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## HOME CONCERN IS PROSPEROUS

### FIDELITY RESERVE COMPANY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING AND HEARS REPORTS.

Last Saturday evening the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Fidelity Reserve Company was held at Dewey. The following officers were elected for the coming year: F. L. Temple, president; F. C. Pleisticker, vice-president; A. B. Hoagland, secretary; C. F. Spencer, treasurer; O. H. Shriver, actuary. The board of directors for the coming year is J. J. Halligan, W. V. Hoagland, B. B. Baker, F. L. Temple and C. F. Spencer.

The annual report of the company is not quite ready for distribution but it shows approximately \$2,443,000.00 as the amount of business done last year. This is a substantial increase over the previous year and was satisfactory to the stockholders.

The Fidelity Reserve is a home company, having purchased property here and identified itself with the interests of the city. Its field is the state of Nebraska, at present, but plans are maturing for extension into other states. The company is under the Department of the Trade and Commerce of the State of Nebraska and fully meets its requirements in every particular. When seen yesterday, President Temple was rather modest in his statements about the company but expressed himself as well pleased with the business of the past year and confident of improvement during 1921.

### ONE LOCAL INSTITUTION MAKES HIT WITH NORTH PLATTE CITIZENS.

One hundred seventy new borrowers were listed at the City Library during January. This means that one hundred seventy residents here started an account and took out a borrower's card during the month. This is the report made by Miss Loretta Murphy, the librarian. The actual number of books loaned shows an increase of 1495 over the previous month.

## WELFARE IS A NATIONAL MOVEMENT WHICH IS COVERING THE LAND.

In a communication sent out this morning by the Publicity Committee of the Public Welfare Association the writer shows that the Welfare Way is the new slogan which stands in opposition to the Common Law Way. The message follows:

"The common law way of dealing with criminals is to wait until a crime has been committed, then turn the matter over to the police and detectives to capture the criminal if they can and sometimes get the wrong man. At a later day the court is opened, the jury selected, the evidence heard, the lawyers argue, the judge ponders, the decision is reached and the prisoner is freed or punished. Sometimes they find they have the wrong man.

Contrast this method which is good as far as it goes with the Welfare Way. It aims to prevent the crime before the injury is done; it halts the criminal before the crime is committed; it tries to prevent certain diseases by preventing the marriage of the diseased; it seeks to decrease the number of feeble minded people by refusing to allow feeble minded people to bear children; it would hunt out the causes and cure them.

The proposed Child Welfare legislation will help to do these things. They will be good laws and the Public Welfare Association is behind them and is working for their passage at this session of the legislature. It asks all people who believe in this method of attacking our civic and social problems to join the Association, get back of the legislature and help put these laws on the statute books."

### COUNCIL ACCEPTS NEW FIRE TRUCK UPON REPORT OF SPECIAL TESTS

At the meeting Tuesday evening the city council heard a report of the fire committee on the tests of the new fire truck which were made last week. As everything about the truck seemed to meet specifications, the council voted to accept it. The price is about eleven thousand dollars. It is pronounced a wonderful fire fighting machine by those who have examined it. It has been suggested that a public exhibition of its power be arranged and the time announced so that citizens interested can see what the money has bought.

## STREET NAMES TO BE CHANGED

### PRESENT PLAN TO GIVE WAY TO NEW SYSTEM OF STREET NAMES.

The Directors of the Chamber of Commerce at the regular meeting last evening, approved a plan for renaming the streets of this city. The confusion which comes from the present plan has prompted some investigations and the plan adopted last night is suggested as one which will avoid this confusion in the future. On the north, the city is bordered by the city park and the cemetery. Taking what is now known as thirteenth street as the starting point and calling it first street each street as we go south is given a consecutive number.

Again taking Locust Street as the base line it is proposed to name the streets east and west with the letters of the alphabet. Thus we would have east A, east B, east C, and so on and west A, west B, west C, etc.

The system has been worked out by Postmaster Sturgis to meet the needs of the city carriers and was approved by the Chamber of Commerce. In the near future, it will be presented to the City Council for its consideration. If such a change is desirable the sooner it is made the better. We remember that a large part of Chicago was relocated just a year or two ago at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars yet it was done to avoid the confusion which resulted from a lack of system.

