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## The Bond Issues.

At the city election April 24, two bond propositions will come before the voters for acceptance or rejection, one calling for \$15,000 to pay the Franklin school building deficiency of \$9,000 and an additional \$6,000 to equip the manual training and domestic science departments in the same building; the other calling for \$12,000 to provide a suitable building for the fire department.

Admitting that taxes are already rather high in North Platte and that the voting of bonds should be along conservative lines, we feel that that those two propositions should receive the necessary support. In the case of the school bonds, nine thousand dollars are needed to pay the deficit due for the construction of the building, and if not paid by a bond issue, must be paid by levying a direct tax, for the contractor will undoubtedly go into court and secure a judgment. The \$6,000 needed for the equipment of the manual training and domestic science departments is just as essential as is the \$9,000 for the debt. Provisions for these departments have been made in the building, a large part of the ground floor having been set apart for these purposes. Both departments are today considered necessary adjuncts to a modern school; when the people voted bonds for the new building it was with the understanding that these departments would be added, and to so equip the building will only be keeping promises made.

The \$12,000 for a fire house means a future efficient fire department; if we fail to provide the house the department will continue in its present unsatisfactory and inefficient condition with prospect of a further deterioration. If you expect our young men to volunteer their services they must be provided with better accommodations. The old hose houses have passed into disuse; they are in an unfit condition, dilapidated old shacks at the best. With suitable quarters enthusiasm in the department will be created, there will be no lack of members, the fire fighting force will become efficient, and that efficiency means a reduction in our rates of insurance. This reduction will in a short time more than equal the interest and principal on the bonds.

We therefore submit that both bond propositions should be heartily supported by all who have at heart the welfare of the children and the best interests of the city.

## Orange Day.

Tomorrow will be Orange Day, and North Platte people are expected to buy freely of this fruit.

Orange day is a country-wide institution, coming each year on a Saturday early in March. It is at this time that supplies of California navel oranges are largest. Starting several weeks before Orange day, extra gangs of pickers have been picking the fruit in the immense groves of California, and millions of oranges, it is estimated by the officials of the California Fruit Growers' exchange, have been shipped during the last few weeks to meet the tremendous demand on Orange day, 1917. Orange day has become a national festival in recognition of the many healthful and delicious qualities that California oranges bring to everyone.

## Auto Exports Last Year.

New York.—Automobile exports reached a total in 1916 of \$135,289,514, an increase of nearly \$13,000,000 over 1915, according to figures made public last night by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. There was a decrease in exports of trucks from 22,094, valued at \$59,839,603 in 1915, to 18,903, valued at \$52,879,774, in 1916. But to shipments of passenger cars to foreign countries increased from 41,864, worth \$35,045,096, in 1915, to 61,947, worth \$43,725,087 last year.

There were exported in 1916 automobile parts to the value of \$24,001,060, tires worth \$15,211,943, and automobile engines to the value of \$2,480,650.

## Canned Fruits Advance

New York.—Prices of canned fruits today showed advances ranging from 4 to 9 cents a can at retail. Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures, said consumers had been buying canned goods heavily for some time on account of the scarcity of fresh vegetables. Canned vegetables also have responded to the increased demand. Mr. Hartigan declared that speculators and jobbers were partly responsible for the raise.

Ralph Starkey left Wednesday afternoon for Julesburg.

## E. T. TRAMP WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE

E. T. Tramp, president of the board of education, whose term expires, authorizes The Tribune to say that he will not be a candidate for re-election. Though never seeking the office, Mr. Tramp has for sixteen consecutive years held a membership on the board, given his time and business experience freely, and by his sound judgment contributed a full share toward bringing the North Platte schools up to the high standard of excellence they now enjoy. During Mr. Tramp's incumbency the three ward buildings and the junior high have been erected at an expenditure of over \$100,000, and in selecting plans, in providing means for necessary funds and in the general conduct of school affairs, the people of North Platte have benefited by Mr. Tramp's painstaking efforts. And having thus served the people faithfully and well for so long a period of time, The Tribune does not fault Mr. Tramp in his decision to allow some one else to perform the duties in his stead, and that he be relieved, though the voters we are certain would willingly and heartily support him for the position as long as he would care to hold it.

