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MORTGAGES FILED DURING 1918 EXCEEDED SIX MILLION

During the year 1918 there were filed in the office of the county clerk farm, city and chattel mortgages aggregating \$6,231,712.08. During the same twelve months the mortgages released aggregated \$3,074,184.20. This shows an increased mortgage indebtedness of \$3,157,527.88.

At first sight this would seem that we people of Lincoln county are not prosperous, that we are rapidly running in debt, that we are growing poorer instead of richer. This, however, is not true. This increased indebtedness was incurred by the purchase of additional lands on which partial payments were made and notes and mortgages given for the amount remaining due; by the purchase of additional cattle; by the building of new houses and barns and other buildings; by the purchases of town or farm property by those who did not before possess either and in the purchase of which mortgages were given. No, we are not getting poorer; in fact it is a conservative statement when we say that while our mortgage indebtedness increased over \$3,000,000 our added property more than doubled that sum—that we have on January 14, 1919, a net worth of more than \$2,000,000 greater than we had on January 14, 1918.

Therefore don't feel pessimistic over the increase in our mortgage indebtedness.

The distribution of these mortgages were as follows:

Farm mortgages—Filed 720, amounting to \$2,193,259. Released 423, in the sum of \$1,228,472.81.

Town mortgages—Filed 255, amount \$517,495. Released 207, amount \$263,947.33.

Chattel mortgages—Filed 2,294, in amount \$3,520,947.55. Released 1,541, amount \$1,581,763.03.

Frank H. Whyte has completed the splendid new school building at Paxton and returned to town with his family the latter part of last week.

BILL INTRODUCED FOR SOUTH SIDE IRRIGATION PROJECT.

A couple of weeks ago The Tribune called attention to the possibility of securing federal aid for an irrigation project south of the river and recommended that the people of North Platte interest themselves therein. However, Congressman Kinkaid, ever alert to the welfare of his constituents, did not wait for the people of North to take the initiative. The early part of this month he introduced the following bill which was referred to the Committee on Irrigation of Arid lands:

"A bill to provide for canal and reservoirs in the counties of Dawson and Lincoln, in the state of Nebraska, for the purpose of diverting flood waters from the Platte river, conserving and utilizing same for irrigation and other beneficial purposes.

"Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of America in congress assembled, that the secretary of the interior is hereby authorized and directed to construct a canal and proper reservoirs for the Lower North Platte Project in the counties of Dawson and Lincoln, in the state of Nebraska, in accordance with the surveys and plans made under his official direction by government surveyors and engineers which plans are now in the office of the secretary of the interior, for the purpose of diverting, conserving and utilizing the flood waters of the Platte river for irrigation and other beneficial uses.

Section 2.—That the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of enabling the secretary of the interior to carry out the provisions of this act, payable from any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The Episcopal guild will hold a social in the basement of the church Thursday afternoon with Mesdames Gilman, Edwards, Redfield and Lawhead as the entertaining committee.

A BOOZE STORY OF THE EARLY PIONEER DAYS.

A group of North Platte's old-timers were recalling early day experiences Saturday evening, and naturally the late Colonel Cody figured in many of the incidents. One of the men said he remembered when a member of a hunting party chaperoned by Col. Cody bought a ranch in order to get five gallons of whiskey. The hunting party, one of whom was a sporty young Irish lord, left Ft. McPherson for a buffalo hunt over south in the Republican valley. When they left the fort part of the supplies was a keg of whiskey, but in rough driving over the hills and through the canyons the cork in the keg became unloosened and when the members of the party went to the keg to refill their private flasks they found that the liquor had all leaked out. There was great consternation for the party was then sixty miles from Ft. McPherson, the base of their supplies. The Irish lord said whiskey must be had and appealed to Colonel Cody. The Colonel thought a moment, then smiled. He remembered that a few weeks before while out scouting he had run across a shack inhabited by a man who had given him a drink; perhaps he had some left. The shack was about a dozen miles distant and he asked the Irish lord to accompany him. They started and in due time arrived at their destination. Any booze left? asked the Colonel of the shack inhabitant. Well, about five gallons, he replied. How much do you want? The Irish lord replied that he wanted five hundred dollars and that his ranch went with the liquor. The Colonel said he could not pay \$500 for five gallons of whiskey and started in to induce the man to lower his price. It was then that the Irish lord sidled up to Colonel Cody and whispered to take him up at the price for fear he might withdraw the offer or raise the price. The deal was closed then and there, the Irish lord producing a roll and skimming off \$500. The keg was tied on the Colonel's horse and telling the man that they would call the next day for the deed to the land, they rode off to camp. It is needless to say the deed to the land was not called for the next day.

