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ROAD COMMITTEE PURCHASES FORDSON TRACTOR ON TRIAL

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce Monday evening the road committee was authorized to purchase a Fordson tractor on sixty days trial and also to buy the maintainer which had been tried out last week. Authority was also granted to purchase the necessary dump wagons for hauling gravel and dirt. Percy Loudon has been employed to run the tractor and Ed Rishel will operate the maintainer.

The road committee, which is composed of W. J. Hendy, H. L. Pennington and John E. Nelson, lost no time in getting the machinery at work, for the following day a stretch of road north of the north river bridge, where three or four cars had been stuck the day before, was improved by hauling cinders from the electric light plant and filling in the road. The dump wagons belonging to the city were loaned for this purpose. The tractor could have easily pulled four wagons instead of two could they have been obtained.

With this road maintaining outfit the highways leading into North Platte will be kept in excellent shape. When the maintainer cannot be used the tractor will be employed in hauling dirt and gravel, the operators of the outfit having been hired for the spring and summer season and will be kept busy every day.

Auto for Parcel Delivery

Postmaster McEvoy received authority from Washington yesterday to hire an auto for parcel delivery. This auto service is limited to five hours a day for six days in the week. This is a concession not often granted to a postoffice in a town the size of North Platte, but the department evidently concluded that the volume of business justified the use of the car.

Winners in Contest

In the declamatory contest held at the high school Wednesday in which there were eleven contestants, Miss Elsie Waltemath was awarded first honors and Miss Adele LeDioyt second place. The former represented the North Platte school in the district contest held at Kearney last night. Miss LeDioyt accompanied Miss Waltemath to Kearney last evening.

Saturday is the day that the former "Broncho Billy" comes back to the screen. Mr. G. M. Anderson who created that famous role has long been resting. But now he is back in harness and will be seen Saturday in his initial production—a vigorous western photoplay entitled "Red Blood and Yellow," at the Sun Theatre on Saturday. Mr. Anderson is the pioneer and peer of all western actors. For years he was beloved by the world in his famous western character in short story form. He has given up the Short Story, however, and will appear hereafter only in big feature productions, far more ambitious than anything he has ever done before. These productions are not his old ones warmed over. They are new and up-to-the-minute—full of teeming plot, thrills, action, masculinity and force. Mr. Anderson has lost none of his lovable personality during his retirement. He comes back to the screen with the same old winning smiles and the same forceful reserve, still kept fresh by the daily duties on his big western ranch. In his forthcoming greater productions he will quickly resume his place at the head of the small list of really great delineators of western roles. Be sure and be one of the many who Saturday will welcome the former "Broncho Billy" back to the screen.

A Saturday Special.

The Leader Mercantile Co. offers a splendid assortment of the latest millinery, a Saturday special, a large variety of all the newest models in suitors, many of them shown for the first time. Miss Little in charge of this department.

SHUMAN AND VAN CLEAVE WILL BE ON THE BALLOT

Editor of Tribune:—
So many voters, both women and men, have called me over the phone and stopped me on the street, to ask whether or not the names of J. H. Van Cleave and myself would appear upon the ballot as candidates for members of the Board of Education, and whether or not we had withdrawn, that I feel forced to make public answer. We did not withdraw. Our names will appear on the ballot. Briefly our statement was that we were "drafted" as candidates, that we favored women on the Board of Education and should vote for them, and that we would not withdraw, because we were not nominated by ourselves but others. When you stated in your last issue of The Tribune that we "withdrew from the race for members of the Board of Education," you indicated that you did not carefully read the statement, which we signed and which you published in the same issue. We did nothing of the kind.

We did not seek nomination. We do not seek election. So many have criticized me by saying that as a citizen and parent, I should be willing to serve upon the School Board, (though the only compensation that members thereof receive is the criticism or the thanks of the public) and that our schools are in such condition that our citizens ought not to decline to give some time and attention thereto. I agree that this is true, and I do not want or intend to shirk my responsibility as a citizen and parent. I think the schools need a regeneration. A kindergarten should have been established many years ago. No longer is there any question as to the wisdom of a kindergarten. It would cost no more than our present system, because beginners are now required to spend two years before they reach the second grade. Conditions in the high school and junior high school are far from admirable. In short our schools are in a "rut" and have been there for years and should be gotten out. We need an efficient re-organization, a weeding out of all unfit material and conditions, a retention of all that is good, a re-establishment of a good, modern, efficient school system, by all means including a kindergarten. It would seem with all our taxable valuation, including so much from the Union Pacific, we ought to be able to operate a splendid, modern school system without any greater expense than we now have. What is the trouble? Is it a lack of organization and efficiency? Are we all drifting along in the same old way without paying much attention to school matters?

