

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Albert Kenney returned from Stanton.

H. F. Barnhart returned from Madison.

E. P. Weatherby returned from Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard of Monowi were here.

Horn, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thurber a son.

Sheriff C. S. Smith of Madison was here on business.

Albert Hauff of Stanton was here visiting with friends.

George Pahn of Hoskins was here visiting with relatives.

County Clerk S. R. McFarland was in the city from Madison.

Roy Bovee of Pierce county was here transacting business.

Miss Reba Schmiedeberg is suffering from an attack of the grip.

A meeting of the Commercial club directors will be held this evening.

Albert Degner is at Lincoln attending the hardware men's convention.

C. E. Thew expects to leave for Minnesota this evening, where his father is quite ill.

R. P. Bruce, who is confined to his bed, is not improving. His illness is said to be serious.

The boy scouts will meet at 5 o'clock tonight instead of at 8 o'clock. All scouts are requested to be present.

The Royal Neighbors will hold a Kensington at the home of Mrs. Briggs 1193 Park avenue, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

C. E. Burnham went to Beemer to assist Grand Custodian French in a school of instruction work for the Masonic lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Betts have moved to Crofton, Neb. Mr. Betts was formerly a watchmaker in the employ of Scofield & Wetzel.

The special meeting of Mosale lodge No. 55 for work in the M. M. degree has not been postponed. The meeting will be held tonight.

Robert Margardt, son of the chief of police, rolled the best score yet made at box ball. Robert is only 15 years old. His score is 245.

Dr. A. B. Tashjian was another victim of an accidental fall Monday. Dr. Tashjian's wrist was badly sprained. It was believed at first that a bone was broken.

A regular meeting of hose company No. 3 will be held in the city hall tonight. Important business is to be transacted and the president requests a full attendance.

Mrs. Louise Asmus underwent an operation for tumor yesterday. Dr. E. H. Salter performed the operation. Mrs. Asmus is feeling as well as could be expected today.

N. A. Rainbolt, who accidentally fell and was painfully injured while enroute to his office Monday morning, is reported much improved today. Mr. Rainbolt spent a restful night.

The revival meetings at the Christian church are attracting interest. There is a good musical program and ten minutes' Bible study before the sermon each night. Everybody is invited.

A special meeting of the city council will be held tonight for the purpose of devising ways and means for better lighting and water pumping service. Reports from the public works committee are to be a feature of the special meeting.

"Valentines are out of date," says a local dealer in the pretty cards. The sale of Valentines has been rather light in Norfolk during the past few years. The comics have been superseded by post cards and the enormous angel and heart designs have lost most of their attraction.

Lincoln's birthday anniversary was not formally celebrated in the public schools. During the regular work, just enough of reference to Abraham Lincoln was injected to call attention to the fact that his birthday was at hand. The formal program was postponed until Feb. 22, when Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays are to be celebrated.

A cow belonging to William Uecker was born to a curious calf, which died soon after birth. The dead animal was purchased by Otto Sommerfeldt and is to be mounted. The calf has a face shaped very much like that of a bull dog; the feet resemble the feet of a lion and the remainder of the body seems to be a cross between a dog and a calf.

Among the day's out-of-town visitors in Norfolk were: George C. Krotter, Stuart, C. L. Henderson, Plainville; A. R. York, Atkinson; G. L. Dequach, Elk Point; O. S. Winter, Hoskins; W. Sisson, St. Edward; Robert Lewis, Humphrey; J. W. Fleming, Wisner; W. W. Theisen, Pierce; Hannah Krugh, Creighton; A. L. Kraus, Creighton; E. A. Surley, Wayne; A. Zorba, Herick.

The marriage of Samuel Avery Erskine, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Erskine, and Miss Mary A. Odiorne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Odiorne, will take place at the Odiorne home, 1402 Norfolk avenue, at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Among the out-of-town guests already in the city to attend the wedding are: Mrs. J. H. Featherstone, Sioux City; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Avery, Junction, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Erskine, St. Paul, Neb.; Mrs. Charlotte Erskine, Owatonna, Minn.; Miss Ada Erskine, Stewart, Moose Jaw, Can.