Ice Harvest Going Fine.

Manager Cathers stated yesterday that the work of harvesting the first crop of ice on the U. P. lake east of town would be completed tomorrow. The yield from the first cutting will be twelve thousand tons of 16-inch ice. Shipments of ice from the Gothenburg lake will begin arriving tonight. The ice so far cut from the lake has been shipped to Grand Island, Lincoln and Omaha.

Dr. Shaffer, Osteopath Physician, over the Oasis. Phone for appointment 340.

This is the time of year most trying on those inclined to be constipated. Many dread winter because of it. Don't worry, just take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, nature's gift of wondrous herbs, so scientifically blended, results are guaranteed. Sold by Geo. Frater, Druggist.

BIGGEST SALE HELD IN YEARS.

People Come From Many Miles Around To take Advantage of these Savings. Everything is Reduced.

The Leader Mercantile Company Establishing a New Record in Clearance Sale Now in Progress.

Never in North Platte has such a sale been attempted as that inaugurated last Saturday week by The Leader Company and continuing during the entire month of January. Giving everybody a chance, those living in the country tributary as well as the people of North Platte.

The opening day of this event witnessed one of the largest crowds ever handled by the sales force of this concern. People came from far and near in spite of weather and roads, with the simple purpose of buying.

The publicity given to this sale acquainted everybody for miles around about the fact that every article in the store was to be reduced not less than 20 per cent.

It seldom happens that a sale of so broad a scope is held, the usual clearance sale only showing reductions in broken lines.

"The response has been most gratifying," Mr. Nelson, manager of the concern, said in commenting upon the results.

But I feel that the reductions made justify the attendance. We are living strictly up to our advertised word and have reserved nothing. Our entire stock in all departments are to be reduced, and while we are every day coming closer to the end, but believe if the weather conditions and roads improve, that we will be crowded to capacity to the very last day of January.

This sale closes the end of month, giving everybody a chance and we urge everybody to attend and take advantage of reduced prices.

Notice to Disabled Soldiers and Sailors

In a short time supplies of blanks will be furnished to the local U. S. employment office by the federal board for vocational education and the war risk insurance. A discharged soldier or sailor is entitled under an act of congress of June 27, last, to compensation and a chance to be retrained for civil life. By an agreement between the U. S. department of labor and the federal board for vocational education, assistance is to be rendered by the U. S. employment service in filling out these blanks for disabled soldiers and sailors free of charge. Those interested may call at the U. S. employment office for information.

Flu Declining.

City Physician Redfield reported this morning that the flu situation is clearing up and the number of cases are decreasing. Only fourteen houses are now under quarantine.

Our special sale for this week beginning Wednesday, January 16th, and for as long as this merchandise will last, will be Cotton Bats and Curtain Drapery. The 15-cent bats will go at 5 cents each, the 20-cent bats at 10 cents each and all batting will be sold accordingly. Curtain draperies will go at half price while they last.

E. T. TRAMP & SONS.

Frank Haynes, charged with passing a bogus check, was brought back from Galesburg, Ill., yesterday by special officer A. B. Hoagland, who had gone after him. Haynes formerly conducted the Commercial Hotel.

Special sale on Bats and Draperies. Prices which are real inducements. E. T. Tramp & Sons.

The funeral of Engineer Flint, who died of the flu, was held yesterday at the residence, Rev. Hess conducting the service. The remains were taken to Grand Island this morning for interment.

The Epworth League will hold its regular monthly business and social meeting at the church Friday evening. All Leaguers and their friends are invited.

A new shipment of silk dresses for spring just arrived. If you're interested do not fail to see them. E. T. Tramp & Sons.

E. H. Evans and Albin Sandall, who have been on the battleship Texas for the past eighteen months, arrived home on a furlough Sunday night.

Unlike many of its bachelor maid friends, The Tribune does not object to telling its age. This is its thirty-fifth anniversary.

People easily constipated dread winter—no fruits, no vegetables to help the stomach. Your best relief, your greatest friends, is Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, guaranteed to positively relieve constipation or your money back. Sold by John O. Patterson, Druggist.

