

SHORT STORIES OF PEOPLE AND THINGS

ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT RECENT HAPPENINGS IN THIS COMMUNITY

The committee handling the proposed Yeoman home proposition met a few days ago and completed preliminary arrangements for receiving the location committee which will visit North Platte the early part of September—the exact date to be known in a few days. The committee has selected five tracts of land as possible sites—two of which are under irrigation, a feature which the location committee may demand. For this home two one million dollar bequests have been made—a million dollars for a hospital and a million dollars for an amusement center. It is figured that the total investment for the home will be around five million dollars. North Platte is one of a dozen sites that will be considered by the location committee.

Miss Helen Jeter of this city, has been elected an instructor in the Bryn Mawr college, near Philadelphia, one of the leading women's educational institutions of the country. Miss Jeter will teach sociology, a subject in which she specialized at the University of Chicago for four years and from which institution she graduated this year. At Bryn Mawr Miss Jeter will instruct graduating classes and those taking post graduate courses. Miss Byrl Jeter, who is now a guest of her parents, will continue as music instructor in one of the Los Angeles High schools, a position she has held for several years.

The Chamber of Commerce is looking into conditions which govern the construction of permanent roads to state institutions with particular reference to such a road between the south limits of the city and the state farm. During the past dozen years this stretch of road has cost the county many thousands of dollars—in fact the last time it was graded and gravelled the cost was \$8,000 and it is again rapidly going to the bad. A permanent roadway, would, in view of the past expenditures, be the cheapest in the long run.

Increase in the volume of business at the Pizer North Side store—and parenthetically it may be added that trade has been satisfactory since the opening day—has necessitated greater space, and to this end a re-arrangement of the building will be made. About forty feet of the rear of the building which is taken up by the heating plant will be added to the main room and an additional building will be erected in which to house the heating plant. The improvements will cost about \$4,000.

Within the next few days the walls of the new court house will be completed and the next move will be the construction of the roof. This will be followed by pouring the concrete floors this work starting at the top and working downward. The placing of the windows will complete the enclosure of the building. By the middle of September the heat connections will be made and the interior work can be carried on through the winter.

While the Chamber of Commerce does not conduct an employment agency, yet as part of its service to the community it brings men and jobs together every day. During the past week more than a score of unemployed men have been placed with farmers and in the hay fields, seven having been sent out Wednesday. Hay men needing help can file their needs at the Chamber of Commerce office and efforts will be made to supply their wants.

Julius Pizer, who has just returned from a buying trip to the eastern markets, brings back word that the wholesale prices of general lines of merchandise are higher than last spring and there are indications of continued rising prices. For this reason buying by country merchants is light, and the wholesale trade as a rule is not satisfactory. The railroad and coal strikes are also having a perceptible depressing influence on business the country over.

There comes sifting up from Lincoln the report that J. H. Edmisten of this city, who for over six months, has been in that city organizing and managing the progressive party has not only been decapitated, but is holding the sack for \$2,500 due for services and for money advanced for the "good of the cause". The worst feature of this incident is the assertion of a third party man that one reason why there is a hesitancy to reimburse Mr. Edmisten is because he spent most of the money in furthering candidates of democrats who became unlawful mates of the progressive party.

Frank Barber of this city, who owns a big hog ranch near Lowell and had a herd of 1,600, has lost over 200 head by cholera during the past two weeks. For a week or more after one bunch of 400 became affected, there was some question as to the identity of the disease, the symptoms and internal conditions being at variance with cholera trouble. Local veterinarians were not willing to pronounce it that disease but a specialist who came here from the state university announced that the trouble was cholera. Following this decision about 1400 head were vaccinated.

At the present time there is employment in North Platte for practically every man who seeks work. It is true that the wages are not satisfactory, but it is not best to take such work as can be secured until something better turns up. In the building trades everybody is busy with enough work in sight for full employment until the advent of cold weather. Were it not for the men out on a strike there would be practically no unemployed men in North Platte. Some of the strikers are doing more or less work, but they feel that they cannot consistently usurp the rights of others who need employment.

