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NEW YEAR HAS FINE PROSPECTS

NORTH PLATTE AND LINCOLN COUNTY TO FACE 1921 WITH CONFIDENCE.

Tomorrow morning the people of North Platte and Lincoln County will start the first day of the new year. It is a holiday. Each will celebrate it in his own way; some by feasting, others by sports and entertainment. The New Year's dinner is usually a big occasion. Dancing, picture shows, basket ball, and religious services will each have its followers. Often in study and office the more serious minded will be found pouring over the record of the past year in order to learn its lessons.

The year 1920 has been marked by two distinct eras—the first when we were still under the spell of the war with prices advancing and free spending on the part of the whole people. In early summer came the reaction which was rather sharp and the tendency of prices turned downward. In some lines the decline was rapid: textiles, food and farm produce made sharp decline. The readjustment had set in. Great losses were sustained by merchants everywhere. Now the main lines of merchandise are fairly well established on a basis but a little above that prevailing before the war. Exceptions are metals, paper and coal, which have not yet gone down to any degree. The farmer stands to lose his share in the readjustment and the farmer who spent all he made during the time of high prices will feel the pinch just as the merchant has. Labor was the last to get the raise and it will be the last to take the loss. Skilled labor probably will not lower its wage standard but common labor is now on the decline and will probably go still lower, largely on account of non-employment.

So we face the year 1921. North Platte and Lincoln County are favorably located to recover from the reaction of 1920 and soon will be back to normal. We have the great Union Pacific Railroad with its steady payroll. The force has been reduced somewhat during the slack business season, just as is done very year, but nothing like the retrenchment that is being practiced on other roads.

We had many thousands of dollars from the sugar beet crop which money put many of our farmers in good financial condition. Our bank statements show a satisfactory condition on the whole with a strong tendency to expansion on the part of all. During the past six months there has not been a business failure in North Platte. Several business houses have quit business because of one thing or another but not one has had need of the law in order to get its affairs straightened out. This is a remarkable record and one which speaks well for the business conditions in the city.

A little more than two months away the new administration will take over all departments of government and with the united people back of the new administration something should be done to right the wrongs of the present. The State Legislature will meet next week and its action will be watched with interest as some mighty

important matters are to come before it.

There is a renewed activity in all religious and social lines. A number of new undertakings in these lines are promised for North Platte during the coming year. One is a school nurse for the schools of the County and another is a County Social Worker and a County Board of Public Welfare. The programs of the Boy Scout Council, the Campfire Girl Council, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Y. M. C. A. and such organizations all call for special activity in Lincoln County during the coming year.

Financially the conditions show signs of improving. The best sign is that which is expressed by the word co-operation. There are very few people who are forcing others to pay accounts unless there is some indication of fraud. The banker, the farmer, the laborer, the business and professional men—all are being as lenient as the conditions warrant and seldom do we hear of anyone exacting the pound of flesh because they are entitled to it. It will take some time yet for the readjustment to be completed but the crest has been passed. We hail 1921 as a year of promise. The need of the hour is for wise heads in leadership and heart in dealing with our fellow men. North Platte and Lincoln County have both. Let's use them to the limit.

THE ARMY & NAVY STORES TO OPEN WESTERN NEBRASKA HEADQUARTERS HERE.

Announcement is made this week that the Army and Navy Stores Co. is to open a store here on Saturday, Jan. 8th in the room formerly occupied by the Sudman Bakery. This building is at the corner of Fifth and Dewey. Permanent quarters have not yet been established. The new store will carry a varied line of goods such as was contracted for by the United States army during the war.

Mr. A. E. Stine, Manager of the stores in this part of the state said last night, "We expect to make North Platte the center for distribution in western Nebraska. This is because of its railroad facilities. We now have stores at Sidney, Scottsbluff, Alliance and other points in the western part of the state. We will open temporary quarters in the Sudman Bakery building. We will be open for business on Saturday January 8th. Plans for permanent quarters will be announced later."

SERGEANT JOHNSON OF LOCAL RECRUITING OFFICE IS PROMOTED.

Sergeant Johnson, who has been in North Platte for more than a year went to Omaha last week and received promotion to the rank of warrant officer. This is the highest office in the non-commissioned list and carries with it a substantial increase in pay. Mr. Johnson is now here on leave and will move his family to St. Louis in the near future. He has made an enviable record here and it was because of this record that he received his reward.

ANNOUNCEMENT.
F. W. Rincker has purchased the Gummere-Dent Drug Store and has assumed active charge. He invites the patronage of the public. Rincker, Prop. 102-3 We Deliver.

SUGGESTS NEW PLANS FOR FAIR

IRA L. BARE WRITES REGARDING REORGANIZATION OF FAIR PROGRAM

Editor Tribune:

In view of the fact that the annual meeting of the Lincoln County Agricultural Society will be held next week at which several new directors and new officers will be elected, permit me to suggest that the new directors and all officers other than the secretary consist of residents of the precincts and villages outside of North Platte. Exception of the secretary is made for the reason that I believe he should be located in the county seat because of his ready availability and the fact that he is at the base of all operations. With the officers and directors well distributed over our very large county, I believe that they would be able to arouse more enthusiasm for, and interest in, the fair, for certainly without the hearty co-operation of the farmers no county fair can be made a success.

