

SOCIETY

Pleasures of the Week.

Mrs. J. Baum entertained the members of her bridge club at a 1 o'clock luncheon on Wednesday. The lunch was a tempting one, and daintily served. Two tables were placed for the game of bridge at which Mrs. Warrick made the highest score. Mrs. Charles Kelsey is a new member in the club. Mrs. C. J. Bullock was an outside guest.

Mrs. W. H. Blakeman entertained a company of sixteen ladies at a pipe organ Kensington Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon hours were pleasantly spent, with needlework and visiting, and at 5 o'clock the hostess served a delicious supper.

Mrs. N. I. Owen entertained a company of twelve ladies at a very pleasant bridge party on Tuesday afternoon. The price went to Mrs. R. B. McKinney. After the pastebords were laid aside, Mrs. Owen served a delicious two course supper.

The ladies of the First Congregational church enjoyed a meeting in the home of Mrs. Burt Mapes on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. G. T. Sprecher and Mrs. D. Rees assisted Mrs. Mapes.

About twenty friends treated John Schwichtenberg to a surprise Sunday night when they called on him. Music was a feature of the evening, refreshments being served later.

The West Side Whist club enjoyed a pleasant evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bullock on Friday. Mrs. Bullock served refreshments at the close of the games.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Second Congregational church met with Mrs. Huffman on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Asa K. Leonard entertained the ladies of Trinity Guild at a social session on Thursday afternoon.

Coming Events.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Koenigstein have issued invitations for dinner parties next Wednesday evening, Jan. 24, and Thursday evening, Jan. 25.

Wilson-Readinger.

West Point, Neb., Jan. 26.—Special to The News: Howard B. Wilson and Miss Irene Readinger were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Judge and Mrs. T. D. Readinger, Rev. L. J. Powell, pastor of the English Lutheran church, performing the wedding ceremony. The groom is in the employ of the West-Schneider-Fowler company at West Point and the bride is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in the city. The couple departed immediately after the ceremony on a bridal trip to Kansas City and other points, and will be at home to their friends at West Point after Feb. 1. They will make their home at West Point.

The bride lived in Norfolk for a short time a few years ago. She is a sister of Mrs. George Kendall of this city.

A BLOW TO WILSON.

Attack by Col. Watterson Will Injure His Prospects.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The Woodrow Wilson candidacy for the democratic presidential nomination has sustained a staggering blow as a result of the governor's loss of the support of Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, and Col. George Harvey, editor of Harper's Weekly.

This is the private opinion of democratic politicians here, not excluding the warm supporters of the New Jersey schoolmaster. He is charged with the most heinous offense known in politics—ingratitude—and he will be deprived of the support of politicians swayed by that powerful incentive of activity: "What is there in it for us?"

Col. Watterson was present when Col. Harvey talked over with Gov. Wilson his candidacy and launched the boom. Col. Watterson issued a statement this week in which he said he had hoped to find Wilson another Tilden, but that he fears Gov. Wilson is rather a schoolmaster than a statesman.

Dakota Press Association.

Yankton, S. D., Jan. 26.—The South Dakota Press association elected the following officers:

President—Carl McCaffery of the Howard Press.

Vice-President—Hans Demuth of the Sioux Falls Herald.

Treasurer—Harry Struress of the Beechford Republican.

Secretary—J. F. Halliday of the Iroquois Chief.

Cotton Mills Reopen.

Manchester, Eng., Jan. 26.—The dispute in the cotton trade which culminated in a lockout affecting 300,000 men on Dec. 27, has been settled. The question at issue was the employment of non-union labor. All the mills will be reopened on Monday.

HE WON'T DRINK ANY MORE.

Well Known Lead Druggist Suicides When Doctor Gives Advice.

Lead, S. D., Jan. 26.—Warned by a physician to whom he was talking in his drug store here last evening, that he must stop drinking, C. L. Stillman, a well known druggist, excused himself and then put a bullet into his brain. He will die.

Stillman smiled when the doctor gave advice, and replied: "All right, Doc, just wait a minute," and a moment later the shot was heard. Stillman is 45 years old and

came here fifteen years ago from Columbus. His recently divorced wife and child reside in Omaha.

