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## BETTER SERVICE FOR THE NORTH SIDE

### POSTMASTER DAVIS TAKES STEPS TOWARD SECURING BRANCH OFFICE IN FOURTH WARD

Branch Would Sell Stamps and Money Orders, Register Packages and Letters and Handle Parcels Post.

Postmaster E. S. Davis is taking up the project of establishing a branch postoffice in the Fourth ward. The matter has been presented to the residents of that part of the city and if it receives the proper support, which it undoubtedly will, it will be taken up with the United States senators and representatives to be put before the postoffice department at Washington.

A petition is now being circulated among the residents of that part of the city and it is hoped that they will all sign it. The matter as proposed is to establish the office in the North Side drug store in charge of Jerry Bowen. These branch offices are generally put in drug stores as they are open most of the time. The office carries a salary of fifty dollars per year and is also an advantage in that it draws people to the store.

The office will carry stamps and money orders and will also handle the mailing of parcel post packages. No mail will be delivered from there on account of the city delivery thoroughly covering the territory.

Few people realize that there are twenty business enterprises on the North Side and that there is a big need of an office there. All of the residents of that part of the city have to send to the postoffice for their stamps and to mail parcel post packages and get money orders, and they are required to cross eighteen tracks. In case the children are sent there is much danger in their crossing these tracks. It is also inconvenient for them to be compelled to come all the way over town to mail a registered letter of package or secure a money order.

Another matter that is being agitated is the extension of sidewalks over the city so that the city delivery can be extended to the outskirts of the town. This would be a big help to the residents of the outlying districts and would also require one or two more city carriers. This matter is being taken up by Postmaster Davis and he hopes to get the city to extend the sidewalks if the residents themselves will not all do so.

The matter of placing a mail box in the alley between the two garages on Fourth street is also being given some attention. Many tourists drive up to the garages daily to get gasoline or repairs and many times they have let-

ters to mail and they are compelled to search around for a letter box. These matters will all be taken up with Senator Hitchcock and Congressman Kinkaid and they will be asked to present them to the department. The branch office is especially desired.

Regarding the branch offices, there have been several established in the state recently in the larger towns. Norfolk, which is about the same size as North Platte, recently had a branch office put in. Beatrice recently had two new branch offices located in the suburban parts which makes three branch offices in that city.

**Mrs. Effie McGovern Seeks Divorce**  
Mrs. Effie Olive McGovern filed suit in the district court Wednesday asking for a decree of divorce from Bartie McGovern. She asks for divorce on the grounds of neglect and non-support and complains also that her husband is an habitual drunkard. She also asks for the custody of the one minor child.

In her petition she states that they were married in Grand Island on October 8th, 1909 and that since that time she has ever been a dutiful and true wife. She alleges that shortly after their marriage the husband began to be neglectful and that he failed to provide for herself and her child, and that she was compelled to go to the home of her parents to get a livelihood. Also that her husband soon began drinking and soon became and now is an habitual drunkard.

She prays for complete divorce, custody of the minor child, James Andrew, on the grounds of the husband's being an unfit person, costs of the action and any other relief as is just and equitable.

**General Manager Ware Marries.**  
Yesterday's Omaha Bee contained this item which will be of interest to North Platte people:

Charles H. Ware, general manager of the Union Pacific, surprised his friends by being quietly married Tuesday night to Miss Nell Nesbitt of this city. The ceremony was performed at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Anson in Dundee, Rev. G. E. Fisher of the Dundee Presbyterian church officiating.

**Longest Ballot Ever**  
Nebraska voters will be called upon at the coming primary election, August 18, to handle the longest ballot ever inflicted upon them. The reason for this is mainly that off-year elections have been abolished, and county officers that would otherwise have been elected a year ago are to be chosen now, along with the state officers and congressmen.

New Suits and Coats are arriving at Wilcox Department Store.

