

DEPOSITS IN THE COUNTY BANKS EXCEED \$4,000,000

Notwithstanding that the people of Lincoln county have invested practically a half million dollars in Liberty bonds during the past six months, we find that by the statements published within the past week that on November 20th they had deposits in the financial institutions of the county the sum of \$4,035,995.94.

With one exception every bank in the county shows an increase in deposits over the last former statement published, and this one exception is due to the fact that the head of the institution pushed the sale of Liberty bonds which resulted in some of his patrons withdrawing deposits to buy bonds.

These deposits were distributed among the banks as follows:

First National, North Platte	\$871,647.07
McDonald State Bank	495,936.39
Platte Valley State Bank	517,883.41
Bank of Brady	252,122.60
State Bank of Brady	212,816.78
First State Bank, Dickens	81,856.93
Bank of Lincoln Co., Hershey	239,931.55
First National of Hershey	60,941.11
Maxwell State Bank	139,835.41
Farmers' St. Bank, Suth'd.	218,319.01
Am. State Bank, Sutherland	84,667.73
Citizens' Security, Wallace	253,749.17
Bank of Wellfleet	164,278.78

Total in banks \$3,593,995.94
Paid up stock in Mutual Building & Loan Ass'n, North Platte 441,000.00

Total Deposits \$4,035,995.94
These statements show that the total loans and investments held by the banks at the time were \$3,217,755.61, and that the cash on hand or due from other banks totaled \$946,279.57.

Lieut. Goodman Marries.

Lieut. Walter F. Goodman, brother of E. R. Goodman and at one time a North Platte boy, was married at Lincoln Saturday evening to Miss Clarice Breece, of that city. Lieut. Goodman, the youngest of the Goodman family, has been making his home at Cody, Wyo., for a number of years. He attended the first reserve officers' training camp at Fort Snelling and at the close was commissioned a lieutenant, and since then has been stationed at Ft. Russell. A few days ago he received orders to prepare to go south with his regiment, and the wedding, which had been set for the holidays occurred Saturday. Lieut. and Mrs. Goodman, following the ceremony left for Ft. Russell, and reaching North Platte Sunday morning stopped over until today to visit Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Goodman. Lieut. Goodman is in the cavalry branch of the service, and the troop to which he belongs will soon leave for Douglas, Ariz., and later expects a call to France.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE NEEDS FUNDS FOR ITS WORK

To the Editor of The Tribune:—
The Women's Committee of the State Council of Defense is this week entering a campaign to secure funds to carry on its work. Twenty thousand dollars are to be raised in the state. Half to remain in the counties to cover local expenses and the other half to be sent to State Treasurer, Mrs. Keith Neville. Lincoln county's quota is \$250.00.

The women of this county have registered for service; they have signed the food conservation cards; they have bought Liberty bonds; they are planning a class in citizenship for the benefit of our alien men and women; they have assisted us in every campaign for raising funds since the war began and they have sewed and knitted, and made comfort kits for the soldiers who have been called.

This is the first time that they have asked financial assistance for their own organization and I urge patriotic men and women to give liberally and cheerfully when called upon, that our County and State Council of Defense may be helped in the most efficient manner by this army of loyal workers.

T. C. PATTERSON, Chairman,
County Defense Council

Sturges Arrives Safely.

A very brief but satisfactory cablegram was received at the North Platte postoffice at 8:30 this morning. It read:

"Arrived Sturges."

This conveys the information that L. C. Sturges, who sailed for France a week ago Saturday had arrived safely at his port in that country. Mr. Sturges has gone to France as an employe of the American postal service and will presumably be located in Paris. That the vessel on which he took passage escaped the German subs and that he did not become "food for the fishes," is a matter of congratulation to all his Lincoln county friends.

The holiday spirit shines through out every aisle at The Leader Mercantile Co.'s, with big assortments and great varieties to select from.

