

SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF NORTH PLATTE TO BE CELEBRATED

The proposed celebration of North Platte's semi-centennial was made an assured fact Wednesday evening when a dozen business men met in the parlor of the McCabe hotel and organized a holding company which will finance the preliminary expenses of the celebration. This holding company is composed of thirty members and the officers are J. B. McDonald president; George Mooney secretary and W. H. McDonald treasurer. To meet the expenses to be incurred in the immediate future, each member of the holding company subscribed twenty-five dollars, thus creating an initial fund of seven hundred and fifty dollars. The date of the celebration will be June 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th.

George Mooney, who is an experienced promoter of celebrations of various kinds and organizes the programs and superintends carrying them out, was present at the meeting Wednesday evening and made some suggestions as to what should be the features of the North Platte celebration. These included a parade of floats depicting the conditions of the North Platte territory fifty years ago and the gradual evolution to the conditions as they exist today; a representation of our present Front street as it was in the early seventies; there will be ox-teams drawing the immigrants wagons; permission will be secured from the government to bring a hundred Indians from the Rosebud Agency and have them give war and other dances; cowboys and frontier sports will enter largely in the program of amusements; a sod house, in which will be exhibited curios and relics of early days, will be built; a big carnival company will be engaged, free acts secured, and last but not least Buffalo Bill, who will have his itinerary so as to be here for two days, and will personally be responsible for a number of special features.

Not only will the event mark the fiftieth anniversary of North Platte, but it will be a "home coming" week, a time when former North Platte people now scattered from Maine to California will be urged to come back to the "old town" for a visit, and hundreds of them are certain to come. And among these will be a number of men who in early days were cowboys and they will assist in putting on some of the stunts in which they engaged thirty or forty years ago.

This celebration will be the biggest thing North Platte has ever attempted, and to make it a real success it needs the hearty support of every man in town. Each will be called upon to assist, and it is confidently expected that he will respond enthusiastically. The progress of the preliminary work will be noted in these columns from week to week.

Remember the date—the last week of June.

Francis Flynn, of this city, who has been in the employ of the Allis-Chalmers Co. at Milwaukee, will leave January 15th for Cuba in the interests of the Luce Sugar Cane Harvester Co., of New York, with which company he has accepted a position as erector and demonstrator. It is probable that the duties of the position will take him to Hawaii, Java, the Philippines and Australia in the course of the next two years.

Every lady appreciates furs, why not buy your mother, wife or sister a set, or a separate scarf or muff, and if you do buy be sure to go to BLOCK'S where all furs are being sold at a discount of twenty per cent.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Charles Walters has been transacting business in Omaha this week.

A big line of Silk Petticoats. E. T. TRAMP & SONS.

W. T. Berry, of Grand Island, is here this week on Union Pacific matters.

J. A. Kunkle has returned from Omaha where he purchased a number of cattle.

Dan Ragan, of Sterling, with local friends this week and transacting business in town.

O. H. Thoelecke expects to leave tomorrow evening for Chicago to spend several days on business.

The quarantine for scarlet fever was lifted Wednesday from the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Allender.

Mrs. V. Orval Hodges left yesterday morning for Lincoln to spend a couple of weeks with relatives.

Leslie and Robert Dick, of Haley, Ore., formerly of this city are visiting with their mother Mrs. Nellie Dick.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haggerty will leave next week for Denver to visit the former's parents for a week or longer.

O. H. Thoelecke reports the sale of the northeast quarter section of 24-12-30, to Vigo Vanderkalk, of Fullerton, and all of section 26-16-28 to Saml. Blagdon, of Nemaha county.

Now is the time to buy a Piano for Christmas; only two more weeks. We will make it easy for you to buy a piano if you will come and see us. WALKER MUSIC COMPANY.

Mrs. Eva Baldwin, formerly of this city, who has been matron of the O. E. S. orphanage at Fremont, passed west last evening enroute to Los Angeles, where she was called by the illness of her sister, who has been taking treatment in that city.

For Sale on account of leaving city—Equity in new 5 room bungalow, all modern except heat, full basement. Would take small car preferably Ford for part payment. W. C. McDermott, Phone Black 850. 95-2*

George Lander, colored, was arrested and fined thirteen dollars and fifty cents Wednesday. He was discovered taking large hams from the ice boxes back of the Union cafe. Lander had been employed in spreading the tar on the paving but has been out of work for a couple of weeks.