### LOCAL LODGE TO ENTERTAIN GRAND COMMANDER AT DINNER AND INSPECTION.

Palestine Commandry No. 13, Knights Templar, will give a dinner at Masonic Hall, tonight in honor of Edward C. Jackson, Grand Commander and Lyman L. Clapp, Inspector General of the order. After the dinner the visiting guests will inspect the lodge.

Saturday—Boneless rump roast 20c a pound, McMichael's Grocery.

## FRANCES E. WILLARD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED BY LOCAL WOMEN.

The W. C. T. U. held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. A. P. Kelly, Tuesday afternoon and listened to a program which was commemorative of "Frances E. Willard's heavenly birthday." Mrs. P. R. Stevens spoke of her life and work, which was informing to the thirty or more ladies present. The paper was discussed by several of the members. Music was furnished by Margaret Van Cleave, Mrs. Clarence Shaw and Mrs. Paul Shenk. Miss Sarah Kelly recited "The Ambulance Down in the Valley." Mrs. VanCleave had charge of the program.

Mrs. Wm. Morris presented the work of the Public Welfare Association and the Union by a vote approved the Association and pledged its support. The annual birthday party to be held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Wyman in honor of her mother, Mrs. Stebbins, on Feb. 24th was also announced. A spotted plant was sent by the Union to Mrs. Gregg, a member who was sick. The hostess was assisted in serving by Mrs. I. L. Stebbins, Mrs. Minnie Perkins was acting secretary.

### WELL KNOWN AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE.

J. V. Romigh, local agent for Dodge Bros., has called our attention to the fact that Dodge Bros. is at present putting on a factory addition program which will call for the spending of six million dollars and will increase the floor space of the factory to more than 100 acres. This is a fine example of confidence in the future. We also were interested in an account of how Dodge Brothers solved one problem of factory construction. We give it here:

With the gradual expansion of the factory the interplant traffic problem became one of prime importance. The distance between the main building and Plant 4 is nearly a mile, and until recently it was necessary to cross 12 railroad tracks to reach it. This problem was solved by the simple but costly expedient of digging a tunnel. Now factory traffic cuts off half the distance and passes under the 12 tracks instead of over them.

### NOTED ARTISTS TO APPEAR IN CONCERT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY ELEVENTH.

One of the best musical events of this season will be the recital at the Presbyterian Church next Friday. The soloists are August Molzer, Carl Buettel and Paul Harrington. Mr. Molzer is at present director of the Molzer Violin School of Lincoln. He has been associated with the best forms of instrumental music in Nebraska for a number of years and has a large following in North Platte. Mr. Buettel is an American pianist and composer. He is not so well known locally as Mr. Molzer but comes highly recommended. Mr. Harrington has delighted North Platte audiences many times and his many friends will be pleased to hear him on this occasion. The admission has been placed at fifty and seventy-five cents, which prices are considered within the reach of all. Tickets will be on sale at Dixon's Music Shop after Saturday February 6th.

### FOOTBALL TEAM PRESENT COACH NEVILLE WITH TOKEN OF APPRECIATION.

At an assembly held yesterday in the Senior High School the members of the football squad presented Coach Keith Neville with a sterling silver football bearing the inscription "Coach Keith Neville Presented by N. P. H. S. Football team of 1920. Adams, captain. Speeches were made by Junior Hinman and Everett Adams followed by a talk by Mr. Neville in which he said he had never been treated better by any football squad before in all his experience.

### KEARNEY BASKETBALL TEAM MEETS LOCALS AT FRANKLIN TONIGHT.

The Kearney quintet will meet the locals this evening in what is expected to be one of the most interesting games of the season. As Kearney has always been North Platte's rival in Football the same proves true on the Basketball floor. The Cadet Band will furnish music before and between halves of the game.

St. Patrick's School defeated Hershey High School in the basketball game last evening at the Parochial school by a score of 35 to 20.