Among the day's out-of-town visitors in Norfolk were: Thomas Chambers, Creighton; George C. Krotter, Stuart; H. H. Worcester, Carter; Charles Dahl, Carter; P. L. Hagaman, Platte Center; A. B. Duncan, Neligh; B. W. Joyce, Brunswick; Joseph Bloom, Creighton; C. M. Mueller, Bonesteel; C. M. Coyner, Dallas; J. J. Harrington, O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Stalcup, Oregon; W. L. Dowling, Madison; J. M. Naper, Naper; L. E. Seibie, Tilden; A. R. York, Atkinson; J. W. Fleming, Wisner; Mrs. James Leggett, Monroe; William Klatt, Bee-

mer; S. R. McFarland, Madison.

Judge J. J. Harrington of O'Neill arrived in Norfolk Monday night and this morning he endeavored to have the fine assessed against Walter Hefferkamp and Bertha Smith, who were arrested when the house at 306 Madison avenue was raided, cut down to \$1 each. Judge Eiseley made a compromise with Hefferkamp's attorney and \$20 was the sum agreed upon. This was paid. Hefferkamp declared that he would appeal the case. His appeal time limit has expired. "I had believed Hefferkamp was in serious trouble," said Judge Harrington, who declared he had not been advised what his client was charged with. The woman has returned to Clearwater, near which place her parents are said to own a farm. Smith, it is said, is a fictitious name.

FUND FOR SLOCUM'S CAPTAIN.

Many Believe He Was Made the "Goat" in Placing Guilt.

New York, Feb. 14.—Capt. William Van Shaick, who commanded the Slocum at the time of the disaster to that vessel, and who was recently pardoned after serving a term of imprisonment, is to spend his declining years on the farm where he was born. A committee of men who believed the captain had been made a scapegoat set about raising a relief fund, and has announced that \$5,820 was contributed. Capt. Van Shaick asked that it be invested in the farm in Putnam county where he was born, saying he would like to end his days there. The committee has made arrangements for taking over the farm. There will be a balance of about \$1,500, which will be given to the captain and his wife.

T. R. TO MAKE STATEMENT.

Says He Is Considering the Letter from Eight Governors.

New York, Feb. 13.—"I have received a letter from the eight governors sent me from Chicago," said Col. Theodore Roosevelt today, "and am giving it my careful consideration. I shall reply to it within a short time, probably within a week. Until that time I can say nothing on the subject."

Result of Stanton Vote.

Stanton, Neb., Feb. 14.—Special to The News: At the special referendum held to endorse the board's action of purchasing the new steam engine and building an addition to the power house, the vote was 141 for and 194 against, a majority of 37 in favor of installing the steam plant.

The city officials will proceed immediately to sign up contract with O. H. Shelton for the engine, boiler and steam pump and heater, with steam fittings and all belting. The work will be started as soon as the weather permits and it is expected that it will be ready to run by May 1.

Urge Suffrage in Maryland.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 14.—Advocates of woman suffrage, 600 or 700 strong, attended a legislative hearing on the pending bill referring to the electorate the question of whether women shall be permitted to vote. Congressman E. T. Taylor of Colorado was the principal speaker in favor of the bill. John B. Hanna, chairman of the republican state committee, and several women leaders of the equal suffrage movement also urged the passage of the bill.

Norfolk Is on Meridian Road.

The News today presents a map of the proposed Meridian road which will be built from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and which will be of great value to Norfolk, as it passes through this city.

Will Require \$6,000,000.

Figuring the cost of building the Meridian road on a basis of \$2,000 per mile, which is the estimated cost of a mile of road in Texas, it is found that \$6,000,000 will be required to finance this proposition. This sum is being raised in the countries through which the road is to pass by the issuance of bonds voted for that purpose.