When tired or worn out send your washing to the North Platte Laundry, Phone 113. Stf

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL NOTES.

Investigation of the remains of the private bank of Robert L. Pitte & Son, Chicago, show that fraudulent transactions have been going on for thirty years, and depositors did not get wise until the bank went under. Absence of just supervision made shady work a quiet, easy, inside job.

"Father Pete" Drexelius, of Detroit, founder of the esteemed "Social Order of the Moose," is dead at 54. Mr. Drexelius was a lodge "finer" of distinction long before he gave the Order of the Moose habitation and a name. Fatherhood of a new order earned for him the highest laurels of lodgecraft.

A Washington judge consulted by a teacher regarding unruly school boys was advised that the rishdie was the proper instrument of correction and advised her to try it on. A moment later his honor on being shown a pair of husky 15-year-old kids, revised his advice and suggested suspended sentence on good behavior. Discretion bespeaketh judicial wisdom.

Life in the old Kentucky home has its lights and shades as elsewhere. Thus the Courier-Journal ruminates: "When a plain American daddy who has made his pile gets to be middle-aged and his hair and his daughter are coming out about the same time, he finds that the coming out of his hair causes the family much less worry, in addition to being unattended by ex-

pense."

A wandering Croesus from New York blew into a Pittsburg hotel bar and flipped a \$10,000 bill in payment of a noon appetizer. The dazed bar-keep looked from the bill to man and concluded the local asylum had lost a member. But things looked different when Croesus flashed nine more bills of the same altitude "It's one on the house," said the boss as Croesus was led toward a safety vault.

## A Bargain

6 room modern house, furnace heat, basement with apartments. Three rooms, toilet and bath up stairs, three rooms down stairs. Corner lot fully graded, curb and sidewalk on both streets, fruit and shade trees, sewer and water connection, electric wiring and fixtures, all improvements in and paid for. The best bargain in the city. Some one will get a snap. See John Grant. 13-1

## Hoboe Acquitted of Murder

Patrick Michael Carroll, who was tried in Kimball this week for the murder of Conductor Cicero Allen and brakeman Otto Johnston on January 17th, was acquitted Wednesday morning. Carroll was stealing a ride on the train and it was charged that he held up and killed the two men mentioned above. The jury brought in a verdict of acquittal stating that the evidence showed that Carroll acted in self defense.

## CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

J. B. Hemphill, who has been taking treatments at Excelsior Springs for some time, writes that he is very much improved.

For Sale—Model 32 six Cylinder Oakland in good shape, at a reasonable price. Inquire at 214 West 9th.

Mrs. Harry Kelse and children returned Wednesday from Grand Island where they visited the former's parents for a week.

For Rent—Seven room dwelling, two blocks from center of town. For particulars see Paul Harrington, 120 east Front. 16-2

Fred Hanlon, watchman at the Locust street crossing, who has been very ill for a couple of weeks, is greatly improved.

The general meeting of the Twentieth Century club will be held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Hegarty Tuesday evening, March 13th.

All wool American poplin Spring Suits made up to the minute in style, in all the leading spring shades, at \$14.75, \$16.50, \$18.50 and \$19.75, at BLOCK'S.

The Rebekah kensington will meet at the I. O. O. F. hall this afternoon March 9th. All members and friends are asked to be present.

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

H. S. HASKINS, Mgr.

Miss Margaret McGinley, of Ogallala formerly of this city, spent a few days this week with Mrs. S. R. Carney while enroute to eastern points.

Mrs. G. T. Field has sold her lot on west Fifth street to Charles Edwards who will have a bungalow erected thereon in the early spring.

ON AND AFTER MARCH 14TH THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK WILL BE 1000.

"Double Crossed," the fourth installment of the Mrs. Castle serial, "Patria," at the Keith tonight with the Pathe feature "Hidden Valley," featuring Valk.

