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TWO OF THE OLDEST FIRMS IN THE CITY CONSOLIDATE

Effective today two of the oldest firms doing business in North Platte, the W. W. Birge Co. and the North Platte Lumber Co., will be consolidated under one management. The new corporation will be known as Field-Birge Lumber Co.

The W. W. Birge Company is the oldest established mercantile firm in North Platte and the oldest lumber yard in the state that has been continuously under one personal management. The business was started in the spring of 1881 by W. W. Birge. In March, 1913, the business was incorporated, in order to properly care for its expansion, with W. W. Birge as president and R. D. Birge as secretary-treasurer.

In 1888 Field & Boal purchased from S. R. Howell & Co., of Chicago, the North Platte Lumber Co., and continued to operate it under that name. In 1892 Mr. Field purchased Mr. Boal's interest in the business. After the death of Mr. Field in 1912 the firm was incorporated with Mrs. Field as president and L. B. Dick as secretary-treasurer and manager.

The officers of the new corporation will be L. B. Dick, president; W. W. Birge vice-president; Blanche B. Field vice-president, and R. D. Birge, secretary-treasurer. The officers of this corporation are all well known to the citizens of North Platte. They have always been associated with every movement that looked to the improvement and progress of the city and county. The two active officers of the new corporation, L. B. Dick and R. D. Birge, are both natives of North Platte and have literally grown up in the lumber business of this city.

The new corporation will continue to operate both yards at their present locations. Various improvements will be made in both of them with a view of giving the very best service to the community. They are making preparations to meet all of North Platte's constantly growing needs in the line of building materials and coal.

The two firms both have a long and honorable business record in North Platte and The Tribune is of the opinion that the new corporation will prove to be a decided business asset for the community.

STORM WRECKS PLANE; TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRIP DELAYED

The Martin bombing plane in which Capt. Roy N. Francis planned to make his trans-continental trip, with North Platte as the only stopping place, was completely wrecked in a terrific electrical storm which swept over the field at Mineola, N. Y., Tuesday afternoon.

Capt. Francis was to have started from Mineola at 3:30 this Friday morning and was due to reach North Platte at 8:55 this evening. The distance between the two points is 1,509 miles.

Some delay will now intervene before the completion of the flight, but the air service announced that if the demolished plane could not be reconstructed, as is probable, another machine would be substituted.

Band Concert Program.

At 8 p. m. Friday, August 1st, the North Platte Municipal band, Earl Stamp, director, will play the following program at the court house park:

March—The Southerner—Alexander. Overture—Morning, Noon and Night—Suppe. Song by James Schaffer, band accompaniment—Till We Meet Again—Wenrich. Invitation a la Valse—Weber. Patriotic Patrol—Spirit of America—Zomecnik. Serenade—D'Amour—Blon. Waltz—Alpine Sunset—King. March—Bombasto—Farrar.

New Real Estate Firm.

The Roberts Bros. Land Co. is the name of a new real estate firm that has engaged in business in North Platte. The members of the firm are Walter Roberts of this city and R. G. Roberts, of Schuyler, the latter at present maintaining real estate agencies in several Nebraska towns, but will probably move to this city to make his headquarters. The company is now in quest of suitable office rooms, which at this time are rather difficult to secure.

Wanted to Rent—Office room in business section. Phone Red 1174. tf

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Edith Owens, of Missouri, is the guest of Miss Gladys Hall.

C. V. Turpie returned yesterday from a business trip to Omaha.

Word has been received of the safe arrival of Cyril Cool from overseas service.

Miss Clara Sorenson returned yesterday from a visit with friends in Grand Island.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Perkins will leave tonight for Omaha to spend Saturday and Sunday.

Walter O'Connor left the early part of the week for New York to purchase goods for his store.

H. J. Thiessen arrived yesterday from Fairbury to take a position at the McDonald State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Forbes and Mrs. J. S. Twine arrived home last evening from an auto trip to Estes Park.

Miss Stella Banks and Master La Verne Elliott returned yesterday from a week's visit with relatives in Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Smith and infant son arrived yesterday from Julesburg for a visit at the Hoxie home.

Henry Landgraf, who has been spending the past year on the coast, is expected to arrive home in a day or two.

Kodaks and films at the Rexall.

Mrs. Edith Gantt and Abner Weasburg left yesterday for Creston, Ia., where they will attend the wedding of Bob Gantt tomorrow.

Mrs. Russell Wyman entertained several neighboring families at a picnic Wednesday evening in a manner that resulted pleasantly to all.

Word was received yesterday that Will Elliott had landed in New York Wednesday from fourteen months' service overseas. At present he is at Camp Merritt.

Wanted—Lady to work evenings at news stand. Apply at the Barkalow Bros. news stand at the depot.

John Poulos spent the early part of the week at Kimball looking after the harvest of the wheat on his farm. Dry weather cut the yield down to ten bushels to the acre.

