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FOR THE NEW COURT HOUSE.

ARTICLE NO. 2.

To the Voters and Tax Payers of Lincoln County.—The first question to be considered in discussing this proposition is: Do we need a new court house? If the present building is adequate for the needs for the county business and furnishes ample protection from fire to the valuable records of this county, then it might be said, that even if the building was so badly out of date as to give every visitor from abroad a bad impression as to the lack of public spirit of our people, there was no immediate need of a new building at this time.

At the present time we are paying rent and the expense of maintaining offices for the county attorney and the county surveyor elsewhere because there is no room for them in the court house.

In a short time when the population of the county reaches 18000 we will be obliged to provide quarters for the Register of Deeds, which will then become a separate office from the county clerk. At present there are no jury rooms in the building. When the county commissioners are not in session the court makes use of their room. It might be necessary some time for the county commissioners to be in session while the district court was also in session and in that event the district court would have to adjourn until the commissioners got through with their business.

The one thing that overshadows all others in importance to the owners of real estate is the safety of their titles. A very large proportion of the titles of real estate in this county rest on the proceedings and decrees of our district court. The destruction of these records would throw a large part of the titles in this county into chaos.

Again every time you make a sale of a piece of real estate or apply for a loan on same, it is necessary to secure a certificate from the abstractor that all the taxes are paid on your property. But with the destruction of the records of the treasurer no one could make such a certificate as there would be no evidence that the taxes were

paid. Yet all of the records in the office of the county treasurer except the current tax list are entirely unprotected from loss by fire and all of the records and proceedings in the office of the clerk of the district court are in the same condition.

To continue this risk is little short of criminal negligence. All of the offices are badly crowded and in none of them are the accommodations such as to enable the county officials to do justice to themselves or the public and that is particularly true of the office of the county clerk. So far the clerk is unable to find space for the records affecting the title to real estate, but a large part of the records of his office is exposed to fire because the vault is not of sufficient capacity to store them all. It will only be a question of a little time until the records affecting titles will be so numerous that there will not be room for them in the vault.

It has frequently happened when the district court has been in session that the business of the court was delayed and extra expenses piled up on the county because there was but one room available for the jury. Then again it has frequently happened that where more than one case was on trial involving the same facts, that the jury men not engaged in the trial of the pending cause would be required to leave the court house, because there was no place in the building where they could be accommodated.

It has been a cause of frequent, and just complaint, on the part of jurymen drawn from outside the county seat that they were not provided with the accommodations they were entitled to. Every one of the opponents to the new court house will admit the truth of the foregoing indictment of the present court house, but insist that a new one is not the proper remedy. Some of them suggest an addition to the present building. Others insist that we are not able to build at this time. These phases of the question we will discuss in subsequent articles.

COURT HOUSE COMMITTEE.

ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES AWAY

William H. Welty, for Forty Years a Resident of the City Expires Suddenly Wednesday Morning.

William H. Welty, better known as "Tip" Welty, who for forty years had been a resident of North Platte, died Wednesday morning at the Ames hospital of heart trouble. The deceased had been in rather poor health for a year or more, though able to be on the streets and to take after his business affairs. About ten days ago he became worse and entered the hospital for treatment. The morning of dissolution Dr. Ames entered the sick man's room and found him sitting on the edge of the bed. The doctor realized at a glance the condition of his patient and stepped out to get the material for a hypodermic injection. He returned just in time to see Mr. Welty drop into a chair, give a groan and expire.

"Tip" Welty came from Auburn, N. Y., in 1866 and accepted a position with Peniston & Miller who then conducted a ranch and store on the old California trail about midway between old Ft. McPherson and Kearney. The following year the firm moved to North Platte and erected the log and frame building on Front street now owned by Chas. McDonald. Mr. Welty continued in the employ of the firm until 1888 when he and Leon Pallady erected the log two-story building which formerly stood on the corner of Front and Dewey and opened a saloon. The business was later sold to another party.

Mr. Welty retained the property, but which he sold some score of years ago. Mr. Welty had excellent clerical ability, and was employed by several of the pioneer business men of the town, and also did more or less clerical work in the county clerk and county treasurer offices. He was a man about sixty-five years of age, a bachelor, and is survived by a brother in Auburn, N. Y., and a sister, Mrs. A. J. Miller, now living on a ranch north of Rawlins, Wyo.

During his forty years residence in North Platte Mr. Welty enjoyed the respect and esteem of all, and the passing away of this pioneer is regretted by every acquaintance.

The time of the funeral is dependent on word received from relatives.

A Trip of Recreation.

The Tribune man returned Tuesday night from a very enjoyable week's fishing at Saratoga, Wyo., where he accompanied W. H. C. Woodhurst of this city, A. M. Welch of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and C. C. Huffer of Ogden. Thought it rained more or less each day of the stay, on only one day did the rain interfere with fishing, and as a result the party was successful in averaging a catch of over one hundred each day. These trout ranged in weight from half pound to two and one-half pounds each. The North Platte river at Saratoga is a fine trout stream, with deep water and a rapid current. Hotel accommodations at Saratoga are fairly good. To reach the best fishing grounds it is necessary to drive four to eight miles out of town.