Sincerely,
WM. E. SHUMAN.

So far as we know, no one has said that with the mayor rests the question as to whether we shall have a new court house, additional paving or good roads. Everybody knows that he has no voice in the authorization of such work (except in paving, where a tie vote of the councilmen might be possible), but we all know that his influence as mayor for or against such improvements is mighty important and far reaching. What we want is a man for mayor who will favor improvements that are needed at the time they are needed.

Take your eyesight trouble to Harry Dixon & Son, eyesight specialists. They are equipped to serve you in a professional way.

The Twentieth Century club will meet Tuesday at the home of Mrs. C. M. Trotter, 1003 east Fourth street, with Mrs. James Loudon as assisting hostess. The music department will have charge of the program. A full attendance is desired as it is the annual election of officers.

FOR SALE
Two yearling Holstein bulls. A. Coolidge, North Platte.

ELABORATE PLANS MADE FOR THE BIG AUTO SHOW

The North Platte Automobile Dealers Association met Tuesday evening and completed arrangements for their automobile show, which will be held in the Lloyd opera house April 10th, 11th and 12th.

The decorations used in the Omaha show have been bought outright by the local dealers and the full electrical equipment has been rented for the occasion. Mr. Calling, who for years has had charge of the decorations of the Omaha show will come to North Platte and personally superintend the work here, and he insures the association that the place will be nothing short of a bower of beauty.

Each of the local dealers will have a display space and the very latest models in passenger cars, as well as trucks and tractors will be shown. Two orchestras have been secured and delightful music will be rendered. As additional entertainment the association has employed the Peerless Trio, singers, dancers and instrumentalists, of Sioux City, Iowa. The decorations and entertainment features will cost the dealers \$2,000.

The show will last three days commencing Thursday afternoon at 2:30. While details have not been fully worked out the following specials have been agreed upon.

Thursday afternoon will be known as Children's Day and all children will be the guests of the dealers and be admitted free. Arrangements will be made to have the local schools dismissed for the occasion if possible.

Thursday evening has been designated "North Platte Night" and no doubt will be a gala affair.

Friday will be visitors' day and Saturday afternoon will be "Farmers' Day." The show will close Saturday night and this has been set aside as Military Night. All soldiers and sailors as well as the local Red Cross and canteen ladies in uniform will be the guests of the dealers. With ideal weather conditions, the auto show will no doubt prove to be one of the most brilliant affairs ever held in North Platte.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

W. J. Jackson and Mary Poush, both of this city, were united in marriage yesterday by Judge Woodhurst.

For Sale—Piano good as new for \$250. Phone Red 476.

Albert H. Liles and Catharine Hahn, two well known young people of the Hershey neighborhood, were united in marriage by Judge Woodhurst Wednesday.

We specialize in Diamonds, Harry Dixon, the jeweler.

Christian Science service Sunday 11 a. m., Sunday school 12 m. Wednesday evening meetings every week at 8:00 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services. Building & Loan building, room 25.

Spring is ring time. See Dixon's fine line of diamonds, their prices are tempting.

Engineer Claude Delaney left Wednesday night for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will remain indefinitely. Hoped for relief from back and leg pains due to an accident several years ago induced Mr. Delaney to go to the springs.

Boy Blue waists and shirts on sale at 95c, \$1.45 and \$1.95 at The Leader Mercantile Co's.

The Pioneer Camp Fire Girls under the direction of Miss Iddings, will hold a cake and candy sale at Maloney's on Saturday afternoon. There will also be a similar sale in Derryberry & Forbes' window under the supervision of Mrs. Crosby.

You'll surely be pleased and surprised when you see our line of spring dresses. A beautiful assortment at prices which are more than reasonable. E. T. Tramp & Sons.

Dr. Walter Crook who had about decided to locate in California has changed his plans and will remain in North Platte. He has leased the suite of rooms over the Rexall drug store, formerly occupied by Albert Muldoon and went to Omaha last night to purchase office equipment.

The two local camp fire girls, Nicaragua and Pioneer are putting forth their best efforts to attend the Missouri Valley Camp Fire camp at Crete, Nebraska, in June. Here besides a week full of camp fire spirit, the girls will be taught first aid, organized play, swimming, boating, folk dancing and nature lore. The exchanges held Saturday will go toward paying the expenses of their outing, which will be about \$300 for each camp fire.

BAND REFUTES STATEMENT IN LAST EVENING'S TELEGRAPH

In justice to Mr. Pizer this committee appointed by the North Platte Band desires to refute the statement made in the Evening Telegraph of Thursday that an attempt was made to "buy" the band for \$500 or any other sum. Furthermore the band was not approached by Mr. Pizer or by any representative of Mr. Pizer for that purpose. At the meeting held Wednesday evening the band as an organization went on record in opposition to endorsing any particular candidate, inasmuch as it is in a sense a community organization and cannot favor any candidate, clique or party, no matter what the personal feeling of the individual members may be.

