

**Crystal Theatre,
Saturday and Monday.**
DOROTHY GISH

**"Mary Ellen Comes
to Town."**

She was tired of being the only "live one" in a village of sleep-walkers. So Mary Ellen came to town—New York.

Dorothy Gish—Nuff said—and plenty!
Different Comedy Each Night.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A. N. Durbin transacted business in Omaha Tuesday and Wednesday. See the women's oxfords and pumps on sale at Wilcox Dept. Store.

Supt. Roy O. Young, of the Brady schools, was a North Platte visitor on Tuesday.

C. E. Halstead, of Laramie, transacted business at the freight house yesterday.

Mrs. J. M. Todd and J. Todd left Wednesday for Kansas City to visit Glen Todd.

Mrs. J. B. Redfield and sons left Tuesday for Omaha where they will visit for a few days.

Mrs. W. Breternitz and daughter motored up from Gothenburg yesterday to visit friends.

Mrs. I. J. Brooks came home from Gothenburg yesterday where she had been visiting relatives.

King Rhiley returned to his home in Oshkosh after transacting business here and in Omaha yesterday.

Miss Alberta Burton came home yesterday from Colorado where she had been visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Askwig and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rector left yesterday by auto for Colorado to spend a week.

Tuesday afternoon Judge Woodhurst married P. C. Redfern and Miss Ruth M. Chamberlain. Both live at Maywood.

Members of the Country Club are planning on a party and dance to be given August 19th. This is for members only.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Popejoy came home this morning from the east where they had been buying for The Style Shop.

We still have a few of the Black Cat Silk Hosiery Seconds at 98c and \$1.98 on our Bargain Square. Wilcox Department Store.

Additional Season Tickets may be had at the North Platte Flour Mill Office. See L. C. Carroll, President of the local Association.

The first of the Victory Medals for Service men have been received. They are a beautiful memorial of the Great War.

Misses Grace Hirsch and Doris Stevens left yesterday for Greeley where they will visit relatives for several weeks.

Miss Bertha Marcelles of Waterloo, Ia., is expected here Sunday to visit her sisters Mrs. Guy Popejoy and Miss Coral Marcelles.

Miss Mabel Walter has returned from Lincoln where she has been attending the summer school at the University of Nebraska.

Dixon & Son grind their own lenses. Rev. P. R. Stevens left Wednesday in company with Ira LeMasters for Estes Park and Colorado points. They will make the trip by auto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Murphy left Tuesday evening for a month's visit at Decatur and other points in Illinois. On the return trip they expect to take in the State Fair at Lincoln.

We are somewhat delayed in moving into our new location but it will not prevent us showing fall merchandise early, so do not hesitate for we can fit every individual with real exclusive styles. E. T. TRAMP & SONS.

Edward Jackson returned Wednesday evening from a two weeks vacation in Lincoln. He attended the sessions of the Epworth Assembly and reports a good time. The attendance at the Assembly reached twelve thousand on the day that Billy Sunday was there.

W. P. Snyder travelled with Dean Burnett by auto to Sidney, Kimball, Scotts Bluffs and Cheyenne last week. He states that the development of all that country during the last five years is beyond description. Crops are fine almost everywhere. Some fields of wheat near Kimball averaged over 50 bushel per acre.

The young son of D. McNeel, of the Birdwood vicinity, who was brought to town a few days ago suffering from lockjaw, died Wednesday evening and was buried yesterday from his home. Rev. H. E. Hess officiating. The lockjaw came from an infection in a wound on the boy's heel.

Ask anyone who was at the Crystal last night how they like "The Six Best Cellars." We know what they will say and if you want to see the ONE picture of the week you must see it tonight. There will be an excellent comedy, too. Come right up after the band and you will round out the evening of mighty good entertainment.

AS OPTOMETRISTS—we know that an examination of the eye is not complete, and in a large percentage of cases absolutely inadequate, which takes only the sight or vision test. True, some cases are suited with a single, simple test. Others tax the ingenuity of the most expert operators assisted with all the scientific devices known. Dixon & Son, Sight Specialists.

County Agent Hecht, of Dawson County, with his judging team of twelve boys spent Wednesday at the Experimental Substation judging cattle, hogs and horses. Three boys from this team will compete with like teams at the State Fair. The winning team in that contest will compete with other state teams at Sioux City. The final competition will be at the International Live Stock Show at Chicago.

