

## LEE McNEELY POSTMASTER.

**Senator Allison's Former Secretary Postmaster of McNeely in Tripp.**

Lee McNeely, private secretary to Senator Allison at the time of the latter's death, has been named as the first postmaster of the new Tripp county town of McNeely, so named in his honor. McNeely is the government townsite fifteen miles straight west of Dallas and was first known as Minneota. It is on the George Lamoureux ranch. The homestead of D. C. Regan, a former hospital attendant, is only three miles away.

## Commissioners' Proceedings.

Madison, Neb., June 29, 190, 1 p. m.—The board of equalization met pursuant to adjournment. Present, Burr Taft, Henry Sunderman and John Malone, county commissioners, and P. W. Ruth, county assessor, and Geo. E. Richardson, county clerk.

On motion the assessment of Eva E. Donaldson, on 6½ acres in the subdivision of the 1/4 of ne 1/4 of ne 1/4, and 1/4 of se 1/4 of ne 1/4 28-24-1, was reduced from \$2,500 to \$1,850, assessed value, on account of apparent gross injustice in overvaluation.

On motion the assessment on nw 1/4 15-2-3, land of Joseph Muck, was raised from \$4,600, actual value, to \$8,500, actual value.

On motion the assessment on lot 3, block 2, Deederman's addition to Norfolk, Neb., was reduced from \$700 to \$500, actual value, on account of apparent gross injustice by overvaluation.

The matter of the assessment of the Crowell Lumber and Grain Co., of Newman Grove, Neb., came up for hearing. Mr. J. A. Linderholm, superintendent of said company, appeared. In the matter of allowing the offset of debts against the book accounts and credits of said company listed at Newman Grove, on motion said offset was not allowed and the sum of \$9,300, book accounts and credits, was added to the assessment of said company at Newman Grove. Richardson voted "yes," Ruth "yes," Malone "yes," Sunderman "no," Taft "yes." Thereupon the Crowell Lumber and Grain Co. made application in writing to the board that the item of \$9,300, book accounts and credits, be stricken from the schedule of said company at Newman Grove, as not property assessable and as having been erroneously listed, and on motion said application was denied.

Crowell Lumber and Grain Co. of Newman Grove, Neb., made application to have assessment on item of merchandise reduced from \$8,000 to \$7,000, actual value, and on motion it was voted to leave said assessment stand as returned by the assessor.

The matter of the assessment of the Farmers' Elevator Co. of Madison, Neb., came up for hearing. M. C. Garrett, secretary, appeared and was sworn and examined. Item of improvements on leased land raised from \$3,000 to \$4,250.

The matter of the assessment of the Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co. at Newman Grove, Neb., came up for hearing. Mr. Toni Drivé appeared for said company. In the matter of allowing the offset of debts against the book accounts and credits of said company, listed at Newman Grove, on motion said offset was not allowed and the sum of \$4,860, book accounts and credits, was added to the assessment of said company at Newman Grove, and thereupon the Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co. made application to the board that the item of \$4,860 be stricken from the schedule of said company at Newman Grove not property assessable and as having been erroneously listed, and on motion said application was denied.

The matter of the assessment of J. A. Pence, at Madison, Neb., came up for hearing, he having appeared before the board, and on motion his assessment was raised from \$3,500 to \$4,300, actual value, on item of merchandise.

The matter of the assessment of the Hume-Robertson-Wycoff Co. came up for hearing. C. E. Pearce, secretary of the company, voluntarily appeared for the company. After examination of the books of said company and of Mr. Pearce as a witness, said matter was dismissed.

In the matter of the personal assessment of Gus. Teske, F. M. Cookingham appeared for Mr. Teske and on motion further hearing was adjourned to July 1, 1909, at 1 p. m., at which time Mr. Teske is to appear.

The assessment of the Herrington Drug Co., at Newman Grove, was by agreement raised on item of merchandise from \$2,250 to \$3,200, actual value.

On motion the board then adjourned to July 1, 1909, at 1 p. m.

Geo. E. Richardson,

County Clerk.

