

THE LOCAL LYRE.

-1892
-Chestnut
-Apparition
-In rural weeklies
-Trip installation at I. O. O. F. hall

-A hair put in an appearance at the McEvoy home on Thursday last
-E. A. Cary, who was seriously ill with congestion of the lungs last week, is recovering quite rapidly now.

-W. Smith and J. W. LeMasters put in some overtime Sunday on the engine at the Klenk meat market.

-Notice change in advertisements of M. Einstein & Co., H. S. Keith, Star Clothing House and E. J. Newton.

-Gatward & Newman, the new meat market men are enjoying a large run of patronage. Good meats tell the tale.

-An employe of Fogles blacksmith shop was kicked on the head by a horse last week, and sustained severe bruises.

-One lb. good Japan tea for 40 cents at Omas's.

-The executive committee of the G. A. R. reunion held a meeting last night and settled up the business of the last meeting.

-A North Platte boy who is in of a centrifugal turn of mind has a collection of bird eggs that would be creditable to a first-class museum.

-Snow fell to the depth of about three inches Monday night and the following day the merry jingle of sleigh-bell resounded through the air.

-A contractor in informs us that several parties have already begun making preliminary arrangements for erecting residences early in the spring.

-Broach, the photographer finished up nineteen dozen and one picture as the result of his New Year's day run. This is a pretty good starter for the new year.

-Milo Torrey of Cheyenne county was married to Miss Mary Waldup of Myrtle precinct at the M. E. parsonage January 2d. Rev. E. Smith performed the ceremony.

-La grippe is quite prevalent in the city, a number of persons being confined in bed by reason thereof. So far no deaths have occurred directly or indirectly from the malady.

-Major Derby returned Saturday from his farm in Myrtle precinct where he had been gathering his crop. He thinks the crop yield of the county is not as good as generally reported.

-G. W. Applegate and sons of Fairview precinct, raised 958 bushels of wheat and 206 bushels of rye from forty-five acres of ground, an average of nearly twenty-six bushels per acre.

-The committee of ladies having the leap year dance in charge held a meeting Saturday and selected to-morrow evening as the date of the affair, and the Pacific hotel as the place of holding the same.

-Installation services were held by the Knights of Pythias Friday evening last. There will be work in the third degree at the next meeting and two or three applications will also be considered.

-John I. Nesbitt having resigned his office as register of the land office on account of sickness, there are several applicants for the position, among them being Messrs. Evans, Patterson, Church and Woodhurst.

-Three lb. cans of York tomatoes or corn at 10 cents per can at Omas's.

-The debating club which meets at the R. R. Y. M. C. A. rooms Monday evening of each week is quite well attended, the members consist principally of the young boys attending school.

-Monday was the regular meeting night of the city council, but owing to the absence of Schramm, the sickness of Johnston and the impossibility of Herrod to leave his work, a quorum could not be secured.

-J. F. Fillion is now at work on an ice boat which he expects to launch on the north river within a few days. It will have a nine foot sail-yard and sufficient canvas to insure a speed of fifteen to twenty miles in a fair wind. Mr. Fillion made one of these boats about fifteen years ago and it sped over the ice very rapidly.

-A railroad crossing on Maple street is an imperative necessity, and as the railroad company has promised to put one in as soon as an ordinance requiring the same is passed, the city council should lose no time in performing their duty.

-A number of young men have been sporting discolored optics and severe bruises on their faces during the past week, some of which are due to "scrapes," but the majority was caused by sudden and unexpected falls on the glue ice on the north river.

-Dr. F. N. Dick tripped on a loose plank on one of our sidewalks Saturday evening and suffered the fracture of an ankle bone. In this connection it may be well to call the attention of the street commissioner to the condition of some of the city sidewalks.

-At the meeting of the Episcopal vestry Monday evening a call was extended to Rev. McDonald, the minister who officiated at that church Sunday morning. Rev. McDonald has for some time past been filling the position of missionary in Bishop Graves jurisdiction.

-Louise Bretznitz, formerly of this city, was united in marriage to a Mr. Fisher living near Gandy on Thursday evening last week. The bride, along with the North Platte friends of the young lady with the couple much future happiness and prosperity.

