

SHOE NEWS

AND NEW SHOES.

We've received more new shoes since our last appearance in this paper.—All together, we've gotten a great many new ones, and,—there's more to come yet. We are fixing for a big business this spring. We mean to do the shoe business of North Platte, and there's only one way to do it. That is by having the right shoes marked at the right prices. For instance—see the Men's new tans at \$3.50. Two styles in them—both made from Vici Kid of the most popular colors. One has a Silk Vesting top. They are made over lasts of the best fitting, best appearing, and newest shapes. Soles are made with the extra attention on outsides, and sewed by the Good-year Welt process, and have the new back stay. They are made right—they look and feel right and—are right.

DECATUR & BEEGLE,
GEO. M. GRAHAM, MGR.
YELLOW FRONT SHOE STORE.

WE HAVE

Just returned from the eastern markets, where we purchased the grandest line of spring and summer goods ever exhibited in North Platte. Our line of spring dress goods, silks, satins, in plain and brocaded, are of the very finest and latest, and will be sold at low prices.

Ladies wishing to purchase an Eater suit will do well, in selection and prices, at our store.

The latest novelties in dress trimmings, fancy linings, embroideries, laces and all kinds of white goods and organdies. Fancy plaid hosiery and everything in novelties are shown at the big store. Our line of footwear is now equal to any in the city. Our millinery department will be open in due time for Easter.

THE BOSTON STORE.

JULIUS PIZER, PROP.

The Republican City Convention.

As per call, the republican city convention was held at the court house Wednesday evening, and was called to order by Chairman Evans, of the county central committee. On motion, John Sorenson was elected temporary chairman and C. L. Adams secretary. The credentials showed thirty delegates entitled to seats in the convention, all but two of whom were present.

A. H. Davis moved an informal ballot be taken for mayor. The motion prevailed, and W. V. Hoagland and W. J. Hendy were appointed tellers. The ballot resulted as follows: John Bratt 17, H. S. White 2, W. H. C. Woodhurst 1, A. L. Davis 2, A. S. Baldwin 1, G. E. French 1, W. W. Birge 1, U. G. Sawyer 2.

The formal ballot resulted: Bratt 20, White 2, Sawyer 2, Davis, 2. The nomination of Mr. Bratt was made unanimous.

A committee of seven was appointed to notify Mr. Bratt of his nomination, consisting of Messrs. Birge, Warner, Scharman, Hoagland, French, Woodhurst and Cunningham, the committee to report before the convention adjourned.

The convention proceeded to take an informal ballot for clerk with the following result: Fred R. Ginn 24, R. C. Landford 1, Geo. W. Pinn 2, A. L. Davis 1. On motion the ballot was declared formal.

On motion of E. B. Warner, John Sorenson was nominated by acclamation for the office of city treasurer.

On motion Chas. P. Ross was

nominated for city engineer by acclamation.

The convention proceeded to nominate two candidates for members of the Board of Education. The following names were placed in nomination: H. T. Rice, A. L. Davis, J. M. Ray, C. E. Adams, D. W. Baker, V. VonGoetz and Robt. Shuman. The first ballot resulted: Rice 12, Davis 1, Ray 13, Adams 3, Baker 3, VonGoetz 6, Shuman 15. This ballot nominated Robert Shuman.

The second ballot was as follows: Rice 17, Ray 8, VonGoetz 2, H. T. Rice was declared nominated.

The convention took a recess to give the notification committee an opportunity to wait upon Mr. Bratt, but he was out of town. The committee notified Mr. Bratt of his nomination the following morning, and he accepted.

On motion a city central committee of three from each ward was selected, the following constituting the committee: First ward—A. L. Davis, Geo. W. Pinn and J. E. Weeks. Second ward—C. E. Brown, E. B. Warner and W. V. Hoagland. Third ward—R. A. McMurray, W. H. Johnston and H. O. Evans. A. S. Baldwin was selected as chairman of the committee and Ira L. Bare secretary.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Pursell of Knitersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases, such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores are readily cured by this famous remedy. North Platte Pharmacy.

