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NORTH PLATTE AMBITIOUS TO BE THE THIRD CITY IN THE STATE.

The following is taken from the State Journal of Jan. 8 and is interesting as expressing what some people out here are saying all of the time:

NORTH PLATTE, Jan. 8.—(Special Correspondence.)—The visitor to western Nebraska who had been familiar with the ethly day settlement of the state has to rub his eyes and pinch himself when he looks over North Platte and satisfies himself that the 1920 census was a real count of noses and not the kind that was made in 1890 in all the boom towns of the state. The 100 per cent increase is not a guess; the houses are here, the business is here, the people are here.

The old settler of fifty years ago who has seen and helped the town grow—slowly for many years—from nothing to a city of more than 10,000 is strongly inclined to believe that the

next census will show North Platte the third city of the state. Already it has entered the class of that group of would-be cities: Hastings, Grand Island, Beatrice, Fremont. There has been no boom! the growth of the city is the natural consequence of conditions. Development of the country to the west has created the necessity for a city at hand, and the five men of the town are meeting the demand. North Platte could profitably use additional wholesale facilities to accommodate a wide scope of country to the west and northwest, if freight rates do not discriminate in favor of other towns.

The railroad up the North Platte river valley taps the irrigated region, while the plains to the west constitute a great wheat country. Lively hamlets and good sized towns call upon North Platte to supply their wants. The Union Pacific railroad, with its sixty trains a day, its shops and large working force and the largest icing plant on the line, makes a substantial basis for business. A payroll approx-

imately \$300,000 a month is no small item.

Many years ago the B. & M. had a vision of a line from Newark to North Platte on the south side of the river. Property was purchased for right of way thru the heart of the town and townspeople wonder whether this land is to remain unused indefinitely or whether it might be condemned and sold for the public benefit, even the now held in fee simple.

The old settler sees here a wide open field for a really big creamery plant, where the dairy products of this section could be made into finished products, obviating the necessity of paying freight on butter and milk for two or three hundred miles in order to make business for the railroads and enable Omaha to outrank all other towns in butter production.

North Platte is well situated for the seat of one of the small packing plants which many believe to be the most effective means of breaking the packing monopoly. Its tributary territory is the heart of the packing country, and with a stabilized market making a fair return reasonably certain the livestock output of this region could be greatly increased. Thousands of acres of uncropped grass might be converted into food, the saving in freight would go far toward paying the war debt, while cities that had the foresight to establish such plants would prosper while doing a service in providing food.

An irrigation project which if found practicable would multiply the production of the valley from North Platte to Kearney, a hundred miles, originated with engineers in government employ. Briefly, it is to impound the waters of the North Platte river at a point in Wyoming, saving the flow at times when the water now goes to waste; to build an irrigation canal on each side of the river from North Platte to Kearney, covering as much ground as the lay of the land will permit; to dam the draws and canyons along the line to make smaller reservoirs. Power plants could be established wherever the fall is sufficient, and the impounded water in the main reservoir released when needed to work its wonders on the land blow coming to North Platte by its natural channel. A suitable site is available in Wyoming, and if the plan is feasible the government could be asked for aid.

North Platte is properly called a city of western Nebraska, being nearly 300 miles from Omaha on the eastern border. It is, however, 192 miles of the western boundary, and in direct rail communication with the Scottsbluff irrigated region. A city prepared to meet the requirements of this large area may well aspire to be the metropolis of western Nebraska—a real city in commercial importance and a center of culture.

J. Sterling Morton once told the state historical society of the advice of an older settler to the effect that only a fool would settle as far west as Salt Creek. The writer was advised by an old Scotchman on the Nemaha that the Blue river was the extreme limit of westward ho! At a public meeting in Omaha where eastern editors were guests, old timers told with absolute finality that agriculture west of Kearney was not to be thought of. The Olive gang and their supporters declared that Custer County was fit only for cattle ranges. We are all wiser after the fact.

WALLACE WINNER TELLS OF A BOOZE RAID BY SHERIFF SALISBURY

The following is clipped from the last issue of the Wallace Winner: The prospects of a nice big haul looked good to Sheriff Salisbury Friday and he gassed up his car and came clear across the sand hills to find it. He landed at the Carl Harris place 9 miles northwest of town and seized some mash, molasses, and put one person going under the name of Austin under arrest and lodged him in the county jail where he awaits until the disposal of the case.

Austin, it seems, has been working at the Harris place for some time and it is said that his dealings had been under suspicion for some time. It came to an end when he is reported to have sold some of the "home-made" stuff to local parties and their sons each drove to North Platte and "tipped it off."