-The Business Men's Association held a meeting Monday evening at which twenty-five members were present. Considerable business of importance was transacted, and a committee appointed to confer with the county commissioners relative to sending corn products to the starving Russians.

-The meeting to be held at the court house on Saturday next for the purpose of devising some means to establish a beet sugar factory at North Platte should be well attended, not only by our citizens, but by the farmers who may be in town on that day. The locating of a factory in North Platte means a great deal to Lincoln county and will result in financial gain to almost every farmer.

C. V. Stout was thrown out of his buggy by a team of greco colts last week and sustained bruises which laid him up for several days.

-The mild weather has been somewhat against the formation of ice on the new skating rink, but it is believed that a cold snap will be due inside a week and form ice of sufficient thickness to make excellent skating.

-The death rate in North Platte during the year past was about eleven to each thousand of the population. This is a low percentage and is sufficient ground for booming the city as a health resort.

-For the benefit of eastern young ladies who peruse THE TRIBUNE, we would state that there are in this city nearly one hundred well-to-do young men who might be caught in the matrimonial net if the proper bait be used. Young ladies who intend talking advantage of the privileges offered them by leap year should lose no time in making application.

-Quite a crowd of old time skaters went out New Year's day teaching the young people how to do a little funny work on the steel runners. Among those who were and may still be considered experts are W. W. Birge, N. B. Oids, Ike Dillon and J. E. Grace.

-Remember Ormsby will not be undersold. He gives you prices to prove what he says.

-A correspondent writes THE TRIBUNE that an intricate war is being waged in the farmers' alliance in Gaslin precinct and that a number of the most intelligent members have left the organization and swear by the great horn spoon that will sever them. The alliance in that precinct has been exceptionally strong for two years past.

-It is likely the statesman who occupies seats in the council will soon be called upon to devise ways and means for paying the \$2400 due the Chicago firm for some carts and hose. It will require some fine financing to pay this debt without bonding the city, but THE TRIBUNE is of the opinion that it is only a question of time until the city will have to issue funding bonds to the amount of six or eight thousand dollars.

-Fred Hesse, who married Miss Sutherland of this city, has been in the cattle business in Wyoming for a number of years, and during that time has made it hot for some of the cattle thieves who infect that country. The thieves in turn went gunning for Mr. Hesse so frequently for the safety of his family and self he decided to go to Chicago and remain temporarily. He returned the ranch over to the Sutherland boys who will clean out the cattle rustlers or die in their boots.

-Look at C. F. Ormsby's prices this week. You can save money by giving him a chance to figure on your groceries and groceries.

-The mean temperature for December, according to Observer Pierce's monthly report, was thirty-one degrees, the lowest temperature nine degrees below zero, and the highest fifty-nine degrees. The mean temperature for the month for the past eighteen years has been twenty-seven. The total movement of the wind during the month was 6419 and the maximum velocity thirty-seven miles per hour. Sixty-nine one hundredths of an inch of rain or snow fell; which is the greatest in any December since 1855; although the average for eighteen years has been sixty-four one-hundredths. During the month there were eight cloudless days, thirteen partly cloudy and ten cloudy.

-Over in Iowa sharpers are working a new game upon the farmers. They closely watch the local papers for stray notices, and on discovering such a swindler No. 1 goes to the farmer and asks to see the stock, which of course he says does not belong to him. He then goes to swindler No. 2 and gives him an accurate description of the animals. The latter then goes to the farmer and gives him the description furnished by the first sharper. Of course the farmer assumes that the stock belongs to this man. The latter then offers to sell the same to the farmer at a ridiculously low price, which is generally accepted. In course of time the rightful owner appears and the agriculturalist discovers that he has been fleeced.

-The change in county officers will take place to-day or to-morrow, at which time Geo. C. Stoddard will assume the duties of clerk, John H. Clark will be installed in the treasurer's office, James M. Ray will do the judicial emine in the county court, Geo. R. Hammond will take his seat as county commissioner and E. B. Warner will be crowned coroner. They are all good men and we predict will make efficient, capable and satisfactory officers—in fact we are sure they will. Miss Hoeford, who has so acceptably filled the office of county superintendent, will continue her good work, and D. A. Baker as sheriff and W. C. Elder as clerk of the district court, will act in the same painstaking and efficient manner which has characterized their work during the past year. Practical experience and acquaintance with the people and country will materially assist the new county surveyor in satisfactorily filling his office.

