

# The North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune.

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## Railroad Notes.

George Cohn, formerly of this city, is now car foreman for the Burlington road at Gillette, Wyo.

Matt Walsh has gone to Havelock, Neb., where he expects to enter the employment of the Burlington road.

The Union Pacific has received its share of the 125 standardized engines built by the American Locomotive Co. for the Harriman lines.

The coal chutes at Pine Bluffs, Wyo., were entirely destroyed by fire Thursday. The origin of the fire is attributed to sparks from a passing locomotive.

Genl. Supt. Ware and Supt. of Motive Power Fuller went west the latter part of last week on a tour of inspection of the Wyoming Division.

Although the votes of numerous employes materially assisted the democratic, railroad and booze interests in the late campaign, the Union Pacific now sees fit to discharge various employes for alleged consumption of intoxicating liquors. Just another simple case of the "before and after" treatment.—Sutherland Free Lance.

Conductor S. C. Mecomber of this city, chairman of the O. R. C. legislative board, has been in Lincoln for several days sounding members on proposed railroad legislation. Mr. Mecomber spent the winter in Lincoln two years ago, and may remain there during the present session of the legislature.

A. R. Adamson has been notified that he is retired from the service of the Union Pacific R. R. Co., and will receive a liberal pension. He has been twenty-seven years in the employ and is gratified. There are now six veteran railroaders on the pension list at this point, and it says much for the company that it cares for employes when age or infirmity unfits them for active duty, and does not cast them on the scrap pile like useless, worn out tools.

## Harriman Secures N. Y. Central.

Announcement is made that E. H. Harriman has secured control of the New York Central road, thus giving him an unbroken chain of rails from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It is believed that his control of the New York Central carries with it the control of the Northwestern system. The acquisition of these systems easily makes Harriman the railroad king.

Watts Kunkle left Sunday for Pendleton, Oregon.

## School Bond Election.

Elsewhere is published a notice for a special election to be held February 9th for the purpose of voting on a proposition to issue bonds of the school district of North Platte in the sum of forty thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting two eight-room school buildings, one in the Second ward and the other in the Third ward.

This is a matter that the board of education has had under consideration for several months, and after full investigation as to the needs of the district, directed the proposition to be submitted.

We believe that the need of additional school accommodations is admitted by everyone conversant with present conditions and that the bonds will carry without serious opposition; in fact the need of additional accommodations are so urgent that there should be no opposition whatever.

## Surveyors in the Field.

The Omaha Bee is authority for the statement that surveyors are now in the field mapping out the way for the new cut-off to be built from Northport to Medicine Bow, which in time will become the main line of the Union Pacific.

The building of this cut-off means much to North Platte, and it will make this city a division for practically two lines of the Union Pacific—one by way of Cheyenne, the other by way of Wheatland. This will not only increase the number of engine and train crews, but it is announced from Omaha that all the light repairs on engines on the eastern division of the cut-off line will be done at the North Platte shops.

## Red Cross Stamps.

North Platte people who purchased Red Cross stamps during the holiday season will be interested in knowing that throughout the country twenty-five million were sold and that the stamps netted the Red Cross Society \$230,000. This sum will be used in fighting the great white plague—tuberculosis—and will be handled by the Red Cross Society, the very name of which insures that the money will be honestly and intelligently expended.

## Poultry Wanted.

Farmers who have chickens for sale should see us. Highest market price paid in cash.

J. L. STINGLEY,  
North Platte Meat Market.

Mrs. Frank Maryott came down from Oshkosh Friday evening and left the same night for Kansas City.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

There are twenty musical games in "The Burgmaster," which appears at The Keith Thursday evening.

For Sale—Half dozen full blooded Plymouth Rocks for sale. Call on P. W. Oleson or phone D244.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cunningham will entertain a number of young people this evening in favor of Miss Lenore Cummings, of Chicago, who is a visitor in town.

At the Friday evening session of the N. T. E. club, Miss Kathleen Flynn and Isaac Howard won the prizes. Miss Kate Spies, at whose home the club met, proved her ability as a successful hostess.

Mrs. Julius Habler and Miss Duggar will entertain the Altar Society at the home of the former Wednesday afternoon of this week. Beginning at three o'clock refreshments will be served, the menu including chicken salad, wafers and sandwiches. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. P. W. Oleson, living southwest of town, was the recipient of a surprise party last week on the occasion of her birth anniversary, many of the neighbors attending. At the close of this delightful occasion Mrs. Oleson was presented with a set of knives and forks.

