

## RAILROAD SHOPMEN ASK FOR INCREASES IN WAGES

A Washington dispatch dated Mar. 9th, says: Several hundred thousand railroad shop employees have asked the railroad administration to increase their wages about 25 per cent. The board of railroad wages and working conditions has agreed to hear their case Wednesday.

The shop trade employees who were given one wage advance last year, in addition to the general increase in pay, now ask that the basic rate per hour be changed from 68 cents to 85 cents for trained employees with proportionate raises for assistants and helpers. This would make the rate for second class workmen about 60 cents per hour.

The application also urges that any increase be made retroactive to January 1. Shop employees participating in this wage demand include machinists, blacksmiths, boiler makers, sheet metal workers, electrical workers and car men.

Railroad men report that farming operations have started in the Sterling neighborhood. Many farmers were in the fields plowing yesterday.

## CONTRACTORS FORM MASTER BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION

Thirteen contractors and builders met Saturday and organized the North Platte Master Builders' Association. Officers elected were H. R. McMichael, president; H. W. Donaldson, vice-president; E. W. Cross, recording secretary.

This organization is in line with the centralization of interests throughout the country; a move for mutual benefit and protection, the stabilizing of prices where such is possible and in the end redound to the advantage of the community where such organizations exist. Through this association a more friendly feeling between the builders will be brought about, greater assistance will be lent to each other, and this is certain to be of benefit to the members. Through this organization it is more than probable that building operations in North Platte will be given an impetus.

## Corn Stalks Kill Cattle

Sunday and Monday of this week F. J. Sullivan suffered a severe loss, twenty-four head of his two and three year old steers dying from corn stalk disease. Word also reached us that Ed. Briegel lost thirty-eight head of cattle from the same cause. This means a loss of several thousand dollars to both parties. Smaller numbers have also been lost by other farmers in this vicinity.—Brady Indicator.

## L. O. O. F. NOTICE

The First Degree will be conferred upon a class of candidates from North Platte and Sutherland, Thursday evening, March 13th. All members are requested to be present.

## J. GUY SWOPE, Sec'y.

## Soldiers' Welcome Home

Every member of the Lincoln County Welcome Home Committee is requested by Chairman Carroll to meet in the Federal Court room Tuesday evening, March 11th, at 8 o'clock. Business of importance is to be transacted.

## GOOD CANE SEED

R. Leavitt, North Platte, Neb. 15-2  
Call or write A. J. Leavitt, 1010 1st St. S. E. 17-2

## WILL RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE STATE AID ROAD

County Commissioner Koch, while in Lincoln last week, had a conference with State Engineer Johnson relative to the state aid road between this city and Sutherland. This is the road for which bids for construction were asked last summer but all bids rejected because they were higher than the estimate made by the state engineer. In his talk with Mr. Koch Mr. Johnson stated that he had raised the estimate for the work to be performed in 1919, and he would ask the government officials at Washington to apply the 1919 price to the work authorized for 1918. Under the 1918 estimate the price was thirty cents per cubic yard while the 1919 estimate is thirty-five cents. If the government grants the state engineer's request bids for the North Platte-Sutherland project will be re-advertised. It is believed that a contract at thirty-five cents can be secured, but if not then the county may decide to do the work itself rather than let the federal and state aid go by default.

Engineer Johnson stated that word from Washington as to whether a raise in the 1918 estimate will be granted should be received in a short time.

The engineer acquiesced in the suggestion that the work be done on the original Lincoln Highway route out of the city, crossing the tracks on Locust street instead of a mile west of town.

## Where is Bailey?

A short time ago M. L. Bailey sold his place north of the north river, and after having the transfer made on the books in the county clerk's office in North Platte, he immediately disappeared. It is known that he had about \$6000 on his person, and by some foul play is hinted at. It is also claimed that he was seen on a train near Grand Island. However, he is gone, leaving a wife and family with quite a burden of obligations to meet.—Hershey Times.

## Some Chickens

H. C. Rowe, who lives in the south part of McPherson county, brought in a truck load of chickens yesterday which he sold to the North Platte Produce Co. for \$474.55. These chickens were of the Buff Orpington strain, were all grown by Mr. Rowe and the average selling price of each fowl was \$1.36. Mr. Rowe still has 250 left from which to raise this year's crop. This was the greatest number of chickens which the Produce Co. has ever purchased of an individual.

