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## PROGRAM FOR FOURTH OF JULY AT North Platte, Neb.

### Salute at Sunrise.

9:00 a. m. Parade, Band, Mayor and City Council, Fire Department, G. A. R. Floats, Autos, Motorcycles, Vehicles.  
10:00 a. m. Hook and Ladder Climbing Contest. Prize \$15  
10:20 a. m. One hundred Yard Wet Hose Race. Prize \$30, \$20 and \$10.  
10:40 a. m. One Hundred Yard Dry Coupling Contest. Prizes \$10 and \$5.  
11:00 a. m. Water Fight. Prize \$15.  
11:30 a. m. Reading Declaration of Independence and Speaking.

### DINNER.

1:30 p. m. Balloon Ascension and Parachute Drop.  
2:15 p. m. Motorcycle Race. Free for all. Prizes \$25, \$15 and \$10.  
3 p. m. Automobile Race. Free for all. Prizes \$50, \$30 and \$20.  
4:30 p. m. Base Ball at Park.

### SUPPER.

7:00 p. m. Balloon Ascension and Parachute Drop.  
Grand Display of Fireworks at Dusk.  
Athletic Carnival, Lloyd Opera House.

J. H. STONE, Chairman,  
C. K. MARTINI, Sec'y,  
C. M. NEWTON, Treas.  
J. Q. WILCOX,  
DICKEY BROTHERS,  
Committee.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

Mrs. Clarence Huston, of Kearney, has been the guest of North Platte friends this week.

Miss Mable Weasburg expects to leave next month for Everett, Wash., to visit relatives.

For Rent—Furnished room at 221 east Fourth street. Call at 2 p. m. or 8 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Tollefsen and daughters, of Kearney, attended the Tollefsen-Donehower wedding Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Fay P. Morris arrived home this week from Wilsonville with her four year old nephew Arthur Kasson. Little Arthur will make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Morris.

Finley Goodman has been visiting his brother E. R. Goodman for a few days. He is in the employ of the forestry service and has been transferred from Cody to Laramie.

From Shelton comes the news that a company has been organized and wells are being bored for oil. The result will be watched with interest here in North Platte, for a number of our citizens have suggested the organization of a company for a similar purpose.

W. H. C. Woodhurst, who returned Wednesday from Excelsior Springs, returns weighing thirty pounds less than when he started on the trip. While at the springs he succeeded in getting rid of the rheumatism which had troubled him.

The Grand Island Independent of Tuesday stated that a marriage license had been issued to Frank Newman and May Mooney. The former will be remembered as a former resident of North Platte, having filled the position of car checker. For several years he has made his home at Hanover, Kan. Miss Mooney has made this city her home for a number of years, but of late has been living at Grand Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buchanan entertained thirty guests Tuesday evening at a household shower tendered Miss Sitton and Mr. Buchanan. The function that proved a pleasant one. The shower was a copious one, the gifts covering a wide range of usefulness. For the entertainment of the guests, guessing contests were introduced. M. E. Crosby and Miss Salisbury receiving the blue ribbons. Refreshments were served at the close.

Mrs. Guy Pierce, of Kearney, is visiting friends in town.

Rev. and Mrs. Porter returned yesterday from their visit in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Empie and Mrs. Mark Atchison were visitors in Kearney this week.

Miss Margaret Barker returned yesterday from Denver and will make this city her future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson and Mrs. Fred Wendeborn returned yesterday from a week's visit with friends in Omaha.

Mrs. O. R. Robinson is entertaining a number of young ladies this afternoon at a china shower in favor of Miss Sitton.

G. S. Huffman returned Wednesday from Omaha, where for several weeks he had been assisting in the care of a sick brother.

Engineer Weinberger brought train No. 13 up from Grand Island yesterday morning in three hours flat, which is considered a smooth run.

Carl S. Bonner, who has been stationed at Mojave, Cal., for some time as an engineer, arrived home Wednesday and will visit his parents for an indefinite time.

For the comfort of Judge Grimes, Clerk Prosser and the attorneys attending court, two electric fans were placed in the court room Wednesday. They considerably reduce the high temperature of the room.

