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ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

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

M. J. Forbes and family have returned from a vacation trip to the mountains. Most of the time was spent in a cabin eighteen miles from Walden Colo. Here the fishing was fine and the mountains grand. Mr. Forbes says they got more trout than they could eat and that they were large. By next year Walden will be more accessible, a new road being under construction from Fort Collins at this time.

Many people who attended the band concert on last Friday night did not know why the band stood and played. The Star Spangled Banner at the opening of the concert. It was because in the upper room of the Court House the body of a soldier of the late war lay in state. Soft lights shone on his casket, flowers perfumed the air and the colors he fought for were over him. It was out of respect to this soldier dead that the band played the national anthem at the opening of its program.

Late Sunday afternoon heavy clouds came up in the north-west and about supertime the wind shifted strong from the east. Old timers predicted rain and prepared. During the night over an inch of rain fell according to the weather report. Weatherman Shilling cannot get the credit, for on Saturday his prediction was fair for Sunday. It's too bad he couldn't have gotten a hunch as to what the people wanted and now he would have been given all the credit. At any rate everything and everyone is feeling better since the rain.

Last Friday eight cars of Lincoln County Boys and Girls Club members and friends accompanied Messrs. Jones and Kellogg to some of the pure bred live stock farms where expert instruction was given in judging the animals. Stops were made at the Spurrier, Koch, Powell and Rishel places west of here. Today the same bunch expect to visit the State Farm and to make stops at the Mylander and Griffith farms east of here. The young folks seem very enthusiastic and it is certainly good training. The stock judging team to represent Lincoln County will be chosen from this group.

County Superintendent Allen G. Cochran returned Saturday from a brief visit with her mother and sister at Pocatello, Idaho. She stopped there during the return trip from Los Angeles with Mr. Cochran. Mrs. Cochran reports that her sister Miss Edith Gantt is about to go on a vacation trip into the mountains to secure a much needed rest. When Miss Edith

went to Pocatello the appropriation for the City Library was about \$4,000 a year. Now it is \$12,000 for this year and it is through Miss Gantt's efforts that the big increase with the enlarged service has come about. Mrs. Cochran enjoyed her trip and says she is ready for a lot of hard work now.

One of the new concerns which has just opened business in this city is the Burke & Crook Filling Station located at the southeast corner of Sixth and Locust. The building which has stood there for many years has been covered with a coat of light stucco and the necessary improvements have been added to make it a very attractive corner. The firm is composed of William Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Burke of Denver and North Platte and William Crook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Crook of this city. These are upright, enterprising young men and will earn a place in the business life of the city.

The Mutual Building and Loan Association on August 1st passed the million and a half mark in assets. This makes it the strongest financial institution in Western Nebraska. In a conversation with T. C. Patterson yesterday, he said that it has not been five years since the assets were under one million and during that time they have gained over half a million. "It is a striking example of the wonderful power of co-operation. That amount of money distributed into the hands of the citizens would not have been able to accomplish any of the good things which have come to this city from the combining of the small amounts into the big total now represented by the loans and property of the Association."

The State Fire Marshal of Nebraska says that the barn is a bad place for the automobile. It is also a bad place for grain. Store grain in a granary and put the auto in a garage. The auto has grease and oil and these are combustible. Grain heats and the dust sometimes explodes through spontaneous combustion, causing fires. Other precautions included in the statement of the State Fire Marshal are: Rod all tall buildings using a standard equipment and see that it is properly installed. Inspect every inch of rodding at least once a year. Put up "No Smoking" signs about barns and out-buildings and enforce the rule. Ventilate the barn but also see that tight doors and windows are provided against the invasion of sparks and blizzards. If you have nothing to fight fire with get something. If only a bunch of buckets. Do not put the well pump too close to the barn. You may need the water some night to save your property. Get non-freezing pumps. Know where the axe is and have two ladders on hand long enough to reach over the eaves of the tallest buildings. Keep the oils out of house and barns. Watch for spontaneous combustion in the barn. There is no rural fire protection more effective than the hand chemical fire extinguisher.

Robert Stole of Paxton is a guest at the E. N. Ogler home.

NEW ARTIFICIAL ICE PLANT

THE TRIBUNE MAN VISITS THE NEW PACIFIC FRUIT EXPRESS ICE PLANT.

The members of the Rotary Club were invited to visit the new ice manufacturing plant of the Pacific Fruit Express Company in this city, following the dinner yesterday noon. About forty men made the trip to the plant in autos. Led by Engineer Frederick and Trainmaster Shelver the group entered the big machine rooms and inspected the boilers. They were then conducted through the freezing room where the large tin tanks were filled with water and sunk in the vat of chemicals. Later these are taken out as solid blocks of ice without a drop of chemical having ever come in contact with the water or the ice. These blocks of ice are removed by ingenious contrivances and are elevated to the second floor where they are carried by chain conveyors to the storage room or to the tracks outside. There were about thirteen hundred tons in storage there yesterday and about three hundred tons are manufactured each day. The loading tracks are almost completed. They accommodate fifty-five cars at one time. From six to ten cars of ice is being shipped out of North Platte to Omaha daily now. It is the policy of the P. F. E. as it is more familiarly called to employ only home people where possible and to buy all the supplies and repairs from North Platte merchants that it can secure here. North Platte people who have the opportunity of inspecting this wonderful plant will do well to avail themselves of the chance at the first opportunity. It is an institution of which North Platte may well be proud.