After devoting five days to fishing the Tribune man accompanied Mr. Huffer to Ogden and took a drive up the beautiful Ogden canyon, and later visited several of the orchards near the city. The fruit crop in the immediate vicinity of Ogden is excellent this year, the peach, pear and apple trees being heavily weighted with the ripening fruit. In one orchard visited were cherry trees that had each produced from \$12 to \$18 worth of fruit this season. The peach trees in the older orchards will yield from fifteen to thirty-five boxes per tree. These boxes bring the grower an average price of sixty-five cents.

Mr. Huffer has the finest appointed cigar store in Ogden, in fact it would be a credit to a larger town. His patrons are of the better class citizens and he rarely sells a cheaper cigar than two for a quarter, and from that up to fifty cents each; quite a number of the latter being sold. Mr. Huffer is certainly doing well.

Enroute to Denver several hours were spent at Grand Junction, Colo., where we met A. H. Davis and were shown around the town, which is wide-awake and progressive and has a population of about 10,000. There is much wealth in the town and surrounding country and that this is proven by a statement of Mr. Davis that a committee started out to raise \$40,000 for a Y. M. C. A. building. At the end of two weeks the committee had secured subscriptions amounting to \$62,000. The building is now nearing completion and is certainly a handsome one. In the immediate vicinity of Grand Junction, the fruit is less than half a crop, but at Palsade, a few miles up the Grand River the trees are breaking beneath the load of fruit. The Alberta variety is now being picked and commands a price of sixty, sixty-five and seventy cents per box, the fruit being divided into three grades. There are bearing orchards for sale in the Grand valley at prices ranging from \$1,200 to \$3,000 per acre. It is claimed that a good orchard will net the grower from \$300 to \$500 per acre. Growers having five acres make a fine living and make it easy.

Stopping a few hours in Denver, we were entertained by J. C. Ferguson and dined with him at the Denver Club, the leading organization of its kind in the city. A drive around Denver convinced us that the financial depression is felt but little in that city, as building operations are very active. We found Mr. C. Harrington up to the shoulders in business, and well satisfied with the success he has met with in Denver. His firm is handling an immense amount of hay, grain and feed. At the depot we met H. V. Hilliker, also Frank and Arthur Cryderman, but was disappointed in not finding our old friend Jim McGovern, who was ill at home that day.

COUNTY NEWS.

Wallace Items.

Miss Hannah Young, of Madrid, Neb., was the guest of Miss Dollie Kidwell several days the first of the week.

F. E. Wood went to Hastings Monday to close up a land deal in which he is interested as purchaser. The Congregational Sunday school held a picnic in the Kettle & Smith grove five miles southeast of town Wednesday. It was a beautiful day and a pleasant time was enjoyed.

E. W. Knowls is having a small building erected south of the Winner office, which will be used as a barber shop.

Mrs. L. Kidwell entertained the Misses Hannah Young, Winnie Spencer, Grace and Flossie Mehman and Rev. and Mrs. Tweedy at luncheon Monday evening.

F. E. Peisticker and R. E. Mehman returned home from an auto trip to North Platte Monday, having accompanied Misses Ester Antonides and Maud Loudon, who have been visiting Wallace friends for a week.

B. R. Smith returned from a business trip to McCook and Culbertson last Saturday, making the run home in less than five hours with his whiz wagon.

Bert is somewhat of a chauffeur himself. The young men of the Epworth League gave a pleasant social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wood Wednesday evening of last week. They cleared the neat sum of something more than thirteen dollars which will be used in paying for the recent improvement made on the church building.

Postmaster and Mrs. James Robbins will leave next Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, for Richmond, Ill., where he will attend a reunion of his old regiment the 95th Ill., which takes place the 4th. From that point they will go to Quincy, Mich., and attend a family reunion at the old homestead of his boyhood days, which event will occur Sept. 16th. Mr. Robbins has two brothers and two sisters living, which he has not seen for 45 years. They expect to be absent about three weeks.

Messrs. G. G. Farabee and W. V. Mull held a joint stock sale at the former's farm some nine or ten miles northeast of town yesterday, which was largely attended. These gentlemen are selling their cattle and surplus horses in order to enter the sheep business. Too much milking is the reason given for the change in program.

Cottonwood and Vicinity.

Some of the "Blue Star" boys went over to Moorefield Tuesday to see the League team play ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Neuman of Lincoln are visiting at the home of Major Dow.

There was a fine turnout of citizens last Thursday at the school house to vote on the bond question. Wouldn't it be fine to see them all at church and Sunday school?

It is a hard proposition to buy oats in our vicinity. Nearly all the farmers have sold at the elevator for 40 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Griffith took a day off Tuesday and traded in Maxwell. Now that we have a real estate agent located in Maxwell, land will be on the market.

The Blue Stars played Jeffrey canyon on Friday a week ago up Snell canyon and the game stood 23 to ten in favor of the Blue Stars.