-Arbuckle, Lion, XXX and all kinds of package coffee 20 cents a package.

-We are pleased to be able to state to all the services in the Church of Our Savior are being well attended. This is as it should be, for it behooves every Episcopalian to support those services with his or her presence. A city the size of North Platte should have a larger Episcopal church than she has, and if the congregation would only let it be seen that the present edifice is not large enough to accommodate all comfortably, the day would not be far distant when we would have a church that our city might well be proud of. There are at least two hundred Episcopals in North Platte, half of whom would more than fill the church. With such a number the congregation would have no difficulty in showing that the church is not large enough. The services now are short and bright, so that there really is no reason why the people should not turn out in their full strength. It is very gratifying to know that the church is so well attended, and we hope to see the congregation take hold and show that they mean to have that new church as soon as possible.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. C. Elder went to Omaha yesterday morning.
H. S. Boal left yesterday on a business trip to Omaha.
H. M. Grimes went down to Omaha Sunday noon.

Dr. A. B. Ayres made a professional trip to Ogallala this week.
J. C. Ferguson, of Fremont, spent Friday with friends in the city.

Editor Stockton, of the Sidney Pioneer, is in town yesterday.
Charley Searle, of Ogallala, spent Sunday with North Platte friends.

Beach I. Hinman has been spending the past day or two in Omaha.
Miss Kate Grace went to Cheyenne Thursday on a visit to relatives.

T. C. Patterson and A. S. Baldwin went to Omaha visitors last week.
W. D. Waldo left Monday night for a visit at his old home in Connecticut.

E. H. Shaw, the Wallace banker, transacted business in the city Sunday.
Miss Calla McDonald returned to her school at Hastings Tuesday morning.

Mrs. J. D. Bayle, of Grand Island, has been visiting her sister Mrs. J. C. Carrigan.
Geo. Patterson went to Omaha Sunday morning, where he will remain some time.

Miss Olive Apperson, of Cheyenne, is visiting her friend Miss Minnie Hine of this city.
W. J. Pattersall will leave in a few days for Salida, Col., on a visit to his two sons.

J. H. McCall, of Lexington, spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Baldwin.
Miss Lizzie Burke left Sunday for Peru, Neb., where she will attend the state normal school.

Chris Rorup left last Thursday for Los Angeles, Cal., where he hopes to be benefited physically by the climate.
J. W. LeMaster left Monday night for Johns, Ind., where he will remain until the latter part of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Babcock, of Cambridge, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Delator for several days past.
R. O. Chamberlain, the engineer, has taken a thirty day lay-off and left yesterday for his old home in Yankeeond.

G. W. Vroman, chairman of the locomotive engineers' grievance committee, was in Omaha on official business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Esking, who had been visiting relatives in Pennsylvania for two months, returned home the latter part of the week.

Lester Walker, who has been attending the Lehigh University at South Bethlehem, Pa., arrived home Saturday and will visit his parents for a short time.
Principal of the schools Dennis and his assistant Mr. Peterson, returned from the east Sunday night and assumed their respective positions Monday morning.

Rev. Dr. Oliver and daughter, of Kearney, spent Sunday in town as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Foley. The doctor officiated at the Episcopal church Sunday evening.

J. B. McDonald and Edward Elliott, North Platte's representatives at the State University, returned to Lincoln Sunday after spending the holiday vacation at home.

A. D. Williams returned to the city Saturday after a month's visit with relatives in St. Louis. He will accept the position of court reporter in this judicial district.

D. E. Cronin, of La Mars, Iowa, accompanied by his wife, visited his brother M. J. Cronin of this city last week. The two brothers visited Des Moines and other Colorado points.

Rush Reed, clerk in Foley's, is recovering from a ten day's siege of la grippe, and if he feels sufficiently strong will leave to-day for Portland, Oregon, where he expects to remain permanently.

