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## ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

### CURRENT COMMENT ABOUT PEOPLE AND THE THINGS THEY ARE DOING HERE.

Most of us do not know that the average number of people per square mile in Nebraska is 16.9. This is one person to each 38 acres in the state. In Lincoln County there are about nine people to the square mile—one person for each 70 acres. Looks like there is still room for all the people who want to come here.

One of the new instruments to be added to the Chamber of Commerce Band is a new Baritone saxophone. This instrument plays a part much like a bass and in the better class of music it has a varied part which gives a pleasing effect to the music. It is played by Norman Moulton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moulton.

In connection with the interest in Boy Scouts now the City Library has just placed on the shelves several good books suitable for scouts. Buffalo Bill's Life Story written by himself, Beaver Stream Camp by Dugmore, Don Strong, Patrol Leader, by Heyliger, Lost River by Chaffee and Boy Scouts of Lighthouse Troop by McLang are some of the latest and best now available at the library. Librarian Loretta Murphy and the Library Board are interested in boy scouting.

A survey of the streets last Saturday showed a larger number of horse vehicles about town than usual. Upon inquiring of one man who usually drives an auto, he said his machine was out of repair and that he did not have the fifty or sixty dollars with which to get it in shape. Another said gas cost too much and that he had the horses anyway. We found the hitching arrangements of the city taxed beyond their capacity. Some move should be made to increase the parking for teams if the number continues to be as large as it was last Saturday.

Reports from the Boy Scout Camp or Camp Roberts as they like to call it, are to the effect that the high water in the South Platte did not reach the camp house or in the im-

mediate grounds. Mr. Stephens took a bunch out there on a hike last week and they found that the grounds and the house can be put in fine shape with a very little work. It is satisfying to the people of this community to learn that both the Boy Scout camp and the Campfire camp were located above the recent floods which were the highest known for many years.

It is proposed to appoint a committee to issue licenses to a limited number of life guards at the Community Bathing Beach. Tests and examinations would be given and when a person has reached a certain degree of proficiency in the water, he or she would be awarded a license as a volunteer life guard. It is proposed to award a certain marked bathing cap to each life guard so that he or she can be recognized at sight. These life guards would always be on duty at the pool and in addition to rescuing bathers in distress they might be used to keep bathers within the bounds of propriety. Any recommendation they might make for the best interests of the pool would have a powerful influence with the City Park Board. The desire for a license would also act as a stimulus to all bathers to try for a high degree of proficiency in swimming, diving, rescue and first aid. It is a fine plan and we hope it will be carried out at once.

The last session of the State Legislature passed a law which amends the law now in force regarding foreign languages in the schools. No foreign language can be taught below the eighth grade in any public, private or parochial school in the state, but a parent may teach a child at home. Even above the eighth grade, the classes in language teaching must be for the purpose of language study and not for teaching any other branch. On Sunday instruction in religion may be given in classes but not on other days. The law is a good one and in the main is fair. However it violates one of the known principles of psychology in its attempts to make the English language supreme. Children can learn a foreign language from the age of seven to twelve much quicker and better than at any other age. Since this is true beyond question it would seem that we have gone a little too far in forbidding children to learn Spanish, French or Latin before they have finished the eighth grade. It is not right to hear classes studying history or arithmetic in the Spanish or Bohemian languages but it is hard to see how it could do any harm to hear classes in Spanish or Bohemian when the children learning those languages are at the best age for mastering them.

Switches, curls, puffs, transformations and fancy combs at half price Friday and Saturday at the Style Shop. The Sidney Baker property at 1011 E. Fourth St. was sold this week to Harken and Mason for \$6,750. Messers Harken and Mason are the proprietors of the McCabe Hotel and will make their home in the future at this new location.

## STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MAKES RAISE ON LINCOLN COUNTY RETURNS

Late yesterday afternoon in a telephone conversation with Lincoln, the County Clerk's office was told that the State Board of Equalization expected to raise the returns from Lincoln County about 4 per cent. The earlier report was that it would be 22 per cent raise but this proved to be a mistake. The information is not final but it is probable that no further changes will be made now.

