

The North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune.

THIRTY-THIRD YEAR.

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CITY AND COUNTY NEWS

Lots of new dress goods and silks are being opened up every day at The Leader Mercantile Co.'s.

Charley Thornburg will leave this evening for Chadron to work in the shops. Mrs. Thornburg will leave next week.

Engineer Sebastian Schwaiger left last evening for a few days' visit in Omaha, spending part of the time at the auto show.

Mrs. Victor Anderson entertaining at bridge at the Timmerman hotel last evening after which refreshments were served at the Gem.

Brakeman Jas. Joder, who has been employed on the branch at Gering since last fall, came down Wednesday night to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bretznitz, formerly of this city, who spent several weeks here with relatives, returned to Portland last evening.

A homestead of the Yeomans will be instituted at Moorefield tomorrow evening. Several members of the North Platte homestead will attend.

Get what is right in style and price in ladies' suits, coats, skirts and dresses at The Economy.

H. S. HASKINS, Mgr.

Christian Science society, Sunday 11 a. m., subject of lesson sermon "Christ Jesus." Building and Loan building, room 25. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Women's and misses' new spring style suits, coats, dresses and skirts are coming in by express every day from America's greatest fashion centers at The Leader Mercantile Co.'s.

Wanted—A man in the Nebraska state prison expects to be released on parole in April if he can get a place on a farm at \$15 per month. Phone or write Rev. Robt. White, North Platte.

Platt White is spending this week in Omaha while enroute home from Kansas City.

Elderly woman wanted for household work. Write to Box 592 North Platte.

More snow last night, more this forenoon—well we need about five inches of precipitation this month, so let's all consider the snow a blessing.

For Sale—A 1917 model Ford touring car with electric starter. Car only used three months. Good as new. Post office box 508, North Platte, Neb.

Dean Burnett, of the state agricultural college at Lincoln, spent Wednesday in town, coming here to attend the hog sale at the state sub-station.

Auto oil, gas engine oil, harvester oil, all kinds of oil and axle grease at The Economy.

H. S. HASKINS, Mgr.

Miss Fosta Grimes, of Omaha, who is a member of a theatrical company, is visiting with her mother, Mrs. W. B. Salisbury.

Weather forecast for North Platte and vicinity: Probably unsettled and colder tonight and Saturday. Highest temperature yesterday 28, a year ago 39; lowest last night 20, a year ago —3.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. LeDioyt were tendered a surprise party Wednesday evening in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. About two hundred friends, neighbors and out of town guests were present and presented the host and hostess with many beautiful articles of cut glass and silver. A musical program in which Misses Marie LeDioyt, Zella Dorrain, Adele LeDioyt, Meadames Frank Laughlin and E. A. Cram took part, was greatly enjoyed. Late in the evening a dinner was served. Those assisting in serving were Misses Marie Crook, Marion Lawson, Helen Smith, Florence Gunnell, Elsie Waltham, Altha Miller, Regina Nolan and Marjory Den.

MEN WHO WERE IN THIS CITY FIFTY YEARS AGO

TWO OLD TIMERS HEAR OF SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AND MAY COME

W. T. Murphy, Former Union Pacific Engineer, and Soldier Chas. H. Hoeghkirck Refer to Incidents Happening in 1867.

That North Platte's proposed semi-centennial celebration is attracting attention the country over and that it is of especial interest to men who in the pioneer days were residents of North Platte or the country adjacent, is evidenced by two letters which The Tribune received this week, the writers of which were in North Platte fifty years ago.

The first letter comes from W. T. Murphy, who is now an inmate of the home for aged and disabled railroad employees at Highland Park, Ill. Mr. Murphy writes as follows:

"Through the kindness of Mrs. C. A. Dill I have received a copy of the Tribune of February 9th. North Platte to me is the most sacred place on this planet. I first saw North Platte in 1867 when it was the end of the Union Pacific track. In those days all the engines on the Union Pacific burned wood. The principle dangers in those days were Indians. The first railroad men massacred by them was four miles west of Plum Creek (now Lexington). The engineer and fireman were scalped and put in the fire box and burned. I got the remains of both bodies out of the fire box of engine No. 53 the next morning.

"I was in North Platte the day the railroad men tore down Seth Mobley's printing office. Colonel Park had the first printing office in North Platte and the first work of his son W. L. Park was in the office. General Grant and General Sherman were warm friends of Colonel Park.

"I was in North Platte when General Sherman made the treaty with the Sioux Indians.

"If I am living and in health I hope to be at your celebration.