Mrs. J. Shriver returned home the first of the week from Kearney where she had been taking post graduate work in dramatic art and expression for the past two months.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. W. H. LeDoyt, 403 west Sixth street, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. A jubilee fund is to be raised. Do not forget your dollar.

Girl for general housework. Mrs. J. S. Simms, Phone 38. 56-3

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Alden and daughter will leave Sunday on a fishing trip to a lake near Steamboat Springs, Col. At Kimball they will be joined by several relatives.

For Sale—Chicken feed. Call Pawnee Springs ranch. 58-1p

Mrs. John Tighe returned yesterday from Lexington, where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wilfred Stuart. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart are the proud parents of a son, born last Friday.

Always stop at the Rexall. Wednesday morning at the Lutheran parsonage, Rev. Koch united in marriage Edward Jay Wilson and Miss Ruby Oestreich, both of this city and Thursday afternoon he read the service for John W. Franke and Miss Dora Alice Riesland, both of Kearney.

DR. HAROLD A. FENNER Announces his discharge from military service and the establishment of his office over Hirschfeld's Clothing store. Phones: Office 333. Res. Red 856.

ASSESSED VALUE OF COUNTY SHOWS A LIGHT INCREASE

The abstract of assessment for the year 1919 shows that the assessed value of real and personal property in Lincoln county is \$6,841,345, of which \$3,479,925 is personal and \$3,361,420 is real estate. Compared with the 1918 assessment there is an increase of \$141,245 in the total assessed value. That the assessed value of personal property is greater than the assessed value of real estate is rather unusual in a Nebraska county, but in Lincoln county it is due to the fact that we have so many thousands of acres of grazing land that is assessed at a very low price per acre. However, next year a re-valuation of real estate will be made, and it is probable that an increase of from twenty-five to fifty per cent will be made.

From this abstract it is learned that in the county there are 67,822 head of cattle of all ages, with an assessed value of \$8.57 per head or a real value of \$42.85 per head. This would make the real value of all the cattle aggregate about \$850,000.

In the county there are 18,847 horses with an assessed value of \$10.43 each, or a real value of \$52.15 each. There are also 17,902 hogs of all ages with an assessed value of \$4.71 each, and 3,297 sheep.

The assessors found 1,538 stands of bees and 8,268 chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys.

There are listed for assessment 2,128 automobiles with an average assessed value of \$69.55 each, 1,475 pianos and organs, 423 traction engines, 177 threshing machines and power corn shellers, 366 phonographs, 694 firearms and 1,471 dogs.

Plan Summer Resort.

When you speak of the swimming pool at the south river bridge, you should refer to it as Scott & Son's lake, for the pool is on land owned by them, and the excavation so far made is part of the fulfillment of plans that when completed will make a lake worthy the name. It is the intention of Scott & Sons to make a pleasure resort of this lake, for it will be of sufficient size to use boats, and next spring trees will be set out on the land which has been purchased of Fred Payne. Dressing rooms will be erected and a refreshment stand will be part of the equipment. In winter ice will be cut from the lake, stored in houses which Scott & Son will erect, and retailed to the trade during the summer. It will require several years to complete the plans as outlined, but Mr. Scott assures us that when completed they will have a resort that will be a credit to North Platte.

Married Last Night.

At 8:30 last night Miss Irene Van Cleave became the bride of Claude O. Wilson, Rev. Knapp of Cozad reading the marriage ceremony. To the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Emma Bogue, the ribbon bearers, little Dorothy and Margaret Van Cleave stretched the ribbon to the bower of palms and ferns before which the bridal party took their places. Miss Florence Johnson was maid of honor and Julian Forstedt acted as best man. The bride was gowned in white crepe de chine and carried a shower bouquet of snap dragons and ferns.

The young couple left on a late train for a six weeks' honeymoon in California, after which they will make their home here.

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

Miss Hulda Johnson, who spent the summer with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Stryker, of Kearney, arrived home the early part of the week.

Always try The Rexall first, it pays.

MOTOR TRANSPORT CORPS WILL REACH THIS CITY TOMORROW

A telegram received Tuesday evening announced that the motor transport train, barring unforeseen circumstances, will reach North Platte as per schedule time—tomorrow evening. The exact time of arrival cannot be stated but as a stop for lunch at Brady will be made it is probable that the train will reach here between three and four o'clock. As it approaches the city on the Lincoln Highway whistles will be blown, thus apprising the citizens of its coming.

Lieut. Doran, advance publicity man, spent last evening in town and in conference with a local committee gave his approval to the following program:

Mayor and delegation of citizens will meet train at Brady and act as escort to city. Entering the city from the east on Fourth, the convoy will pass north on Dewey to Front, west on Front to Locust, north on Locust to city park. As the head of the train reaches Dewey and Fourth a short stop will be made and a floral key to the city will be presented to Colonel S. W. McClure, commanding officer of the convoy.

Saturday evening at the court house park a mass meeting will be held at which John J. Halligan will make an address of welcome, to which Colonel McClure will respond, and following this Rev. Dr. S. M. Johnston, who is the official speaker of the train, will deliver an address in which he will tell of the purposes and objects of the convoy's trip from coast to coast. The band which accompanies the train will be present at this meeting and render selections.

