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LOOKING BACKWARD.

With this issue The Tribune closes its thirty-fifth year—just one-half the biblical span of man's life. For the first five months of The Tribune's existence the present publisher was the factotum of the office and then purchased a half interest, and at the end of a little less than five years became the sole owner and has continued as such consecutively for thirty years.

Those thirty-five years of newspaper work has had its smiles and tears, coupled with perhaps more "grief" than any other line of business. But possessed of a strong constitution and blessed with ever present good health, the worries resulting from the sins of omission and commission have never set heavily upon him, even in the drouth years and panicky periods, when with many others he scarcely knew from whence would come the money for the next meal.

The Tribune made its advent when Lincoln county had just begun to be populated with hardy homesteaders; prior to that time it was largely a cattle growing country, and the few who had attempted to till the soil as a means of livelihood had not met with pronounced success. The rush of homesteaders began in 1885 and continued for several subsequent years and the country, especially that portion south of the river, became dotted with sod houses. Land was broken out lavishly and for two or three years the crops grown were such as lead the homesteaders to believe that they had cast their lot in the Land Bountiful. In fact the section surrounding Wallace was termed "Egypt" by reason of the apparent richness of the soil. But hope among the homesteaders was short lived, for there came a cycle of dry years when absolutely nothing was grown in the way of farm produce; many of the homesteaders deserted their land and with a team of poor horses hitched to a covered wagon containing their families and all their worldly possessions wended their way back to their "wife's folks," wherever that might be to the eastward. In all parts of the county the deserted homes were to be seen. But not all the homesteaders deserted their holdings; there were a lot of determined fellows who had faith in the future of the country and they stuck, and in every instance so far as The Tribune personally knows, the fellows who remained through those troublous and trying years made a winning by so doing. Many of our most prosperous farmers and stockmen today are the fellows who had the nerve to stay. Quite a few in order to keep their families from starving or freezing may have accepted portions of state and county aid in one or two particularly bad years, but they weathered the gale and are now the possessors of broad acres and fine flocks, live in homes possessed of modern conveniences and are happy and contented in the post-meridian of life.

In January, 1885, the area covered by homes in North Platte was less than one-fifth that of today. South of Third street there were a few, but very few homes; there were only a few houses west of the 500 block on Front, Sixth, Fifth, Fourth and Third and east of Dewey five blocks covered the home area. Scattered and comparatively few were the homes north of the track, and North Locust street as a business section was unknown.

So far as we are now able to recall there is not now a man in business who was so engaged in 1885, the consolidation of the Field and Birge lumber yards a short time ago taking out of business W. W. Birge, who opened a lumber yard about four years prior to The Tribune's birth and continued consecutively until the merger of the two yards. In January, 1885, there were two banks, both private, the Bank of Chas. McDonald and the North Platte bank of which W. E. Beach & Co. were the owners. There were two druggists, J. A. Le Flis in a frame building where the Rexall is now located, and J. Q. Thacker, the latter occupying the room on Front street east of the Frater drug store. Later Gray & Co. opened a drug store, H. H. Blakesly, and E. M. Day were the village photographers, J. F. Schmalried conducted a cigar factory and store, H. MacLean and Theodore Eldam were the shoemakers,

P. H. McEvoy had a jewelry, gun and tobacco store, Herman Otten, father of Will Otten, was owner of the Star Clothing House (the Star has never lost its name), James Belton had a hardware and furniture store, Conway & Wiggins were hardware dealers, there was a Famous clothing store which in February of that year was moved to Gothenburg by A. Holzmank; A. E. Huntington conducted a restaurant, Cash & Iddings handled lumber and coal, T. J. Foley conducted the big dry goods store of the town at the corner of Sixth and Dewey (the latter street then being known as Spruce); Louie Kramer had a dry goods store in the room now occupied by Dixon, and E. Weinschenk was also in the dry goods business. The town was well supplied with saloons, the most notable of which were Laing's on Front street, J. C. Hupfer in the frame building where the McDonald bank now stands and Bill Tucker in a frame building on land now covered by the First National building. Mrs. A. H. Gillett conducted a hotel known as the Hinman House on Front street between Dewey and Locust, J. C. Federhoof was proprietor of the Nebraska House on east Front street on land now covered by the Palace Hotel, and Cash & Iddings ran the U. P. Hotel. At that time Judge H. M. Grimes was register of the U. S. land office, and the leading law firms were Shannon & Church and Hinman & Nesbitt. No North Platte physician of today practiced in those days. Among the grocers were Wm. Grady and T. J. Foley.

And as have passed the business men—either by removal elsewhere or by the summons of the silent messenger—so have passed hundreds of the men and women who were identified with the civic, the church and the social life of North Platte. A number of these men and women who have gone were classed among the pioneers of the west; they helped blaze the path for modern civilization; the transformation of a wild and woolly west into a land of culture and refinement. The plat of ground on the northwestern limits of the city, whose area is constantly being increased, as well as the plat south of the river, bear mute evidence of those hundreds who have left us, many of whom we will ever remember because they were our friends—were our friends in the days when friendship seemed to mean more than it does today.

