

Local News.

Alfalfa seed at Watkinson's.
 Ord prices discounted at Gasteyer's.
 D. L. Garrison, was in town this week.
 Good work harness for \$14.00 at T. M. Reed's.
 The small grain in the country is looking fine.
 Everybody has commenced gardening in good shape.
 W. H. Conger, went to Omaha yesterday on business.
 Mrs. L. E. Walworth, is having a new porch put on the front of her house.
 Ladies' ready made wrappers for sale cheap at Gasteyer's.
 Adam Schuapp is having his house re-papered this week.
 Odendahl Bros., are having their ice house painted this week.
 Oliver Dubry of Arcadia, and father of Mrs. Wm. Roe is in the city to-day.
 Lawrence Bensch, of the west part of the county was in the city last Monday.
GARDEN AND FIELD SEEDS IN BULK AT T. M. REEDS.
 Garden seed; new stock just in at the old reliable Seed store, Watkinson.
 Do not fail to call and see the new Platina and Celluloid Finish at the York Photo car.
 D. W. Titus, of Litchfield was over to the county seat on business last Monday.
 Mrs. J. T. Hale, went to St. Paul this morning to spend Sunday with her sister.
 Don't think because Grsteyer does not ask you two prices, that his goods are not all right.
 Gasteyer now carries a complete stock of ready made clothing for men and boys.
 Henry French was called to St. Paul yesterday to assist at the B. & M. Depot during the absence of one of the helpers there.
 Do you need a washing machine, clothes wringer, wash boiler, tinware, or anything in that line. If so call on T. M. Reed.
 Mr. Leschinsky our photographer is still making his first class photographs at 75 cents per doz. Don't miss to get a doz taken.
 A fine bunch of sheep went through town last Tuesday morning on their way up the valley. There were about 1800 in the flock.
 Newton Pilger went to Ravenna last Sunday, to visit his brother Ernest, who is employed at the B. & M. station at that place.
 Yearling steers are selling for \$15.00 and \$18.00 per head and the sucking calves are being picked up around town by farmers for from \$5.00 to \$6.00 per head.
 J. B. O'Bryan has two excellent varieties of seed potatoes which he is selling reasonable. One variety in particular will make in sixty days after planting and is of a superior quality.
 District court for Sherman county adjourned last Saturday afternoon. The court docket was pretty well cleaned up. It is thought by some that it will not be necessary to hold court in August, owing to the few cases left for trial.
 Joe Rieman, the youngest son of August Rieman is suffering with a white swelling on his knee. It was thought a few days ago that possibly his limb would have to be amputated but the physician says that it will not be necessary. Joe was kicked by a horse some three years ago, and it is thought that this is the result of his injuries then received.
 W. P. Reed, who is now traveling for the implement firm of J. W. Crawford & Co., of Omaha, made us a pleasant call Monday. Walter has a good job at a fair salary. His many friends here will be pleased to learn of this fact. He is a good steady young man, and we can assure the company that he will well guard their interests in all business entrusted to his care.
 Mr. Leschinsky, our home photographer did quite a rushing business this week. He is taking cabinet size photo's at the rate of 99 cents per doz, the new celluloid and platina finish, and the people knowing him to be a fine artist as well as a reliable photographer, are not slow to take advantage of this opportunity. Don't miss seeing him before getting your picture taken, he guarantees his work and will always be here to make good the guarantee.
 Congressman Greene has been farming this week. He hopes to have his crops well in the ground before going back to Washington. One of Greene's middle of the road constituents thinks that the congressman is a poor financier. He thinks a good man might have been hired to do the farm work for less than the railroad fare paid by the congressman in coming from Washington, to say nothing of the expense for curb. But if Greene could get through as cheaply as for gurb as he does railroad fare he could make the trip ten times on a bushel of corn.—Kearney Hub.

Seed barley at Watkinson's.
 Mrs. E. A. Brown is on the sick list.
 If you wish fine Photo's call on the York Photo car.
 I. S. Shepperd has moved into one of J. S. Pyke's houses.
New stock of Garden and Field Seeds at T. M. REEDS.
 The York Photo car is now in Loup City and ready for business.
 Criss Smith is having his harness shop re-papered and otherwise fitted up.
WINDOW SHADES, cut and fitted without extra charge at Watkinson's.
 Remember the York Photo car will only remain a short time in your city.