"Among the old time engine men running out of North Platte I remember George Vroman, Frank Tracy, J. T. Knox, Chas. Ell, W. J. Stuart, D. C. Congdon, George Austin, John Sullivan, Warren Lloyd and others, also Major Dill who came to North Platte as a foreman for J. H. McConnell. I am now seventy-three years of age."

C. F. Tracy tells us that when he came to North Platte in 1869 Mr. Murphy was then running an engine on the road.

The second letter comes from Chas. H. Hoeghkirck, of Lawton, Ia. He says:

"Several weeks ago I saw in the North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune, an article asking the old settlers of North Platte and vicinity to help make the semi-centennial celebration a grand success. I thought it would be of interest to you and the people of North Platte to know that General McArthur was captain of Co. I, 36th U. S. Infantry and was stationed with his company at North Platte, guarding the railroad bridge across the North Platte river. I with a squad of recruits for the 36th Infantry passed through your town about the first of February, 1867, and marched south to Jack Morrow's old ranch, then called the Junction City. We marched from there through Julesburg and Ft. Sedgwick to Ft. Morgan, a short distance east of Denver. As I remember it was a severe winter and lots of suffering, and especially ranchmen, as fuel was very scarce."

The Tribune will be glad to hear from men who were here in the early days and reminiscences from them will be appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, of Kearney, came last evening to visit the latter's sister, Mrs. H. A. Lawhead, for a week.

Miss Alice Langford returned yesterday from a two weeks' visit with friends in Omaha and points in Iowa.

The girls of the local high school are making arrangements to form a gymnasium class.

The Ideal Bakery handles exclusively the state farm milk and cream. If

FORM A STATE ASSOCIATION, E. N. OGIER A DIRECTOR

Six hundred auto dealers of Nebraska met at the Hotel Fontenelle in Omaha Wednesday evening, filled their stomachs on beefsteak and then proceeded to organize the Nebraska Automobile Trade Association. Officers and directors were elected, and in the selection of directors for the three year term E. N. Ogier, of this city, was one of the five, evidence that Ed is pretty well known in the state as an auto dealer and live wire business man. The association hopes to include in its membership all of the 2,000 auto dealers in the state.

A Moses Wanted

During the past week this office has been deluged with letters for publication on the "rummy" and "social center" subjects. We can't publish all of these, and we don't know, even if we were to publish all, that it would do any particular good. Agitation without action doesn't accomplish anything, though, of course, through agitation action may later come. These letters almost without exception come from those who favor the toleration of card games in cigar stores until the people, or the city, establishes a better place of recreation and without exception favor a social center. Practically all ask "who will start the ball rolling?" There is a call for a Moses or Moesses—who will respond?

February Weather

The temperature last month ranged from seventy-three above to eighteen degrees below zero, but fortunately there were only three days in the twenty-eight when the zero mark was reached, and the mean for the month was higher than for the average February. The precipitation during the month was thirty-five one-hundredths of an inch, as compared with forty one hundredths as the average. In February, 1916, the precipitation was eighty-one one-hundredths and in February, 1915, it 1.11 inches. During the month there were seven clear days, and the total movement of wind 5329 miles.

Mrs. Jessie Bacon Institutes Suit.

A St. Louis dispatch dated Wednesday has this to say of a former North Platte resident:

"Michael J. Hurley, defendant in the famous 'Baroness Babb' breach of promise suit for \$1,500,000, and Judge Samuel D. Hodgdon of the St. Louis county probate court, were made defendants today in a suit by Mrs. Jessie B. Bacon, of Gothenberg, Neb., who alleges that they improperly sold \$70,000 collateral of hers which she put up for \$7,000 they loaned her. Her petition states that 'representations of friendship' for her by Hurley and her faith in his 'pretended friendship' caused her to become involved in a financial war."

Methodist-Presbyterian

Sunday schools 10 a. m. Morning worship 11 o'clock. Robt. White will speak. Evening worship 7:30, B. A. Cram will speak.

The music and art department of Twentieth Century club were the guests of Mrs. Ralph Smith Tuesday evening. The subject for discussion was "The Human and Scientific side of Music" and was discussed in the round table manner. During the evening Mrs. Frank Buchanan gave two excellent readings and the guests were also entertained with Victrola selections of John McCormick.

Mrs. William Stegall entertained the Entree Nobs club in a pleasant manner Wednesday afternoon.

Notice

Charles F. Rhoades will take notice that on the 23rd day of January, 1917, Geo. E. French, county Judge within and for Lincoln County, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$94.85 in an action pending before him wherein Lottie Cronin is plaintiff and Charles F. Rhoades defendant, that property of the defendant consisting of money due defendant in the hands of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, has been attached under said order. Said cause was continued to the 26th day of March, 1917. m2-3w LOTTIE E. CRONIN, Plaintiff.