To those of us who have lived that half of man's span of life in North Platte should come this thought: Have we by our living benefitted others; have we been of real service to the community in which we have lived?

Limit Loan.
 The federal farm loan banks have decided that hereafter not more than one hundred dollars an acre may be loaned on any land, even in cases where the actual sales are recorded and the land brought as high as three or four hundred dollars.

In accordance with this ruling and supplementary to it the rule is made that where a farm sold within a year at a considerably enhanced price, the price of the sale next previous is to be taken by the appraisers in fixing the amount of the loan asked.

The Catholic girls club met Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Marie Stack. The evening was devoted to cards, Miss Vaughn Hayes winning first prize and Miss Edna Sullivan the second. Assisting hostesses were the Misses Ella McGovern, Marie Schatz and Dorothy Hubbard.

W. P. Moss and family left yesterday for Carlisbad, N. M., where Mr. Moss, who for some time past has been employed as watch maker at the Dixon jewelry store, will engage in the photographic business.

The First Presbyterian Church
 There will be special services at the 11 a. m. hour. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. The men are invited to come and join the pastor's class. They have just taken up "Stewardship" or "Money the Acid Test."

Episcopal Church.
 Holy communion 8 a. m.
 Church school and bible class 9:45 a. m.
 Morning prayer and sermon 11 a. m.
 Church school on north side 3 p. m.
 R. O. MACKINTOSH, Rector.

House For Sale
 Strictly modern 6 room house with garage, corner lot, on east Fifth. Also lot on west Fifth. Apply 1002 east Fifth or phone Red 1155.

Fur Coats and Robes.
 We take orders for tanning furs and hides for coats and robes and for the making of coats and robes from furs and hides. Coats retined and repaired.
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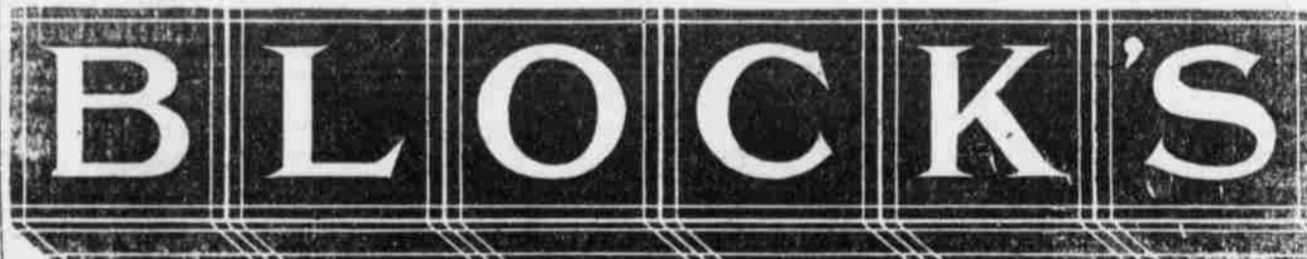
Battle Still Raging!

The Big Drive against the High Cost of Woman's Apparel is now at its height at BLOCK'S. We have been selling more Coats, Suits, Dresses, Skirts, Furs, etc., since this Great JANUARY CLEAN SWEEP SALE started than at any sale ever held in this Greater Woman's Store. People from far and near thronged our store daily and bought liberally. Why shouldn't they buy here! Bargains such as we are offering during this SALE would tempt a miser. A Dollar spent here now buys about double the amount it ever bought at ANY SALE. There are plenty more Beautiful Garments left here at these little prices, and if you are still to buy your winter outfit don't delay, come right in now while the picking is at its best.

Read a few of the many Money Savers awaiting You at Block's Sale

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| <p>Ladies Suits at One-half Price</p> <p>Your unrestricted choice of any Fall and Winter Suit in the store exactly at</p> <p>Half Price.</p> <p>Plush and Cloth Dollman Coats at One-Third Off.</p> <p>\$40.00 Coats now ----- \$26.67 \$45.00 Coats now ----- \$30.00 \$60.00 Coats now ----- \$40.00 \$75.00 Coats, now ----- \$50.00</p> <p>Wool and Silk Skirts 20 per cent off.</p> <p>2 groups of dainty silk waists, regular values up to \$11.50, while they last \$5.98 and \$7.75.</p> | <p>150 Cloth Coats 150 300 Dresses 300</p> <p>AT UNHEARD OF LOW PRICES</p> <p>Coats up to \$23.75 now ----- \$18.75 Coats up to \$40.00, now ----- \$24.75 Coats up to \$55.00, now ----- \$31.75 Coats up to \$75.00, now ----- \$41.75</p> <p>Furs! Furs!</p> <p>Thousands of dollars worth of dependable Furs, in sets or separate scarfs and muffs at a straight discount of</p> <p>25 per cent off.</p> <p>the regular price.</p> <p>WOOL SERGE AND FLANNEL MIDDIES</p> <p>20 per cent off.</p> <p>Bath Robes made of heavy Beacon Blankets at</p> <p>20 per cent off</p> <p>Regular Price.</p> | <p>of every description, in serge, tricotine, tricolette, jersey, satin, taffeta and Georgette, reduced to prices within the reach of all.</p> <p>Dresses up to \$25.00, now ----- \$14.98 Dresses up to \$35.00, now ----- \$19.98 Dresses up to \$40.00, now ----- \$24.75 Dresses up to \$57.75, now ----- \$34.75 Dresses up to \$75.00, now ----- \$44.75</p> <p>Girls' Coats and Dresses, sizes 2 to 14, at a straight discount of</p> <p>20 per cent off</p> <p>Regular Price.</p> <p>SILK AND WOOL SWEATER COATS</p> <p>20 per cent off</p> <p>Regular Price.</p> <p>Knitted Wool Cap and Scarf Sets, regular values up to \$3.75, sale price 98c, \$1.48 and \$1.98.</p> |
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North Platte and Columbus, Neb.