NORTH PLATTE GENERAL HOSPITAL TAKEN OVER BY DR. OTIS R. PLATT.

Arrangements were completed last week by which Dr. Otis R. Platt of this city assumed the management of the North Platte General Hospital Sunday night at midnight. The hospital is owned by a corporation which subleases the building and leases the equipment. Dr. Platt has had experience in hospital management and likes it well enough that he is willing to take it up again. He will place Miss Susie Murchie in charge as Superintendent of the hospital. Miss Murchie came to North Platte with Mr. and Mrs. Platt and has been the doctors office assistant here. She had had considerable hospital management and is a trained nurse of broad experience. The hospital will be open for all physicians and surgeons in this part of the country and it is the intention of the new management to make it the best hospital in the west.

SIDNEY BALL TEAM WINS DOUBLE VICTORY AT THE HANDS OF LOCAL LEGIONERS.

The North Platte American Legion base ball team lost to the Sidney ball club in the games Sunday by a score of 9 to 3 and yesterday by 3 to 2. A good sized crowd witnessed both games. In the game yesterday no score was made by either team until the ninth inning when Sidney made three runs and North Platte two. The Sidney club is composed of ex-league ball players and the locals made them work for their victory.

E. R. Plummer is on a vacation from duties at the Derryberry & Forbes store this week.

Combination Sale
will be held at
Besacks Livery Barn
on East 5th and Pine St. on
Saturday, Aug. 6th,
Sale beginning at 2 p. m. sharp.
If you have anything you wish to sell have it at the sale pavilion by Saturday noon, August 6. 218 E. Front St. Phone 231.
E. L. CANADAY,
AUCTIONEER.

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

Mrs. C. V. Turple has resigned her position at the Style Shop.
Miss Helen Getty left yesterday for Denver to visit relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Cornelley left Sunday for Wallace to visit.
Mrs. Bessie Show spent Sunday in Hershey visiting her parents.
Miss Pauline Smith went to Ogallala yesterday to visit friends.
Dr. J. B. Redfield was a professional visitor to Wallace Friday.
W. E. Posey of Cozad transacted business in the city Saturday.
Mrs. G. A. Cardwell of Maxwell shopped in the city Saturday.
Frank Herrod returned Sunday from Sarben where he visited relatives.
Misses Helen and Marie Schwaiger visited friends in Sarben Sunday.
Louis Martini of Hershey transacted business in the city Saturday.
R. A. Scott of Sutherland transacted business in the city yesterday.
Miss Mary Ellsworth spent the week end in Hershey visiting with her parents.
Mrs. C. E. Lawson and daughter Violet left Saturday for Missouri to visit.
Mrs. John Ballard of Dickens was among the out of town visitors Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hart of Wyoming are guests of relatives in the city.
Miss Midge Flynn returned Friday from Denver where she spent two weeks.
Mrs. Chas. Bogue and daughter Emma went to Omaha to spend a few days.
Miss Myra White of Sutherland came yesterday to visit Miss Helen Bird.
Noel Bullock returned Saturday from South Dakota where he has been racing.
L. C. Stevens had his tonsils removed Saturday at the General Hospital.
Mrs. J. Rauch left yesterday for Kansas to visit relatives for several weeks.
Thomas Mullen returned to Omaha yesterday after visiting relatives in the city.
Mrs. A. W. Shilling returned yesterday from Cheyenne where she attended the Frontier Days celebration.
Miss Loretta Murphy left Sunday for Chicago where she will take a Library Extension Course for a month.
Mrs. Cora Wilson returned to her home in Summit yesterday after taking treatments at the Platte Valley Hospital.
Dr. R. E. Marvel and wife of Omaha who have been visiting at the Dr. Harry E. Mitchell home left Sunday for Denver.
J. E. Sebastian and family left Saturday by auto for Denver and the mountains and will be gone about two weeks.
Miss Dorothy Rosencrans resumed duties at the office of Beeler, Crosby & Baskins Saturday after a two weeks vacation.
A special train of Elks passed through the city Saturday enroute from the convention in California to the East.
Miss Blanche Taylor returned to her home in Bladen, Nebr., yesterday after visiting at the home of Mrs. Paul Thompson.
Miss Lillian Hoppey returned to her home in Lexington after spending the week end as the guest of Miss Alice Selman.
Miss Sylvia Watts of Billings, Mont., is expected to arrive soon to visit her brother Tom Watts. She was a former resident.
Miss Harriet Murrin spent the week end with her mother Mrs. Harry Murrin. She returned to school in Grand Island yesterday.
Misses Eleanor and Angela Roddy returned Saturday from Cheyenne where they visited Miss Mildred Norris for two weeks.
A baby girl was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Miles, Mrs. Miles was formerly Miss Mary McNeal. All concerned are doing nicely.
Miss Mary Morrow of Scotts Bluff is a guest at the W. R. Maloney home this week. She was a former teacher in the Junior High School.
P. L. Mooney and son and sister Miss Grace and Mrs. R. C. Langford left Saturday by auto for Denver, Boulder and the mountains.
Roy Deats suffered a broken toe Saturday while on duty at the ice plant when he let a three hundred pound cake of ice fall on his foot.
Miss Kifty Moss has accepted a position at the Western Union telegraph office during the absence of Miss Bessie Cochran who is ill.