This highway will prove a boon to automobilists traveling north and south in the middle west. Thousands of tourists will go north in the summer to the lakes over this road, summer in winter to the gulf coast, and it will not be long until it will be recognized as the best north-and-south highway traversing the United States. It goes without saying that the local travel between county seats and the larger cities will be enormously increased and facilitated.

Plans of Meridian Road.

The present plans of the Meridian road call for a continuous highway from Winnipeg, Can., to Galveston, Tex. When this is completed, it will in all probability be extended southward to the City of Mexico.

This road crosses the United States from north to south, bisects the union almost equally, reaches nine states, with a total area of 841,159 square miles, or 27 percent of that of the United States, and is approximately 2,000 miles in length.

Still later, an organization, under the name of the "Chisolm Trail" was formed, which built a road across the state of Oklahoma, following quite closely the Rock Island railroad. At Columbus, Neb., was formed the Nebraska division of the Meridian road. The Pembina Highway association with a route from Winnipeg to the international boundary line signified its willingness to form a division of the road.

Red River to Gulf.

One of the first moves to be made was the organization of the Red River-to-the-Gulf highway in Texas. Later this last mentioned division resolved itself into two roads, one on the east side of the Brazos through Dallas, fol-

lowing the Houston and Texas Central railway, and one on the west side through Fort Worth, following the Santa Fe with crossovers.

The necessity for a closer organization and the recognition of one or more persons as the head of such an association was patent. Accordingly a meeting of delegates from each of the states and that section of Canada traversed by the road was called at Emporia, Kan., on Jan. 17 and 18. At this meeting, which was also the date and location of the state good roads meeting, a large number of delegates were present at Emporia. Samuel H. Lee of Pierre, S. D., was elected president; Col. Sidney Suggs, Oklahoma City, Okla., vice president, and John C. Nicholson, Newton, Kan., secretary and treasurer.

Has Many Reminiscences.

The proposed Meridian road will touch the following cities:

In Canada—Winnipeg.

In North Dakota—Pembina, Grafton, Grand Forks, Hillsboro, Fargo, Wahpeton and White Rock.

In Minnesota—Wheaton and Ortonville.

In South Dakota—Sisseton, Milbank, Watervorn, Arlington, Madison, Salem and Yankton.

In Nebraska—Norfolk, Madison, Humphrey, Columbus, Osceola, York, Fairmont, Geneva, Hebron and Chester.

In Kansas—Belleville, Concordia, Minneapolis, Salina, McPherson, Newton, Wichita, Wellington, Caldwell, Winfield and Arkansas City.

In Oklahoma—Madford, Enid, Kingfisher, El Reno, Chickasha, Duncan, Waurika, Newkirk, Perry, Guthrie, Oklahoma City, Norman, Purcell, Pauls Valley, Davis, Ardmore, Sutherland, Durant and Marietta.

In Texas—Fort Worth, Dallas, Corsicana, Cleburne, Waco, Houston and Galveston.

Possible extensions are considered to Sioux City, Ia., from Norfolk, and to Kansas City, Mo., Austin and San Antonio, Tex.

As already planned, this road will top the most productive portion of the union, the great middle west. This is indicated by the table given below, prepared from the thirteenth federal census report, which shows that the nine states touched by this road furnish proportionally a large share of the entire farm production of the United States as follows: Corn, 42 percent, wheat, 57; oats, 46; hay and forage, 20; cotton, 34; horses and mules, 43; cattle, 42 and swine, 43.

Travelers along the Meridian road will pass from the waving fields of golden grain of the Dakotas and Kansas to the virgin white cotton fields of Oklahoma and Texas; from the snow-capped plains of Canada to the sun-kissed orange groves of the southern gulf coast.

Originated in Kansas.