## Battle Creek News.

The Lutheran mission fest last Sunday was well attended in the afternoon. Thunder storms prevented a good crowd in the morning. The collection on this occasion amounted close to \$100. Among the guests from outside were: Mr. and Mrs. August Reikovsky, Mr. and Mrs. Nic Petersen and Mrs. M. Souler of Tilden; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Jonas and daughter, Miss Hattie Jonas, Mr. and Mrs. Benning of Norfolk; Rev. E. Just of Green Garden, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reikovsky of Warmerville.

If the robins and bluejays would eat potato bugs now instead of cherries, it would be benefit in our vicinity.

J. B. Landreth and Joe Miles were here Friday from Tilden.

Mrs. Guy Denel and daughter of Walhill, Neb., were visiting here the latter part of last week at the T. M. Morris home.

E. C. Mertz has opened a real estate office in the Sevra building, on the south side of Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hawkins were here Friday from Meadow Grove.

Miss Bertha Lampert has taken a position in W. L. Boyer's general store.

About 4 o'clock Saturday morning lightning struck the barn of Andy Collins, near Blakely, and killed his four work horses.

Mrs. Dolle Endres and two daughters of Norfolk were visiting here Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pratt.

Mrs. John Peters and Mrs. S. Kubits visited from Saturday till Monday with Reimer Hintz and family at Neigh.

James Mink, who lives south of here, is seriously ill at this writing.

Henry Stuckwisch is building a new farm on the north of the Elkhorn river.

Mrs. Lizzie Carrabine and son, Tim, of Norfolk, visited here from Saturday till Monday with her sister, Mrs. T. D. Preece and family.

Dr. Warren R. Hall of Iowa Falls, Ia., a graduated dentist of the Creighton university at Omaha, arrived here Monday and opened up an office in the Sevra building.

Sam Kent, sr., was here Monday from Kent Sliding, visiting relatives.

Mrs. John Wade was here from Norfolk Saturday for a brief visit with relatives.

C. P. Hicks of Mullen, Hooker county, is here on an extended visit at the home of his friend, Shine Osborn.

James Clark has bought the old "blue front" restaurant building, on Main street, now occupied by Matt Wagner for a billiard hall. The building belonged to John Rodges, at Bone-steel, S. D.

Mrs. T. D. Preece, accompanied by her children, went to Norfolk Tuesday for a visit with relatives.

W. R. Martin of Schoocroft, candidate for republican nomination for sheriff, was here Tuesday viewing his political fences.

Miss May Willis, resigned deputy postmistress, will soon depart for the Pacific coast for an extended visit with relatives.

Herman Eyl went to Hot Springs, S. D., Sunday for the benefit of his health.

Barney Barnes, who had been visiting here about one week with relatives, returned to his home at Cody Sunday.

Mrs. Luella Hoover visited the latter part of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tom James, at Tilden.

Fred C. Miller's large new house is nearly completed. It will be the finest dwelling in East Battle Creek.

Oliver Cunningham was here Monday from Maple Grove.

M. L. Thomsen made a business trip to Platt Center Monday.

## Railroad News.

About 500 cars of cattle from Texas have been brought north this season by the Northwestern road and delivered in western Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming to feed. That is about as many as usual, but the rapid settlement of some parts of what was in former years range country by homesteaders, especially about Belle Fourche, shows how the land is being taken up. The farmers there and in some parts of western Nebraska take small bunches of cattle to graze and the big ranchers take less, for the open range is being narrowed gradually. The Northwestern officials say that in the Nebraska sand hills and in Wyoming there is still a great deal of range.

Lynch Journal: A car of coal was bunted off the east end of the coal chute Saturday evening while switching up a couple of cars to be unloaded. The chute end of the car dropped the chute and hung there as the coal had been used from that end of the car while it stood on the siding. A brakeman on the car felt that his time was of short duration for a few minutes. Monday morning the wrecking crew arrived and pulled the car down by fastening a rope to the west end and pulling it to the east. The car came down on end and, after balancing for a half minute, fell to the south, crashing into a car of gravel on the house track, thus closing up two of the tracks. The eastbound passenger was taken around on the siding, as was also the westbound at 11 o'clock. Along with quite a crowd we watched the wreckers straighten up the car and place it back upon its wheels.

