

Town and County News.

—Joseph Weeks has been on the sick list for several days past.

—W. E. Bock is visiting his parents in Council Bluffs, having left for that place yesterday morning.

—J. W. Johnson and Jacob Lillian, of Fox Creek, are in town today making final proof upon their claims.

—H. M. Weber returned last evening from Ogalalla where he had been for several days looking after his business interests.

—The Hershey Review says Rev. Fisher is having good success with his meetings at that place, several renouncing Satan and his ways.

—Next Tuesday is ground hog day, and according to an old saying if that quadruped comes forth from his lair and sees his shadow he will retire for six weeks, to escape the cold weather.

—Harry J. Langdon came in from Leadville last evening and will visit his parents for a few days. He is a member of an artillery company and has for several months been stationed with the troops at Leadville guarding mining property.

—Several names have already been mentioned as candidates for mayor at the coming municipal election. The republicans will probably hold a regular delegate convention and nominate a full ticket. This we think, is a good plan.

—General Passenger Lomax, of the Union Pacific through agent Olds has sent a request to the officers of the several irrigation companies asking for information relative to their ditches. This information will be embodied in a folder which the company will soon issue.

—The weather forecasts: Generally fair with rising temperature to-night and Saturday, possibly becoming unsettled Saturday. The maximum temperature yesterday at North Platte was 21, minimum in past 24 hours 2 below zero at 7 a. m. zero. Precipitation none. For the same period and time one year ago the maximum temperature was 57, minimum 28, at 7 a. m. 30. Precipitation none.

—Maud E., wife of Lewis E. Meyer, died at her home in this city last evening at nine o'clock from consumption. The deceased came to North Platte last March with her husband and at that time was enjoying her ordinary health, but some time ago the insidious disease developed itself and several weeks ago hopes of her recovery were given up. Mrs. Myers was a sister of Mrs. H. I. Swarthout and Mrs. R. D. Thomson, of this city. She leaves no children. The remains will be taken to Plattsmouth to-night for interment.

—C. L. Patterson announces his intention of laying out a town site in Birdwood precinct on the line of the Hinman and Patterson irrigation ditch. Those who desire to get in on the ground floor should see Mr. Patterson without delay. Among the possible industries of the new town are a sugar factory, canning factory and an oatmeal mill. The power for these concerns will be furnished by the current in Birdwood creek. This scheme originated in one of Clint's dreams and it will probably remain a dream.

DR. W. A. DEBERRY
DENTIST.
First Nat'l Bank Bld'g.

—Since our last issue several additional speakers have been secured for the farmers' institute to be held in this city on Thursday and Friday of next week. The additional speakers and the subjects are as follows: Horse raising for profit, Max Beer; celery growing and market gardening, Chas. Pass; poultry raising, M. K. Barium; cattle feeding, A. Kunkle; diversified farming, O. H. P. Buchanan; horticulture, F. E. Bullard; butter making, Mrs. A. D. Orr and H. J. Hansen. Music will be furnished for the meetings by local talent.

—Among the social events of this week have been the Kensingtons given by Mrs. J. L. Minor. The first of these was given Wednesday afternoon, the ladies present numbering seventeen. The hours were from three to six and the time was passed most pleasantly by all. The refreshments were served in hand painted china, the work of the hostess, and the tables profusely decorated with cut flowers. Yesterday fourteen ladies were present, and they too passed a very charming afternoon. The guests were seated at a long dining table which was resplendent with handsome china and flowers. The refreshments, which were nicely prepared and prettily served consisted of fried oysters, chicken salad, relishes, bread and coffee. Mrs. Minor will give a third Kensington this afternoon.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.

Dr. Alexander D. Buckworth died at his residence last night at 12:55 o'clock from disease of the heart. The Doctor was enjoying his usual health up to last Saturday, when he caught a cold which settled on his chest. This caused him some trouble and he was confined more or less to his bed, but his condition was not considered dangerous by the members of the family. Last night he got up and sat down on the edge of the bed apparently feeling improved and while conversing with his wife suddenly fell backward and expired without a struggle.

Dr. Buckworth was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, in April, 1833, and was therefore at the time of his death nearly sixty-four years of age. When a young man he entered a medical college at Cincinnati and graduated therefrom with honors. He later located in Illinois where he practiced medicine. In the early 70's he came to Nebraska and located at Hastings, and was largely interested in the promotion and construction of the St. Joe and Grand Island railroad. He was closely identified with the business interests of Hastings and to his enterprise was in a large measure due the growth of that town.

