

## TROTTER LEAVES TOWN UNDER FINANCIAL CLOUD

The Tribune regrets to chronicle the business failure of Clyde M. Trotter and that his affairs are in such shape that he did not have the nerve to face his creditors and that he has left for parts unknown. While it has been known that Mr. Trotter's affairs were in bad shape, largely because he was doing a big business in the auto line in this city and as a hay grower and cattle feeder at Brady, without being the possessor of any capital to speak of, and that he was handicapped by the immense sums he necessarily had to pay interest on his loans, yet it was thought that he might eventually pull through. But instead of getting out from under his burden of indebtedness, liabilities increased until he realized that he was hopelessly involved and he gave up the fight in flight.

The climax came Tuesday morning when Mr. Voss of Omaha, a brother of Mrs. Trotter, arrived in town with a letter from Trotter which was written last Saturday evening, mailed at the Omaha depot and which he received Monday in which Trotter stated that he had become hopelessly involved and that he was leaving for the Lord only knew where, if the authorities wanted him that they would probably get him, and asked that Mr. Voss go to North Platte and save what he could out of the wreck for Mrs. Trotter. Mr. Voss spent Tuesday and Wednesday in town and while here learned that outside of her lawful interest in the home, Mrs. Trotter's prospects of getting a penny of salvage from the wreck was extremely slight. Mr. Voss returned to Omaha Wednesday afternoon.

The amount of Trotter's liabilities are not at this time fully known, but chattel mortgages placed on file in the county clerk's office since the crash came aggregate over \$100,000 with others yet to be filed. The value of the securities named in these mortgages is problematical. All but two cover new or second hand cars and auto accessories. Of the two exceptions one mortgage of \$15,000 is secured by 500 tons of hay for which he had made a bill of sale, and the other is secured by cattle. The largest creditor is Henry Hupfer of this city whose mortgages total \$17,150, while other big creditors are the Gothenburg State Bank, the Farmers' State Bank of Gothenburg, the First National Bank of this city, the City Safe Deposit Co., of Omaha, and the Powell Supply Co., of Omaha. The mortgages held by these six concerns total \$77,000.

Since boyhood Trotter had lived in Lincoln county, and as a young man was first employed as school teacher, later elected county superintendent of schools, and following this was cashier of a bank of Brady. As a banker he was unsuccessful, and relinquished the position to engage in the auto business in Brady. About four years ago he came to this city and opened a salesroom and as a salesman was energetic and sold many cars, but apparently on account of taking in so many made but little money on the cars he second hand cars on the deals.

### Fatally Burned

Miss Florence Hoover of Big Springs was fatally burned Saturday morning at the Paul Betcher home east of Cozad. Miss Hoover was teaching near Darr and boarded at the Betcher home. In attempting to start the fire with kerosene, her clothing became ignited and she was so seriously burned that her death resulted. She died at the depot at Cozad at eight o'clock Saturday morning while waiting for No. 19, on which she was to be taken to the hospital at North Platte.—Gothenburg Independent.

## BANDA NOT ONE OF SEVERAL SUSPECTS HELD

The efforts to apprehend Banda, the Mexican wanted on the charge of killing the North Platte police officers have in no way been relaxed, and the man hunt is as vigorous as at the start. In a number of places Mexicans have either been arrested and held for investigation or have been placed under surveillance. Up to last evening however, none of the men placed under arrest had proven to be Banda.

Gus Myers, of Lincoln, has been interesting himself in the hunt for Banda, and it was he who went to Denver to investigate the suspect. Myers went through from Denver to Grand Island yesterday morning intending to stop at the latter place and look over the Mexican who has been held there. From there he expected to go to Omaha to look over a Mexican who the police believe is Banda. The Omaha officers seemed certain yesterday that the man they were holding was the Mexican wanted. Sheriff Salsbury wired the officers to look for a wound scar which it is known exists on one of Banda's legs, but up to last evening had received no reply to his message.

### Mrs. Dixon Entertains

Mrs. Harry Dixon was hostess at a reception from three to six o'clock yesterday afternoon. Miss Dow and Mrs. Frank Conlin, of Omaha, and Mrs. Rolf Halligan being the honor guests. A color scheme of pink and white was carried out with roses and the same applied to the refreshments. Mr. H. S. White and Mrs. A. F. Streitz received in the hall, and Mrs. E. F. Seoberger and Mrs. W. H. McDonald presided in the dining room. Assisting the latter were Mrs. J. J. Halligan, Mrs. Chas. Dixon and the Misses Janet McDonald, Alma Waltham and Louise Ottenstein.

