## NORTH PLATTE TRIBUNE

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY EDITION.

## NORTH PLATTE

Situated in the Rich and Fertile Valley of the North Platte River.

Irrigation Prevails. Consequently

Drouths Never Occur.

Scout, Col. W. F. Cody, Better Known as "Buffalo Bill."

Churches and Two solld Banking Institutions.

After Visiting Our City and County an Iowa Editor Gives a Brief Review of Them and Our Most

Enterprising Citizens.

(Written by Geo. T. Williams.) introduction.

In presenting this article to the publie it is the writer's object to give a plain and trathful statement of the advantages of North Platte and Lincoln Nothing has been exagerated, and no portion of it—and a large one, too-to attempt has been made to occasion the county and city to appear better than they really are. It is not the intention of the writer to attempt to give all the details of the early settlement, nor is it expected, for by right that falls to the lot of the historian. Our aim has been to give a clear and coneise resume of county, city and inhabitants, in the hope of aiding those who may be looking for an acceptable place in which to locate a home, to direct their steps to wards Lincoln county, where they may dwell in the midst of wealth, culture and refinement.

Transformation.

The transformation, growth and de

was the product of the Omnipotent But yesterday an unbounded wilder ness-a vast unknown expanse-the abode of the bison-the harpy hunting Nile, or in the Yazoo Valley of Missisground of the Nomads of the plains, sippi-famous the world over for their who reigned in peace supreme. The richness. It is, however, somewhat world is familiar with the phenomenal- inixed with sand and contains traces of ly rapid growth of the west. In one aikali, brief generation we have looked with Many people are possessed of the erhouse, and the trail of the "49-er" juches. marked by the decrying bones of both man and beast. Aimed the roar of the Cora is king and the average vield is mill wheel, the dia of factory whistles forty bushels per acre and of a very and the clatter of wheels of trade, the good quality. It never fails. Octs are people of the east have swept with superior to any grown in Illinois, A istheir telescopes the far west for the consin or lowa, and yield from forty to glitter of gold and the broad domain of eighty bushels per acre. They are a the western states for the fruit of agri- sure crop and pay well. Wheat, barculture alone, and this county, and this ley, rye and potatoes are also sure occur with less frequency and far less | \$25,000, the other five school rooms are connected with the weekly Telegraph, city-North Platte-in this state of crops and are largely grown. Sugar hijarity than those of "ye olden times." colden crops of grain and great herds beets do exceptionally well in this soil, would observe a landscape of great don't care whether it is a hill of beans kinds of small fruits do well. beauty, selected and governed by the or a thousand acres of alfalfa it is going fields presented a far different appear- stock don't care whether it is a brood ty is not to be found. The erisp, invig- Instation for the Blind. Two years Ira L Bare has been on the staff of ance then than they do now. Where of chicks or a herd of Short-Horn cat- orating air imparts an elasticity to the age, shortly before he came to take the Tribune of which he is now the corn, wheat, oats and other cereals now wave in the mild antumn breeze, tangled grasses and native brush beautified the land of the sleeping sun. Where the spacious homes for man and hors; now stand, the curling smoke from the Indian's teppe could have been seen. where the fat Berkshire wallowed during the past summer months, the now extinct buffalo cooled his parched tongue. Pesture where today large herds of fatting stock appear, hills whereon stands well filled graineries, all giving evidence of prosperity, then r sented a far different scene. The tall blue-joint gress of those pioneer days grew to an enormous height, but was untouched save by the hundreds of deer, elk and antelope that roamed at will. The iron horse, wifter than the Indian on his joby of the fleet-footed coyo'e, now race across Lincoln county from no th to south. Logical View.

The lands in Lincoln county, improved, that can today be purchased for from \$1 to \$4 per acre, are just as valuable, so far as their producing qualities are concerned, and just as near schools, churches and markets, as are those lands in Iowa and other castturalist to mold a home in either the intended it to be. over-worked eastern states or the arid great riches by the kindly advice. A Word of Advice

the lines of the old reliable railways. succeed here. Your own ticket agent can give you reliable facts and data regarding the chase, such as is offered by the "Port

Arthur Route" which leads you down The Home of the Famous Indian into Arkansas and into the swamps of Louisiana. That is no place in which to properly rear your children. Sa-The City is Possessed of Good Schools, loons, fighting and gambling are the principle diversions there, while schools and churches are practically a side issue. The resources in that vicinity, however are numerous enough -such as they are-prominent among them may be enumerated snakes, tarantulas, mosquitoes and ague. We have traveled through that country and know whereof we speak. We also believe that in this connection, a "word

to the wise is sufficient." In an eulogy of Nebraska as a state, county, situated in the south western we do not wish the -tate to receive the part of the best state in the union. whole praise, but desire to confine a

\*Lincoln County. And not alone to the county, but to her enterprising citizens who have so liberarly assisted in making this specal edition a success.

