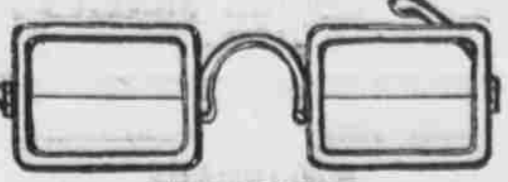



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Office over the McDonald State Bank.

W. A. Fay, living northeast of town, has sold his land to a Ralph Sopher and will leave in a few days for California to spend the winter and perhaps locate permanently.

Wanted—Pasture for four horses during the winter months. Phone Red 173.

Nearly seven hundred members to the Red Cross were obtained in North Platte Saturday by the solicitors which, it must be concluded was a mighty good start for the first day. Don't neglect to place that Red Cross in the window. The more of them displayed the greater the influence it will have on others to become members.

In supplying the soldiers with those things which go to make a cheerful Christmas, North Platte people are not unmindful of those at home who need Christmas cheer. Arrangements are being made to provide a good dinner for a number of families, and in other ways the more unfortunate will be made to feel that they have not been forgotten.

No clue has yet been obtained to the burglars who entered the Ganson store at Hershey Tuesday night of last week and carried off \$600 worth of goods. Saturday several search warrants were issued and Sheriff Salisbury searched the homes of those to whom the warrants were directed but no trace of the missing goods could be found. The fact that search warrants were issued has caused quite a feeling among those whose homes were searched and their immediate friends.

A number of ladies accepted the invitation of Rev. Cram and took their knitting to the morning and evening services at the Methodist church. This invitation of Rev. Cram created some adverse criticism, but he justified his action by biblical quotations. We are with the Parson on the proposition. If a woman can't knit and absorb a sermon at the same time she would not absorb the sermon if she were not knitting, and she has had the advantage of having accomplished some work.

HENDY-OGIER CO. LETS CONTRACT FOR GARAGE.

The Hendy-Ogier Co. let the contract Saturday to the McMichael Bros. for the erection of a garage on the lots recently purchased by the company east of the Elks building. The contract price exceeds thirty thousand dollars. The plans call for a building fronting 110 feet on Fourth street and running back 132 feet to the alley. The second story, however, will only extend back forty-four feet, and this upper floor will be used as the repair shop and storage room for new cars. The machine shop on this floor will be housed in a room 44x60 feet. In the basement will be the store room for tires, the oil room, the heating plant and coal bunkers. On the ground floor will be the office and show room and seventy-two individual stalls for storage cars, these stalls so arranged that there will be no interference in handling cars. On this floor will be toilet and wash rooms for both men and women. The front of the building as shown by the blue print presents a very handsome appearance. A runway will extend from the alley to the second floor, thus doing away with the need of an elevator.

The arrangements of the building are very complete as they relate to a modern garage; including all the features that will tend to facilitate business, insure safety of cars and hasten the performance of work. Prior to having the plans drawn Messrs. Hendy and Ogier visited a number of modern garages in Nebraska and Colorado, and taking therefrom the best features embodied them in the plans for their new building. It will therefore be one of the largest and most modern garages in the west.

The contract calls for the completion of the building not later than June 1st next, but the contractors said yesterday that they would at once begin the preliminary work, and construction will be hastened during the winter as rapidly as the weather will permit. Located on the Lincoln Highway through the city the location for the garage is a most admirable one.

The Hendy-Ogier Co. is to be commended for not allowing war conditions to delay the construction of their new home. They believe in the slogan of "Business as Usual."

Missionary Society Program.

The Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church invites the members of all other missionary societies, and all others interested, to a union meeting in the parlors of their church Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

The following program will be given: What the Christian Church is doing for Home Missions—Mrs. Lindemeyer; Roger Williams, the founder of the Baptist Church—Mrs. Harrison; Women of the Reformation—Mrs. Koch; The Unity of Home and Foreign Missions—Mrs. Schell; Why Have Home Missions—Mrs. Crane; Reading—Mrs. Forbes.

We hope to have others with us who will speak of the work done in their societies.

Every seat in the Franklin auditorium should be occupied this evening when Ross Hammond delivers his talk on war conditions in France and Belgium. What Mr. Hammond will tell us is not hearsay; it will be his personal observations made during a six weeks' stay at the front. His address will certainly be well worth hearing. A musical program will be rendered prior to Mr. Hammond's talk.