EARL STAMP,
W. E. STARR,
A. F. TRAMP.

Patrons' Meetings.

Crowds that seriously taxed the capacities of the school buildings in the wards, greeted the teachers and children on three different nights the past week. The attendance of adults at each building was estimated at from 250 to 350. The programs were good and well carried out. The main object of the meetings was to bring the parents and teachers together and from this standpoint also they were a big success.

K. P. Attention

All members of Mazepa Lodge No. 115 K. P., are requested to be present at a meeting to be held Wednesday, April 9th, 1919, at K. P. hall. Matters of very important business will be transacted.

S. M. SOUDER,
K. R. S.

Yesterday the organizers of the Live Stock State Bank of Arthur purchased the Arthur State Bank and will conduct the business under the name of the Arthur State Bank. The new bank officers are Ray C. Langford, president; Jens Sillasen, vice president; R. H. Barber, cashier.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO CONVEY VOTERS TO THE POLLS

In as much as the committees of various candidates are making extensive preparations to run automobiles on election day, it is well to call attention to Section 2379 of the Revised Statute of Nebraska, 1913 which reads as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any candidate or committee to run or cause to be run any conveyance for the purpose of conveying voters to the polls, and any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined in the sum of fifty dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail not less than thirty days: Provided, nothing in this section shall be construed to interfere with conveying sick or disabled persons who are not able without assistance to attend the election."

Under this section it is unlawful for any person to convey voters to polls unless such voters are sick or disabled. This provision should be enforced.

Boost the Auto Show

North Platte business men should get behind the auto show. It is proposed that the Chamber of Commerce hold a dinner, probably Thursday of next week, get together and boost the show. The management of the show is not asking any financial assistance and no contributions will be accepted. The move is merely to get the right spirit into the business men to assure the success of the show. It is more than probable that this show will be an annual feature and it is certain that it will bring a lot of people into town. We must have our stores decorated and prepare to welcome the visitors to our city. Probably the road committee of the Chamber of Commerce will make a report of their progress at this meeting and the new mayor will be asked to make a few pertinent remarks. A full program will be out the first of the week.

H. Dixon & Son grind their own lenses.

A Test of Strength.

The most potential and far reaching factor in city politics and municipal affairs became a reality this week when the Central Labor Union endorsed a candidate for mayor. Whether this was a wise step is for the members of the allied unions to decide. This initial step is one of considerable importance to the labor unions, as it is likely to set the gauge of their influence for at least two or three years. If these labor bodies solidly hold together and support the endorsement unanimously passed by the sixty or more delegates representing the fourteen unions, the candidate endorsed is certain of election and the future power of the Central Labor Union as a factor in politics is established beyond a question of a doubt. If on the other hand the individual members of the fourteen labor organizations divide their vote among the four candidates, the effectiveness of the Central Labor Union so far as dealing with municipal affairs is concerned, is lost not only for this year, but for several years to come—in fact the Central Labor Union has placed the labor organizations in a test position as to their future power, for if the individual members fail to hold together in this election they are not likely to in future municipal contests whether political or otherwise.

Having endorsed Pizer for mayor quite naturally the supporters of the other candidates are attempting to spread discord among the individual members of the unions with the hope and possible success of not only robbing Pizer of a united support, but of destroying the future effectiveness of the labor unions.

It will be interesting to watch the result of the entrance of North Platte's organized labor into the political arena.

Keep the bowels active and the digestion good if you would enjoy health. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters whenever such disorders appear will keep you on the right road. \$1.25 per bottle. Gummere-Dent Drug Co.

COME IN AND GET YOUR *Elsie Dinsmore* DOLLS

EVERY LITTLE GIRL is invited to come to our department and there receive **FREE THE NEW SET OF DOLLS "ELSIE DINSMORE" DOLLS** showing this season's reproduction of dresses—the latest styles for girls. The original frocks too have arrived, smart and stunning especially designed and created for fashionable Miss of 6 to 14.

Wilcox Department Store.

COMEDY NIGHT Tonight
KEITH THEATRE
Two part Sennet Comedy "HIS WIFE'S FRIEND"
Portraying the Woes of a Hair Dresser.
Virginia Pearson in "BUCHANAN'S WIFE"
A heart-hungry woman's successful fight for love and happiness

NORTH PLATTE AUTO SHOW
April 10-11-12
CARS, TRUCKS, TRACTORS,
LLOYD'S OPERA HOUSE NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA.