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PREPARING TO MAKE BIG IMPROVEMENTS IN YARDS

TWENTY-THREE MILES OF ADDITIONAL TRACKS TO BE LAID THIS SUMMER

Old Round House is Being Fitted up for Boarding and Lodging Men Who will be Employed on This Work.

One of the improvements which the Union Pacific will make at this terminal this summer will be the construction of twenty-three miles of additional track. These tracks will be laid principally from the Locust street crossing west, and will pretty well cover the ground which the company owns between the present tracks and the south line of Seventh street and running from Locust street to the round house.

To accommodate the laborers who will be employed on this work the Union Pacific is converting the old round house into a lodging and boarding house. The space is being divided into rooms with accommodations for cooking, eating and sleeping. It is intended to take care of eighty men at these quarters. It is expected that it will require four to six months to complete the work of laying the tracks, and probably two, work trains to haul the dirt for grading up the tracks. Thousands of cubic yards of dirt will be required for this purpose.

Another improvement that will be made and which rather puzzles local employes is the purpose of the company to install in the power house at the old shops boilers having twelve hundred horse power capacity, these to replace the 500 horse power boilers now in use. Why this increased boiler capacity at the old shops when there is no apparent present need of it, is what puzzles employes, but it is taken to mean greater shop capacity at North Platte, although the general belief has been that new shops would be built at the new round house. Engineers were here a few days ago taking measurements of the boiler room preparatory to installing the new battery of boilers.

North Platte will certainly fare well at the hands of the Union Pacific during the year 1917.

Arizona's Grand Canyon, one of world's wonder spots, has been used as the setting for "God's Crucible" the Bluebird potplay showing at the Crystal Wednesday night with George Hernandez, Val Paul and Myrtle Gonzalez interpreting the leading roles. The story reveals the change in character that a touch of childish sympathy brought to old grudge of whom it was said that "if five souls like his were confined in a peanut shell, they would rattle."

It is anticipated that the asphalt covering in the paved district is likely to cause the good housewife some trouble. When warm weather comes this covering is quite likely to stick to the shoe soles and be carried into the houses. Already the rugs at the Elks' home are spotted with the asphalt and it is very difficult to remove it by washing or scrubbing the rug.

Barney Bernard, who made the theatrical world ring with his characterization of "Abe Potash" in Potash and Perlmutter, will be seen on the screen at the Keith Wednesday night in "A Prince in a Pawnshop," a story that is vitally interesting in itself and made more so by its renowned Hebrew comedian.

Dr. Richardson, of Hershey, spent a few days here on business.

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

Miss Nellie Sell, of Cozad, came yesterday afternoon to visit the Schatz family for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Barber, of Lewellen, are spending this week with relatives and friends in town.

Elmer Coates will go to Omaha this week to attend the annual convention of the state lumbermen's association.

Miss Villa Whittaker leaves Thursday for Omaha and Chicago to purchase her millinery stock. She will be gone about three weeks.

The high school glee club is holding rehearsals for a minstrel show which they will hold in the high school auditorium in the near future.

Mrs. Ralph Sawyer, of Sidney, formerly Miss Sophie Schultz of this city, came yesterday afternoon to visit her mother for a week or longer.

The Presbyterian aid society will meet in the church parlors Thursday afternoon, entertained by Mesdames Johnston, Chamberlain and Morrill.

J. W. Shane, of Lincoln, spent yesterday in town. He was formerly chairman of the state board of charities and corrections, and came here to attend the Roberts trial.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Waltemath leave tomorrow for Omaha, the former to attend the lumbermen's convention and the latter to visit in that city and with her parents at Blair.

W. S. Ackerman, who last fall purchased the Roy Marovish half section south of Sutherland, is in town today making arrangements to move to the land. Mr. Marovish has rented a farm south of Sutherland.

A farewell reception to Archdeacon and Mrs. J. J. Bowker will be held at the Odd Fellows' hall this evening from eight to ten by the members of the Episcopal parish and their friends and the friends of the guests of honor.

Miss Charlotte Templeton, state librarian, spent the week end visiting Miss Annie Kramp and inspecting the library, which she reports to be in an excellent condition. She was greatly pleased with the big increase in the circulation of books.

The list of members of the proposed Old Settlers' association has now nearly reached the hundred mark. It is the desire to arrange for the banquet at as early a date as possible, and those who have not sent in their names will please do so before the end of next week.

