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Pleased With Christmas Trade

When the merchants of North Platte, and especially those whose carrying stocks suitable or gift-giving, closed their stores Friday evening they concluded the biggest Christmas business of recent years. Not only were the number of customers greater than ever before, but the purchases represented more money, that is, people bought more costly gifts. Trade this year came from a greater distance, due to the more universal use of automobiles, and this was particularly true week before last. It was not uncommon to meet on the street a farmer or a village resident who had driven sixty to seventy-five miles in order to do his Christmas buying in North Platte.

Mrs. Roy Loudon Passes Away

Mrs. Roy Loudon, wife of a former North Platte boy, died in Denver Wednesday of last week. In speaking of her death the Denver Post says: "Just eight months after she was married, and at the same altar the funeral of Mrs. Grace Ackermann Loudon, wife of Roy V. Loudon, 1421 Clarkson street, was held today from Immaculate Conception cathedral. Mrs. Loudon died Wednesday night at St. Joseph's hospital after being ill of pneumonia for less than a week. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ackermann, of Aspen, Colorado, her parents, were at her bedside. Mrs. Loudon had lived most of her life in Colorado Springs and was a graduate of the Colorado Springs high school. She will be buried at Mt. Olivet cemetery."

Oiled Roads

A number of towns are looking up information in regard to oiled roads. The county attorney of Washington county has given a number of towns information concerning the result of oiled roads at Blair. He declares that oiled highways are meeting with favor although at first the people did not take to them kindly. Two gallons of oil per square yard is used, and the roads allowed to settle before traffic moves on them. The question of oiled roads and their cost depends quite largely on the condition of the soil and the amount of oil required to make a firm highway.

Foodstuffs High in Germany

Fritz Nicklas received a letter last week from his old home in Germany, which contained a price list of foodstuffs clipped from a German newspaper, and from which we are permitted to quote the following prices which Mr. Nicklas assisted us to reduce to American money values as follows:

Beefsteak \$1.20 per pound, veal \$1.10 per pound, mutton 90 cents per pound, pork \$1.60 per pound, butter \$1.50 to \$1.75, tallow \$1.80, lard \$2.00. Rye bread 20 cents for eight pieces, white bread 20 cents, two eggs 24 cents, pair of squabs \$1.00 to \$1.20, one chicken \$1.10 to \$1.50, one duck \$3.50, one goose \$6.50 to \$7.50.—Syracuse Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brown are enjoying a visit from the former's parents who came recently from Kimball.

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CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

Miss Sarah Monicle is spending the holidays with relatives in Denver.

Percy Schott, of Omaha, came up a few days ago to visit the home folks for two weeks.

A. F. Davis of Farnam, spent a few days here this week and was a caller at this office.

A. J. O'Dean and Bertha Lee Mathewson, of Hershey, were married on Christmas eve in this city.

Mrs. Glen Mann and baby left Sunday morning for Omaha to visit the former's mother for a week or longer.

Verne McElhinney and Miss Bessie A. Cline, of Nesbit, were married yesterday morning by County Judge French.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosencrans, of Cozad, are expected the latter part of this week to visit their daughter Mrs. I. A. Gilbert.

A number of the local young people are daily taking advantage of the good ice on the rivers by giving skating parties.

W. J. and J. E. Manning, of Grand Island, horse dealers, were here for several days on business and left yesterday.

J. H. Johnston, who had been seriously ill with pneumonia at a local hospital for some time, died early Sunday morning. The remains were taken to his home at Julesburg for interment. He is survived by his wife who was with him during his illness.

Provide Christmas Dinners

The Associated Charities sent out thirty-five baskets filled with provender for a good Christmas dinner to those who otherwise would have had a rather skimpy meal. In addition to these, individuals sent out well filled baskets to families known to be in rather destitute circumstances. If any family in North Platte did not have a good Christmas dinner it was because their condition was not known.

Christmas day was unusually quiet, very few people appearing on the streets. The day was observed by family gatherings and in entertaining friends. Evidently many good dinners were served, for one meat market alone delivered over three hundred chicken, turkeys and geese.