Saturday evening and during the stay in the city the hospitality of the Elms' club will be extended the officers.

Sunday forenoon at the usual hour Rev. Dr. Johnston, who was formerly a Presbyterian minister will occupy the pulpit at the Presbyterian church, and to this service the public generally is invited.

During the stay of the convoy in town the Red Cross Canteen will extend its courtesies to all the men.

Sunday afternoon the officers and men will be entertained at the Lexington-North Platte ball game at the city park.

Forming part of the equipment of the train is a three million candle power search light, which may be operated here Sunday night.

In the train are sixty auto vehicles of different kinds and a complement of 225 men.

Edwards-Reynolds offer choice of boys' wash suits at 55c.

A chicken supper was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson Tuesday evening in honor of their son Irving, who had just returned from service in France.

See "Clinton & Son" about your Eyes and satisfied. Son is over on the Rhine, will be home soon. Sign of the Big Ring.

Wilcox A Candidate

Petitions are now in circulation for signatures for the purpose of placing in nomination Wesley T. Wilcox as the float delegate to the constitutional convention from the district composed of Keith, Lincoln and Dawson counties. This is not in opposition to either W. V. Hoagland or J. G. Beeler, as they are candidates from Lincoln county while Mr. Wilcox will seek to be the delegate from the float district.

Having retired from the practice of law, and having ample time at his command, Mr. Wilcox concluded to become a candidate. No man in the float district is more favorably known than Mr. Wilcox, nor could the voters select one who is better qualified to assist in forming a new constitution for Nebraska. For over thirty years a resident and practicing attorney of western Nebraska, for one term a member of the legislature, a man of good judgment and unquestioned ability, and one who knows wherein the present constitution is lame and the future needs of state government, Mr. Wilcox is particularly well fitted to take an active part in the constitutional convention.

Burglar Still Busy

The busy burglar is still pursuing his nefarious calling. Wednesday night he visited three homes in the Third ward. At the Lester Tarkington home he gained an entrance and decamped with two watches, but failed to get into the other two houses.

First Lutheran Church.

Morning worship 8:30 o'clock, subject, "A Look into the Future." Special music—Miss Irma Huffman will sing. Sunday school at one o'clock. REV. C. F. KOCH, Pastor.

Comedy Night-Tonight

Keith Theatre

PEGGY HYLAND

IN

"The Rebellious Bride"

The liveliest, sprightliest, fastest comedy ever thrown on the screen—Aviation, gun-play, hide-and-seek in a cave, dodging posse—all in a fine, funny mix-up.

The two-part Flags Comedy—

"Perfectly Fiendish

Flanagan"

Christian Church School

CORNER 3d & VINE ST.

Meets at 9:45 each Sunday morning, visitors always welcome. Come and say

"HOWDY"

To us while in the city. You will always find us on the job, rain or shine, hot or cold, but the greatest benefit are derived by each individual who attends regularly. We are sure the future of the boy or girl that starts at the age of 3 and continues in the Bible School will not be seriously clouded. The church that is active in its avenues of work is the greatest and best

"WELFARE"

association in existence and we urge therefore that each church member get interested in the Bible School.

Press Com.

Crystal

Saturday and Monday.

Madge Kennedy

IN

"Daughter of Mine"

a tradition of creed that is shattered in the melting pot of America. Also the Sunshine Comedy—

"The Shadow of Her Pest"

ENID BENNETT

IN

"Partners Three"

a story of the picturesque American desert, and of three wayfarers who combined to "beat the game."

The Christie comedy

"SALLY'S BLIGHTED CAREER" with FAY TINCHER

KEITH, SATURDAY.

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The real value of a car is the exact measure of the service it gives.

Our organization, both in spirit and facilities, is prepared to and does stand back of the automobiles we sell. Our customers bear out this statement.

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"The Island of Intrigue"

starring

MAY ALLISON

also

Fatty Arbuckle Comedy

SATURDAY

"Three X Gorden"

starring

J. WARREN KERRIGAN

and

Billy West Comedy.

Matinee 1:45.

MONDAY

"The Usurper"

with

EARL WILLIAMS

and 7th chapter of

Lightning Raiders

with Pearl White.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

SPECIALS FOR

Friday and Saturday

and while they Last

Men's Knit Union Suits, athletic style -----	50c	(Also some plain balbriggan included with these.)
Men's Dimity Union Suits, athletic style -----	50c	Men's light weight black hose, 2 pair for -----
B. V. D. Union Suits, only a few garments, per suit -----	\$1.25	25c
Chalmer's first quality Men's Poros Knit union suits -----	\$1.50	Men's Sport Shirts, fair quality percales -----
Men's Poros Knit and Keep Cool Shirts and Drawers -----	50c	59c
		Men's Sport Shirts, fine quality -----
		89c

Wilcox Department Store.