

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS

Mrs. Simon White, of Hershey, visited Mrs. O. W. Sizemore and friends yesterday.

Geo. M. Smith spent Tuesday in Sutherland looking after the real estate he owns in that town.

For Sale—A new barn suitable for an automobile. L. E. Hastings. 7-11

Veterinarian Cronen returned yesterday from Maxwell, where he had been called on professional business.

Mrs. Livien and daughter, of Iowa, arrived in town yesterday and will visit friends and relatives for several weeks.

Joe Quinn of Rawlins, visited friends in town yesterday while enroute home from a business trip to Omaha.

Reliable Insurance of every known kind.—C. F. TEMPLE. 612

In the district court this week Ralph Welborn was granted a divorce from his wife Edna Welborn on the charge of infidelity.

John Cook is reported to be recovering rapidly from the injuries he sustained some time ago while employed in the car repair gang.

General Manager Chas. Ware passed east in his special car attached to No. 10 Wednesday evening. He was returning from a trip to Salt Lake.

The domestic science department of the Twentieth Century club will meet with Mrs. R. F. Cotterell Monday afternoon, 310 east Fourth street.

Neale Turpie has gone to Omaha to purchase more cattle for a sale he will hold week after next. He expects to offer about 500 head at this sale.

County Superintendent Gantt announces a special examination for February 19th and 20th. This comes as a special order from the state superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bailey, of the north part of the county returned yesterday from Oxford, Neb., where they were called by the illness of Mrs. Bailey's mother.

A jolly crowd gave Mrs. F. A. Ulrich a shower yesterday. Many nice and useful presents were received. After having a good time, a dainty valentine lunch was served.

Bernice V. Lantz was granted a divorce in the district court this week from her husband Claude Lantz. The decree was granted on the charge of abandonment for two years.

Local Reporter Wortman, of The Tribune, is at the Good Samaritan hospital suffering with quinsy, following a cold contracted on his return trip from Bridgeport Sunday night.

J. A. Markee has on display at the McDonald clothing store a bunch of Sudan grass, which is pronounced a splendid hay and possesses the advantage of doing well on dry, sandy soil.

Passenger trainmen say that out in Kimball county the farmers began plowing yesterday. The weather in that section of the state has been much less severe this winter than in Lincoln county.

The public sale at the Goldsmith ranch southwest of town Wednesday was well attended. Horses sold well but cattle were a little slow. Mr. Goldsmith will move to town and the ranch will be run by a son-in-law.

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Joe Larson, who is spending this week in town, will go to the home of his parents at St. Paul and remain there until March 1st, when he will return and resume his duties in the office of District Foreman McGraw.

C. A. Wyman, living west of town, yesterday brought in tobacco leaves which he grew last season and will have J. F. Schmaizried make them up into cigars. Mr. Wyman took the prize at the county fair last fall for home grown tobacco.

The body of Carl Norris, who met with an accident at Gothenburg and died in the hospital in this city, was shipped yesterday to Denver, where it will be interred. The father of the boy lives in San Diego, Cal., but he wired Undertaker Maloney to consign the body to a Mr. Wolf in Denver.

Three hundred sheep and a car of hogs were shipped from the state farm to South Omaha this week. The sheep struck a bad market and sold for seventy-five cents a hundred less than the price the week before. Notwithstanding this Supt. Snyder says the farm made money in feeding them.

Notwithstanding the very low prices many hogs are being marketed by Lincoln county farmers. From Monday morning up to yesterday noon C. H. Walter had bought 325 head. Rather than buy high priced corn to feed the low-priced hogs the farmers are getting rid of their hogs as fast as possible.

Notice.

I will hold a public farm and stock sale at my farm, known as the Schatz sale at my farm known as the Schatz Platte Friday, February 12th.

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G. R. HOLCOMBE.

Brady Couple Married.

Gustaf Liljestrand and Miss Hilda Westlund both of Brady, were married in this city Wednesday by Rev. Harman of the Lutheran church. They are well known in the east end of the county, where they will continue to make their home.

Union Pacific Cases Continued.