This proposed highway had its inception in the Sunflower state about June 1, 1911 at Salina, the Meridian road association was organized to promote a north-and-south road across Kansas near the sixth meridian. W. W. Watson was elected president and John C. Nicholson, secretary. The officers were instructed to proceed at once with definite plans of the north-and-south road and to enlarge the project if possible, into a Winnipeg-to-the-Gulf road. Later the Interstate Postal Highway association was organized at Oklahoma to extend the highway across Oklahoma, practically following the Santa Fe railway.

Five Inches More of Snow.

O. E. Snow Storm had Nebraska a surprise visit Monday night. "Snow flurries," the weather man had said. And the state woke up under a blanket, five inches deep, lying perfectly level.

The snow extended as far north as Verdigris, west to O'Neill. The southern part of the state and the eastern were covered.

Snow Only in Small Area.

Omaha, Feb. 13.—Snow fell here to a depth of three or four inches last night and today. Reports to the weather bureau indicate that the storm is practically confined to eastern Nebraska and western and central Iowa. Rain is falling in the western gulf states.

South Norfolk.

Allen Castle of Battle Creek was here yesterday visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fred Bauer.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams is sick.

J. A. Clark returned from Pierce Monday where he spent Sunday.

Mrs. Pete Larson returned from Omaha last evening where she had been shopping.

Mr. Sewall, formerly of South Norfolk, but now a resident of Kansas, was here last week on business.

Miss Isabel Cassleman is ill with tonsillitis at the home of her uncle, L. V. Kennerson.

Miss Reba Todd of Sioux City was here last evening on business.

Miss Ruth Grauel returned from Omaha last evening.

Miss Eugene Harshman has returned to her home in Wisner after a visit at the home of her uncle, F. Koerber, and family. Miss Harshman formerly lived here.

Must Reduce Fire Danger.

Forty mutual insurance companies were represented at the opening of the seventeenth annual convention of the Mutual Insurance Companies association, called to order by President A. C. Hull of Hastings in the Commercial club rooms at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon. The president's annual address was a feature of the opening of the convention. Mrs. M. C. Hitchcock, secretary-treasurer, of Lincoln, was present at the meeting. A banquet will be served in the Merchants cafe tonight at which several addresses are scheduled.

"We have waited seventeen years

to cross the Platte and meet in the beautiful city of Norfolk," said President Hull, by way of opening his annual address.

Must Reduce Fire Causes.

"The greatest problem before the insurance world today is the reduction of fire waste, and through this the reduction of cost in the fire insurance business. The people of this great state are looking to this convention now being held in Norfolk as the forerunner of a brighter day in the insurance field in this state.

"We have encouraged the protection of property from lightning. It behooves us now to get after the rubbish pile, match fiend, the gas duffer, and the friction of a \$1,500 policy on a \$1,000 building.

Congratulates Randall.

"We should congratulate our fire warden in the great work he is undertaking to educate the childhood of Nebraska by having one day set aside in our public schools for education along the line of fire insurance waste."

Frank Mills of Lincoln was also a speaker during the afternoon. The appointment of committees, resolutions and the round table discussion took up much of the time. The election of officers will take place Thursday afternoon.

Among the early out-of-town delegates were: J. E. Curtis, South Omaha; J. A. Meese, Aurora; M. C. Dill, Belvidere; Oscar Bloom, Axtell; C. D. Stoner, Osceola; J. F. Ostreischer, Osceola; J. B. Healen, Craig; T. T. Plummer, Craig; J. P. Jenny, Leigh; A. M. Lathrop, Inland; George A. Anthony, Lexington; R. M. Scott, Lexington; H. P. Nelson, Dannebrog; C. Peterson, Dannebrog; W. I. Eyston, Frank Mills, L. G. Brian, J. A. Trumbull, P. E. Lynch, Lincoln.

Carried Dynamite Around.

Indianapolis, Ind. Feb. 14.—By what is said to be the most sweeping federal act of its kind ever taken, the United States government today within a few hours arrested a majority of the fifty-four men indicted for alleged complicity in the dynamite conspiracy spread broadcast over the country for six years.