Pete Gunderson, living south of Hershey, recently returned from Omaha where he had been staying with his brother Gus, who suffered a fracture of the skull in an auto accident about a month ago. Gus shows considerable improvement and hopes are entertained for his complete recovery. For several weeks following the accident his mentality was seriously affected. The injured man formerly resided south of Hershey.

King Rhiley, of Oshkosh, who failed to clean up the platter at the North Platte Fourth of July races has by no means abandoned the racing game, and is getting his car in shape to enter the Pike's Peak hill race September fourth. Last year he won the \$10,000 Penrose trophy and this year will make a mighty effort to retain it. Rhiley will also enter the Ak-Sar-Ben auto races at Omaha next month.

The flue in the boiler at the asphalt plant began leaking so badly Sunday that it was necessary to close down the plant and replace the flues. This work was not completed until last night and it is expected that the plant will be in operation today. This caused an unavoidable delay in completing the asphalt work on west Fourth, which otherwise would have been completed yesterday.

During the first fifteen days of August the tourist cars night parked at the local campground numbered 787, an increase of \$2 over the number for the corresponding period last year. Monday night sixty-five cars were parked at the camp, twelve or fifteen states being represented, among them three cars from California, one from Arizona, and several from as far east as New York and Pennsylvania.

Farmers in town yesterday reported that the hot sun and wind of the four preceding days had proven injurious to corn and some fields were noticeably showing the effects. With practically no moisture in the soil, the sun and wind soon takes up the top moisture provided by the rains. In Dawson and Buffalo counties the lack of rain has resulted in a loss of the corn crop to many farmers.

At the last meeting of the Rotary Club the entertainment committee was instructed to arrange for a picnic at which the Kiwanians and their ladies will be guests as will also the ladies of the Rotarians. The date of the picnic has not yet been announced.

Tom Healey returned Wednesday from Omaha where he attended the Democratic convention.

NORTH PLATTE A CONVENTION CITY

TWO BIG GATHERINGS WILL BE HELD IN THIS CITY IN OCTOBER

North Platte has reached in popularity and commercial prominence the stage where it must do its share in entertaining the state conventions of the scores of organizations which hold annual gatherings. Not to show our hospitality in this direction would at once brand us as selfish and a charge of lack of public spiritedness could and would be made. During the past eighteen months North Platte has been host to a number of state and district conventions and it is only voicing the expression of the visitors to say that in each instance the delegates were well pleased with the hospitality shown them and this hospitality was made possible by the help of our citizens at large.

In October two important conventions will be held in North Platte, one a gathering of the teachers of the Western Nebraska District of the State Teachers Association, the other the state convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs, each of which will bring several hundred visitors to North Platte. To properly entertain these teachers and these delegates, calls will be made for sleeping accommodations in private homes, and the donation of autos for sight-seeing tours, and it is hoped that our people where possible, will make a ready response to these calls. Notice of these needs is made this far in advance so that when the committees begin their work they will find our people acquainted with the objects.

The big convention for next year will be the state gathering of firemen in January. It is possible that North Platte will secure the 1923 State Convention of the American Legion.

WHEAT YIELD IS LOW IN LINCOLN COUNTY

Threshing has been in operation in Lincoln county for several weeks and the yield of wheat, taking one section with another, will not average ten bushels per acre; seven or eight bushels would be more accurate. There are some fields that yielded twelve and fifteen bushels, but the greater number of fields did not average over five bushels. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture places the average yield at eight bushels in Lincoln county, an average of nine bushels in Keith county, fourteen in Perkins county, and eight bushels in Frontier county.

SEEKS PERMISSION TO BUILD A COMMERCIAL AIRPLANE HANGAR

Lawrence Euzminger will seek permission from the government to build a commercial hangar on the federal landing field. He proposes to erect this hangar for the accommodation of the airplane he owns, as well as those owned by Charley Sluder, Noel Bullock and one or two others who contemplate the purchasing of planes. If he cannot get permission to build on the government field he will seek another location.

OMAHA BALL TEAM WILL PLAY LEGION TEAM NEXT SUNDAY

The Union Pacific Stores team, of Omaha has been secured for a game at the ball lot Sunday. This team has played in North Platte in the past and gave attendants a fine exhibition of the National game. The local team is in winning condition as evidenced by the double defeat of the Cheyenne Indians the early part of the week. The game Sunday will merit a large attendance.