### Dr. Fenner Brings Bride

Dr. Harold Fenner arrived from the east the early part of the week accompanied by a bride, having been married last week to Miss Ruth Dixon, of Des Moines. Mrs. Fenner was a social favorite in the Iowa city, and is certain to become such in North Platte. Dr. and Mrs. Fenner are "at home" at 710 south Dewey street.

The Great January Clearance Get the Money for Pizer Sale is liable to be called off any day, so don't put off attending now and save lots of dollars at THE LEADER MERCANTILE CO.

## Crystal, Saturday and Monday.

PAULINE FREDERICK

IN

### "The Loves of Letty"

a page from the book of every girl's life. And when it is all done and said, what is more interesting than the life of young people.

Saturday Comedy

### "A Popular Villian."

Monday Comedy

### "His Wife's Friend."

## FIDELITY RESERVE AGENTS MEET IN CONVENTION

The annual conference of agents of the Fidelity Reserve Company, our home life insurance organization, was held Tuesday afternoon with about thirty agents and sub-agents present. The afternoon was devoted to discussing the agents' work of the past year, the work of the coming year, the experience of the agents who have longest been in the field for the company and a school of instructions for the agents whose experience has been limited. At this meeting there were present officers and directors of the company and the afternoon proved profitable as well as pleasant to the officers and the agents.

In the evening a banquet of the officials, directors, agents and a few invited guests was held at the Union Pacific dining room, covers being laid for forty. Following a splendid five-course dinner served under the direction of the manager, and with F. H. Temple, of Lexington, one of the directors, occupying the chair of toastmaster, responses were made by quite a number of the agents and by others. In their responses the agents made statements of the amount of insurance they would aim to write during the year 1920, and these amounts aggregated somewhat over eight million dollars. From the evident energy possessed by these agents, coupled with their expressions of earnest belief that the contracts put out by the Fidelity Reserve are the best in the world, and this backed by their work the past year, would indicate that the agents will make good in the amount of the business they hope to write during the year.

The Fidelity Reserve was organized at Lexington seven years ago, and four years ago the home office was removed to this city. The insurance written by the company has doubled each year since organization, last year showing considerably more than a 100 per cent increase. The company by no means covers a local field; it has agents in the larger towns in the central part of the state and during the past year invaded the eastern part of the state with marked success. It is the aim to make the company nationwide in its field of endeavor and its growth since organization indicates that within a few years such will be true.

As a guest at the banquet The Tribune man could not but notice the character of the agents. They are a mighty clean cut looking bunch of young men, and the apparent energy which they display in their work cannot help but appeal to the fellow who admires "pep" in the human make-up. That the "boys" are hustlers; that their heart is in their work, is evidenced by their work of the past year and their promise that they will do greater things during 1920.

### Deputy Will Assist Taxpayers

In a letter to The Tribune, Geo. L. Loomis, internal revenue collector says that a deputy collector who will assist taxpayers in making income tax returns will visit Lincoln county. He suggests that arrangements be made for a room to work in and prefer a public place. This deputy collector will be at the following towns on the dates designated:

Paxton—January 26th.  
Sutherland—27th.  
Hershey—28th.  
North Platte—January 29th, 30th, 31st.  
Brady—February 4th.

### L. O. F. NOTICE

Colfax Encampment No. 25, L. O. F., will hold installation of officers this Friday evening, January 23d. All subordinate members are most cordially invited to attend. Following the installation there will be an oyster supper.

J. GUY SWOPE, Scribe.

## AT THE SUN THEATRE.

### FRIDAY

### HOBS IN A HURRY

WITH

Wm. Russell

2 reel

### Joe Martin Moskey, comedy

Matinee 2:30 p. m. and 4:10 p. m.

### SATURDAY

Mary McLaren

### BONNIE BONNIE LASSIE

AND

Billy West

### HOT DOGS

Afternoon Matinee 1:45 and 4:10 p. m.