CUBAN RELIEF FUND.

NORTH PLATTE, MARCH 17th, 1898. To the citizens of North Platte: I have this day received a telegram from the Omaha World Herald requesting me to collect Cuban relief fund and forward same to them as soon as possible.

A host of reliable parties report from Cuba that thousands of Cubans are dying daily from starvation. And my friends are these not our neighbors? Certainly they are; according to our most merciful Lord and Master.

The names of all contributors with the respective amounts contributed will be promptly published in said World-Herald.

Respectfully,
B. I. HINMAN.

ASSESSORS' RULES.

Adopted at the regular annual meeting of the Assessors held March 15th, 1898.

1. That the minimum value of all grazing or barren lands be fixed at \$2.00 per acre.
2. That the minimum value of all farm land, or lands that can be irrigated, but at this time is not, be fixed at \$5.00 per acre.
3. That the minimum value of all farm land under an irrigation canal or ditch that is in operation be fixed at \$10.00 per acre.
4. That all assessments be made at one fourth actual value.
5. That all values of personal property be left to the Assessors' judgment.
6. That all stock over three months old be assessed.
7. That all improvements on railroad land, not deeded, school lands, homesteads and timber claims, except breaking, be listed as personal property.

Signed C. E. NUTE
Chairman.
J. W. MURPHY, Secretary

A PLAIN STATEMENT.

EDITOR TRIBUNE:—Under the title of "One Year of our City's History" the editor of the Era published last week a lot of rot and misleading statements which are calculated to deceive our citizens and to stir up strife and discord between the people and the Water Works Company. Of course the only object of the Era is politics, but something must be radically wrong with a political party if its existence depends upon misleading statements about business matters concerning the people. The Era editor desires our citizens to believe that when the Water Works Company brought suit against the city, it was an attempt on the part of the company to defraud the city when in fact the suit was brought at the request of the city officials who ordered the city attorney Geo. E. French to confess judgment for the city because funds had not been collected to pay the debt. The city fully realized that the debt was a just one and never tried to get out of paying it until the present alleged "reform" administration got in power and at once attempted to repudiate the debt, and now tries by false and misleading statements to justify their dishonest course and make the people believe that the Water Works Company is a corrupt and vicious institution. Judge Neville who at that time was judge of the district court refused to permit a confession of judgment and ordered the city attorney to demur. Judge Neville decided that the company's petition failed to state a cause of action and dismissed the suit. This left the Water Works Company nothing to do but to go to the supreme court to get justice. The supreme court said that Neville was wrong and if the company proved the facts stated in its petition it was entitled to the money claimed. Judge Neville and his partner Mr. Parsons appeared as attorneys in behalf of the city and Judge Norris promptly decided that Neville was wrong again and gave the company a judgment for the amount due it with interest. Neville and Parsons seem to be the fellows who are contending that the city shall not comply with the terms of its fair and honest contract made with the Water Works Company. The Era would have our citizens believe that the Water Works is a corporation cormorant preying upon the rights of the people, when in fact it is simply a business company composed of honest and honorable business men striving to benefit the city and its people for a reasonable and fair compensation agreed upon before the company established its works in