Lincoln county is in the fourth tier from the state's southern line, and is the second county from the Colorado

The Surface and Streams.

easterly trend through Lincoln county "roundup," and a subsequent celebra- North Platte. flows through a valley of unsurpassed tion in true cowboy style. The raising is its low flat banks without a tree or but the "roundaps" and "celebrations" story brick school building that cost his life. Seven years ago he became the Union Pacific people in his present velopment of this part of Nebraska shrub of any kind to decorate them.

The Soil. The soil closely resembles the loamy Jeposit in the valley of the Egyptian

amazement at the flight of vast herds roneous notion that western Nebraska of wild gam; and the advancing cara- is a barren plain. It is true that before vans of the immegrant: saw the loco irrigating ditches became so plentiful motive climb chamois-like over cliff- much of the land was unused for crops. and sub-the very crest of the Rocky Now, however, every man makes his mountains; have seen a web of steel two rain, and turning the flow ento his spread over the wilderness by the find whenever moisture is needed, obgreat spider of commerce; the types of viates the possibility of drouth and inthe Indians swept away to make room sures an aban last harvest, although for the factory, church and school the average rainfall per annum is 20

Stock Raising

substantial and enduring nature, and ciating the inestimable advantages ac- may be seen empty freight cars by the the state. It is of the elevated tank Lincoln county is known far and wide the beautiful blocks of stone and brick cruing from this source, has fully score, awaiting their turn to be called system. There are now several miles country through which his road pass- as an extensive stock raising country, baildings of fine architectural designs, provided all the facilities demanded by into requsition. It is here that the of maines in the city. The water is es. Do not go off on any wild goose and at one time contained more cattle, its costly public structures, its hand- its youth for educational purposes. company have erected an ice house obtained from deep wells and is of a

REV. FATHER HEALEY

Although the surface of the country owned by ranchmen than any other some and stately residences, all bespeak the distinction of being the only dem-

is extremely level it is free from ponds county in the United States. North the enterprise and public spirit pos- The paper has a large subscription list or marshes. The North Platte in its Platte has been the scene of many a sessed by the people who reside in and its job office is well patronized.

fertility. The peculiarity of this river of cattle is still a mammota industry. North Platte has one large three egraph, has been a "quill pusher" all live years later became associated with

the "so-called" new countries, consid- cal bank. Of course there are farmers near the center of Lincoln county about and satisfactory school management is the North Platte station was over that papers that cover the tables of its readering the resources, climate and peo- who will always be renters, no matter half a mile from the Platte river. Its assured. About 1,000 pupils are enroll- road. As North Platte is a division ing room. We learned from F. B. ple, we have come to the conclusion how productive the soil or what oppor- population numbers 3,500 souls. Those ed although the district contains many station the lands and buildings occu- Hollingworth, the secretary, that durthat there is no place like this section tunities may be afforded them in the who gazed over the desolate looking more children of legal school age. pied by the company are on an extenof the country and wish to say to you country in which they may locate, but prairies a few years since and beheld Scholars graduating from the schools sive scale. Ten acres of ground are tion this association had been a wonpeople who are well situated here: farmers who have the necessary "git- the site where the city now stands are eligible to enter normal college covered by buildings, parks and a net drous power for good in the community. 'You had be ter let well enough a up-and-gitativeness" in them, and who would never have supposed that in so without further examination. As no work of rails. The round house conlone." But if you are determined to are endowed with a reasonable amount short a time there would arise a place town or city in Nebraska presumes for tains twenty five stalls where its mongo into some new country, do not leave of frugality and thrift, cannot help but of such magnificence; its growth, while a minute to have existence without a strous iron horses are groomed and Platte has as fine a system of water magic and marvelous has been of a public school, so North Platte appre- housed when not on duty In the yards works as any other city of its size in schools.

Churches.

in educational matters. The Meth- from the ice stored in these houses, it able editices where goodly sized con- dred men are employed at this division gregations each Sabbath assemble to station it means that each month some and pay their tribute of homage and Pacific paymaster's funds into pockets praise to Almighty God. The Press.

its usefulness.

under the management of John W.

The Telegraph.



