

The North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune.

THIRTY-THIRD YEAR.

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POSTAL IMPROVEMENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR

CITY DELIVERY EXTENDED TO OVER 300 ADDITIONAL RESIDENCES IN THE CITY

One Rural Route Extended and a New Route Applied for and Action on Petition Now Pending at Washington.

In speaking of local postal affairs Postmaster McEvoy says: During the year 1916, the local Post Office made the following improvements:

The city service was extended to over 300 additional residences, giving free delivery of mail to 300 families. One additional carrier and one clerk have been given positions on the regular list and one carrier on the substitute list.

An extension has been added to Route No. 2, giving free delivery service to fifty additional families. This route is now over fifty miles in length and is known as Motor Route A.

The gross income of the office has increased over thirty-three per cent. This has been brought about by the co-operation of the press, the patrons of the office, the assistant postmaster and clerks and carriers, and our friends at Washington.

This year with the same co-operation, the postmaster suggests without the co-operation of these named above he cannot accomplish very much, we expect to make the following improvements:

There is now pending, awaiting action by the postoffice department, the establishment of a new rural route No. 2. This route as proposed will leave the city over the new Lincoln highway bridge, following the hills to McNeal ranch and returning along the North Platte river to North Platte, giving service to 100 families that are now compelled to come to the city of North Platte for their mail.

The patrons are also working on a seventeen mile extension to rural route No. 3, which will give service to thirty-five additional families living southwest of this city.

Further improvements in the city delivery are contemplated in the way of mounted carrier service to accommodate the residents living in the extreme outskirts of the city, also another clerk.

It is also intended to have the free delivery service extended to every person in Lincoln county, if possible, as nothing advertises a city or county better than good mail service.

J. T. Norton, manager of the Platte theatre, returned yesterday afternoon from a business visit in Omaha.

"Easy Street," the ninth of the Mutual Chaplin releases, will be shown at the Keith Wednesday night in connection with the Vitagraph feature, "Through the Wall," with William Duncan and Nell Shipman. Charlie discovers "Easy Street" to be one of the most disorderly thoroughfares in all the world. Not even the cop on the beat can maintain order there. Then and there Charlie undertakes to reform the neighborhood. The methods he takes and the success he achieves are unfolded in a thousand laughs.

FIDELITY RESERVE COMPANY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Fidelity Reserve Company was held Saturday in the office of the company in the I. O. O. F. building. The board of directors and officers, together with some of the policy holders, met and went over last year's business, which in the way of new business, was very creditable to the company. The total new business written was \$18,823.78 in premiums and was a gain over the business written in 1915 of \$209,000.

The former officers and directors were re-elected and C. F. Temple, who has been secretary, was elected one of the directors.

The complete statement will be published in a few days.

Big Attendance at Ball

The Lady Forrester's annual ball was held at the Lloyd opera house last evening and attended by the largest number of dancers this season. The committee in charge was Mesdames Herman LeDoyt, Clyde Cook, P. H. Lomergan and S. R. Carrey. Stamp's orchestra furnished an enjoyable program and dancing continued until one o'clock. The receipts exceeded one hundred and fifty dollars and the ladies wish to thank the patrons for their assistance in making the ball a success.

All Masons and their families are invited to be present at the celebration of the ninth anniversary of the dedication of the Masonic temple to be held at Masonic temple Thursday, February 22, 1917, at 8 p. m. This is the only invitation that will be issued. All Masons are welcome.

DR. O. H. CRESSLER,
W. H. McDONALD,
ROBERT R. DICKEY,
ROBERT A. ARMSTRONG,
HARRY DIXON.

Coroner's Jury Discharged.

The coroner's jury, which had been inquiring into the death of Herman Kosbau and son, was discharged yesterday. An adjournment was taken Friday until yesterday, but upon re-convening the testimony of only one witness was taken and his evidence was of no value. The efforts of the jury to obtain facts relative to certain supposed conditions were fruitless.

Tift Fined \$5 and Costs.

The case of William Dorran against Allen Tift came up in the county court yesterday. The plaintiff charged that the defendant assaulted him several weeks ago and threw him into the Union Pacific lake causing him to become ill and take treatment in a hospital. The defendant was found guilty, fined five dollars and costs and took an appeal to the district court.

Granted a Divorce.

Ellen Blodgett was granted a divorce from Charles Blodgett in the district court yesterday. They were married in Custer county July 1st, 1913, and had resided in this county since 1914. The grounds for divorce were drunkenness. She asked for her maiden name of Ellen Briggs.

