

# The North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune

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## County Finances in Bad Shape.

The county finances of Lincoln county give evidence of the high cost of living—or the cost of high living, whichever you please. Today the floating indebtedness of the county is in round numbers twenty-six thousand dollars, or about ten thousand dollars greater than a year ago. Practically two-thirds of the claims unpaid have been on file since August 1, 1912, eleven months ago, and the other third has accumulated since that time. The claim register shows that there are \$9,645 in claims for road damages unpaid, \$2,296 for road work, \$4,664 for bridge lumber, culverts and labor, \$2,495 for county assessors' work, \$856 for court and witness fees, \$1,460 for supplies to and care of county poor, \$843 for salaries, and \$3,947 for general expenses. Some of these claims have been on file since May 5th, 1912, over a year ago.

In paying this indebtedness it will be necessary to absorb a good portion of the 1913 levy of taxes. As the expenses of the county never halt, paying 1912 bills with 1913 revenues does not ease matters, for if expenses are materially, in fact radically, reduced, the unpaid bills of 1913 must be paid by the 1914 revenues, and soon ad infinitum. Under a strict compliance of the law, the county commissioners cannot legally pay bills contracted in 1912 out of the revenues of 1913, as each year is to take care of the expenses of the year. This course has not, however, always been followed, in fact when a county once allows its expenses to exceed its revenues a floating indebtedness must follow, and if the deficit of a previous year is not paid by the revenues of the following year, the claims would need be dishonored or else bonds voted to pay them.

The Tribune disclaims any effort to criticize the county commissioners for this condition of affairs, they are probably doing the best they can, but it does believe that it is a condition that calls for action on the part of the commissioners; evidently they must cut the garment more closely to fit the cloth, for certainly if the indebtedness increases proportionately Lincoln county will in another year or two, be up against a stone wall.

Another phase of this indebtedness is that those who have unpaid bills against the county must wait months for their money, and this too, without receiving interest, and yet when their taxes become due they must pay them promptly or suffer the penalty of ten per cent interest.

## Enroute Home By Auto.

G. D. Wood and G. L. Clark, two young men from California University at Berkeley, Calif., were in the city yesterday enroute home from Madison Wis., via the Great White way. The young fellows are members of the California University track team, running the sprints and middle distances, and are now returning from the big eastern meet at Cambridge, Mass., which occurred on May 31, and the Western conference meet which took place a week later, June 7, at Madison, Wis. After the meet at Madison the boys purchased a little Ford roadster automobile in which they are making the trip west. The car has been stripped of all superfluous weight and is adorned with California University pennants and signs advertising the Pacific-Panama Exposition at Frisco in 1915. They left Madison June 16th, and are not attempting to break any speed records but expect to make occasional stops along the route for short visits with friends.

## Shops an Assured Fact.

"If the construction of big repair shops west of the new round house has not been authorized, such action will soon be taken," said a Union Pacific official Monday, "and it will only be a matter of a few months until the work will be started. These shops have always been part of the contemplated improvements at North Platte, but as the round house was more badly needed than the shops, work on it began first."

It is understood that these new shops will be much larger than the old, will be equipped with the latest models of machinery, and be erected with the view of obtaining the best results in the way of light and sanitation. The present shops will be used for storing engines that are not in active service.

## Young Men and Young Women.

On account of the new Parcels Post system and also because of regular vacancies many additional appointments will be made during the summer and fall to the government postal service as Railway Mail Clerks, Post Office Clerks, Letter Carriers, etc. Salary \$70 to \$150. Ages 18 to 45. Mr. H. L. Carl will be at the Timmerman hotel in North Platte on Saturday, July 12, 1913, and would like to meet young men and women who may desire to qualify for these appointments. Mr. Carl will be in North Platte one day only, until 9 p. m. Do not fail to call and see him. Adv.

The Denver delegation of Elks enroute to the annual convention in Rochester, will pass through tonight. There are 130 in the party, including a drill team.

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## Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Battie are moving to Stapleton this week.

A social dance will be held at the Lloyd opera house tomorrow evening.

Joseph Weeks, of Grand Island, is spending this week with friends in town.

Joe Brosius has just purchased a new Buick touring car of the J. S. Davis Auto Co.

Attorney George Gibbs went to Kearney yesterday to transact business for a few days.

Mrs. W. J. Sims, of Sidney, came at noon yesterday to visit her sister Mrs. S. J. Ellis for a week.

Mrs. Fred Owings, of Sidney, came a few days ago to visit Mrs. Floyd Passmore for a week or longer.

Rev. T. D. Sullivan, of Elm Creek, came yesterday morning to spend a few days with Father McDaid.

Claude Mecomber, of Lodgepole, came yesterday afternoon to spend a few days with the home folks.

Mrs. W. J. Sims and Mrs. S. J. Ellis will go to Kansas next week to visit relatives for a couple of weeks.

Sebastian Schwaiger and daughters Thes and Esther left at noon yesterday for Chicago to visit relatives for four weeks.