At the meeting of the council Tuesday evening the estimate of the expense for conducting the city for the coming fiscal year was made, and a levy passed providing for the funds. The total levy this year will be thirteen and six-tenths mills, which is four mills less than the total levy last year.

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ADDITIONAL PAVING CONTRACTS AWARDED

ABEL COMPANY AWARDED TWO DISTRICTS AT FORMER PRICE

The city council Tuesday evening accepted the recommendation of the street lighting committee that fifteen street lights be installed in the Cody addition. This action of the council will be appreciated by the residents of that portion of the city.

The city council Tuesday evening awarded to the Abel Construction Co. the contract for paving two additional districts at the same price the previous contracts had been made. The districts awarded were Sixth Street from Vine to Ash, three blocks, and Locust street from Third to the irrigation ditch, about ten blocks.

The contract for paving on west Ninth was not let by reason of some of the property owners insisting that the drainage could just as well flow over the pavement as through the underground drain, thus saving that expense. The council was not inclined to alter the engineer's plans and until objections are removed the contract will be held up.

It is figured that the paving of West Sixth, south Locust, and west Ninth—if an agreement is reached on the latter—is all the work that can be completed this year, and that south Dewey, Second street, three blocks on Maple, and a few other blocks on streets running north and south must go over until next year. It is probable that east Sixth street and Sixth street from Ash west to Washington will also be paved next year.

William Sleeper of Omaha is transacting business in the city.

SECRETARY OF GOOD ROAD ASS'N VISITS NORTH PLATTE

P. E. Clements, of Lincoln, field secretary of the Nebraska Good Road Association, spent a day in town this week and met in conference with the members of the Chamber of Commerce and other good road boosters. Mr. Clements' object was to secure opinions of the people as to road measures which might be presented to the next legislature. Among the questions involved is that of the tax on gasoline, matching dollars with the federal government on road construction and the keeping of all money received from car licenses by the county in which the license is paid. It is probable that some time during the latter part of the year a district meeting of those interested in good roads will be held in North Platte with delegates attending from Dawson, Lincoln, Keith, Logan, McPherson and Arthur counties.

RINCKER AND NEWTON WILL RELOCATE NOVEMBER FIRST

A change of location of two business houses on Dewey street will be made November first. The Newton Book Store has leased the room formerly occupied by the Crystal Theatre and the Rincker Drug Co. will take the room vacated by Newton in the Schmalzried building. Rincker Co. takes both floors and will re-lease the second floor.

It has not been announced whether a tenant has been secured for the room to be vacated by the Rincker Company.

Judge Woodhurst found "Dutch" Elias guilty of provoking an assault upon Chas. McNeal and gave him a sentence of ten days, making an allowance for the three days he had already served prior to the hearing. Elias appealed to the district court, giving surety in the sum of \$200 for his appearance.

UNION PACIFIC REMOVES TRAINS

FOUR THROUGH TRAINS TAKEN OFF TEMPORARILY DUE TO STRIKE

Effective yesterday the Union Pacific curtailed its passenger service by taking off two west bound and two east bound trains. The trains affected were No. 7 and 8 and second sections of No. 19 and 20. First sections of trains Nos. 19 and 20 will absorb the traffic carried by the second sections. Trains Nos. 7 and 8 were through Los Angeles trains over the Salt Lake route, and second Nos. 19 and 20 were Portland trains. The abandonment of these trains does away with eight train crews running in and out of North Platte and four engine crews. Company officials state that the curtailment is due to labor trouble and it is hoped will only be temporary.

MODERN WOODMEN INITIATE A LARGE CLASS MONDAY EVENING

The Modern Woodman Camp, which was organized in North Platte thirty-four years ago, but of late years has been in a lethargic state took on new life Monday evening when thirty or more candidates were initiated. Deputy Grand officers were present to assist in the ceremonies, following which the Royal Neighbors served refreshments.

William Burger left Wednesday for his home in Grand Island after attending the funeral of Zella Doram.

Mr. and Mrs. John Herrod, Mr. and Mrs. George Tekulve spent Sunday at the Mike McFadden home north of Paxton.

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