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THE ONLY DEMOCRATIC PAPER IN WEBSTER COUNTY

While the good citizens of Webster county have much to be proud of in the way of fertile soil, good business centers, good schools and railroad accommodations, we have room for improvement in the way of good roads. At this stage, every county and community are doing their best to have the National highways pass through their county or have a Highway connecting with some one or more highways of the United States.

This office is in receipt of a set of maps and literature of the various highways passing through our state and fail to find our city on any of these highways. We note that on the National Highways Preliminary Map of the state of Nebraska that these highways will pass through Oxford and Chester, and that another highway could be constructed between these two points. This connection at Chester would connect us with the Meridian Road, extending from Galveston to the Canadian line. This highway traverses six states, sixty-eight counties, touching fifty-one county seats.

Why not take an interest in this project and see what can be done? Get busy and co-operate with the other towns in our county, and also of Harlan, Franklin, Nuckolls and Thayer counties. Do not put it off or leave it to your neighbor to do it for you. We propose that a meeting be held in Red Cloud at an early date. Extend an invitation to the secretary of the Commercial clubs of the various towns, get together and work for this highway.

LINCOLN LETTER

The state board of irrigation has been notified that the contract for the steel bridge across the Platte river, south of Kearney, has been let to a Kansas City firm at a cost of something over \$44,000. Kearney and Buffalo counties pay half and the state the other half.

Lieut. Bagnell, Nebraska National Guard Aviator, who has been taking a course of instruction at the government's aviation school at Newport News, Va., has been chosen mechanic for Steve McGordon at the Sheepshead Bay aviation meet to be held during the summer. Officers of the N. N. G. feel quite elated over this tribute to their brother officer's skill as an aviator.

A delegation of prominent state workers filed into Secretary of State Pool's office last Monday and formally presented him with a mammoth petition containing nearly 70,000 names, asking the secretary of state to place on the ballot the prohibitory amend-

ment to be voted on at the fall election. A movie man was present and took a moving picture of the formal acceptance of the petition. The scene was a one-act drama, with Secretary of State Pool as leading man, including understudies, supernumeraries, henchmen, ladies in waiting, soldiers, and guards of the castle, standing in various poses. The movie picture will be used in the campaign for prohibition this fall, and exhibited in various parts of the state.

A move to put the Pure Food and Oil department on a non-partisan basis has been initiated by Deputy Commissioner C. E. Harman of this department of the state government. The plan is to submit an amendment to be placed in the ticket at the fall election that the people may have an opportunity to vote on the question. Petitions are being circulated over the state embodying the proposed change, 40,000 names being required to place the amendment on the ballot. It is proposed to make the present term of the commissioner, six instead of two years, and to make him the head of the department instead of the governor, who is at present the commissioner, while his appointee is deputy. This is practically the plan that obtains on the board of commissioners of state institutions, the railway commission and the supreme court, with the exception that the latter two departments are elective. In addition to this, it is also proposed that the food and oil commission, if the amendment should be submitted and carried, be placed on a civil service basis. The plan has been under consideration for some years, but has never been attempted heretofore.

There are a good many dry republicans in the state who are at present questioning the wisdom of the nomination for governor of Judge Sutton of Omaha. The fact that Omaha and Douglas county are so wet that a dry ticket down there would have about as much effect as a drought in the middle of the ocean, and that Judge Sutton, who was running on a perfectly dry ticket, romped away with the big end of both the wet and dry vote, has caused some speculation. An investigation by some of the curious ones as to the reason of this, may, they claim, have a bearing on the following statistical information: Douglas county, including Omaha and its villages and towns, has a bonded indebtedness of \$23,141,703.24. Of this amount the city of Omaha alone carries \$18,054,850 of bonds, already registered, while at the late primaries another \$1,700,000 was voted but have not yet been registered. This total of approximately \$25,000,000 bonded indebtedness, drawing 4 per cent, which is a fair average, would mean \$1,000,000 interest to be paid by the Douglas county tax-payer in addition to his regular assessment. There are good reasons for believing, according to those who have looked up the matter, that right now the business interests of Omaha and Douglas county are more concerned in controlling the state government than they are in the wet and dry question. Thus speculateth our brethren of the Eleph B. Moose tribe, who are having much to answer for in these days of their political tribulation.