The deceased came to North Platte in 1875, having at that time been appointed register of the local U. S. land office. This position he held for nine years and upon leaving the office transacted a general real estate business for a year or two. Then he associated himself with James Sutherland in the banking business. Later this state bank was reorganized as the North Platte National Bank, and Mr. Buckworth became its president. This position he occupied until the bank closed some two years ago.

In politics the Doctor took an active interest and part, and had a state reputation as a stalwart and uncompromising republican. About 1872 he was an active candidate for governor in the republican state convention, and in 1884 was nominated and elected senator from this senatorial district and ably represented his constituents.

The Doctor was popular with all his acquaintances, and was ever ready to assist a friend who was in trouble. The unfortunate termination of the bank of which he was the head, weighed heavily upon his mind, and for the past two years had spent most of the time at his home in the west end. He leaves a wife and two daughters, Miss Blanche of this city and Mrs. C. A. Diamond of Lincoln. To these the heartfelt sympathies of our people are extended.

At this writing arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

—Some few inquiries are being received from the east relative to irrigated lands in this county, and those who have land to sell believe that there will be quite a demand for irrigated real estate before the close of the present year.

—Farmers' institutes will be held at Sutherland on February 8th, at Hershey on the 9th, Brady Island on the 9th and 10th, and at Garfield on the 10th and 11th. These institutes will be held under the supervision of the agricultural department of the state university.

—The cold weather has delayed a number of the passenger trains during the past few days. This is particularly true of train No. 1, which has been late nearly every evening on account of the trains on the Iowa roads being late in reaching Council Bluffs. On the first, second and third districts of the Union Pacific considerable of the lost time is usually made up.

—The movement to organize an irrigation district in the territory covered by the South Side ditch has attained tangible shape. T. C. Patterson has been employed as attorney to push the matter through as rapidly as possible. In our opinion the formation of the district is an excellent move, inasmuch that it will more rapidly and readily bring the land under cultivation. Particularly is this true of land owned by non-residents, for if they are taxed for this purpose they are pretty certain to improve the land and place it in a condition that will bring them increased revenue.

—Mrs. H. S. White last evening entertained a party of young people at high-five in favor of Platt A. White. The affair has been pronounced an exceptionally pleasant one, and the hostess demonstrated her ability to entertain in a most successful manner. The prizes were won by Miss May Walker and J. H. Turpie. Following the games excellent refreshments were served were: Mrs. Baldwin, and Misses M. Kocken, Burston, Watts, Sorenson, Goetze, Burke, A. Kocken, Federhoff, I. Hartman, N. Hartman, Patterson and Walker; Messrs. McNamara, Graves, Hoagland, Langford, Taylor, Goodman, Turpie, DeBerry, Longley, McDonald, Hartman, Rennie and Gleason.

Special Sale of Furniture

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

Prices away down. Now is the time to buy cheap for Cash. Call and be convinced.

Upholstering and Repairing.

Bring in Your Pictures and have them framed this month and save money.

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E. B. WARNER.

Hurrah for February Trade

at RENNIE'S.

JUST OPENED, \$1500 IN BEAUTIFUL NEW DRESS GOODS.

Elegant designs from France, from Germany, from England, and the best of all from the looms of the United States. Our January cleaning up sale was a grand success, cleaning out all of our old dress good stock. The ladies of North Platte can stand witness that Rennie gave the most wonderful bargains in fine all-wool dress goods.

Notice-- This week it is Cotton Goods at our bargain counter. Every week during '97 we will have a Special Sale of some class of goods. Watch the bargain counter. Watch the window Monday. Positively goods at less than cost, for cash only. At the bargain counter 15c one yard wide Percaloes on Monday at 9 1/2c. Sea Island brand, the best in the world, all costing 10c wholesale, and an immense line of other cotton goods, to close at less than manufacturers' cost, at RENNIE'S on Monday and for one week.

—Mrs. M. B. Cryderman returned Wednesday night from her trip to Kansas.

—The Presbyterian aid society was entertained at the parsonage yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Verner.

—Misses Nellie and Frankie Bristol returned to Columbus Wednesday after visiting North Platte friends for a week.

—Will Leonard has begun laying plans to attend the inauguration of president-elect McKinley. He expects to ride all the way to Washington.

—You are invited to attend the campfire and "bean eat" to be given to-morrow evening at the K. P. hall by the Grand Army boys and the Woman's Relief Corps.

