

AMERICAN LEGION ORGANIZES BY THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A meeting of the American Legion of Lincoln County was held in the library building Friday evening and a permanent organization effected for the coming year.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. R. O. Mackintosh; 1st vice-president, Leonard Robinson; 2d vice-president, R. L. Cochran; secretary, F. J. Sandall; treasurer, Jas. Clinton.

The following committees were appointed: As a publicity committee, R. L. Cochran, J. B. Redfield, Guy L. Granger.

Meeting place committee, C. A. Selby, R. L. Cochran, A. F. Bullard.

Committee for drafting constitution, Paul J. Thompson, V. H. Halligan, E. E. Carr.

Regular meetings will be held at 8 o'clock p. m. on the second Friday of each month and such other meetings as the president may call.

An effort is going to be made to extend the membership of the local American Legion to every veteran of the world war who served in either the army, navy, marine corps, or as a Red Cross nurse during the war.

The next regular meeting will be held Friday evening, December 12th, at 8 o'clock.

Broom Sale.

A few weeks ago we had a broom sale and we realize that a lot of our customers did not get a broom, so on Saturday, December 13th, commencing at 1 o'clock p. m. we will again sell 25 dozen of the same kind of brooms at 65 cents each, placing a limit of two to the customer.

DERRYBERRY & FORBES.

Announcement is made of the appointment of W. R. Maloney as chairman of the state embalmers. This board takes the place of the embalmers association, of which Mr. Maloney was president.

Let us warn you—to get any service in the stores this Xmas holidays you must not put off shopping. Store hours are 10 to 5 now and we don't know what next. Store will not be open evenings. Dixon, the quality jeweler, is ready now to take care of you and to offer some real Xmas suggestions.

INSURANCE AGENCY FORCE ENJOY TURKEY DINNER

Last Friday evening Mrs. J. F. Sebastian, ably assisted by Mrs. Luther Stout of Lewellen, entertained the J. E. Sebastian Life Insurance Agency force at a turkey dinner in honor of Mr. Sebastian's thirty-third birthday, plates being laid for eleven.

Promptly at seven o'clock the party took their seats at the table which was laden with a bountiful spread of good things, and as an appetizer Mr. Sebastian was presented with new applications for insurance totaling \$46,590. Mr. Sebastian acknowledged his appreciation of this gift with a very able speech and told the boys he hoped they would continue the good work.

Following the dinner short talks were made by C. F. Temple, assistant manager, and Luther Stout, of Lewellen, pertaining to the agency work, which were an inspiration to those present. J. Carl Holman made a short talk and at the conclusion presented Mr. Sebastian with a beautiful ring, a gift from the office force and office associates. The remainder of the evening was spent in discussing various ways and means for securing new business and listening to a number of the latest Victrola records.

Those present were C. F. Temple, J. Carl Holman, Ernest Rincker, A. W. Bullard, M. C. Murphy, H. E. Mason, of Paxton, Luther Stout, of Lewellen, Wm. Smith, Clinton York, W. H. Barrett, J. E. Sebastian.

Mr. Sebastian was also presented with a box containing fifty real cigars by the young ladies connected with the life insurance agency and H. & S. Agency.

Edgar Schiller Loses Son.

Word received in town yesterday announced the death Sunday in Central City of the eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Schiller, former residents of North Platte. Death was due to some form of heart trouble. The body will be brought here today and the funeral held from the home of Miss Villa Whittaker at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon.

We have a long pearl necklace at \$25.00, of a high grade quality, that would make some lady a real Xmas gift. Dixon, the jeweler.

NORTH PLATTE NOW UNDER STRICT FUEL REGULATIONS

With schools and picture shows closed, essential business houses, including newspaper offices, open from ten to five, and with non-essential houses not participating in the limited issuance of coal, North Platte is under a strict conservation of fuel, as drastic probably as any city or town in the west. This new order of things became effective yesterday morning, and followed phone orders received Saturday noon by Mayor Streitz from Regional Fuel Director Bennewitz, of Omaha.

While the new order temporarily puts some people out of business and disrupts the business of all others, the regulations have been accepted in most instances with good grace, and all are uniting in complying with the order.

