

## CLOSE OF HI-Y CONFERENCE

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ATTENDANCE GOOD AND SPIRIT FINE THROUGHOUT THE THREE DAYS

The Western Older Boys' Conference closed with a boys' mass meeting Sunday afternoon in the Franklin Auditorium with an address by Clarence Pircher, of St. Paul.

The following towns were represented with delegations:

- Kearney ..... 4
- Elm Creek ..... 4
- Lexington ..... 4
- Cozad ..... 5
- Brady ..... 9
- Maxwell ..... 15
- Stapleton ..... 11
- Wellfleet ..... 9
- Farnam ..... 79

Total delegates ..... 78

The opening session was a "Get Acquainted" affair where schools gave their various yells and popular songs were sung, and each man introduced himself.

Words of welcome were given by W. T. Wilcox, representing the North Platte business men who financed the banquet, and by Minor Hinman, Jr., representing the North Platte High School students. Mr. Wilcox gave the boys some sound business advice as to the kind of young men needed in business today and made the boys feel welcome in the various business houses. Mr. Hinman took the boys into the fellowship of the North Platte students. On behalf of the visiting delegates, Mr. Messersmith, a student of the Farnam High School, gave the response of appreciation.

Following this the address of the evening was given by J. N. Dryden, of Kearney. Mr. Dryden told the boys that the leadership of the world in the next generation was in their hands.

On Saturday morning, the topics discussed were "Dirty Athletics: Its Cause and Effects," by L. B. Temple, of Nebraska, an ex-Nebraska Football Captain. Also a talk by K. H. Chilton, of Cozad, about putting pep in the game of life. Following this, H. W. Kendall, District Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., spoke on "Why Go to Camp Sheldon," where the boys have an Assembly every summer.

D. J. Reb, Boys' Y. M. C. A. Secretary, of Fremont, then spoke on HI-Y Club methods, telling the delegates the method of procedure in organizing a HI-Y Club; this was continued in an early afternoon session.

The afternoon recreation was in charge of E. L. Stephens and the Superintendents of Farnam and Stapleton. The recreation consisted of a short game Basketball Tournament with ten teams participating: North Platte, Stapleton, North Platte second team, Stapleton second team, Elm Creek, Farnam, Kearney, Blue Stars, Brady and Maxweil.

The Farnam team had been practicing all fall and played good ball.

The evening session consisted of a banquet provided for by the North Platte business men and served by the Presbyterian ladies at their church. It was served promptly and in abundant and elegant fashion. The program was in charge of Toastmaster Harry Dixon, president of the North Platte Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Dixon enlivened the occasion by some jokes on the various speakers and bespoke the interest of the business men in the movement. Mr. Moon spoke of the Rotary Club movement and its policy of helping boys all over the United States. Mr. McDonald, introduced as the "Oldest boy in Lincoln County," entertained the crowd with his anecdotes and original jokes. Mr. Carey gave a brief and pointed address.

Superintendent Clark, who gave the principal address spoke very effectively in his great kind-hearted, big-souled way about the factors that largely cause the downfall of boys. He attributed it largely to the wrong use of the automobile and to the cigarette habit.

Sunday morning, Mr. D. J. Rueb gave a short conference before the church hour on HI-Y Club programs and promotion.

The closing session at 2 p. m. was largely attended by North Platte boys, where Mr. Kirscher gave an appeal for Christian living and taking a courageous stand against the temptations of modern life. A number of boys put themselves on record as taking a forward step in this direction.

At the close of the conference, the North Platte HI-Y Club held a business meeting with President Junior Hinman presiding. Membership, program and social committees were appointed and plans laid for furthering the work during the year. The Club unanimously elected Rev. Franklin Koch as advisory leader of the Club to help direct the work and program. Rev. Koch consented to serve in this capacity and the local HI-Y Club has bright prospects ahead for a very effective piece of work.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUETS FOOT BALL BOYS AND COACHES.