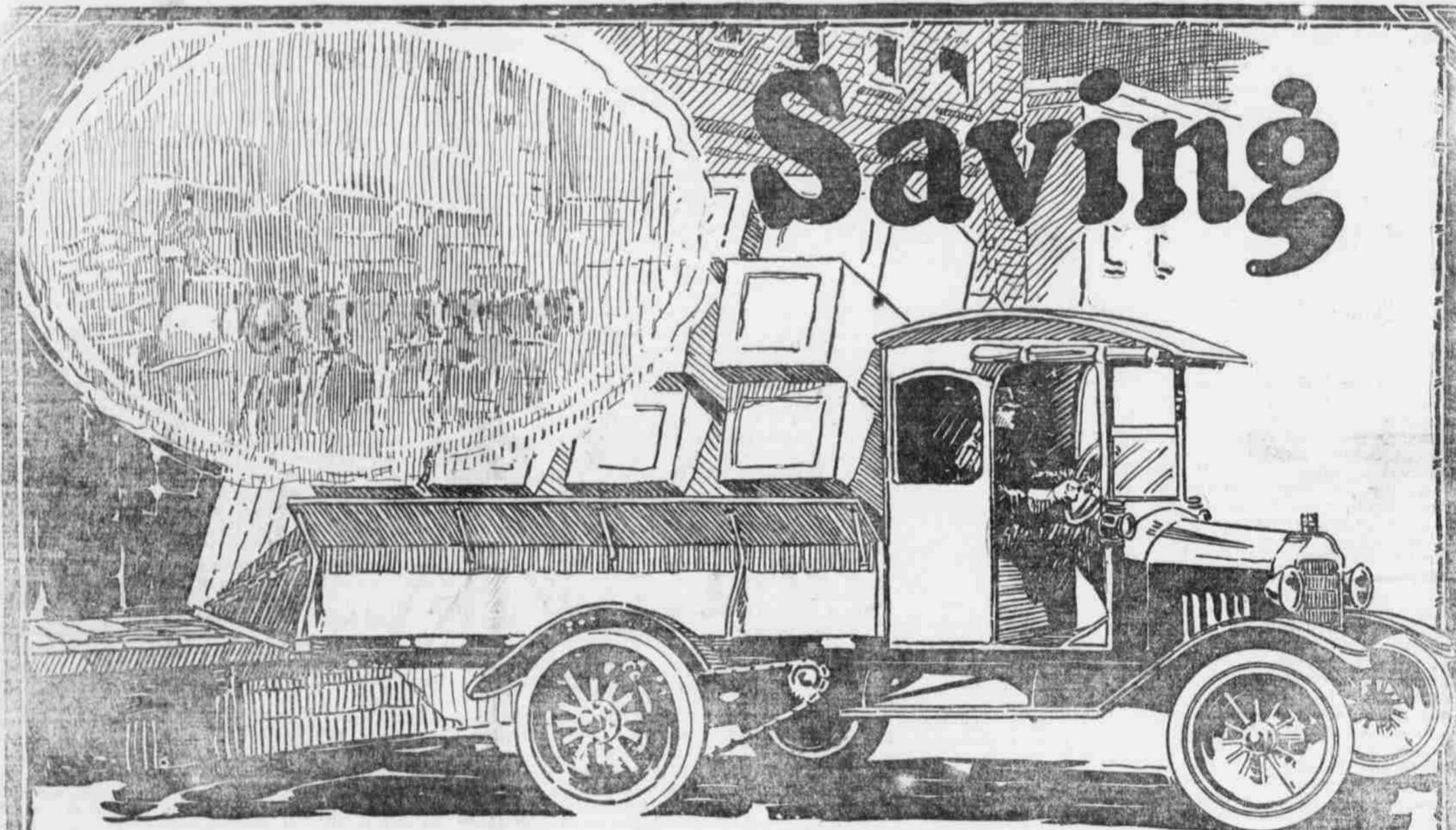
Lloyd C. Eberly, formerly of the Lierk-Sandall grocery, resigned a few days ago and has gone to Oshkosh to take the agency for the Standard oil company.

Four weeks from today you can with safety put out onion sets and plant early radishes and lettuce in the open. The latter part of March and the early part of April will be warm. The customary frost in May will come early and will be light.

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**GEORGE GARMAN, Agent,  
 NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA.**