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### CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

Mrs. J. S. Butler was a passenger to Omaha yesterday morning.

Dr. Morrill, Dentist.

Mrs. Fred Hanlon left yesterday for a visit with friends in Omaha.

The North Platte Electric Mills needs a few loads of rye for milling.

Mr. J. L. Sinclair is visiting friends in Omaha, having left for that city yesterday.

For Sale—A Borne range in good condition. Call at 214 So. Maple. 45ft.

The Happy Hour club will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. Ray Lincoln, 609 west Twelfth street.

Patronize the Sammy Girls theatre and help supply Lincoln County boys with sweaters and comfort kits.

For Farm Loans see Gene Crook, Room west of Vienna Cafe.

J. C. Den, Will Otten, Charley Johnson, Will Voseipka and several others left Sunday morning for a fishing trip to Rat lake.

J. R. Minshall, old-time U. P. shop employe, who for two years past has made his home at Broadwater, is in town visiting friends.

Dick Williams has returned from Rochester, Minn., leaving Mrs. Williams there to take treatment before submitting to an operation for hernia.

Come to the Crystal Theatre Thursday and Friday and see how many rounds it took before "The Family Skeleton" got the knock out. Charles Ray will show you.

For quick action and satisfactory sale list your land with Thoelecke. If

Mrs. S. W. Kelly, who has been making her home at Wheatland, Wyo., for some time, is in town visiting friends and looking after business interests.

The Sammy Girls have made arrangements to have their films here a day ahead so after this the show at The Sammy Girls theatre will start on time at 7:30 p. m.

We will receive several cars of Hanna Lump Coal soon. Place orders at once if you want some of this coal. COATES LUMBER & COAL CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy O'Brien are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Smith, having arrived Sunday from Portsmouth, Va., where Mr. O'Brien has been employed in a government navy yard for several months.

Dr. Brock, Dentist, over Stone Drug Store.

As insufficient applications were received for the examination for laborer at the federal building, given May 3 to May 18, the time has been extended until July 1st. Apply at the post office for information.

E. F. Seeberger left Sunday for Rochester, Minn., in order to be present when Mrs. Seeberger submits to an operation for gall stones, which will be performed Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Household Furniture for Sale. Apply at 915 W. Third. 44-3

The county commissioners convened in session yesterday and today will begin sitting as a board of equalization. If you have any complaint to make in regard to your assessment, make it now or forever hold your peace.

Claude Weingand, John Davis, Clyde Trotter and Ed Ogier will go to Kearney today to attend a meeting called to discuss the Lincoln Highway auto travel. Representatives from each county along the Highway will be present.

For Service First and Guarantee Work, call North Platte Plumbing and Heating Co. Phone 469, 106 East Sixth street.

**Expensive Temperature.**  
 We cannot recall a June with such a stretch of excessively hot weather as the present month. Starting with a temperature of 94 on Sunday, June 7th, Monday was 99, Tuesday 98, Wednesday 88, Thursday 98, Friday 95, Saturday 103 and Sunday 90.

**Ice Cream Social at Park.**  
 The aid society of the Swedish Lutheran church will hold an ice cream social at the city park next Monday evening. Ice cream will be served at 15 cents per dish, cake will be 10 cents and coffee 10 cents. The general public is invited to attend.

**Movement of Troops.**  
 Evidently the Union Pacific will in the immediate future move immense bodies of troops from Pacific coast training camps to Atlantic coast camps. Sunday night five trains of passenger equipment went west, each train having about twenty-five cars. It is expected that this movement of troops east will begin next week.

**Traffic Picking Up.**  
 Freight traffic over the Union Pacific has been picking up during the past week. In these days when the average load per train west out of North Platte is 1850 tons, and 3500 tons east, it takes many hundreds of cars to keep the motive power busy and create what railroad employes designate as good business.

**Two Trains Added.**  
 Two additional passenger trains were added to the service on the Union Pacific yesterday. One of these will be known as second section of train No. 9 and will arrive at 6:10 p. m. This train will probably do local work. The other train will run as second section of train No. 6 and will leave here at 9:30 a. m.

**Boys Leave for Lincoln.**  
 Seventeen Lincoln county boys, nearly all North Platte residents, left Saturday morning for Lincoln to enlist for special training at the state university. The evening before the boys were guests at the Minstrel show, and were presented with sweaters and comfort kits by the Sammy Girls. A large number of relatives and friends of the boys assembled at the depot to bid them good bye.