Mrs. J. Snyder and Mrs. Asa Snyder and daughter Betty spent yesterday in Ogallala visiting relatives.

## ROTARY CLUB STAGES BRILLIANT PICNIC AND ENTERTAINMENT IN CANYON.

Monday evening about eighty Rotarians and their families went to one of the canyons east and south of here and had a picnic supper. After dark a large American flag was strung from the top of one bluff to the other so that it hung over the canyon. Then from ledges and shelves along the sides a brilliant display of colored fire and fuses illuminated the flag and the canyon while those below sang patriotic songs. Games and stunts took up the remainder of the evening.

## OLD TIME PICNIC AT THE FRANK STROLBERG FARM NEXT WEDNESDAY.

The Swedish Lutheran church of North Platte will hold its annual picnic next Wednesday, July 27th at the Frank Strolberg farm, five miles west of North Platte. At four o'clock in the afternoon the Sunday School will give its program. At six o'clock a chicken supper will be served and in the evening a free program will be given by the Luther League. Refreshments will be handled by a stand. Ice cream and cake will cost 15c; ice cream cones 5c; supper for adults will be 50c and for children under 15, 25c. Everyone is urged to come and enjoy several hours in a social way. The committee consisting of Frank Strolberg and Martin Lingwall urges everyone to attend. Wednesday, July 27th, is the date.

## DECREASE IN ASSESSMENTS

### VALUE OF LINCOLN COUNTY TAXABLE PROPERTY FIVE MILLIONS LESS.

According to the abstract of assessment for 1921 for Lincoln County, the value of all property listed for taxation in 1921 has decreased \$5,000,000. This abstract has just been completed by County Clerk Allen and a copy forwarded to Tax Commissioner Osbourne at Lincoln. The total assessed value of all property this year is \$35,161,263. Last year the total was \$40,161,263.

The total value of all property is made up of three items. These are personal property \$15,759,851; farm lands \$14,757,827 and city lots \$4,643,785.

The five million loss in assessment value is about 12 1/2 per cent. This is not an unusual loss when one figures that about 15 per cent was deducted from the value of farm lands this year and that almost all personal property was lowered in value. During the past year the new personal property did not begin to replace that which became valueless and all was reduced from 10 to 50 per cent. The thirty-five millions is considered a good showing but it is upon that amount that the tax must be paid and not upon forty millions as was the case last year. It is evident that the rate of taxation must be higher in order that we may raise as much money as was raised last year. The whole matter now goes to the State Board of Equalization which may raise or lower the Lincoln County valuation.

Ed Walker has just finished the paving in block 102. There is a slope of four inches from the outside to the center of the paving and a slope of 18 inches from the west end of the alley to the east end. This makes the second alley to be paved in the city and others are under consideration.

The water in the South Platte is so low that spearing fish is again in fashion. A large number of carp and a few cats have been taken with spears and pitchforks within the last few days. All are said to be fat and good to eat. Some good catfish have been taken from the North Platte river this week. One cat measured 22 inches in length. We have heard of others which were longer but they lacked verification. The water is still too cloudy for pike.

## GIBBON EXTENDS INVITATION TO NORTH PLATTE PUBLIC TO A PICNIC

On Tuesday, July 26th, J. R. Howard, president of the United Farm Bureau Federation will speak at a picnic in Gibbon, Nebr. all North Platte people are invited to attend the big picnic and hear the address. A good attendance is desired to show the appreciation of Mr. Howard's visit to Nebraska.

## YOUNG ATTORNEY LOCATES IN NORTH PLATTE AS THE BEST CITY IN THE WEST.

Wells C. Jones, an Attorney-at-Law, has moved to this city and will begin the practice of law here as soon as he can get office rooms. He is a graduate of the Law School at the University of Nebraska and is starting out to make a name for himself in the legal profession. His former home was at Farnam. After investigating the different places in western Nebraska and comparing their past achievements and future prospects he decided on North Platte as his future residence. In an interview yesterday he said "I have faith in North Platte and her future. Other places are standing still; North Platte is going forward." The Tribune is glad that Mr. Jones feels that way about this city and we urge him to get into the activities of this community and a lot of fine worthy people and they will give him the glad hand.