Thirty farmers living in Garden county have formed a federal farm loan association and will apply for federal loans as soon as the new loan bank at Omaha is in working condition. A number of Arthur county farmers have formed a similar association.

The case of Guy Robbins, colored, against W. C. Buckner for assaulting him with a red hot iron, came up in the county court Saturday and was dismissed. The men had been working together in the U. P. round house and had quarreled for several days prior to the assault.

The dramatic lecture given by Frank Fouché in the high school auditorium Friday evening was greatly enjoyed by all present. Mr. Fouché is a pleasing entertainer. The attendance was not as large as was expected, owing to the weather, but the proceeds exceeded the expenses by a few dollars.

A. F. Blankenburg went to Kearney today to represent the Lincoln county fair association at the meeting to be held for the purpose of organizing a racing circuit. At this meeting Keith, Lincoln, Dawson and Buffalo counties will be represented, and these counties will include the circuit.

ROBERTS PLEADS GUILTY TO 2D DEGREE MURDER

CHANGES PLEA OF NOT GUILTY AND COUNTY ATTORNEY RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE.

Penally Attached is Imprisonment for not Less Than Ten Years or For Life Sentence at Discretion of Judge.

Entry made by Judge Grimes in the court journal:

"Defendant appeared in open court in person, accompanied by his counsel James T. Keefe, and asks leave of the court to withdraw his plea of not guilty of the charge of murder in the first degree and enter a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree. The state being represented by its counsel George Gibbs and P. R. Halligan, recommend that the court permit defendant to enter the plea of guilty of murder in the second degree, and the court, on examination of the defendant finds that defendant understands the penalty for murder in the second degree, and defendant in person asking the court to grant his request, the court permits the defendant to withdraw his plea of not guilty of murder in the first degree and enter the plea of guilty of murder in the second degree. The court being advised in the premises, accepts defendant's plea of guilty of murder in the second degree as in the information, and on that plea finds defendant guilty of murder in the second degree as in the information charged."

Judge Grimes will pronounce sentence in a day or so. The penalty is imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than ten years or for life.

Thus ends the Roberts case, removing from the minds of some few doubt as to whether Roberts was guilty as charged, and at the same time relieves the county an expensive trial.

The re-hearing of the case was set for yesterday. Roberts had been brought here Saturday from the state penitentiary at Lincoln by Sheriff Salisbury, the seventy-five men who had been notified to appear at the court room at ten o'clock yesterday for jury service had all arrived. Roberts had been brought into court, and everything was in readiness to begin the selection of a jury, when Roberts suddenly concluded to withdraw his plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree. This action on the part of Roberts came as a surprise to all, for he had not in any manner intimated that he would change his plea. Evidently he had reached this conclusion after he entered the court room.

The members of the holding company organized to promote North Platte's semi-centennial celebration, together with others who are interested, will hold a meeting at the Hotel McCabe tomorrow evening to hear reports to be submitted by Secretary Mooney as to the preparatory work that has been accomplished. Committees will also be appointed for the various phases of the work. Secretary Mooney has received a number of contracts for amusement companies, and these will be taken up and discussed by the members. So far excellent progress has been made in the preliminary work.

Governor Pledge Support. Governor Neville sent the following telegram to President Wilson yesterday afternoon:

"Nebraska will uphold you in any contingency that may arise."

Another telegram signed by every member of the senate pledged the support of the state in any action that the president deems necessary to uphold the honor of the United States and the rights of its citizens.

Fifth to Remain in Service. Today's papers state that the Fifth Nebraska regiment is now enroute from Llano Grande to Ft. Crook, Neb., and that Col. Paul, in command of the troops, received orders at Houston to continue in mobilization at the fort and await further orders from the war department.

For Sale—Household furniture. E. A. Garlich, 118 west Third street.

Superintendents' Convention

The Association of City Superintendents of Nebraska Schools, which met here Friday and Saturday of last week, was attended by a very small number. Telegrams and letters have been received showing the train service and severe cold to have kept many away. Among those who were here were Supt. Braham of Sidney, Supt. Price of Neligh, Supt. Caviness of Kearney, Supt. Smith of Sutherland, Supt. Matheny of Scotts Bluff Supt. Pearce of Cozad and Geo. Towne of Lincoln, editor of the Nebraska Teacher.