With the conservation order from Omaha came also the information that North Platte would be limited to two cars of coal per day. This is less than one-half the amount asked for by the fuel committee after it had made what was considered an intelligent survey of the needs of North Platte and the tributary trade territory. With but two cars per day to draw upon, it is probable that at times the local committee will be out of coal, even though but 500 pounds be issued to each applicant. It is therefore apparent that each fuel user must conserve coal to the greatest possible extent if we are to avert positive suffering.

Elsewhere Mayor Streitz makes a statement as to the conservation orders.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. A. F. Streitz will be hostess today to the Tuesday afternoon bridge club.

Useful Xmas gifts at The Leader Mercantile Co.

Miss Blanche Fonda will entertain tomorrow afternoon complimentary to Miss Grace Burke.

Do your Christmas shopping advantageously now at The Leader Mercantile Co.

Miss Sarah Kelly will entertain at a cosmetic shower next Friday evening complimentary to Miss Myrtle Beeler. Dixon & Son, Sight Specialists.

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Elmer Coates for several days has been using a cane to assist locomotion. He sustained a badly sprained knee as a result of a fall at the lumber yard.

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Complimentary to Miss Myrtle Beeler, a one o'clock luncheon and kitchen shower will be given by Mrs. J. W. Payne and Mrs. A. W. Wilcox next Saturday.

Platinum and diamonds are considered the height of jewelry quality. See Dixon's diamond case.

Quite a number of teachers who live out of town left Sunday, yesterday and last night for their respective homes, their leaving being due to the closing of the city schools.

A new baking dish displayed at Dixon's.

Next Saturday Miss Lucille Wilcox and Miss Florence MacKay will entertain at a six o'clock dinner and miscellaneous shower complimentary to Miss Grace Burke.

Sacrifice sale, desirable close in south side residence property, if handled quickly. Part cash. Call owner, Black 1148. 94-3

Mayor Streitz, who is the head of the coal conservation committee, is wearing a ring the setting of which is a small piece of coal. It was presented to him in recognition of his earnest efforts to keep the people of North Platte and tributary section supplied with coal.

Dr. Morrill, Dentist, Office over Wilcox Department Store.

The shortening of the business hours due to coal shortage, seriously affects the output of the newspaper offices. With them December is the busy month of the year, and evening overtime is almost daily. With the shortened work-day hours, no overtime and no available extra help, it is impossible to care for the business in the manner that we should like.

Full line of wheel goods for Xmas. John H. Null, 606 Locust. 89tf

It seems like the irony of fate that just when the coal situation is so critical, that we should have unusually cold and stormy weather. With another snow yesterday and with the temperature one below zero in the morning and only a few degrees above at any time during the day. In few years, during the past forty, have we experienced so much snow and cold weather in November and the early part of December.

Furs of all kinds, nice sets or separate muffs or scarfs at the Year End sale at Block's.

Mesdames E. T. Tramp and Herbert Tramp entertained at a miscellaneous shower last evening complimentary to Miss Grace Burke. Thirty ladies were present, each of whom wrote a letter of advice which the bride-to-be will open and read on her honeymoon trip. Each also contributed a verse which the guest of honor read in the presence of the other guests. Room decorations were California peppers, and the table decorations and the place cards were of Christmas design, a small tree being used as a center piece for the bride's table.

TROTTER ELECTED PRESIDENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sixty or more members of the Chamber of Commerce were served with a six o'clock dinner at the Union Pacific restaurant last evening, and following the meal the constitution as prepared by a committee was adopted as read. By-laws governing the organization were also read and later adopted by the board of directors.

The subject of a drainage system extending from O'Fallons to the points east of the city was presented by W. V. Hoagland, who is the legal representative of the land owners promoting the work. It was argued that by such a drainage system the water level surrounding North Platte would be lowered, and that it would eradicate the possibility of water in basements during rainy seasons, or at other times for that matter, and that the drainage would take care of the flood waters that enter the city from the west. Should the city be incorporated into the district, the property benefited would share in the cost of construction.

It was pointed out by several speakers that the solution of better and bigger crops in the valley was obtainable by drainage, and that in all irrigated sections drainage was necessary to obtain the best results. The meeting went on record as favoring a comprehensive drainage system for the valley.

