

CITY WATER RATES ARE BOOSTED TWENTY PER CENT.

The city council at its meeting Tuesday evening of last week passed an ordinance boosting the water rates twenty per cent. The service charge was raised from \$6.00 to \$7.20 per annum, and the meter rate from 15 cents per 1,000 gallons for first 10,000 gallons to 18 cents per 1,000 gallons, with a corresponding increase on each 1,000 gallons over 10,000.

This increase in rates was necessary in order that the plant might be self-supporting. Like all other classes of business the expenses of operation have increased wonderfully during the past two or three years, the raise in the cost of fuel alone proving an important item.

However, even with the twenty per cent boost the average consumer will not pay much more than he did under the flat rate system in vogue before the city assumed the ownership of the plant.

Drugs—Drugs.

For all ails and ills where medicine applies, superior to any or all, not excepting "Famine" or "Nuxated Iron," Homeopathic medicine at Twinn's Drug Dep't.

Boys Extend Thanks.

37th Company, 16th Depot Brigade, Camp Funston, Kansas, July 4, 1918.

Mrs. Jack McGraw, North Platte, Nebraska, Dear Mrs. McGraw, "Mother of the Sammy Girls:"

On behalf of the 73 selective draft boys who left Lincoln county, June 24, 1918, for Fort Riley and Camp Funston, Kansas, I desire through you to express our deep and sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness in providing us with sweaters and comfort kits. They not only mean a great deal to us from a practical standpoint, but there is a tie that binds all of us closer even than that, and that is they were the result of your own hand work, all done too, because of love of country and devotion to her defenders.

You may rest assured that we will cherish these gifts in fond remembrance of the "Sammy Girls."

Very respectfully,
CHARLES FREDERICK STRAUSS.

In "The Danger Game," featuring Madge Kennedy and Tom Moore and showing at the Keith Wednesday and Thursday we have the story of a girl who quit a home of luxury to prove that she could be a new and sensational type of burglar. She gained fame and reputation such as a few girls have ever had and she braved exciting and comic perils, finally bumping into romance full tilt.

The wheat harvest in Lincoln county is now in full swing, many fields having been cut the latter part of last week. While out driving Sunday we noticed that L. S. Smith was using a big tractor to which was attached three binders on his 900-acre wheat field southeast of town. The tractor is run in high gear and moves along faster than a horse can walk. With the three binders he is cutting a twenty-four foot swath.

Another lot of woman's and misses wash dresses in gingham, voiles and other light materials just received and placed on sale at THE LEADER MERC. CO.

BOUND OVER TO DISTRICT COURT FOR SEDITION.

John D. Barger, formerly a coal miner of Pennsylvania, but of late had been drifting around through Kansas and Nebraska, was arrested at Hershey Saturday on the charge of sedition. He was arraigned before Judge Woodhurst, pleaded guilty as charged and was bound over to the district court under bond of \$2,000. Unable to secure surety, he was remanded to jail and will probably remain until the fall term of court.

The information against Barger was filed by Henry Miller, who testified that Barger made the statement "that he would rather kill the coal administrator of the United States than to kill the Kaiser, for the reason that the coal administrator had raised the price of coal sixty cents a ton and would not advance the wages."

Under the law such statements as these are construed to hinder, discourage, hamper and otherwise interfere with the efficient prosecution of the war, and to bring into disrepute the United States and the officials who are engaged in helping to prosecute the war.

For Sale.

Five room house, modern except heat, 514 west 6th street. Large trees good lawn. This place priced right for quick sale. Close in and fine place for a home. For terms and particulars see BRATT, GOODMAN & BUCKLEY.

Close Picture Show.

The Red Cross theatre which passed into the hands of the Sammy Girls for a limited period was closed last night, and the furnishings will go to Will Hawley and his associate who bought them from the Red Cross finance committee. This equipment will form part of the furnishings for the theatre that will be opened in the room vacated by the Hendy-Ogier Co., as soon as the work of remodeling is completed.

J. E. Nelson, C. S. Clinton and one or two others made a trip into Custer county Sunday in the Nelson car, going as far east as Broken Bow. They found the roads in Custer county like boulevards, and Mr. Nelson suggests that the road makers of Lincoln county make a visit to Custer county and see how roads are made and maintained.

The greatest money saving event on all sorts of summer underwear to fit the whole family, at before the war prices at THE LEADER MERC. CO.