The big event of Friday was the dinner given in the manual training rooms of the Franklin school by the ladies of the domestic science department of the Twentieth Century club. The ladies were given many compliments on the preparation and serving of this dinner, which was quite elaborate in every way. Supt. Tout introduced Miss Alison Gantt, county superintendent of Lincoln county, as toastmistress and she kept things humming for the next two hours. The theme of the evening was Co-operation.

Miss Kramp talked on the co-operation of the banks with the schools through the school savings system. Rev. Harman talked on the co-operation of the schools with the churches through accredited bible schools. E. S. Davis spoke of the co-operation of school and the community. Chas. McDonald, Supt. Caviness, Fred Williams and others responded to calls and completed the evening's entertainment.

On Saturday the superintendents met in session and had a very interesting and profitable meeting.

Fifty Trains Freed

A dispatch from Cheyenne dated yesterday says: "The blockade on the main line of the Union Pacific railroad which has been in effect since the heavy storm of January 31 closed the tracks, was lifted today, more than fifty trains which had been held up moving again this afternoon."

Adamson Case Goes Over. The United States supreme court at Washington took a recess yesterday until March 5th, without deciding the Adamson railroad law. This is a disappointment, as it was expected a decision would be handed down this week.

FOR RENT. Several tracts of good bottom hay land, also 14 acres sugar beet land adjoining city; one-half section of land six miles from city 100 acres in cultivation; other lands storage room and safe deposit boxes, houses and rooms, see

BRATT, GOODMAN & BUCKLEY.

William Beatty, of Brady, spent yesterday in town.

Rev. Gleason of Ogallala is spending a few days here with Rev. McDaid.

A. W. Shilling will entertain the North Platte rifle club Thursday evening.

A son was born yesterday morning to Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Parks of the Fourth ward.

The flower drill members of the Eastern Star were entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. George Trexler.

W. H. Tucker a somewhat notorious character in the early days of North Platte, writes from Sheridan Wyo., that he desires literature concerning North Platte's semi-centennial celebration. "Tuck" intimates that he will be here to attend the celebration.

Useful Attachment. "I wonder how that rough looking fellow with his terrible language keeps his place in a ladies' hairdressing parlor?"

"I think it is because the patrons of the place heard his talk made one's hair curl."—Baltimore American.

Not Tender. No, Maude, dear; we very much doubt that you could hurt a canalboat by treading on its tows.—Philadelphia Record.

Waste not fresh tears over old griefs.—Euripides.

German Official Expect War

Under date of Sunday this comes from Berlin:

Peaceful continuance of German-American relations after the departure of the respective embassies at Washington and Berlin in the sense indicated by President Wilson in his address to congress, appears to be very slight, judging by all the information, some of the highest authenticity, gathered by the Associated Press.

It was stated positively in high political circles that German orders for the conduct of submarine warfare could not and would not be modified; that in Germany the determination to enforce the prohibited zone order was absolute and final, and that the only security for shipping was avoidance of the prohibited zone.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Kialer, who were recently married, will move to Columbus this week. The former had been employed in the local round house and will accept a formanship in the round house at the latter place.

Mrs. Leonard Connott and brother, of Bayard, who came yesterday to testify in the Roberts trial, returned home last evening.

Riley York crushed two fingers on his right hand yesterday while raising a window.

Money to loan on Real Estate; no delay if clear title, see

BRATT, GOODMAN & BUCKLEY.

Marguerite Clark will be seen at the Keith tonight in a picturization of Eleanor Hallowell Abbott's celebrated story, "Molly Make Believe," the story that has ranked among the "six best sellers" ever since it appeared in print. Molly is one of the most lovable creatures in fiction and Miss Clark is admirably suited to visualize the petite bearer of good tidings which is described in this delightful romance. The dainty Miss Clark has a role that is sweetly sympathetic and she makes the most of it.

THEY WILL BURN. Is your car insured? If not get a policy today from

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Merle Laws has severed his connection with the Landgraf barber shop and has gone to Cozad to visit for a few days. Upon his return he will accept a position in the Gilbert shop.

Ernest Grinnell, formerly of the Gilbert barber shop, has taken charge of the fourth chair which was added to the Carson barber shop yesterday.

Misses Mildred and Ella Weir, of Sterling, who were visiting local friends, left Sunday evening.

For Sale. 66 foot lot on west Sixth street. Side-walk in, sewer and gas in alley, \$100 down, balance easy payments. O. R. Robinson, 322 west Second. 6-4



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