**Old Settlers' Picnic.**  
 An old settlers' picnic will be held next Saturday at the A. Coolidge ranch north of the north river. It will be an all-day affair, and a fine program has been prepared, including a drill by the north side and south side cavalry companies of the Home Guards and address by M. E. Crosby and songs by a male quartette and songs and recitations by children. Each one is requested to bring a basket lunch. Ice cream will be served on the ground.

**Steals Auto and Cash.**  
 John Wheeler, who had been employed as night man at the Buskirk garage, made his get away Friday night in a car which had been left for storage in the garage, and in order to supply himself with gas in his flight robbed the cash register of about twenty dollars.

Up to last evening Wheeler had not been apprehended, but is likely he will be caught before the end of the week, as Sheriff Salisbury has wired all points north, south, east and west.

From the Oshkosh Herald it is learned that King Rhiley of that place is building a special car which he will drive in the auto races in this city July 4th. Rhiley is regarded as the speed demon of Western Nebraska, and will show other drivers a fast gait.

### JOHN BRATT, AN EARLY PIONEER, PASSES AWAY.

Surrounded by his wife, his four daughters and two of his sons-in-law, John Bratt, pioneer resident of Lincoln county passed away at 10:30 Saturday night. Conscious to the last, the end came peacefully, and followed an illness of but a few days, dissolution being due to anemic poisoning. The funeral was held from the residence at ten o'clock this forenoon.

Thus is removed one of the central figures in the development of Lincoln county in a period of forty-nine years, for that is the span of time John Bratt was a continuous resident. Born at Leeds, England, in 1842, Mr. Bratt came to the United States in 1864 and the same year was shipwrecked in the Gulf of Mexico. In this disaster he lost everything he had, but for valiant services in rescuing life and property he was rewarded by the ship owners. In 1865 he came to Nebraska, and accepted employment with a firm who operated ocean freight service between the Missouri river and Salt Lake and Pacific coast points. He made one or more trips as a "bull whacker." In 1869 he was engaged as a bookkeeper by the Coe & Carter Cattle Co., which at that time run immense herds in this section of Nebraska and Mr. Bratt had his headquarters at Ft. McPherson. Later he became general foreman of the outfit and still later became financially interested in the firm. In the early eighties Mr. Bratt succeeded one of the owners, and the name changed to John Bratt & Co., this latter company maintaining the greater part of its herd on Birdwood creek northwest of North Platte. A few years later the homesteaders began flocking into the Birdwood country, the "open range" passed into the hands of these settlers, and Mr. Bratt was forced to retire from the cattle business. It was at this time that the family moved from the home ranch four miles southeast of the city to town and Mr. Bratt acquired the stock yards which he conducted in connection with buying and selling cattle, and later sold the yards and associated himself with his son-in-law E. R. Goodman in the real estate and insurance business, certain phases of which he looked after up to within three days of his death. In his fifty-three years of life in the trans-Missouri country Mr. Bratt had many thrilling experiences, for during his freighting and early ranch life he was thrown into association with many "bad men," fellows who knew how to shoot, did shoot, and lives were snuffed out. But with these men Mr. Bratt had no serious trouble, and generally his kindly office of peace-maker averted trouble between two or more men who went gunning for each other.

Mr. Bratt was a man of indomitable energy, tireless worker and on the range or on the round-up was the pace maker for all the men. He asked no cowboy to brave a storm, he was not willing to brave himself; he was willing to divide the contents of an almost empty mess wagon with the meanest cowpuncher in the outfit, and by reason of this good fellowship always held the good will of the men under him. Though poor whiskey and profane language were as free and constant as the air, Mr. Bratt never so demeaned himself, and never lost the refinement and courteousness of a gentleman.

In the very early days when stationed at one of the Coe & Carter ranches in Frontier county he was elected a commissioner of that county, and though he took an active interest in the democratic party, this was the only time he held an elective office other than serving two terms as mayor of North Platte. His standing as a business man gave him influence throughout the state as a member of his party and his endorsement was continuously sought by those wishing political preferment.

In civic life Mr. Bratt stood for and vigorously supported everything that was good, and just as heartily denounced and opposed those things that were not for the best interests of the community. He had faith in the future of the country and invested in farm and hay land and town property. He was one of the promoters of the Birdwood irrigation ditch, and spent a large sum of money in surveying and attempting to organize a big ditch which would irrigate thousands of acres of land in the northwest part of this and in Keith county, but which, though feasible, could not be financed. In the city he evidenced his faith in its future by erecting three business buildings. In patriotism none were more loyal, none more liberally financially supported the societies which this war has called into existence; his financial assistance was ever ready to church, to charity, to civic betterment. From all viewpoints he was a useful man to the community; and it can be truthfully said that no one had greater influence than Mr. Bratt in the transformation of a cattle country to its present status of modernity.