## AN INDIAN LEGEND OF SIOUX LOOKOUT

### MR. HALL, OF KANSAS, RELATES STORY TOLD HIM BY THE REDMEN YEARS AGO

Bill Was Used as Signal Point With Smoke Columns as Code, and Was Scene of Deadly Hand-to-Hand Encounter.

E. George Hall, of Oneonta, Kan., sends The Tribune the following legend of Sioux Lookout, one of the most prominent hills in the entire Platte valley. Mr. Hall was an early settler in the west and understood the language of several Indian tribes and especially the Ogalalla Sioux, and from them learned many of the legends of the west. Mr. Hall's story follows:

Going up the North Platte river and when nearing North Platte, the beautiful verdured hills on a June day attract your attention. One of these hills, higher than all others, attract your attention; it is the highest point for many miles, and is named "Sha-osa-gah-ohma," or smoke-talking height. It was so called from the fact that the Indians used it for signalling to their people by building smoke fires; one column of smoke meant "we have sighted the enemy and are watching," and two columns meant "Join us." And thus for years was Sha-osa-gah-ohma, or Sioux Lookout as now called, the signalling point for the Sioux tribe.

In connection with this point of interest, the following legend was told me by the red men, which I put in readable shape. In the days of alshah meaning long ago the Ojibways were watching the Shoshones (Blackfeet) who had been hovering about the Ojibways stealing their ponies and sometimes killing a member of the tribe. A watch was kept on Sha-osa-gah-ohma to warn the Ojibways of the approach of their enemies this particular watchman being named A-pah-gua, or bunched Bull-rush. Ba-nab-sahanan, the wise one, one of the Shoshones, was sent also to the lookout to watch the Ojibways, neither being aware of the presence of the other. In the early morning ascending from opposite sides, the representative of the respective tribes met on top. "Wah su-go-lah" said A-pah-gua, "how-way-ah mit nush-kah." (I greet you, behold me.) Each grasped a war club and a knife. Hate flashed from their eyes, every muscle was tense—an impending conflict for a life and indirectly the lives of others. Cautiously they advanced. Suddenly the Ojibway brought his club in action, but the Shoshone avoided the blow. "Ekh-ni-ah ko-mis," (whimpering old woman) said the Shoshone; "sha-

ka-do-ga-wah-ah-bik" (cowardly snake) replied the Ojibway. They advanced, retreated, each watching for an opening. Then they clenched, knives flashed, blood dripped, each struggling for that advantage that would mean a death thrust. The moment finally came, for the Ojibway drove his knife into his adversary's heart. Weak from wounds and loss of blood, the Ojibway summoned all remaining strength, scalped the Shoshone, and uttering the scalp yell fell dead. Later the Ojibways found the two bodies, buried them in one grave and departed swiftly to the northwest. For years following, the monument of sand erected over the graves was visible, but through time the wind leveled the monument and today only the legend remains.

**Two Boys Taken to Reformatory**  
Lucien Bowers and Fred Wilson, two boys of about seventeen years of age, were taken to Kearney Wednesday and they will be kept in the reformatory until they are twenty-one years of age. The boys have been held at the county jail for some time until they could be sent down.

Wilson is the young man who was arrested the day of the Yankee Robinson show for entering a house on east Second street and robbing it. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced. Bowers was arrested a little later by Union Pacific officers Combs and Wiedman on the charge of stealing electrical appliances from the Union Pacific company. He also pleaded guilty and was sentenced by Judge Grant to the reformatory.

**Serious Charge Against Nagel.**  
Complaint was filed with Governor Morehead Tuesday for the removal from office of John H. Nagel, a notary public, of Dickens, this county.

The charge against Nagel is that he took an acknowledgement of Mrs. Jane C. Blakely of Hastings to a deed conveying 400 acres of land near Dickens when Mrs. Blakely was not present and it is claimed, knew nothing of the matter. The land was sold to E. J. Moore of Guide Rock for \$5,000 and the purchase price paid to the agent. It is alleged that Mrs. Blakely had not received the money and that Moore did not know until the matter was investigated that the deed was not good.