The Directors of the Chamber of Commerce banqueted the members of the 1920 foot ball team and the managers and coaches at the Pacific Hotel last evening. A four course dinner was served after which a number of talks were made. Among those called upon to speak were Harry Dixon, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Jas. T. Keefe and Victor Halligan, Assistant Coaches; Keith Neville, Head Coach; Dr. Wurtelle, Supt. Little, Editors Kelly and Tout, Paul Harrington, Captain Adams and others of the boys. The general trend of the talks was in praise of the 1920 team and a determination to win still higher standing during the season of 1921. John Edwards was Toastmaster.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Weesburg, announce the marriage of their daughter Essie, to Mr. William Arthur Robinson, December 15th.

About thirty friends and neighbors surprised Mrs. Bert Miller Monday evening at her home on West Tenth St. It was her birthday and they presented her with a beautiful fruit dish. In the cards, which were the main feature of the evening entertainment, Mrs. Purdy won first prize and Walter Eschelmann the booby prize. Mesdames R. Wyman, Cornwell and R. Lannin assisted in serving the refreshments, which were especially good.

### Dixon Optical Co., Sight Specialists.

Tonight at eight o'clock there will be services at the Episcopal Church after which an informal reception will be held for Bishop Beecher. All of the Bishop's old friends will be expected to attend and congratulate him on the tenth anniversary of his ordination as Bishop.

## GAS HEARING HELD TO-NIGHT

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS ARRANGED FOR A HEARING AT THE COURTHOUSE.

Secretary Carey has announced that a meeting will be held at the courthouse this evening at 7:30 at which the proposition of the North Platte Light and Power Co. to raise the gas rate will be considered. A representative of the Gas Company will make the opening talk, giving the conditions as they exist and making representations of what it wants. This will be followed by a talk by Attorney W. E. Shuman who will take the part of the gas patrons who are opposed to raising the rates. The Gas representative will have the closing talk.

The meeting is called by the Chamber of Commerce so that everyone interested can get both sides of the controversy. After the main address the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce will adjourn to headquarters where other matters will be taken up.

Everyone interested should attend this meeting where an attempt will be made to do justice to the Gas Company and its patrons.

### DARRELL HEALEY ELECTED CAPTAIN OF NEXT YEAR'S FOOT BALL TEAM.

At a meeting of the letter men of the High School Football squad, yesterday afternoon Darrell Healey was elected Captain for next year. He has accepted and will begin making plans for the greatest team ever turned out by North Platte High School in 1921.

### "THE WISHING RING."

From the spring of the first tiny snowdrops,  
Till autumn's last cornflower fades,  
Through the summer of daisies and poppies,  
While oft dance the nymphs in the glades,  
In winter when only the roses the gladness of flowerland bring  
In every season of beauty, remember  
The Wishing Ring,  
If you think of young knights and fair ladies,

Or the follies of youth you would note  
When the dream of society damsels  
Or women who seek the vote  
Of story-book land and its people,  
Of gardeners who rake while they sing  
Or the two disobedient children?  
Remember "The Wishing Ring."

The little rhyme in the lead, which brings in so cleverly the various groups that make up the singing and dancing choruses in "The Wishing Ring," was written by a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. "The Wishing Ring" as everybody knows is the musical extravaganza which Miss Farrington of the John B. Rogers Producing Co., is to produce here under the auspices of the Camp-fire Girls. There are many, many charming features in "The Wishing Ring," perhaps none being more so than the court scenes in which girls about twelve years of age will dance the minuet in costume. The fascinating old steps done by daintily sweet maids will be lovely indeed when one learns that this is only a pretty incident in a long series of such. It looks very much as though the Camp-fire Girls were arranging an evening for its patrons that will be distinctly novel and alluring.

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## WELFARE WORK IS DISCUSSED

WORKER FOR STATE WELFARE BOARD GIVES VIEWS HERE.