S. D. Wadsworth, representing the implement house of Deere, Wells & Co., spent Saturday and Sunday in town. He says the orders his house is receiving from Nebraska dealers this winter indicates a heavy trade next spring and summer.

MORTUARY STATISTICS.
The following mortuary statistics for the city of North Platte during the year 1891 is kindly furnished by Undertaker Warner:

Total number of deaths in the city, 36; of which 24 were males and 12 females. Six of the deaths occurred in the First ward, 17 in the Second, and 13 in the Third. The number occurring each month was as follows: January, 4; February, 1; March, 3; April, 7; May, 5; June, 2; July, 3; August, 3; September, 3; October, 2; November, 1; December, 2. The ages were: Under five years, fifteen; between 5 and 10 years, four; between 10 and 20, one; between 20 and 30, four; between 30 and 40, two; between 40 and 50, two; between 50 and 60, three; between 60 and 70, two; between 70 and 80, two; over 80, one; making an average of 24 years and 3 months.

The number of deaths in the city during the year 1890 was forty-four.

THE TRIBUNE has received too late for publication this week a well written article treating on local charity. It will appear in our next issue.

-F. H. Adams, of Lexington, is in town to-day, having been called here by the sickness of his wife, who has been a victim of la grippe for several days past.

-Assistant Secretary Chandler Monday affirmed the decision of the general land commissioner dismissing the protest against final proof submitted by D. W. Lute and accepting proof in the prevention declaratory statement contest of D. W. Lute vs. James B. Tridle from the North Platte district.

-The Burlington railway has agreed to transport the Nebraska contribution to the Russian sufferers to Chicago free of cost. Other roads will probably carry the train on to the seaboard without expense. All that it will be necessary for the people of Nebraska to do will be to prepare the grain for its long journey across the water and land to the cars. Nothing now seems to be in the way of the complete success of the plan to forward a long train load of our principal product to the czar's starving subjects.—Journal.

-Fat Hogs wanted by D. W. Baker, Office at Otter's Shoe Store.

-Miss O'Brien returned from the east Sunday night, where she has been visiting relatives in Pennsylvania for two months, returned home the latter part of the week.

-The engine 801 will take her run on 3 and 4 on the east end.

-The valve model ordered by the Engine-men's Mechanical Association arrived the latter part of the week and will be placed in one of the outfit cars. The model will furnish a practical illustration of the valve workings of a locomotive.

-Mechanic Charles Pass has been suspended for ten days during a misunderstanding of orders from the foreman. I trust the matter will be adjusted before the time is up, as this is a poor season of the year to be idle.

-I saw in the carpenter shop a lot of photographs of the Sedgewick wreck and judging from the views I would say that Joe Donegan had a very close call from the kingdom of come. If I were Joe I would get one of them as a keepsake and reminder of the occasion for surely it was a miraculous escape for him.

This Season of the Year

It is generally accounted a dull one for business, but it must not be so with us. In order to keep up the excellent trade we have had for a number of months past extra inducements will be offered purchasers. Now is the "accepted time" in which to buy goods at remarkably low figures.

CHANTON, THE JEWELER.

North Platte Camp, Modern. Women of America will in the afternoon of 1892 at the hall this Wednesday evening, to which members of the Camp and their ladies are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Seven grain cars were side-tracked at the Wallace elevators last Sunday, and they arrived one too soon, as a few more days would have found the elevators filled and another blockade would have been the result.—Wallace Star.

A letter from F. H. Jones, of Cheyenne, states that he is busy collecting information regarding the Nebraska acres of cultivated land in western Nebraska and that he will see to it that Melbourne and the people are brought together to make a deal on the rain business shortly.—Ogallala News.

L. Kimball of the Union Pacific and Henry Gibson, an Omaha business man, are the western agents of a New York syndicate which has decided to erect a system of best sugar factories through Nebraska and adjacent states, with headquarters in this city. They refuse to give any information on the subject until the plans are perfected.—Bee.

A special train arrived at Merrill from Holdrege Sunday morning loaded with immigrant movables, lumber, coal, etc. There were on this train five car loads and as many families from Bloomington, Ill., who have come to settle on land lately purchased by them in the vicinity of Merrill. These people come well equipped for farming and will undoubtedly succeed. Another special from Holyoke came in the evening.