The coal situation was taken up and those in a position to know made statements as to what had been done to secure coal and complimented Mayor Streitz and the fuel committee consisting of Messrs. Romigh, Wilson and Diner for the absolute fairness with which they are conducting the work of distribution.

On motion of Cash Austin the meeting voted to send a telegram to the powers that be at Washington to quit dilly-dallying on the coal question and to use more vigorous means in bringing the miners and operators together.

The general meeting then adjourned and the board of directors held a meeting at which Cyde M. Trotter was elected president of the organization and Paul Harrington treasurer. Mr. Harrington will also act as secretary until a permanent person for that position is selected next month. Mr. Trotter is one of our most energetic business men, and under his administration we predict a successful year for the organization.

We do all kinds of general repair work. John H. Null, 606 Locust. 89tf

Mrs. James Ware will return today from Omaha where she has been visiting friends for several days.

Do your Christmas shopping advantageously now at The Leader Mercantile Co.

The Tuesday evening bridge club will be entertained this evening by Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Carroll.

Dixon & Son, Sight Specialists.

Mrs. John McGraw and Mrs. F. C. Pleisticker will entertain at a luncheon today at the home of the former complimentary to Miss Myrtle Beeler.

Bead bags, velvet bags, mesh bags, Reed Craft bags, fine line. C. M. Austin, Jeweler.

The ladies' aid society of the Presbyterian church will meet in the church parlors Thursday afternoon, entertained by Mesdames Powers, Brown and Baskins.

Shop early, Dixon, the Jeweler.

BELIEVE THAT STRIKE WILL BE SETTLED TODAY

Representatives of the government, the mine owners and the officials of the mine workers' union will hold a conference at Indianapolis today, and it is generally believed that as a result of this meeting the coal strike will be called off and that the miners will at once return to work. The basis of settlement will probably be a fourteen per cent raise, with a review of the situation after the miners return to work.

Should the strike be called off, which it is hoped will prove to be the case, Washington authorities warn the public that the coal shortage will not be relieved until after the first of January. They state that it will be several weeks before the coal mined will meet the demands of purely resident users, and a longer time before industries can be allotted their normal supply.

To the Public

At a meeting of the merchants last evening the matter of bettering the service to their customers during the time they have to observe short hours to conserve coal was discussed. It was decided to shorten the noon lunch hour so as to leave a full force working during those hours and to ask their customers to take advantage of this extra service, feeling that customers could have better attention if part of the afternoon rush could be distributed into the morning and middle of the day.

Twenty-five Below.

Observer Shilling reported a temperature of twenty-five degrees below zero at eight o'clock this morning, and twenty-two degrees below at ten o'clock, and since that time there has been a slowly rising temperature. The cold this morning was of the quiet, sneaking kind, scarcely a breath of wind, and therefore not so keenly felt, yet cold enough to keep one from loafing on the street corners.

During the coal shortage the public library will only be open afternoons from one to five-thirty o'clock.

Mrs. Arthur Tramp will entertain at bridge Tuesday afternoon of next week in honor of Miss Grace Burke.

Useful Xmas gifts at The Leader Mercantile Co.

The home missionary society will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. J. A. McMichael, 209 south Vine street.

Mrs. G. S. Huffman and Mrs. Harry Mitchell will entertain at bridge Thursday afternoon of next week at the home of the former in honor of Miss Myrtle Beeler.

Useful Xmas gifts at The Leader Mercantile Co.

Harry Dixon while doing heavy lifting yesterday afternoon suffered a bad back sprain which required him to be conveyed home. This morning he is reported somewhat improved, though suffering pain. It is probable that he will be confined to the house for several days.

Every hat, including the season's best styles, for women, misses and children, will be sold at a discount of from 25 to 50 per cent at The Leader Mercantile Co.

For Sale—Some furniture, good heater and tricycle. 320 west Front.

For Rent—Good sleeping room, 320 west Front. 95-2

HERBERT HARDIN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BY A PLAYMATE

Herbert Hardin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Hardin, who live at 211 west Seventh street, was shot in the stomach by a playmate about three o'clock Sunday afternoon and died the following night.

Herbert had gone to a neighbor's house to visit a boy friend. In the house was a gun supposed to be unloaded, which the young friend picked up and pointing it at Herbert jokingly said, "Look out, I will shoot you," and pulled the trigger. To the great surprise of the boy handling the gun, it was discharged, and the contents entered Herbert's stomach, causing death within four hours.