Douglas Fairbanks thought there was nothing to live for when the girl he wanted to marry became engaged to another man. So he hired a professional assassin to end it all in "Flirting with Fate" at the Keith Monday night. But when the girl changed her mind Fairbanks dared not go near enough to the assassin to tell him of his desire for life, 10 and 15 cents.

Sewer Lateral Assessments for construction of Lateral S. Blocks 33 to 44 inclusive \$31.50 per lot, and Lateral G2, South Park Addition, \$31.65 per lot, have been made and the same may now be paid at my office.

F. L. MOONEY, City Treasurer.

North Platte members of Company E stationed on the Mexican border will enjoy a certain degree, at least, of Christmas more enjoyable, can leave of the boys are preparing Christmas boxes for them and these will be shipped next Tuesday. Those who desire to remember the boys and make their Christmas more enjoyable, can leave their gifts at Huffman's store, no later than next Tuesday, and they will be included in the box which will be sent from there.

Buy Xmas Gifts Now?

This entire store sparkles with Christmas radiance—a gift choosing center for everybody. Come join the happy throng of early gift seekers. You'll discover a multitude of things "just a trifle different," just enough different to be unusual, distinctive and likable—some costly—some expensive—all delightfully givable

FOR "HIM" WE SUGGEST:



SWEATERS.

What is more comfortable than a nice warm Sweater. Bradley's are the best. Many nice ones at \$2, \$4, \$5, \$7, \$8 up to \$12.

JEWELRY.

Cuff Buttons, Scarf Pins, Collar Buttons, Tie Holders, etc. The stock of these goods is complete, from cheap roll plate to solid gold.

NECK TIES.

In all of the new patterns of silks, something to suit every taste, both in patterns, styles and price. 25c, 50c and \$1.00

GLOVES.

Nice warm ones, made of soft tanned leather, lined with both fancy and plain materials, some lined with fur, either for dress wear or driving the auto. Priced at \$1, \$1.25, \$2 and up to \$5

HOSIERY.

Either cotton, woolen or silk. Some nicely boxed. 25c to 50c per pair.



CAPS.

Latest styles of warm cloth caps suitable for young men or old 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

No Finer Gift for "Her" than a Set of Furs

Jap Mink Set, new Chinchin collar, barrel-shaped muff very stylish, per set, \$35.00

Fisher Dyed Coney Set, neat scarf fastens by buttoning through. Muff new shape, fancy ruffled ends. Price - \$10.00

Separate Muff, blended Muskrat, one of the good wearing Furs. \$10.00

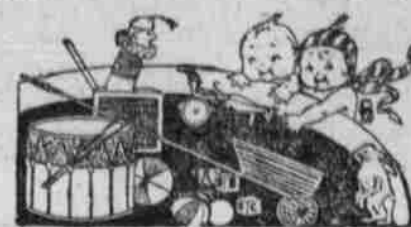
Silver Opossum Muff, a beautiful shade of grey, nicely lined, just the thing for a young lady. Price \$13.50

Separate Muffs in Coney, Marmot, Wolf, Mink, Fox, Lynx, Hudson Seal, Skunk, etc., at

\$5, \$6, \$10, \$15 up to \$40



Come be Happy, Care Free and Gay with the Kiddies



It's as good as a tonic to watch the delighted youngsters in our toy department and hear the ohs! and ahs! that new discoveries bring forth. If you wish to learn the children's wishes, bring them with you and watch their untrammelled choice, in the midst of this interesting display. "Santa Claus" is sure to get some very good suggestions to aid when filling the Xmas stockings.

TOYS FOR BOYS

Mechanical Trains run on round track \$1, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50.

Erector and Strucktiron Sets 50c, \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Friction Toys, Engines, Street Cars, Autos, etc. 50c to \$1.25.

Horns and Drums all nicely finished in bright colors. 5c to \$1.25.

TOYS FOR GIRLS

Dressed Dolls a large variety to select from 25c to \$5.

Doll Buggies Steel and Reed prices \$1, \$3, \$4.50, \$5.

Games and Toy Books of all kinds 5c, 10c, 25c, up to \$1.

Toy Dishes, both tin and porcelain sets 10c to \$2.50

WILCOX DEPARTMENT STORE

Reception for Bride.