For Sale—No. 1 fresh milk cow. Phon. Black 661.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

HENRY COHAGEN DIES LAST EVENING FROM INJURIES RECEIVED IN A FALL

Rendered Unconscious by Shock from Electric Light Wire He Later Drops to the Ground and Fractures His Skull.

Henry Cohagen, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Cohagen, died at the General Hospital last evening at 6:25 from injuries received yesterday afternoon at 3:30.

Cohagen and Arthur Barraclough, both of whom are employed by the electric company, were doing line repairing on a pole along the curb south of the court house, the former supporting himself on the pole by means of a leather belt which hitches both around the body and the pole. He was engaged in soldering a wire and the supposition is that the molten metal splattered and to avoid having the flying particles hit him in the face he had dodged his head. In doing this his left ear came in contact with a live wire carrying 230 volts. This contact rendered him unconscious and he hung limp in his supporting belt. Barraclough realizing that quick resuscitation was necessary and that in order to accomplish this he must get the unconscious man to the ground, tied a rope, which they had been using, into the ring of the body belt and throwing it over the cross arm and cutting the pole belt attempted to lower him to the ground. As the slack was taken out of the rope it either broke or the knot loosened and Cohagen fell to the ground a distance of about twenty-five feet, striking on his head. The impact of a body weighing 180 pounds dropping that distance to solidly frozen ground was tremendous and when Barraclough descended he found Cohagen groaning and bleeding profusely from the mouth. Passers by ran to aid and Dr. Dent and Manager Morey, of the electric company, telephoned, in the meantime the three or four men present kneading the body in an attempt to resuscitate the unconscious man from the effects of the shock. Upon the arrival of Dr. Dent and Mr. Morey Cohagen was hurried to the General Hospital and an examination showed a fracture of the skull from the base of the nose to a point back of the center of the head, a broken nose and a fracture of both collar bones. The only evidence of contact with the live wire was a small burn on the left ear. Whether this shock would have proven critical is not known by reason of his other injuries.

Several physicians gave their attention to the unfortunate man, but consciousness could not be restored and the spirit took its flight at 6:25, about three hours following the accident.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed at this hour.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wahlenhaupt were the guests of honor at a reception held by the Rebekah and Odd Fellow lodges Saturday afternoon. The occasion was the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage and they were presented with gold pins by the order. E. S. Davis making the presentation. As they entered the prettily decorated hall the wedding march was played by Nicholas Klein. An enjoyable program was rendered as follows: Reading, Mrs. W. J. Tiley; vocal solos, Mrs. Edward Burke and Miss Derbyberry; instrumental selections, N. Klein; reading, Helen Swanson. Two hundred friends of this worthy couple were present and the guests of honor with Archdeacon and Mrs. J. J. Bowker, were seated at a specially arranged table.

The farmers of Medicine precinct held a meeting at Wellfleet Saturday evening for the purpose of organizing a farmers' union, but the organizer expected failed to appear. The plan is to organize a union and open a lumber and coal yard and either buy the present elevator or erect a new one.

The teachers of the local schools and members of the board of education will hold a banquet at the Junior high school building Saturday evening. The menu will be prepared by the domestic science department of the Twentieth Century club and covers will be laid for eighty.

Mrs. Floyd Jackson returned this morning from Denver where she visited last week.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Architect B. M. Reynolds took Messrs. Lute and Hartman, of Paxton, through the Jefferson school last week. These gentlemen are members of the board of education at Paxton and they are looking over school buildings preparatory to letting the contracts for their new school.

Mrs. Mesmer and Mrs. N. E. London visited in the Jefferson school last week.

Thirty-five pupils of Miss High's room have sent in the drills for their first button in Palmer penmanship.

Programs in honor of Lincoln's birthday were held in a number of rooms in the city, particularly in the Lincoln building.

The following ladies visited at the Washington school last week: Mrs. Cram Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Tout, Mrs. Starr, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Guberling, Mrs. Van Cleave.

Professor Garlich presented the Lincoln building with a large flag on February 16th. It was much admired by both pupils and teachers and they are grateful to the giver.

The hygiene class in Mrs. Turpie's room are testing lung expansion and making a record of the measurements they take.

Many rooms had valentine boxes on the 14th. This has come to be quite a day in the elementary school. In some rooms the pupils make valentines for their mothers, in others for their classmates.

Visitors in the Lincoln school last week were Mrs. Chas. Rogers and Mrs. Ellis Hollingsworth.