Athletes Try For Olympia.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Many athletes who are expected to represent this country in the Olympic games at Stockholm next summer will compete in the eighteenth annual indoor field meet of the First Regiment Athletic association here tonight. Among the teams are representatives of Notre Dame university, the University of Chicago, Northwestern university, Lewis institute, the Illinois Athletic club, the Chicago Athletic association and the Gaelic Athletic association. Several unattached athletes also will compete. Only registered athletes in the Amateur Athletic union may participate.

South Omaha Man Testifies.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Edward J. McAdam, office manager for Armour & Co. at its South Omaha plant, was expected to conclude his testimony in the packers' trial before the close of the morning session today. Substantial progress has been made by the government in its case in the last few days. Fifteen witnesses for the prosecution have been heard, and there are still more than fifty to be called. District Attorney Wilkerson has rejected the suggestion of the defense for the court to appoint an expert accountant to examine the books of the packers and compile desired statistical information for use in the trial. He believes the employment of an accountant unnecessary.

MRS. GAGE ASKS DIVORCE.

Premont, Neb., Jan. 26.—Alleging that he had been guilty of extreme cruelty in his conduct toward her, Mrs. Etta Gage filed suit for divorce in district court late yesterday afternoon against her husband, I. P. Gage. She asks for alimony and for the custody of three minor children, Ralph, Wilbur and Ruth.

In her petition Mrs. Gage alleges that her husband mistreated her physically and that he accused her of violating the marriage vows. The charges are somewhat spicy and her attorneys at once withdrew the petition after filing in order to keep its contents from the public eye.

Mrs. Gage is general secretary of the I. O. O. F. and as such has a statewide acquaintance. The family has long been prominent in Premont.

A BRUTAL CHAUFFEUR.

Strikes Boy, Kills Him, Shakes Off Body, Hurries On.

New York, Jan. 26.—The police are looking for a chauffeur who ran down and killed 10-year-old Patrick Fay on an upper west side street and escaped. According to the boy's playmates, his body was hurled into the air and landed on the hood of the automobile, and in order to shake it off the chauffeur "zig-zagged" his machine until the body rolled into the street. One of the boys told the police that he shouted to the chauffeur:

"Mister, you've hit Buster Fay," and that the man replied:

"Oh, that's nothing," and sped away.

The boy got the number of the machine, however, and the police are confident the identity of the man will soon be established.

Educated at West Point.

West Point, Neb., Jan. 26.—Special to The News: Father William McNamara, whose funeral occurred yesterday at Wisner, was brought up in this community and received his early education and a portion of his ecclesiastical training at St. Mary's academy at West Point, under the direction of Very Rev. Joseph Ruesing, resident rector. Father McNamara was much beloved during his sojourn here for his many noble qualities, and his untimely demise is lamented by the entire community irrespective of nationality or creed.

FAIRMONT COMPANY LOSES.

Rate Case is Decided Against Creamery Case by Commission.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The interstate commerce commission dismissed the complaint of the Fairmont Creamery company against the Burlington. The creamery company complained of a rate of 32 cents per ten gallon can of cream from Concordia, Kan., to Crete, Neb., on the ground that the rate was unreasonable in view of the fact that the Burlington had established a rate of 20 cents per ten gallons cream on 100 cans or more shipped from Concordia to Crete by passenger train. This special rate was continued in force until March 1, 1909. On that date the rate was advanced to 32 cents without limitation as to the number of cans shipped.

In September of 1909, a special rate of 20 cents was restored with an increase of the number of cans in each shipment to 100 cans during the summer months, the minimum remaining at 100 cans from October to March of each year. This rate is still in force. The complaint contended the rate was unjust because of a 20 cent rate since 1906 with the exception of six months interval above referred to. Testimony showed that the complaint first suggested the present rate and the commission thought it all right and has no reason now to change its mind.

FIXED BUTTER PRICES.

Charges of Collusion Corroborated in Federal Inquiry.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Charges of collusion between the Chicago butter and egg board and the Elgin board of trade, made by the federal government, were corroborated in testimony given by E. L. McAdams, formerly a member of both boards. Mr. McAdams was the only witness heard during the afternoon session before

Charles B. Morrison, master in chancery. He testified that a large number of Chicago butter and egg board members were also members of the Elgin board of trade during the years he was a member.

