

Local News.

Eggs are worth 9 cents at A. E. Chase's.

Good work harness for \$14.00 at T. M. Reed's.

G. W. Hunter has moved his office to his residence.

C. J. Bolt is repairing the Taylor building this week.

Walter Moon made a business trip to Arcadia last Monday.

Sewing machine agents have been working the town this week.

T. L. Pilger has reduced the price of Kerosene Oil to 12 cents a gallon.

You can buy a good pair of unlined gloves for 25 cents at A. E. Chase's.

Editor Brown attended the editors' meeting at Lincoln Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Perdue returned from her visit to Grand Island Thursday.

Will Smelser came up from Ashton and spent Sunday with relatives here.

E. Ogle shipped a car of hogs to South Omaha Tuesday morning.

Wm. Knutzen of Ashton was doing business at the county seat Tuesday.

Just received a fine line of shirts. Price, from 25 cents up. A. E. CHASE.

Six-inch iron bolts 1 cent each, longer ones three for 5 cents. A. E. CHASE.

Stewart Ware, who has been away several months, returned Saturday night.

Dr. Sumner Davis, Grand Island, Surgical diseases and diseases of Eye and Ear.

E. H. Kittell of Rockville was among the county seat visitors last Saturday.

T. L. Pilger is selling all goods for cash or produce only. Positively no credit.

Mrs. L. C. McGrath went to Wood-river last Friday to visit with her mother who is ill.

Rev. Shattuck, of Grand Island preached Sunday morning and evening at the Baptist church.

Just tell them that you saw us. Muldoons Picnic, at the Opera House one night only. March 6th.

A very pleasant dance was given at Wtkinson's hall last Tuesday night. A large crowd was present.

After visiting several weeks with relatives at St. Louis A. B. Outhouse returned home Saturday.

The county superintendent C. F. Johnson informs us that there will be three weeks summer school and two weeks institute this season.

Mr. Shepherd, the new jeweler has arranged his show windows in a very tasty manner and it looks quite neat.

Hats—a fine assortment. Forty-nine cents buys a good fedora. Any kind at corresponding figures. A. E. CHASE.

Do you need a wagon, buggy, disk harrow, seeder, plow or harrow. If so, you should see T. M. Reed.

All the neckwear in the house, consisting of over 500 pieces, below cost until April 1. A. E. CHASE.

Do you need a washing machine, clothes wringer, wash boiler, tinware or anything in that line. If so call on T. M. Reed.

A weed in the garden can be easily destroyed when it first starts. Consumption can be nipped in the bud by One Minute Cough Cure. Odendahl Bros.

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Minutes seem like hours when life is at stake. Croup gives no time to send for a doctor, delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insures recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. Odendahl Bros.

The play entitled "Old Maid's Convention" which was given under the auspices of the young ladies of the Baptist church, at the opera house, Saturday evening was a decided success financially and otherwise. The drives made on the old bachelors of the town were laughable in the extreme. We understand that the receipts net about \$19.00.

At the Opera house Saturday, March 6th, will be presented for the first time in your city the New Muldoons Picnic, the most laughable of all Irish farce comedies. This year everything is new and up to date. Sparkling with Irish wit, high class specialties, funny situations, and clean comedy. A show that pleases every one. Admission 25 and 50 cents. Seats on sale at Odendahl Bros.' Drug Store.

Mrs. C. L. Crake took the B. & M. train Tuesday for a few weeks visit with her mother living at Concordia, Kansas.

The finishing touches are being put to the cellar under the Travis new store building. The building is about ready for occupancy.

Rev. J. B. Carns, of Grand Island has been occupying the pulpit at the Methodist church all week. This is the third week of revival meetings and several converts to the faith have been made.

Stanley Gaydeski and Miss Annie Warminski, both of Sherman county were married last Monday, March 1st, 1897, at the Catholic Church in Howard county. This paper extends congratulations.

For laughing purposes only: The New Muldoons Picnic, at the Opera House, Saturday, March 6th. We advise all lovers of good shows to turn out and secure seats early in advance. Seats on sale at Odendahl Bros. drug store.

Judge Gaslin of Kearney, is in the city looking after some legal business which he has in district court. The Judge is looking ball and hearty for a man of his years and his old time friends are glad to see him again.

Mr. Hickman, the gentleman who purchased the Crawford farm arrived Thursday with his family and two car loads of household furniture and stock. Mr. Hickman is from Missouri and is a very pleasant gentleman.

All old soldiers and their wives are requested to come out to a bean supper to be held at Watkinson's hall on Saturday evening, March 13. Bring a basket of goodies with you. All members of Shiloh Circle, No. 5 are requested to come and bring their husbands with them.