Loren Hastings, who is home for a visit until the first of the year, has been employed in a California navy yard in the government service. The yard is privately owned but has been taken over by the government and the employees are enlisted for that service.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Caroline Franzen was held from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. S. W. Kelly, Sunday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. Franklin Koch, of the Lutheran church, and interment made in the North Platte cemetery.

The Brunswick Phonograph sells itself, it does not require a salesman, just some one to demonstrate, is all. The Walker Music Co.

Nothing is more suitable as a gift to womanhood than good furs. On sale now at special low prices at The Leader Mercantile Co.'s. Women's and children's sets from \$7.45, \$9.85, \$12.50 and upwards.

We have been handed an article which recommends the salting of soft corn in order to preserve it. Instances are given where this treatment has proven beneficial. The article will be published in our next issue.

Only three pianos left out of our big stock, but we will have a lot more in soon. Call and see us if you want a Piano. Walker Music Co.

J. R. White, of Sutherland, was in town yesterday transacting business and conferring with the county commissioners.

Our two floors are filled with the most useful Christmas gifts you can find, at the most reasonable prices possible. BLOCK'S.

Some Very Old Yuletide Celebrations

IT is certain that very early in the Christian era Christmas was celebrated in Britain, mingling in its festivities some of the winter festival customs of the ancient Britons and the Roman invaders, for traces of those celebrations are still seen in some of the Christmas customs of modern times.

The ancient Goths and Saxons called their festival Yule. Throughout the middle ages and down to the Reformation the festival of Christmas engrafted on the pagan rites of Yule continued throughout Christendom to be universally celebrated with every mark of rejoicing. On the adoption of a new system of faith by most of the northern nations of Europe in the sixteenth century the Lutheran and Anglican churches retained the celebration of Christmas and other festivals, which Calvinists rejected absolutely, denouncing the observance of all such days, except Sunday, as superstitious and unscriptural.

During the reign of Alfred the Great a law was passed in relation to holidays, by virtue of which the twelve days after the Nativity of our Savior were set apart for the celebration of the Christmas festival. Some writers are of the opinion that but for Alfred's strict observance of the "full twelve holy days" he would not have been defeated by the Danes in 878, for it is charged that his enjoyment of the festivities of Christmas hindered him from preparation for the battle.

We find that in 961 King Edgar celebrated the Christmas festival with great splendor at York, and in 1013 Ethelred kept his Christmas, with the brave citizens of London who had defended the capital, with a siege and stoutly resisted Swegen, the tyrant king of the Danes.

Edward the Confessor, it is noted, celebrated the first Christmas festival of his coronation with great rejoicing, and in 1066 on Christmas day William the Conqueror was crowned king of England at Westminster. The Norman kings and nobles who now became rulers of England displayed their taste for magnificence in the most remarkable manner at their coronations, tournaments and their celebrations of Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide.

At the Christmas feast minstrels played on various musical instruments during dinner and sang or told tales afterward both in the hall and in the chamber to which the king and his nobles retired for amusement. Thus it is written of a court minstrel:

Before the king he set him down
And took his harp of merry sound;
And, as he full well can,
Many merry notes he began.

In 1067 the Conqueror kept a grand Christmas in London, having invited a number of the Saxon chiefs to participate, and also caused a proclamation to be read in all the churches declaring it to be his will that "all the citizens of London should enjoy their national laws as in the days of King Edward."

In the hall the serf and vassal
Feld that night their Christmas wassail;
Many a carol, old and saintly,
Sang the minstrels and the waits.
—Philadelphia Press.

Her Little Prayer.

A little girl of a big eastern city was visiting her grandmother on Thanksgiving day. Already the child had begun to speculate on what Santa Claus was to bring her at Christmas time, and, as children—especially girls—will do when they are at the home of an indulgent friend, she began to rummage through closets and drawers.

In the course of her investigation she came upon a brand new white muff. It was the very thing she had wanted, and she knew that Santa Claus' chief purchasing agent—grandma—had obtained it for her.

Taxed with it, grandma admitted the truth.
"But," she said, "you must forget all about it until Christmas day."
That night as she was being put to bed the child astonished her mother by adding this to her evening prayer:
"Please, God, make me forget all about the little white muff Santa Claus is to bring."—New York Times.