## PRAYERS AFTER BALL GAME.

## Novel Plan of Pastors at Central City, to Secure Crowds.

Omaha, July 6.—The people of Central City, Neb., especially the religious ones, have hit upon a plan for getting out crowds to the church services, at least during the hot months. There are five Protestant churches in town and five pastors.

## HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

## Tenth Annual Meeting Held at Oakdale Last Week.

The tenth annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church of the North Nebraska conference was held at Oakdale last week.

Central City has a baseball team in which the citizens feel considerable pride. Sunday games are the regular thing and they draw like a four-horse team. Now the pastors propose to make this team draw people to the religious services. The Protestant churches have united their forces and have taken in the Y. M. C. A. The plan is to have union services each Sunday afternoon, until cooler weather sets in, at the baseball park. The games are called at 4 o'clock, and as soon as they are over the grounds will be in charge of the church people, who will open regular services, including prayers, singing and sermons. In this way it is expected that not only will the church members be caught, but that many of those who go to see the game will remain.

The pastors have not placed a ban

on people going to the ball games, yet of course, they would rather that they would stay away and come to the lot about the time of the commencement of the church program.

There is not a pastor in the town who approves of Sunday ball, but they contend that there are many things worse and that if the people will attend the services after the close of the games a whole lot of good will be accomplished. In fact, they declare that if they will do this it will be better for them and for the churches than to have these same people remain away from church and loaf on lawns or on the sidewalks Sunday evenings.

## Victor Held for Murder.

Aberdeen, S. D., July 6.—Emil Victor, the farm hand employed by John Morrow of Rudolph, who was arrested on suspicion of having murdered J. W. Christie, his wife and daughter Mildred and 15-year-old Michael Ryan, has been held to await the action of the courts.

## Much in Store Theatrically.

Seattle, July 6.—The national convention of the National Woman Suffrage association elected the following officers: President, Rev. Anna H. Show, Moylan, Pa.; first vice president, Mrs. Rachael Foster Avery, Swarthmore, Pa.; second vice president, Mrs. Florence Kelley, New York; corresponding secretary, Miss Kate M. Gordon, New Orleans; recording secretary, Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, Chicago; treasurer, Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, Warren, Ohio; first auditor, Miss Clara, Lexington, Ky.; second auditor, Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, Boston.

The question of the next convention city was left to the general officers for decision. The candidates were Sioux Falls, S. D., and Washington, D. C.

The general officers had recommended Washington to the convention, but when their choice was made the financial inducement offered by the Sioux Falls business men had not been submitted.

In the convention the argument that to hold the national convention in Sioux Falls just before election would swing South Dakota into the suffrage column was used very effectively. The matter did not come to a vote, however, a motion to refer to the general officers prevailing.

## George Countryman, Coroner.

## Money Back from Guinness.

Aberdeen, S. D., July 6.—Asle Helgelein, brother of Andrew Helgelein, who was one of the victims of Belle Guinness, the ogress of the LaPorte, Ind., murder farm, has been awarded a verdict in court in Indiana for \$3,145, being the sum the woman secured from his brother, together with interest at 6 per cent.

The case was not contested stringently, the plaintiff being required to show that Mrs. Guinness secured the money. This was done by submitting letters from the brother after he had gone to LaPorte to Asle, who lives near here, and also letters from the woman to Asle after he had become suspicious of his brother's fate. There was also submitted a letter of the victim to his slayer.

Asle Helgelein has made three trips to LaPorte to adjust the suit, and says that the opinion now generally prevails that the woman fled perished in the house which was burned on the murder farm.

## Belden Hit by Fire.

Belden, Neb., July 6.—A fire which started in the dry goods store of Westrop and Harper wiped out an entire block of the town. The postoffice burned, Martin's jewelry store, a pool hall, a saloon, a hardware store and milk depot were entirely consumed. Loss, \$75,000. The mail in the post office was saved. The fire was of incendiary origin.

