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ENGINEER GEORGE LANNIN IN A CRITICAL CONDITION.

Engineer George Lannin fell from an engine at the round house at nine o'clock yesterday morning and has since been in an unconscious and critical condition. At the time of the accident he was standing on the steps on the front end of the engine doing work on the electric headlight, when either his feet slipped or he lost his balance and fell to the ground, alighting on his head and shoulders. He was at once conveyed to his home in the Fourth ward and a physician summoned who upon examination found a shoulder bone broken and the unfortunate man suffering from a fracture of the skull. The result of the brain trouble cannot be known for a day or two, but the condition of Engineer Lannin is considered very critical.

At eight o'clock this morning he had not regained consciousness. The skull fracture is on the back part of the head.

Ball Draws Big Crowd.

The annual ball given at the Lloyd last evening by the locomotive fireman attracted a large crowd of both dancers and spectators, the former filling the floor and the latter the gallery. The hall and stage was nicely decorated with bunting and flags, and with the gay crowd present made a very pretty scene. Dozier's orchestra furnished splendid music and received merited accolades.

The committee anticipated the wants of the big crowd and left nothing undone that would add to the enjoyment of each individual.

In the new brown shade. Price \$6.00. Just received Ladies' Nine Inch Boot THE HUB.

Emmett Moody, of Kalser, Col., is the guest of his brother E. E. Moody while enroute to Missouri.

A Satisfactory Year.

Viewed from all angles and making due allowance for disappointments, the year 1917 was about as satisfactory for the people of North Platte and Lincoln County as could be expected. It is true the farmers suffered a big loss in wheat, and soot corn resulted in another loss, but this has been made up to a great extent by the high prices of cattle, hogs, hay and other products they have sold. That the farmers as a whole are in a prosperous condition is attested by the unusually heavy deposits in all the banks of the county, and of course, the farmers and cattlemen own a big share of these deposits.

In the county towns merchants report satisfactory business, at least all we have talked with so report. Here in North Platte the year ended with the largest total volume of business ever transacted in the town, and business men express themselves as satisfied that business was all that could be expected.

In the way of commercial buildings North Platte made much progress, but as to residences erected the number was smaller than in any year for a decade. This was due to the high cost of building material and labor, prospective builders deciding to wait until 1918 to ascertain if prices would fall. In this there will be disappointment, for with a continuance of the war throughout the year prices are pretty certain to stiffen rather than weaken. Taking into consideration the fact that we have been at war for six months, we believe that the people of Lincoln county should feel satisfied with the progress made during the year that ended last night.

The fuel administrator at Omaha has permitted dealers in that city to raise the price of Rock Springs lump coal from \$9.00 to \$10.25 per ton. The same coal has been selling in North Platte for \$9.75.

McADOO PROMISES TO RAISE SALARIES OF ALL EMPLOYEES

Washington.—Secretary McAdoo will pay his one and a half million railroad employees more wages shortly. This was definitely agreed upon and announced. The increases will be paid all employees, whether members of the Brotherhood or not. At the present time the secretary is working on the traffic congestion. Much of the traffic is to be diverted from the west to reach the east via New Orleans and other southern ports. A complete change will gradually be made, to speed up the handling of war material.

Joint Installation.

Joint installation of the recently ejected officers of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at the Odd Fellows' hall next Saturday, January 6th. At 12:30 the members of the W. R. C. will serve a fine chicken dinner to the old soldiers and following this meal the installation of officers will be held. In advance of the dinner the old veterans are expressing themselves as feeling delighted at the prospect of having a good dinner and feel very kindly to the members of the corps for this evidence of their good-will.

Plans Completed for Addition.

Architect Beck has completed the plans for the addition to the Hotel McCabe. With the conversion of the second floor of the building on the corner and the addition of a third story, forty additional rooms are provided. Each room will have hot and cold water, heat and be connected with a bath. These additional rooms will place the McCabe in a position to take care of the traveling public and place it in the front rank of Nebraska hotels.

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS

John Bratt left this morning for Denver to visit his daughter and transact business.

Mrs. M. Buckley returned to Denver this morning after a visit with her mother Mrs. Mary Baker.

George Freed has returned from Illinois where he spent Christmas and a few days following with the home folks.

