hat to watch the minister while he delivers his sermon on Sunday mornings, the ladies of the Methodist church have decreed that women shall not wear such creations in church hereafter. The action was taken at a recent meeting of the general aid society. The motion was passed in the

face of a strong opposition that wanted the matter deferred until after Easter in order that the ban would not affect the wearing of the Easter bonnets.

New Citizens Can't Vote.

Norfolk's newest residents, citizens of the territory recently annexed to this city, can not vote at the coming city election. After looking up the statutes and court opinions on the matter Norfolk lawyers have agreed that the statute requiring three months' residence within the city limits before a citizen can take part in the city election operates against the voters in the new additions.

Democrats Take Matter Up.

Believing the matter to be one of importance, the Democratic city central committee, through its chairman Dr. J. H. Mackay, has obtained a written opinion from former Senator William V. Allen of Madison, on the matter. Senator Allen, in his opinion, which is of some length, takes the question up in detail, concluding as follows: "I do not believe the words, 'the benefits of and be subject to the ordinance and regulations of such village or city' would give the right to vote at this election. This is evidently a legislative omission as there is no justice in preventing them from participating in the election. This section constructed with other provisions of the statute, which prescribe the length of time a person shall have been a resident of the municipality before being entitled to vote, would, in my judgment, deprive these people from the right of franchise at this time."

Additions Are Democratic.

While both parties would gain additional strength from the new citizens' vote, the net gain, it is believed, would be in favor of the Democrats as the additions are counted as rather strongly Democratic.

Blind Pupils to Give Play.

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 30.—Special to The News: One of the most unique public entertainments ever given in the state will be given in the near future by a number of the pupils of the state school for the blind at Gary. Although blind, the pupils will present a play and are expected to be trained so well that they will be able to move about the stage and present their parts as well as any amateur players who have their eyesight. The pupils who will take part in the play are being drilled by Mr. and Mrs. Scoles, theatrical people of unusual ability, and by teachers and others.

Horse Stolen at Neligh.

Neligh, Neb., March 29.—Special to The News: A horse was stolen last night from the barn of A. J. Dean, a farmer living one mile east and two miles north of Neligh.

The man suspected of taking the horse has worked for Dean during the fall and winter. He went by the name of Lou Hunt and is described as a dark complexioned young man, twenty years old, with a short white mustache, and weighing about 195 pounds.

The horse was a light bay with three white feet and one black, weighing about 1,100 pounds, and with a star on the face. The horse was considered a valuable animal by the owner. The county has been asked to offer a reward.

Drainage a Problem Now.

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 31.—Special to The News: In the old days in South Dakota, when the rainfall was not as well distributed as in these later days, it was customary for farmers living in that part of the state which lies over the great artesian basin to "club together" for the sinking of artesian wells, this being done to reduce the expense to any one individual. The water secured from these wells was necessary in some parts of the state to produce crops. Water from the wells was equally distributed over the farms of those who had contributed to the cost of the wells by means of ditches.

In these modern days, so wonderful has been the change in South Dakota, the farmers' thoughts are not turned to securing an artificial supply of water to add to the regular rainfall, but to getting rid of surplus supplies of water. The rainfall has been so great during the past few seasons in many parts of the state that much valuable land has been flooded and rendered worthless for the raising of crops.

In some localities the counties have constructed drainage ditches to carry away the excess of water and reclaim the flooded lands. In counties where these drainage ditches have not yet been constructed at county expense the farmers themselves have to bear the burden of draining their flooded lands.

Elect Pilger Teachers.

Pilger, Neb., March 31.—Special to The News: At a meeting of the Pilger school board the following teachers were elected yesterday:
Superintendent, Professor A. J. Hargett; assistant principal, Miss Rich, retained; Miss Blackstone, retained; Miss Jones, Miss White, Miss Olson, primary, retained.

TAFT FAVORS NO TAX.

Northwestern Members Rejoicing in Attitude Taken by Chief Executive.
Washington, March 31.—President Taft is reported as being in favor of placing rough lumber on the free list. His position in this regard is said to have been communicated to the leaders in the house and senate. Accordingly, members from the northwest, who are opposed to either the Dingley or Payne rates on lumber, are jubilant.

It is apparent that the lumber schedule in the Payne bill has excited tremendous opposition. Representative Tawney's charge on the floor of the house that if the bill became a

INDIGESTION ENDS.

You can eat anything your stomach craves without fear of a case of indigestion or dyspepsia, or that your food will ferment or sour on your stomach if you will occasionally take a little Diapensin after eating.