A project is on foot to organize a local stock company for the purpose of putting in a system of sewerage, the main object being to carry away the refuse water of kitchens and the accumulation in privy vaults. It is believed sufficient stock to put in the system would be subscribed by North Platte residents. The project is a commendable one and would go a great way toward abating nuisances as well as sickness of a malarial nature.

Two hundred and eighty-five members have been admitted to the Nebraska soldiers' home since its opening. Some by reason of pensions have become able to support themselves, others have been discharged for insubordination, some obtained admission who were not entitled thereto, while others have joined the silent majority, leaving one hundred as the present membership. Of this number nineteen are bedfast in the hospital.—Grand Island Independent.

Governor Thayer is corresponding with Governor Merriam of Minnesota and Secretary Tracy of the Navy relative to the shipment of food to Russia. It appears now that the United States ship "Constellation" will convey the flour and corn to Russia free. It will be an act of grateful and complete courtesy for the people of the west to make the donation and the government of the United States take the gift to Russia. Governor Thayer says Nebraska will contribute about sixty car loads of corn.

Another puzzle has for some time been sprung upon the inoffensive people of this nation. It has an easy, simple, unsophisticated look, but it is a stern, hard-hearted, tyrannical affair. We distinctly stipulate with our readers, that if any of them have traits of hereditary insanity, they are not to attempt to solve it. It consists simply of three columns of figures arranged thus:

1 1 1
3 3 3
5 5 5
7 7 7
9 9 9

The only point is to add-together any six of the above figures and make the total 21. Easy, isn't it?

A CARD OF THANKS.
We desire to express our thanks to the many friends for their kindly remembrance of last Thursday evening. We thank you for the valuable gifts so liberally bestowed and for the more valuable esteem which prompted the act. Your kindness will be gratefully cherished, and we pray that the Bountiful Father may abundantly reward you.

ERASTUS SMITH,
Mrs. E. SMITH.

APPEAL FOR AID.
The time for action and organization has arrived. News of the distressing condition of the people of Russia comes to us from all quarters. We are asked by his excellency Governor John M. Thayer, to organize our county for the work of relieving the necessities of these people to the extent of our ability. The promptness of the responses to our appeals in times of dire necessity should awaken us to liberal and prompt action and the bountiful harvest which is almost gathered should awake in us a strong desire for the work of the relief of this destitute. Most of the counties in this state have responded liberally. No stated amount is asked of any individual what is wanted is corn or corn food supplies. In order that this good work may be carried on with as little confusion as possible the following named points in this county are designated where contributions may be delivered: North Platte, Wellfleet, Wallace and Brady Island. We would earnestly request that all contributions be delivered at the above named points between January 11th and 16th, 1892. The commissioners and county clerk of this county will have the work in charge together with parties to T. C. Patterson's advertisement in this issue, in which he offers 100 choice residence lots at very low prices and easy monthly payments. This is probably the last chance to secure choice residence lots at such very low prices and easy terms.

WILL YOU SUFFER WITH DYSPEPSIA AND LIVER COMPLAINT? SHILOH'S VITALIZER is guaranteed to cure you. Sold by J. Q. Thayer.

SHILOH'S VITALIZER is what you need for Constipation, Loss of Appetite, Dizziness, and all symptoms of Dyspepsia. Price 10 and 75 cents per Bottle. Sold by J. Q. Thayer.

NOTICE.
The annual meeting of the stock holders of the First National Bank will be held at its office, Tuesday, January 12th, 1892, at 4 o'clock p. m.

W. B. COWLEY,
Cashier.

REPORT-ARTICLE R. R. Y. M. C. A.

The report for the year of what use has been made by the young men of the privileges offered by the R. R. Y. M. C. A. will no doubt give many persons a new idea of the institution and its many-sided work. The rooms have not failed to be open every day since their opening Dec. 29, 1890, which pleasant occasion will long be remembered by those in attendance. The visits since then number 19,365, an average of 33 per day. The bathing privileges have been used 2,662 times, 1249 letters have been written by the men, 2,848 library books have been used by the public, 736 people have been present at the entertainments.