I. L. Stebbins and daughter Bertha went to Grand Island this morning where the latter will enter a business college.

The Economy Knitting Club will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. W. VanDoran, 902 west Third street.

W. R. Maloney, W. J. Landgraf and J. T. Keefe, who attended the K. C. initiation at Hastings Sunday, are now sight-seeing in Kansas City.

Mrs. James Hart and Mrs. A. Liddell leave tonight for Omaha, the former to remain a couple of weeks, the latter a few days.

Miss Lola Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, was married Saturday to B. B. Adkins, of Kearney, Ill. Rev. Lindenmeyer performing the ceremony.

County Attorney Keefe, who spent Christmas week with relatives in Sioux City, and from there went to Kansas City, will return home the latter part of this week.

Visit the store in person as we can not tell you all the wonderful bargains. We have only a few listed in this newspaper. Look for the Leader Mercantile Co.'s.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all Tribune readers. Keep smiling, be patriotic, do "your bit" willingly, and constantly have in mind the welfare of the boys who are fighting for us.

Registrants who were among the first to file their questionnaires are now receiving notice of the class to which they have been assigned. However, those who studied the questionnaire were pretty well satisfied as to the class to which they would be assigned by the exemption board, especially the unmarried men.

Our annual inventory sale now on in full blast. Those of you people that wish to save on what you want, don't fail to attend the great sale at The Leader Mercantile Co.'s.

After talking with boys from Camp Funston, Camp Cody, at naval and hospital training stations and from other branches of the service, we are pretty well satisfied that Uncle Sam is taking good care of his soldier and sailor boys. Practically every boy who has been home on a visit says he has gained in weight, he has a good complexion and a clear eye, and we have yet to hear one make complaint.

For the first time in the past nine months I can make an immediate delivery of a Dodge Brothers touring or winter car. This condition will be short lived, as both automobiles and freight cars are short. If you want a Dodge Brothers car, better get it today or at least place your order. You will see Dodge cars selling at the greatest premiums ever known by spring as the shortage is inevitable. J. V. ROMIGH, Dealer.

Miss Helen Tatum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Tatum, of this city, was married at St. Mark's Episcopal church in Denver Saturday to Harry G. James, a former switchman of this city, but now similarly employed in Denver. Mrs. James had accompanied her parents on a trip to Texas, and was married upon their return to Denver. She had lately been employed as stenographer, for Hoagland & Hoagland, and is a bright and attractive girl. Mr. and Mrs. James will make their home in Denver.

Many Licenses Issued.

During the year 1917, County Judge French issued two hundred and seven licenses to wed. This breaks the record of any previous year, and the number was increased to some extent, at least, by girls becoming "war brides."

Transfers of City Property.

Recent transfers of city property include the following:
J. G. Besler to Everett McCraw, lot 16 and east half of lot 15, block 3, Town Lot Co.'s addition, \$2,300.
C. C. Long to Robert Salcetti, house and lot on extreme north end of Locust street, \$2,500.
Emma Lierk to George V. Candee, lot 6, block 78, \$2,500.

Poultry Show Opens Tomorrow.

The fourth annual show of the Lincoln County Poultry Association will open tomorrow at the Lloyd opera house and close Saturday. Secretary J. A. MacDonald is confident that the exhibits will be large, and bases this confidence on the applications that have been made for entries. Some of the best birds in the state will be on exhibition.

Small-Pox Still Decreasing.

The number of small-pox patients is growing less each week, and it is probable that within the next three weeks there will be but few cases. During the last ten days seven cases have developed, six of these developing a week ago within twenty-four hours, but since then but one case has been reported. This last case is in the home of A. Elliott in the 1000 block on west Fourth street.

Preachers Pressed Into Service.

Chairman French, of the advisory board, has invoked the assistance of the ministers of the city to fill out questionnaires for registrants, and it is needless to say that these preachers have consented to assist in the work. This advisory work became a little too heavy for the attorneys; it was taken practically all their time, and additional help being necessary the call to the ministers was made.

Finishing Work Goes Slowly.

The interior finishing work on the new depot goes forward rather slowly, and it will be a month or more before the building will be ready for occupancy. The plumbing and steam fitting is more belated than any other class of work, but every effort is put forth to hurry this work along. The tile floors have been laid, and carpenters are well along with the wood work.

Brakeman Dies on Train.

