

The North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune

TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR.

NORTH PLATTE, NEB., DECEMBER 27, 1912.

No. 95

Suffers Facial Paralysis.

E. T. Kellher, the confectioner, is confined to the house suffering from facial paralysis, the left half of the face being effected. The trouble appeared Saturday morning and followed a week's siege of grip. The paralysis effects the nerves and is usually of short duration—not as a rule extending over two weeks.

New Time-Card.

The new time-card went into effect on the Union Pacific last Sunday, but there has been but one change in the arrival and departure of passenger trains at this terminal. The one exception is train No. 4 from the west which now arrives at 10:10, thirty minutes earlier than under the former card. Under the new card there has been a change in the arrival of one or more of the fast freights.

Citizens Play Santa Claus.

A good many of our citizens played the role of Santa Claus Christmas eve, and supplied needy families with baskets and boxes of provender for a Christmas dinner. Every family reported by the committee having this matter in charge was supplied, and the recipients seemed very grateful for the remembrances. In a number of instances the children of these families were supplied not only with candy and fruits but also with clothing and toys.

Marriages and Divorces.

The state statistician at Lincoln credits Lincoln county people with having filed twenty-five divorces for the year ending December 1st, and the records of the county judge's office show that during the same twelve-month, one hundred and fifty-four marriage licenses were issued. These figures show that practically there was one divorce filed for each six licenses issued. This is an appalling condition; and calls for a warfare against hasty and ill-advised marriages and more strict divorce laws.

Water Causes Extra Work.

The contractors engaged in building the new round house are having much extra work in getting rid of the water which flows into the excavations made for the drop pits and the turn table. Centrifugal pumps of big capacity have been installed, but even these have been unable to get rid of the water as speedily as desired. To carry off the water from these pumps it was necessary to lay lines of iron pipes which empty into wooden sluices, these latter carrying the water into open ditches running north from the round house site. Workmen find this excavation rather mean work this chilly weather.

Little Folks Entertained.

The Sunday schools of the various churches held appropriate exercises Christmas eve and Christmas evening, and the young folks had a happy time. At the Presbyterian celebration songs and recitations made up the program, some of those taking part not exceeding three years in age. The Episcopal school held its entertainment Wednesday evening in Masonic hall.

Tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock the Christmas tree for the more needy little ones will be held in the Elk's building. Provisions have been made for a generous giving of pleasurable as well as material gifts.



Scene from "The Divorce Question" at the Keith Wednesday January 1st.

One-Fifth Off

Beginning December 26th and closing January 13th we will give you a discount of one-fifth from the regular price of every article carried in our Dry Goods, Cloaks, Dresses, Suits, Carpets, Rugs, Linoleum, Notions, Gents' Furnishing and shoe stocks. These goods will be sold to you at regular price and one-fifth deducted from your bill. During this sale we will not open any new goods in these departments, so it will pay you to come early before the assortments are broken.

Wilcox Department Store.

NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA.

Traffic Holds Up.

Traffic on the Union Pacific holds up well and the volume at present is considerably in excess of a year ago. The present bulk of the east bound traffic is coal, with no inconsiderable quantity of apples, dried fruits and some oranges. The shipments of the citrus fruits will start in more heavily the early part of next month. The orange crop in California, however, has been light this season—only about fifty per cent of an average yield.

Special Notice.

I. I. Murphy, the special writer, who is writing up North Platte and Lincoln county states that his work will be run in the Tribune not later than the week ending January 15 or possibly sooner.

He states that there is always more or less unavoidable in delay in taking of pictures, etc., but he is hurrying the undertaking to completion, and requests those whose cuts will appear to hand their photos to him at their earliest convenience.

Mr. Murphy reports great success in his endeavors as practically all who were asked to take part have responded favorably. He will try to call on all our business men so that the edition may be as extensive as possible.

Mr. Murphy desires through the Tribune to express his hearty thanks to his patrons for their liberal and courteous reception of his proposition.

The Ice Harvest Begins.

The harvesting of ice on the Union Pacific lake east of town began a few days ago and a fine quality of twice-inch ice is being cut and stored. The company is also receiving ice from Laramie, the latter to be used for the passenger service. As usual considerable ice will be shipped up from Gothenburg for the company's houses.

If the freezing weather continues the private houses in and near town will be filled within the next week.

The ice harvest gives employment to about one hundred men.

Will Sena Take up Datic.

Senator Hoagland is making preparations to take up a residence in Lincoln for ninety or more days, to which city Mrs. Hoagland and the children will accompany him. Senator Hoagland anticipates a busy session of the legislature. He has in mind a number of bills he will introduce. Senator Hoagland has considerable support for the position of president pro tem of the senate; in fact at this time his show of success is as good as any of the several who covet the honor.

Burlington Architect Looks Around.

The chief architect of the Burlington railroad spent a day in town last week and made an examination of the right-of-way acquired by the company in this city. The presence of this gentleman may not mean anything in the line of building in the immediate future; he was probably getting a "lay of the land," sizing up just how the buildings should be located. He went so far as to state that all the buildings, whatever they might be, would be constructed of brick.

Everything points to the entrance of the Burlington into North Platte, but when—ah, there's the question. But don't become impatient—all things come to him who waits—and hustles while he waits.

Important Meeting Tomorrow.