Mr. Bratt's acquaintance was state wide; he personally knew and classed as friends the men who were and are prominently identified with the commercial, the banking, the professional and the educational interests of Nebraska, and this friendship was won through his integrity, his activity as a business man and the deep interest he displayed in every move that would tend to make the state of his adoption greater and better. In Masonic circles he was also well known in the state both as a Knight Templar and a Shriner.

While stationed at Ft. McPherson he was married to Miss Elizabeth Burke, daughter of John Burke, one of the very earliest men to locate in what is now Lincoln county. Surviving is the wife and four daughters. These children are Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin, of Omaha, Mrs. Jessie Hendy of Denver, and Mrs. Grace Goodman and Mrs. Nellie Buckley, of this city.

Charles Rincker has returned from Denver where he applied for enlistment as a yeoman in the navy but found that branch of the service filled. He will later make application in some other branch.

Miss Maude Reese left Sunday for Grand Island.

### "The Family Skeleton."

As you well know, many people are obsessed with the idea that they inherit some family weakness when in reality the condition exists merely in their imagination.

In the "Family Skeleton," Charles Ray plays the part of a spoiled young millionaire who is convinced by his own solicitous guardian that he has inherited his father's craving for drink, while, as a matter of fact, a finer, more wholesome chap never existed.

During one of his reckless spells, he falls desperately in love with a chorus girl who seems to him to be different from others of her class, and in order to appear in her eyes as a man of the world he drinks recklessly, trying to prove to himself that he will never "get him" as it did his father. He goes from bad to worse, however, when his swatheheart, who really loves him, becomes so alarmed that she appeals to his family physician who tells her to go ahead, and in any way she can to make him forget his imaginary struggles.

The way she accomplishes this is a scream from beginning to end, and will teach many a girl a lesson on the fine art of diverting a man's attention. It also proves the fact, fully established by sociological statistics that is lack of suitable diversion that is the chief cause of the bodily indulgences such as the excessive use of liquor. An ex-prize fighter also adds much comedy to this unusual picture, which we trust you will not miss at the Crystal theatre on Thursday and Friday evenings.

The Royal Neighbors will meet in regular session Thursday at 8 p. m. at the K. P. hall.

When food gives you distress you need a dose of Prickly Ash Bitters to relieve the stomach and help digestion. It is a fine stomach and bowel purifier. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Gummere-Dent, Special Agents.

### 3,000,000 MEN WILL BE UNDER ARMS AUGUST 1st.

Three million Americans will be under arms by next August 1, the senate military committee was told Saturday by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

Extension of the age limits in the army draft will be necessary, General Crowder said, if the present rate of draft calls is continued. He estimated all the men in class 1 would be exhausted soon after next January 1.

General Crowder said that 1,347,000 of the 2,428,000 men placed in class one already have been called to the colors. He estimated that some 400,000 additional men for the first class will be secured from the men who registered last June 5 and that another 200,000 will be added by the re-classification of men in the re-examination of the questionnaires now being made.

**800,000 Men in France.**  
 American troops sent to France now number more than 800,000, General March chief of staff, announced Saturday. The number of troops now being transported, General March said is limited only by the capacity of the ships available to carry them. "And we will continue to ship them along this line," he added.

The 800,000 figure includes all branches of the service necessary to make up a complete army, both combatant and noncombatant units, General March said. All war department figures regarding troops sent across will be given out on this basis.

As a war measure the Presbyterian, Baptist and Congregational Churches at Kearney propose consolidation, holding regular non-sectarian services at the usual Sunday hours and employing but one minister. The Presbyterian congregation has voted on the plan and endorsed it, the other churches will take a congregational vote this week.

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No. 19—To San Francisco, Portland, Los Angeles, Denver. Standard sleepers, Tourist sleepers and chair cars	8:55 a. m.
No. 9—To Ogden. Chair cars only	5:05 p. m.
No. 15—To Denver. Standard sleepers and chair cars	11:50 p. m.
No. 2—To Omaha and Chicago. Standard sleepers only	2:15 p. m.
No. 20—To Omaha and Chicago. Standard sleepers, Tourist sleepers and chair cars	6:25 p. m.
No. 4—To Omaha. Standard sleepers, Tourist sleepers and chair cars	11:40 p. m.
No. 16—To Omaha and Chicago. Standard sleepers and chair cars	7:55 a. m.
No. 6—To Omaha. Chair cars only	9:30 a. m.
No. 26—To Omaha. Chair cars only	6:00 a. m.
No. 13—To Denver. Standard sleepers and chair cars	8:50 a. m.

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