Maxwell Telepost Items

Paul Roberts returned from New Mexico the first of the week to enjoy the holidays with his mother, brothers and sisters.

Steele Holcombe came up from Lincoln Tuesday evening and spent a couple of days here. He left for the west last evening to spend Christmas with relatives.

Ed Schopp left for Omaha last Friday night. It is understood he will go to Alliance where he has been tendered a situation in the Burlington offices.

W. C. Dolan had the misfortune of slipping on the ice Monday and injuring his crippled leg. He has been in bed since and has considerable pain. Word received at this office advises that O. P. Madsen, now of Fort Morgan, Colo., and Miss Marie Hansen, of Racine, Wisconsin, were married in the latter city the 8th inst. They will reside in Colorado.

For Sale

My carpenter repair shop at 107 east Fifth street, together with all the machinery connected therewith. Inquire of or address P. M. Sorenson, 307 east Second, North Platte, Neb. if

A Successful Trapper

A hunter who has been trapping on the Haythorne ranch in the north part of Keith county, has so far this season killed nineteen coyotes, fifty skunks and over eleven hundred muskrats. For the coyotes he receives a bounty of one dollar a head and the pelts are worth five dollars each. The skunk and muskrat hides are worth from twenty-five to fifty cents each.

Where Our Soft Corn Goes

Cover & Bicknell are feeding in the vicinity of Gothenburg a large herd of extra good cattle—about 2700 head of them weighing about 1200 pounds each and valued somewhere around \$160 a head. They have also some 4000 hogs that are after the odds and ends in the yards. To feed this great bunch of live stock it requires from 300 to 500 bushels of corn a day, besides hay and other material necessary. A force of men are at work all the time hauling this provision, and a splendid market is afforded our farmers to dispose of some of their great crop of corn.—Independent.

Auto Accident

A serious automobile accident occurred Monday evening near the Peckham school house. Mr. and Mrs. James McCorden of Hartwell, Neb., together with two children and a friend, were on their way to visit relatives beyond North Platte, when at the above mentioned point their car, a large Reo, became unmanageable and turned completely over, hurting all the occupants, more or less, but injuring Mrs. McCorden very seriously. Doctors were at once called and every thing that could be was done to relieve the suffering, but it will be some weeks before the patient can be moved. She is being cared for at the home of Ham Weathers, where she was taken at the time of the accident.—Gothenburg Independent.

Hershey Times Items

The Moore ditching outfit, which has put in about twenty miles of three-foot ditches in the valley the past season, shipped out to Meibeta, this state Tuesday.

A birthday dinner party was given at the J. W. Abbott home Sunday in honor of J. W.'s forty-fourth birthday. Covers were laid for sixteen. Several very nice presents were given and Jim has every reason to long remember the occasion.

John Bryan who had been transacting business in Grand Island for several days, arrived home this morning. John has already contracted 1100 acres of beets for the Grand Island sugar factory for next year. He expects to contract at least 3,000 acres for next year. Last year there were 1,700 acres in this territory, which shows that we are fast nearing the stage where a sugar factory will be an absolute necessity in this neck-of-the-woods.

Sutherland Free Lance Items

John Cox of the north valley states that some of his replant corn made a yield of from 60 to 65 bushels to the acre. It was grown on former alfalfa ground.

Fred Lewis informs us that his corn west of town has made a yield of 45 bushels per acre, and that the quality is as excellent as could be desired.

Mabel Reynolds, who has been at a Grand Island hospital for nearly five weeks, can now leave her bed for a short time each day, and may be able to return home next week.

Fifty-two persons indulged in a housewarming and dance at the John Weir home southwest of town Saturday evening. Mr. Weir recently completed an excellent farm home.

Some one a few days ago helped himself to a fat porker which Butcher Widner had in the yard at his slaughter house. The hog was in fine shape for meat, but Mr. Widner is almost hoping it will choke whoever swiped it.