Bankers Life Insurance, Woodhurst's Insurance Agency. 42-S

Dave Day and father will leave the latter part of this month for Pasco, Wash., and other points west to spend several weeks.

Miss Mary Distel, formerly of this city, came up from Omaha Tuesday evening to visit relatives in town for a couple of weeks.

Father Hyne, of Omaha, arrived a few days ago to assist Rev. Kananough during the three months absence of Father McDaid.

Mrs. Thelma Tinsman and daughter, formerly of this city, arrived here from Sidney yesterday afternoon to visit for a few days.

The W. O. W. ball at the K. P. Hall Wednesday evening was attended by a large number of people who spent several hours dancing to good music.

Mrs. A. S. Chamberlain has taken possession of the former Y. M. C. A. rooming house which has been remodeled and freshened up with a new coat of paint.

Masters Milton and Glen Weeks, who have been attending school in York came the first of this week to visit their father Robert Weeks and attend the carnival.

Square grand piano for sale cheap. Mrs. M. J. Neary, 412 East 3rd. 46-2

Mrs. Norman Loudon and children, who have been visiting in Omaha and Council Bluffs for several weeks will return the first of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Allison, of Wallace, came over Wednesday afternoon to visit their daughter Mrs. Walter Knox and attend the carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Austin came home the first of this week from Sabetha, Kans., and other eastern points after a month's visit with relatives.

Rev. C. F. Chapman and son returned yesterday afternoon from Alliance where the former attended the dedication of a new church Sunday and preached in the evening.

A bundle of alfalfa two feet in height which was planted thirty days ago is being shown at the Buchanan & Patterson office. The alfalfa was grown on the Fred Payne farm south of town.

Have several bargains in city property. Call and see C. F. Temple.

A district Sunday school convention will be held at Birdwood Sunday. Among the speakers on the program are Messrs. Frank Elliott, W. W. Scott, Carl McGrew, E. W. Crane and J. H. Edmisten.

Ball games for this week have been arranged with the Mink team as follows: North Platte vs Stapleton on local grounds today, North Platte vs Sidney (double header) tomorrow at new park, North Platte vs Stapleton at Stapleton Sunday.

Elmer C. Baker, now residing in Los Angeles, and who is in town for a short visit, says that city continues to grow at a wonderful rate and there seems to be an immediate demand for every house that is erected. Los Angeles now leads San Francisco in population and is destined to be a much larger city. Mr. Baker is well pleased with southern California, where he recently removed from Ogden.

Six room house on West 2nd St., good lawn, trees, barn, walks and bath, located in one of the best parts of the city. Price \$3,100.00. C. F. Temple.

A farewell reception was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cary Monday evening in the parlors of the Presbyterian church by the members of the congregation. As a token of their esteem and in appreciation of the faithful services rendered in the church work Mrs. Cary was presented with a beautiful amethyst and pearl lavalier. The presentation was made by Mrs. M. E. Crosby who on behalf of the congregation expressed gratitude to Mrs. Cary who for a number of years furnished the pipe organ music. Mrs. Cary accepted the gift and feelingly responded to Mrs. Crosby's remarks. Other addresses were made by Rev. Christie and Butler Buchanan. A buffet lunch was served and farewells and good wishes extended.

## Meets Death

by Electrocutation.

Will Besack, employed as a switchman in the local yards, met death shortly after seven o'clock last evening by electrocution, having grasped a parted electric light wire through which 2,700 volts were passing.

The wire had parted in front of the premises occupied by Fireman Burke in the 500 block on east Fifth street. Neighbors noticed the spluttering sparks emitted from the ends of the wire and phoned the plant, but as it was the supper hour, no workmen were available just at that time. A few minutes later Will Besack, returning home from his work, passed the George Austin residence, near the parted wire, and was warned of the wire by Mr. Austin. Besack passed on, and as he came to the wire dangling from the cross arm and reaching near the ground, met two men who were strangers. "If I had a knife I would cut this wire and get it out of the way so children would not get hold of it," remarked Besack. One of the strangers said he had a knife, and as he reached in his pocket for it, Besack caught the live wire with his left hand. That instant he dropped to the ground unconscious and lay with the left arm extended upward and the hand cemented to the wire by the current. The two strangers were dumbfounded; they saw the hand and arm become blackened and seared and the clothing emit smoke, but they knew not what to do. A third man appeared on the scene, and grasping the situation ran into the Burke house and phoned the power house. He had some trouble in making the man at the plant understand the trouble, but finally succeeded and the current was turned off. It is said fully ten minutes elapsed from the time Besack grasped the wire until the current ceased and he was released. In the meantime a number of persons had gathered and physicians were summoned. Dr. J. B. Redfield was the first to arrive, followed a few minutes later by Dr. Wurtelle, and with the assistance of Mrs. Pulver and others the two physicians applied every means and method of restoring heart action and respiration. For two hours they labored over the man, and at times there seemed to be some little hope of success, but the faint heart beats finally grew fainter and then ceased, and the task was given up at ten o'clock.