—In the number of confirmations the Episcopal church of this city last year led all other churches in the Platte jurisdiction. The number confirmed was twenty-three.

—Judge Grimes will hold his first term of court for this year at Ogalalla beginning February 8th. He will hold two terms this year in each of the counties in the district except Logan and McPherson.

—The members of the Owl whist club are beginning to believe that they are pretty good players, and will probably soon challenge such veteran players as Major Woodhurst, Lew Pierce and Judge Grimes.

—The state beet sugar convention will be held at Hastings next week. North Platte is entitled to five delegates and Mayor Baker made his selections, but it is not known whether all will go. Messrs. Fort and Leonard are pretty certain to attend.

—Between three and four hundred signatures have been secured to the petition asking the Board of Education to call an election to vote school bonds. As the law requires that the petition have the names of one-third the legal voters of the district—which includes women—several hundred more names will be required.

—The erection of the proposed telephone system seems to have struck a popular chord, and the promoters have already received many applications for phones. The great advantage of a telephone line is apparent to all, and the proposed system will undoubtedly be well patronized. Work on the line will begin just as soon as the material is received.

—The ice harvest is now in full blast and a number of men and teams are thereby given employment. Dick Kellner is filling the Waltham house, the old bottling works and one other house. The ice from his lake is about nine inches thick and of a very fair quality. Wm. Edis is also cutting from his lake south of the river, and reports the ice of good thickness and of excellent quality.

—Dr. Salisbury, the Ann Arbor specialist who has been in town this week, removed an abnormal growth of large dimensions from the neck of T. D. Cotton. The operation was performed in about three minutes and Mr. Cotton says it was painless, although the only instrument used was an ordinary pen-knife, the Doctor not having his case of instruments with him at the time.

—Miss Edna Hine returned Tuesday night from a visit in Cheyenne and Denver.

—Invitations will be issued for a married folks' dance at Keith's hall on Thursday evening of next week.

—Following the regular lodge exercises this evening the Knights of Pythias will render a musical and literary programme.

—Dr. Dennis reports the arrival on Tuesday night of an eleven pound boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weaverly, ten miles northwest of town.

—The revival services which have been in progress at the Methodist church closed Wednesday evening but will be renewed next Sunday evening.

—The Omaha Bee of Wednesday said: Mrs. H. M. Grimes, wife of Judge Grimes of North Platte, and Mrs. August Deppell, of Portland, Ore., are visiting in the city.

—Andy Picard has had his ice boat on the North river for several days and he and others have had great sport. On Wednesday afternoon coming down the river the boat made a mile in less than a minute and a half. With a good stiff breeze a gait of a mile a minute can be attained.

—Manager Goodman is feeding four cars of steers at the Cody ranch in addition to a number of hogs. The ranch has paid a handsome interest on the investment during the past year, and Manager Goodman now has things in such shape that the ranch will bring Colonel Cody a large revenue each year.

—The many friends of Mrs. S. P. Delatour, of Ogalalla, will regret to learn that her condition is such as to preclude any hope of her recovery. She is troubled with pulmonary disease, and her condition is made worse from the effects of a fall which she received some time ago. Mrs. Delatour recently returned from Hot Springs, Ark., where she had been for the benefit of her health. Dr. Dennis, of this city, was called to see her Wednesday night, but held out no hope for her recovery. LATER—A telegram received in this city announced the death of Mrs. Delatour at 6:30 this morning.

—W. J. Crusen returned the early part of the week from the central part of the state where he assisted in revival services at Hildreth. There were forty conversions during Mr. Crusen's stay, and at time he left there were seventeen at the altar seeking repentance. At Holdrege there were twelve conversions. But it was at Lexington that the greatest revival was held. At that place Mr. Crusen assisted Rev. D. W. Crane, formerly of this city, and as a result of the services one hundred and fifteen were converted, over one hundred of whom joined the church on probation. Mr. Crusen says Rev. Crane is doing a wonderful work at Lexington. When he first went there the audience half filled the house. Now the congregations are so large that the church will not hold them, and an addition costing \$1,800 will be built in the spring. We and all other North Platte people are glad to learn that Mr. Crane is meeting with such success.

—D. P. Wilcox and family have moved into the Smallwood house on west Second street.

—Rev. Beecher returns to-morrow from Sidney where he held Episcopal services yesterday.

—Dr. Donaldson was called Sutherland to attend station agent Carpenter, who has been sick for several weeks.

—Misses Maggie Hainline and Mamie Landgraf gave a roller skating party at the opera house last evening.