BE OPTIMISTIC

Here's Good News for North Platte Residents.

Have you a pain in the small of the back?

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Here's a North Platte resident's statement:

W. F. Blalock, North Platte, says: "I had an awful, heavy ache across my loins which seemed to take every bit of strength from me. My back was weak and I was so lame I could hardly stand erect. The kidney secretions seemed to get more disordered as the pain in my back increased and they were unnatural and too frequent in passage. I was advised to try Doan's Kidney Pills and got a box. They cured me of the complaint and I have been well since."

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Good Out Of Evil

By DWIGHT NORWOOD

As I entered the station I ran up against a beautiful display of flowers in a shop window. I have always been fond of flowers, and, entering the shop, I bought a rose, an American Beauty, and put it in a buttonhole of my coat. On reaching my destination, stepping from the train, I ran into something more beautiful than the rose. At least it was more engaging. A young girl who seemed to be taking in with rapid glances those who were alighting fixed her eyes upon me, gave a sign of recognition, started forward, halted, then as I was passing her—nought my hand and said:

"Waiter!" I am free to admit that had the young lady been an old lady or even a somely young lady I should have at once informed her that she was mistaken in the person, and I am free to admit that this is what I was in honor bound to do. But I didn't. I looked at her and said:

"Are you?" "Yes, I'm Lillian. If you hadn't worn the rose I don't believe I should have recognized you."

"That is not surprising considering"—I gave her time to finish what I dared not risk finishing myself. "We'll talk later. Just now we must be going. You must have your trunk sent to the house."

I demurred, on the ground that I would inconvenience the family, whereupon she said that there was no one in the house but her mother and her self, and her mother, being an invalid, was for the present keeping her room. This was, to say the least, unfortunate for my self respect, for it threw in my way an added temptation. I suffered myself to be guided to a cab and, telling the young lady that I had no trunk with me, was driven to her home, an eminently respectable residence, and was at once sent up to my room.

On the bureau stood a photograph of a youth probably five or six years younger than myself. It arrested my attention because it resembled me. A maid brought me some towels, and I hazarded asking her a few questions. "Who is that?" pointing to the picture.

"I think that it's Miss Lillian's daisy."

Before the maid left the room I had enough information to last me till I could get more. I learned that Walter was an objectionable person to Miss Lillian's mother because he was considered wild and could not support a wife. He was expected any day to arrive in order to arrange for the wedding. He and Lillian had been betrothed when they were very young and had not met since.

I went downstairs. Dinner was on the table, and Lillian and I dined alone together. The first thing I said to her after being seated was:

"Has your mother withdrawn her objections to me?" "I can't say that she has. You must try to break down her prejudice by being nice to her."

How I fenced to prevent Lillian from learning that I was an impostor would take too long to tell. Nearly everything I said was intended to draw forth information to help me in my deception. I was in constant terror for fear Walter would appear and expose me. Had I known what he was doing at that moment I should have felt easier.

"After dinner I proposed that I should visit mamma and try to placate her. I found the old lady very much prejudiced against me. I asked her what was the basis of her opposition to me and learned that it was general worthlessness and especially that I had contracted the liquor habit. Notwithstanding this lamentable condition I felt comforted. I could cure myself, and the other fellow could not. At least I believed that if I chose I could cut him out before he could reform."

In order to gain time and not expose my deception I made a plea of being tired with traveling, though I had come but twenty miles, and went to bed early. What bothered me was that it was naturally expected that I would careen my fiancée. And under the circumstances I was not quite so base as to do so. Once in my room I was free from that temptation.

I dared not attempt to go through the next day without giving myself away and resolved on a confession. And this part of the episode I flatter myself I handled very well. I confessed to my prospective mother-in-law. At the same time I proposed, with her concurrence, to find out what was keeping my double and if he was really worthy of her daughter. A desire to avail herself of my services saved me from what I deserved, and having been fully posted by her I disappeared from the house without Lillian's knowledge, took a train for the place where Walter lived and found that he was recovering from a debauch and getting ready to visit his fiancée. I sent him a telegram in his mother-in-law's name to await a letter, returned to her and Lillian and before seeing the latter had an interview with the former.