Candor compels us all to admit that as a county fair our fair has not been a success; that it has degenerated from what should be an agricultural and live stock exhibit to a mere exhibition of auto races, which we must admit have been more tiresome than exciting. It is true that exhibits of live stock and farm products will not alone attract crowds to the fair grounds—there must be entertaining features. For those entertaining features allow me to suggest that we permit them to be furnished by the people of Lincoln county, and thus allow our own people to win the prize money instead of having outside people lug it off—in other words, let us keep within ourselves the money we spend and thus retain it in local circulation.

I have utmost confidence in the ability of the people of Lincoln county to furnish an entertainment program that will certainly banish that weariness which comes from sitting in the grand stand, on the bleacher or in a car for a whole half day and watching one auto driver follow another, each keeping a respectful distance behind the other.

Auto racing need not be totally eliminated as one of the entertaining features, but let us accept as entries only cars driven by Lincoln county residents, and thus have Lincoln county men win the prizes. They may not be able to round the track as quickly as Riley, but there would be stronger and more exciting competition.

Other track events could consist of pony races by Lincoln county horses and relay horse races in which the riders could come from three distinct divisions into which the county might be divided. There are still some outlaw horses and bucking mules; there are steers that could or could not be ridden, and there are in the county men who can rope and throw a steer. We can have a Marathon race, we can have tugs of war between different sections of the county. In fact, a something doing every minute program could easily be arranged and every participant would be a Lincoln county man.

Another suggestion is that a \$250 purse divided into three moneys, be hung up for the best collective farm produce exhibit from any one precinct and I would strongly urge that more liberal premiums be offered for live stock, in fact premiums in this line should be as large as possible, for the raising of pure bred live stock is becoming a real factor in the material progress of the county.

Last fall between \$5000 and \$8000 were hung up in auto purses and over two thousand dollars was spent during the year to get the track in shape for the advertised dare-devil speedsters. About \$2,000 was spent for free attractions which we can easily get along without. With a home talent program we can materially cut down big purses, and the money needed for track improvement will be light. In these particulars money can be saved, and the amount saved can be added to the varied program suggested and to increasing premiums on live stock and agricultural exhibits.

I am not ready to admit that a home talent program of entertainment will not draw a crowd; in fact I am positively certain that such a program will prove popular with not only the farmer, but with town people as well, and coupled with a strong exhibit of live stock and farm products, such a fair next fall will attract an attendance that will fill grandstand, bleacher and car parking space. And best of all the admission and grand stand prices can be lowered to a figure that will not be excessive.

These suggestions are submitted by one who is a stockholder in the fair for the consideration of those who are interested in our fair, with the hope that if deemed worthy, the plan may receive the hearty co-operation of every farmer and business man in the county.

IRA L. BARE.

NORTH PLATTE TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE ENLARGES FIELD OF ACTIVITIES.

Messrs Hughes & Holland, who established the North Platte Typewriter Exchange here several months ago have taken over the Western Nebraska Agency for the Dalton Adding Machine and will maintain offices at Grand Island, North Platte and probably one place still farther west. The Exchange will emphasize the Adding Machine business rather than the typewriter business now as there seems to be more demand for the former than the latter. It is probable that for the present the Grand Island office will be made the headquarters. Both of these men have made many friends here and it is hoped they will decide to make North Platte their home.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL TO OPEN THE BASKET BALL SEASON WITH A GAME TOMORROW.

New Year's Day is to open the High School Basketball Season in North Platte. The girls of the Culbertson will play the girls of the North Platte High School. Contrary to reports the boys of the two schools will meet on the same floor during the same afternoon, one game to follow the other. The girls game is expected to be a good one as the Culbertson girls are said to have won a dozen games so far this year. The boys game is not so certain as neither team is yet well known for its ability.

Resolve to buy at Edwards-Reynolds Co. and save money. That's the best New Year's Resolution.

TO ORGANIZE FARM BUREAU

MEETING OF FARMERS CALLED TO FORM LINCOLN COUNTY ORGANIZATION

Following is the official call for a meeting of the farmers to organize The Lincoln County Farm Bureau.

To be held at the Court House Wednesday, January 6, for the organization of the Lincoln County Farm Bureau. All farmers are urged to be present. Mr. Browkah, Director of Agricultural extension will be present to assist in organization.

S. J. Koch, James Shoupe, Fred McClymont, John Griffith, Frank Strollberg, A. S. Gregg, Committee.

GODOWSKY CONCERT AT GOTHENBURG HIGHLY APPRECIATED

About forty North Platte people went to Gothenburg Tuesday evening to attend the concert given under the auspices of the Gothenburg Community Club by the premier pianist Godowsky. The opinion was that it was well worth the trip and the expense. Godowsky is one of the greatest piano players in the world and it is a rare privilege to hear a master of such renown. His varied program was appreciated especially by those who have studied the piano and know its capabilities. The Gothenburg Community Club is to be commended on its enterprise in getting such talent for its people.