Mrs. Mary Emerick of Torrington, Wyo., returned to her home this morning after visiting at the C. G. Emerick home for a week.

Mrs. Lottie Garman of Morrison, Ill., who has been a guest of relatives in the city left this morning for Hastings to visit while enroute home. She has been visiting in California and stopped in North Platte enroute east.

## CONCERT by the Chamber of Commerce Band Friday, July 22, at 8 o'clock.

Court House Park. Earl Stamp, Director.

### PROGRAM

- March—"Royal Australian Navy" Lithgow
- Spanish Serenade—"LaPaloma" Yradler
- "Russian Rag"—Interpolating Rachmaninoff's famous Prelude Cobb
- Dance Movement from Ballet "LaVestale" Driga
- Intermezzo—"Teddy Trombone" Fillmore
- Overture—"Post and Peasant" von Suppe
- March—"New Colonial" Hall
- Valse Oriental—"Moonlight on the Nile" King
- March—"Barnum and Bailey's Favorite" King

## FORMER NORTH PLATTE GIRL PASSED AWAY IN DENVER WEDNESDAY.

Mrs. Stanley C. McCoy, of Ogden, Utah, passed away in a Denver Sanitarium Wednesday. Mrs. McCoy was taken to Denver about two weeks ago for treatment of tuberculosis of which disease she died. The body was brought to this city yesterday. She is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy G. Wessburg of this city and spent her girlhood days in North Platte. She attended the local schools and afterward took up nursing here. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, her parents, a brother Abner and a sister Mrs. W. A. Robinson, all living here.

The funeral will be held today at 2:30 o'clock from the Baptist church and interment will be made in the local cemetery.

Mrs. C. F. Spencer returned yesterday from Lincoln where she spent several days. While there she rented a house for next school year. She will move there about September 1st and maintain a home for Harold in the University city while Eloise and Herbert attend the McKinley grade school. Mr. Spencer will remain in North Platte.

Earl Stamp is in Cheyenne this week attending a meeting of railroad men in what is called Cause and Prevention. It has to do with the matter of freight losses and damages. Station agents, traffic men and employees of the Union Pacific railroad who handle freight are organized by Districts and Divisions to hold meetings and discuss this subject. Mr. Stamp is chairman of this district and a member of the executive committee of the division.

## CHEYENNE COWBOY BAND WILL GIVE CONCERT IN NORTH PLATTE TOMORROW

The Cheyenne Cowboy Band will arrive tomorrow afternoon on No. 17 enroute from eastern points to Cheyenne. The band will play here during its layover and will leave on No. 15 for home.

## CLINTON BOY SCOUTS SPEND THE NIGHT HERE AND PARADE THE STREETS

About 190 boy scouts from Clinton, Iowa and seventy-five men accompanying them, arrived from Sidney last night and left this morning for Grand Island. They are returning from an auto trip from Clinton to Yellowstone Park and back. The caravan was met at Paxton by officials of the Lincoln Highway, the Chamber of Commerce, the local Boy Scouts and a number of citizens. After arriving here they spent the time until supper in swimming in the Municipal Bathing Pool and in games and getting ready for the night. After supper a parade was formed and headed by the scout band of sixteen pieces, they paraded the streets. At the corner of Sixth and Dewey they rested while the band gave a short concert. Everyone in the bunch was reported well and they certainly looked hearty. They have their own cooking apparatus and usually sleep in the open, often on the grass. They left this morning for Grand Island.

Homer Mylander sustained a fractured wrist Tuesday while attempting to crank his Ford car.

Mrs. E. R. Shelly returned to her home in Fairbury yesterday after visiting at the home of her sister Mrs. H. C. Brock.

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