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SILVESTER FRIEND DIES AT SHERIDAN LAST FRIDAY

Sylvester Friend, an old timer of North Platte died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Otto Stevie, near Sheridan, Wyo., last Friday, and the funeral was held Sunday.

The deceased was an old-timer in North Platte. He came to old Ft. McPherson in 1868 where he was employed as a teamster, and when the post was abandoned, moved to this city. He engaged in the dray business in the early days, and continued in this vocation for many years. Later he was city marshal, and for several years before moving to Sheridan in 1911, was an employe of the Union Pacific.

The deceased was seventy-seven years of age, and leaves a wife, three daughters and two sons. The daughters are Mrs. Stevie of Sheridan, Mrs. Austin of Pasco, Wash., and Mrs. Murphy of Seattle; Will resides in Grand Island and Ed in Denver. Mrs. J. F. Pillion, of this city, is a sister of Mrs. Friend.

Demand a real Cordova leather bag. Don't take anything but goods stamped Cordova. Dixon has exclusive agency.

"Bill" Kearney, former mess sergeant of Company E, came down from Scotts Bluff today to visit friends and attend the soldiers' home-coming celebration tomorrow.

Free-Free Matinee—Monday at 2:30 p. m. at the Sun. See how well Dodge cars are made and how "Matt and Jeff Capture the Kaiser." J. V. Romigh, Dealer.

Engineer P. A. Norton went to Omaha yesterday to attend the funeral services of Conductor Massey which were held at ten o'clock this morning from St. James church. When Mr. Massey made his first trip on the road as brakeman Mr. Norton was on the engine, and Mr. Norton was also the engineer on the last trip that Mr. Massey made.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Wilcox, of Cozad spent yesterday in town visiting with friends and relatives.

N. Dixon & Son, Opticians.

TOMORROW WILL BE THE BIG DAY AT THE FAIR

Tomorrow will be the big day at the county fair, big because it is the home-welcoming day of the boys who have been in the service and big for the reason that everybody takes an interest in the auto races which are staged for the day.

Twenty-four drivers have entered the several races, and by reason of the excellent condition of the track, and especially the building up of the turns, it is reasonable to expect that the time made will be the fastest ever turned on a North Platte track.

The races scheduled, the time at which they will occur and the name and residence of the drivers are as follows:

1 p. m. Midget Race, five miles, purse \$100, entries James Bell, Hershey; B. E. Freil, Brady; R. Ogier, P. Bretzer, C. Lake, North Platte.

1:30—Track record, one mile, purse \$100.

1:45—North Platte Special, first heat, five miles; entries, King Ribley, Oshkosh; Glen Breed, Salina; Noel Bullock, Madrid; C. S. Ruenker, Grand Island; Fay Bonham, Franklin; C. A. Drake, Venango.

2:15—Lincoln County Special, purse \$150; entries, Gray Wehn, Bridgeport; J. A. Mals, Salina; Swanson & Berger, Gothenburg; Lyle Fay, Kearney; Loyd Powers and C. M. Trotter, North Platte.

2:45—second heat of North Platte Special, five miles.

3:15—Lincoln County Special, purse \$200; same entries as in 2:15 race.

3:45—Third heat of North Platte Special, five miles.

4:00—Platte Valley Special, five miles, purse \$200; entries, Louis Lawler, Hershey; Ben Ross, Forks; H. Auler, Bridgeport; R. A. Gillespie, Ogallala; Albert Freilauer and Bert Noble, North Platte.

4:30—Handicap Race, five miles, purse \$300 entries to be the four money winners of the North Platte Special, the purse in which is \$1,000, divided 40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent.

5:00—Nebraska Sweepstakes, twenty-five miles, purse \$1,000, entries limited to money winners in preceding races.

Salvation Army Drive Drags. The drive to obtain funds for the home service fund for the Salvation Army lags in all sections of the state. In this county the quota has not been reached, and unless people take more interest in the drive the close of the week will find a shortage of from twenty-five to thirty per cent. Up to last evening about \$1,200 had been subscribed in North Platte, Hershey, Brady, Sutherland and Wallace had made fairly good reports, but the remainder of the county did not report anything.

There is some talk of instituting a Salvation Army tag day at the fair tomorrow, but this has not been definitely decided upon.

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Two Women Burned to Death.

Mrs. Newton Davidson, wife of a farmer, and Miss Brittain, a school teacher, were burned to death on the Davidson farm twelve miles southeast of Wallace Monday evening. The two women in building a fire picked up a five gallon can of gasoline which they mistook for coal oil and started pouring it on the slowly burning wood. The gasoline ignited and the can exploded, throwing the burning field over both women. Mr. Davidson, who was working some distance from the house, heard the screams and ran to the house, but by the time he got there Miss Brittain was dead and Mrs. Davidson so badly burned that she died the following day.

Badly Injured in Race.