STREET SCENE IN NORTH PLATTE.

east, and the query comes "what won- of all kinds this season were simply is hardly a farmer in the country but who is assisted by nineteen competent of the city is largely represented. ders has nature's store house given to immense, and the oldest settler has who raises all he wants to supply home enrich?" Turn the leaves of time never seen a failure. Everything the consumption and has a "right smart" back but 25 years and the reader farmer plants and properly cultivates - to sell. Apples, plums, grapes and all

Redmen as a vast camping ground to yield a good harvest; or anything he A more glorious climate than that For two years Prof Ebright served as quarto for two years. These rolling hills and broad level attempts to raise in the way of live enjoyed by the people of Lincoln coun- superintendent of the Nebraska State

contained in frame buildings. The and in March, 1896, established a daily. s hools this season are in charge of Both sheets are creditable productions fice. These latter three gentlemen as postmaster, has been a resident of of cattle have caught the eye of the and are extensively cultivated. Crops This is a fine fruit country and there Prof. Wm. Ebright as superintendent, in whose columns the business portion are very trustworthy officials and thorthe- the state of Nebraska since 1866 and Independent Era

Prof. Ebright was born in Penn. and This sheet is independent in name educated at the Carthage, Illinois, col- only, as its tendencies are decidedly lege. In 1881 he began as an instruct- Populistic. James W. Cheyney has or, and has met with flattering success, been the owner of this six column sion the city may well take pride.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. W. F. CODY

followers, many of whom have gained the reader to numerous farmers who ceedingly mild and open. came here at an early day with no capital at all and were renters for several But the reader seems impatient to success. Having traveled in every state in the years, but to-day own large well im- hear of North Platte, so we will begin

systems of the continent, visiting all of little fortunes to their credit in the lo- county in Nebraska, and is situated

ern states which are seiling from \$55 tle, he is going to receive good returns muscles and guarantees hearth and charge of the North Platte schools, owner, ever since it came into existance to \$100 per acre. It has been clearly if they are given half a chance. Yes, happiness. Storms come, it is true, Prof. Ebright was vested with the in January, 1885. The Tribune, a seven demonstrated that life is too short and this is a paradise for the farmer, the and lively ones, too, when the wind degree of A. M. Since his advent as column folio, is printed on a Campbell valuable for the enterprising agricul- stockman and the fruitman. Nature blows from the northwest bringing superintendent our schools have reachwith it fine particles of snow. Then ed a proficiency never before attained popular republican paper in the dis-It is an established fact that Lincoln the Nebraskan experiences a taste of -which is more than a passing com- trict. The job work turned out by the never producing regions of the west. county soil will produce anything and of what the easterner designates as a pliment to the man in charge of them. Tribune compares favorably with that The old maxim "Westward the star of everything grown in a diversified farm- "blizzard;" but, really, they are rare, During his residence in North Platte, produced by any printing house in the empire takes its course" has had many ing country, and the writer can cite and the last few winters have been ex- Prof. Ebright has made many warm state. friends socially as well as professionally who will rejoice at his marked The first railway across the plains

Railway Facilities.

from Omaha towards the coast was that The school board is composed of in- built by the Union Pacific Company; under whose directions a successful 1867, came puffing and steaming into: to mention the periodicals and daily

The city certainly has good reason to with a capacity of 10,000 tons, and this fine quality. feel a laudable pride in her public season are adding to this a building wherein 3,000 tons more may be stored. As all the refrigerator cars that pass North Platte seems inspired with the through laden with western fruit or same laudable ambition in spiritual as eastern meat have to be replenished odist, Presbyterian and Catholic de- necessitates that a large amount be nominations are represented by credit- placed in storage. As fully three hunhear the holy scriptures expounded, \$20,000 finds its way from the Union of North Platte residents, to be distributed by them throughout the busi-Among the noble industries and true ness portion of the city for the necesenterprises in North Platte we find the sities of life. The division section newspapers. Every week four weekly, then, is a source of inestimable benefit one daily and one tri-weekly newspaper to the community in which it is locatpublications are issued and sent broad- ed. Something of the freight traffic cast from North Platte advocating her the Union Pacifile road handles may be interests and noting her prosperity as understood from the statement that durregularly as the bells call the ing the busy season-which is about singer to church. Of course some two thirds of the year-twenty four sinners do not heed the call, likewise freight trains pass through the city of many are unmindful of the press and North Platte each day of twenty four hours-one freight train an hour. The assenger traffic is afforded expediti-Seven years ago the Record plant ous service by the two elegantly equip-Elingham,, editor and proprietor, was ped trains bound east and two west established in North Platte. It has each day. E. L. Lomax of Omaha is hose and also has a well equipped hook ocratic newspaper west of Kearney. W. L. Park, the division superin- ern convenience for successfully subtendent, is perhaps one of the busiest duing fire. men in the railway service. In 1870 he

