

DR. O. H. CRESSLER,

Graduate Dentist

Office over the McDonald
 State Bank.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

For Rent—House at 813 West 11th street, 96-5*

For Sale Cheap—Eight room house, modern except heat. Address post-office box 617.

Harry Pizer and Leslie Bare attending the Wentworth Military academy at Lexington, Mo., will arrive home this evening.

Francis Flynn, who is taking the engineering course at Stanford University, Palo Alta, Calif., arrived home Tuesday noon to spend the holiday vacation.

Claude Faulkenr went to Omaha Wednesday to attend the grand chapter of Masons and to take the degree of High Priest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blalock and son left yesterday for Austin, Minn., where they will spend Christmas with relatives of Mrs. Blalock.

Train No. 9, running several hours late, covered the distance from Omaha to North Platte Tuesday in five hours and thirty-one minutes, with stops at Columbus and Grand Island.

Elmer Coates was confined to the house several days the early part of the week by an attack of lumbago. He is able to be around today but is not boasting of friskiness.

E. F. Seeberger is home again after an absence of six weeks in an Omaha hospital. Through treatment and diet his stomach trouble has practically disappeared. He has gained thirteen and a half pounds in weight and looks and feels better than he has in several years.

The annual meeting of the West-Central Nebraska Teachers' Association will be held in this city April 6th, 7th and 8th, these dates having been selected at a recent meeting of the executive committee. The declamatory contest will be held Saturday evening, April 8th. Six counties are included in the West-Central district.

A very little strain on the tender, delicate, nerve structure of the eye soon exhausts the surplus nervous energy of the human system. Seventy-five per cent of all eye troubles may be removed by optometry. HARRY DIXON, Jeweler and Optometrist west side of Dewey street, North Platte, Neb.

Mrs. Louis Peterson left yesterday for Rossville, Ill., to visit her mother, Mrs. Weingand over Christmas. Mrs. Weingand will reach her eighty-ninth birthday within a few days and Mrs. Peterson took with her an angel food cake decorated with eighty-nine tiny candles which was prepared at the Stamp bakery by Mrs. Stamp, who is also a daughter.

The Elite Kensington Club spent a delightful afternoon Tuesday as the guests of Mrs. Russell Wyman. The feature of the afternoon was a Christmas tree from which gifts were distributed to members. The hostess was presented with a pretty hand-painted cup and saucer. The refreshments were very enjoyable. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Will Weisgerber.

Furs are like diamonds the buyer must depend on the standing and reliability of the seller. Few people can tell the difference between a real diamond and a "phony," and few ladies know the real value of furs. North Platte people should therefore proceed cautiously when buying furs of salesmen who make house to house canvasses. These canvassers are here today, gone tomorrow and if the furs are not as represented you have no "come back" on the seller. If you buy your furs of North Platte merchants, and they are not as represented you have an opportunity to have the matter righted.

To the Public

Having made settlement with the insurance company, I will start to remove the old barn. I will do business in the front part of the old barn until I get the new one erected. Will have all kinds of feed, flour, potatoes, wheat oats corn—anything in the feed line at prices that will make you sit up and notice. Call or phone me, as I need your business.

The Useful Gift is the One

that is Most Appreciated

How much pleasanter it is to buy where all lines are assembled together, each perfect in its way, than to wear one's self out shopping from place to place. Especially is this true in gift buying when each article requires so much individual thought.

SILK HOSIERY

For Men and Women
 Always Acceptable and Useful
 Ladies' Hose, Fiber Silk Boot...25c
 Ladies' Fiber Silk Hose...50c
 Ladies' Niagara Maid Pure thread Silk in black and a full line of colors, each pair in separate box...\$1.00
 Ladies' Niagara Maid Pure thread Silk Hose, heavy quality, each pair in a box...\$1.50
 Ladies' Niagara Maid Glove Silk Hose, black only, each pair in holiday box...\$1.50
 Men's Interwoven Fiber Silk Hose 3 pair in a box...\$1.00
 Men's Interwoven Silk Hose, 2 pair in a box...\$1.00

GLOVES

For ladies we have Fownes' Kid Gloves, also a full line of Cape and Mocha for street wear.
 For men we carry a complete line both of heavy work gloves and all styles of light weight Gloves for dressy wear.
 For children we have every kind from infants' size up.

FELT SLIPPERS

An especially large assortment for the holidays, Jullets, daintily trimmed with ribbons and Fur. Colors to suit all tastes ranging from dainty lavender and greens to more sober black.