 Picture frames and furniture repairing carefully and promptly done at Watkinson's.
 C. E. Achenbach, of Clay township was doing business at the county seat last Monday.
 A good copper bottom wash boiler for 84 cents at Watkinson's.
 Ladies ready made underwear for sale cheap at Gasteyer's.
 Don't forget the brick hardware store for prices on hardware, tinware and furniture.
 Gastyer has just received as fine a stock of dry goods as Sherman county contains.
 Do you need a wagon, buggy, disk harrow, seeder, plow or harrow. If so, you should see T. M. Reed.
 Mrs. R. Taylor, and daughter, has started a restaurant in her building on the south side of the square.
 Wm. Negle is reported quite sick. Atha O'Bryan of Grand Island is taking his place at the U. P. engine house during his illness.
 Orin Manchester, of Oak Creek township made us a pleasant call Tuesday. Mr Manchester has a fine lot of cattle which he will market next month.
 There was reported to be seven drammers in town last Tuesday night. Loup City seems to be a good place to sell goods.
 L. A. Rosseter, who has been engaged on the Ord Journal was in the city Sunday. He returned Monday, and will go to work on a new republican paper, that is to start up in that town soon.
The BEST finished Cabinet size Photograph Celluloid or Platina finish only 99 cent per doz. until June 1st. at the Loup City Gallery.
 Mrs. Rettenmayer, mother of Wm. Rettenmayer, and Mrs. C. W. Conliser, of this city met with a very serious accident last Tuesday afternoon. While coming down stairs she slipped and fell to the bottom, and in the fall broke her arm just above the wrist. Two of the bones were badly fractured. Dr. Jones was summoned and dressed the injured member.
 A gentleman from Denver has moved his family on the Will Oliver homestead, and will farm the same this season. He had the misfortune to loose one of his horses last Wednesday night. The animal was tied to the wagon, when in some way it got its hind foot over the rope, and choked itself to death.
 A. Boone, the optician will be in Loup City May 4 and 5 with headquarters at Chase's drug store. He is fully prepared to make a thorough test of all eyes, and can furnish lenses, and frames to suit. It will pay you to see him if you want anything in the optician line.
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FACTS CONCERNING
THE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF SHERMAN COUNTY.
 Continued from last week.
THE HARD WINTER OF 1880 AND 1881.
 Settlers who were located in Sherman county, as well as all over western Nebraska, recall the hard winter of 1880 and 1881, and wonder how they ever managed to come out as well as they did. But few, however, managed to get through without great suffering, and loss of property. The farmers had just begun to get a start in stock raising. Winters before that had been quite open, and cattle and horses could rustle their own food to a considerable extent, and only a small quantity of feed was necessary to keep them in a thriving condition. The buffalo grass which grew abundantly here at that time was considered to be excellent feed, and stock would paw holes in the snow to get at it. Hence our people were not prepared as they otherwise might have been for such a trying ordeal.
 On the 15th day of October of 1880, it commenced snowing and drifting and so continued all winter. Snow laid on the level to a depth of over three feet, and the ravines and draws in the bluffs were filled to the very top. In many such places it was to a depth of 30 and 40 feet.
 The settlers were not only short of feed for stock but their supply of provisions was very limited also, and for several months it was almost impossible to go to town or mill with a wagon or even on horseback. T. C. Chamberlain in relating his experience said that he was very fortunate in saving his stock, but that it cost him a terrible effort. He made several trips to mill at Sweetwater on horseback. On one of these trips he managed to buy some wheat in the stack, and whenever the weather would permit he would haul a small jag of it home. In early spring he made a trip on horseback some 50 miles to Kearney, the nearest railroad town. Said he, "that trip was really the worst of my experience. Every ravine, creek or draw that I crossed I had to swim and my pants and boots were full of slush ice and snow."
 Mr. Chamberlain lived there, and does now on Clear Creek, and his neighbors who shared with him in the hardships were Richard Baker, James Gray, John Nuteber, Albert Mead, Jerry Shettler, James Drake, J. W. Heapy, Wm. Heapy, Cy. Heapy, Abe Hislop, Elling Johnson, B. F. Young and a few others.
 There was but little flour consumed during the whole winter. Those who could get 25 pounds of shorts or corn meal thought themselves very lucky. Many were compelled to live for months on cracked corn ground in a coffee mill.