Clayton Harvey, of Sidney, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Harvey, former North Platte resident, was seriously injured on the race track Wednesday afternoon while participating in the motorcycle race. A flying start had been made by five or six riders, and before the first turn had been reached Harvey turned his head to look at the rider behind; as he did so he bumped the machine in front of him which caused his machine to swerve and he fell to the ground and a rider following closely ran over young Harvey's head. The latter was rendered unconscious, picked up and taken to a hospital where he was given medical attention but up to this morning had not regained consciousness. His skull is said to be badly fractured. His mother arrived from Deleva last night, also his sister Mrs. Potterfield from Mitchell.

Old-Timers Leave Us.

Hearing sold their residence property on west Fifth street, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Healy left Wednesday night for Dodge, where they will make their future home. Their removal takes from North Platte two of our old-timers, for there are very few people in North Platte who have been residents for a longer period of years. Mr. and Mrs. Healy were stationed at Ft. McPherson before coming to North Platte where Mr. Healy was a member of the Fifth Cavalry, an organization that did much Indian campaigning.

To Auto Owners.

Tomorrow forenoon at 9:30 seventy members of the Citizens who serve the dinner to the soldiers and sailors will need be transported from the cañon building to the city park. Will fifteen or twenty car owners please report at cañon building at that hour with cars and assist in transporting the ladies to the park? In this way you can do your mite in helping to entertain the boys who were in service.

Ebbles Wins First Place.

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Business Houses Will Close.

Practically all business, including the banks and county offices, will close at noon tomorrow. The stores will re-open at six o'clock in the evening.

Sells Electric Plant.

One of the largest deals that was ever closed in the city occurred Tuesday when A. C. Letting sold his holdings in the United Electric Company of this city, to Thomas P. Crawford, J. E. Jacobson and David P. Rankin. The consideration for the entire system being \$180,000.

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The teachers of the city schools held their annual picnic Tuesday evening in the hills back of the state farm. Miss Laura Murray was in charge of the commissary department and made ample provisions for a big picnic.

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NEGRO CONFESSES HE SHOT CONDUCTOR ROBERT MASSEY

Leo Darling, a negro thirty-one years of age, who had been in North Platte for twenty days, confessed early Wednesday morning that he shot and killed Robert Massey, the Omaha passenger conductor at 1:30 Monday night. Darling admitted his guilt after an inquisition conducted by County Attorney Keefe, Sheriff Salsbury, Deputy Sheriff Sutton and two railroad men, the latter friends of the murdered man. The "third degree" given Darling began at eleven o'clock Tuesday night and from that hour until five o'clock the following morning the attempts to break Darling's protestations of innocence were made, and at five o'clock, weakening under the strain of the long continued firing of questions, Darling broke down and confessed.

The evidence against Darling was but slight—he had purchased a revolver at Fink's hardware store Monday forenoon and the calibre of that revolver corresponded with the cartridge that was found in the Hartman yard and was the bullet which passed through Massey's body. Ascertaining that Darling had purchased a revolver, the police picked him up on the streets Tuesday afternoon and placed him in jail. He had the revolver on his person at the time, and it was found that the bullet picked up during the early part of the evening to secure additional evidence, but without avail, the questioning of Darling began at eleven o'clock.

Darling's confession of guilt was brief; he had attempted to hold up Massey under the impression that he was another man; that Massey showed fight, and that he had shot him three times. Discovering that he had tackled the wrong man, Darling did not attempt to molest the body, did not take the watch that during the struggle had been jerked from Massey's pocket and left dangling by the chain, nor did he go through the dead man's clothes to ascertain if he had money on his person. Following the murder, Darling walked over to Front street and down to the depot where he remained until daylight, and up to the time of his arrest had been sunning on the streets.

Fearing that the more radical friends of the dead conductor, who were highly incensed, might attempt to batter in the jail doors, take out Darling and lynch him, Sheriff Salsbury took Darling to an eastern jail on No. 16 Wednesday morning for safe-keeping.

The body of Conductor Massey was taken to Omaha Wednesday morning, accompanied by John J. McIlvaine.

Attorney Keefe, Sheriff Salsbury and Deputy Sutton are certainly entitled to credit for securing Darling's arrest and confession when the thread upon which they had to work was so slight.

Governor Will Hunt Ducks.

Governor McKelvie will arrive in town tomorrow and will make an address at the soldiers' and sailors' home-coming celebration. Sunday the governor accompanied by Guy Swopes, Sam Souder and Albert Durbin will leave for the Dalry ranch west of Tryon, where they will shoot ducks for two days. They will return Tuesday night and the following day Governor McKelvie will go to Maywood to make an address at the district fair.

Banks Will Close.

All banks of the city will close at 12 o'clock noon tomorrow. Do your banking business before that hour.

Cleveland Six is here.

See it at Romigh garage, or first booth at fair grounds. J. V. Romigh, Dealer.