the city. At the time the contract was made between the city and the company the law permitted a 7 mill levy for water works purposes; there is nothing strange in the fact mentioned in the Era article that Mr. Evans suggested that the contract be made upon the basis of a 5 mill levy for Mr. Evans was a business man and wanted the city to obtain water as cheaply as possible. Neither is it strange that the company would not make a contract on that basis, for the company agent had figured upon the cost of the plant and operating it and the amount of revenue the company could reasonably expect from the citizens of the city and knew the company could not afford to put in the system on a 5 mill levy. The year the contract was entered into the assessed valuation of the city was \$479,580.00 and a 5 mill levy on that amount, provided there was no loss in collecting it would have raised only \$2,397.90, while the contract for the fire hydrants then put in was for \$2,925.00 per year. It is plain to be seen that no business man or company would have done so foolish a thing as to agree to take a 5 mill levy in payment of a contract when that levy would not have raised by \$527.10 the first year to pay that contract and when the law allows a 7 mill levy for the very purpose of paying that contract, and had the council insisted on that provision the company would not have entered into the contract. There should be no strife and discord between the Water Works Company and its patrons unless such patrons find that the company is not performing its part of the contract. Can the Era editor point out a single instance where there has been an attempt on the part of the company to swindle the city or its citizens or in any manner violate a single covenant with the city? He does not do so in the article referred to, nor has the city attorney in fighting the present suit against the Water Works Company and the city, shown or attempted to show anything of the kind on the part of the company but stands alone on a couple of "alleged" technicalities which are unimportant and immaterial and show absolutely nothing but bad faith and dishonesty on the part of the persons claiming them; there is no trouble between the Water Works Company and its patrons. The company came here by special request of the city officials, as shown by the city records; it offered to put in a system of water works and give the city and its citizens good service at reasonable rates, its offer was accepted and the company at once spent large sums of money in putting in a plant, and it has furnished the city with pure water and plenty of it. Its works stood as severe a test as any water works were ever put to, when a few years ago a fierce prairie fire swept into the city from the west, and the property saved by means of having the water works in one afternoon was of more value than the amount the city would pay the company in a hundred years under its contract. This and other benefits shows the wisdom on the part of the officers of the city in obtaining a system of water works. The company is giving to North Platte and its citizens good service and is complying with every covenant of its contract. It asks in return and has a right to expect the good will of its patrons and payment for its services according to agreement. The company does not believe there is any controversy between it and the city or any great number of its citizens but the whole fight seems to be made by a few ambitious men who seem to be as unscrupulous as they are ambitious, and who are simply working for political preferment

and fees, and who seem to lose sight of the fact that there is any such a thing as honor and justice. It is against my desire to enter into a newspaper controversy but the unfairness of the article to the Water Works Company forced me to let the people know the truth of this matter.

Yours Truly,
W. M. CUNNINGHAM,
Supt. North Platte Water Works Company.

BRADY ISLAND.

The war talk scared up a blow (wind blow) if it does nothing else. Clifford Mathewson was sick with threatened pneumonia for a few days.

T. T. Marcott went to North Platte on some law business Sunday.

Miss Frances McNamara was down from North Platte Saturday and Sunday visiting Miss Sullivan.

The teachers' meeting of Saturday was quite well attended and an interesting program and discussion indulged in.

Two more victims for the Woodman's goat Saturday last and a special meeting Tuesday.

Dr. McCabe made a professional call here Tuesday.

D. McNamara is rustling insurance now. A. Gilbert pounds brass in his place.

The Brady hotel changed hands Tuesday, H. Baker taking it and Mrs. Marcott going to North Platte to assume control of the Hotel Neville. North Platte is to be but a wider field of operation for Mrs. Marcott's success.

Sunday evening the W. C. T. U. give a service in memoriam of Francis Willard.

Mrs. H. Baker returned from her visit Wednesday.

W. A. Lewis born near Richmond, Va., Sept. 26, 1830, and died March 12th, 1898. Was married to Miss Francis Cookman in 1850. Of this union nine children were born. Mr. Lewis was converted soon after his marriage and united with the M. E. church, living a consistent christian life. The deceased was stricken with paralysis March 3d, and was unconscious most of the time, passing away Friday night. He leaves seven children and eleven grand children, his wife having died in July, 1892. The funeral was held at the church Sunday at ten o'clock, Rev. Romaine officiating. The body was laid to rest in the Peckham cemetery. Mr. Lewis was honored and respected by all who knew him and the bereaved family have many sympathizers.

MAXWELL.

A. W. Plumer and Russ Fowles spent Friday in North Platte.

Miss Pearl Snyder has been the guest of Miss May Jensen in Wild Horse Valley the past week.

