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Why Distort the Truth?

Would it not show a fair and manly spirit if the articles published in The Telegraph were signed by some one who had the hardihood to father them rather than hide behind some non-de-plume like "Tax-Payer" and "Civic League"? Why are they ashamed to sign their real names? Truth will hurt no one. The Civic League has made many false statements in their articles and circulars, and as one of the railroad men, I wish to say that the city of North Platte would miss us were we to be taken from the city. And, surely it is an insult to railroad men to say that we do not have the ordinary intelligence of man and we spend our money as a class in saloons or other like places. Do you know that not even one per cent even go into saloons, and we know how many are railroad employees that go to make up the population of this city. The Civic League says that 142 men from North Platte have taken the "jag cure" at Grand Island? Even so, did they tell you that it has taken twenty-two years for this many men to get to Grand Island. How many unfortunates are there or were there during the 22 years who have acquired other drug habits and never were cured. They don't tell you this. They tell you the saloons make \$240,000 a year. They cannot prove it. They say "where does the bulk of the money go to that the railroad pours into this town?" The Company puts about \$600,000 in the city in salaries and improvements and it takes out of North Platte nearly \$800,000 a year in freight and passenger receipts. The city must make money in other ways, or saloons as well as the merchant would go broke. The League tells us we are a bad town, that we have been heading towards hell at a fearful rate and we poor mortals are too ignorant to know it and the League had to support sky pilots and jail birds to inform us of the terrible disaster that awaits us. Surely the city has not prospered nor grown in any sense, according to their narrow ideas; but we think it has, and the city has a good name everywhere. When Uncle Sam goes out of the business of making liquor, I am ready to vote "Dry," but not until then. Do you want to encourage boot-legging and various other ways of handling liquor where we cannot control it, nor receive one cent for its being handled? How much tax do these people pay who come among us for a year and then are transferred to another town when they made a living dispensing knowledge and the gospel and warning men of their doom? They say that the poormaster, Mr. Fowler, told them seventy-five per cent of the paupers that apply for help is due to the saloon. Mr. Fowler told me he never said any such thing. Ask him.

Judge Grimes never made the statement that ninety-five per cent of criminal court costs are due to the saloon business, and there is no reason for such a statement. Why don't you tell the truth and sign for it? You have a right to your opinion and a right to speak them, and so have we—but the truth is best always. The League says, "don't be blinded in regard to the license money for the schools." No don't be blinded, just ask how much we need, twice as much as we get, and don't forget that a great many dollars are left here by tourists, traveling salesmen and others who do not live here and would not contribute a cent were we dry. Just go on, tax us all you wish—clean up our city your way, but stop false advertising to get people's money. Go on and do like the Irishman who hitched himself to a mule to plow, and the critter ran away. You will say as the Irishman did, "For God's sake head off the mule, never mind me." I DON'T DRINK. PHILIP A. NORTON.

Local and Personal

Gus Koch, one of the valley farmers' is finishing up the shipment of 300 tons of alfalfa. Mr. Koch has nearly all his land in alfalfa.

W. A. Piper, Examiner for the Nebraska Building & Loan Association, of Lincoln, Neb., was in town and examined and approved \$10,900.00 of loan applications submitted by District Agent, C. F. Temple.

Mrs. H. L. Simms, who has confined to the P. & S. hospital for several weeks, has recovered sufficiently from her operation that she was able to return Tuesday to her home in the Wellfleet vicinity.

Miss Gilcrest, of Omaha, will lecture on economic cooking Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock sharp at the Masonic hall. Ladies and children invited to attend. Price 10c. Collection to be given to Sunshine purposes.

Edward McKinney, of Cheyenne, is visiting in the city for a few days with William Adair of the North Platte laundry and other friends. Mr. McKinney works on the head end of one of the papers at Cheyenne.

Many attractive styles in charming models for spring wear, just received at The Hat Shop, 3 doors east of First National bank.

J. P. Shafer, who has been employed for some time as picture machine operator at the Crystal theatre, has resigned his position. He left Wednesday evening for Douglas, Wyo., where he has a position as operator for one of the shows.

Miss Mamie Stackhouse of the Dickens vicinity was operated upon Wednesday morning at the Brooks rooming house by Dr. J. S. Twinem. The operation was reported successful and Miss Stackhouse is getting along nicely.

For Sale—Thoroughbred Plymouth Rock eggs. One setting, 50c, 100 for \$3.00. Albert Haspel, North Platte, 19-4

Mr. and Mrs. Wert of Sidney, were in the city the first of the week visiting friends and transacting business. Mr. Wert is the new trainmaster at Sidney in the place of George Smith who was formerly located here but was changed to Sidney the first of the year and later took a position on the road out of Denver.

No. 1 Settings of Rose Comb Rhode Island Red Eggs for hatching \$1.00 per setting or \$5.00 per hundred. Mrs. Geo. Tekulve, 1204 East 4th St. Phone Blk 505.

Mrs. F. D. Winn, of Kearney, who has been visiting friends and relatives in town, will return home tomorrow. Mrs. Winn was one of the pioneer residents of North Platte, coming here forty-four years ago, and made this city her home until eight years ago, when the family moved to Kearney.

