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THIS AND THAT

Coming Events.
Farmer's Institute—Jan. 30.
Groundhog Day—Feb. 2.
School House Bond Election—Feb. 5.
St. Valentine's Day—Feb. 14.
A. O. U. W. Supper—Feb. 22.
Washington's Birthday—Feb. 22.

School bond election February 5.

B. O. Goodrich, of Cody, was in town Saturday.

John Steinbrecher was down from Ripley Monday.

C. H. Cornell returned from Chicago Saturday night.

Frank Zerung, of Norden, was on our streets last Friday.

Joseph McCloud, of Simeon, was in town Monday on business.

Hans Osterman, of Georgia, was in town on business last Friday.

The brick work on the Indian school buildings is about completed.

A vote for school bonds is a vote to give employment to home labor.

WANTED:—Fresh milch cow, at once. Enquire at The Dohner.

Jas. Ray is once more able to be around town without assistance.

L. Geldhammer, of Rushville, registered at the City Hotel Saturday.

R. T. Fauver, of south of Wood Lake, was in town Monday night.

David McConaha was up from Brown county on business Tuesday.

John Brown came over from the agency Tuesday and will return today.

C. R. Glover spent last week in Aurora, Lincoln and other eastern cities.

E. W. Blakey, sheriff of Falls River county, South Dakota, was in town Tuesday.

Dr. J. J. Evans has been laid up for several days with a severe attack of neuralgia.

The Presbyterian church at Gordon was formally dedicated one week ago last Sunday.

Deputy Sheriff Henry Razey was in Nenzel and vicinity Tuesday on official business.

Maggie Herring, who has been ill of typhoid fever at Rev. Moore's, is improving rapidly.

John Neiss and U. O'Bryan were over from the reservation several days during the last week.

Mrs. John Keif, of south of Arabia, has been quite ill but is now on the high road to recovery.

R. F. McCauley, of Fort Niobrara is staying in this week having some dental work done.

A "home talent" minstrel show was given by some of the boys at Fort Niobrara Tuesday night.

Rev. J. M. Bates stopped off here yesterday while on his way home to Longpine from Crawford.

Lew A. Webb, of Norden, was in town Tuesday. He will travel for a grocery house in the future.

Geo. H. Hornby has commenced building a new dwelling house on the site of the old M. E. church.

Mrs. Jas. Finnegan, of Chadron, and her sister, Mrs. Skinner, of Terry, are expected here in the morning.

The citizens of Brown county are organizing for an immense grand round-up wolf hunt on Feb. 22.

Will all the gentlemen who said we were going to have an open winter please stand up and be counted?

Rev. Jas. F. Cross and little daughter returned from Ohio Tuesday and went over to Rosebud on the stage.

Rev. J. C. Sloan, of Alliance, is in town and will preach at the Presbyterian church tomorrow, Friday evening.

F. Fischer and Stetter Bros. filled their ice houses with crystallized aqua pura from Lake Minnechadua this week.

D. S. Efner, who has been on the sick list for the last week or two is meandering around the streets once more.

Miss Fannie Clark, of Ainsworth, is assisting Cora Gillette in the dress-making department of her millinery store.

Sam Parry has recovered from his recent illness sufficiently to return to his home on the river, and will soon be as well as usual.

Miss Wren Donohoe returned from her visit to Chadron yesterday morning, and the Donohoe office has regained its cheerful look.

Jas. Wellford resigned his position as driver on the Rosbud stage, and F. C. Thompson commenced work in his place Saturday morning.

Alvin Thayer was down from Gordon Saturday as a witness for contestant in the contest case of Beamer vs. Jorgensen. He returned home Sunday.

Next Tuesday is ground hog day, and the sporting editor of this highly moral newspaper is betting barrels of ducats that the beast will see his shadow.

County Clerk Elliott has received a certificate from the secretary of state showing that 31,000 acres of land were added to the Cherry county tax list during the past year.

From Tuesday's papers we learn that Mrs. Mary J. Donohoe has at last been granted a pension. This will be good news to her many friends here, at Gordon and elsewhere.

Born:—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ackley, of Thacher, Friday morning, January 22, a ten pound boy, Dr. W. D. Donohoe officiating. All parties concerned are doing well.

County Treasurer Crabb went to Lincoln Monday morning to make his annual settlement with the state auditor. He will probably visit Omaha and other places while gone.

It is authentically reported that in the building called the court-house the thermometer registered 25 degrees below zero Monday, while on the outside it was only 16 degrees below.

John G. Maher, of Chadron, has been appointed as a colonel on Governor Holcomb's staff. Johnny will bear his honors with dignity and grace, and keep on aspiring just the same as of yore.

Sheriff Strong went to Omaha Sunday and last night returned with Len Collins, one of the men who broke jail here about a year ago. Collins is wanted for stealing harness from Capt. Archer.

