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COUNCIL DISCUSSES RAISE IN THE WATER RATES.

Should the water rates be raised ten per cent, or shall the present rates be maintained, unpaid warrants pile up, interest charges increase and finally be forced to issue bonds to pay the outstanding or floating indebtedness of the water plant? These are questions that the city council wrestled with for about four hours Tuesday night without taking definite action.

Owing to the increased cost of operation the plant is running behind, this deficit occurring during the six months of winter, and which cannot be overcome by the increased receipts of the six months of growing weather when water is used on lawns and gardens.

Here is another phase of the situation that is bad, namely, that the coal dealer, the pipe and machinery manufacturers and the laborers demand cash for the supplies and labor these days; they are no longer content to accept an interest bearing warrant, and in event they do, they simply add a certain per cent to the total of their bill. This means that if cash is paid, the city saves not only the interest the warrant would draw but it can go into the market and get its coal and material cheaper. This during the year means quite a saving.

In these war times when everybody is attempting to retrench in expenses, a raise of ten per cent in water rates would not prove popular but what else are we to do? The further the plant gets in "the hole" the more interest we pay, and if our credit is not good, the more we must pay for what we buy for the plant.

As a matter of good business procedure the increase in rates is warranted. To the average consumer the raise would not exceed \$1.50 a year, a sum that would not prove burdensome to anyone and not raise the cost of his water above the flat rate formerly charged.

Barber Strike Settled.

The North Platte barbers who walked out Tuesday morning returned to work yesterday afternoon, the differences between the employers and the men having been settled at a meeting held at one o'clock yesterday. The conference was devoid of friction, the differences argued dispassionately and a compromise effected without leaving any ill-feeling between employer and employe.

New Georgia Blouses at E. T. TRAMP & SONS.

CRAYON WORK AT THE RED CROSS THEATRE TONIGHT

A feature of the program at the Red Cross theatre this evening will be crayon sketches of well known North Platte people by Miss Alma Morrill, who has developed a wonderful cleverness for this class of work. This feature will be given between the first and second shows. Miss Morrill has selected for her subjects fourteen well known men, nine of whom are boys in the service, and five men who are well known for their patriotic work and general usefulness in the community.

The real features of the evening are of unusual merit.

P. E. O. Elect Officers.

At the regular meeting of chapter A. K. P. E. O. held May 1st, practically all plans were completed for the entertainment of the state convention which convenes here in June. The convention will be held in the Presbyterian church and the local chapter intends to conduct its entertainment economically and strictly befitting to these war times. At the annual meeting the officers of last year were re-elected for another year. The officers are: President, Mrs. Hattie Rincker; Vice President, Mrs. Daisy Hinman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Hattie Proesser; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jennie Miltonberger; Treasurer, Mrs. Maude Hendy; Chaplain, Mrs. Helen White; Guard, Mrs. Winnie Scott.

The president appointed Mrs. Lulu Morey as pianist and Mrs. M. E. Crosby as journalist.

Registration of Alien Women.

Postmaster McEvoy has been notified that in the near future all alien women over fourteen years of age must register. He has been instructed to notify all postmasters in the county to be prepared for this registration as all alien women who are patrons of the respective postoffices in the county must register with the postmaster. The registration of the women will be along lines similar to that of the alien men who registered a couple of months ago.

Economize these war days. If you are still to buy your new spring suit you can economize 20 per cent by buying your suit at BLOCK'S Coat and Suit Sale.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Seeberger are visiting in Omaha, having gone down Wednesday night.

For Sale—Black Jack, 8 years old. Geo. Brownfield, Hershey, Neb.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mary B. Caldwell returned Tuesday from Great Bend, Kansas, where she was called by the sickness and death of her sister, Mrs. Bird.

Tonight's feature at the Keith will be "The Courage of the Commonplace," with the two part comedy—"An International Sneak."

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Watson, of Appleton, Wis., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wood White Wednesday while enroute home from Colorado Springs.

C. F. Temple and Carl Hollman returned yesterday from Garfield where they had gone Monday, the former to sell life insurance, the latter life insurance.

Rompers for little ones in sizes one to six years on sale at 65c, 75c and 95c at THE LEADER MERC. CO.