As we go to press Friday morning we learn that the barn of Sigal Milton southeast of town was destroyed by fire Thursday night. We have no particulars but presume it was struck by lightning. A number of horses and all other contents of the barn were also burned.—Wallace Winner.

Miss Vera Sitton was the guest of honor at a linen shower Wednesday afternoon at which Miss Grace Payne was hostess. The house was attractively decorated in red bells and flowers and the thirty young ladies present were entertained by several amusing contests. In one, which was the guessing of the numbers of candies in a cut glass perfume bottle, Mrs. Perry Buchanan came the nearest in guessing the correct number and was given the bottle. At the close of the enjoyable afternoon a delicious two course luncheon was served, the guests finding their places at small tables by pretty bridal place cards. The Misses Pizer, Dill, Beejer and Dixon assisted Miss Payne in serving.

### Dedication of the Presbyterian Church.

The new Presbyterian church, which stands at the corner of Fifth and Willow streets, is to be dedicated at 10:30 o'clock Sunday. The dedication sermon will be preached by Rev. Geo. Williams, D. D., of Lincoln, father of the pastor, or, should he be unable to be present, by Rev. T. B. Greenlee, of Omaha, a former pastor.

With unimportant exceptions the architecture of the church is pure Gothic. It is 90 feet long by 66 feet wide with high pitched roof and two large towers. The main entrances are thru the latter, though there are two other entrances to the main floor.

The material used is pressed brick, of two colors, with cement stone trimmings.

The entrances are approached by wide walks and wide flights of steps.

The church is modern in every detail and perfectly adapted to the work of a present day church in a growing city. From whatever point viewed it presents a churchly, symmetrical and imposing appearance, strength, dignity, grace and solidity make it Presbyterian even in appearance.

On the ground floor are the social ac-

cessories, assembly room, kitchen, pantry, etc., all well furnished, also vestibules, toilets and furnace rooms, being practically above ground, this floor is light, dry and attractive.

On the main floor are the audience room, Sunday school room, primary room, choir room, and pastor's study. The two latter are so placed that the one opens upon the choir and the other upon the pulpit platform. All these rooms are large and well furnished for the purpose intended.

The wood work of the vestibules and audience room is oak. The finish throughout is dark, what is called "fumed oak."

The rolls and ceiling are tastefully decorated, a symmetrical scheme both as to designs and colors being followed throughout.

The building is steam heated and electric lighted. The lighting fixtures are unique and attractive. The lamps are concealed and the light, though ample, is subdued and soft.



Presbyterian Church to be Dedicated next Sunday.

tee Rev. Thomas Greenlee was the original chairman. Removal and other causes have necessitated changes, but the following have served on the committee: Butler Buchanan succeeded Dr. Greenlee as chairman and filled that important post practically through the entire period of construction; Geo. Baskins, Chas. Baskins, Edgar Schiller, W. E. Shuman, W. V. Hoagland, Hoyt Hart, Joseph Hershey, E. A. Cary, G. W. McDowell, Mrs. W. W. Birge and Mrs. Geo. Prosser.

The ladies of the congregation have been very active and much credit is due them for work accomplished.

A program of dedication events is being printed and will be distributed to the congregation on Sunday. It contains twelve pages, besides the cover, and in it will be found, besides the program, several illustrations and much material of historical interest to the church. The cut here presented gives a good idea of this house of worship and service. The property, including lots, represents a total outlay of about \$28,000.

There will be no service of worship Sunday morning at the Lutheran church to give opportunity to worship with the Presbyterians in their service of dedication. The regular service in the evening at 8 o'clock, Sunday school at 12 o'clock as usual and the Luther League at 7 o'clock.

Men's, Ladies' and Children's Oxfords are being sold at a discount of twenty per cent at The Leader. Great opportunity to save money on these goods.

George Griffiths, of Dickens, transacted business in town Wednesday and made this office a call. He is one of those whose land was burned over by the big prairie fire in April, and he says that as a result of the dry weather there is no pasturage on the burned land and it is a serious proposition as to where the hay for next winter's use is to be secured. Corn in his section is very backward, and needs rain badly.