A good beginning was made in educational work last fall and at seven meetings an attendance of fifty-nine young men was reached. Fifteen meetings of the literary and debating society were held with 279 in attendance. Papers to the number of 4,670 have been sent out to men along the line of the road west of here. The general secretary made 1,133 visits to shops, way cars, etc., and 79 to sick and injured besides having the goal of the institution constantly in mind, and endeavoring at all times to acquaint the public with its aims and objects.

The religious work of the association marks a new era in efforts to help young men upon a subject which few of them are very well informed. Forty-six classes in attendance have been held with an attendance of 312; 18 gospel song services with 267 present, and 17 cottage meetings with 255 attendance, an average of 15 each meeting.

The membership has grown steadily, though sometimes slow, few members have seemed to realize and appreciate their privileges of bringing other young men into membership, that they might enjoy the valuable privileges themselves and also have the financial support a new member brings the association. The enrollment of members for the year has been 240.

The expenses for the year has been as follows:
Salaries \$1,342.85
Rent 360.00
Periodicals and papers 69.00
Laundry 48.55
Articles for rooms 38.85
Postage and P. O. box rent 24.40
Incidentals 53.20
Rents to E. Young, Auditor 25.00
Stationery and printing 18.50
Hauling 10.65
Insurance 10.00
Books 6.85
Educational classes 3.00

\$2002.25
Of this amount the dues of the members gave \$1,470 and supplied coal, light and various other minor articles from the store. The amount from members dues received for the year was \$202.55, of which a balance of \$70.30 was turned over to the treasurer of the board of directors.

Thus our readers can see the record of the first year of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association in North Platte. It is a record that should be studied carefully, as these figures mean a good deal. We sincerely trust that the second year will show greater success than the first.

INSTALLATION OF G. A. R. AND W. R. C.
The dual installation services of S. A. Douglas Post G. A. R. and Women's Relief Corps No. 110, was held at the hall Saturday evening, J. H. Woodry as installing officer installed the following:
Commander, W. C. Elder; senior vice commander, W. M. Emerson; junior vice commander, G. A. Hesse; V. E. Roy, H. P. Gilman; O. G. E. Smith; adjutant, A. H. Church; S. M. T. C. Patterson; Q. M. sergeant, S. Goetze. Miss W. E. Hesse, who had memorized the whole installation ceremonies, then installed the following officers of the W. R. C.
President, Mrs. Anna Church; senior vice-president, Mrs. Elizabeth Cruzen; junior vice-president, Mrs. Catherine Dick; chaplain, Mrs. Pauline Hines; treasurer, Miss W. E. Hesse; secretary, Mrs. Mary Patterson; conductor, Miss Eta Stuart; guard, Mrs. Mary Seyler; assistant conductor, Mrs. Mary Nauman; assistant guard, Mrs. Mary Schramm.

After the ceremonies had been completed, a camp-fire was opened and full justice done to pork and beans, and other good " grub " as the old boys call it. After all had partaken heartily, a program of recitations and speeches was rendered. Miss Mary Otman recited the "Battle of Shiloh," Col. Bernard, of Texas, made few remarks, Miss Anna Brown recited "Batteries B," A. H. Church spoke at some length, Miss Minnie Hine recited a poem appropriate to the gathering, followed by speeches by Mrs. Anna Church and Messrs. W. C. Elder, T. C. Patterson, John Evans, D. C. Lord and S. Goetze. At mid-night Commander Elder dismissed the camp-fire, all attendants having had a pleasant time. The conductor Miss Eta Stuart deserves great credit for the manner in which she performed her part.

Twenty-five bars Kirk's White Russian or White Rose soap for \$1.00, at Omas's.

BRADY BUDGET.
The snow of Monday night was a dampener on the fine weather we had been hoping for, but as the farmers are pretty well through with their work, they do not complain.

Just at present the farmers are marketing a large number of hogs, and though the market price is not very satisfactory the sales bring the sellers quite handsome sums of cash.

The buyers at Brady pay the highest possible market price for hogs, and as a result trade in our little village is good.