Farms For Sale

Three good farms in Harlan county adjoining the town of Huntley.

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MORE LOCAL ITEMS

French Flashers at Fogel's.

Buy your Groceries at Miner Bros. Co. W. D. Edson was a Hastings visitor Saturday.

Oliver Wright was home from River-ton, Sunday.

All white summer goods at Albright's at cost or less.

Miss Minnie Trout is visiting in Harvard this week.

Buy your groceries at Albright's and save ten percent.

Dr. C. E. Cross spent Decoration Day in Franklin.

Fresh Fruits and Green Vegetables at Miner Bros. Co.

Charley Powell is quite sick with pneumonia this week.

Clark Crow spent Sunday with his mother at Guide Rock.

Mrs. Wm. Mitchell is visiting in Guide Rock this week.

Attorney A. M. Walters of Blue Hill was in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McNely autoed to Hastings, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sutton returned home from Omaha, Saturday.

Mrs. Art Robinson returned to her home at Guide Rock, Monday.

Mrs. T. A. Jones came down from Alma, Sunday morning, to visit friends.

Mrs. Fred Merten of Blue Hill was the guest of Mrs. Earl Hall, Tuesday.

Harold and Ollie Plith of Saronville are visiting their aunt, Mrs. R. F. Oatman.

Charley Amack of Oxford spent Sunday in the city with his brother, Ed Amack.

Mrs. Will Hunt left Monday for Litchfield where she will visit her uncle.

Mrs. Ed Fearn went to Hastings, Saturday, to visit her son Oris and family.

Emil Zeleny of Chapman is visiting his uncle, J. V. Roubal, and family, this week.

Jacob Bartholmew of Harvard is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Phillip Trout, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Amack entertained a number of relatives and friends at dinner Sunday.

Darrel Burden is now driving a new Ford roadster which he purchased of the Hall garage.

Mrs. John B. Jones of Franklin visited her father, C. N. Lovereck, the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Fulton of Barneston are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Teel this week.

Mrs. Cecil McCall of Inavale was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Clara Sherer, Saturday.

Curt Wilson and family autoed down from McCook and spent the weekend here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goble of Fort Cobb, Oklahoma, are visiting relatives in the city this week.

Mrs. Guy Van Ornam and children of Hardy are visiting her mother, Mrs. H. Ludlow, this week.

Miss Blanche Pope is home from Central City where she taught a successful term of school.

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Alf McCall returned home from St. Francis, Kansas, Sunday morning, where he had been on business.

The new cement curbing around the Catholic church has been completed and makes a very needed improvement.

Mrs. Wade Tate and children of Tarkio, Missouri, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Christian, this week.

Miss Gladys Renfro departed Saturday for Cheyenne, Wyoming, where she will spend the summer with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Munday of Edison spent Sunday in the city with his brother, AUGUST E. J. Munday and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Justice and children of Esbon, Kansas, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Weesner, Sunday.

Don't pass up the articles you need every day when you can get them cheaper than anywhere in the county at the Variety Store. adv

The ventilating and cooling system at the Orpheum is now completed and is a success from every angle. It is now the coolest place in town. adv

Manager Cassilof the Orpheum has just closed a contract with the Wm Fox production for one of their ultra star features each week beginning Thursday, July 6th. These pictures are shown only in the largest and best houses in the country and are the only 20c pictures in Omaha that are being run at the new Strand theater. They include such stars as Theda Bara, Wm. Farnam, Robert E. Mason and others. The opening production July 6th will be Theda Bara "In a Fool There Was".

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Found on Decoration Day at the cemetery—A ladies parasol. Owner can have same by paying for this notice.

Miss Martha Abel has returned home from McCook to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Abel.

Mrs. C. H. Miner returned home from Trenton, Sunday morning, where she had been looking after her farm interests.

Just received a new line of Sport Hats for ladies, misses and small boys. Come in while the stock is complete.—Variety Store. adv

Mr. and Mrs. John Amack have returned to their home at Anselmo after attending the funeral of their niece, Mrs. Ora Brown.

Robert Fulton is home from Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma, to spend the summer with his sister, Mrs. Earl Hall and brother, Don Fulton.