The Red Cross work room in the Lincoln school building in the Fourth ward opened Monday afternoon with a score or more ladies in attendance, and much work was accomplished. There was also a good attendance Wednesday afternoon.

Union Pacific secret service men have uncovered a plot laid by pro-Germans or I. W. W.s to blow up bridges along the line of the road. The plan was to drop bombs, with the fuse lighted, from the rear end of passenger trains at night by men who were traveling on the trains as passengers.

If you are in need of a suit or coat do not fail to see what we have at special discounts. E. T. TRAMP & SONS.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Red Cross Chapter Tuesday evening the resignation of C. F. Temple as secretary was accepted and A. F. Streitz was elected to fill the vacancy. It was also ordered by motion that at each monthly meeting the secretary, treasurer and chairman of each committee make a written report of the work of the past month.

In our millinery department we are selling the season's best hats at a saving to you of from \$1.00 to \$5.00 at THE LEADER MERC. CO.

J. V. Romigh reports the sale of a Chandler touring car to O. H. Theelecke, of this city and a Chandler "Dispatch" speedster to Gage Holloway of Bignell, a Dodge Sedan to Dr. McLeay of Stapleton, and Dodge touring cars to C. H. Leininger, F. A. Heath, J. K. Barnett and G. A. Kjelson of Gothenburg, and a Dodge roadster to H. L. Ainlay of Brady.

250 coats in all the newest spring models, in all the season's most popular shades are now selling at greatly reduced prices at BLOCK'S.

Miss Kirk, representing the federal and state governments in the children's war gardens, spent yesterday in town in the interest of the movement. She met local people interested in the children's gardens in North Platte and arrangements made for securing the services of a supervisor who will devote all of his time to the work. About 200 children in the city have joined the war garden club, each agreeing to plant not less than 500 square feet of ground.

You may select any wool suit in the store, deduct 20% discount from the original price, and pay the saleslady, the rest, and you will have bought your new suit at a great saving in price at BLOCK'S.

The Western Nebraska Bar Association, which was to have met in North Platte next month, has been adjourned for this year. This is by reason of the fact that some ten or twelve members of the bar are now enlisted in the war, and so much time of the other members has been given to assisting in war preparations and patriotic meetings. Under these conditions it was considered best to dispense with the meeting this year.

Two fire alarms were turned in Wednesday night during the strong wind. The first was a burning pile of rubbish on west Second street which threatened nearby buildings, the second was a fire in a baggage car standing in the yards, which was extinguished by the company hose. Enroute from the Second street fire the crank shaft of the motor truck was broken and the truck was hauled in. This is the sixth time that there has been a breakdown of the shaft.

New white skirts just received in Gabardine, Pinus and Wash Satins, at most popular prices BLOCK'S.

Guards Drill This Evening.

The Home Guards will drill this evening on the vacant block at the south end of Dewey street. The Guards will mobilize at the court house square at eight o'clock prompt and march to the drill grounds. All those who desire to become members of the drill team are requested to be present. Captain Shilling is anxious to know just how many want to join, and desires to know this at once.

A school of instruction for those who drilled the squads Monday evening was held at the Moose hall Wednesday evening.

Captain Shilling has not yet selected his sergeants and corporals but will do this in the near future.

If you want the best that's made in waists and blouses you buy Wirthmor Waists at \$1.00 or the Welworth Blouse at \$2.00. Special, all sizes; fit everybody. On sale only at THE LEADER MERC. CO.

For Sale.

My residence at 809 West 3rd. Geo. W. Klenk. Phone Black 689.

For Sale—Two lots in the 1,000 block

700 GERMAN BOOKS WERE CREMATED LAST NIGHT.

Seven hundred German text books were cremated on the vacant block at the south end of Dewey street last night and while the oil soaked books burned and crumbled to ashes two score people sang a dirge to the kaiser and wished him well in hades. How the books were secured from the school building, who hypothesized them, who took part in the cremation services, matters not; they were seized and burned by parties in whom the fires of patriotism burn fiercely, and they are to be commended rather than condemned. This generation, and the next, and still the next will have no use for anything that has a German tinge, the books would have proven obsolete, better by far that they vanish and that their ashes be scattered to the four winds.

