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THIS AND THAT

Coming Events.
School Entertainment—April 22.
Wesleyan Male Quartet—April 27.
General Teachers' Association—April 28.

Cobs for sale at the mill.

A new crossing is needed south of the court house.

C. H. Cornell went to Omaha, Tuesday, with the Twelfth.

T. P. Spratt is running a herd of 700 cattle on the Snake this spring.

Prof. A. C. Reimenschneider was down from Cody on business this week.

Judge Walcott attended court at Rushville last Friday and Saturday.

Ely Valentine was up from Woodlake on business Monday and Tuesday.

Prof. W. G. Carson, of Simeon, was one of our most pleasant callers this week.

Mrs. J. W. Morris, of near Sparks, is at Dr. Dwyer's sanatorium, undergoing treatment.

Be sure and hear the Nebraska Wesleyan Male Quartet, at the M. E. church, April 27.

Hon. O. P. Billings was over from Norden Monday, making final proof on his timber claim.

Dick Cook was in town last night from the reserve, where he is working for I. N. Humphrey.

C. A. Johnson was up from Woodlake Tuesday and helped get the soldiers away in good shape.

John Adamson and Dick Grooms were in from Niobrara Falls Tuesday, displaying their patriotism.

Dr. C. V. Crooks, the well known specialist, at Donohoe House, where he will remain until Saturday night, April 23.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to Cure. 25c.

Do not fail to see Dr. Stuckey, the successful eye specialist, at the Donohoe House, where he will remain till Saturday evening, April 23.

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Henderson New Ideal is the best seed potato for this climate. 500 bushels raised on one acre in Cherry county last year. Price, 50 cents per bushel. DAVENPORT & THACHER.

KILLED HIMSELF

George Ritterbush Became Despondent and Committed Suicide.

About a year ago George Ritterbush, of Crookston, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for assault with intent to wound, on the person of Bill Brown. The sympathy of the community was with young Ritterbush, and a few weeks ago he was liberated from the pen and returned home. The young man's health was poor, he became despondent, and Saturday, April 17, he committed suicide by shooting himself. We give the following story in full in order to correct the false rumors in circulation:

Saturday forenoon George was at his brother's, Will Ritterbush's place at Crookston, sick in bed. Will went out to harness his team about noon for the purpose of coming to Valentine. A few minutes later George asked his sister-in-law to retire from the room, as he wished to get out of bed. She did so, going to the barn, where she stayed until her husband started away. On her return to the house she found George lying on the bed, dead, with a bullet hole in his left breast. The wound was made with a Winchester, and the suicide had placed the muzzle of the gun on his breast and pulled the trigger with his toe. Death was instantaneous. Coroner Dwyer was sent for and the jury in the evening found a verdict in accord with the above.

Before killing himself, Ritterbush wrote two letters, one addressed to his mother, brothers and sisters, and gave as his reason for the rash act, the fact that he felt he had not long to live anyway, and with the disgrace of having been in prison to trouble him he felt he had better kill himself. He asked forgiveness for anything he might have done wrong to any person, and said: "God will judge Bill Brown some day." The other letter was addressed to Fannie Brown, his sweet heart, at Fullerton, on whose account he got into trouble, and gave the same reason for his deed. He declared his love for the girl, and said he knew it was reciprocated. He advised her to marry some good man, and closed with a plea for the justification of his act.

It was reported that love disappointment caused the suicide, but the letter to the girl dispels that thought. In that letter Ritterbush said he knew the stories going around, but of course they were not true. The body was buried in the cemetery here, Sunday afternoon, by the side of his father, the Rev. Johnson, conducting the funeral services.

Conductor Al Bowring and wife visited the former's parents at Merriman last week, returning Saturday night. They were accompanied by Mrs. Chas. Bowring, whose husband recently died. She will visit in Chadron for a time.

Miss Anna Connolly expects to leave in a few days for her home in Valentine, after having been in Chadron for several months, during which time she was employed in Mrs. Bates' store. Miss Connolly is now visiting Miss Pearl Ray and will be her guest until she takes her departure.