—Frank Huntington returned from Omaha yesterday and will visit friends for about ten days prior to leaving for Idaho.

—There will be a partial eclipse of the sun next Monday afternoon, though it will not be visible to any extent in this immediate section.

—Messrs. Hammond, Davis and McMichael returned Tuesday evening from their hunt up west. They were not very successful in finding game.

—Judge Neville is now convalescing from his serious illness, and his physician says he will be able to appear on the streets within a few days.

—The seventeenth anniversary of the Christian Endeavor will be observed by the local society at the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening.

—The county commissioners are still engaged in checking up the books of the county treasurer. They expect to finish the task in a few more days.

—Evidence in the Brown vs. Keith case is still being taken by Referee Hoagland. The referee will make a finding and present it to the district court.

—H. C. Rennie has inaugurated a system of special sales for each week. The bargains offered at these sales will prove of great advantage to buyers.

—Judge Ray's protege, J. S. Hinkley, tried and won his first case in a justice court Wednesday. He conducted the case with the skill of an old practitioner.

—Some half dozen or more families in town who are in destitute circumstances are being relieved through the efforts of the young people's societies of the several churches.

—E. B. Warner sold this week to C. F. Richards the furniture necessary to equip the new hotel at Sutherland. Mr. Richards found Warner's prices low and the goods first-class.

—Henry Appleford, of Maxwell, had a leg broken Monday by a horse falling on him. He was brought to this city the following day and is having the fractured limb treated by Dr. Bedell.

—J. H. Hershey is feeding on his ranch near Hershey 125 head of steers and several hundred head of hogs. He has sufficient corn to fatten this stock and have several thousand bushels left over.

—The tax agents of the U. P. and the B. & M. refuse to pay all the tax assessed against those corporations in Buffalo county, claiming that the school bond and judgment fund levies are excessive and illegal.

—The weather of the past week has been of a very fair winter quality, the temperature ranging from zero to nine below. There has not, however, been much wind, and the cold has not therefore been very keenly felt.

—A number of farmers living adjacent to town have announced their intention of attending the farmers' institute to be held in this city on Thursday and Friday of next week. Everyone will be well repaid for attending.

—The local insurance agents, after more or less squabbling, have attached their names to an agreement which prohibits cut rates and other actions which might effect the best interests of the agents as well as those for whom policies of insurance are written.

—Mrs. John McMichael went to Omaha the early part of the week, where she may reside permanently.

—In speaking of the Union Pacific foreclosure, General Solicitor Kelly says: "I think it may be considered an assured fact that the Union Pacific will go out from the hands of the receivers during the present year. I should say that within seven or eight months all necessary details will be attended to and the receivership terminated. The government has moved in the matter, the funding bill has been defeated, so I can't see where any obstacle could now come in. The offer of the reorganization committee is to pay 60 per cent of the road's debt to the government, or the principal debt, and 3.6 per cent of the interests from the time the government first paid out its money. The committee evidently values the property highly. It has shown evidence of its intention by a deposit of \$4,500,000."

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Elastic cord, 1c per yd, " " "150 " "
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Liquid stove polish 10c, " " "50 " "
Breast snaps, 5c each, " " "50 " "
Line snaps 2c and 3c, " " "66 " "
Swivel snaps 5 cents, " " "50 " "
Queen City hats \$2.00, " " "25 " "
Tin Plates 35c a set, " " "44 " "
Overalls, 65 cents, " " "15 " "

(the ones others get 75 cents for.)

Handled tea cups and saucers 42 cents a set, a saving of 29 per cent.

These are just a few of the many items we can save you money on.

The Wilcox Dept. Store,

NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

—The U. P. company has revoked the order appointing Dr. Salisbury of Ogalalla, assistant surgeon. Dr. Hollingsworth has been asked to accept the position.

—Louis Clark is no longer connected with the U. P. in the capacity of engineer. He will leave in a few days for Patterson, N. J., and later will go to Japan in the employ of the Baldwin locomotive works.

—For the convenience of the boys and girls who like to skate, Rev. Beecher has flooded a portion of the Episcopal church yard and thus created quite a body of ice. The youngsters enjoy themselves morning, noon and evening.

—The Union Pacific officials seem determined to put a stop to coal rustling. A number of men have been "on the carpet" this week, and they have been given to understand that they must buy their coal or sever their connections with the company.

—Smoke Wright's Royal Sports and Havana Rose 5-cent cigar.