Don't forget the musicale to be given by the pupils of Miss Florence McKay at the Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock this evening.

All donations for Sammy Girls boxes are to be brought to McGraw's residence, 221 south Locust, or left at the Ideal Bakery by Wednesday noon, December 12th.

This is the last week of the millinery sale in best pattern and street hats going out at \$2.50 and \$5.00; hats worth up to \$16.50, at The Leader Mercantile Co.'s.

Word was received that M. Harris, formerly a mechanic of the Hendy-Ogier garage, left yesterday for France, being transferred from Camp Funston to that place, and being placed in the transportation division of the army, as an automobile mechanic.

RAILROADS PAY OVER \$100,000 INTO THE COUNTY TREASURY.

The financial condition of the county was improved last week when the Union Pacific and the Burlington paid their personal taxes for the year 1917. The total paid by the two companies was one hundred and two thousand, three hundred and eighty-six dollars and fifty-eight cents. The Union Pacific paid \$84,546.39 and the Burlington \$17,822.19. The receipt of these taxes place the county funds in good shape, and materially increase the balances of those school districts through which the roads run.

The total personal tax levied for 1917 amounted to \$202,000, and up to last Saturday evening \$176,241.64 had been collected by County Treasurer Souder. Probably seventy-five per cent of the remaining \$25,000 will be collected before the end of this month.

This promptness with which the personal tax is being paid is evidence that money is plentiful among all classes of our residents.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. H. Hawthorne, from Ogalalla, visited friends in town yesterday.

The club Nevada will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Carl Brodbeck.

Guaranteed human-hair switches, \$10 value at \$5.50. Coates Beauty Parlor.

Mr. Warren Doolittle is home on a two weeks' furlough from Camp Funston.

The S. W. S. dancing club will hold their bi-weekly dance tomorrow evening at the Masonic hall.

Supt. W. P. Snyder, of the state sub-station, has returned from Chicago where he attended the International stock show.

Only fifteen more days until Xmas! Don't delay your shopping.

E. T. TRAMP & SONS.

The Episcopal guild will hold an exchange in the window of the Walker Music store Saturday, December 15th.

District 39 will give a program and pie supper at the school Friday evening, December 14th. Ladies please bring pies. Ina E. Gondringer, teacher.

The regular meeting of the Methodist church will be held next Thursday afternoon at the church. Members and visitors cordially invited.

Be a Spug! Don't buy useless gifts. Fill your home with musical happiness. Buy a Piano or Phonograph, the gift of permanence. W. R. Maloney Co.

John Corbett and family, who had been spending several days with friends in town, have returned to their home in Wallace.

Everyone ordering Sammy Girls' Xmas edition that have not paid for them, please leave the money at the Ideal Bakery or call Red 188 and make arrangements, as the papers will be ready for delivery Thursday.

If you mailed that package five days before Christmas last year, mail it eight days before this year—that is, if you want it to reach its destination on time. Shortage of mail cars and rush of government business calls for early shipment of packages. Don't neglect.

Peter Falan, who was struck by train No. 1 at Ogalalla last Tuesday and brought to a hospital in this city, died Sunday evening. The deceased, who was sixty years of age, lived on a farm near Paxton and leaves no known relatives. Friends are arranging to have the body buried in the North Platte cemetery.

Ladies' Felt Slippers \$1.29 a pair; all colors, fur and ribbon trimmed. They are just the stuff. THE HUB.

While we have been having rather crummy weather for several days past, the temperature has been much lower in the east part of this state and in Iowa. Trains from the east which for two days have been running from three to six hours late have largely lost the time waiting in Omaha for the Chicago connection, weather conditions in Iowa being such as to make running time impossible on the North-western and other roads.

Supt. W. P. Snyder, who has been appointed committeeman for increased hog production, is now organizing the counties over which his jurisdiction extends. These counties are Deuel, Keith, Arthur, McPherson, Logan and the north part of Lincoln. If each farmer or hog grower in these counties can be induced to breed even one more sow than customary, the increase in the number of marketable hogs next year would be many hundreds.