**LETTER TO
GOVERNOR.**

A LETTER ON TAXATION IS ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

North Platte Neb.,
Aug. 19, 1920.
Hon. Samuel R. McKelvie,
Chairman of State Board of Equalization,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Governor:
On behalf of a large number of citizens and farm owners in Lincoln County Nebraska, I am placing a protest in writing with the State Board of Equalization against making any raise in the assessed values of Lincoln County, and I desire to supplement what was orally stated to your Board.

In the first place, the speculative sales of some of our best lands in the present abnormal situation and troublesome times with 50 cent dollars, is not a just basis for fixing land values for assessment purposes because the condition in each county is different. In some counties they have booms and in others where the land is intrinsically worth the same there is no boom. Again, the character of the lands and the proportion of the land to the good is different in different counties.

Your Board claims you are equalizing the real estate on the basis of 68% of the real value. Professor Burr has figured that there are 271,447 acres of the better class of lands in Lincoln County and 1,542,285 acres of the poorer class or grazing sand hills. If you will take grazing lands at \$8.00 per acre and I sold some this spring and gave a warranty deed for \$5.00 per acre; and if you will take the better class of lands at an average of \$50.00 per acre you will have a total of \$25,700,000.00 for the value of Lincoln County lands or \$14.00 per acre for the 1,813,732 acres in the county. If you will take 68% of this you will have \$9.52 per acre. The County Board has equalized our lands at \$9.23 per acre. The \$8.00 per acre for the sand hills and the \$50.00 per acre for the better lands is greater than the actual value of the real estate. Hence this shows Lincoln County's real estate is already assessed high enough.

If the other Counties of the state are assessed higher in proportion they are assessed too high, and they were in error in following the directions of your Secretary of Finance and the Secretary of your State Board of Equalization. The State Board should reduce these lands to make a fair assessment of the lands of the home owners as compared with the railroad assessments.

Again, the State Board of Equalization has increased the assessment and increasing the assessed values of the property will raise according to the figures of Mr. Osborne \$1,458,000.00 from the fixed State levies more than was contemplated by the legislature when we passed the law making the levies. No State Board has a right to make assessments and equalize them to place these unnecessary tax burdens upon the people.

Again, the State Board of Equalization has increased the assessment of the Railroad Companies only 8% in Nebraska. I haven't time to take all the railroad companies, but I want to take the Union Pacific for an example. Secretary Osborne's return shows that the Union Pacific Railroad Company's net earnings last year were \$12,958.28 per mile. The company was assessed last year at \$21,512.00 per mile. It has been raised 8% this year. The Union Pacific's stocks are quoted at \$117.00 per share. It is capitalized at \$67,662.00 per mile, but the Union Pacific last year earned 5% or more than \$200,000.00 per mile in Nebraska. It is therefore apparent that your Board assessed the Union Pacific Railroad Company at less than one-fourth of the actual stable value per mile of its railroad stocks or capitalization which is worth more than par, and at less than one-tenth of its value based upon its net earnings at 5%.

I want to say that the Officers of the State of Nebraska are not justified in assessing the home owners of the State of Nebraska at 68% of an abnormal temporary speculative value of their property and assess the corporations of the State at from one-fourth to one-tenth of their values. The assessment of the property for taxation purposes is a relative term. If the railroads are assessed at one-fourth their stable values then the home owners are entitled to have their properties assessed on the same basis.

Remnant Sale!

We have a large accumulation of short lengths from all sections of our Dry Goods Department and will feature them in connection with our Bargain Square this week and next. We are also putting special low prices on all of our fancy Voilles, mostly in two lots:

LOT 1—Light and dark patterns 39c
36 and 40 inches wide

LOT 2—Very good assortment of 48c
40-inch cloths.....

WILCOX DEPARTMENT STORE

Your argument to our delegation that the government had asked that the railroads be favored, that their taxes be not increased, that freight rates were being increased and that the people would have to pay the taxes anyway in increased rates is not even a moral justification; and of course, has no legal standing as a defense against assessing our home owners on a different basis than you assess the great financial interests.

I am therefore pleading with the State Board on behalf of the people of my Senatorial District that the State Board of Equalization recede from its contemplated purpose and cut down the assessment of real property of all counties instead of raising it and be as fair to the farmer and home owners of Nebraska as it is to the corporate interests. Lincoln County citizens are not tax shirkers. They are willing to pay their share of the public burdens; but they do not consider it fair to make them pay a greater share of the tax burden than railroad companies whose stocks are worth more than government bonds. We are compelled to accept your judgment because there is no appeal as the law now stands. In these unsettled times the boat should not be rocked but steadied. The people are depending on their officers at this time to take the latter course.