REBBISS

Our extensive showing of beautiful fancy ribbons has caused much favorable comment.
 One lot 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 inch fancy and plain colors, suitable for making all kinds of novelties, per yard...25c
 One lot fancy printed ribbons 4 1/2 inches wide, per yard...15c
 Also a large line of fancy and plain Ribbons widths up to 3 3/4 inches per yard...10c
 Holly ribbons for tying packages per bolt...10c

HANDKERCHIEFS

You cannot buy your holiday handkerchiefs too early. You're going to buy them here—that is if you carefully consider our high qualities at the low prices we ask, and really want the best values. Our handkerchief department is larger than ever and the selling has begun so it's no more than fair that we urge your making an immediate selection.

SWEATER COATS

Make a present that will be appreciated through the wintry days that follow Christmas. We carry Bradley Sweater Coats, the best known make. We have Sweaters for Men, Women and Children, beginning at 50c each and ranging up to \$8.00 each. Styles and colors are just what you are looking for.

FURS OF QUALITY

Nothing pleases more than a nice Set of Furs or a separate Muff. We pride ourselves on the variety and quality of our stock. Furs to be reasonable in price must of good quality and well made. Our Furs are bought direct from the people that make them and are reliable in every way.
 Blended Marmot set, Pillow Muff, Scarf to match...\$13.50
 Muskrat set, very nice melon shaped Muff, Collar to match...\$16.50
 Black Dog Set, good sized round Muff, Scarf to match...\$15.00
 Electric Seal Set, large pillow Muff, Collar to match...\$20.00
 American Opposum Set, large melon Muff, Scarf to match, a beautiful set...\$20.00
 Muskrat Head Set, made from heads of northern Muskrats, Strongly sewed together, a handsome novelty set...\$25.00
 Fine Set Red Fox, large Muff, nicely trimmed, Animal Scarf to match...\$30.00
 Separate Muffs from common grades up to...\$40.00 Each

LADIES' CLOTH COATS

Just the thing to please your wife or sister, suitable, comfortable and stylish, and at prices that you can well afford. We have put just three different prices on our better Cloth Coats.
 Lot 1. All our high grade Cloth Coats worth up to \$25 and \$30.00, special price...\$19.48
 Lot 2. Fine Cloth Coats, including a great many Wooltex Garments, Special price...\$14.48
 Lot 3. Nice Style new Coats, Special price...\$9.98
 Lot 4. This is a good line of Junior styles for girls 13 to 16 years of age, Special price...\$4.98

AND A LADIES' SUIT SPECIAL, TOO

The best offering of the Year.
 Your choice of any Ladies' Suit in our store for...\$10.00
 Your choice of a lot of Ladies' Suits for...\$5.00
 These extraordinary prices are made to close out every fall Suit in our stock. Our loss will be your gain. These suits are all our regular stock, made by the best makers in this country and are the greatest bargains ever offered in North Platte.

RUGS AND LINOLEUMS

Make your home more comfortable and happy with a new Rug for the parlor or bed room or the kitchen brighter with new Linoleum on the floor.

THE OPENING OF TOYLAND—JOYLAND FOR THE CHILDREN

Never was the Toy section so completely filled with thrills for the little ones. Never were so many amusing and instructive playthings shown in our store. You will find anything you want in the way of Toys here. Bring the little folks and let them revel in the joys of Toy Land.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES

Christmas is never complete without plenty of Candy for the Children. Our new Candy Department is fast becoming the popular place in North Platte. There is a reason for that, we are offering good Candy at popular prices, not cheap quality, but the best.
 Mixed Candy, good wholesome Candies, per pound...10c
 Better Mixed Candy Creams and Chocolates, per pound...12 1/2c
 Best Mixed Candy, high grade Creams and Fruits, per lb...20c
 Nut Top Chocolate Creams, per pound...25c
 Assorted Box Cocolates, 1 lb...25c
 It will pay you to bring us your orders for candy for Christmas trees.

BATH ROBES

What could make a nicer present than a nice soft blanket bath robe? We have a nice line for both ladies and children.
 Ladies' Bath Robes made from good quality blankets in nice patterns, nicely trimmed, full size...\$3.50
 Ladies' Bath Robes, medium grade blankets, full size, good style...\$2.50
 Children's Blanket Bath Robes, pretty patterns, good quality...\$2.00

NIGHT GOWNS AND PAJAMAS

Children's Outing Gowns...50c
 Ladies' Outing Gowns...50c
 Ladies' Fine Outing Gowns made from heavy materials, \$1.00, \$1.25 and...\$1.50
 Men's Outing Gowns, good heavy cloth...\$1.00
 Men's Pajamas, nicely made from good Outings...\$1.00 and \$1.50

HAND BAGS FOR GIFTS

Always bring joy to the recipient. The assortments we are showing is certainly a remarkable one and makes your selection easy.

SKATING SETS

The newest thing in cap and scarf sets. We have these in large variety, made from brushed yarn, corduroys and fancy fur fabrics, ranging in price from 50c for a scarf to \$5 a set.