The new school building which is to be officially opened by the board of education on next Friday is the Franklin building. In it are the executive offices of the schools including the board of education and the city superintendent, the Franklin auditorium and the Franklin gymnasium and the Junior high school. It is incorrect to call this building the Junior high school building as the Junior high school occupies less than half of it. All athletic events should be announced for the Franklin gymnasium and all entertainments should be announced for the Franklin auditorium.

The old high school building will be known as the Central building and the auditorium there will be called the Central school auditorium. The Junior high school is at present located in the Franklin building and the Senior high school is at present located in the Central building.

Moose Banquet Postponed

The third annual banquet of the Moose which was to have been staged for tonight has, on account of the death of Henry Cohagen, been indefinitely postponed.

Episcopal Church

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21st, services at 10 a. m. in charge of Archdeacon Bowker.

The Woman's Home Missionary society will meet with Mrs. J. A. McMichael, 209 south Vine street, Friday afternoon.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

McDonald State Bank.

of North Platte, Charter No. 647 in the State of Nebraska at the close of business February 15, 1917.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	413,266.44
Overdrafts	882.79
Bonds, securities, judgments, claims, etc.	15,500.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	16,194.67
Other Real Estate	7,509.22
Current expenses, taxes and interest paid	463.71
Due from national and state banks	146,608.19
Checks and items of exchange	6,686.58
Currency	20,110.06
Gold coin	1,192.50
Silver, nickels and cents	3,778.18—178,375.45
Total	\$632,292.28

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits	12,749.53
Dividends unpaid	5,000.00
Individual deposits	288,268.50
Time certificates of deposit	2,688.11
Certified checks	141,555.58
Due to national and state banks	57,669.44—490,381.63
Depositors' guaranty fund	4,181.12
Total	\$632,292.28

State of Nebraska, County of Lincoln, ss I, W. H. McDONALD, cashier of the above named bank do hereby swear that the above statement is a correct and true copy of the report made to the State Banking Board.

W. H. McDONALD, Cashier.
CHAS. McDONALD, Director
J. B. McDONALD, Director
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of February, 1917.
O. H. THOLECKE, Notary Public.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The new styles in dress goods are now being opened at The Leader Mercantile Co.'s.

Miss Ruth Moore is expected to return this morning from a few days' visit in Kearney.

Mrs. J. C. Todd, of Glendive, Mont. arrived here recently to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buchanan.

Miss Kate Crab returned to Paxton last evening after visiting with her sister, Mrs. John Guyman, for a week.

Mrs. John Pelster, of Petersburg, arrived this morning to visit with Mrs. Elmer Masten and Miss Josephine Pelster.

Angus McLane, who has been employed in the Rincker book and drug store for several months, will return to his former home in Lexington this week.

Mary Pickford will be seen at the Crystal Thursday night in the noted play of theatrical life, "Behind the Scenes," a play written by Margaret Mayo, author of "Baby Mine."

The Travel and Study club met with Mrs. F. W. Rincker last evening and were entertained with a parlor talk on Italian operas by Mrs. C. R. Morey. Selections from operas were played on an Edison.

John Bratt left last evening for Grand Island and other eastern points to spend a couple of days.

The dining room and lobby of the Hotel McCabe is being repainted and the walls tinted.

The Lutheran Girls' club will be entertained at the home of the Misses Margaret and Elfreda Mettin Thursday evening.

Engineers Riley Warren and James McNeal returned Sunday evening from Pocatello where they were recently transferred.

The Womans' foreign missionary society of the Methodist church will hold an afternoon tea at the parsonage Wednesday afternoon. All members and friends are asked to come.

Mme. Petrova, in "The Eternal Question," will be the attraction at the Crystal tonight. It is a wonderful play 5 acts long and ocean deep in power and pathos. A story of high life and deep shadows.

Mrs. W. H. Blalock was hostess to the Twentieth Century club yesterday afternoon. The subject for discussion was "The Opening of the Garden Season," and Mr. McComb of the experimental station entertained the ladies with a lecture on gardens, shrubs, flowers, vegetables and vines. After the program the hostess demonstrated shrimp salad.

Corset News

Believing that our patrons are always entitled to the very best service we can give them, we have sent our Corsetiere to the H. M. Gossard Company's school at Chicago, to complete her course in scientific fitting of Gossard Corsets.

This school is considered by far the best of its kind in this country. When Miss Preston returns about the first of March she will have had all of the instructions that one can get along these lines from the most competent teachers. In order to receive a diploma from this school one must pass a rigid written examination showing that they understand their work. We believe that you will appreciate our efforts along this line as you have always done all our efforts to make our store a credit to this community.

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