



Big Ben

has something to say to people who like to get up promptly in the morning.

He guarantees to call them on the dot just when they want and either way they want, with one prolonged, steady call or with successive gentle rings.

And he guarantees to do it day after day and year after year, if you only have him oiled every year or so.

I've known him ever since he was "that high" and I'll vouch for everything he says.

CLINTON,
Jeweler and Optician.

SCHILLER & CO.,
Prescription Druggists

First Door North of
First National Bank

Local and Personal.

Miss Isabell Doran left the first of the week for Gretna.

E. W. Mann transacted business in Sutherland Wednesday.

Roy Cottrell visited relatives in Cozad the first of the week.

Ollie Elias began work for the 5 and 10 cent store the first of the week.

Mrs. Gifford, of Ogalala, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Clough this week.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Willerton the first of the week.

Miss Helen Jeter, of Los Angeles, came yesterday to visit her parents in this city.

Miss Alice Cunningham is in Omaha this week where she will visit relatives for a fortnight.

William Sowle and Ad Kunkle, of Somerset, are spending a few days here on business.

Miss Comfort Conway returned last evening from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Nelegh.

W. J. O'Connor went to Kearney Wednesday morning to transact business for several days.

Paris Green 35 cents per pound.
STONE DRUG CO.

Dr. N. McCabe and Edgar Schiller returned Tuesday evening from a short business trip up the road.

Mrs. Troy returned to Julesburg Wednesday morning after a pleasant visit with her son C. A. Troy and wife.

New hay from the lower bottom fields is being cut, baled and marketed this week. The local price on car is around ten dollars.

Attorney Carl Hohman returned Wednesday afternoon from Cedar Rapids, Ia., where he attended a class reunion and visited friends.

R. A. Grimm, district plant chief of the Nebraska Telephone Co., spent Wednesday here conferring with Manager Brown.

Mrs. Henry Mehman and daughter Mildred, of Wallace, are expected today to visit the former's son Roy Mehman for several days.

Initial correspondence cards and envelopes. Rincker Book and Drug Co.
Miss Pauline Metroz, of Denver, arrived yesterday afternoon to visit Miss Mayme Pizer. The young ladies were class mates at Wolfe Hall.

Railroad men say that crop conditions in the section between Julesburg and Sidney are fine. That part of the state has been visited by soaking rains during the past ten days.

Will Hendy drove a car through from Omaha, arriving here Tuesday afternoon. He drove from Omaha to Lexington, about 240 miles, Monday and thence home Tuesday.

Detroit Vapor Stoves, beat gasoline stoves on the market, self generating at reduced prices at Hershey's corner 5th and Locust Sts., phone 15.

Robert Dickey has made his ice cream parlors more complete by installing a compartment white metal ice cream cabinet for special ice creams. The cabinet can be used for six varieties and is a great convenience as well as an attractive addition to the fountain.

Award Contracts.

The city council at the meeting Tuesday evening award contracts for furnishing cast iron pipe for the extension of the water mains, for digging trenches, and for packing and lead.

W. W. Birge was given the contract for 29 tons of 4-inch pipe, 162 tons of 6-inch and 9 tons of 8-inch, the price ranging from \$33 to \$34 per ton.

For digging the trenches, hauling and laying the pipe, the contract was awarded to a Fremont company for an aggregate sum of \$2,800, this company's bid being three or four cents per foot under that of Con Walker. Crane Co., of Omaha, received the contract for packing and a Denver firm the contract for the lead. The total cost of the extensions will be about twelve thousand dollars.

Charley Bogue, chairman of the protective board of the B. of R. T. on the Union Pacific system, came home the early part of the week from Omaha, where for several months his committee has been holding conferences with the Union Pacific officials—when the officials had time to devote to that purpose. The committee took an adjournment while General Manager Scott went to the Pacific coast, but will meet again in a few days.

J. E. Baker returned Friday from Holbrook, Nebr., where he has been visiting his brother's family for a month. He was accompanied home by his niece Miss Frankie Baker who will visit for a few weeks with relatives and friends. Miss Baker graduated from the Arapahoe high school in May and has accepted a position to teach in one of the schools of Gosper county.