### MONDAY

Gladys Leslie

### MIDNIGHT BRIDE

ALSO

Last Chapter of "Elmo."

Matinee 2:30 p. m. and 4:15 p. m.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Dow, of Omaha, is a guest at the Harry Dixon home, having arrived yesterday morning.

### Dixon & Son, Slight Specialties.

Mrs. Allen, of Lincoln, is the guest of her daughter Mrs. M. L. Overstreet.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Smith and daughter have returned from a visit at Rockford, Ill., and are guests at the Hoxie home while enroute to Julesburg.

Have music in your home. Edison and Columbia phonographs, Dixon the Jeweler.

Strayed from 506 block on west Fifth street, a white silk haired toy poodle dog. Liberal reward for information leading to recovery. Phone Red 215.

The stork visited the home of Dr. and Mrs. Shaffer yesterday and deposited an eight pound girl baby. The mother and daughter are reported to be doing nicely.

The weather this morning is somewhat wintry—a chilly temperature, a light snow falling and a penetrating wind. The snow comes in accordance with the weather forecast of yesterday.

A capacity house was present last evening at the presentation of "Parlor Bedroom and Bath." The play is of the hilarious nature and the audience smiled and laughed all the while.

Cordova leather is considered the sterling of all leather goods. See Dixon's complete line.

A civil service examination of applicants for the position of postmaster at Sutherland will be held at the federal building in his city February 15th. The annual compensation of the Sutherland office is \$1,500.

Wedding announcement cards received yesterday state that Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Tarkington will be at home in Hot Springs, Ark., after February 15. At the time of the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Tarkington were undecided whether their home would be in North Platte or Hot Springs.

Mrs. Guy Edis, who lives south of the city, is at the Fenner hospital suffering from a badly burned throat. Mrs. Edis had been ill, and Mrs. Johnson, a neighbor, who was taking care of her, gave her by mistake a spoonful of lysol. Mrs. Johnson's mistake was excusable as there were two bottles of liquid of the same color and the bottles were of the same size.

Nick Chiros's windows.

Has Chiros Been "Marked?" Nick Chiros, who shot Venzuela, one of the murderers of Officers McComber and Rogers, has reason to believe that he has been "marked" by the Mexican friends of the man he shot. On two occasions Chiros has been followed at night by Mexicans but has succeeded in keeping them at a respectful distance. Fearing attack Chiros made application for leave to carry a weapon, which was granted. If attacked it is probable that Nick will get another Mex.

Twentieth Century Club

The Twentieth Century Club will meet with Mrs. F. C. Pielsticker, 221 west Second street on Tuesday afternoon of next week, at three o'clock. Mrs. Catherine Brown and Mrs. Mae Forbes will be the assistant hostesses. The program, dealing with the Immigration and what he is giving to America, under the leadership of Mrs. C. Franklin Koch, promises to be of unusual interest.

MRS. STANLEY ORR, Press Chairman

Flu is Strong in Chicago.

Influenza and pneumonia claimed 79 deaths in Chicago within the 24-hour period ending 9 a. m. Thursday, according to reports to the health department. The number of new influenza cases mounted to 2,226, a new high mark. Pneumonia cases also increased, 257 being reported.

Further spread of the malady in this country was reported to the service, 93 new cases being listed in Kansas and 2,430 in 16 counties of northern Illinois.

Apples

The car of apples that were to be here last week arrived today. All choice apples in bushel boxes, Ganos, Lady's, Spitzenburg, Roman Beauties, Wine Saps, Newtons and Black Twigs. Will be sold from the car at \$2.85 per box. Come and get them.

Special—Kettle rendered lard. Brodbeck's Meat Market. 861F

## DIXON ELECTED PRESIDENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce at noon yesterday the office of president to which C. M. Trotter was elected a couple of weeks ago, was declared vacant and Harry Dixon elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Dixon had been vice-president of the organization, and his election to the presidency left a vacancy which was filled by the election of John B. Edwards.

Geo. N. Gibbs was elected as a member of the board of directors to fill the existing vacancy.

In the selection of Mr. Dixon the directors made a wise choice, for his standing in the community, his energy as a progressive business man and the interest he takes in city and county affairs adds weight to the influence of the organization.

At yesterday's meeting the directors made plans for a big meeting the early part of February which will be in the nature of a welcome to Mr. Moran, who was recently selected as secretary of the organization.