His testimony was that the Chicago men, after fixing prices in Chicago, went to Elgin and fixed the prices there to correspond. The government is attempting to show that the commission men and dealers fixed the prices to suit themselves and in order that there might not be a conflict between the Chicago and the Elgin prices dominated the Elgin board of trade.

Colvin Brown, secretary of the Elgin board, and Lee Horden Judson, former secretary, appeared before the committee in the morning. Their testimony was that the Elgin board has a committee of five, known as the quotation committee, which investigated butter conditions and reported the results of such inquiry to the board. The board then fixed prices with this report as a basis.

Oakdale.

Rev. Mr. Snyder and family were busy the latter part of last week and this week moving into the new parsonage.

George Morris has a large outfit at work cutting ice from the mill pond to ship. He has about twenty-five or thirty cars yet to ship if the ice holds out. The ice is sixteen to eighteen inches thick now.

The basement under the Oakdale Drug company was covered to a depth of about two inches with water Tuesday night. The pipe had frozen several days ago, and the water was supposed to have been shut off, but the man at the water works failed to do so, and during the night it thawed out.

Three or four farm sales have taken place in the last month in the country tributary to Oakdale, at prices ranging from \$85 to \$100 an acre. Indications are for considerable land to change hands in the next few months, and at slightly higher prices than last year.

The little baby of R. H. Shain, who has been quite ill with pneumonia, was operated on at the home of H. M. Springer south of town. A slight improvement is noted at this time.

The heating apparatus for the new school building arrived and will be installed as rapidly as possible, so that the interior work can be completed.

The I. O. U. B. social, held in the I. O. U. E. hall last Thursday evening, was attended by about forty people, there being several guests outside of the I. O. U. B. club. The young ladies of the I. O. U. B. club are pronounced royal entertainers by all present.

Mrs. Mary Washburn died last Thursday evening at her home, of pneumonia. She was buried Saturday afternoon in the Oakdale cemetery, services being conducted at the M. E. church by Rev. Mr. Snyder.

C. A. West has purchased a new clarinet and will be a member of the Oakdale band. He has a fine instrument, and as there is at present no regular clarinet player in the band, he will fill a much needed part.

Harry Mason returned to Long Pine Saturday evening, being relieved as manager of Mr. Berger's store here by Mr. Berger himself, who will remain until the stock is closed out. Mr. Mason will assist at the Long Pine store.

Frank Olds, sr., visited his brother at Clearwater Sunday and Monday of this week.

R. H. Lamson suffered a small loss by fire at his farm six miles west of town last Saturday when his windmill and milk house burned to the ground.

Glenn Fisher of Norfolk was visiting in town between trains Monday.

Willis Brown of Naco, Arizona, arrived Monday to visit his daughter, who has been very sick with pneumonia, but the last two days has commenced to improve and an early recovery is looked for.

Charles Strinkfellow returned to Portland Tuesday after having spent several weeks here visiting home folks.

FRIDAY FACTS.

M. C. Hazen went to Lincoln.

Cleo Lederer returned from Pierce.

William Knebel is suffering with an infected lip.

Mrs. R. C. Simmons is visiting Mrs. J. C. Meyers at Butte.

Carl Jenkins of Kalamazoo precinct was a guest of L. P. Pasewalk yesterday.

Sheriff Bennet of Neligh and L. F. Davis of Oakdale brought a patient to the hospital yesterday.

The 11-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Skiff is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

D. H. Cronin, editor of the O'Neill Frontier, passed through Norfolk Friday enroute to Sioux City.

Funeral services over the remains of the infant of Mr. and Mrs. John Napier were held yesterday.

Mrs. T. H. Waters was called to her home in Bloomington, Ill., by the serious illness of a near relative.

Dr. J. C. Meyers, formerly of Norfolk, greeted old friends here on his way from Butte to Lincoln on business.

A large crowd will see the basketball game between the high school and university team in the skating rink this evening.