Robert Good, editor and publisher of the VALENTINE DEMOCRAT, was a Chadron visitor Wednesday and was a very pleasant and welcome caller at this office. Mr. Good has lived in northwest Nebraska for 14 years and it was his first visit to Chadron. To say that he was delighted with our little city but faintly expresses it. Mr. Good issues one of the best, newest and most readable papers in this section of the state, which by the way, is the only democratic newspaper published in northwest Nebraska, and the support he receives from the merchants of the progressive city of Valentine is indeed very encouraging.—Chadron Journal.

Ed. Clarke and C. E. Sherman went to Norden Friday and secured 25 head of cattle from O. P. Billings on replevin. There cattle were purchased by Chadbourne several weeks ago but it seems that Billings concluded he had made a poor bargain and refused to turn over the stock. After taking the cattle on replevin, a compromise was made and they were paid for by the attorney.

The reading circle of the Epworth League met at the residence of Miss Stoner, Monday evening, and enjoyed the literary feast which was provided for them.

Change in Postoffice Hours.

Sunday postoffice hours have been changed from 8 to 10 a. m., to 7 to 9, or one hour earlier for both both opening and closing. The new rules went into effect last Sunday and caught a number of citizens who were late getting down town.

Wesleyan Quartet.

The Wesleyan Male Quartet will sing in Valentine, Wednesday, April 27. Reserved seats, 40 cents; general admission, 25 cents; children under 12, 15 cents. Tickets on sale at Elliott's drug store.

In commenting on a recent entertainment which the quartet gave, the State Journal of April 19th has the following to say:

A college quartet is supposed to amuse and entertain without elaborate artistic achievements, and the Wesleyans reach a great degree of success in this line. They soon had the big audience in such a mood last night that the chapel overflowed with zeal.

Destructive Prairie Fire.

The most destructive prairie fire that ever visited this section swept over a large portion of this county on Saturday and Sunday, carrying destruction of property at almost every ranch and farm house in its path. The fire started on the reservation and was driven over the line by a terrific north wind. It swept to the south and southeast, coming close to town in the afternoon.

In the country several narrow escapes are reported. W. B. Eberhart was burned about the face and hands, while Mrs. Eberhart was severely burned about the hands. Mrs. N. M. Jeffords was quite severely burned about the feet, her stockings being burned off.—Kewa Paha Call.

School Entertainment.

Tomorrow, Friday evening, one division of the high school will give their literary program. All friends of education are requested to attend and encourage the young people. Admission only five cents.

Twenty-five new books were placed in the library this week purchased with the proceeds from the programs given some weeks ago.

Mr. Robert Good, of THE DEMOCRAT, some weeks ago advised persons to donate good books to the school library and then surprised us by following his own advice, presenting to the school a fine copy of Holmes' "Guardian Angel." Later, Mrs. E. J. Davenport has given us two nice volumes, "Lorna Doone," by Blackmore, and "Greek Heroes," by Rev. Kingsley. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

OFF FOR NEW ORLEANS

Twelfth Infantry Leaves Fort Niobrara and May go to Cuba.

The Twelfth is gone, and Ft. Niobrara is practically deserted, a detail of two men from each of the companies, being the size of the garrison.

News that the regiment was to leave Tuesday afternoon spread rapidly, and when the boys marched into town to the tune of "The Soldier's Farewell" at 1 o'clock, they found an immense crowd waiting to bid them goodbye. All morning the boys had been busy loading freight cars with baggage, transportation, etc., so the start was made for the east, by 2:30. The first train consisted of 17 cattle, coal and box cars, and carried the field equipments of the regiment, wagons, 30 days' rations, several hundred thousand rounds of ammunition, and two Hotchkiss guns.

The second section was composed of 7 coaches carrying the 1st battalion, and the third section of 9 coaches carried the 2d battalion and band, together with regimental officers. Each man carried his arms and 100 rounds of ammunition.