While Harvy O'Bryan was driving into town Tuesday evening the horse became frightened and ran away throwing the buggy against Henry Dolling's shoe store. The buggy was quite badly broken but Harvy was taken from the wreck uninjured.

We understand that the citizens have secured the consent of J. H. Travis to give a dance in his new store building next Tuesday evening and preparatory to his occupying it as a place of business. It is a large and commodious room and a good time is anticipated.

Loup City Market Report.

Prices paid for:

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| Corn | 50 |
| Wheat | 58 |
| Oats | 32 |
| Hogs | 3.00 |
| Cows and heifers | 2.00 @ 2.25 |
| Feeders | 3.25 |
| Butter, per pound | 10 |
| Eggs, per doz. | 10 |

WANTED.—Two 2-seated second hand spring wagons that will carry 1,000 pounds. Address L. A. WILSON, Ashton Neb.

UNITY CLUB NOTES.

At the last meeting there was a very interesting program.

Paper was read on Arbitration Treaty. Discussion at next meeting.

The ladies feel under obligations to Mrs. Pilger for such a good talk on "Kitchen Science."

The ladies of the Unity Club tender their thanks to Mr. Mellor and Conhiser for favors shown the club.

Comfort To California.

Every Tuesday evening, a tourist sleeping car for Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Los Angeles leaves Omaha and Lincoln via the Burlington Route.

It is carpeted; upholstered in rattan; has spring seats and backs and is provided with curtains, bedding, towels, soap etc. An experienced excursion conductor and a uniformed Pullman porter accompany it through to the Pacific coast.

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For further information see A. F. WERTS, B & M Agent.

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FACTS CONCERNING

THE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF SHERMAN COUNTY.

The following write up will be printed weekly in the NORTHWESTERN as a "continued story," and afterwards will appear in book form. In the back part of the book will appear a directory of the present county officers, of all civic societies in the county, with names of officers, officers of the canal company, and other public enterprises. A few pages will also be devoted to advertising cards representing the present business interests of the different towns in the county. Reasonable charges will be made for ads and enough copies printed to supply the demand. The book will be sold at a very low price and all orders for copies should be made early. For further particulars see editor.

Continued from last week.

There is so much in a new country that brings man into close connection with the original elements in their primeval condition before gradual, frequent contact familiarized him with these works in their sublime grandeur direct from the hand of the Creator, that little else is needed to induce the adventurous pioneer to turn his back upon the busier scenes, where life seems crowded with the ordinary vocations, and seek to make a home where his will and fancy will be his only law. Hence, the great prairies of the west have been as a irresistible temptation to the eastern adventurer. And surely if nature ever lavished her beauty it was upon the Valleys and tables of Sherman county, well watered with streams as she is, and with the beautiful Middle Loup river, which flows majestically diagonally through her center.

Little wonder then that such a region soon caught the eye of the western emigrant.

But we will divert our attention for a while from this beautiful scenery and health-giving climate which so attracted the attention of the sturdy pioneers, and give in detail some thrilling accounts of the hardships and adventures which, forced by circumstances, they were compelled to face.

FIRST MARRIAGE IN SHERMAN COUNTY.

The first marriage ceremony performed in Sherman county was that of Frank Ingraham to Miss Fannie Taylor. The ceremony was performed by John Wesley Eddy on December 18, 1873, and the license was issued by Robert Russell, the first probate judge of the county.

Soon after that Mr. Russell resigned his position as county judge and Ingraham was appointed and qualified to fill the vacancy. No sooner had Ingraham taken the bench than he was asked to issue a license to Robert Russell, who was on April 8, 1874, married to Miss Annie Flint.

And so it happened that Russell issued the license for Ingraham and Ingraham issued the license for Russell. These were the first two marriages.

The third marriage, however, was quite romantic. It was that of Mitchell Mason to Miss Ruth Scoters. It happened this way. On the evening of the day on which Russell was married—April 8, 1874—there came to Ingraham's house an unusual lot of company. The house was crowded. The principal trouble seemed to be in the lack of enough beds. Ruth, who was the Ingrahams' servant, had completed her work and retired. In discussing the situation Mr. Ingraham and his good wife concluded that if Mitchell, who was also their servant, and Ruth would get married there would be beds enough. Accordingly the contracting parties were consulted, and readily consented. Ruth donned her best calico, Mitchell put on a new pair of overalls over those he already had on, the whole town was called out to witness the ceremony and the knot was tied.

The happy couple afterwards located on a claim four miles south of Arcadia, where they lived for seven years. When they moved away they had as many children.

SHERMAN COUNTY'S FIRST BORN.

The first birth in Sherman county was a boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Dewoody. It was also the first born in the family.

THE GRIM REAPER'S FIRST VISIT.