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Nolan-Feeney.

Frank Nolan, of this city, and Miss Hazel Feeney, of Kearney, were married at seven o'clock Wednesday morning at St. James church in Kearney, Rev. Father Munstrom performing the ceremony. The bride wore her traveling suit of blue serge with hat to match and was attended by Miss Marjorie Carrigan, of Omaha, as bridesmaid. Paul Nolan, brother of the groom, was best man. Only the members of the two families were present. Immediately following the ceremony a four course breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Feeney. The young couple left at once for Chicago and other eastern points and will return by way of Kansas City and Wyoming to North Platte where they will be at home after October tenth.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Feeney, prominent retired farmers of Kearney, while the groom is one of the six Nolan boys who were in the service and recently returned from sixteen months' work in France to resume his work as locomotive fireman.

Wallace Goes Over the Top.

Word has been received from Wallace that the people of that village and immediate section have oversubscribed their quota in the Salvation Army drive. The quota given the Wallace district was \$288, and the sum of \$295 has been subscribed. Good for Wallace.

First class dresses in serges, Jerseys, tricotines, tricolettes and all the new and wanted fabrics. We can absolutely fit you and any alterations free. E. T. Tramp & Sons.

Just received a full line of hand bags. Beautiful goods at special prices. Clinton, Jeweler.

Wedding rings. Dixon, the jeweler.

Horse Races are Good.

The horse races at the fair ground track Wednesday and yesterday were such as to please the big crowds present, and gave attendants an opportunity to see the fastest time ever made on the North Platte track. The drivers urged their horses for about all there was in them, and in a number of the heats the finish was close. On the track were horses that trotted in 2:30 and pacers that made the mile under 2:15, and that is going pretty well.

The events for this afternoon are a 2:27 trot with four entries, a 2:12 pace with seven entries and a 2:22 pace with four entries. The 2:12 pace promises to be a hummer one of the horses entered having a record close to the two minute mark.

We have just received our newest patterns in sterling silver, the King Albert design. We will be pleased to show you these pieces. Clinton, Jeweler.

Mrs. N. Ogier was happily surprised last evening when a number of her old friends came in to spend the evening and presented her with a beautiful pin as a token of their friendship.

Miss Grace Burke returned this morning from a three-months' trip to Portland, San Francisco and other points along the coast.

Boys and Girls—Free matinee at the Sun next Monday afternoon—Dodge Works and Mutt & Jeff films. J. V. Romigh, Dealer.

Joe Larson, of Green River, who has been taking a vacation and spent the time with relatives in the central part of the state, arrived in town yesterday and will remain to witness the races today and tomorrow.

Athenic Bronze, "The Gift Artistic" Dixon's.

Mrs. Faye Russell of Ogallala, visited with friends in town Thursday.

AT THE
SUN THEATRE.
FRIDAY
"Almost Married"
STARRING
MAY ALLISON
A 3-act comedy Delight of New York stage life.
ALSO
"THE JAZZ WAITER"
WITH
Charlie Chaplin
SATURDAY
"Law Unto Herself"
STARRING
Sousie Gaiance.
AND
"FLIRTS"
WITH
Billy West.
MONDAY
"THIN ICE"
WITH
Corrine Griffith
ALSO
Elno the Mighty.

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Keith, Monday and Tuesday.
WM. S. HART
—IN—
"The Poppy Girl's Husband"
In love and facing 14 years in jail. Was she true or false. Don't try to guess, come and see Bill handle the situation.

Keith Theatre, Friday and Saturday.
Farm Life as it should be with all modern methods made miserable by
Charles Chaplin
—IN—
"SUNNYSIDE"
a new picture.
FRIDAY, Madlaine Travers in "ROSE OF THE WEST."
SATURDAY, Vivian Martin in "AN INNOCENT ADVENTURESS."
Adults 30c. Children 15c Including Tax.

FREE MATINEE
at the
SUN THEATRE
Monday afternoon, September 29, 1919.
2:30 P. M.
"Mutt & Jeff capture the Kasier in a Dodge"
By Bud Fisher.
"A Glimpse of Dodge Brothers Works"
Showing this 80 acre plant producing good cars in quality.
FREE! FREE!
Compliments of
J. V. ROMIGH, Dealer.
P. S. Have you seen the new 1920 Dodge models at Romigh's.

FREE
See Henry Ford's Motion Picture.
3000 feet of film.
"Keep the Boy on the Farm."
Matinee 3 to 5. Evening 7:30 to 10:00.
At The Lincoln County Fair.
HENDY-OGIER AUTO CO. EXHIBIT.



ELMO LINCOLN
IN
"Elmo the Mighty"
Known to millions as "The Blacksmith" in "The Kaiser" and "Tarzan" in "Tarzan of the Apes," supported by Grace Cumard. First episode at
THE SUN
Monday, September 29
Don't fail to start this as it is a world beater.