## Flu Conditions

The flu condition in North Platte is almost the same as last week, just a few more residences having been placed under quarantine. During the three days ending last evening twelve houses had been released from quarantine and fifteen placed under quarantine. The occupants of quite a number of the houses quarantined are making protests, claiming that their illness is nothing more than a cold.

Ernest Blincker, who has been stationed at the Officers' Material School at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, has been definitely assigned to the insurance department at Great Lakes, Ill. This is the largest naval station in the United States and handles the insurance for the men from about fourteen states.

The grocery and confectionery store on the north side which was owned by Mr. Frank Preston and which has been closed since his death last week, was opened for business yesterday morning. Perry Loudon will be in charge of the store until the same is disposed of. The Goodman-Buckley Trust Company is acting as administrator of the estate.

The Lutheran Girls' club which was to meet with Mrs. Andy Yost Wednesday night, has been postponed until a later date.

Talking machine and records for sale cheap. Phone Red 1009. 17-2

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Let Your Ear Be Your Judge. Walker Music Co., North Platte.

Mrs. Chas. Weir, of Grand Island, is visiting at the P. M. Sorenson home.

Mrs. Hamer, of Lewellen, Neb., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. F. Cauffman.

C. F. Tracy left this morning for Los Angeles where he will visit for several weeks.

Miss Clara Sorenson, who had been visiting friends in Lincoln and Grand Island, returned last night.

Wanted—Girl for general housework. Small house, good wages. Write of phone Mrs. J. W. Hendy.

The Royal Neighbors will hold their regular meeting at the K. P. hall Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

New Dresses, Suits, Capes, Coats and Skirts arriving every day at WILCOX DEPARTMENT STORE.

James Stander, of Louisville, Neb., is the guest of Geo. Frater today. Mr. Stander is on his way to Cheyenne where he has large land interests.

The funeral of the late Jerry Bowen was held Sunday afternoon from the Masonic temple, the service of that organization, of which he was a member, being read.

Miss Laura Bretzer was most pleasantly surprised yesterday when fourteen boys and girls helped celebrate her birthday. She was presented with many beautiful and useful gifts.

The War Mothers will give a St. Patrick's day dinner at the Masonic hall on Monday, March 17th, to all returned soldiers, sailors and marines. All men from the service are urged to be present.

There has been quite a drop in the price of Mens Overalls this week. We will sell you men's heavy white duck blue Denim Overalls for \$1.50. This is the best quality.

## WILCOX DEPARTMENT STORE.

Lost—Red grip, containing baby clothes, aprons, Eastman kodak, post card size, between depot and Lierk-Sandall's or on west Sixth street. Reward for return to Rexall drug store.

A recent photograph of Lieut. Cecil Cool received by the home folks show him to be fat and saucy looking. He is with the army of occupation and hears of nothing that would indicate an early return home.

We express our appreciation of the kindness shown us by friends, and especially to the Masonic fraternity, during the illness and following the death of our father, the late Jerry Bowen, and for the floral tributes.

MRS. J. R. CLABAUGH.  
MRS. R. F. BAKER.

Frank E. Preston, who had been conducting a grocery and confectionery store on north Locust street, died Thursday night of the flu. He was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Duvall, with whom he and his wife lived. He leaves a young wife to whom he was married less than a year ago. The deceased was twenty years of age. Funeral services were held Saturday.

## City Politics Quiet

Not much is doing in city politics though the election is but four weeks distant. About the only evidence that there is to be an election are the petitions circulated for the nomination of Hershey Welch for water commissioner and Carl Simon for councilman from the First ward.

Some people say that Leslie Baskins is a candidate for mayor, but that gentleman states that he is not. Geo. N. Gibbs is being urged to become a candidate for mayor but as yet he has not consented. J. H. Stone is also mentioned as a candidate, as is also Julius Fizer and Carl Hollman.

The Tribune has been waiting for the winner to bring out a candidate for mayor, but it seems they cannot get a woman to make the race, although several have been approached on the subject.