An important meeting—important to North Platte as well as to those directly interested—will be held at the court house tomorrow afternoon, when the report of Engineer Willis on the reconstruction of the south side ditch will be considered. We do not know just how much interest the people owning land under this ditch are taking in this matter, but it seems to us that it is one of vital concern to them. If at a cost of five or six dollars per acre to the land that can be watered, this ditch can be put in first-class shape, it would seem the part of business to form a district and vote necessary bonds. Up in the Gering district perpetual water rights sell as high as forty dollars per acre; at Julesburg and Sterling these same rights have cost from fifteen to thirty dollars. Compare the six dollars per acre necessary to put the south side in shape with prices elsewhere and the cost is certainly small.

We hope that the attendance at this meeting will be large.

M. E. Church Notes.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m., preaching 11 a. m. by Rev. Gaither, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's supper, Epworth league 6:30 and preaching 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Subject "Thy Word."

First Presbyterian Church.

Sunday school 10 a. m. M. E. Crosby, superintendent. Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme: "Looking Backward," evening theme: "Redeeming Time." Endeavor Societies at 3 and 6:40 p. m. Prayer-service Wednesday 7:30 p. m. The choir will repeat part of last Sunday's music. The Presbyterian church welcomes all.

Commissioners Allow Bills.

The county commissioners were in session last week and audited and allowed a large list of bills on the several funds, the total aggregating many thousands of dollars. The commissioners will meet in session December 30th and complete the business of the past year, which will include settlements with the various county officers.

Christmas Exercises.

The Christmas exercises and treat at the First Presbyterian church, Monday evening excelled all other similar exercises in the history of the church.

The church was filled to overflowing with the scholars, their parents and friends. The program for the evening was carried out with credit with the young people and did honor to those who planned it. Mr. Crosby, the officers and teachers are to be congratulated on the success of the affair.

Christmas Business.

Merchants, generally speaking, report Christmas business to have been satisfactory. Several report business better than a year ago, other say it was as good as last year. Monday was the high tide day, every house handling goods of a gift giving nature being rushed from morning until late at night.

The postoffice business was a record breaker, and at the express office the business handled was considerably in excess of last year.

We Are Some Town.

Not many North Platte people stop to consider just how much territory this city covers, and some will no doubt be surprised to learn that the area of this city is now just a fraction short of two miles east and west and one and one-half miles north and south. From the east line of the Trustee's addition to the west line of the Cody addition is thirty-one blocks, just one block short of two miles. With the exception of the Cody addition, it is lately admitted to the city, there is not much of this area that is not built upon, either as lots or as blocks. In the old town there are not many vacant lots. At the present rate of building, within two or three years, all the outlying additions will be thickly studded with residences.

Arranging for the Fireman.

The local fire department is now completing its arrangements for the state convention of the Nebraska Volunteer Firemen which will be held here January 21st, 22nd and 23rd. It is expected that at least 300 delegates will be in attendance. A banquet and a theatre party are among the social features planned for the entertainment of the delegates.

Cary Returns to Omaha.

J. P. Cary, who had been stationed here for several months as assistant superintendent, has been recalled to Omaha and takes the position of senior assistant superintendent of the Nebraska division, including the branches. In this position he stands next to Division Supt. Cahill.

Assistant Supt. George L. Smith, with headquarters in this city, will have direct charge of the North Platte-Sidney district and the North River branch.

"The Divorce Question."

Gaskill & MacVitty will produce on the evening of January 1st, Wm. Anthony McGuire's stirring play "The Divorce Question" which ran 109 performances at McVicker's theatre in Chicago and received the unanimous support alike of press, public and clergy.

The theme of the play is an argument against divorce, the main idea being that the next generation must be considered in laws enacted by the present generation, taking the stand that the purpose of marriage is the promulgation of humanity by the production of children and the definite and unrefuted idea contained is that every child has a right to its parents.

The story of the play shows that pathetic phase of life wherein two children are sacrificed to the selfishness of

the new moral code.

The degradation to which the homeless children fall, the horrible agony of the homeless, parentless girl who becomes the victim of white slavery and who cannot be received later into the home of her parents because of their subsequent marriage and children.

This condition is only equaled by the wild grief of the boy who has become addicted to morphine in order to drown cognizance of a terrible existence.

The depths to which these poor children have fallen seems more terrible when the priest produces statistics to show that they are but two of a million and a half of such cases brought about by divorce.

The remorse of the parents upon seeing the result of their selfish ideas becomes pitiful, but their selfish ideas of life prevent them from undoing what they have done, until when almost too late they see the enormity of their offense and through the efforts of the priest strive to save the remnants of their flesh and blood.

Champion Lighting System.

You will not find a better lighting system in western Nebraska than the system Mr. Gus F. Meyers has in his home in South part of the city. Acetylene, the finest light in the world for the home. Artificial sunlight, is what it is. No light will equal it in cheapness for the candle power in light obtained. It is easy to care for and can be made as convenient as electricity.

Just the thing for the well to do farmer or the people living in small towns and not bad at all for North Platte people. Until I get in my new Garage, along side of Ritners, I will make Ritners feed store my headquarters.

J. L. BURKE,
Phone Black 627.

For Ladies Only!

Having sold my location and fixtures to an eastern lady, I will from now until January 10th, sell my entire stock of

Trimmed Hats, Shapes, Ribbons, Plumes and
Hair Goods at Give Away Prices.

This is no fake—call at my department at The Leader, and get goods at your own prices.

MRS. G. S. HUFFMAN