At the head of those arrested was Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron workers. Many other officers, including Herbert S. Hookin, second vice president and successor as the union's secretary-treasurer to J. J. McNamara, the convicted dynamiter, were arrested with Ryan in Indianapolis.

Reports from all over the country showed also that five of the seven iron workers' executive board members and a half-dozen or more members were taken in custody.

These officials and their co-defendants are charged with violating the federal statutes regulating interstate shipments of explosives, which resulted from the activities of the McNamara and McManigal "dynamiting crew," which carried dynamite and nitro glycerine about the country on passenger trains.

All the defendants are charged with conspiring to further the 160 explosions which were directed by labor union officials against iron and steel contractors and employers of non-union labor. The explosions caused the destruction of bridges, viaducts, and buildings and the wrecking of the Los Angeles Times building.

Before noon, thirty-six arrests had been made.

The most important move by the defendant on their arrest was to procure bond for their appearance on March 12. In some instances the bond was fixed at \$10,000, and in the aggregate the bonds required, it was said, \$200,000. Ryan and Hookin each gave \$100,000 bonds and were released.

John T. Butler of Buffalo, N. Y., the first vice president of the iron workers, arrested here, also was released on bond.

On advice of counsel, Ryan, Hookin and Butler declined to make a statement until they had opportunity to confer.

"Mr. Ryan is 57 years old and is under a severe nervous strain and is in no condition to talk of his arrest," said Newton M. Harding, attorney for the iron workers.

"This is the crisis of his life. When he becomes calmer I may permit him to issue a formal statement."

Bridge Sells Power to City.

Because the Sugar City Cereal mills have excess power sufficient to run the city pumping machinery, C. S. Bridge last night offered the city council a proposition which the council declared they would accept. Mr. Bridge offers to furnish the city power for 2 1/2 cents per kilowatt hour. The contract on this price would have to be for ten years. Mr. Bridge withdrew a proposition to furnish power for five years at the rate of 2 1/2 cents per kilowatt hour.

Mr. Bridge declared it was impossible to guarantee power, when questioned by councilmen. He declared it was impossible for anyone to make a specific guarantee. He would have to build another plant, he said. He declared that the mill has sufficient water power to run both the mill and the pumping plant.

E. A. Bullock, who had two propositions filed with the city council for pumping and lighting, was present at the meeting. He declared the Bridge proposition was a surprise to him and that while he had hoped for the contract at 3 1/2 cents per kilowatt, as a taxpayer of the city, he advised the council not to let it go by.

Water Commissioner Frank Carriek declared it the cheapest way to pump water, and a motion was passed by the city council to accept the Bridge contract at the next meeting.

A new motor will have to be purchased at a cost of about \$1,200 and

some repairs must be made to the steam apparatus at the plant.

Recommend All-Night Lights.

The public works committee, in reporting on their investigations of the Norfolk Electric Light & Power company's lighting propositions, recommended the moonlight all-night schedule at \$1.60 per light per month.

This would give the city 140 residence lights and eight arc lights. P. J. Fuesler, who made the report, announced that officers of the Commercial club had notified him that the club had passed resolutions endorsing the electric, or park lighting system. An effort will be made to have business men on Norfolk avenue purchase these electric lights and have the city furnish the power. The committee was granted further time to confer with the Commercial club directors before a lighting proposition will be put before the people to vote upon.

A regular meeting will be held Monday night.

Erksine-Odiorne.

An interesting Valentine day wedding took place at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Mary A. Odiorne and Samuel Avery Erskine, were united in wedlock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Odiorne, 1402 Norfolk avenue. Rev. Edwin Booth, Jr., of the First Congregational church, officiated.

Only immediate friends and relatives of the family were present. A wedding supper was served, after which the young couple left for Omaha and other cities for a ten days' honeymoon trip. On their return to Norfolk they will occupy apartments at the Davenport home, 169 North Ninth street.