SOLDIERS WELCOME ARCH TO BE DEDICATED NEXT TUESDAY.

The Soldiers' welcome arch to be erected at the north end of Dewey street will be dedicated Tuesday evening of next week, January 21st. It is the desire of the committee, as well as of citizens generally, that as many as possible of the boys who have returned from the service be present at the dedication. A program of music will be rendered and an address delivered. The arch will be appropriately decorated with the national colors and electrically lighted. On the arch will appear the names of 871 Lincoln county boys who entered the service. These names are hand painted in panels 4x12 inches, each representing a stone or brick in the arch. The painters have been at work for about two weeks getting out the names, the painting of which has been quite a task.

A trainload of troops composing part of the Rainbow division passed through this morning to California where they will be demobilized. They had seen five months service in France.

Elk Dance.

Yourself and family, together with visiting friends, are invited to attend a dance and concert to be given by the B. P. O. E. No. 885 Orchestra on Wednesday evening, January 15th, at the B. P. O. E. hall. Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock, concert from 10:30 to 11 o'clock. Admission, adults 50c, ladies free.

Fraternally, Victor F. Beck, Orchestra Manager.

Attention Lady Maccabees.

You will pay your record keeper at her home 408 east Sixth street on the 15th or 16th from one to five p. m., or at the hall second and fourth Saturdays. Meet me then or arrange for collection at bank or send me check. Magnolia K. Duke, record keeper, two blocks east of McDonald's bank.

Take advantage of our special sale beginning Wednesday on cotton bats and draperies. E. T. Tramp & Sons.

James McEvoy returned Sunday from Omaha where he had been taking treatment in a hospital for over a month.

Viola Dana in Myrtle Reed's New England Romance of Love and Devotion.

"Flower of the Dusk"

And the Latest News in Pictures

Wednesday AT The Sun

AT

TONIGHT THE SUN

JUNE ELVIDGE and JOHN BOWERS in

"A Woman of Redemption."

And a one reel Lyons and Moran Comedy.

WE AIM TO PLEASE AND YOU HIT THE MARK

A GOOD DRUG STORE

Eaton, Crane and Pike Stationery, plain or fancy at 50c to \$6.00 per box.

Estman Kodaks, all sizes at \$1 to \$120.00

Davol's (guaranteed) Rubber goods, any piece you want

Waterman's Fountain Pens, \$2.00 and up

Moore's non-leakable Pens, \$2.00 and up

Eveready Flash Lights and Batteries, all sizes, \$1 to \$5


Universal Lunch Sets with or without Thermos bottles, \$2.00 and up

Victor Records 35c and up

Victor Victrolas \$22.50 and up—You can get it at

GUMMERE-DENT DRUG STORE

You can aid us in conserving labor and materials by not requesting additional telephone equipment, and not asking us to move your telephone from one location to another within your home or office.



CRYSTAL THEATRE **Tonight and Tomorrow**

CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG in

The House of Glass

The story of a girl who seeks to live down the errors of the past and finds that life is like a house of glass in which there is neither security or seclusion.

PAULINE FREDERICK IN

"A Daughter of the Old South"

She looked a beauty in her grandmother's wedding gown—she simply put it on to show her lover how nice she would look in case she should be the chief party to a wedding one day. See.

Crystal Theatre, Thursday and Friday.

BARGAINS IN SHOES AT THE -SHOE MARKET

95c	97 Pairs Children's Shoes, sizes 3 to 8 in black, patent leather, leather or cloth tops, white tops, gun metal, or kid, a few pair of each kind and worth up to \$2.25 at	95c
\$1.85	116 pairs of Children's Shoes, sizes 8 to 2 in black, tan, patent leather, kid or gun metal, button or lace, a few pair of each kind worth up to \$3.50 at	\$1.85
\$3.95	50 Pairs of Ladies' black shoes, kid leather, gun metal or calf leather, cloth or leather tops, high, medium or low heels, worth up to \$6.00, your choice at	\$3.95
\$7.50	Ladies' black, brown or gray Dress Shoes, leather or cloth tops, high or medium heels, medium or thin soles, plain or fancy vamps, season latest styles, worth up to \$9.00 your choice at	\$7.50

SHOE MARKET Save Your Money on Shoes