The annual harvest of ice by the Union Pacific, which uses 125,000 tons yearly, is now in full blast at Evanston, Laramie, this city and Gothenburg. Several hundred men are employed in this work and several extra train and engine crews are placed in service to move the ice from the above points to the icing stations along the line.

Supt. Tout, of the city schools, and the committee appointed by the G. A. R. and W. R. C. will shortly meet and mature plans for the Lincoln birthday centenary on February 12th, at which time the bust of Lincoln, secured some time ago by the high school will be unveiled. It is the intention to secure some well known orator of the state to deliver an address on that occasion.

Mrs. Walter Ross and two children of North Platte, and her sister, Miss Nellie McCance, came down to Cozad Sunday morning and were met by their father, Chas. McCance, and went out to the farm to attend the funeral of Mrs. Stauger. Mrs. J. S. Kinman returned from a Christmas visit to her daughter at North Platte, Sunday morning. Her grandson, Clifford Doram, came with her to remain on the farm.—Cozad Republic.

## The Killing of Volley Mann.

The last issue of the Keith County News contained in full the confession of Lafayette Dale, alias Harry Dale Smith, who was arrested on the charge of killing Volley Mann near Dexter last summer. From this confession we make the following excerpts:

"He (Mann) fixed up his horses for the night and went to bed he slept on the east side, I slept in the middle. Mrs. Geiger slept on the west side, she cautioned me two or three times, whispered to me, I shook my head, I said very low, I can't do it. The revolver was in my hip pocket here (he puts his hands on his pocket) she pulls it out and hands it to me under the clothes I raised it twice, I could not do it, to shoot him it dropped out of my hand, she spoke up very ugly, this was in the morning, I would judge about 20 minutes to four, just getting daylight, she says give it to me she says, God dam him I can with his back to me, she grabs the revolver holds it closely behind his right ear she shoots him, she drops the revolver, I picks it up and puts it in my hip pocket.

She walked around on the east side of him she catches him by the shoulder, she rolls him over on the ground, I was making a very slow move she swore a big oath, God dam you she says can't you come around here and help me, I was awfully scared, she ordered me to go through his pockets she says I think he has got quite a bunch of money, I failed in doing so she put her hand down in his left pocket, she pulls out an oldish pocket book, she gave me a very ugly look, she says I don't think you are much good you are too slow for to catch cold, I says probably I am, she pulled up the ax just as though she was going to hit me with it.

Mrs. Geiger hustled around and picked the clothes up, called me to help her put the mattress and stuff in the wagon, and I did so and now she says let us get this stiff in. I stood for a little while, before I undertook to help her, didn't know whether I had better help her or not, she swore at me, for God's sake to come and help her and I did. I helped her put him in the wagon, now she says we will get a bite to eat and get away from here as quick as we can.

She had breakfast ready, she ordered me to eat some breakfast, I told her I didn't want any, she says if you don't want anything to eat, for me to go and get the horses and get the harness on them, and get to hell out of here and get rid of this stiff. I did so. I harnessed up the horses, I hitched them up to the wagon while she was putting in the stove. She takes the stove and turns it upside down on the blood that came from Volley Mann, covered it up with ashes and dug up the ground there

a little with the ax. She got everything in the wagon, I threw the lines on the seat, she jumps there, she grabs the lines and says to me for God's sake hurry up and get in the wagon, till we get out of here. I gets in the wagon, she drove very fast till we come to the bridge across the river, she says to me I think there is water enough in there to cover him, I says for God's sake what are you going to do, she turns around and looks at me with that devils eye just as though she could cut my throat, she hit the horses and drove pretty fast, she turned west I think that we met a rig, but I do not remember what kind it was, we came to a ranch house, the house was middling close to the road, she says to me you had better go in there and see if you can get some bread and some sugar, she stopped the horses, she says see how much money you have got, I pulled the money out and looked it over there was \$8.25, and a Mexican piece of money, a half of a dollar. She says for me to skip over to that house as quick as I can. I goes over asks the lady of the house if she can spare me a loaf of bread and some sugar, and she says yes, I think I can. During this time I think there were four men in the garden close by the house. One man I think had just come in there since I went in. I takes the bread and sugar, pays the lady for it, goes out to the wagon, jumps in the hind end and she drives very fast for a little piece then she hands me the lines. She looks across east of the road and says there will be a good place over there in that sand bank for to put this stiff, we have got to get rid of it as soon as we can, she hands me the lines again. I'll go over in here she says and see if it a good place. I eat in the wagon waiting until she came back but she beckoned for me to drive on down in the draw which I did. She grabs the ax out of the wagon and started to dig a hole in the sand bank. I was not fast enough for her, she comes over to the wagon, shoves me to one side and says you are too dam slow, if I was as slow as you are I would scratch a hole and bury myself. All right, I says, I'll keep out of your way. She looked at me a second and her eyes pierced me right through. She says, ain't you going to help me. I says I ain't particular whether I do or not. She spoke up to me and says, You had better help me, it won't be well for you if you don't. I then stepped up and helped her take Volley Mann out of the wagon, pulled him over to the hole she had dug and there we put him. I scratched down a little sand when she says to me, open up the front of his shirt he might have a bag of money around his neck. I did so, didn't find nothing there. He had two light shirts on and a pair of woolen pants and a pair of overalls.