The funeral will be held from the residence at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mail Christmas Packages Early. On account of the shortage of coal and the taking off of trains I would advise every one to mail their Christmas packages early, and we have been notified by the postal department that there will be a very heavy parcel post business this year. P. H. McEVOY, Postmaster.

Mason Attention.

There will be no meetings of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 A. F. & A. M. until fuel conditions are improved. S. C. MECOMBER, Master.

Millinery sale at The Leader Mercantile Co. offers from 25 to 50 per cent off on any hat in their millinery department.

Elgin wrist watches, \$30.00 and up. Dixon, the Jeweler.

You Can't beat a bicycle for Xmas. John H. Null, 606 Locust. 89tf

Special—Kettle rendered lard. Brodbeck's Meat Market. 86tf

STOP-THINK-LISTEN!

Where are you buying your Groceries? Are you getting Quality and Price? Look over some of our prices below, as we can save you money.

- 9 oz. jar prepared mustard 15c
- 22 oz. Preserves 25c
- 16 oz bottle Supreme Catsup 30c
- 16 oz bottle Webfoot Catsup 25c
- No. 2 1/2 can tomatoes 10c
- No. 3 can pumpkin 15c
- No. 3 can pork and beans 15c
- Large package fancy oats 35c
- Tall can medium red salmon 30c

The above are well known brands and you won't be deceived on quality and price. We are headquarters for the famous Butter and Cream Krust Bread.

We deliver fresh meat with grocery orders if desired. Call and get prices on other goods. We are not in all parts of the city but you can get us by calling 212.

Dick Stegeman.

813 North Locust Street.

GIVE HIM AN OVERCOAT



An Overcoat for Xmas!

What could be more practical or more pleasing to the recipient whether he be man, young man, or boy. This will be a season of practical Xmas Gifts. Our Overcoat assortment includes every desirable fabric, every staple and novelty weave, and every conceivable color combination.



Specially Priced for Quick Selling

Temporary Store Hours During Coal Shortage

10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The HIRSCHFELD Co.

The Store of Practical Gifts for Men and Boys.

It radiated "home" in a measure all out of proportion to its size. The daughter of the house had chosen it as her own little apartment because of its sunny bay window.

"Thanks to the National Biscuit Company and the other good things," said the live well wife.



The package bespeaks favor for the contents—the contents bespeak favor for all time. What wonder that this perfect soda cracker has entrenched itself as a staple diet in all climes and with all sorts and conditions of society? You should eat them always and often!

NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

"Chicken girls" the announcement. Then out would come a box of Uneeda Biscuit and a jar of potted chicken. Nimble fingers would set to work and in a twinkling little piles of chicken sand-

wiches that looked oh, so tempting, would grace a yellow plate. Or, "How would we like a tomato bouillon on a cold, blowy day like this?" And a package of N. B. C. Zwieback would be forthcoming from the window cupboard, tomato bouillon was made hot over the alcohol lamp, creating the momentous birthday this year. "Dearest, please, a package of Snapshots, while I have a grape juice"—a general merry-

cream cheese board to-day; let me have some Butter Thin Biscuits, coffee so strong it will make till mid-

of the latest world record. "I've got a new idea," said the lady. "I'll give you a package of Uneeda Biscuits and a jar of potted chicken. Nimble fingers would set to work and in a twinkling little piles of chicken sand-

of friends grew closer, day by day, chatting in the sunny bay window, sipping tea or coffee and nibbling National Biscuit Delicacies!

Give Him Something To Wear For Christmas

Is a word to the wise sufficient?



Do you realize that Christmas is but a very, very short time ahead? With but thirteen more shopping days, and with business hours cut to the minimum on account of the coal shortage, we are almost face to face with Santa Claus. YOU CAN NOT SHOP TOO EARLY THIS CHRISTMAS.

Our Store is brimming full of useful gifts—the very thing men buy for themselves. Whether you want something to give FATHER, HUSBAND, BROTHER or SWEETHEART, we have just what you are looking for. In fact anything for a Man or Boy in the way of useful presents can be found at our store. Come in and let us talk over the gift question with you.

EDWARDS-REYNOLDS CO.

FOR MEN AND BOYS.