LODGE, CHURCH AND SOCIETY

COMING MEETINGS IN THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OF THE CITY.

PHILOS GUNA CLUB
Will meet at the home of Mrs. E. N. Ogler Wednesday afternoon.

ACIREMA CLUB
Will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Roy Cathers.

SWEDISH MISSION
Services will be held at the Christian Church on Friday evening August 5 at 8 o'clock. Rev. H. E. Sundberg of Gothenburg will preach.

LADIES AUXILIARY
To B. of R. T. will hold a combined business meeting and Kensington Friday afternoon in the K. P. hall at 3 o'clock. The hostesses are Mesdames Johnson, Ballor and Banks.

BAPTIST
The Bible and Ann Hazeltine groups will be entertained next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church. The Queen Esther group will meet on the same day at 2:30 at which time convocations will carry them to the home of Mrs. Foster.

SUPPER
The E. Y. P. A. will give a supper Wednesday August 3rd in the basement of the Episcopal Church. The supper starts at 5:30. Following is the menu: Fried chicken, cream gravy, new brown potatoes, corn on cob, shrimp salad, lemon pie, fresh butter-milk and cake, hot coffee. Price 75c.

Miss Marguerite Kelker of Pueblo arrived this morning to visit her aunt Mrs. Chas. Weir.
John States returned this morning from Excelsior Springs where he spent several weeks.
Mrs. O. W. Carlson of Ceresco, Neb., left this morning for her home after visiting at the home of Mrs. A. Shea.
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Miller of Broken Bow are guests at the C. E. Miller home.
Miss Mable Hultman of Ottumwa, Iowa and sister Mrs. C. Jones of Kearney are guests of their brother E. F. Hultman this week.
Charles Bogue left Saturday for New York City to attend a conference of a committee of fifteen general chairmen of the four railroad brotherhoods who will meet to consider the wage reductions and conditions. Mr. Bogue was picked as one of fifteen out of 800 general chairmen.

EXPERT OPINIONS OF ONE OF OUR GREATEST COMING INSTITUTIONS.

"The farmer is willing to walk the deflation pike back to normal—and he is walking it—but he is determined that others must walk with him or he will turn around and go in the other direction. He is organized and awake. The Illinois Agricultural Association, for example, has 180,000 members who pay dues of fifteen dollars a year. Other states are similarly organized. The state farm bureaus in Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Texas have more than 100,000 members each, and the American Farm Bureau Federation has more than 1,000,000 members and is increasing at a rate of 50,000 a month. These organizations command a high order of talent. They are well advised and they are determined. The very fact that they are not asking for class legislation inspires confidence in their counsel."—(From an article by Forrest Crissey in the Saturday Evening Post of July 16, 1921, page 79.)

"I have met many of the leaders of the new farm movement, and I testify in all sincerity, that they are endeavoring to deal with their problems, not as promoters of a narrow class-interest, not as exploiters of the hapless consumer, not as merciless monopolists, but as honest men bent on the improvement of the common weal.

"We can and must meet such men and such a cause half way. Their business is our business—the nation's business."—(Statement by Bernard M. Baruch in "Some Aspects of the Farmer's Problems," The Atlantic Monthly, July, 1921, page 120.)

"But it is not in co-operatives that the most significant phase of the new agrarianism is to be found. That phase is the organization of the modern farmer group. After a long and costly process of trial and failure which led many men to believe that the farmers could never be organized, what once seemed so difficult has been accomplished so quietly and so quickly that even the farmers themselves scarcely realize the significance of what has happened. Almost overnight, the Farm Bureau has become a factor of major national importance. It must not be believed that this is the only farmers' organization. There are active survivals of earlier organizations of which the Grange is probably the most powerful and most useful. Furthermore there are organizations of specialists within the agricultural field such as the Dairymen's League, and the National Wool Growers' Association. The center of this complex of organizations, however, is to be found in the Farm Bureau."—(From "The Farmer in the Commonwealth," by Ralph Gabriel, Yale University, in the North American Review for May, 1921.)

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