Mrs. Lorenzo Dow of Ft. McPherson went to Omaha Wednesday morning in response to a telegram announcing the death of Mrs. John M. Thurston. Mrs. Dow is a sister of Senator Thurston.

Miss Tria Erricson of Cottonwood was in town part of Wednesday.

A. W. Plumer, Bert Snyder and Mr. Morant start Thursday morning for a week's trip on the Birdwood.

Two new families have moved into our precinct the past month. Morehouse on the lower Keith place and Chrissensen on the Lane place. This also adds four new pupils to our school.

The Misses Snyder, Jensen and Nelson went to North Platte Tuesday.

A daughter was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. James McCullough.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kuhns spent Sunday on the island with friends.

Our people young and old are having a siege of colds not unlike the grip.

Mr. Merrick, Sr., of the firm of Merrick & Storey, is in town this week.

Miss Lena Evans is spending a few days with her grandfather Mr. Snyder.

Martin Geraghty returned Tuesday from New York.

David McNamara, of Brady Island spent Wednesday in town making improvements on his house.

Miss Mary Jensen and Miss Nelson leave for Omaha Friday forenoon.

Mrs. John McCullough spent Wednesday with her son James and wife on McCullough island.

KEM.

Cecil Tuell made a fly trip to Dickens Friday.

Six inches of snow fell last week which adds to the prospects of a harvest.

WATCH THIS SPACE.

Our buyer is now in the east purchasing Spring and Summer Goods. In a few days we will quote prices on new goods and invite your inspection.

S. RICHARDS. The Fair.

C. M. NEWTON, Wall Paper.

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We are in the Wall Paper business, and for business. We have a larger stock than ever. We have more competition than ever in the way of sample agents, however we think by having an elegant stock on hand to select from and prices as low as the lowest we will at least sell some Wall Paper this season. Our prices, given below, are by the single roll.

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No. 17, Survey Bureau. Price, \$12.50. As good as sells for \$25.

No. 608 Survey. Price, with curtains, lamps, shades, axes and leaders, \$30. As good as sells for \$50.

ELKHART CARRIAGE AND HARNESS MFG. CO. W. R. PRATT, Sec'y, ELKHART, IND.

Chris Willerton planted potatoes last week just before the snow.

Mark Artlip sold his homestead to A. P. Fisher for \$1000.

Will J. Jones and lady attended church at Pleasant Hill Sunday night.

Will Jolliff made a fly trip to Wellfleet Monday.

Mr. Nelson and son, of Curtis, are in these parts looking up a range for seven hundred head of cattle for the coming summer.

Rev. Bennie Russell occupied the pulpit at Pleasant Hill Sunday night.

Real estate was on the boom Monday last but no titles changed.

W. A. Latimer and J. F. Brittain passed this way headed for the county capital.

D. E. Jolliff visited at Ash Grove Sunday.

Jas. Evans was down on the Medicine Sunday and Monday.

W. A. Latimer and D. E. Jolliff dined with a Mr. Schrechengost of Buchanan Saturday.

Guy Wood is hauling corn to North Platte preparatory to returning to where his wife is on the sick list.

Amandas Kunkel made a business trip to Wellfleet Wednesday.

Homor Votaw was in these parts Wednesday buying cattle.

Mrs. Lula Locke of your city passed through these parts for visit at Somerset.

A Mr. Nelson of Curtis filed on the southwest quarter of section 2, township 11, range 32.

The high wind Monday and Tuesday to-gether with Russian thistles has broken down considerable wire fence.

School Orders Stolen.

The following school orders issued by District No. 23 to Herbert Votaw were stolen on or about February 10, 1898:—No. 18 for \$4.40; No. 22 for \$40.00; No. 23 for \$4.40; No. 29 for \$40.00; No. 24 for \$4.40; No. 30 for \$4.40; No. 32 for \$0.00; No. 33 for \$4.40. All persons are warned against purchasing any of the above orders. HERBERT VOTAW. Maywood, Neb., March 9, 1898.

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