H. W. Hill, proprietor of the Tel- became a resident of North Platte, and capacity. No better recommend of his faithful adherence to duty can be given at our hands than the mere fact of his having held the position so long. He is always attentive and obliging, and ever on the alert to serve both the publie and the company in the best possiof a well improved 500 acre farm, thirty acres of which is covered by bearing fruit trees. He was born in Michigan, and is the son of Col. J. B. Park, whose regiment, the 4th Michigan Cavalry, captured Jeff Davis. Col. Park was for years government surveyor, and drove the corner stakes for nearly every section of land in this part of Nebraska. The name of W. L. Park has been identified with every financial condition than North Platte. enterprise that promised the welfare of the public as its fulfilment ever since the time of his arrival here thirty years ago; and we trust his efforts are as highly appreciated as they deserve

to be. From U. B. Olds, superintendent of the freight department, we learn that about 700 cars of stock, grain, hay, seeds and flour are shipped from this station every year. F. T. Redmond is billing and ticket clerk, having access

ties entrusted to their care. cific division station at North Platte is an immense concern in whose posses-

Pacific Express Company, The cheapest and safest way in which to send money is undoubtedly by express money order. The express company that has a greater proportionate share of business than any other in the state, is the one above mentioned. Eight years ago J. D. McGovern took charge of the office at this point and has had the satisfaction of seeing its volume of business steadily increase under his management, until now he issues to points in every corner of the globe orders amounting to \$35,000 annually. Mr. McGovern removed to Nebraska from Iowa, the state of his nativity, fifteen years ago; and so favorably has this locality impressed him that he has decided to make it his future home. This will be welcome news to the many friends acquired during his residence

Union Pacific Repair Shop.

by railway companies is susceptible to home for so many years. breakage, and facilities for its repair must therefore be adopted. This ne- The oldest resident of North Platte cessitates a store where supplies are today is Judge W. S. Peniston, who kept and a storekeeper to check them came here early in 1866, and erected out, J. L. Minor has spent five years the first dwelling ever dotting the here as dispensor of repairs. The landscape whereon this city with its stock over which he has control a- many hundred homes now stands. In mounts to over \$12,000, and about \$8,000 the early days his occupation of stage worth are required every month. He driver took him a distance of 1.857 is thus compelled to ship several thous- miles from Independence, Missouri to and dollar's worth monthly from the Salt Lake City, after the war. One of general supply headquarters at Oma- the most trying ordeals being the trip ha. Two men one of whom does noth made to carry the first mail through to ing else but attend to the oil house Salt Lake City after the Mormon war. customers-are required as assistants Judge Peniston is an interesting narrain this department, which is quite an or and has plenty of material to hold enterprise of itself.

U. P. Y. M. C. A.

by a membership of 300 Union Pacific been both county judge and county employes, is the Union Pacific Young treasurer. Judge Peniston is the owner Men's Christian Association, and the of considerable business property and union and over all the leading railway proved farms and besides have snug by saying it is the county seat of the best telligent, censervative business men, and the first train that in the year 1,800 volume library it maintains, not a home in the city.

A Fire Department

Of forty two members with Joe Hart as chief is another city enterprise that has proven of great importance to the community, The department has a fine hose cart with a large amount of



PROF. WM. EBRIGHT.

and ladder truck and every other mod-

Lloyd's Opera House. North Platte has a very creditable

opera house under the above title. The house cost \$7,000 and will seat nearly one thousand people. The stage and dressing rooms are large and the scenery both expensive and attractive. As the floor is excellent for dancing purposes, balls are frequently held in the opera house.

Warren Lloyd the proprietor and ble manner. Mr. Park is the possessor manager was a railway engineer thirty seven years, but has quit the road and is now depot policeman. His home is one of the most beautiful in North Platte. Mr. Lloyd owns the lake one mile west of town that bears his name and which is used in winter as a skating rink. Every one knows and has a kind word to say for Warren Lloyd.

City Officials. No city of equal population in Nebraska con boast of being in better The present official staff is composed of the following citizens, and they are among the leading and most representative business men of the city:

R. D. Thomson, chairman of council; Joseph Cunningham, Dr. Scott, Joseph Shutes, Herbert Evans, Frank Tracy, members of council; Fred R. Ginn. clerk; John Sorrenson, treasurer; W. R. Morgan, Marshal.

Postmaster. M. V. Clair, who is giving such good to both the freight and passenger of- satisfaction while serving his first term oughly competent to perform the du- was formerly western passenger agent for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Taken in its entirety the Union Pa- railroad. His present position as postmaster attests the respect and high



CHARLES THORP, M. D.

esteem in which he is held by the resi-Like all other machinery, that used dents of the town which has been his

Justice of the Peace. one's attention for hours. He has saveral times previous to this held the Something that is highly appreciated office of Justice of the Peace and has