Mrs. William Waltemath, a November bride, was the guest of honor at two of the most interesting and enjoyable social events of this week. They were held at the home of Mrs. Henry Waltemath. Eighty ladies were entertained on Wednesday from one o'clock to three and from four o'clock until six at luncheons served on prettily decorated tables. Red and white flowers were used in abundance in the reception and dining rooms.

Mrs. Waltemath was assisted in entertaining by her daughters Misses Helen and Alma Waltemath and Mrs. Fred Waltemath. During the reception which preceded the luncheon a number of musical selections were rendered. Misses Alice Seamon, Ida and Louise Ottenstein assisted in serving and Mesdames Seeberger, Healey and Clabaugh were in the receiving line. Out of town guests were Misses Ruth Hancock of Falls City, Emily Porterfield of Charles Town, W. Va., and Miss Julia Hayes of Chicago. A similar function was held yesterday afternoon at which Mesdames Hoxie, Halligan and Rincker assisted in receiving.

Bert Rathburn of Wyoming who spent several weeks with his sister Mrs. F. J. Wurtel, left Wednesday evening.

Ladies, think of buying a wool serge or silk crepe dress formerly sold at \$10, \$12, and \$15, for \$4.98. This is only one of the many bargains offered at Block's Year End Sale.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Knowles leave early next week for Bethany, which will be their future home. Mr. Knowles will return here for one or two more services, and then go to Alliance to begin evangelistic work.

Mr. and Mrs. George Yeoman leave today for Omaha, where they will visit for a short time before making Holdrege their home. Mr. Yeoman has taken a road position with the Diamond-Simmonds Co. of St. Louis and has been assigned territory that causes his removal from North Platte.

Court Calendar.

Judge Grimes announces the following terms of court for the several counties in his district for 1917:

Kimball county—February 26th and September 17th.

Cheyenne county—March 12th and October 1st.

Deuel county—March 26th and October 15th.

Keith county—April 2d and October 22d.

Logan county—April 16th and September 19th.

McPherson county—April 30th.

Arthur county—May 7th.

Lincoln county—Adjourned term February 5th, May 14th and December 3d.

Dawson county—Adjourned term January 8th, June 4th and November 5th.

Buffalo Meat.

Place your order at once for buffalo meat direct from Pawnee Bill's ranch at Pawnee, Okl. The supply is limited. MARTY'S MEAT MARKET.

Swedish Lutheran services next Sunday at 11 a. m. in the Adventist church, Fourth ward. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Gibson art cards and letters, also Christmas seals—an assortment that is certain to please you. A great variety of designs in a great range of prices.

RINCKER BOOK & DRUG CO.

"The Spider and the Fly" will be the Fox production shown at the Crystal tonight in this photoplay Robert Mantell and Genevieve Hamper are cast for the leading roles. 10 and 15 cents.

Now it is as an Indian maid who loves a white man, and loves in vain, that Mary Pickford wins the hearts of her spectators. This unique characterization by the idolized star of the screen in "Little Pal" is showing at the Keith Saturday afternoon and evening. In the role of the Indian girl who renounces happiness, opportunity and even safety for the man she loves, Mary Pickford is superb. 10 and 15 cents.

For Rent—Christian parsonage, five rooms and basement, modern except heat. Inquire of F. R. Elliott.

During the Year End Sale Children's Dresses will be sold at a discount of twenty per cent at BLOCK'S.

A social dance will be held at the Lloyd opera house on Monday evening, Dec. 25th by the members of the K. K. club.

Claude Weingand and son Teddy left last evening for Rossville, Ill. to spend a week with the former's mother.

Special prices on all Suits and Coats. If you are needing either it will pay you to investigate our prices. For quality, style and price our garments cannot be surpassed.

E. T. TRAMP & SONS.

Torrington Make Her
ELECTRIC VAC Christmas

A Happy One.

This Cleaner has a revolving brush, the same as your carpet sweeper, in addition to a strong suction. The brush beats the carpet and helps to loosen the dirt and also combs out the threads.

IT IS A WINNER.

North Platte Light & Power Company.



A SENSIBLE GIFT

Give your friends and relatives a sensible gift of value. Come to the

McDonald State Bank

and deposit one dollar or more in a savings account. Put the Pass Book in a Christmas Envelope and you have an attractive gift that is of lasting value and which shows you are a thoughtful person.

If you cannot call then send your check and instruction by letter.