Yuletide in The Kitchen

THE cooks shall be busied by day and by night
In roasting and boiling for taste and delight,
Their senses in liquor that's happy they'll steep,
Though they be afforded to have little sleep.
They still are employed for to dress us,
In brief,
Plum pudding, goose, capon, mince pies and roast beef.

Although the cold weather doth hunger provoke,
'Tis a comfort to see how the chimneys do smoke.
Provision is making for beer, ale and wine
For all that are ready or willing to dine.
Then haste to the kitchen for diet the chief,
Plum pudding, goose, capon, mince pies and roast beef.

All travelers as they do pass on their way
At gentlemen's halls are invited to stay,
Themselves to refresh and their horses to rest,
Since that he must be old Christmas' guest.
Nay, the poor shall not want, but have for relief
Plum pudding, goose, capon, mince pies and roast beef.
—Evans' Collection of English Ballads.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Neale Turpie returned yesterday from a business trip to Kansas City.

Radiator Insurance—Fill your radiator with alcohol or Anti-Freeze at the Romigh Garage. 96-2

Five room house for rent at 320 So Walnut. Apply to Thomas Smart, 303 So. Chestnut.

Wanted—Man and wife to work on ranch. Permanent job. Address Box 250, Motor Route B. 97-2

Leave your orders early at Mart's Meat Market for Buffalo meat from Pawnee Bill's Buffalo Ranch, Pawnee, Oklahoma. 97-3

In selecting Xmas gifts, buy practical and serviceable goods. Everything for man, woman and child at The Leader Mercantile Co.'s.

Negotiations are pending whereby Chris Brodbeck will probably become the owner of the W. S. Dolson house on west Sixth street.

Closing out all the millinery, all the best pattern and street hats being closed out at \$5.00 and \$2.50, your pick, at The Leader Mercantile Co.'s.

Cash Austin added nifty shelving and cases to his store yesterday, giving him more room and better facilities for displaying his stock.

Economy! A big word in war time. Don't waste money on useless trifles. Buy that Player-Piano, the enduring gift. W. R. Maloney Co.

The Et-a-Virp club will have its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. A. J. Salisbury this evening. All members are requested to be present at seven o'clock sharp.

North Platte boys at the Great Lakes training station will be given gifts from a Christmas tree seventy-five feet high. In addition to the bag of candy, etc., each sailor will receive a pipe, tobacco and knitted goods. About 500 Nebraska boys will share in the Christmas gifts.

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.

Claus Spreckles, head of the Federal refining company says the shortage of sugar is largely due to the food administration, and Mr. Hoover responds by saying that Spreckles is peeved because the food administration has reduced his profits. The public will stand back of Mr. Hoover.

We are prepared better this year than ever before, in our new, modern spacious store. You can easily find the Xmas gift you are looking for for your wife, mother, sister or sweetheart, at BLOCK'S the store of the town.

In the district court yesterday Ira E. Batten was granted a divorce from his wife Ellen S. Batten. The divorce case of Walter Barthrof against Ella Barthrof was dismissed, evidence being produced that one of the parties to the suit had died since the petition had been filed.

Building operations in North Platte for 1918 have made a good start in the new Hendy-Ogier garage, and with it comes the remodeling of the McCabe building on the corner of Fourth and Dewey and the addition of a third story. Two other owners of vacant business lots are figuring on erecting buildings.

C. M. NEWTON Book Store New Location

Schmalzried Building. 504 Dewey Street



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Leypoldt & Pennington,
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We Could Cut the Cost If We Could Hold Up Long Distance Calls

We could greatly reduce the expense of furnishing long distance telephone service if we could hold up requests for calls and "put them through" during slack hours.

But we must have enough long distance lines ready all the time to take care of the largest number of people who may want to talk any time.

This means we must have a great deal of money invested in long distance equipment which is used only a few hours each day.



Ford THE UNIVERSAL CAR

A Christmas Suggestion THE SEDAN

is high-class in appearance and appointments. The seats are restful, and deeply upholstered with cloth of high quality. Large doors give convenient entrance on either side; plate glass windows make it a closed car for inclement weather, and give fresh air when open. With high quality in appearance and equipment there is the simple and safe control in driving. A woman's car—a family car for every day in the year. Ford Sedan \$695 f. o. b. Detroit.

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