By agreement of the attorneys the cases of the Union Pacific against several school districts were continued until the April term of court. In these districts the Union Pacific company is resisting the payment of taxes on the ground that the tax levies were greater than the needs of the districts.

Feeding Big Bunch of Hogs

Roland Frame, of Nichols precinct, is one of the largest hog growers in Lincoln county, if not the largest. At one time last fall he had twelve hundred head, and at the present time is feeding six hundred head. He is also feeding a bunch of cattle. Mr. Frame shipped in a car of corn this week that cost him seventy-five cents a bushel on the track at Hershey.

Hog Prices Slipping.

Prices on hogs are slipping every day and is becoming a rather serious proposition to the feeders who are paying seventy cents for corn. The bulk price in Omaha yesterday was \$6.30, and the local price \$5.70. The receipts at South Omaha this week have been unusually heavy which is accounted for by the growers shipping in order to avoid buying high price corn. Many of the hogs shipped are very light in weight.

John Discoe Granted Divorce.

John Discoe, the well known farmer living west of Bignell was granted a divorce from his wife Mary in the district court Tuesday. The decree was granted on the ground of incompatibility of temperament. The property is to be divided equally between the two, and the welfare of the five children are to be looked after by both the father and mother. Discoe and his wife had been living apart since April of last year.

Candidates Are Backward

The municipal election will be held six weeks hence, but as yet little if any mention of candidates has been made. This year we elect a full ticket—mayor, clerk, treasurer, four councilmen and two members of the board of education and water commissioner. The retiring councilmen are Schatz in the First, Crosby in the Second, Stone in the Third and Martin in the Fourth. It is understood that Mayor Evans will not stand for re-election. He probably feels that two years' service is all that one man should give for "the good of the town."

Saturdays' Special Prices at The Cash Market. Our motto: "An active dime has a lazy quarter Skinned a City Block." Round Steak 17½¢ Loin and Short Cuts 17½¢ Shoulder Steak 15¢ Pot Roasts 12½¢ Brisket Bell 10¢

Nebraska Orders Cattle Quarantine.

Fearing a spread of the foot and mouth disease to the herds of this state, the Nebraska live-stock sanitary board issued a stringent quarantine against cattle shipments from every state east of the Missouri river, Missouri, Kansas, South Dakota and a number of other states. The quarantine became effective at midnight Feb. 10, and will continue in force for thirty days, but does not apply to cattle for immediate slaughter.

The action was taken on petition of the Nebraska live stock growers' association following a meeting between various live stock interests.

Car Turns Turtle.

The Ford car driven by rural mail carrier Graham turned turtle Tuesday forenoon on the road south of the river when a bank of hard snow was struck. Driver Graham and Harvey Sorenson, the latter learning the deliveries preparatory to taking the route next Monday, were thrown clear of the car and escaped with minor bruises, but the raincoat worn by Sorenson was badly torn and snagged, evidence that he came very near being caught under the car.

Government Labor Bureau.

The North Platte postoffice is now part and parcel of Uncle Sam's labor bureau, by means of which the government hopes to find employment for the unemployed by bringing the jobless and the job together. Postmaster Davis has received a lot of blanks which applicants for work may fill out, the blanks are then forwarded to the western headquarters at Denver, where they will be kept a record of positions open to the various classes of labor. For instance a big contractor needs 500 men for various kinds of work; he inquires at the Denver office as to the class of applications on file, and he may learn that ten men in North Platte desire the class of work he has to offer, whereupon the North Platte men are notified. The only drawback to the plan is that an applicant may be forced to wait quite a while before he is notified that a job is open to him.

John Snyder, Ed Hostetter and several other Maxwell residents were visitors in town Wednesday.

DISCUSS LIGHTING CONTRACT

Unanimous Opposition to Giving Electric Company Contract for 15 Years.