FUNERAL OF JOHN E. EVANS IS HELD THURSDAY AFTERNOON

At 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon the funeral services for the late John E. Evans were held at the Methodist Church. Previously the B. P. O. E. had conducted a service at the home. At the church the G. A. R. service was followed by a brief sermon by Rev. C. F. Koch. At the cemetery the I. O. O. F. held its burial ceremony. Each of these organizations attended in a body as did the members of the bar and the officers of the city and county. The pallbearers were all Spanish War Veterans. Interment was in the North Platte Cemetery.

We are inaugurating a Mid-Winter Clearance Sale to challenge attention of men who propose to practice real economy next year. Our values speak for themselves. Edwards-Reynolds Co. Surely you will want some new records to play on the machine placed in your home this Christmas. Get them at Dixon's Music Shop.

Our great Mid-Winter Clearance Sale is for a limited time only. Do not delay getting your share of the bargains. Edwards-Reynolds Co.

MAX AGENCY OVER RUN WITH BUSINESS THE FIRST WEEK OPEN.

Manager Pasley, of the Max Agency, has had more than he can do. He has opened the employment service in the room formerly occupied by the Tramp Ready-to-Wear store on Front Street and has been swamped with applications for employment. He had listed quite a number of jobs but within a short time after opening he had exhausted the list and had many applicants waiting for work. This is a convenience which will come to be appreciated in North Platte and Lincoln County. He now has men and women listed for every kind of employment. Many want farm work. Others want house or shop or office employment. All one has to do is to call his number and he is there to connect one with the right person. The Tribune hopes Mr. Pasley will be supported in this work and given a chance to supply a great need in this community.

AUTOMOBILE LICENSES SHOULD BE SECURED TODAY FOR 1921.

This is the last day of grace for the owner of all auto-vehicles in Lincoln County to secure his automobile license for 1921 before he is liable to the penalty of the law. County Treasurer Souder is mailing out the notices to all people who took out licenses during 1920. He will then wait in patience until the owners pay up. State officers make occasional trips through the county and make arrests of all owners who have not complied with the law in regard to the license. Arrest can be made at any time after January 1. The amount of the license depends on the rating of the vehicle owned.

EPWORTH LEAGUE TO HAVE A PARTY AND BOX SOCIAL AT EIGHT O'CLOCK TONIGHT.

The box social and party which the Epworth League is to give tonight will begin at eight o'clock. This announcement is made because it has been rumored that the social and party was not to commence until midnight. Those who wish will stay at the church and watch the new year in. A general invitation has been extended by the League to all young people of the city.

ENTERTAIN IN HONOR OF MISS ALLEINE BECKER.

Wednesday evening of this week Mrs. L. B. Dick entertained a number of young ladies in honor of Miss Alleine Becker who has been visiting relatives during the Christmas holidays. After a social time games were played and at a late hour delicious refreshments were served.

We are inaugurating a Mid-Winter Clearance Sale to challenge attention of men who propose to practice real economy next year. Our values speak for themselves. Edwards-Reynolds Co.

A visit to our new store will be a pleasure to you. We will be glad to show you our new departments. Dixon, The Jeweler.

SOMETHING NEW

"There is nothing new under the sun," said the sage of old. That is true as a general principle, but scarcely so as an individual experience. Each day is new. Each opportunity is new. Many experiences are new. The year before is new—its pages are unsullied. It holds for many the new opportunity of knowing Jesus Christ. The Church stands ready to help you grasp that opportunity, that experience.

If you do not attend any church, come to our church next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

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There is room for all.

You will be heartily welcome.

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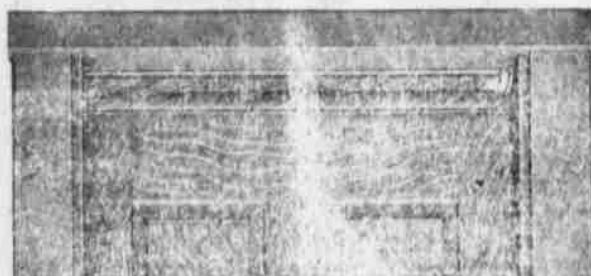
All Winter Hats in our store will be on sale from December 31, until every Hat is sold.

Prices from \$2.00 to \$5.00.

Come while they last.

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Advocates the use of Weather Strips. Don't try to heat all out doors, it costs too much. If the cold comes in the coal goes out. The majority of doors are so open at the bottom that a current of cold air is continually sweeping over the floor. To remedy this, and also keep out the rain and dust in summer use our Weather Strips. I will call in a few days and demonstrate the Strip and take your order.

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North Platte, Nebr.

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- 3.—to carry spare parts and operate an efficient service department to assure continuous and satisfactory performance of our customers' cars
- 4.—to be always courteous, considerate and progressive.

Each year we become better able to realize our high ideals. Our only New Year resolution is to try more energetically to do so.

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