 It can safely be said that half of the stock in the county perished, and that there was intense suffering among our people. The hard winter was followed by a very late spring. There was still snow on the ground in June. A heavy freshet washed a portion of the Middle Loup bridge out and the people on the west side of the river was much inconvenienced thereby. The ground being in excellent condition a good crop of small grain was raised the following season. A large amount of corn was also raised, but as the season was short a part of it did not fully mature.
A TRIP UP THE LOUP. INDIANS AND GAME ON THE ROUTE.
 O. S. Brown tells the following story regarding his first trip up the Middle Loup valley:
 "In the fall of 1872 in company with Mr. Souls and Mr. Posegate I made my first trip through Sherman county, going up the Middle Loup as far as the sand hills above Arcadia, and from there crossed over to the North Loup into Valley and Garfield counties. I should judge that we went up the North Loup country as far as the present location of Fort Hartuff. In making the trip we came out on the Middle Loup valley near the Jim Zink farm, south of Loup City. On striking the valley we saw a herd of several hundred head of elk. "Why," says Mr. Brown, "We saw more elk in one herd on that trip than I have seen in cattle in any one herd in Sherman county since. And I certainly saw a larger number of elk, deer and antelope than could be seen in horses, saddle and hogs in traveling through the county to-day." "We only had one gun with us, and that was badly out of fix. It was an old musket and would not stand cocked, so when we used it we had to hold the hammer up until we got ready to fire. We had no bullet moulds to fit the gun so had to roll the bullets out between an old plow shire and an ax. One day we came upon a herd of antelope, and Mr. Posegate drew forth the old gun. We laughed at him for attempting to kill game with such a thing. But he held up the hammer until he got good aim, and then he let her go. The result of his shot placed him in a position to get the laugh on us, as he brought down a fine buck. When we got up into Valley county we camped over night in a big draw. Just before we went into camp we saw a smoke ahead of us, and I told my companions that as there was no settlement in that country it must be an Indian camp. My companions thought that it was not Indians, but we changed our course a little, and when night came went into camp. It was a very dark night and the illumination from the supposed Indian camp was very bright. We went upon a hill to see if we could make out just what it was when a fearful rain and hail storm came up. I never was out in a worse storm in my life. In going back to the wagon we lost our way and for a time could not find the team. Finally we located it, and got there just in time to save our bedding from going down stream. The water was raising in the draw very fast, and we just had time to get our horses hitched up in time to pull out before the great rush came. We lost all of our provisions, it being carried off by the flood of water which rose to a depth of six or seven feet right on the very spot where we had camped.
 The next day we started out again. Somewhat to our surprise we found a sod dug-out where some white people lived. We pulled in and asked the lady if she could get us some supper. She said she could, and during the conversation asked us if we had seen the Indians, and further explained that about 60 of the red skins had camped not far away. That they had surrounded Trapper Jack's shanty, and robbed him of all his furs, skins, and provisions. That Capt. Munson and his command came down from the Fort to see what they wanted. They told him that they were on their way over to give the Sioux a licking. Mr. Munson told them he would give them a licking if they did not go back to their own grounds.
 We returned to Grand Island by way of North Loup, and shortly afterwards made another trip to Sherman county, where Mr. Souls, and myself located homesteads. Mr. Posegate was the owner of a large sheep ranch on Prairie Creek, northwest of Grand Island, and only made the trip to see the country, while Mr. Souls, and myself was in search of a home.
 With this issue we conclude the publication in the paper of the write up of the Early History of Sherman county, but there will be several pages of foot notes added to the book which gives a general write up of the county, and a description of the irrigation canal.
 The foot notes will be the best of all. A hundred or more little items of interest, spicy, and to them will appear. Some of them will consist of more recent events. Among them will appear the following: "Condor's Foray," "The ferry boat on the Loup," "Walker Moon's experience with first night in Loup City," "The first horse on the Loup," "Walter Moon's experience with first night in Loup City," "Dr. Chase's first reception," "The first license office," "Mead and others' proposition," "The journey of Peter Brown," "Tory Hiss, and his great herd of ponies," "Life enjoyed in the midst of hardships," "How C. L. Hagan captured the wild cat," "Prairie dogs and rattlesnakes," "That water makes paths," and other items too numerous to mention. These foot notes are well worth your attention. Place your order for a book at once.

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