The W. R. C. will hold a regular meeting Saturday afternoon at 2:30. There will be installation of officers and a social session.

Mart Kane was called to Wisner where his mother in an accidental fall suffered a broken hip. The aged lady is said to be in a critical condition.

Col. A. L. Bixby, poet-philosopher of the Nebraska State Journal, passed through Norfolk yesterday, enroute to Madison, where he delivered a lecture last night.

Charles Lederer, sr., a prominent Pierce county farmer, has rented his

farm and will retire to Pierce. Mr. Lederer held a successful sale at his farm Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bernard, enroute to their home at Plainview from Omaha, were here visiting with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard expect to move to Norfolk permanently very soon.

The case of F. G. Coryell versus Joseph Benish for commission of a land sale, which was found in favor of Benish in the district court at Madison recently, is to be taken up to the supreme court, says Coryell.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Gottlieb Rohrke, the Hadar pioneer, took place in the Hadar Lutheran church Thursday afternoon. Many relatives from Norfolk and the surrounding country were present. Interment was made in Hadar cemetery.

The Nebraska State Horse Breeders' association was organized in Lincoln Wednesday, about 100 farmers from over the state going in as charter members of the organization. Frank Howard of Pawnee City was named as the president, G. L. Carlson of Norfolk vice-president, and A. E. Nelson of Lincoln secretary.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Otto Sellin took place at the Gustav Loebus residence in Edgewater at 1:30 Thursday afternoon. Rev. John Witt of the St. Paul church had charge of the services. Mr. Prues of Winside, of whose church Mrs. Sellin was a member, preached the sermon in the St. Paul church at 2:30. Interment was made in St. Paul cemetery. The pallbearers were: V. A. Nenow, Herman Frohloff, Robert Klug, Julius Kell, Rudolph Wichert, Mr. Tews.

South Norfolk.

Mrs. B. P. Pippin spent the day at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams at Battle Creek yesterday.

Mrs. R. O. Webb and Mrs. Blanche Smythe are expecting their mother, of Omaha for an over Sunday visit.

Ben Wiley was working in the round house yesterday as a machinist helper.

Mrs. Wm. Hill has shipped her household goods to Superior, for which place she and the three children left today. Mr. Hill is acting in the capacity of foreman of the round house there.

AGED 80, BUILDING A FENCE.

Ex-Gov. Larabee of Iowa Will Celebrate His Birthday.

Clermont, Ia., Jan. 19.—When William Larabee, former governor of Iowa, celebrates his eightieth birthday anniversary tomorrow, he will be able to talk Spanish to his guests. He has been gradually acquiring the language during the winter and has made remarkable progress, according to his neighbors. The former executive who is in splendid health, will receive his old friends and former political associates at his beautiful country home near here. Several of Iowa's most prominent citizens are included in the prospective guest list.

Gov. Larabee still actively supervises the work on his country place. He has just finished fencing his place, using cement posts, and doing the greater share of the labor himself.

EXPENSIVE TO BE HONEST.

Wisconsin Berry Retailers May Lose \$25,000 Under New Law.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 19.—A loss of about \$25,000 faces the retailers of berry crates in Wisconsin if the "short measure" berry box law passed by the last legislature be strictly enforced. If this be done, their crates will have to be thrown away or will be confiscated by the state.

Nebraska Democrats to Meet.

Omaha, Jan. 19.—A state wide meeting of Nebraska Democrats has been called by Mayor James C. Dunham of this city to confer on presidential possibilities. The meeting is called following yesterday's conference regarding the action of George Harvey on the candidacy of Gov. Woodrow Wilson and the statement of Col. Henry Watterson. The date of the meeting is not announced but Mayor Dahlman stated today that it would occur in about two weeks. It will be held in the interest of no particular candidate and is called, the mayor says, for the purpose of learning the views of democrats of this state. Mayor Dahlman was formerly national committeeman and candidate for governor in 1910.

BLOODY BATTLE FOUGHT.