## SCOUT OFFICERS START TRAINING

### THE GIST OF SCOUTING AS UNDERSTOOD BY A BOY SCOUT EXPERT.

The following contribution was prepared by Wm. M. Barriball of Denver, who is spending a few weeks in North Platte, working with the local council of the Boy Scouts of America in getting scouting lined up here. Mr. Barriball is Field Scout Executive there and as such holds a position of responsibility. This is his idea of what scouting really stands for:

"Stanley Hall has said 'Childhood is the submerged two-thirds of society.' We know very little about childhood. We lose one of every five in the first year of their lives. Parenthood is largely in unskilled hands. The greatest profession in the world is in unprofessional hands. Childhood is not the carefree existence we usually attribute to it. Think of the many diseases common to childhood and the popular attitude to them. Even in this enlightened age parents are known to expose their children to diseases such as measles and chickenpox with the superstitious idea that the sooner they get thru with it the better, and yet these diseases prove serious in many instances. As we study the boys in their teens we find that so far as constructive leadership is concerned, fatherhood has greatly broken down. Fathers are not functioning efficiently in a large number of cases.

"This means that the Scout movement has come to the aid of the home. Some way must be discovered for constructively aiding the home. Its influence must be strengthened, never weakened. The home must never be displaced but supplemented. There should be parents' conferences, father and son dinners, opportunities provided for fellowship. In Scouting on hikes, in camps, between fathers and sons. The Scouting program lends itself greatly to such associations. It offers the opportunity rich in value, for restoring many of the more primitive relations between father and son. The present relation between father and son is lacking in democracy. It should develop along lines of chumship.

"The greatest need of American boys is for male adult leadership. Here is the genius of the Scoutmaster method. The biggest thing we can do particularly for the boy of 15 and upward is to put a man of character alongside of every crucial point in a boy's life, the crucial point of his leisure time, of his vocational selection, of his moral need. What a challenge this is to Scouting. What need there is for careful selection of leaders. 'Scouting is the boy in the man being brought into contact with the best man in the boy.' To bring the best man in the community into close relation to the boys of the community whom as a rule they seldom meet is a worthy task."

## OPENING SESSION OF SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION HELD LAST NIGHT.

The scoutmasters, assistants, members of the Local Council and others interested gathered at the Franklin School last evening to take the first lesson in the course of instruction for scout officers, which is being offered to North Platte men free of charge. Scout Executive Wm. M. Barriball of Denver is in charge.

One of the features of the evening was the Open Forum in which all present took an active part. Questions of supervision, leadership, organization and activities were discussed. After that the Executive directed a number of games which were so thoroughly enjoyed that some were almost unwilling to quit when the time was up.

The next session of the training course will be held at the Franklin School next Monday evening. The complete course will be given in ten lessons and to those who complete the work of the course a certificate will be issued, signed by the scout authorities and the officers of the local schools. Each lesson is a unit in itself and anyone wishing to enter may do so at any time.

### WELL KNOWN CITIZEN STRICKEN WITH HEART FAILURE WHILE IN STORE.

Samson Workman, well known farmer of this vicinity was suddenly stricken with heart failure and fell into the arms of Harry Lamplough, Tuesday afternoon. He died in a few moments. He was in Chas. Whelan's Confectionary and Cigar Store talking to Mr. Lamplough and others when the end came. Mr. Workman has been ill for some months and only recently had been preparing to go away for his health and had everything ready.

Samson Workman was well known here when he resided on the Watts farm just west of the city. From there he moved to a farm north of the river. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 from the Methodist Church.

### ORGANIZATIONS VOTE ENDORSEMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

The following organizations of this city have adopted resolutions or by motion endorsed the objects and aims of the Public Welfare Association of this city:

- Rotary Club.
- W. C. T. U.
- Junior High School Parent-Teacher Association.
- Chamber of Commerce.

### DEBATING DATE WITH KEARNEY CHANGED.

The contest between the debating classes of the Kearney high school and the North Platte high school which was announced for Feb. 13 has been changed to Feb. 17. One day sooner.

Mrs. McConnell, of Ponca, who has been the guest of Mrs. James Ware, left for California yesterday.

## BIG REDUCTION!

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