Immediately Salisbury came over and the rest has been told. No still was found which will lighten the sentence some authorities say. It is reported that for some time local merchants have been making heavy sales of molasses and raisins, and naturally this would give the authorities reason for suspicion.

No other parties, so far, have been implicated and the case has not been fully developed.

The sheriff made another search southeast of town Monday but was not able to locate anything.

The outcome of the case is awaited with interest. It should serve warning to others that the eyes of the law are open and there must be a let-up in the demeanor of some or things will be popping again.

Let all take heed.

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COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Board of County Commissioners met Jan. 10, 1921, in the Commissioners' room in the court house with Commissioners Springer, Cohagen and Coker and County Clerk Allen present.

The following claims against the County were allowed:

- W. A. Olson, repairs to house, \$7.40.
 - Overland Garage, \$23.35.
 - Nelson & Sullivan, mdse., \$26.15.
 - Allen Bros., road dist. 19, \$33.75.
 - J. F. Snyder, road work dist. 32, \$175.
 - J. B. Hemphill, printing, \$16.
 - E. D. Westfeld, mdse., \$72.41.
 - A. E. Woods, mdse., \$364.91.
 - W. C. Knight, mdse., \$25.91.
 - Frank Sadel, road work dist. 10, \$5.65.
 - Roy Johnston, road work dist. 40, \$16.00.
 - Paul Rowley, road work dist. 10, \$18.50.
 - L. P. Sadel, road work dist. 10, \$5.65.
 - P. M. Drake, road work dist. 32, \$5.35.
 - Lorence Peterson, road work dist. 12, \$6.00.
 - Leon Leiss, road work dist. 10, \$5.65.
 - Claus Anderson, road work dist. 10, \$22.50.
 - W. L. Majorow, road work dist. 41, \$57.00.
 - Wm. Johnson, bridge work, \$503.15.
 - Jesse Highberger, road work dist. 12, \$10.00.
 - A. J. Salisbury, mileage and expenses, \$398.60.
 - A. J. Salisbury, office expenses, \$33.68.
 - A. J. Salisbury, board of prisoners, \$297.65.
 - Joe Moon, road work dist. 23, \$3.50.
 - E. C. Hostetter, bridge work, \$35.20.
 - H. R. Hostetter, bridge work, \$32.
 - Wiley Moon, road work dist. 23, \$3.50.
 - D. O. Mayfield, road work dist. 47, \$16.25.
 - Wilcox Dept. Store, mdse., \$152.52.
 - Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. rent, \$32.46.
 - Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. tolls, \$3000.
 - Lincoln Co. Lumber Co., coal, \$17.95.
 - A. J. Salisbury, jailor's fee, \$138.
 - Star Clothing Co., mdse., \$46.30.
 - E. W. Coker, mdse., \$22.77.
 - Robert Johnson, dragging, \$9.
 - Martin Hansen, bridge work, \$18.
 - Harvey Feather, bridge work, \$26.
 - Lawrence Peterson, road work dist. 12, \$4.50.
 - D. O. Mayfield, road work dist. 47, \$75.60.
 - Thompson Bros., gas, \$5.25.
 - J. H. Lewis, oils, etc., \$32.32.
 - Gothenberg Hdw. Co., mdse., .57.
- Following bonds were approved:
 T. T. Marcott, Brady, Justice of the Peace
 G. R. Phillips, Wallace, Assessor.
 C. S. Killmer, J., Justice of Peace.
 J. M. Souder, Justice of Peace.
 J. C. Hamilton, Assessor.
 A. W. Peterson, Assessor.
 Chas. Jackson, Overseer Dist. 14.
- Motion was carried that County Clerk get the County Engineer to give estimates on bridges to be built by the County for the ensuing year.
- Henry Karizer was appointed Overseer of Road Dist. 52.
- Adjourned to Jan. 17.
- Dr. Wartele, office phone 27, night phone 25.
- To whom are you going to sell your Hay and Grain? The Harrington Mercantile Co. will offer the highest prices. 64tf

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| New Life Insurance Paid for..... | over \$639,700,000 |
| Gain..... | over 126,700,000 |
| Paid Life Premiums..... | over 36,000,000 |
| Gain..... | over 8,800,000 |
| Paid Accident and Health Premiums..... | over 9,800,000 |
| Gain..... | over 2,200,000 |
| Paid Compensation and Liability premiums..... | over 31,900,000 |
| Gain..... | over 1,100,000 |
| Total Premium Income..... | over 77,900,000 |
| Gain..... | over 12,200,000 |
| Total Income..... | over 88,200,000 |
| Gain..... | over 14,300,000 |

I have just received the above by Special Delivery from Hartford, which is taken from their Annual Statement, for 1920.

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