GERMANY ASKS ALLIANCE AGAINST UNITED STATES

INTRIGUE WITH MEXICO UNCOVERED; JAPAN TO BE ASKED TO JOIN IN COMBINE

Washington Stirred by a Note in the Possession of President Wilson Which Instructs the Arrangement of the Plot

Washington, March 1.—Revelation of how Germany, expecting war with the United States as the result of its submarine campaign of ruthlessness, plotted to unite Mexico and Japan with it for an attack on the United States, has stirred the capital to its depths.

Members of congress, many of whom have been hesitating before President Wilson's request for full authority to deal with Germany in the present situation, went to the capitol today reading documentary evidence of the intrigue which proposed to separate Japan from its allies and add the United States to the list of nations which Germany hopes to see conquered in its dreams of world domination.

How Germany, confident that unrestricted submarine warfare is the instrument by which it will bring England to its knees, proposed a triple blow, is revealed in a set of instructions from German Foreign Minister Zimmermann to German Minister von Eckhardt in Mexico City, which was transmitted through count von Bernstorff, lat. ambassador here.

Bait Offered Mexico.

At one sweep, Germany proposed to weaken the entente alliance by the defection of Japan, strike a crushing blow at England's naval power by cutting off the vital supply of Mexican fuel oil and thoroughly engage the attention of the United States by an invasion, in which Japan was to be invited to join and for which Mexico should be rewarded by re-conquering its "lost provinces"—Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

This astonishing document—dated Berlin, January 19, 1917, contents of which have for some time been in possession of the United States government shows plainly that Germany, while making repeated protestations to the United States that it had no intentions of resuming its sea campaign of ruthlessness, was making the final arrangements for its execution two weeks before it was announced, and had even gone so far in consideration of the consequences that it proposed to meet them by the attack of Mexico and Japan upon the United States.

Pleures Germany Supreme.

Germany pictured to Mexico, by broad intimation, England and the entente allies defeated; Germany and its allies triumphant and in world domination by the instrument of unrestricted warfare.

A copy of Zimmermann's instructions to Von Eckhardt, sent through Von Bernstorff, is in possession of the United States government. It is as follows:

"Berlin, Jan. 19, 1917.—On the 1st of February we intend to begin submarine warfare unrestricted. In spite of this it is our intention to endeavor to keep neutral the United States of America.

"If this attempt is not successful, we propose an alliance on the following basis with Mexico: That we shall make war together and together make peace. We shall give general financial support and it is understood that Mexico is to reconquer territory in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. The details are left to you for settlement.

"You are instructed to inform the president of Mexico of the above in the greatest confidence, as soon as it is certain that there will be an outbreak of war with the United States, and suggest that the president of Mexico, on his own initiative, should communicate with Japan, suggesting adherence at once to this plan; at the same time, offer to mediate between Germany and Japan.

"Please call to the attention of the president of Mexico that he employs men of ruthless submarine warfare now promises to compel England to make peace in a few months. (Signed) ZIMMERMAN."

This document has been in the hands of the government since President Wilson broke off diplomatic relations with Germany. It has been kept secret while the president has been asking congress for full authority to deal with Germany and while congress has been hesitating. It was in the president's hands while Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg was declaring that the United States had placed an interpretation on the submarine declaration "never intended by Germany" and that Germany had promoted and honored friendly relations with the United States "as an heirloom from Frederick the Great." Of itself, if there were no other, it is considered a sufficient answer to the German chancellor's claim that the United States "brusquely" broke off relations without giving "authentic" reasons for its action.

When down town shopping drop into The Leader Mercantile Co.'s, for you cannot help but profit by each and every visit. Our sales clerks will be very glad to show you all the new latest styles of all sorts and kinds of merchandise—that's coming in every day and being opened up and placed on our counters and shelves, all at big bargain prices. We are holding down the prices.

Mrs. Anna Seyferth returned last evening from Omaha after visiting her daughters for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Fenwick left yesterday morning for Omaha and other eastern cities of this state.

Clyde Trotter returned yesterday morning from a business visit in Omaha.

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Will be offered for sale if they arrive on time. In addition there will be a number of second-hand cars on sale.

TO THE PUBLIC:—It is our attention to hold these sales twice a month, and all farmers and others who have stock or farm machinery they want to dispose of are invited to bring them in and include them in our sale. We charge two per cent for selling.

TERMS OF SALE:—All sums under \$20 cash, above that sum 10 months' time at 10 per cent.

These semi-monthly sales will be published exclusively in the North Platte Tribune and Tryon Graphic. Watch these papers for announcements.

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