UMBRELLAS

Always an appropriate gift. Here you will find the Hull detachable handle used on most of our stock. This enables you to carry your umbrella in a suit case when travelling. We can give you any quality to suit your purse from \$1 to \$5 each

NECKWEAR FOR WOMEN

Exquisite new Neckwear. It is almost impossible to mention the new numbers, so quickly do they follow one upon the other. The styles become prettier and prettier and you will marvel when you see them, how such lovely conceits are produced.

DRESS SILKS

In all the new colors and styles, both plain and fancy, for waists and dresses. A nice silk dress pattern can be bought now for the same price as a fine woolen one.

TILLICUM TOY FURNITURE

This ad would not be complete without a mention of these wonderful new toys. Made from three-ply veneer right in the spruce forests of Washington, nicely stained so as to look well in any home, light in weight and does not break easily. See the pretty designs in our toy section.

Wilcox Department Store,

NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA

GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS DISCUSS DRAINAGE.

At a called meeting of members of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening in the B. of L. building, the drainage proposition, upon which farmers residing west of the city are working, was discussed by government engineers Jessup and Miller. Mr. Jessup has been in the Hershey section for several weeks making examinations of the underflow, securing data and getting matters in shape for the organization of the district if such district is desired by a majority of the farmers, or rather a majority of the acreage in the proposed district.
 Mr. Miller spoke of drainage in the irrigated section of Colorado, and gave instances where irrigated land which had become water-soaked, non-productive and practically valueless through seepage, had been re-claimed through drainage. While conditions were somewhat different in different sections of the country, he was confident that drainage of the valley west of town would prove a good investment for the land owners.
 Mr. Jessup spoke of the conditions as he found them; that there was no question in his mind but that drainage would make wonderfully productive thousands of acres of valley land that is now in salt grass pasture or in wild hay that produces

but little revenue.
 The district which it is proposed to form would comprise the territory between the rivers from the O'Fallon bluff to the points east of this city. Within this boundary there are 41,000 acres of land, and of these 41,000 acres about 30,000 acres would be benefited by a drainage system. The approximate cost of the system would be thirteen dollars on each of the 30,000 acres, or a total of \$390,000. Mr. Jessup explained in detail and illustrated by blackboard drawing the underflow of water, and explained the seepage problem. In closing he asked the support of the Chamber of Commerce in educating the farmers to the need and value of the proposed drainage ditch.
 It is probable that a general meeting of that organization will be called to which both those favoring and opposing the proposition will be invited.

Crook Buys Home.

The Dundee Advertiser, an Omaha suburban paper, has this to say of former North Platte residents: Dr. and Mrs. Crook, who occupied the house at 497 Underwood avenue since coming here this fall, have bought the house at 5196 Underwood avenue. In a year or so they expect to build in Happy Hollow addition, but in the meantime, they will make this their home.

NORTH PLATTE VALLEY YIELDS NEARLY 10,000 CARS OF BEETS.

The yield of sugar beets in the North Platte valley will be 9,460 cars. The latest estimate according to the Scottsbluff Star-Herald places the yield at 378,000 tons. The farmers receive including the bonus, not less than \$5.50 per ton, in addition to which one-fourth or more of the crop is siloed, for which an additional 50 cents per ton is paid. On a basis of one fourth of the crop being placed in silo—while this amount is greatly exceeded for some farmers silo all that they raise, the average price paid would \$5.62 1/2 cents per ton, and if our arithmetic is right the company will pay out \$2,129,641.87 to the farmers of the valley this season for beets. Some income now, isn't it, and it puts the farmers in the producers' class with a big C. On the basis that there were 21,000 acres of beets raised in the valley this year—which is pretty close to the amount—the average yield would be 12.21 tons per acre, which at \$5.62 1/2 per ton means a gross income of \$68.68 per acre, approximately the same as received by the growers a year ago. We imagine it is safe to say that the Scottsbluff Sugar company will easily distribute \$2,000,000 in the valley this year when the cost of repairs, maintaining and operating the factory, etc, is taken into consideration.

Buffalo Meat for Christmas.

Fred Marti has ordered a quantity of buffalo meat for his Christmas trade. It will come from Pawnee Bill's ranch in Oklahoma, where six young buffalo will be slaughtered on Dec. 17th. This meat will be somewhat expensive, but no doubt old-timers will long to again eat "buffer" while newcomers will want some just to see how it tastes.

C. M. Trotter left Wednesday afternoon for Kilmor, in the north of this county, to deliver two Maxwell cars he sold to residents of that section.

"War" on the Ship Oscar.

ABOARD THE OSCAR—War has broken out on board of Henry Ford's peace ship, and several of the members of the party are preparing to quit the vessel at Christiana, alleging that the extreme pacifists have adopted an insulting attitude toward all who uphold President Wilson's preparedness program. Ford is making an effort to patch up peace before the ship reaches port.

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