Dick Grace, a former North Platte resident, is in town today visiting friends. For six years past Mr. Grace had been boiler inspector for the city of Omaha, but when the Jim Dahlgren regime ended he sent in his resignation.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Jenkins, who had been visitors at the J. H. VanCleave residence, left this morning for Milford, where they are inmates of the Soldiers' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Willerton, of Rock Springs, who had been visiting at the Grover Willerton residence, returned home last evening.

A. M. Selbert returned this morning from a brief visit in Denver.

ROY BUNNELL NOW MASTER OF ENGINEER REGIMENT.

Writing from Camp Upton, Long Island, under date of July 5th, Roy Bunnell, former locomotive engineer of this city, says in part:

"I am glad I joined the colors and got in the game to stop this great war. I was made a corporal, then a sergeant and now am master of engineers of the Sixty-first Engineers. We were inspected yesterday and the inspector told the major that the Sixty-first was the best lot of men he had inspected in 200,000. All members of this regiment are enlisted and all have had experience in some phase of railroad work. I have examined them all and have them so lined up that they can at once be placed where needed when landed overseas. We were short on engineers and conductors and I was ordered to take the oldest fireman a brakeman and make engineers and conductors out of them.

"When I enlisted I went to Jefferson barracks at St. Louis and thence to Camp Benjamin Harrison at Indianapolis, and from there to this camp. I do not think we will be here much longer, that we will soon embark for overseas duty. We have received our overseas equipment.

Convey to the Sammy Girls my thanks for the sweater and comfort kit, and say to them that of all the kits I have seen among the men none can compare with mine.

Sammy Girls Net \$700.

The total receipts of the Cafeteria lunch given by the Sammy Girls and by the sale of pop at the races July 4th were \$1,313.44 and the total expenses were \$613.44, leaving a net sum of \$700 for their efforts. They netted as much on the sale of pop as they did on the Cafeteria, and had not the Star Bottling Works run out of pop early in the afternoon, their net receipts from that source would have been a couple of hundred dollars greater.

A most wonderful line of little boys' romper wash suits for the little fellows, ages 2 to 7 years, are on sale at THE LEADER MERC. CO. now at 75c, 95c, \$1.25 and \$1.45. Best you can buy.

H. C. Ostermann, field secretary of the Lincoln Highway, arrived from the east yesterday and last evening held a conference with business men and good road enthusiasts. He told of the work being done on the highway both east and west, and stated that several tire and auto makers had donated \$100,000 each to help place the highway in better condition. In Lincoln county the bad stretch of the highway is from Brady to the east line of the county, a distance of 5 1/2 miles. He suggested that efforts should be made to have this section of road put in shape. Steel markers for the highway are being provided for its entire length. These are durable and easily discernible. The markers will be placed in Lincoln county within the next sixty days.

Special Sale on Foulard Silks at WILCOX DEPARTMENT STORE.

E. F. Seeberger has been appointed district counsel of the Lincoln Highway, his jurisdiction comprising Dawson, Lincoln and Keith counties.

VALUE OF LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTY EXCEEDS \$33,000,000.

The abstract of assessment for 1918 for Lincoln county has been completed in the county clerk's office and shows the actual value of lands, town property and personal property to be \$33,499,995, and the assessed value as \$3,700,000. Compared with 1917 the assessed value of personal property shows an increase of \$315,690.

The actual value of personal property for 1918 is \$16,734,150, which the actual value of lands is \$12,857,585 and the actual value of town property is \$3,915,260.

The abstract shows that there are 69,298 head of cattle in the county, the real value of which is \$2,678,035. There are 19,546 horses valued at \$1,053,085, and 1,624 mules and jacks worth \$100,735.

The assessors found 1,948 automobiles, and the assessed value of each is placed at \$65.90. This would place an average actual value of \$284.50 on each car. This valuation is low, even if half the cars are Fords, for in these days any kind of a second-hand Ford is worth \$284.50, while other cars are worth proportionately more.

Other property found by the assessors were 1,800 watches with an assessed value of \$1.95 each, 1048 pianos that will be taxed on a basis of \$17.82 each, 2,060 sewing machines each having an assessed value of \$1.60, 113 fire proof safes assessed at an average of \$5.00 each, and 1,053 cream separators with a taxable value of \$2.02. The assessed value of money on hand or on deposit in the banks is \$64,465, making the actual value of such money \$322,325 which is about one-tenth the amount of money on deposit in the banks of Lincoln county on the first of last April. Some folks evidently forget they had money in banks when they made out their tax schedule.