**\$1,000.00 Buys a Going Business Establishment in this City that will Produce \$25.00 per Day. Poor Health Reason for Selling.**  
I have just listed for quick sale a business proposition in this city for \$1,000.00 cash, and there are over \$1,500.00 practically new fixtures in the business now. For a young couple that are not afraid of work, this proposition cannot be beaten. See me at once.  
C. F. TEMPLE, Exclusive Agent.

## BREAK GROUND FOR THE ELECTRIC PLANT

### OFFICERS OF COMPANY AND BUSINESS MEN THROW FIRST DIRT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Work Starts on Main Building Which Will Be 88x122 Feet—Plant will Require 5,000,000 Pounds of Material to Complete.

General Manager Todd, Engineer French and local Manager Morey of the North Platte Electric Co., assisted by W. H. McDonald, Frank Pleisticker, E. S. Davis, E. A. Crosby, A. P. Kelly and Ira L. Bare, on Wednesday afternoon threw the shovels of dirt that marked the first step toward the erection of the buildings for the new electric and gas plant. The site of the new plant is at the extreme end of Front street, and for this purpose the company purchased all of block 105. The principal buildings will be on the north half of the block, and will consist of the main building, 88.6x122, one story which will contain the three engines, the dynamos and the boilers. The building will set on the west part of the north half of the block, and on the northeast corner of the block will be the gas plant, with the tank or container situated across the alley on the south half. Other smaller buildings will have sites on the north half. The whole block is really more ground than the company needs, but by purchasing it entire avoids any trouble that might arise from adjoining lot owners.

The machinery to be installed will be in duplicate, so that should accidents occur to one unit, the other can be placed in service. The boiler and engine capacity is six times greater than the present plant, which ensures plenty of power for years to come. The stack rising from the boiler room will be 150 feet high and seven feet in diameter at the top.

In going into the details of the construction of the plant, Engineer French finds that the weight of all the material used will be five million pounds. The buildings will be of concrete, brick and steel, and constructed in the most substantial manner possible. The first work to be completed will be the concrete bases for the engines and boilers, the idea being to remove these direct from the cars to the foundations, thus avoiding rehandling. A track will be built from the end of the spur at the signal maintainer's office near by to the plant, thus making it convenient for the unloading of the material and machinery and for placing cars of coal at the boiler room.

Part of the machinery is now on the ground, and for the concrete is being hauled, and the cement and brick will begin arriving the early part of

the week. The engines and boilers are now on the road, and in a week or so there promises to be much activity at the site of the plant.

## NORTH PLATTE

Three Big Nights  
Commencing **Aug. 17**  
MONDAY,  
B. M. Show Grounds



Amusement Purveyors  
Extraordinary



In their own train of cars.

**BOYD BURROWES SHOWS**

Acknowledged Aristocrats of Tented Showdom.

A new Metropolitan Success Every Night.

Band Serenades Daily.

Free concerts on the show grounds each evening.  
Seats enough for all the Town.

**Prices** So low that whole families can afford to attend the whole series.

# BASE BALL TOURNAMENT

## NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA,

### Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 19, 20 and 21

#### Ogalalla, Hershey, Cozad and North Platte

The Four Fastest teams in Western Nebraska will Compete for Championship.

First Day, Wednesday

2 p. m. Ogalalla vs Cozad.

3:45 Hershey vs North Platte.

Second Day, Thursday

2 p. m. Ogalalla vs North Platte.

3:45 Cozad vs Hershey.

Third Day, Friday

2 p. m. Hershey vs Ogalalla.

3:45 Cozad vs North Platte.

### \$375.00 IN CASH PRIZES.

First \$150.

Second \$100.

Third \$75.

Fourth \$50.

### ADMISSION THIRTY-FIVE CENTS.

### Dance Each Night. Good Music. Big Time for All

Directors H. M. Porter, W. J. Landgraff, A. J. Salisbury.

For Additional Information write H. H. Musselman, Manager of Tournament, North Platte.