## Race Horse Falls On Rider.

Dallas, S. D., July 6.—Special to The News: In a running race here yesterday, during the Fourth of July celebration, Charles Bourne's horse, ridden by Thomas McMann, fell upon the rider.

McMann's ankle was broken and he sustained other injuries.

The carnival will continue all the week. Large crowds are in attendance.

## RESTORED TO THE COMPANY.

## Federal Officer Ordered to Release Locomotive.

Sioux Falls, S. D., July 6.—Judge Carland of the United States court, discharged the levy under which a deputy United States marshal on Saturday took possession of a locomotive belonging to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway company, to satisfy a judgment awarded Mrs. Marie Webster of Madison, by a federal jury for a little more than \$6,000 for the death of her husband while in the employ of the railroad company.

The levy was discharged on the ground that it was an illegal levy, for the reason that the locomotive, when seized was attached to a passenger train hauling United States mail, which was about to depart for Sioux City and Chicago.

## Reception to Mrs. Taylor.

Madison, Neb., July 6.—Special to The News: A reception was tendered last night to Mrs. Emma Taylor, who has made her home in Madison for three years and who leaves now for her former home in Prairie City, Ia. Mrs. Taylor has been a very active member of the Rebekah lodge and it was at the front of the church and followed downward, tearing loose a good portion of the sheathing and siding, splitting a part of the studding and throwing plaster all over the floor of the building. Part of the arch over the door was split and a portion of the foundation and the front steps were jarred loose. No part of the building was burned. The damage is reckoned at from \$200 to \$400, as nearly the entire front will have to be removed and rebuilt.

## Bank of Burke to Quit.

Burke Gazette: The various properties of the Bank of Burke were this week purchased jointly by the Burke State bank and the German American bank, and it will be discontinued as soon as Mr. Keville can liquidate its affairs. The affairs of the bank were not transferred and do not enter into the deal at all. Mr. Keville will pay his depositors, make his own collections, and quit business.

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The young people of Oakdale, Tilden and Elgin furnished some excellent music for the convention.

Mrs. Taylor is a sister-in-law of Editor Blackman of the Chronicle and has been working in the Chronicle office.

## Meyer County May Open Soon.

There is a well defined report circulating in the Rosebud country to the effect that Meyer county will be opened to settlement within the next year and a half, according to Fred M. Hawksworth, one of the fifty-seven Norfolk land winners in Tripp county, who is in town from his homestead for a few days. "I believe Tripp county will be opened next year," he said.

## New Settlers "Good Fellows."

Mr. Hawksworth, who was a commercial traveler for the Standard Oil company before he drew a claim, is enthusiastic over homesteading. He likes the life and says he wouldn't give it up. Tripp county is settled with a bunch of "good fellows," he says, and life in that region is all the more enjoyable on that account.

A great many homesteaders have already gone into the new territory, and

retary literature. Mrs. Emma Taylor, Plainview; secretary mite boxes, Mrs. James Lough, Norfolk; secretary supplies, Mrs. John Crews, Blair; secretary young people's work, Miss M. Brainard, Oakdale; manager training schools, Mrs. C. E. Dunkin, Oakdale; superintendent temperance work, Mrs. J. H. Oxnam, Norfolk.

by September 1 it is expected that a claim shack will dot every quarter section.

## Some Already Have "Cold Feet."

Some of those who have gone into the new prairie country have already "got cold feet" and have gone back to their former homes.

Mr. Hawksworth says that there are stories on the Rosebud to the effect that the Northwestern will extend from Dallas within a year and there are also stories that the Burlington will build up into that territory.

Mr. Hawksworth says that the sod corn on his farm is eighteen inches high.

## High School Must Be Practical.

At the regular meeting of the board of education, which was held at the home of A. H. Viele last evening, the superintendent's report was received and a few bills allowed. The meeting terminated in a lawn party, in which Mr. Hoffman treated the board to fireworks, Mrs. Viele doing honors with ice cream and cake.

The superintendent's report shows that the average daily attendance for the past year was 70 greater than for the preceding year, and that two more teachers were added to the corps. The average number of pupils per teacher has remained practically the same.