About twenty-five citizens accepted Mayor Evans' invitation to attend a special meeting of the city council held Tuesday evening for the purpose of discussing the street lighting contract submitted by the electric company. In calling the meeting to order Mayor Evans stated that its object was to get the sense of the people as to what was desired in the way of a contract, so that when it was submitted to a vote of the people at the April election it would be satisfactory and be accepted. There is now no contract with the company; the city is paying for lights on a basis of a contract made with the old electric company fourteen years ago. The mayor read the old contract and also the contract presented by the present company. The contract as presented runs for a period of fifteen years, stipulates the price for street lights of various candle-power and is indefinite in many particulars. It was drawn by President Todd at the suggestion of Mayor Evans, who thought that the best plan to get the question before the council and the public was to have the company take the initiative. The mayor, as well as W. E. Shuman, E. R. Goodman, Rev. Fr. McDaid, M. J. Forbes and others who addressed the meeting opposed the contract, special stress being laid on the undesirability of entering into a contract for fifteen years, each speaker considering five years an ample period. Other features of the contract was attacked, its indefiniteness was pointed out, and it was considered that in all particulars it amply took care of the company but in no way safe-guarded the interests of the city.

Following the discussion it was suggested that a committee be appointed to investigate lighting contracts and systems in other cities, study local needs and conditions and make a report at a meeting to be held February 23d. As members of this committee the mayor appointed E. R. Goodman, O. E. Elder and M. J. Forbes.

An Explanation.

We want the public put to rights in regard to the much-talked-of meeting of the Twentieth Century Club on Feb. 3,—much-talked-of by those who were not present.

To the author of the article in Tuesday's Tribune entitled "A Protest" I can say that I myself with other members of the club have visited the mother of this unfortunate boy and have extended to her the helping hand. Further, I am informed that in the past certain ladies of this town have made vigorous but futile efforts to take children from homes of unfit environment.

North Platte was not slandered by the Twentieth Century Club nor by any member thereof. A motion was made and passed that the club circulate a petition to be sent to our governor asking him to commute the death sentence of Roy Roberts to life imprisonment. The reason for such action as stated by myself was that we allow children to grow up in a vicious, criminal environment, and then when they become criminals we have no right to kill them. Neither this town nor any other particular community was mentioned. I knew that Roy Roberts spent his early life in Gothenburg, but conditions were no worse there than in North Platte. The sin of civic unrighteousness is general.

The author of the above mentioned article speaks of splendid young men who have gone out from North Platte. Doubtless these boys had homes which protected them from our licensed vices. Surely the writer did not intend to slander the homes from which this splendid manhood has come by placing them on the same low level of vice with the home of Roy Roberts. So long as we, anywhere, tolerate the saloon, the pool-hall, the social evil and all other paraphernalia out of which perfect criminals are made, we must not boast of civic piety. Such boasting is but direct hypocrisy.

MRS. B. A. CRAM.

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Mrs. Harry Stevens, of the Bignell vicinity, visited friends in town a couple of days this week.

Stratagem Versus Perfidy.

The laws of war have always distinguished sharply between stratagem and perfidy. It is a legitimate stratagem to send bogus signals and telegraph messages and bogus dispatches or newspapers, to be intercepted by the enemy; to make use of the enemy's signals, bugle calls, watchwords and words of command or to clothe the men of a single unit in the uniform of several units, so that the prisoners and dead may give the idea of a large force.

On the other hand, it is perfidy to take advantage of the enemy by deliberate lying or deception when there is a moral obligation to speak the truth. It would be perfidy, for instance, to pretend an armistice when none had been agreed on, to break a suspension of arms by surprise, to violate a safe conduct or any other true or agreement to fire on the enemy's uniform.—London Opinion.

The Red Sea Route.

When Napoleon invaded Egypt by way of Suez he attempted to cross the Red sea at the spot assigned by tradition to the crossing of the Children of Israel. He and his horsemen, however, seem, unintentionally, to have imitated Pharaoh rather than Moses, for they came very near to being drowned. According to French accounts, Napoleon saved his army by his presence of mind, ordering his cavalry to scatter in every direction to multiply the chances of coming on shallow water, and thus finding a line by which he and his people were extricated. The people of Suez, says Kingslake, declare that Napoleon lost his horse, got thoroughly submerged and was only fished ashore by the assistance of the natives.