Mrs. Wilson Awarded \$7,500.

The district court jury Tuesday evening brought in a verdict of seven thousand five hundred dollars in favor of Mrs. Wilson and against the General Hospital in an action wherein the plaintiff sued for \$15,000 damages. This case was brought by Mrs. Wilson on the charge that one of her feet had been permanently crippled through treatment she had received at the hospital about two years ago. Mrs. Wilson was represented by W. E. Shuman. The case will probably be appealed to the higher court.

Venzuela's Condition Critical.

Henry Venzuela, one of the slayers of Officers McComber and Rogers and who has been confined in jail, has but little hope of recovering from the gun shot wound received at the hands of Nick Chiros. While he hangs on to life tenaciously it is considered that his future stay on earth is but short.

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Christian Church

Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., subject "Far-off Followers of Jesus."

Preaching 7:30 p. m., subject "The End of the Commandment."

We have an interesting bible school class for every boy and girl from one year old up to ninety-nine years old. Come to bible school, stay to church, and come again in the evening.

Dixons' grind their own lenses.

## JURY FINDS VENZUELLA AND BANDA GUILTY

The coroner's jury which was empaneled last Friday, viewed the remains of the dead officers and then took a recess in hopes that the murderer who escaped would be apprehended, convened in the district court room Wednesday and heard the evidence of the men who were in the Chiros store room at the time the shooting occurred. The evidence did not produce anything different in the main from the statements which have previously appeared in these columns. The witnesses testified that both Mexican had guns in their hands and believed that each of them had fired shots at the officers.

After hearing the evidence the jury rendered a verdict to the effect that S. C. McComber and George E. Rogers came to their death at the hands of Henry Venzuela and Antonio Banda.

Chicken and waffles sounds mighty good to the average man—and woman as well—an when the Lutheran ladies serve that class of supper in the church basement next Tuesday evening they will undoubtedly have a patronage that will tax their accommodations. The Lutheran ladies have been serving these suppers for twenty or more years and have established a reputation for serving chicken and waffles in a worth while style.

The losers of the Indian card club entertained the winners at a six course dinner at the Pacific hotel Wednesday evening. Potted plants and candles were used as table decorations. The dinner was followed by a theatre party at the Sun. Mrs. D. T. Quigley, of Omaha, was the only out of town guest.

Diamonds—Dixon—Diamonds.

Keith, Saturday.

"The Girl Alaska."

The first and only photoplay ever made on Alaskan soil.

The Sunshine Comedy—

The Roaming Bath Tub.

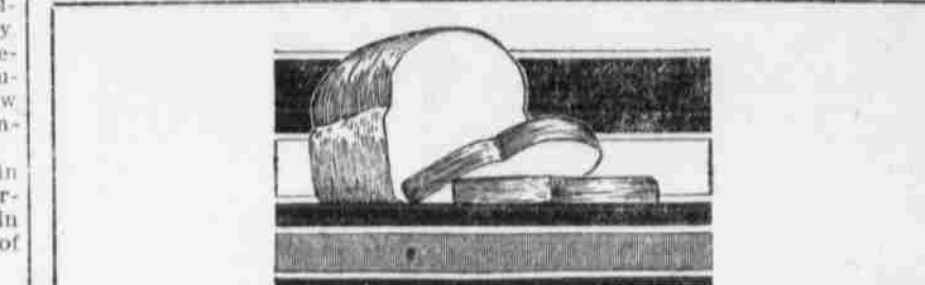
## Keith Theatre, Monday and Tuesday.

MARGUERITE CLARK, the adorable

—IN—

### "Come Out of the Kitchen"

The stageplay in which Ruth Chatterton made such a hit. On the screen with Marguerite Clark, well use your own judgment, but we wouldn't advise you to miss it.



## An Elastic Dime Is what you make of 10c when you buy "Mother Goose" Bread.

In no other article of food can you buy as much real nourishment for the money as in bread.

Consider how much meat, potatoes, etc., you would get for ten or fifteen cents. Eat more bread and cut the cost of living.

Sudman's "Mother Goose" Bread is a loaf of high food value. It has the true wheat flavor and does not crumble when cut which is a real test of good bread properly baked.

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For Men and Boys.