Sutherland Boys in Service.

Word received from Chas. McNeil and John White, who enlisted in the coast artillery last week, announced that they had reached their camp on the Pacific coast and liked the training very much.

Elmer Lofdahl had a letter from his brother Einer, who is in infantry stationed at Manila, P. I., stating that he is now a sharp shooter. The boys drill four hours a day and practice on the rifle range every afternoon. It is very hot there.

Robert Evans, who is in a supply company, was called here by the illness of his mother. Mr. Evans has been in the regular army for eighteen years and has seen service in Cuba, the Philippine Islands and on the Mexican border.

George Pepke, of Battery E, 335th Field Artillery, is expected home soon on a furlough to help with the farm work.

George Dewey, assistant cashier at the American bank, leaves for Lincoln Thursday night, and from there will leave on May 25th for Camp Funston with the drafted men of the third call.

Wanted—A competent man to run a gas tractor. Call at 108 West First street.

Demonstration

Of Nash Tractor, Saturday, May 11th, all afternoon at McDonald farm on southwest edge of town. All interested invited to attend. The inventor and president of the company will present. Orr & Gault, Gen'l Agents, Lowell, Neb.

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Employees Get Little Benefit.

Speaking of the increase of pay of railroad men recommended by the wage commission to Director General McAdoo, the Bee says:

"Union Pacific and Northwestern employes expect to derive some minor benefit. They have had only one increase in pay since the basic month in 1915. Union Pacific shopmen, however, gain very little. They are now receiving higher pay than is provided by the proposed new government wage scale.

"Trainmen, especially conductors, engineers and firemen, are unable to see any material benefit. Their wages were increased several months ago to conform to the Adamson law, and they have been receiving more pay since than is provided for in this new schedule."

Section men constitute another class of laborers who see little increase in their wages through the schedule. In 1915 they were making \$1.50. Today they are being paid \$2.50 per day, a higher wage than the new schedule would provide.

Sammy Girls' Supper.

The Sammy Girls will serve a supper next Tuesday evening to the delegates attending the stock breeders' association and to business men and their wives. The supper will be served in the dining room of the Methodist church and one dollar a plate will be charged.

The menu will be: Roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, baked beans, salad, jelly, strawberries and coffee.

Supt. William Tont left at noon yesterday for Omaha where he will transact business for a couple of days.

Guaranteed \$10.00 Human Hair switches for \$5.50. Coates Beauty Parlor, McDonald Bank Bldg.

Red Cross Theatre, Saturday night, William Fox production featuring Tom Mix in "Western Blood," a thrilling story of adventure in the land where the best man wins.

Another lot of latest ideas in pattern hats arrived this morning—and go on sale at a saving of \$1 to \$5 below the season prices at THE LEADER MERC. CO.

J. V. ROMIGH, Dealer.

Potatoes For Sale.

Good Early Ohio Potatoes at fifty cent per bushel at the cave. Inquire of Frank Yamaki, one mile west of the Nichols school house, north side of road.

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Shortage of Good Motor Cars.

After six years in the automobile business, I have found that it pays in satisfaction as much to the seller as to the buyer to sell good dependable cars, and that is why today I have settled on a permanent line of cars.

These cars are DODGE BROTHERS, CHANDLER and CADILLAC.

The total resources of these three organizations total over \$100,000,000. They are secure in their position in the industry and any buyer will be assured of after service on his car. My place is intended for the local service to my car owners, we want to feel that each of our cars is doing its best for its owner.

In this day of extreme shortage of good cars, it does behoove the buyer to carefully discriminate and also to look somewhat to the future. Cars are in great demand, production is much curtailed and by agreement with the government there will be less than 1-3 as many cars built for next year as last. This first makes necessary large increases in prices, and every week new advances are announced, it also means by the way new orders are piling into my office, that you will not be able to get your favorite car when you want it and probably not for months. You can save money now—you can get a car in a reasonable time—now. Later than say the first of June, we could guarantee nothing. I have been extremely lucky so far, in that neither the Chandler nor the Dodge have as yet raised their prices, but I would not guarantee prices one minute. An early order is your only protection.