The first death which occurred was that of a Mr. Souls, who lived near where the village of Rockville is now situated. The second death was that of Edward Douglas, an old soldier. He was buried in the Loup City cemetery, then located east of town.

CLAIM JUMPING.

C. E. Rosseter first homesteaded one mile north of Loup City, but before he could get located on his claim it was jumped by Martu Brumbaugh. At that time and for several years later claim jumping was almost an every-day occurrence.

The following story may be told in this connection: In 1873 and shortly after the man Hicks had taken up the southeast quarter of section 18 and built a dug-out, which by mistake was located just off the quarter, he was greatly annoyed by persons who wanted to get his land. The facts are that Ingraham wanted the claim, and with some of his friends tried to scare Hicks out. They would prowl around his house at night and do other things tending to scare him. Hicks was very much frightened and made his fears known to his friends. Cy Rosseter and others told Hicks they would help him out. They said if Ingraham wanted the land he must buy it outright, and accordingly went one night to stay in the dug-out with Hicks. It was expected that on that night the enemies would attempt another bluff. But they heard of the reception which awaited them and did not put in an appearance. Soon after that Hicks sold his claim to Ingraham for \$500 and thus the trouble ended. The settlers tried to get Hicks to stay and take another claim, but he said that he had enough of pioneer life, and soon left. This same land was afterwards known as the Webb farm, but now comprises a part of the Barker estate.

GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS AT LOUP CITY.

On April 5, 1873, a squad of government soldiers, then stationed at Cotesfield, Neb., was scouting over the country under command of Captain Munson and Captain Mix, with William Wentworth, better known as "Buckshot," as scout, and on the date above mentioned came into camp at Loup City. They were here but a short time when one of the worst snow storms this country has ever known set in. The settlers told them they had better take their horses to the timber and camp there, but they preferred staying in town. The storm grew violently worse and they were compelled to abandon their wagons and tents and seek shelter in the log cabins with the citizens. The storm lasted for three days, during which time the soldiers could not get out to take care of their horses and mules. Some twenty-eight head drifted into the creek south of town and smothered to death, having been covered with the drifting snow. This is how the stream derived the name of Dead Horse creek.

During the time the soldiers were here they did some damage to Ingraham's \$500 stock of goods and he put in a bill to the government for damages and recovered \$500, which the government promptly paid. Fifty dollars would have paid for all the damage done.

FREQUENT INDIAN SCARES.

Indian scares were quite a frequent occurrence and on several occasions the settlers took their families and went to Grand Island or some

other place of safety whenever danger threatened them. It is said that Asa Cobb spent about half of his time running from the Indians. The following story in this connection may prove interesting:

In the spring of 1873 M. A. Hartley and Asa Cobb went up to Hayes creek and into the edge of Valley county to kill some deer which had been seen by some one coming down the valley. They drove upon a hill, when Hartley jumped out of the wagon and started down into a draw on foot. Hartley had just located the game, when Cobb spied an Indian scout descending the hill on horseback, with a big red blanket wrapped around his shoulders. Cobb was frightened and whipped his horses into a run, descended the hill, pulled up the draw, seared the game, and shouted and waved his hat for Hartley. Hartley, wondering what the trouble was, soon came to where the team and its frightened driver were. Mr. Hartley soon identified the Indian as belonging to a friendly tribe, who was also out hunting game. But Cobb refused to be comforted, however, and drove to town with all possible speed.

In 1875 another great Indian scare occurred. Harve Andrews, who was then driving mail under government contract from Kearney to New Helena via Loup City, reported one day that he saw as he came down the valley a large band of Indians coming across the divide and toward the Loup valley. They were headed for Loup City, and he had driven his horses until they were foaming and panting in order to reach the village to give the alarm that the people might be able to prepare themselves for the oncoming of the savages. Two or three families on this occasion, headed by Asa Cobb, went to Grand Island for safety. The remaining ones made what preparations they could for defense in case of an attack. Scouts were sent out and were gone some time. On their return they reported that they had seen a herd of over 100 head of elk which had evidently come from the direction indicated by Andrews and were going to the river for a drink.

The Indian scares, however, were not altogether the result of imagination, the settlers at that time having cause for alarm. Large tribes of the redskins were roaming over the country north of here, and in 1874 the government soldiers had an engagement with them in which several of the soldiers were killed and others badly wounded. The engagement occurred near the head waters of the North Loup river.

The Indian scares become so frequent that the settlers made application to the government for guns and ammunition, and accordingly about sixty needleguns and a large supply of ammunition was furnished. They were never used, however, for the purpose for which they were intended, but many were the settlers that were thankful for the use of them to hunt with, by which means they provided food for themselves and family.

Continued next week.

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