John Deere Implements and Weber & Stoughton wagons at Hershey's.

### Cottonwood News.

Our rainy season, previously predicted is rather a dry one so far.

Mrs. Wm. Houser and children have been visiting relatives and friends at Willow Island.

Paul Arnold, of North Platte, visited at the home place recently.

Any one wishing information concerning "good roads" in our commun-

ity might consult Jens Sommer.

Ed Carlfield is contending with a badly sprained thumb as a result of being hit with a ball.

The Blue Star ball team were out in their new suits last Saturday, expecting to play a game with the Bignell team, but the latter were evidently scared out, as they did not appear at the ball grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Sommer, parents of Mrs. H. C. Hartman, have gone for an extended visit in the eastern part of the state and other points east, expecting to be absent several weeks.

B. J. Sowie seems to feel the press of work more than usual, having his team in the hay field Sunday.

Wes. Houser has been hauling out a car load of lumber for the new house and other buildings he will put on his place this summer.

These hot days are rather dangerous for fat hogs and consequently a good many of these have been hauled to market during the past week.

Merle Arnold is putting in his spare time canvassing.

Mrs. C. G. Clark expects to go to North Platte where she will remain several days with her mother who is quite ill.

### Lake Ice.

I am prepared to furnish pure lake ice at 40 cents per hundred pounds. Orders may be left at Schiller's drug store.

### Hotel Timmerman Banquet.

The banquet given at the Hotel Timmerman Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Commercial Club was a pronounced success in every particular. The attendance was gratifying to both the club and Mr. Timmerman, the one hundred or more present embracing many of our leading professional and business men and their ladies.

The object in giving the banquet was to express to Mr. Timmerman an appreciation of his successful effort in giving North Platte one of the most modern furnished hotels in the state, and at the same time signalize the opening of the house to the traveling public. That the hotel is modern in its appointments in every particular is attested by the fact that each room is steam heated, each contain a lavatory, there are baths connected with some of the rooms, and patrons not thus supplied have the privileges of four other bath rooms. The rooms, of which there are forty-three, are neatly and attractively furnished, and there is a telephone in each room.

The rooms are under the personal supervision of Mrs. Louise Peters as lessee, who has had considerable experience in that line.

The first floor of the building is occupied by the office, the dining room, lunch counter and kitchen. The dining room is bright and cheerful, with a seating capacity of about 100. The furniture is of mission style, and the table linen, silver and china is of good grade.

But to return to the banquet: The guests assembled at 9:30 and an informal reception was held in the parlors. Shortly thereafter, to the strains of a march by Stamp's orchestra, which furnished music during the evening, the banqueters descended to the dining room and surrounded two long tables, where they were seated following an invocation by Rev. Chapman. The banquet was served in ten courses, and each course was nicely prepared and served. The table decorations were roses, carnations and ferns. The number of courses necessarily prolonged the banquet, and it was past midnight when Judge Grimes, as toastmaster, arose and announced the first toast.

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### An Echo of the Past.

An echo of the earlier days of North Platte was heard at the court house yesterday when County Clerk Elliott received from Con Groner, of Denver, a former Lincoln county sheriff, a draft for one hundred dollars which represented "conscience money."

In 1881, when North Platte was still a "wide open town" and gambling was carried on extensively, Dan Ferguson and W. H. Tucker, along with others, were one day engaged in a poker game. Both were smooth men with the cards and were somewhat suspicious of each other. Tucker made a play that Ferguson called him down on, a quarrel ensued, both men drew their guns, but Ferguson being the quicker, he put a ball through the fleshy part of Tucker's left side. Ferguson was arrested and upon trial was sentenced to three months in jail and pay a fine of one hundred dollars. Ferguson's father paid the fine, turning the money over to Groner than sheriff. At that time Joseph Mackle, the clerk of the court was seriously ill and latter died.

On account of this sickness and death, Groner "neglected" to turn over to Mackle, or any of his successors, this hundred dollars.

It now seems that Groner, through the medium of the salvation Army, has found "salvation"—to use his own expression—and to relieve his conscience stricken mind, he sent the money as above stated.

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