Prunyn Trial at Fremont.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 14.—With a room crowded with witnesses, the trial of Al Prunyn for the murder of Patrick Gorey, started on its second day here this morning. The prosecution is trying to prove that Prunyn threatened Gorey several days before Christmas, when the killing occurred, as the result of Gorey ejecting him from the former's saloon at North Bend. The killing took place in the saloon. Prunyn will endeavor to prove that he shot in self-defense.

WANT A NORFOLK SLOGAN.

Commercial Club Will Offer Prize for the Best One Suggested.

A prize is to be offered by the Commercial club for the best Norfolk slogan. Conditions of the slogan contest are to be made public at a later date.

A feature of the directors' meeting last night was the resolution passed in favor of the elevator park lighting system. The directors are to take up the proposition with business men on Norfolk avenue and efforts will be made to install these lights.

A resolution was passed endorsing national house roll No. 18169, a bill to establish agricultural extension departments in connection with agricultural colleges in the several states.

Plans for the seed corn special were made by the directors.

The program for the farmers' short agricultural course has been arranged. The short course will start here on March 12. Frank Tannehill is president of the farmers' institute.

The Coming Primary.

Lincoln, Feb. 13.—The state executive department has prepared a proclamation calling for a primary election to be held in the state, April 19. The document will be officially signed and given out Feb. 15.

The proclamation calls for the selection of candidates and the choosing of the following officers:

Vice president.

Four delegates-at-large to the national convention and two district delegates from each congressional district together with alternates therefore.

One national committeeman.

One congressman from each of the districts.

Eight presidential electors.

Governor.

Lieutenant governor.

Secretary of state.

Auditor of public accounts.

State treasurer.

Superintendent of public instruction.

Attorney general.

Land commissioner.

One railway commissioner.

State senators and state representatives.

The five constitutional amendments for adoption as party measures will also be submitted at the primary election and will be placed upon the ballots of all parties.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES

R. G. Rohrke of Hoskins was here transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. "Rink" Wright went to Stanton. They will soon go south to join a circus.

Mrs. J. M. O'Connell of Ponca was in the city over night.

A. W. Blaser has moved to Deadwood from 603 South Sixth street, this city.

The Fremont Country club netted over \$900 on a fair that was held last week.

O. J. Daniels has purchased the Union Pacific restaurant from Fred Dominice.

There was a sudden rush for Valentines when business places opened Wednesday morning.

Trinity Guild of the Episcopal church will meet with Mrs. C. E. Burnham Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ratliff closed up the business of the Evans Fruit company and left for Kansas City.

Henry Ploien of Chicago is visiting at the home of his mother-in-law,

Mrs. Charles Lodge, south of the city. Miss Alvina Hanson left for Hoskins to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. A. Witzgman will entertain at a luncheon in the Green Room luncheon at 1:30 Friday afternoon.

F. K. Fulton is suffering from an injury to his right eye as the result of a hot cinder falling into the optic.

The second round of the Elks billiard tournament must be finished by Saturday night, according to the committee.

The Mission Circle of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. Cornell at 615 South Fifth street, tomorrow afternoon.

L. A. Foster is now located on Fourth and Braunsch Avenue, having recently vacated the house at 1220 Taylor avenue.

Christine Boyd died at Columbus, Feb. 10, of tuberculosis. She was 21 years old and a sister of Mrs. Palm and Ralph Boyd of this city.

H. C. Matran went to Lincoln at noon to attend the banquet of the legislative league, which will be held Thursday evening at the Lindell hotel.

George Berry has sent the head of a mountain lion to be mounted in Norfolk. The beast was killed by one of the Berry employees in Colorado recently.

William J. Woolverer was brought to the N. P. Nelson home at 426 South Third street from the Kearney hospital for tuberculosis. Woolverer is in a critical condition.

There will be a meeting of the automobile association in the Commercial club rooms Friday evening. All interested in good roads and automobile driving are invited to attend.

The Ladies' Aid of the First Congregational church will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. C. C. Gow. Mrs. Gow will be assisted by Mrs. George Burton and Mrs. C. S. Parker.