Mail orders promptly filled and sent any where post paid. If not satisfactory return at our expense.

First Lutheran Church.
 Morning subject at 11 o'clock, subject "The Childhood of Jesus." Evening worship at 8 o'clock, subject "Speaking with the Spirits of Our Dead." Sunday school at 9:45. A cordial christian awaits you at all services. REV. C. F. KOCH, Pastor.

The Lutheran Brotherhood will meet next Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Johnson, 1210 west Fourth street. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lierk will assist in the entertaining. All men of the church and their friends are invited.

Miners Ratify Agreement.
 The United Mine Workers of America in convention at Indianapolis Wednesday ratified the action of the international officers in accepting President Wilson's proposal to end the coal strike on a 14 per cent increase basis and a commission to draw up a new wage agreement.

The vote was taken just before noon after Acting President Lewis had made a plea for ratification. The vote was taken on the motion by President Murray of the Pennsylvania Miners' organization, that the report of the international officers in accepting President Wilson's proposal for ratification to 221 against.

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.

Higgins Also "Roars."
 Editor Tribune:—
 We read in The Tribune of January 2d: "Lincoln county autoists are roaring about their high auto licenses," and are consoled by this bit of information: "However as this license goes towards the improving of the roads of the county, and is, therefore, a direct benefit to autoists, we really can't say that the owners have much of a roar." In these times of good roads camouage, it would appear only reasonable that the taxpayer should "roar."

Instead of Lincoln county auto li-

censes going for the "direct benefit of Lincoln county roads only one-fourth of such licenses goes to the "benefit of Lincoln county roads." Whether the other three-fourths go to the "benefit of swivel chair roads boosters, we know not. The average Lincoln county auto owner and taxpayer cannot understand why he should pay taxes to build roads, pay license to use those roads, three-fourths of which licenses disappear in thin air. They can't understand as a matter of justice why they should pay such license to use their own roads, while others who pay neither taxes nor li-

cense, should have the free use of such roads with heavy autos that make continual repairing necessary. Lincoln county taxpayers want good roads, not just one good road.
 JONATHAN HIGGINS.

Dixon's grind their own lenses. Try their service the next time you break yours. Just take the pieces to them

Clearance Sale.
 20 per cent off on all 1919 wall paper. Now is the time to have your papering done before the spring rush. Phone Red 162. P. O. DEATS. 1011

Sale One More Week

The Four Days of our Clearance Sale has been the most successful in the History of our business career due to the fact that under these conditions of the H. C. L. the values that we are giving are real, and we have decided to give the people the benefit of one more week of our Clearance Sale.

When we say reduction it is one in every sence of the word. Big price cuts in every department. The balance of our bolt goods go at give away prices as we are discontinuing handling this class of merchandise.

Every practical woman should take advantage of these sale prices. Remember one more week sale on all merchandise.

Sale Closes, January 17, 1920.

E. T. Tramp & Sons', Ready-to-Wear.



Don't Depend on Spring Deliveries

Spring deliveries of Ford cars have never been certain, and they should not be depended upon. Demand has always been greater for Ford cars than the supply or production. So, if you would be sure of having a Ford car, buy it now while deliveries are possible. Don't wait—even next month is an uncertainty.

Only a limited, specified number of cars has been allotted to this territory. That allotment cannot be increased, because the demand all over the country is greater than the supply or production. Get your order now, and you will be one of those who is sure of a Ford car out of our allotment.

It's first come—first served. All orders are filled in rotation. So, if you would be forehanded, if you would be certain of having a Ford car when you want it—then you will buy a Ford car now. A signed order with us is your protection. It is the result of the wisdom of looking ahead.

If you buy a Ford car now, don't think you have to "store" it. The Ford is a car made to serve its owner for business or pleasure throughout the entire year. Ford owners have long since come to recognize the fact. It is no longer popular to "lay-up" your car for the winter. Buy a Ford car now, and use it now.

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| Ford Touring | \$600.00 |
| Ford Roadster | \$575.00 |
| Ford Sedan | \$875.00 |
| Ford Coupelet | \$750.00 |
| Ford Truck | \$590.00 |

These prices with starter except truck, F. O. B. Detroit.

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