Geo. McMillan, who came from Cripple Creek, Colo., to act as foreman of the brick construction at the Indian school, returned to his home in Wilmington, Ohio, Tuesday, his labors here being completed.

Uncle Sam's weather bureau is a very useful and generally reliable adjunct of the government but the Chicago man has made several bad breaks lately. However, we will forgive him on account of his past truthfulness.

One of the queer things to be seen around town is the sign of "McKinley Club Headquarters" in letters a foot and a half high stretched over the entrance to the county court room. The judge, it will be remembered, is a Bryan democrat.

Owing to the inclement weather of last Saturday the farmers' meeting which was to have been held was postponed to Saturday, January 30, when a large attendance is expected. Turn out, everybody, and keep the good work moving on.

Col. W. W. Thompson slipped and fell on the sidewalk Tuesday night while on his way home from K. of P. lodge, injuring his left wrist and severely straining his back. Though confined to his bed his injuries are not considered serious.

Dr. C. E. McChesney, Rosebud Indian agent, and Maj. J. Geo. Wright, U. S. Indian inspector, came over from the agency Tuesday and left on yesterday morning's passenger, Maj. Wright being bound for Fort Hall, Idaho, and Dr. McChesney for Washington D. C.

Those who are working for school house bonds are doing so because they know that a substantial, warm, well ventilated and well lighted school house is needed. Two-thirds of all those who oppose the bonds concede that we need a new building, yet they don't seem willing to try to get what they admit we ought to have.

Wanted—A School House.

EDITOR OF THE DEMOCRAT:—

A bond of \$10,000, at 6 per cent, will require \$600 annually to pay the interest and would require a levy of five mills. It would also require a levy of four mills for the sinking fund, thus making a total of 9 mills necessary to be levied for both principal and interest, providing a sinking fund is created from the start, and providing there should be no increase in the amount of taxable property in the district during the twenty years the bonds would run. It is not necessary to create a sinking fund from the start, and the amount of taxable property will surely increase.

The taxable property of the district has more than doubled during the past nine years. The larger part of the increase has been during the last six years, at a time when we have had three crop failures and the worst financial panic the country has ever seen. We believe it reasonable to presume that the taxable property of this district will more than double during the next twenty years. If so, it would make an average assessed valuation of very near \$190,000. Then it would require an average levy of about six mills to raise the principal and interest. A five mill levy could be made during the first ten years, and a larger one if necessary during the last ten.

NAME	PROPERTY	VALUATION	TAX
W. E. Haley	Residence	\$25.00	\$1.35
U. G. Dunn	"	165.00	8.59
Fred Miller	"	200.00	10.50
E. McDonald	"	315.00	16.59
M. Chatterton	"	350.00	18.50
Chas. Maxwell	"	100.00	5.25
A. Lewis	"	240.00	12.50
W. T. Bullis	"	115.00	6.09
Robt. Robinson	Store bldg.	175.00	9.25
E. J. Davenport	"	300.00	15.75
J. M. Carpenter	"	300.00	15.75
P. W. G. Lawson	Barber & rest.	220.00	11.50
Snyder & Vincent	Barn	300.00	15.75

This does not look so very oppressive!

Every laboring man in town that wants work will get it, and many of them will earn as much in a week as their whole bond tax will amount to in the twenty years. The building will undoubtedly be built of stone, and at least \$7000 will be paid to the laboring and business men of our town. The merchants of our town will in the end get practically all of this \$7000. The profit on the goods sold for this amount of money will be more than the merchants of the town will pay on the bonds in the twenty years. If we get the new school house we will save \$400 a year in rent and repairs. The building of a new school house is certainly the proper thing to do from a business standpoint, to say nothing about the health and comfort of the children of our town.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Death of S. G. Barnes.

The news of the death of Samuel G. Barnes at Wood Lake last Friday was a sad shock to his many friends here, though it was not entirely unexpected, he having been ill for over a year. The funeral was held at Ainsworth Sunday morning under the auspices of the Odd Fellows and Masonic lodges, services being held in the M. E. church. Rev. C. F. Smith, of Stuart, preached the funeral sermon to a large concourse of friends, 15 of whom came from Valentine and 23 from Wood Lake.

Those who attended the funeral from here were: M. H. Hopkins, W. W. Thompson, G. H. Hornby, John Neiss, Alex. Charbonneau, W. T. Kincaid, brother Masons, and Frank Brayton, J. H. Yeast, F. M. Walcott, Robt. Robinson, G. H. Q. Smith, E. J. Davenport, D. H. Thurston, A. H. Ferguson and J. A. Hitt, Odd Fellows. This party was given a one and one-third fare rate by the railroad company and returned on the evening freight.