Dr. R. E. Camp departed Monday afternoon for Burlington, Colorado. He was called home on account of the illness of his mother.

Roy E. Hassinger and sister, Miss Miss Marybelle, went to Hastings, Monday, to spend Decoration Day with their sister, Mrs. C. E. Hill.

Havel & Corner received a Bull tractor or Monday which will be used for demonstrating. This firm are the agents for the tractor in this community.

Frank Adams shipped a car of horses to St. Louis, Sunday, also Delaney Bros., shipped 2 cars of hogs and Weesner & Koontz 1 car of hogs to Kansas City.

The members of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. wish to thank the citizens of this city for donating their automobiles to take them to the cemetery on Decoration day.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Schobel and Mrs. Fiske autoed down from Bloomington, Sunday, and spent the day with the later's daughter, Miss Sadie Fiske, who is operator at the Lincoln Telephone Co., central.

Several citizens of Republican City, Bloomington and Franklin are planning on attending the Battle Cry of Peace on the 9th at the Orpheum and several seats have already been reserved for them. adv

There are several good Friday night seats left for the Battle Cry of Peace. If you have not already secured yours you would do well to phone your choice now. Have them put aside with your name on them and take them up any time before the day of the performance. adv

Miss Lillian Koontz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Koontz, who had been attending the Western Dental College at Kansas City, Missouri, graduated last week with the highest honors of her class. Miss Koontz expects to locate in Missouri and practice her chosen profession but has not selected a town yet.

Beginning with the "Clarion" next Tuesday night and "The Reapers" on Wednesday night Manager Cassil has made arrangement for the showing of the "You Know Me All" series of base ball comedy stories that were run in The Saturday Evening Post. This will make a six reel show for the regular price. These comedies are conceded to be the biggest drawing cards now being shown. Be sure and see the first one next Tuesday night.

Not a Fish Story.

One of the popular young men of this vicinity sustained a fire loss one day recently which is not covered by insurance. It is not the amount of dollars or cents that troubled him most, but the "kidding" of his friends when they met him. While we were not one of the party, we were let in on the secret a short time afterward, and the story making the rounds is something like this: The party mentioned was whiling away the time along the banks of the stream, fishing, when the thought struck him that it would be a pleasant day for a dip. He removed considerable of his clothing, placed them on the bank of the stream, and in he went. When in the water, he discovered that he had his pipe in his mouth, and removing it, he tossed it over onto the bank, not paying any attention to where it landed (which was in the midst of the clothing). When he returned about an hour later, from his frolic in the water, he found, where the clothing ought to be, a little pile of ashes. He went to a nearby farm house to procure more clothing and all he could get was "a suit that fit too soon." The only path of rescue open to him then, was to "hide out" in the shrubbery near the bridge, while his younger brother went to their home to get another "covering" for him.



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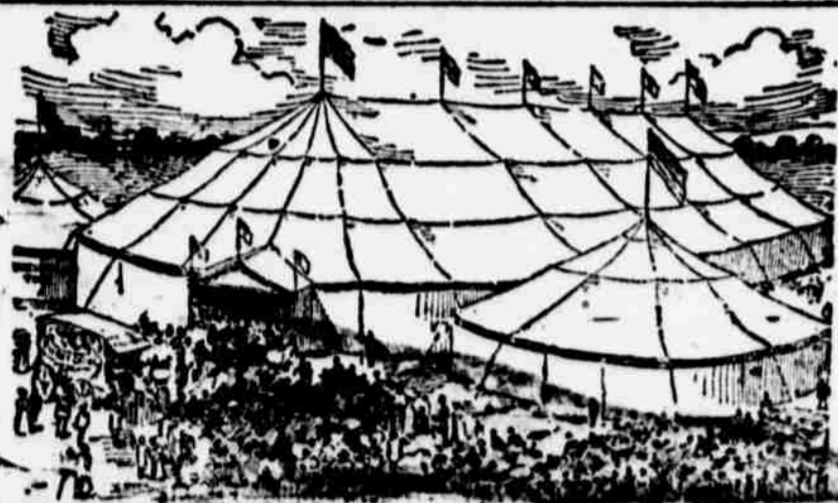
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