—John Evans has given the editor a sample of the hard tack he recently received from one of the regular army posts. This box of hard tack will be on tap at the "bean eat" at Keith's hall to-morrow evening.

—Quite a number of young folks tendered Master Karl Newton a surprise party last evening on the occasion of his thirteenth birthday. The attendants passed a very pleasant evening in playing games of different kinds; and of course the refreshments were duly appreciated. Those present were: Maud and Ethel Dillon, Mabel Orr, Irene Milberger, Minnie Beeler, Jessie Banks, Blanche Warner, Myrtle Berry, Joseph McMichael, Perry, Frank and Clark Buchanan, Charley Ross, Guy Robinson, Bert Parsons, Leo Grimes, Ralph and Karl Newton.

—Certain parties who are opposed to issuing bonds for erecting a new school house have caused a petition to be circulated praying the Board of Education to refuse to call a special election to vote upon the bond proposition. The fact that this remonstrance is being circulated is pretty good evidence that those behind it are afraid that if the proposition to vote bonds is submitted to the voters it will receive the necessary majority. The way to test the popularity of bonds at this time is to submit the proposition to the people, and this we believe is proper.

—The city schools were favored with a call Tuesday from Professor Barber, of the state university, whose mission here was to inspect the schools and see that they are properly classed with the accredited schools of the state. It is understood that the Professor was well pleased with the general condition of our schools, but thought that additional room was surely needed for the best advancement of the pupils. The Professor returned to Lincoln Tuesday night.

—The rehearsals of "The Sorcerer" are progressing in a very satisfactory manner, and at this time it does not look as though the date set would have to be postponed on account of lack of proficiency. Included in the cast of characters of this catchy opera are Miss Wright of Sidney, Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle, Miss Julia Baker, Miss Mabel McNamara, J. B. McDonald, Gus Chamberlain and Fred Baker, all of whom are among the best vocalists of the city.

—The firm of Kellner & Lloyd, which has been heretofore in existence, is dissolved by mutual consent. W. LLOYD.

—Taking effect Jan. 20th the rate on corn from Chicago to the Atlantic seaboard was reduced by the joint traffic association. The western traffic association should now make a corresponding reduction on the rate between the Missouri river and Chicago.

—The Grand Island Independent says that the B. & M. railroad will begin cases in sixteen counties in Nebraska in the near future re-straining county treasurers from collecting the township taxes which may be levied in excess of the fifteen mills provided for by the constitution for general county purposes.

He Couldn't Be Bluffed.

"If you kiss me again, I will call mamma."
"Well, I don't mind. She is still a young looking woman."—Town Topics.

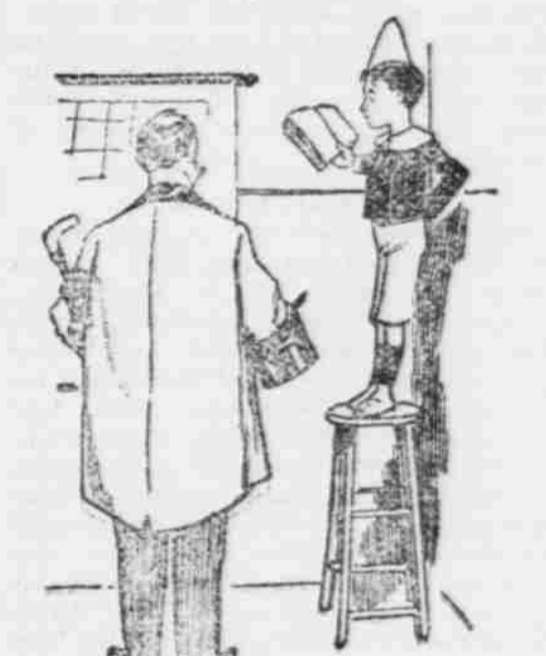
Losing Time.

The Blind—I wonder if I shall ever live to be 100?
The Brunette—Not if you remain 22 much longer.—Tit-Bits.

A Matter of Computation.

Mrs. Bonham—All men are liars.
Bonham—All married men have to be.—New York Sunday Journal.

His Explanation.



Visitor to School—Hello, sir! What are you doing up there? Been naughty, boy?
Adolphus—Oh, no, sir! This is what they call the "higher education."—Ally Sloper.

In Chicago.



Little Girl—Let's play we're married.
Little Boy—No. Let's play we're divorced.
Little Girl—No, we'll play we're married. We'll play we're divorced to-morrow.—New York Journal.

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