No Hot Houses Next Winter.

Rationing of coal to householders was announced Sunday by the fuel administration as among plans designated to prevent a threatened shortage of coal next winter. Each domestic consumer will be allowed only as much coal as is necessary to heat his house to 65 degrees, provided every conservation rule has been obeyed. The allowance, the announcement said, will be sufficient for comfort, but "the wasteful consumer who finds his allowance gone before the end of winter will have no fuel with which to heat his house."

The plan involves a department of allotments in which the fuel administration will take full charge. Each order for coal will be censored by comparison with the rationing of the house where the coal is to be used.

Green Moves Billiard Hall.

The Green billiard hall, or at least part of it was moved Sunday to the rooms vacated by the Durbin Auto Co. The north room vacated by Green will be occupied by the Hoffman cigar store, and when he moves the room he leaves will also be used by the billiard hall, archways to connect the two rooms.

The south room in the Walmath building which Green vacated will be used by the Western Union as a relay station, and that company will later also use the north room, having leased the entire ground floor for a long term of years.

Junior Chautauqua.

Mrs. Maude Carroll Hammond, the Junior Chautauqua superintendent, arrived in North Platte Sunday morning from Fort Morgan, Colorado. She appeared in two or three of the churches and talked about the Junior work. She said in part: "That the management of the Standard Chautauqua System are in thorough sympathy with the 'Child Welfare Movement.' Accordingly free Junior Chautauqua's are provided for the boys and girls of their Chautauqua towns." She said that she believed that the children's work should provide lots of play and fun for the young folks of the community, but at the same time she believed that there should be a reason or all that is done, and beautiful lessons left behind, the memory of which will remain long after the pleasant hours of the Chautauqua are past.

The Junior Chautauqua is in session every morning at 9 o'clock at the big tent and there is a special program planned for them which is full of interesting things. All who attended the session this morning report a fine time.

Mrs. Hammond is an expert with children and every one should take advantage of this splendid opportunity to give their children this unusual training. Mrs. Hammond is not only a teacher, but a writer, entertainer, reader and lecturer of some note. The Republican, Leader of Trenton, Nebraska, where Mrs. Hammond worked last week stated that the Junior Chautauqua was grand, enjoyable as well as educational and inspirational.

During Dr. Drosts absence his office will be in care of Dr. Shaffer who has assisted him for several months.

Supt. McDuffy, of the Wyoming division, is spending today in town looking after railroad matters.

In the millinery department of THE LEADER MERC. CO. they are showing a handsome line of new midsummer style hats.

Winter wheat in Nebraska was damaged to some extent by the hot weather in June, but the damage was not so great as estimated at that time, according to the Burlington crop report for the week ending last Friday. Corn, at the present time, is in excellent condition and is 100 per cent O. K.

LABOR BUREAU PLACES THIRTY MEN YESTERDAY.

The value of the local federal labor bureau to the farmers of western Nebraska was demonstrated yesterday when thirty laborers were placed with those who needed harvest hands. Fifteen of these were placed with farmers in this county. Four were sent to Wallace, several to Bignell, and the others to sections of the valley west of the city. The others were sent to Keith and Deuel counties where they will be employed in the harvest fields.

Since the labor bureau opened a few weeks ago Manager Frank Boeler has brought jobs to the jobless in a great many instances, in fact through his efforts the labor situation has been equalized in that it has brought laborers from sections where there was a surplus into the section where there existed a scarcity. The bureau has already proven of great worth to western Nebraska counties.

At a meeting of the library board last evening the officers of the past year were re-elected. They are T. C. Patterson, president; E. S. Davis, vice president; Miss Annie Kramp, secretary and treasurer. Because of her very efficient service and the high cost of living the salary of librarian, Miss Loretta Murphy was raised to \$60 per month. N. F. Clough resigned as janitor and O. W. Sizemore employed.

New and up to the minute styles in wash skirts, waists and blouses at THE LEADER MERC. CO.

NO 1918 REGISTRANTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE JULY CALL.

The local board has been notified that in the July call for men, none of the 1918 registrants are to be taken. This means that the sixty-nine men Lincoln county must furnish July 22d must come from the 1917 registrants. Clerk Allen says that including farmers, who were temporarily exempted by reason of farm work there is still about one hundred men in class one, but to fill the July call, it will be necessary to include some of these farmers. It is figured that by July 22d the harvesting will be over, the cultivation of corn pretty well completed and the demand for farm labor will not be so great. Under these conditions at least some of the temporary exempted young farmers can go into the service without particular hardship to themselves or to those by whom they have been exempted.