The food administrator has recommended the following prices for Omaha: Sugar per pound 9 cents, Nebraska No. 1 patent flour, sack \$2.90, corn meal per pound 6 cents; best Nebraska potatoes 3 cents per pound; best storage eggs 42 cents per dozen; No. 1 creamery butter 51 cents per pound; sixteen ounce loaf of bread 9 cents; twenty-four ounce loaf 13 cents. An additional charge may be made for delivery or credit to customers.

Friday night the temperature dropped to nine degrees below zero, just crummy enough to cause the blood to tingle and make a fifty year old man feel as though he were but twenty-five. What is more delightful than a crisp, frosty morning in western Nebraska?

REVOLUTION IN THE RETAIL GROCERY STORE METHODS

J. Q. Wilcox returned Saturday from Omaha, where he as county chairman of the retail grocery section of the state food administration along with other county chairmen attended a conference with State Food Administrator Wattles. Under the recommendations made and which will be carried into effect almost a revolution will be enacted in the retail grocery trade. Goods will be sold on a cash and non-deliverable basis; that is, if the purchaser wishes his goods delivered he must pay for the delivery, and if he does not pay cash the retailer can charge him a certain per cent for the book-keeping entailed and for interest on the account. It will thus be seen that the man who pays cash and carries home his goods has a distinct financial advantage over the man who has a book account and orders his purchases delivered.

Grocerymen say that the average cost of making a delivery, taking the large order with the small, is ten cents, but whether this will be the charge is not yet known. It is also figured that the cost of keeping books and the interest on the accounts will run from two to three per cent of the bill.

At this meeting the retail grocers tentatively agreed on the following percentages of profits they considered fair to make on the principal staples: Sugar 12½ per cent; flour and corn meal 12½ per cent, potatoes 33 1-3 per cent, butter and eggs 12½ per cent. This does not mean that these profits will immediately obtain, but it means that this is the recommendation they made to Mr. Wattles who will in turn take the matter up with Federal Food Administrator Hoover.

County Food Administrator Goodman will soon appoint a committee and a conference with the local grocers will be held, and prices arranged subject to the approval of the state administration.

The cash and non-delivery features of the new method will be more equitable than the methods heretofore used. For instance the man who has paid spot cash for his purchases has bought his goods at the same price as the man who ran an account; and the farmers and others who carried their goods home paid the same price as did those who had their goods delivered, which method has been unfair to the cash buyer and to the man who delivered his own goods.

This innovation in the grocery business is one of the many re-arrangements of business methods which are certain to occur during the war and which will probably continue for a number of years after the war ceases.

Don't fail to take advantage of the millinery sale of all the best pattern and street hats; only two prices during the sale, \$2.50 and \$5.00; hats worth from \$6.50 to \$16.50; on sale in the millinery department of The Leader Mercantile Co.'s.

\$125 Columbia phonograph for sale. No reasonable offer will be refused. This phonograph is new and was taken in exchange on a Brunswick phonograph. Walker Music Co.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. W. H. Ledfroy, 403 west Sixth street, this afternoon.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Geography classes in the First Year Junior High are just taking up the study of European countries and are learning from the books about the countries before the war and from other sources what has been going on during the war. Holland and Belgium were the topics last week and many pictures and newspaper illustrations were brought in.

Grace Hirsch has a perfect record in spelling for the past six weeks in the Junior High.

Boys and girls basket ball started in the gymnasium this week and there was a good attendance at each. The boys will practice from 7 to 9 and the girls from 4 to 6 each day. The girls have just bought a new basket ball.

Miss Wells is using some unique studies in her botany classes to review and emphasize the importance of heredity in plants. The studies are in the nature of a quiz on the different phases of the subject and the answers are to be found in the references mentioned and in other books.