Several hundred people cheered the boys as they left town, and many weeping eyes and broken hearts were left behind, women being particularly numerous in the crowd.

It is very probable that Valentine has seen the last of the Twelfth Infantry, and for this we are sorry. Col. Andrews was a prime favorite here, the officers were all gentlemanly and sociable, the men were honest and reliable. As a whole, those posted on army matters say the Twelfth is the cleanest, most sociable and best regiment in the army. If we have war with Spain, we expect to hear good reports from the Twelfth. Lieut. C. H. Barch is in charge of the post, and is the only commissioned officer here. Several families yet remain, but they will leave before long. It is reported that two troops of the Eighth cavalry, from Ft. Meade, will come down and garrison the post in a few days.

NORTHWEST METROPOLIS

The Democrat Man Visits Chadron and Receives Royal Reception.

It does a newspaper man good to get away from home occasionally and see what his neighboring towns are doing. Since 1884 the editor of this paper has lived most of the time in northwest Nebraska, but it was not until last week that he visited the northwest's metropolis—Chadron.

It was a patriotic mission that called him to Chadron, namely, the desire to so arrange matters that Valentine might be able to get a company of volunteers in the field if war is declared between this country and Spain. Adj. Gen. P. H. Barry, of the National Guard, was to be in Chadron last Wednesday, and it was he that caused the trip. He assured the editor that if a company was organized here, it would be recognized by the state and consequently by the government, but the National Guard was recruited to its full strength. So much for the cause of the visit.

In company with A. M. Morrissey the editor "took in the town" for an hour or so after arriving in the early morning, and while his preconceived notions of Chadron were hardly realized, he is forced to admit that Chadron is a lively little city and one of which its citizens may well feel proud. Fine, wide streets, substantial public buildings, pretty residences and splendid business blocks give the town an appearance of business and sociability, while the beautiful scenery round about gives the town a summer resort aspect.

After his ramble, the scribe went to the Blaine hotel and registered. He had heard so much of the Blaine that the excellence of the hotel and its appointments were no surprise, but general Ed. Satterlee, the proprietor, was a treat he was unprepared for. The Blaine is a three-story structure and is patronized by the best class of trade almost exclusively. The cuisine is excellent, the service splendid, and the hospitality of the proprietor unexcelled. After breakfast came a call on the Journal, and a bicycle ride around town, including a visit to the high school. Prof. Fee is an old friend of the editor's, and the former introduced him to the corps of teachers and made himself agreeable in every possible manner. The high school is an eight-room building, heated with steam, and is well equipped in every particular. The exhibit being prepared for the Transmississippi Exposition by the high school and primary departments is fine. After this came a more extended visit with Bro. Julian, and an inspection of the fine outfit of the Journal, likewise introductions to Messrs. Taylor and Kendall of the Defunct Recorder. The newspaper fraternity of the city seemed to be on good terms, and the Recorder people were working for the Journal. Bro. Julian is a young man, almost as handsome as the writer, and is making a splendid success of his paper. It is, in fact, unsurpassed in the northwest for its excellence of matter and tastefulness in display and makeup. With Capt. A. G. Fisher, Lieut. A. L. Dorriphton, War Correspondent Geo. Garrison and Adj. Barry, dinner was delayed, and then came a round of pleasure. Many old friends were visited, and many new ones made. Col. McCann entertained the visitor for an hour, and J. W. Good, a leading merchant, made a half hour seem like a minute. C. S. Bates, the architect, B. B. Davis, the pharmacist, Stanley Ray, the cornetist, Jas. Dahlman, the democrat, and numbers of others equally well known here, beguiled the hours away until supper, and then came Col. Maher and a host of others to make things pleasant.

After supper a visit to the rink was in order, where Co. H, N. N. G., was mustered into the service of the state, and the war atmosphere was later cleared away by a social hop. Midnight found the editor "all tired out," and he was soon on his way home, leaving Chadron with its pleasant people, electric lights, splendid water system, fine business houses and general air of go-ahead-iveness behind.

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