Theodore Hansen has again visited North Platte and gone. He addressed a Mass Meeting at the Lutheran Church Sunday evening at which time he explained the work that the State Welfare Board is planning to take before the Legislature this winter. Monday noon he addressed the Rotary Club at its regular noonday luncheon and his reform ideas met with approval. In the afternoon he talked to a group of ladies and again in the evening he spoke before a group of Sunday School workers and others in the interests of the Welfare Work.

Dr. Hansen proposes the organization of a County Committee to work with the Children's Code Commission in getting needed legislation passed by the coming session of the Legislature. He has propositions touching the divorce question, the censorship of moving pictures and other similar questions. His addresses have been well received and it is probable that action will be taken in the near future by the local Welfare Board.

Engineer George A. Austin has handed in his resignation to the Union Pacific and made application for retirement. He started in 1874 and has served almost forty years as engineer. It is said that his record is clear, which is unusual and something for his friends to be proud of. He and Mrs. Austin will leave tomorrow for Omaha for a short visit and from there they will go to California for the winter.

## DEDMORE KAMERA SHOP OPENS NEW PORTRAIT DEPARTMENT THIS WEEK.

The Dedmore Kamera Shop, which is located near the corner of Locust and Sixth Streets, has enlarged its activities by opening a portrait department. Mr. Dedmore is experienced in this line of work but was not satisfied to undertake it in addition to the other lines of work he now has. He has engaged W. C. Blazer of Gothenburg and Mr. Blazer is giving his entire time to assisting Mr. Dedmore. "The new department is starting out in a satisfactory manner" said Mr. Dedmore yesterday, "and we expect business to open up soon for the holidays."

### HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL TEAM CALLS HARRY JONES TO COACH.

At a meeting of High School boys held yesterday afternoon, Athletic Director Stephens explained that he would be so busy with his other duties that he felt he could not give the time out of school, necessary to produce a winning basket ball team. At his request the boys were asked to express their preference for a Head Coach of Basket Ball and the unanimous choice was Harry Jones. It is probable that the Board of Education will ratify the choice made by the boys. Harry was a star player while in High School and has coached the team since graduation. His selection meets with general approval.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Nelson and daughter Anna, who conducted a drygoods store on north Locust street for the last four years, left for Lexington yesterday where they will reside in the future. Mr. Nelson will engage in the automobile business. Dean Sizer, of Saline, Kansas, will preach at the Episcopal Church tonight at eight o'clock.

# SPECIAL PRICES

As fast as we can we are giving you the benefit of the new price basis that is coming on many items of merchandise. On many items we are Discounting Prices that Will be Given for Spring. We have not cut the price on every item in our stock for the reason that we carry many lines that there will be little if any change in for months to come and that if we were to repurchase now we would not be able to have delivered until after the time you would want to buy them. We list a few of the changes in price below

## Ladies' Suits at One-Half Price.

\$100 Suits \$50    \$85 Suits \$42    \$65 Suits \$32.50    \$50 Suits \$25    \$40 Suits \$20

THIS APPLIES TO EVERY LADIES' COAT IN OUR STOCK

## LADIES' COATS

We Have Many Several Groups of Our Coat Stock.

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
Ladies' Cloth Coats, new styles and colors	Ladies' Cloth Coats, good styles, made from cloths bought from the U. S. Navy	Ladies' Coats that were good values up to \$30.00, now
<b>\$9.95</b>	<b>\$17.45</b>	<b>\$19.95.</b>
GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6
Ladies' Cloth Coats, new styles, a large variety of cloths to choose from, values to \$40, now	Ladies Cloth Coats, values to \$65.00, now	Ladies' Coats, values to \$95.00, now
<b>\$27.45</b>	<b>\$42.45</b>	<b>\$69.45</b>

### Black Cat Hosiery

We have reduced the price on our Ladies' and Children's Cotton and Lisle Hosiery from

**10 to 25c Per Pair**

### Special Purchase of Yarn

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