1,000 Killed or Wounded in an Ecuador Engagement.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Jan. 19.—Over 1,000 men were killed and wounded in a battle yesterday at Yaguache, to the northeast of this city. An army supporting the government under the command of Gen. Julio Andrade, formerly Ecuadorian minister to Colombia, attacked and defeated an army of Guayaquil troops supporting the provisional government proclaimed by General Montre under the command of Gen. Flavio Alfaro. Gen. Alfaro was wounded during the fight, which was very severe.

Back to Mexican Border.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 19.—The Sixth cavalry stationed at Fort Des Moines, after an absence of nine months, returned from the Mexican border early today. The Sixth is under command of Col. Charles M. O'Connor.

Hear Cement Rate Case.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 19.—A. R. Mackley, special examiner for the interstate commerce commission, today heard the testimony of the railroads and shippers in the case of a number of Kansas cement manufacturers seeking a reduction of freight rates of cement to points in Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and North and South Dakota. Definite action on

their plea was not expected by the shippers for several days.

Omaha Robber Norfolk Man?

Omaha, Jan. 19.—After robbing Mrs. Sylvia Salvo of about \$1,000 worth of diamonds last night in her own apartments, 424 North Sixteenth street, a daring holdup fired a shot at her husband, but was run down and captured by an officer who was attracted by the fleeing robber's full-spread of shots to stop pursuit. The holdup gave his name as J. E. Fredericks of Norfolk.

He claims that he came to Omaha as plaintiff in a suit for damages against a railroad for injuries received in a wreck near McCook last summer at the time several players of the Omaha baseball team were injured. Fredericks secured a room of Mrs. Salvo on Wednesday. The apartments are located over Johnson's saloon, Sixteenth and Cass streets.

Last evening shortly before 8 o'clock Fredericks entered the sitting room, which is used also as an office. Mrs. Salvo was in the room. Her steps were directed to a fire in a stove. Fredericks ordered the woman to give him her money. She supposed at first that he was joking. She discovered that he had a revolver, but told him that she had no money. "I want the diamonds that you carry there," he said, pointing the gun at her bosom.

Fires at Her Husband.

She drew from her corsage a small chain-link sack containing the jewels and gave them to Fredericks. Salvo entered, and he was backed up against the wall on the farther side of the room. The robber overlooked a \$300 diamond brooch which the woman wore. Fredericks fired one shot at Salvo and ran. Salvo, anticipating the shot, had ducked and the bullet lodged in the woodwork of a window about where his head would have been had he not dodged.

Fredericks ran through the hall and out the back way down a flight of stairs. At the front of the stairs he shot at a dog that happened to cross his path. He opened the rear door of the saloon and fired three shots into the place, supposedly to stop pursuit in case of alarm. Vaulting a back fence, Fredericks ran toward the partly completed Estabrook flats on Cass street, near Seventeenth, where he hid. He threw away the empty revolver while running. Officer Hudson, who was attracted by the shots, found Fredericks hiding in the building.

At the police station Fredericks claimed that the woman took his gold watch away from him and that he snatched the diamonds from her corsage in retaliation.

He claims that he had no revolver and fired no shots. Detectives Ring, Vandusen and Heil found a pawn ticket showing where Fredericks had pawned his watch. They also found bullet marks and eye witnesses who corroborated the family's story.

When searched at the police station Fredericks had the diamonds, all mounted in rings, intact in the chain-link sack in an inside pocket. There are five rings. The gems vary in size from a quarter of a carat to stones, up, and cuff buttons of \$5 gold pieces.

No such name as J. E. Fredericks is given in the Norfolk city directory, and no such man is known, so far as The News has learned.

Arrest Four Chicago Robbers.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—In the arrest of four men early today the police believe they captured the gang of saloon robbers which has been operating freely here for weeks. The rashness of the four men in robbing the saloon of Joseph Byrne caused the arrest.

Before closing time they locked Byrne in his icebox and then rifled his cash register. A passerby saw the robbery committed and called the police. The prisoners gave the names of Jerry O'Connor, Lee Lake, Edward Stillwell and William Wholer.

Norfolk Men Are Elected.

Kearney, Neb., Jan. 19.—Special to The News: H. W. Winter of Norfolk was elected president of the State Volunteer Firemen's Association and William McCune, also of Norfolk, was elected chairman of the board of control. These are the two most important offices in the state association. The next convention goes to North Platte.