James McCormick, who was fined \$7.50 in Judge Eiseley's court Tuesday for being drunk, was arrested a second time last night for the same offense. McCormick's second case was laid over on the docket until Saturday, when he is expected to pay his first fine.

Elaborate arrangements are being made by the Norfolk fire department entertainment committee for a big meeting tonight, at which preparations for the state tournament are to be made. The entertainment committee have promised a big feed with plenty of music.

Contractors at work on the new \$25,000 Union Pacific depot report that they will be unable to finish the structure tomorrow, as they had expected. The work is being delayed because of the non-arrival of hardware. The depot will be completed probably Saturday.

Rev. Hoosman, district superintendent, Dr. Gorst of Wayne, Dr. Dawson of Omaha, Rev. Druliner of Madison and Rev. J. W. Kirkpatrick of this city held a conference at the Pacific hotel in the interests of the educational work of the Methodist church in this state.

Mr. Morley, a horse trader of Morrison, Ill., purchased a car of Norfolk draught horses Tuesday and shipped them to Illinois. W. H. Blakeman sold Mr. Morley five horses which took the top price. Mr. Morley expects to return to Norfolk soon to purchase more of the heavy animals.

Word was received from the Wilkinson ranch on the Cheyenne river in South Dakota, indicating that the winter there has been unusually pleasant. The snow, which has been very light, has done no harm and the cattle that have been on the range all winter are in fine condition and have required no hay up to the present time.

E. H. Gascoyne, the express messenger who played a feature part in capturing one of the Meadow Grove bank robbers, is in Norfolk visiting with W. H. Blakeman. Gascoyne is in the employ on the American Express company on special work. He comes from here to Los Angeles and later expects to go to Panama.

Like the postoffice receipts, which have been showing an increase every month, agents of every railroad in Norfolk report a large increase in the business of January as compared with the same month a year ago. While the agents cannot give out any figures, they declare the receipts in the increase column reach four figures.

Referee of Bankruptcy E. P. Weatherby presided at a hearing yesterday afternoon in which Abe Levine entered an application for bankruptcy. H. P. Barnhart is counsel for Levine. John R. Hays is acting as counsel for one of the creditors. Jack Koenigstein, who brought the replevin case against Levine recently, is taking an active part in the case.

Mrs. Charles Sweet of 916 Pierce street, called Chief of Police Marquardt on the telephone this morning and demanded some information about the whereabouts of her husband whose thirty days term was finished in the county jail Tuesday. She declared she wants him back because she "must have some one to support her." She says she is in great need of food. "We are entirely out of everything," she said.

Mrs. Davis Under Knife.

Madison, Neb., Feb. 13.—Special to The News: Mrs. Fred H. Davis, wife of Mayor Davis of this city, was operated upon yesterday for appendicitis at Tilden. Mr. Davis, who is at the bedside of his wife, reports that the operation was in every way satisfactory and that Mrs. Davis is in excellent condition, considering all things.

Vaudeville At Auditorium.

A crowd of about 1,000 people attended the opening vaudeville and photo-play program at the Auditorium and the patrons were well pleased with the show. The big crowd was handled without the slightest con-

fusion or disorder. The vaudeville team Swift & Swift, made a decided hit with their comedy musical stunts and the pictures were good. An orchestra led by Prof. Otto Vogel furnishes the music. If the management maintains this class of attractions, there is no reason why the new offering will not prove distinctly popular in Norfolk.

MUTUAL INSURANCE MEETING.

Delegates Arriving in Norfolk for State Convention.

Delegates began arriving in Norfolk last night to attend the state convention of mutual insurance men.

Following is the program for the convention:

Call to order by President A. C. Hull, Hastings.

Invocation—Rev. Kirkpatrick, Norfolk.

Address of Welcome—Hon. John Friday, mayor.

Response to Address of Welcome—P. T. Haun, Hastings.