Ericson Bros. were in town Monday and sold R. P. Wisler two car loads of wheat.

A dance was held at the residence of Charley Brown New Year's eve, and from what I can learn it was a very pleasant affair.

On Thursday evening last the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons gave them a surprise party, that date being their twentieth wedding anniversary. A bountiful supper was served and a general good time was enjoyed by those present. Before leaving the guests presented Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons with a fine bed room set.

I am informed that our former resident J. K. Stockton will soon take the stump for the purpose of attempting to revive the drooping and surely dying independent party in Lincoln county. I am of the opinion that the Judge has a big job on his hands.

CYNTHIA.

DRIFTING.

Drifting, the months go drifting into years—dead memories oft go drifting into tears. The peary snow flakes drift upon a little mound. Drifting, the hours go drifting into days; The poet's song goes drifting into sweeter lays. Our thoughts go drifting to a distant land. The storm-wrecked ship does drift upon the sand. Drifting, the wood goes drifting with the river's side. The news goes drifting o'er the world so wide. The best goes drifting from the furnace warm. The cattle drift before the winter's storm. Drifting, the bark goes drifting o'er the ocean's wave Our lives go drifting toward the silent grave. Where fondest hopes have longed to cling, O'er to be covered by the winter's drifting snow. U. O. LA, R.

WHAT IS GOOD BAKING POWDER.
It is a well known fact that carbonate of ammonia is used by bakers in the preparation of the finest and most wholesome bread and cake, and has been from time immemorial. It is among the oldest ingredients of baking powders known. It is all evolved in gas by the heat of the oven, and leaves no trace of itself in the food, and it is this that gives it its great value as a leavening agent in the opinions of the physicians.—New York Journal.

MYRTLE CLEANINGS.
There were dances New Years night at the homes of W. H. Burns and Theo. Stevens, the attendants getting home in the wee sma' hours.

Law McGrew, who has been staying at Palmyra for the past year, is back among his old friends once more. Welcome, Law.

Ross Combs is quite sick at the residence of his mother.

Lettie Brunk and Jessie Waite will attend school in North Platte the coming term.

Elder H. C. Clinton, of Long Pine, who has been preaching for the good people of this vicinity for two months past, will endeavor to organize an independent Baptist church on the last Sabbath of this month at the Myrtle school house. He is sent by the board of missions to organize churches in Western Nebraska.

We wish him success in his undertakings.

The most pleasant affair of the season was the social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Brunk on New Year's day. At an early hour the people began to arrive by wagon load, and soon the spacious rooms were filled by a happy company of young and old. First in order was a musical and literary programme followed by a sumptuous dinner to which all did justice. After dinner the young folks engaged in social games.

Although the minister was not able to be present, he was not forgotten and a collection was taken for him. Before leaving, those present were photographed by Mr. Schrambling of Gandy. As entertainers Mr. and Mrs. Brunk were voted a success.

FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.
G. O. Ross has rented his place to L. P. Darby, of North Platte.

Erastus Combs has been very sick for the past week.

Myrtle wants a sugar factory and a railroad to begin with. We can't begin to haul our surplus grain to North Platte with horses only. If we cannot have a railroad soon we will be forced to import elephants from India.

My SELF.
Advertisement Letters.
List of letters remaining uncalled for in the post office at North Platte, Neb., for the week ending Jan. 4.

BENTLENS.
Anderson, P. M. Howard, J. C. Anderson, Andrew Hunter, C. W. Bushnell, E. N. Lee, W. P. Chapman, John McKinley, C. R. Coleman, W. M. Mason, G. L. Hinton, John W. Prettyman, J. H. Whipple, Asa Laddie, Brown, Asa

Persons calling for above will please say advertised." C. L. Wood, Postmaster.

-Wanted.—Corn to shell. Address, Dunley & Feeken, at either Hershey or North Platte.

SPECIAL NOTICES.
Advertisements under this head will be charged 1 cent per word each insertion, but nothing returned for less than 10 cents.

(CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES) at the original North Side Grocery Store. Also Feed of all kinds and Fresh Country Produce. Give me a call. V. VON GOETZ.

FOR SALE—SIX ROOM HOUSE