Passenger brakeman E. E. Perkins, of Council Bluffs, died on train No. 3 early Sunday morning between the river bridge and the depot. A porter on the train spoke to Perkins as the train was crossing the bridge, and upon arrival here when the observation car was entered by an employe the lifeless body was found in a chair. The body was taken to the Maloney morgue, prepared for burial and shipped to Council Bluffs Sunday night.

Brady Soldier Dies.

Corporal Ray E. Harnan, whose home was at Brady, and who died at Camp Cody December 20th, was buried at the Ft. McPherson national cemetery Wednesday of last week. The deceased enlisted in Company E in North Platte in July, 1916, and later transferred to Company L, of Gothenburg. He was with the troops on the Mexican border, and with others discharged in February, 1917. Last July he was again called into service as a member of Company L, which is now a part of the 134th Infantry.

Engineers Will Give Smoker.

Division 88, B. of L. E., will have an installation of officers at the K. P. hall Wednesday evening, January 9, at eight o'clock, and following that ceremony will indulge in a smoker. One feature of the smoker will be the presentation of international badges of the B. of L. E. to W. H. Fikes, William Whitlock and Fred Fredrickson, former Union Pacific engineers, but now out of service and on the pension list. The badges are presented to those who have been members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for forty or more years. The presentation of these badges is a feature that should call out every member who can possibly attend.

German Food Supply Short.

Washington.—The food situation in Germany is far more serious than has previously been believed, according to official information disclosed. These reports indicate that the Germans are feeling the pinch of hunger, the information being based on official data at hand. It is believed that this condition within the German empire is responsible for the present peace move. It is pointed out, however, that the Germans are not starving to death or that they are bleeding white, having considerable resources of foodstuffs at hand to meet such an immediate emergency. It is also stated that there is little hope for Germany getting any food from Russia this winter, as the latter country is itself on the point of starvation.

Negotiations for the purchase of a large part of the Cuban sugar crop now being harvested and amounting to an estimated 3,600,000 tons, for the use of the United States and its allies have been virtually completed by the international committee and the Cuban committee, appointed by President Menocal of Cuba, it has been announced. The price was said to be \$4.60 a hundred pounds, f. o. b. Cuba.

Terms of District Court.

Judge H. M. Grimes has announced the following terms of court for 1918 for the several counties in his district:
Lincoln County—January 28th, (jury), May 20th, December 2nd, (jury).
Keith—April 29th, (jury), October 21st, (jury).
Deuel—April 15th, (jury), October 14th, (jury).
Lawson—February 25th, (jury), June 3d, November 11th, (jury).
Cheyenne—April 1st, (jury), September 30th, (jury).
Kimball—March 18th, (jury), Sept. 16th, (jury).
McPherson—May 13th, (jury), Sept. 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Tatum and three children returned Saturday night from a visit in Texas.

Dr. J. W. Butt, who had been visiting his mother, Mrs. H. S. White for a week, left yesterday for his home in Garden City, Kansas.

To all appearances the Union Pacific is being operated in the same old way as before the government took over the road, and it is hardly probable that the average employe a month or six months from now will know that a change has occurred so far as his work or his working conditions are concerned.

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Husbands are Generous.

It will surprise people in North Platte and Lincoln county to learn that there are a great many men in the city and county who give all their earnings to their wives. This condition is developed by the questionnaires in which are the questions "How much do you earn?" and "How much do you give your wife?" According to the statements of many of the registrants every cent is turned over to the wife, who pockets the cash, and supposedly pays all bills—even for the cigars her husband smokes. These statements, however, may surprise the wives, at least some of them, who were not aware that they had been receiving all the money their husbands earned. When the registrant certifies that he earns \$1200 a year and gives his wife \$1200, the board is tempted to wonder who supports the husband.

The Happy Hour club will meet Friday of this week with Mrs. Kosbau, who will be assisted by Mrs. Miller. All members are requested to be present early as there will be an election of officers.

Ladies' Auxiliary Meetings.

The Group meetings of the Baptist ladies auxiliary will meet Thursday, January 3rd, as follows:
The New Group at the home of Mrs. Browning, 802 East 6th street.
The Bible Group with Mrs. D. B. Louden, 112 So. Chestnut.
The Queen Esther's in the church basement, each member bringing sufficient lunch for one person. All members are urged to be present at their respective places to help plan on the work for the new year.

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