## Endorses Commissioner Walter.

The last issue of the Wallace Winner says: C. H. Walter went to North Platte Wednesday by way of Sterling and will enter on his duties as county commissioner today. Mr. Walter is a gentleman that the people down here swear by, and we will just drop a hint to the people of North Platte that if they want to make themselves solid in the south part of the county the best way to accomplish that end is to treat our representative well—and often.

## Sheldon's View on Marriage.

In his last message to the Nebraska legislature Governor Sheldon touched upon the question of marriage as follows: "I recommend for your earnest consideration a change in our marriage laws so that it will be impossible for any man or woman to marry unless a certificate from a physician licensed to practice in this state has been presented, containing a statement that their health is good and that they are capable of producing healthy offspring."

## Fast Mail Train Time.

During the month of December, 1908, the Burlington's fast mail train made some remarkable records on the run between Chicago and Omaha. This is an exclusive mail train, carrying the Chicago morning papers and the overland mails from the Atlantic seaboard. It is scheduled to make the run from Chicago to Omaha, 494 miles, in twelve hours, or forty-one and one-sixth miles an hour. During December this train reached Council Bluffs on time twenty-eight days out of the thirty one, and the total minutes lost for the three other days was seventeen.

## Elegant Costumes to be Seen.

The picturesque Highland Scottish costume is the climax in costuming effects in "Roney's Boys" concerts, and who are soon to appear here. Each of the five boys wears the tartan of a different Scottish clan. One wears the Gordon tartan, another wears the Victoria plaid, another the historic old McLachlan, another the Wallace tartan, and another the Hunting Stuart. Besides these, the little vocalists wear the cotta and cassock for their sacred songs, fancy dress Mexican costumes with the sugar loaf hats, cadet uniforms and immaculate sailor suits of white duck. The costumes are usually in keeping with the songs. They add immeasurably to the interest of the program, and every number springs a surprise of some kind.

The Roney Boys appear here January 19th under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild.

Arthur Boyd spent Sunday with relatives in Cozad.

ONE-THIRD OFF **Semi-Annual** ONE-THIRD OFF

## CLEARING SALE.

33 $\frac{1}{3}$  per cent off on Men's Clothing.

For a few days only we will give one-third off on Men's Suits and Overcoats. Just stop and think of buying any Overcoat or Suit in the house at one-third off. Everything else goes at one-fourth off during this sale. Guess this will hold even for some time.

\$30 Suits and Overcoats	go at.....	\$20.00
25.00 Suits and Overcoats	go at.....	\$16.65
20.00 Suits and Overcoats	go at.....	\$13.35
18.00 Suits and Overcoats	go at.....	\$12.00
15.00 Suits and Overcoats	go at.....	\$10.00

When you buy goods at this sale you know you are not buying any old shelf-worn or carried-over stock, as every one knows our stock is both clean and new, having been in the house only sixty days.

The Sale is now going on. Come early and get a first choice.

**Schatz & Clabaugh,**

ONE-THIRD OFF **Clothiers.** ONE-THIRD OFF

## January Clearing Sale

At The Leader beginning Monday,  
Jan. 11th and closing Jan. 22d.

## Twenty Per Cent Discount

On every dollar's worth of goods bought in our store. This applies to everything except Queen Quality and Red Cross Shoes

## 25 Per Cent Discount on Ladies' Cloaks and Furs.

Our spring line of Laces and Embroideries, Insertings, French Gingham, Prints of all descriptions, Percales and Muslin Underwear are all in and a discount of twenty per cent will also be given on these goods.

This discount applies for cash only. As this sale only continues for ten days we would suggest that the buyers visit our store as early as possible.

**THE LEADER,**

JULIUS PIZER, Prop.