## 200,000 DRAFTED MEN MAY BE RETAINED IN SERVICE

Retention in the army of about 200,000 men, obtained originally through the drafts and by transfer from the national guard, is planned by the War department in building up a temporary military establishment of the nation.

This was definitely made known by General March, chief of staff, who announced the decision of the War department that the army would "not be reduced under any circumstances below 509,909 until some law was passed fixing the permanent force."

"All the military problems that confront us have been carefully considered determining the number of men necessary," General March said, "and we cannot get along without that number—509,909—and they will be held."

## B. P. O. Elks Elect Officers

The local lodge of Elks elected the following officers last evening: Exalted Ruler—T. F. Healey. Leading Knight—Paul Harrington. Loyal Knight—W. H. Munger. Lecturing Knight—Dr. H. E. Mitchell.

Tyler—A. W. Plumer. Secretary—A. F. Beeler. Treasurer—Harry Dixon. Trustee—C. T. Whelan. Delegate to Grand Lodge—A. B. Hoagland; alternate, J. T. Keefe. Delegates to State Convention—C. T. Whelan, A. W. Plumer, F. T. Murray, O. E. Elder, S. C. Baker.

One need not be blind in order not to see. When you feel bored as you look out of your dreary window, it is because you do not see. If you will use your eyes you will see that the curling smoke coils and twists and changes color every moment, that the wash that flaps on the clothes line dances a merrier dance than a harlequin. There is beauty in the ugliest things if you only use your eyes.

"The Light," showing at the Kelt Wednesday and Thursday you may learn how a blind soldier uses his sightless eyes more understandingly than most of the world uses its sight.

Frank Macomber, who arrived home a few days ago, has a rather bad looking left forearm, the bone of which was shattered by a ball last September during the first drive in the St. Mihiel sector. The arm is out of alignment and will probably be more or less stiff and weak.

## For Rent

160 acres one mile north of Wallace, Neb., for one-fourth of crop delivered in Wallace, Neb. Sec. 11-10-34. Address, W. R. HARDING, North Platte, Neb. 17-4

## BONUS FOR SERVICE IN THE NAVY AND ARMY IS ASSURED

Miss Annie Kramph, chairman of the Home Service section of the Red Cross, is in receipt of a bulletin relating to the bonus of sixty dollars authorized by congress, to all persons who have served in the military or naval forces and who have been honorably discharged since April, 1917. This bonus is not payable to heirs of enlisted men.

It is payable to (1) all officers of the military and naval forces; (2) soldiers, field clerks and nurses of the army; (3) enlisted men of the regular navy and marine corps, all reservists (male and female); (4) S. A. T. C. men and released sailors.

Officers, soldiers, field clerks and nurses of the army who have been discharged and have received their final pay without the sixty dollars bonus, should write to the zone finance officer, Lemon building, Washington, D. C., stating date of discharge, and their present address, enclosing discharge certificate which will be returned to the soldier with the check.

Officers and men of the navy including the marine corps who have been relieved from active duty, discharged or disenrolled prior to the approval of the act, will present their claims for the bonus, substantiated by their discharges or orders to inactive duty, to the disbursing officer, bureau of supplies and accounts, navy department, Washington, D. C., for payment.

The original discharge certificate should be sent to Washington. It is suggested that the men register their discharge papers with the county clerk or else have a certified copy made for their own use before sending the original to Washington.

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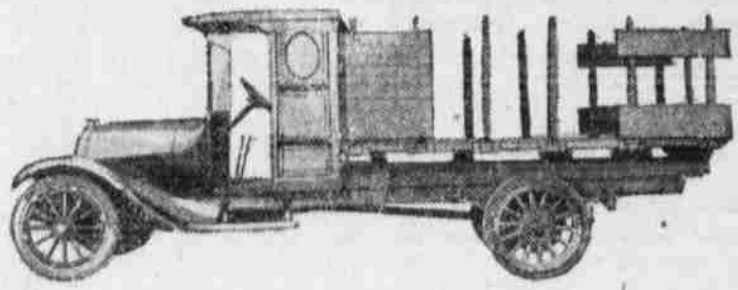
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