Men's Sewed Soles and Rubber Heels \$1.00, Women's Sewed Soles and Rubber Heels 85c. Full Rubber Heels 25c. Tekulve at Yellow Front.

George Rannie of this city has accepted a position as instrument man for the Union Pacific company in the Kansas division. He left this week to take up his duties and will be with a floating party to travel all over the division. Mr. Rannie was formerly employed with the Union Pacific out of this city but was let out last winter during the reduction of force.

The Mutual Building & Loan Association has plenty of money on hand to close loans promptly and are in the market for desirable City Loans. By doing business with this home association, borrowers can save \$300.00 or more in the payment of each \$1000.00 borrowed over competing Building & Loan Associations.

H. E. Callender, of the Callendar Cash store left Wednesday morning for Keystone to look after the branch store at that place.

For Rent—Four room house furnished or unfurnished, extra lot for garden and also good chicken yard, phone Blk 512.

License to wed was granted Tuesday evening from the office of the county judge to Nick B. Legae age 32, and Miss Ethel Fletcher age 17, both of this city.

CANTON FARMING IMPLEMENTS at Hershey's: Locust street, opposite postoffice.

Charles Thomas, the merchant from Dickens and Jess Fitch, the liveryman from that place, were in the city Wednesday looking after business matters at the court house.

Our hats are distinctive in style and workmanship. Visit the exclusive store, McVicker's Millinery at The Hat Shop, 19-3

T. Jepson and Peter Jepson from Fox Creek precinct were in the city Wednesday and called at the court house on business. They stated that the spring work is getting well under way in their vicinity and that many of the farmers are plowing for soeing oats.

C. O. D. Cleaners and Dyers. Next door to the Ritner Hotel.

W. M. Burtell has returned to this city from Bitter Creek, Wyo., where he had been visiting for the past several months. He is visiting in the city for a few days with his brother-in-law, C. A. Horne, before returning to his home in Brady Island.

REDUCED PRICES for Monarch Malleable Ranges to make room for new stock at Hershey's, corner Fifth and Locust streets. Phone 15.

The ladies bible class of the Presbyterian church held the first kenstington Thursday at the home of Mrs. Strahorn. Forty ladies were present and a delightful afternoon was enjoyed. Mrs. Strahorn was assisted in the entertaining by Mesdames Perrett, Jackson, Sorenson and Homer Rector. A nice two course luncheon was served.

Don't let the contract for your plumbing before you talk with R. F. Stuart on the matter. His price will interest you.

Three cases were heard Tuesday afternoon before Justice of the Peace P. H. Sullivan. They were C. O. Weingand vs. Hugh Golden, a case to collect \$11.90, C. O. Weingand vs. C. M. McGrew for \$31.25, and C. O. Weingand vs. William Lannin for \$30.15. All these cases went to judgment by default, the defendants failing to appear, and in each case the costs were put on the defendants.

The Loyal Order of Moore met Wednesday at the K. P. hall for their regular meeting and initiated thirty-six new members into the order. The order is growing rapidly both in numbers and in popularity and the new club rooms are now in operation. The rooms are not completely furnished and fitted up, but the pool and billiard tables are installed and the other rooms are being fitted up as rapidly as possible.

Mrs. Eunice Keen was delightfully surprised last Saturday evening when a number of her friends came in on her at her home on West Ninth street for a social evening, the occasion being the celebration of her eighty-sixth birthday. The evening was delightfully spent with social converse and other diversions, after which an elaborate lunch was served. Mrs. Keen was the recipient of many gifts and was kindly remembered by all the guests.

Resident Lots.

I have some of the best residents lots in the city listed, and if you are going to build this spring, you cannot afford to buy without looking over my list. C. F. Temple.

COMPARE

These Residence Lots in Trustees and Riverdale Additions With Others on the Market

These Lots Have

1. **SEWER** so deep in the ground that basements may be built without danger from water.
2. **CEMENT SIDEWALKS** on every lot, and continuous sidewalks and crossings all the way to the business part of the city. On this account city mail is delivered thruout these additions.
3. **WATER MAINS** and city water accessible everywhere.
4. **GRADED STREETS.** All streets and avenues are well graded and drained.
5. **CITY PARK.** Note its location on the map below. It belongs to the city of North Platte and is the only park the city owns. A large number of trees were planted in the park last year and it will be improved each year.
6. **GOOD LOCATION.** These lots are close in. Silber Avenue on the map below is just six blocks east of Dewey street. These additions are also located between Union Pacific tracks and the right of way purchased by the Burlington Railroad. It will never be necessary to cross railroad tracks to get to the business part of the city.
7. **MANY NEW HOMES.** This is the new part of town. These additions were put upon the market only five years ago, and 51 new homes have been built here since. Many more will be built during the coming year. No old houses will be moved in because this is prohibited.
8. **REASONABLE PRICES.** There are no lots on the market so well improved, as close in and as well situated as these, with prices as low. All these improvements are fully paid for and no taxes or assessments will ever be made to pay for them. All lots on map below which have prices marked thereon are for sale at said prices; all other lots have been sold. A five per cent discount is given for cash or the lots will be sold upon their installment plan of one-tenth of the purchase price down and one-tenth every three months.

For Sale by

WM. E. SHUMAN.

UNION PACIFIC R. R.