Inca Relics.

Before taking leave of Cuzco, Peru, we went to see the very interesting collection of Inca relics in the private museum of a Peruvian doctor who has devoted many years of his life to Inca research. Ranged round the walls were mummies which had been taken from rock tombs. All had been buried in a sitting posture, and judging by the horrible expression of agony on the parchment skin I should imagine that some of them—prisoners of war, I was told—had been entombed alive. The horror of those mummified faces and the awful contortions of the skeletons haunted me for a long time, nor shall I ever forget the sight.

One or two of the skulls bore evidence of skillful surgery, star shaped pieces of bone having been cleverly fitted in to repair damage done by the star shaped stone weapons of the period. I did not measure those I saw in the museum, but one of the aforesaid stone weapons which we brought back to England from Cuzco measured four inches from point to point across the top—a truly formidable club.—Wide World Magazine.

Fighting the Rat.

The greatest enemy of man is man and next to him perhaps the rat. He is incredibly cunning. He can live in any climate. He sails the sea in ships. He forages in the open fields or burrows through walls and intrudes into the home. Man himself is no harder than the rat, and in the matching of wits against wits the rat has up to this time been the victor. He augments every famine in the world. If the depredations of rats could be prevented the cost of living certainly would be lowered. Active as he is in famine, the rat's most spectacular co-operation with death lies, in his copartnership with pestilence. The study of method for the extermination of rats should be financed on some basis which will make it permanent. It is a fight which has not as yet been adequately waged notwithstanding the fine abilities of the doctors who are fighting the rat in combating bubonic plague. The business needs specialists.—Farm and Fireside.

War and Aeroplanes.

The art of war has been robbed by the aeroplane of the element of surprise which afforded Napoleon dramatic opportunity for the display of his genius. His object was to discover the weak spot in the enemy's lines and, having discovered it, to hurl upon it all the forces at his command. His success depended upon the speed and sureness with which the great blow could be struck. A premature revelation would have spoiled all. But a coup of the sort is no longer possible, for a maneuver on the one side is met instantly by a maneuver on the other. War now consists in a series of parallel movements; its art has changed. It would be scarcely an exaggeration to say that it does not exist. The two armies turn about each other like boxers in the preliminary phases of a fight. They pivot clumsily to catch each other at a disadvantage, and that is practically all the art of it.—London Times.

Supposed Danger to the Eye.

Many people believe that certain modern illuminants are dangerous to the eyes on account of their ultra violet or actinic radiations. Dr. Louis Bell and Dr. F. H. V. Schoeff have made an extensive investigation of the effects of radiation on the various parts of the eye, from the corneal epithelium back to the retina. In an article in Science the investigators report that no artificial source of light produces enough ultra violet radiation to be of the slightest danger to the eye. Such pathologic or injurious action as they have been able to detect experimentally from ultra violet rays is confined to a strictly limited region of the spectrum, and perfectly delicate laws govern its quantity and effect. Actual experiments on the human eye show conclusively that no concentration of radiation on the retina from any artificial illuminant is great enough to produce injury under any practical conditions. Protective glasses are useful only, they conclude, in cutting off dazzling light.

Marriage in Japan.

A Japanese husband is allowed only one wife, but to marry is sometimes a much more serious matter than with us. Either the husband must be formally adopted into the family of the wife or the wife into the family of the husband, the couple being absorbed into one family and subject to its discipline. As a rule, this custom weighs more heavily on the bride than on the husband, for she must not only obey her husband, but every member of his family of an older generation than himself; hence a young woman often longs for old age, so that she may wield authority over the younger generations. To bring about a marriage in Japan an intermediary is appointed, whose duty it is to introduce the parties and to look to every arrangement of the wedding. He remains through life the guide, philosopher and friend of the married couple, who refer all matters, all misunderstandings, to his counsel.—Pearson's.

Against His Will.

New Parson—And what is your husband, Mrs. Brown? Mrs. Brown—Well, sir, 'e ain't exactly a policeman, but 'e goes with 'em a good deal.—London Tatler.

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