Since Christmas is largely a religious holiday, the schools give over the extensive celebration of Christmas to the churches and Sunday Schools. But the pupils are taught Christmas songs, Christmas stories and Christmas games but no special programs are arranged.

The third grade in Miss Griffin's room is making whisk-broom holders of raffia for Christmas gifts. These holders are made at home and taken to school for correction or commendation.

The rooms taught by Miss Toole, Miss Daniels and Miss Diener were given special mention in Penmanship this week.

Miss Layton and the girls of the Senior High Sewing Classes are doing Red Cross work this week. One class is knitting and the other is making bandages.

All pupils in the Modern History and American History classes were required to read the President's message to Congress last week. Class discussion followed which brought out the historical setting for many of the references contained in the message.

GERMANS MASSING TROOPS ALLIES GREATEST MENACE

Secretary Baker, in his war summary issued yesterday, warns the people of the country not to minimize the danger of Germany massing her troops on the western front. He refers to the giant massing of Teuton hordes along the entire western line, an indication that an extended offensive will be launched and the winter campaign will be severe.

With troops drawn from the Russian front, all veterans in the service and fully equipped and capable of withstanding the rigors of a winter campaign, Germany constitutes today a graver menace than at any time during the past two and a half years.

The secretary warns that America must speed up her program, must get men in the field with necessary equipment and must make it possible for her allies to meet the expected rush. In the meantime he calls upon all Americans to stand solidly behind their army and administration.

Volunteer Clerks Needed.

The Lincoln county exemption board needs the services of a number of clerks to serve without pay from December 20th until January 20th. This service need not be continuous. One man may serve a half day this week and a half day next week, but enough volunteers are needed so that three or four are at work all the time. When the questionnaires begin to come in, which will be about December 22d or 23d, the board will be overwhelmed with work, and this work must not be delayed, it must be put through as fast as it arrives. The government has not furnished sufficient funds to carry on this work, hence men and women of clerical ability are needed as volunteers. Who will respond?

Whatever you select at The Leader Mercantile Co.'s, whether as a gift or for personal use, will be found of the splendid quality that gives you the utmost service for the money paid.

A small down payment places the great gift of music in your home. See W. R. Maloney Co.

RED CROSS DRIVE WILL BEGIN NEXT MONDAY.

The drive for members of the Red Cross will begin Monday of next week and continue until Christmas eve. Preparatory to the drive, each minister of the city will be asked to deliver a Red Cross sermon next Sunday evening, in which will be outlined the work of the organization and why people should become members. The standing committee on membership composed of P. H. McEvoy, R. D. Birge, Sam Souder, Miss Gantt and Mrs. Morey will meet in a day or two, plan the campaign and appoint sub-committees to assist in the work. It is aimed to increase the North Platte membership by from 300 to 500 and by diligent work it is believed this result can be obtained.

Yesterday a big bunch of supplies for the campaign were received, including posters, window cards, pamphlets and the large transparent crosses which are to be displayed Christmas eve in a window in every house where a Red Cross member lives.

Wanted—A young man of around seventeen years or upwards to work after school and Saturdays. Must be a hustler and one willing to learn. Call at once on Manager The Leader Mercantile Co.'s store.

A committee has been appointed to be at the Red Cross work room Thursday afternoon to direct the work on pajamas. The committee is composed of Mesdames Bare, Forbes and Hatch.

The postmaster wishes us to say that it is against the law to send out and continue the Red Cross English chain of postals that has been started. A number of these chain postals have been received at the local office and as soon as found are thrown aside and not sent out of the office. If you have received one of these chain postals it would just be a waste of time and money to bother with it.



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Within the Reach of Everyone

You may wish to spend a little or a great deal.

Just because you have many friends to remember this Xmas doesn't mean that you will find it difficult. Not at all—if you will let us help you.

The main thought in mind buying our Christmas stock this year was to select the largest possible number of gifts to sell at moderate prices.

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