At a late meeting of the Brotherhood of the Christian church resolutions were passed extending its aid to the Chautauqua board in disposing of season tickets, securing accommodations for visitors during Chautauqua week and in giving individual support in whatever way possible in making the coming assembly a great success.

Excavation for the new Baptist church at the corner of Locust and Fourth streets began this week. The church board will supervise the excavation and the construction of the foundation walls, while the superstructure will be let by contract. The basement will be so constructed that it can be used for social meetings, suppers and like gatherings.

Double Bristle Ideal Hair Brushes 90c.
STONE DRUG CO.

A regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church will be held this evening at the home of Mrs. F. W. Rincker at eight o'clock. A special program on the church work in China has been arranged, after which light refreshments will be served. A special invitation to all women of the church and their friends is extended.

In honor of Mrs. Lex Wimberly, of Greeley, Colo., who was visiting in the city, Miss Beth Cunningham entertained a dozen ladies at a Kensington Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon was a most enjoyable total present. A dainty lunch closed the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Redmond and E. H. Evans will attend the Elks' national convention which meets at Portland, Ore., July 9th. They will go with the Nebraska delegation whose special train will pass through here on the night of July 4th.

H. C. Langdon, of Omaha, visited friends in town yesterday. He expects to go to Paonia, Col., about the middle of July to reside on his fruit farm. His peach crop this year will be about 8,000 boxes.

The Yeoman held an interesting meeting and profitable social at the I. O. O. F. hall Tuesday evening. A large crowd was in attendance and enjoyed the special program.

The Lloyd opera house is being remodeled by William Nolte, of Sterling, Colo., who arrived the first of the week and will open a roller skating rink.

Mrs. Grace Wilson, of Newberry, Ore., arrived here Wednesday to visit Attorney and Mrs. Albert Muldoon while enroute home from Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Glives have as their guests this week Miss Olive J. Walker and Ed. T. Glives of New Hampshire, who arrived a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Quinn and wife, who have been visiting their son Wallace Quinn and wife, left Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Foote, of Omaha, arrived Wednesday morning and assisted Dr. Twinem perform several surgical operations.

Ideal Hair Brushes 65c.
STONE DRUG CO.

Charles Temple and young son returned Tuesday evening from a week's visit in Lincoln and Council Bluffs.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winkleman left a few days ago for Broadwater to spend a week with friends.

Miss Eunice Arthur is the guest of Miss Ruth Streitz this week having arrived Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Herman LeDoyt returned Wednesday from Grand Island where she spent a week.

Mrs. Fred Waltemath will entertain the members of the M. M. M. club this afternoon.

Roy Banks came home Wednesday from a week's visit in Grand Island.

Compliment North Platte.

North Platte stands second among Nebraska towns for the carefu measures it takes in the prevention of fires; and the reason that it does not rank first is because of the lax manner in which some dealers handle gasoline and that we permit several old shacks to remain standing in the business part of town. Such is the verdict of the committee of ten representing the Nebraska association for the prevention of fires which made a careful inspection of our city and buildings Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. This committee will formulate a report which will be submitted to each insurance company doing business in North Platte, and where a policy holder is in any way negligent, the company will have its agent ask the insured to abate the negligent acts or conditions.

The committee was very thorough in its examinations; they visited each business building and investigated each nook and corner, inspecting with great care the electric light wiring, and it is not out of place here to say that the electric company was complimented for the excellent and safe manner in which it wires buildings. Part of the committee visited the water plant, and to assist in the investigation of the plant a false alarm was sounded Wednesday, the fire pressure turned on, the hose company responded, and the pressure and water conditions in the wells noted. The supply of water was criticized and the suggestion made that new wells be put down.

Accompanying this committee was State Fire Warden Randall, who investigated several frame buildings that are considered a menace, and it is probable that he will recommend that the building east of Herrod & Son and the one leased by J. A. McMichael on Front St., be torn down.

