

addition to these a large number of friends in the town of Binford were also present.

If reports are true there will probably be a widespread movement among Northern Pacific employes to put away the evils of the flesh and "turn over a new leaf" on New Year's day.

Beginning with Jan. 1 there is to be a much stricter supervision of the conduct of employes, and to be seen taking a drink of intoxicating liquor will be sufficient ground for immediate discharge from the service.

President Howard Elliott and the principal officials of the system are in the west on an inspection tour and the exact extent of the new restriction cannot be ascertained. The reports originated from statements said to have been made just prior to the inspection trip by a prominent operating department official. On Jan. 1 he is quoted as saying, the Northern Pacific will enforce a rule that the use of intoxicants, whether on or off duty, will be considered sufficient grounds for discharge from the service.

Several of the big systems of the east during the past two years have adopted similar rules for their trainmen, engineers, conductors and other employes, and have found that an improvement in discipline and efficiency has resulted. It is on these grounds that the Northern Pacific will adopt the new rule.

An operating official of one of the big systems, when asked for his opinion of the value of such restrictions, said:

Rules against the use of intoxicants tend to increase the efficiency of the employes. Strict discipline is not irksome to the men who take pride in their record and have the interests of the road at heart, and it helps keep the men who care less about such things in line. If it is worth while to prohibit the use of intoxicants while on duty, I do not see that it is not equally worth while to prohibit intoxicants entirely. If the men know they can drink when they are off duty they are less likely to observe strictly the rules while on duty. It is a good rule. —Forum.

Wow! But this is indeed a hard blow to those fellows who are all the time howling about the infringement of personal liberty, especially those who are opposed to the present prohibition law. Even the big railroads object to the use of intoxicants by their employes and they are right. Railroad men or men employed where lives are at stake should be sober men not men whose minds are dulled by drink. This howl about personal liberty is all rot. Cut it out.

Wedding Bells.

Married—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Gunderson, at Binford, N. D., on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 26th, 1903, Rev. Oscar D. Furinton officiating, Mr. Theodore K. Curry to Miss Tille Borgerson, both of Binford, N. D. It was a very pretty home wedding was witnessed by about a hundred guests, including relatives of the bride and groom. Miss Julia Curry, of Fargo sister of the groom, was bridesmaid and Mr. Halvor Borgerson, brother of the bride acted as best man. The ring ceremony was used and was very impressive. A string orchestra furnished the music in the place of the usual wedding march. The bride was beautifully attired in a dress of cream silk crepe de chene. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The bride's present from the groom was a gold watch and chain. Her traveling gown was a tailor suit of navy blue zebeline with beaver hat of same color. The groom was attired as is customary on such occasions. Following the ceremony congratulations were heartily bestowed and the presents, which were very numerous, costly and useful were viewed. The Binford Cornet Band escorted the guests to the Mauer Hotel where a very nice dinner was served for the occasion. The band done itself proud in its work of furnishing music during the day. The guests present at the wedding from abroad were Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Curry, of Hope, father and mother of the groom, Miss Grace Curry and Mrs. Dr. Phillips, of Hope, and Mrs. C. E. Boise, of Sherbrooke, sisters of the groom, Miss Julia Curry, of Fargo, and Frank Curry, of Finley, sister and brother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Purinton, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Trubshaw, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Downe, Geo. Van Blon, T. G. Thompson, Cooperstown, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thingestad and daughters, Oscar Rogney Jessie Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Purinton Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hemerline, Albert Rickford, Gust Rickford, Osten Rorvig, Willow, Miss Lena Rorvig, Valley City, Miss Tena Rorvig, Rosendahl, in

The bride is a deservedly popular lady, having been a resident of Cooperstown for some years, during which time she won for herself many friends. At Binford, her home, she is regarded in the highest esteem by all who know her. The groom is the genial editor of the Binford Times. He is a gentleman of quiet ways and good attainments. During his few months residence with the people of Binford he has won for himself a place of popular esteem. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for Hope, N. D., where they will visit relatives for a couple of weeks. Their departure was followed by a serenade from the band at the depot and a liberal shower of rice and good wishes from a large crowd of friends. The Courier heartily joins with a host of well wishers in wishing them many long years of happiness and prosperity. The whole affair was successfully carried out under the direction and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Gunderson and was one of the nicest weddings the writer has had the pleasure of attending.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

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THRESHING ON SUNDAY

Who Are to be Blamed?

First the owner, of the threshing rig. He has but to say, "There shall be no threshing on Sunday with my machine."

Secondly the farmer, he needs only to say, "No grain shall ever be threshed on my farm on the Sabbath."

Next comes his wife, for who has more influence over a man's life than his wife? And when she sides in with her lame excuses she certainly must share his guilt.

Are these all? No. Transient laborers must share largely in the guilt of the wholesale desecration of the Sabbath in North Dakota. Here again the farmer is to be blamed for not providing better accommodations for his help. Many of them are compelled to sleep in straw piles, in granaries and in stables; and on rainy and cold days their miserable beds are sought for the comfort of bodily warmth, hence they are in a hurry to be relieved of the whole business and thus clamor for threshing Sundays.

Who next? Why, our honorable legislators, to be sure. They would not knowingly pass a law annulling the constitution, but they have knowingly endeavored to make null and void the law of God concerning the Sabbath.

Again, church members, even, have so far forgotten their sacred obligations as to be found among the guilty, yet, trampling under foot God's express commandment. Can it be supposed that the thanksgiving which they render for the garnered harvests and the money they pay the preacher are acceptable to Him who has said: "Behold to obey is better than sacrifice." Moreover, church organizations, by their silence, have, in a measure, encouraged the growth of this great

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