Albert Herrod Passes Beyond.

Albert Herrod, formerly of this city, died at his home in Denver at one o'clock Wednesday morning from injuries received in an automobile accident last December. For seven months he was a patient in a hospital there but so serious were his injuries that blood poison set in and his condition had been critical for several weeks. Relatives in this city were notified and were with him when he passed away. Mr. Herrod was a North Platte boy and for a number of years was employed in the local tin shops. He was a skilled workman and after his removal to Denver followed his trade in which he was unusually successful. The large number of friends which he had made in this city and Denver are grieved to learn of his death. To mourn him are left a wife and son, who reside in Denver, his mother Mrs. Regina Herrod and sister Mrs. John Frazier, brothers John Herrod of this city, Frank Herrod of Ogalala and Joseph Herrod of Columbus. Funeral arrangements have not been made as yet.

Special sale of millinery July 5th to 20th. One lot of trimmed hats, regular prices up to \$10.00, special \$2.95. One lot of trimmed and untrimmed hats, regular prices up to \$3.00, special 98c. Villa Whittaker, Wilcox Dept Store.

Otha Beebe, the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Beebe of the First ward, died early yesterday morning after being ill for several weeks with typhoid fever. The boy was unusually bright for his years and courteous in his manner, being a favorite with his young associates and instructors. The parents have the sympathy of many friends in the loss of their little son. The funeral was held this afternoon from the Methodist church.

Watch our show windows for special during our Mid Season Clearing Sale. Wilcox Department Store.

The gentlemen composing the Fourth of July committee feel warranted in assuring the people that the program tomorrow will prove one of the best, if not the best ever given, and one that will be worthy the attendance of country residents from a distance. The program of sports is varied, the big parade will be a feature, the fireworks will be splendid, and these with the attractions offered by the carnival company insures something doing every minute.

The carnival company did a fair business Tuesday evening, but last night on account of the threatening weather, there were comparatively few people on the streets, and the attendance at the shows was somewhat of a frost. Tomorrow and Saturday the shows will be in full swing throughout the day and evening.

Mrs. H. W. Slasson of Grand Island who was a patient at the P. & S. hospital returned to her home this morning.

Miss Ellen Welsh will leave in the near future for New York to spend a month or longer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hall of Creighton are spending this week in town with friends.

Mrs. C. T. Robison left this morning for Savanna, Ill., to make an extended visit with relatives.

Miss Lillie Osborne went to Grand Island this morning to visit friends for ten days.

## Friday and Saturday SPECIAL

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## Railroad Notes and Personals.

S. B. Jacobs has returned from a short business visit in Hastings.

John McIlvain went to Lexington Tuesday to attend the laying of the corner stone of the court house.

Edward Barraclough will leave in the near future for Salt Lake, Ogden and other points west to spend a couple of weeks.

M. H. Douglas transacted business in Lexington Tuesday and attended the ceremony of laying the new court house corner stone.

Stewart & Co., who had the contract for erecting the new round house in this city, have been awarded the contract for building the new Union Pacific passenger depot at Hastings.

President Mohler announces that the Union Pacific will do no construction work this year. It was expected that the North Platte valley line would be extended beyond its present terminal, but Mr. Mohler's declaration seems to put an end to this hope.

The new cut-off between Gibbon and Hastings was placed in service Tuesday by the putting on of a mixed train be-

tween Kearney and Hastings. As soon as the roadbed becomes firmly settled through traffic to St Joe and Kansas City will be established.

## June Weather.

The mean temperature last month was two degrees warmer than the average June, the highest degree reached being ninety-nine on the 27th. The hottest June day on record is 104, the date of which is not given in Observer Shilling's monthly summary.

The precipitation last month was 2.13 inches, which is 1.12 inches less than the average for the month. However, we had more rain in June, 1913, than we had in June, 1912, or June, 1911; in June, 1912 it was but little over a half inch, while in June, 1911, it was 1.13.

With the exception of the closing days of the month, there was comparatively little wind, the total reaching 5,797 miles. During the month there were nine thunderstorms, and rain fell on eight different days.

For bargains in choice residences see Buchanan & Patterson's bargain list in another column.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Sebastian have as their guest this week Mrs. C. W. Simons of Sidney, who came the first of the week.

Celery plants for sale. Henry Yost, 416 West 8th. Phone Black 610. 47-2

Dr. O. H. Cressler expects to leave Saturday for the National Dental Association in Kansas City next week.

## CRYSTAL THEATRE

### Friday's Program.

The three-part feature "The King can do no Wrong" gives an interesting study of the loyalty of their king. Loyalty is beautiful but come and see if you think this was entirely justifiable this time.

### Saturday Afternoon and Evening

"The Ranch Girl and the Sky Pilot" is a Frontier release of June 8th and gives some very good scenes in New Mexico.

"Aladdin's Awakening" will show how the modern boy finds a bracelet instead of a lamp as the old story goes.

"Behind the Times" is a Powers release of June 20.

Then you will want to see how to arrange the financial part of a surprise on Dad.

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