Samuel G. Barnes was born at Evans, Erie county, N. Y., May 15, 1836, and died at Wood Lake, January 22, 1897, aged 60 years, 8 months, 7 days. Deceased was married to Elizabeth Biggart December 16, 1853, at Philadelphia. In 1870 the couple moved to Dayton, Ohio, and in 1882 came west, locating in Brown county, where they remained until 1885, when they came to Wood Lake, which place has been their home ever since. Mr. Barnes was a consistent member of the Evangelical Lutheran church; Wood Lake Lodge No. 205, A. F. & A. M.; E. D. Fancher Post No. 259, G. A. R., Johnstown, Neb.; and Valentine Lodge No. 205, I. O. O. F. He enlisted in the late war as a private in Co. F, 21st Reg. O. V. I., Aug. 1861, re-enlisted in April, 1864, and was discharged at Philadelphia Nov. 21, 1865, having attained the rank of sergeant under Capt. J. P. Reynolds. His wife and two children, C. A. Barnes and Mrs. U. G. Stevenson, survive him.

The school rooms were so cold this week that many of the scholars were compelled to wear their wraps and overshoes while studying.

Miss Bertha Childs is now located in A. T. White's house on Cherry street and will remain here for several months, doing the duties of a deaconess in the Episcopal church, holding services every Sunday night when Rev. Bates is not present.

E. E. Moberly, senior member of the firm of E. E. Moberly & Co. of Chicago, was in town the first of the week securing needed information in regard to the amount, character, etc., of the supplies which will be issued to the Indians this spring, with a view to securing the contract for furnishing same. He is a nephew of the commissioner of Indian affairs, and is a very pleasant gentleman in conversation.

To the Christian Home.

Tuesday morning Rev. O. T. Moore went to Council Bluffs with Mrs. Henry Nearpass and children, leaving the latter at the Christian Home in that place, while the mother went on to Missouri Valley, where she has relatives. The boy and girl are about 8 and 6 years old respectively, and compared to what they were compelled to endure here life at the Home will be paradise. Rev. O. T. Moore will visit relatives in University Place (Lincoln) before returning home tomorrow.

Williamson-Towne.

At the residence of the bride's parents on Cherry street, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, John M. Williamson and Nella O. Towne were joined in holy matrimony, Rev. Sam'l. Holsclaw officiating. The bride is a daughter of County Judge W. R. Towne, and the groom is a sergeant in one of the companies of Uncle Sam's infantry stationed at Fort Niobrara. The ceremony and subsequent dinner was participated in by a few of the intimate friends of the contracting parties, and at six o'clock the couple left for their home at Fort Niobrara.

School Funds.

County Treasurer Crabb last week received \$851.89 from the state treasurer as Cherry county's share of the school moneys up to December 30, 1896. This amount together with \$132 received from fines imposed in this county, has been apportioned among the various districts as follows:

DIST.	AMT.	DIST.	AMT.	DIST.	AMT.	DIST.	AMT.
1	\$129.05	19	\$18.39	36	\$17.23	53	\$15.50
2	24.15	20	17.81	37	10.32	54	15.50
3	13.77	21	13.77	38	14.25	55	17.23
4	20.50	22	20.50	39	6.86	56	18.50
5	18.96	24	13.77	40	13.30	57	13.29
6	8.50	25	16.08	41	20.69	58	20.45
7	28.19	27	16.08	42	14.93	59	9.16
8	12.05	28	16.08	43	18.96	60	22.42
9	18.39	30	34.53	44	10.30	61	9.16
10	14.93	31	18.39	45	14.98	62	12.62
11	14.16	32	25.88	46	16.66	63	9.73
12	18.96	33	9.16	47	9.74	64	14.93
13	11.47	34	17.23	48	18.38	65	9.74
14	12.05						

The "Wachipi" Club.

A dancing club has been organized among society folks of Valentine with the above name, Dr. C. A. Wells, T. C. Hornby and C. H. Cornell being the promoters. The first dance under the auspices of the club will be given tomorrow evening, and thereafter on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month. These dates will not conflict with any of the lodges. The name of the club is Indian for "dancing," and the pronunciation is easy. It is not pronounced "Wachipie," nor "Wachyppie," but as if 'twere spelled "Wah-chee-pee," with the accent on the second syllable. The club dances will commence at 8:30 prompt and end at 12 p. m., without supper, unless you want it.

A Difficult Operation.

Saturday Aug. Weltke, of Wood Lake, was brought to Valentine to be treated for appendicitis, and Sunday an operation was performed upon the man by Drs. Dwyer and Donohoe, assisted by Dr. C. A. Wells. The operation was exceedingly difficult, a calculus or stony formation having lodged at the mouth of the vermiform appendix and worked clear through the stomach. This obstruction together with the diseased appendix were removed and at present writing the patient is improving rapidly. This operation is one that under the most favorable circumstances even is attended with great danger, and in the present case the success of the operation speaks volumes for the skill of our local surgeons.

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