S. W. Clark is moving his shop to the south side of track opposite Knapp and Snyder's livery stable.

A few of our citizens will take in the state fair.

C. M. Kuhn will put in furniture in one room of his enlarged store.

Mrs. Horn has gone on a visit to Denver.

Maxwell is still building up and the citizens thought it was time to incorporate, so last Saturday they got up articles of incorporation. The trustees are W. H. Plumer, S. W. Clark, L. E. Story, A. E. Marlett and J. H. Campbell.

The new elevator is completed and ready to pay highest prices for grain.

Services at the Maxwell Baptist church Sunday morning and evening at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m. Topics: Morning, "Religion and the Individual Life;" evening, "What will you do with Jesus?" Sunday school at 11:30 a. m., prayer meeting Thursday evening 8 o'clock. Services at Ft. McPherson schoolhouse; preaching service at 3:00 p. m., Sunday school at 2 p. m., young people's society at 8 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend all of these services. A. M. HORAN, Pastor.

Puckeruc Island.

Mrs. Duke Trembley drove over to Farnam one day last week with a load of onions.

Major Dow has returned from the Hot Springs feeling better than he has for the last three years, which we are all glad to hear.

Mrs. Louisa Burke of North Platte was looking after her hay land last Saturday.

Frank Bockus had the misfortune to lose one of his best milch cows last week.

Frank Shiers, of Kimball, was here last week looking after his farm in interests and putting down a new well.

Miss Anna Sowles and her cousin of Kearney are here on a visit to her father, Ben Sowles.

People through this vicinity will be pleased to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bockus, of Sabetha, Kansas, but formerly of this place, are the parents of an 8 1/2 pound boy who made his arrival August 11th.

Jimmy Cannon, of Holdrege, is here looking after his farm interests.

Mrs. Mary Strong transacted business in North Platte Wednesday.

Orland Bond made a trip to North

New Telephones.

Please cut out this list and paste it in your directories.

Coleman, Wm, res	509
County Superintendent, office	501
Diener, Henry, res	431
Foster, John, res	374
Guillaume, Mrs Ann, res	498
Hoover, Wm, res	506
Lowe, Theodore, res	505
Martin, O R, well contractor	512
Mathers, W E, res	485
Shuman, Wm, new house	321
Storms, C, res	501
Stegall, W H, res	503
Stock, W F, res	504
Scott, David, res	507
White, M F, res	508
VanDoran, Samuel, plasterer	349
Yost, M F, res	501
Yost, Chas, res	511
Private line of the State Farm	499

New Directories will be published the first of the month, so give us your phone orders now so that we may get your name in the new directories. It will be at least three months before we print again.

Many people have been contemplating putting in a phone, but are still on the fence, so to speak. The way to get off the fence is to let us put in a phone and after you have given it a good fair test and if you do not find that it is the greatest time saver and convenience of the age we will take it out. We only charge you five cents per day if paid one month in advance and do not charge you for installing the instrument. In cities it costs five cents per call and the people there think it is well worth the price, while here we let you talk as many times as you please and give you a private line besides.

If there are any of the present subscribers who would like their names changed in the directories let us know between now and the first of the month.

Please report to the manager any defects in the service or the operating force and it will be attended to at once. We strive to please the public.

NORTH PLATTE TELEPHONE COMPANY,

E BEN D. WARNER, Manager.

Platte Wednesday to sell his gray team. D. C. Hostetter departed for his home in Kearney Sunday after a week's visit with his children here.

Garfield Items. Mr. and Mrs. S. Rose, of Crete, Ill., are visiting with Mr. Rose's daughter Mrs. Ike Smith.

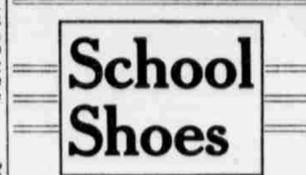
Mrs. E. G. Smith has returned from his visit in Osceola. She was accompanied by relatives from Ohio, who will visit here for some time.

Miss Susie Cambell and mother spent a day in Arnold last week visiting Mrs. John Meads.

Mrs. Seymour Smith and daughter from Callaway are visiting relatives. Charlie Meyers' daughter and husband from Kentucky arrived a week ago. The Ambley threshing machine expects to begin work Monday.

Ranch for Sale. One and one-half sections. All smooth land good dark soil. Situated about 12 miles S. E. of North Platte, and about 5 miles from the laid out town of Bignell. Fenced and cross fenced. Stocked with cattle, horses and hogs. Also a full line of farm implements. About 65 acres of growing crops. For further particulars call at residence on S. E. 1/4 Sec. 12, T. 12, R. 30 or address Guss Diener, North Platte, Neb.

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The Big Shoe Man.

521 Dewey St.

Myrtle News. Harry Godner, of Gibbon has arrived for a short visit with his sister Mrs. L. C. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allison were called to the eastern part of the state by the death of Mrs. Allison's grandfather.

Arthur Clark was a North Platte visitor the first of the week.

L. C. Mitchell is putting the finishing touches to a fine new cement milk house.

Most of the farmers have finished threshing. Oats seem to be the leading crop, making thirty-five bushels per acre.

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