START CAMPAIGN ON PEKIN.

4,000 Troops Sail, to Begin March on Chinese Capital.

Shanghai, Jan. 18.—Four transports, conveying 4,000 republican troops, chiefly infantry and artillery, sailed today from Woo Sung for Chi Fu. Several transports are lying at Woo Sung prepared to depart for the same destination with further detachments.

This is the beginning of the plan of campaign drawn up by the republican commanders for an advance on Pekin.

The plan as arranged is that five columns shall advance simultaneously from Chi-Fu, through Shang Tung Hu-Peh and Shan-Si, all converging at the capital.

BACK TO THE DUNGEON.

No Freedom for Russian Genius Who Wrote Poetry.

London, Jan. 18.—N. A. Morosoff, the Russian genius who, in spite of the fact that he has spent the greater part of his life in prison or in exile, has made a name for himself for researches in chemical and physical science, has been sentenced to another year's confinement in a fortress in connection with the volume of poems published by him in 1906, according to the current number of Darkest Russia.

Morosoff was first arrested while

he was a student at the University of Moscow for spreading socialist ideas among the peasants. In 1881 he was again arrested in connection with an attempt on the life of Emperor Alexander II, and also on account of his literary activities.

He was kept a prisoner in the fortress of St. Petersburg and St. Paul and Schlusselburg until the revolution of 1905, but was released in October of that year. As soon as he regained his freedom he took to writing poetry, the publication of the first volume leading to his recent arrest.

Commission Plans Hearing.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Protests received by the interstate commerce commission against the advance made in freight in western classification territory, effective Feb. 15 next, will be considered by the commission at a hearing to be held in Chicago beginning on the 9th inst. The object of the commission is to afford shippers to fully present their objections to the proposed changes and to enable the railroads to explain why they consider the changes necessary.

Not Yet Abducted.

Pekin, Jan. 18.—No definite action was taken at the conference of the princes of the imperial clan with the empress dowager. The discussion of the subject of abdication was postponed until Friday owing to the slight indisposition of premier Yuan Shi Kai. Certain of the princes declare that the abdication of the throne is pending.

FEARS FOR GOV. FOSS.

Black Hand Threats Cause Armed Guards to be Stationed There.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 18.—An intimation from an unknown source that Gov. Foss was to be made the object of a black hand attack, presumably because of his activity in the Lawrence strike situation, caused unusual precautions to be taken to guard the governor. His home in Jamaica Plain was surrounded by armed guards, while half a dozen Italian plain clothesmen scoured the neighborhood for bomb throwers. It was reported that black hand agents were coming from New York and the Boston police asked the authorities there to watch outgoing trains and hold up any suspect headed for Boston.

Gov. Foss personally expressed no alarm and would not even admit that threats had been made against him.

Queen Wilhelmina Is Ill.

The Hague, Jan. 18.—Queen Wilhelmina, who recently was reported to have been expecting an interesting family event, and whose hopes for the birth of an heir to the throne were shattered by an illness, is slightly improved. Prof. Krouwer, the eminent gynecologist, who was in attendance on the queen during her last accouchement, remained at the palace throughout the night.

Suicide Leaves Four Tiny Babies.

Gregory, S. D., Jan. 18.—Special to The News: Albert Bizek, former proprietor of the Bohemian saloon, committed suicide here by a shot from a 22-caliber revolver placed at his temple.

The attempt was made about 1 o'clock in the afternoon and death resulted at 6 o'clock p. m. Bizek sold out his saloon two months ago and since that time he has been drinking quite heavily. He had been in a despondent mood for some time following financial reverses of considerable amount. Bizek was a man about 30 years old and leaves a wife and four little children. He was one of the "lucky" in the recent reservation opening, having drawn a number a little over 1,000.

Legal Notice.

John Eble, Elizabeth Twiss, Fred Twiss, Ida Truman and Henry C. Truman, non-resident defendants, will take notice that on the 16th day of January, 1912, the plaintiffs herein filed a petition in the District Court of Madison County, Nebraska, against said defendants, et al., the object and prayer of which are to partition the following described premises, situate in Madison County