Wednesday evening a banquet was tendered the visiting committee and Warden Randall by the commercial club at the Palace Cafe, covers being laid for fifty. Following the serving of an excellent meal, with President Seeberger in the toastmaster's chair, and Mayor Patterson making the welcoming address, several of the visiting guests responded to toasts, these addresses being very interesting, especially the one by Warden Randall.

Boosters Have Big Time.

The Fourth of July boosters who journeyed as far east as Gothenburg Tuesday, numbered over one hundred, including the band, and were transported in about thirty cars, a number of which were decorated with bunting and flags. The party left at five o'clock in the afternoon, and the first stop was at Maxwell, where the band gave a short concert, and the boosters met the good people of the village and extended invitations to come to North Platte to celebrate. Brady was also visited and the same program enacted, thence on to Gothenburg. When the bridge was reached at nine o'clock the cars were bunched, the torches lighted and the procession moved slowly into town with flags and banners flying. The boosters were given an ovation, practically the whole town turning out to greet them, and after moving through the principal streets, they dismounted and headed by the band, paraded the streets. About two hours was spent in Gothenburg, and the time was pleasantly passed. The return trip was speedily made, some of the cars covering the forty-nine miles in two hours and ten minutes.

The Boosters believe that they aroused considerable enthusiasm in the towns visited and that many of the people will come to North Platte to celebrate the Fourth.

New Boilers Needed.

At the meeting of the city council Tuesday evening the water commissioner made a report in which he summarized the condition of the water plant and advised the purchase of two new boilers, these in addition to the one installed two weeks ago. In pursuance of this recommendation the commissioner was authorized to draw specification for two boilers and to advertise for bids for same.

The commissioner also recommended the purchase of a new pump, as the two now in use are inadequate to furnish the water needed by consumers.

It was further recommended that the net revenue of the plant, for the next year—estimated at about \$9,000—be invested in improving the plant in the way of boilers, pump, cleaning the wells and in re-roofing and making other repairs to the building.

The people demand a good water service, to obtain it improvements to the plant must be made.

Why Pay Rent.

If you are tired paying rent drop in and see us and we will show you how to make the money you now pay for rent pay for a home.

We have a number of close in propositions from \$1000.00 up to \$6000.00, every one a bargain.

BUCHANAN & PATTERSON.

Mrs. Brown, of Paxton, returned home yesterday after visiting her mother Mrs. Leonard Cornett for several days.

W. H. McDonald returned yesterday morning from Julesburg where he attended the funeral of the late Banker Hamilton.

4TH OF JULY Celebration

AT

North Platte.

48 Guns Salute at Sunrise

9:00 a. m.—Grand Parade

North Platte Military Band
Mayor, City Council and G. A. R.
Goddess of Liberty Float
Gothenburg and North Platte Fire Departments
Society and Business Floats
Automobiles and Motorcycles
Carriages and Citizens
Calathumpians

10:00 a. m.—Hook and Ladder Contest, North Platte

10:30 a. m.—Fire Race to House on Fire

11:00 a. m.—100 yard wet Hose Race

11:30 a. m.—Reading of Declaration of Independence

12:00 m.—Dinner

1:30 p. m.—Dry Hose 50 yard Contest

2:30 p. m.—Motorcycle Twin Race

2:30 p. m.—Motorcycle, Single Race

3:00 to 4 p. m.—Fat Man's Race, Boy's Race, Girl's Race, Sack Race
Peanut Race, Professional Race, Greased Pig Race

4:00 p. m.—Japan Day Fire Works fired from 6-inch motor

4:30 p. m.—Base Ball, Athletic Park

5:30 p. m.—Horse Race, Front Street

6:00 p. m.—Supper

7:45 p. m.—A Real Indian Surprise

8:30 p. m.—Grand Display of Fire Works including eight Japanese
Specialties, fired from large motor

\$1,500.00

Prizes and Fireworks.

The Court House and High School Parks and Grove opposite the Court House will be thrown open for the accommodation as Rest Rooms for women and children. Plenty of seats will be placed in the parks.

This will be the biggest celebration in Western Nebraska. Everybody is invited to come to North Platte and join in the amusements and pleasure.