The national call for August is 300,000 men, so the Lincoln county quota for next month will be about as large as this month. It is therefore presumed that a number of the 1918 registrants will be included in the August call.

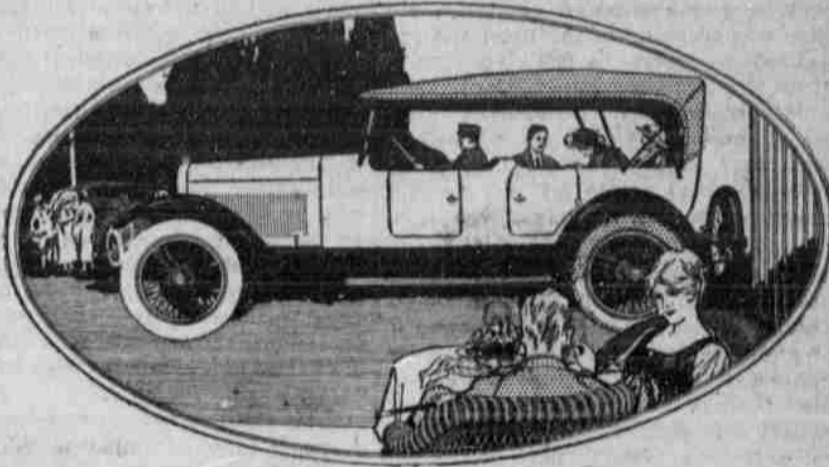
We have cabbage, round or pointed heads, cauliflower, turnips, lettuce and kohlrabi ready for the table. No. Platte Floral Co. Phone 1033.

Fresh vegetables are better than shipped in ones. Buy them at the No. Platte Floral Co. We deliver everything free of charge.

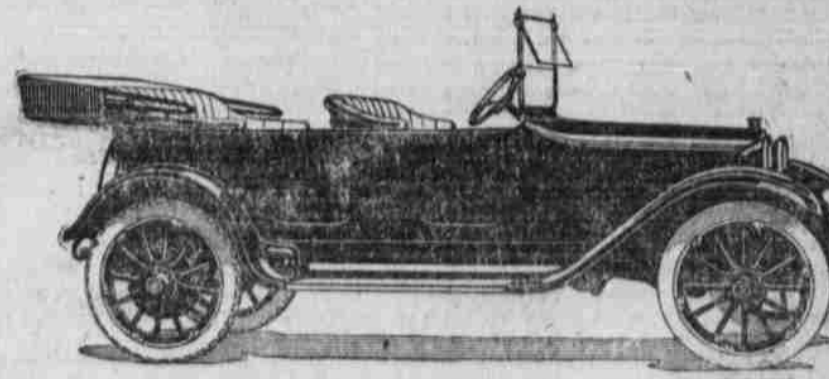
Charles "Playing The Game" Ray in
Getting into trouble is easy, getting out again is different. Ray as Larry Prentiss plays the game fast and furious and for all it's worth.
Crystal Theatre, THURSDAY July 11-12 and FRIDAY July 11-12

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AND DODGE BROS. Motor Cars



As in last year's race, with a stock touring car, so this year, with a stock Dodge Brothers touring car and the same stock Chandler car, (except that this year we removed both bodies,) we were able to show very favorable with the various specials and speed creations.

Again we want to say that we do not claim to be selling racing cars, but we are selling cars which have the stamina to stand up under the strain of extreme speed, to run steadily, to cool properly and to balance and hold the track at speed.

We are selling these good cars, and we are prepared to give SERVICE for these cars right here at North Platte. If you are looking for this kind of a car, we would like to have a talk with you. Deliveries are very slow, better act quickly as the shortage is serious.

J.V. ROMIGH MOTOR CARS "SERVICE for OUR OWNERS" NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

SPECIAL SALE OF Silk Dresses and Foulard Silks.

We will place on sale today about twenty-five silk dresses, made from Plain Silk, Gingham silk, and Combinations, all of excellent quality. We have divided these into two lots at

\$14.48 and \$17.48.

We will also offer your choice of our stock of

FOULARD SILKS

at two special prices—

\$1.39 and \$1.59

The patterns and colorings are very attractive and you will need to shop early to get your share of these.

Wilcox Department Store.