President's Annual Message—A. C. Hull, Hastings.

Complete registration.

Appointment of committees, resolutions, round table.

"What the National Association is Doing for the Good of Mutual Insurance," with report of the Philadelphia meeting—Frank Mills, Lincoln.

"Co-Operation"—G. L. Carlson, Norfolk.

"Corporation Tax"—H. L. Keefe, Wallkill.

Address by State Fire Marshal C. A. Randall, Lincoln.

"Classification of Farm Risks"—J. E. Curti, South Omaha.

"Fire Prevention and Fire Protection"—N. P. Cornell, with American La France Fire Engine company, Chicago, Ill.

"Shall Mutual Insurance Companies Make Provision for Insuring Automobiles, Silos and Silage"—M. C. Dill, Belvidere.

"Progress and Benefits of Mutual Insurances in Nebraska"—J. B. Coningham, Omaha.

Address by State Auditor S. R. Barton, Lincoln.

"Most Successful Methods of Collecting Assessments"—E. S. Rothrock, Carlisle.

"Responsibility of Agents in Writing 'Undesirable Risks'"—H. O. Parks, Postor.

Round Table Topics—"Losses on Live Stock in Proportion to Other Risks"; "Co-Insurance"; "Co-Operation Between State and Local Mutuals"; "How Best to Secure Evidence of Lightning, in Case Animals Are Supposed to Have Been Killed by Lightning, and There Is No Visible Evidence."

Report of companies.

Report of secretary.

Convention Business—Election of officers; election of legislative and program committees; election of delegates to national association; report of resolutions committee; reports of other committee; unfinished business; choose place of meeting for 1913.

The public is invited to attend the meetings. Mr. Carlson's address will be delivered at 1:30 Thursday afternoon. The committee on entertainment is: G. W. Evans, Herman Buetow and C. E. Haase of Norfolk. Other officials are:

Officers—A. C. Hull, President, Hastings, Neb.; G. W. Evans, vice president, Norfolk, Neb.; M. C. Hitchcock, secretary-treasurer, Lincoln, Neb.

Legislative Committee—W. E. Struth, chairman, Lincoln, Neb.; George A. Anthony, Lexington, Neb.; A. C. Hull, Hastings, Neb.; M. C. Dill, Belvidere, Neb.; E. L. King, Osceola, Neb.

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Progressives at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Feb. 13.—Former President Roosevelt and Senator La Follette were given praise and endorsement in equal terms, both were declared fit candidates for the presidency, but neither was specifically endorsed for that office, at the meeting here last night of republican progressives. It was a harmony gathering attended by about equal numbers of supporters of Mr. Roosevelt and Senator La Follette, who declared their willingness to abide by the decision of the presidential preference vote at the primary election in April.

A primary ticket was selected as nearly equally as possible between followers of Roosevelt and La Follette. The ticket is as follows: National committeeman, R. B. Howell, Omaha; delegates-at-large, J. J. McCarthy of Ponca, E. L. King of Osceola, Nathan Merriam of Omaha, D. L. Love of Lincoln; alternates-at-large, Don Vandusen of Blair, J. A. Davies of Boyd county, O. L. Schuman of Fairbury and Dan Garber of Red Cloud; electors-at-large, J. A. Reneau of Broken Bow and W. J. Broatch of Omaha.

There was some discussion on how to designate the candidates on the ticket, whether they should bear the label "Roosevelt" or "La Follette," but it was decided the word "progressive" would serve the purpose.

Col. W. L. Houser of Wisconsin, chairman of the La Follette national organization, addressed the gathering briefly, congratulating Nebraska progressives on their efforts and predicting the success of progressive principles.

Gov. Aldrich was accepted as the spokesman of the Roosevelt forces, but neither speaker clashed in his endorsement for the two men.

The resolution, after presenting Roosevelt and La Follette, endorsed the proposed initiative and referendum amendments to the Nebraska constitution, the administration of Gov. Aldrich and acts of Congressman George W. Norris.