When I saw Lillian again she knew all. She declined to meet me till her feelings and her mind were somewhat composed and she had become sensible of the fact that I had really done her a favor.

There is nothing more of this story to tell except that I married the girl I had so dishonorably saved from a worse fate.

In the distribution of state aid for weak school districts, \$632 is divided among eleven schools in Lincoln county. Arthur county receives \$3,020 to be distributed among twenty schools, Logan county \$2,353 for ten schools and McPherson county \$932 for twelve schools.

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PROBATE NOTICE
In the Matter of the Estate of Margaretta Burke, Deceased.

In the County Court of North Platte, Nebraska, Nov. 26, 1915. Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will meet the Executors of said Estate before the County Judge of Lincoln County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room, in said County, on the 28th day of January, 1916, and on the 28th day of January, 1916, at 9 o'clock A. M. each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination and allowance. Six months are allowed for creditors to present their claims, and one year for the Executors to settle said Estate from the 28th day of January, 1916. This notice will be published in the North Platte Tribune, a legal newspaper printed in said County, for four weeks successively prior to January 28th, 1916. GEO. E. FRENCH, County Judge.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Serial No. 01145
Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office, North Platte, Nebraska, Dec. 20, 1915. Notice is hereby given that William A. Gaunt, of North Platte, Neb., who on Jan. 4, 1909, made a Homestead Entry No. 01145 for SE 1/4, S 1/2, NE 1/4, NW 1/4, E 1/2 SW 1/4, Lots 1-2-3, Section 2, Township 15, N. Range 31, W. 6th Principal Meridian has filed a notice of intention to make final five year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, at North Platte, Neb., on the 14th day of Feb., 1916. Claimant names as witnesses: Henry Doeble, James Bechler, George Macomber, Harry Madison, all of North Platte, Neb. J. E. EVANS, Register.

NOTICE OF HEARING
In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

In the Matter of the Estate of Gerritt J. Hampe, Deceased.
To the Creditors, Heirs and All Persons Interested in Said Estate: Notice is hereby given that Charles Hampe filed his petition in this Court on the 15th day of December, 1915, in which he alleges that the said Gerritt J. Hampe, deceased, departed this life intestate on October 16, 1911, at Muscatine, in Muscatine County, Iowa, being at the time of his death a resident of said City, County and State, and of said City, County and State, and seized in fee of an undivided one-half interest in all of the lands hereinafter described, situated in the State of Nebraska, the title thereto being held by him by his initials thus: "G. J. Hampe," to-wit:

Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter (NE 1/4 of SE 1/4), West Half of Southeast Quarter (W 1/2 of SE 1/4), Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (NE 1/4 of SW 1/4) of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Thirteen (13), North, Range Twenty-Nine (29) West, 6th P. M., in Lincoln County, Nebraska. Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Nineteen (19), Township Nine (9), North, Range Thirty (30) West, 6th P. M., in Lincoln County, Nebraska. Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Seven (7), Township Nineteen (19), North, Range Fifty-Eight (58) West, 6th P. M., in Hamper County, Nebraska. Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4 of NW 1/4) of Section Fifteen (15), Township Twenty-Nine (29) North, Range Eight (8) West, 6th P. M., in Knox County Nebraska. And that the petitioner, Charles Hampe, and his sister, Christina Te-Strake, each inherited an undivided one-fourth interest in the above described lands. The prayer of said petition is that the Court determine the time of the death of the said Gerritt J. Hampe, deceased, his heirs, the degree of kinship and the right of descent of the real property above described, and that all claims and demands against said estate be forever barred. The said petition will be heard before the County Court in the Court House in the City of North Platte, County of Lincoln, State of Nebraska, on January 21, 1916, at 9 o'clock A. M., at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. Dated December 15, 1915. GEO. E. FRENCH, County Judge.

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