Sincerely yours,
W. V. HOAGLAND,
State Senator 25th District.

Notice of Special Election.
Whereas a Constitutional Convention called agreeable to law by the people of the State of Nebraska to meet December 2d, 1919, and whereas the members elected to said Constitutional Convention did so meet and provide that certain amendments to the Constitution be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection, and did further provide that said proposed Constitutional amendments be submitted at a special election to be held throughout the State on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of September, 1920.

Now, Therefore, I, A. S. Allen, County Clerk of Lincoln County, State of Nebraska, by authority of law in me vested do hereby direct and proclaim that a special election be held in the several polling places within Lincoln County, State of Nebraska, on Tuesday, the Twenty-first day of September, 1920, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 9 p. m. of the same day for the purpose of adopting or rejecting said proposed amendments.

Given under my hand and official seal this 10th day of August, 1920.
A. S. ALLEN, County Clerk.

Notice to Water Consumers.
On Friday night August 13th the water plant will shut down sometime between 11:30 and 12:00 p. m. and the city will be without water until possibly about 4:00 a. m. It is necessary to do this in order that the main discharge line from the plant may be cut to connect same with the emergency pumps the city is installing.

All hospitals, restaurants, etc., will be notified personally and the Water Department requests consumers who see this notice to kindly notify their neighbors who do not take any of the North Platte papers as the Water Department cannot send notices to each consumer personally.
Hershey S. Welch,
Water Commissioner.

Celebrating A Bountiful Harvest.

Practically every section of the country is enjoying a bountiful harvest and there is a natural desire on the part of most everybody to celebrate.

The one best way to celebrate harvest this year is to build up a good big bank account against the day when the harvest may not be so bountiful.

Bank accounts are no longer considered luxuries. They are necessities.

This bank has built its success on careful, courteous and comprehensive service.

You personally, as well as your account, are welcome—always!

The Platte Valley State Bank
NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

THE CHILDRENS, MOUTHPIECE TO JOYLAND.

Let them drink and be merry—Now—Next time and always—The STAR BOTTLE—the visible testimonial of the STAR goodness.

Your favorite flavor 10 cents the bottle; cheaper by the case. Little Children—and grown ups—love to drink STAR beverages—the individual bottle.

Puts your palate in delightful touch with the luscious fruit flavors.

STAR BOTTLING & MERCANTILE CO.
ASK YOUR DEALER.
Put up in the distinctive bottle.
Originators of Better Beverages.

PUBLIC LAND SALE
Choice Keith and Perkins County Farms.
At Public Auction Commencing at 10:30 A. M.
PAXTON, NEBRASKA.
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, AUG. 19 AND 20, 1920.

Sale will be held at Company Farm Headquarters, new town Spuhlerville, 14 miles south-west of Paxton.

We offer at Public Auction 20 of our Keith and Perkins County Farms divided into quarter, half and section tracts, the choicest farm land in Western Nebraska, located from 2 to 13 miles south of Paxton, Keith County, Nebraska, 7 to 12 miles from Roscoe and 8 to 12 miles from Elsie and Madrid. On the main line of the Union Pacific and high line Burlington railroads.

TERMS: 15 per cent day of sale. Reasonable payments on contract January 1st. Settlement March 1, 1921. Liberal amount carried back in mortgage, 6 per cent.

Write Company Offices, Lincoln or Paxton, for detailed description of lands offered.

STATES REALTY INVESTMENT CO.
311 Fraternity Bldg., LINCOLN, NEBR.
OWNERS.
COL. D. F. BRYSON, Auctioneer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Dedmore returned Wednesday from a trip to Illinois.

If there is a better looking male movie star than Wallie Reid, we haven't seen him. If you want to be convinced see "Double Speed" at the Keith Monday and Tuesday.

New fall suits and coats arriving daily—quality, price and style beyond comparison. E. T. TRAMP & SONS

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stack, Sr., returned from Lincoln Wednesday where they had been visiting relatives for a week.

**TO OUR PATRONS
AND THE PUBLIC**

We, the undersigned having purchased the interest of W. H. Diener in the firm of Diener & Son will continue the business at the old stand, 107 west Sixth St., and give the same fair treatment, best of work and service at all times.

Give us a trial

DIENER & DIENER,
Service, Vulcanizing and Auto Repair Shop.
[Successors to W. H. Diener & Son]
JAMES W. DIENER W. G. DIENER