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restore daily service on their different
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day, said powers obeyed with alacrity,
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Politically speaking, Taft has the
upper hold for the presidential nomi-
nation in Nebraska as well as in the
whole country. Almost every repub-
lican county convention held in this
state has instructed for him, and
those not so instructed are almost to
a county known to be for him. The
state convention at Omaha today is
sure to be practically unanimous for
the pig man. What is true of Ne-
braska is equally true of the nation
as a whole, and we may confidently
expect the National Republican con-
vention to give the presidential nomi-
nation to William H. Taft on the first
ballot.

Angry war clouds seem to be hover-
ing over several of the foreign coun-
tries. England and Germany are at
loggerheads, but there is little likeli-
hood of serious complications. China
and Japan also are in a serious mix-
up over the seizure of a Japanese
mercantile vessel by the Chinese
authorities, and Japan has issued an
ultimatum to the former to apologize
and pay indemnity therefor or the
little brown men will go after her big
neighbor. Owing to the fact that
China has international complications
with insurgent forces in some of her
provinces, she may get to her knees
instanter.

The senate at Washington has
passed a bill looking to an increase of
pay to the officers and men of our
armies. The bill increases the pay of
enlisted men 40 per cent and that of
officers correspondingly. Such a law
should also pass the lower house and
receive the approval of the president
and it would to a large extent stop
the multitude of desertions from the
army and give an impetus to enlist-
ment. The paltry stipend now given
army men is small incentive to join
or stay after enlisting. The bill also
stipulates that six months pay shall
be given the families of army men
who shall have lost their lives while
in the service of Uncle Sam. That
part of the bill looks like an insult,
and should be eliminated from its
provisions or increased to a decent
sum. To jeopardize one's life and los-
ing it to be considered as only worth
a few paltry dollars can only be con-
sidered as an insult, intentional or
otherwise, and would look as though
the powers that build such a monu-
mental disgraceful phraseology valued
the lives of enlisted men as only so
many cattle. Either strike out that
part of the bill or make the loss of
life of some decent value.

The fire which visited the suburbs
of Cleveland last week in the de-
struction of the school house and sub-
sequent loss of the lives of nearly two
hundred children causes a thrill of
horror to permeate the entire coun-
try. That this great sacrifice of life
might obtain in any one of thousands
of school houses in the various towns
and cities of this country under like
circumstances, goes without saying.
That being the case, it behooves
school trustees and school directors
everywhere to look carefully into the
build and construction of the various
school buildings over the country and
see that every method of safety pos-
sible is applied to the end that there
may not be a recurrence of the loss of
life recently experienced in Cleveland.
How about the high school building
in Loup City? That comes right
home to us. Are the doors leading
into the hallways from the various
rooms built to swing outward, so in
case of fire exit from said depart-
ments may be easily made? Are the
outside doors made to swing outward
also, that the hallways man not be
congested and our little ones roasted
to slow death within a few feet of
pure air and safety. Are the windows
in condition to be easily raised and
egress through them feasible? Should
there not, in order to make life as
nearly safe as within human power,
fire escapes be constructed at fre-
quent intervals from the upper win-
dows, so that in event of a fire egress
by way of the windows may be used
in event of congestion about the
doors and hallways? It means quite
an additional expense, but can we
hesitate over any cost that will pre-
serve the lives of our dear ones? Let
our school board at once see that all
modern and safe means are used to
prevent such an occurrence as that
mentioned above, and do it now.

The Sherman county republican
convention met in Society Hall in
this city last Friday, March 6th, and
made temporary organization by se-
lecting C. C. Cooper for temporary
chairman, H. B. Musser temporary
secretary, selected the various routine
committees and adjourned till after
noon. Upon re-convening, the or-
ganization was made permanent by
electing Chas. M. Snyder of Clay
township chairman and John Wolf of
Harrison township secretary. The
committee on credentials reported
delegates entitled to seats and there
were no contests. The committee on
resolutions, through Committeeman
Nightingale presented rousing reso-
lutions endorsing the administration
of President Roosevelt and naming
Taft as choice for presidential nomi-
nee, which was met with applause
and thorough appreciation. The reso-
lutions were then adapted by unani-
mous voice. Following this delegates
were selected to the state and con-
gressional conventions as follows:
State—A. Wall, R. J. Nightingale, R.
P. Starr, H. Smelser and Wm. Callen.
Congressional—W. S. Waite, H. B.
Musser, W. R. Mellor, L. N. Smith,
and C. Truelsen. This is as far as
the Northwestern is able to report
said convention, not having had access
to the secretary's proceedings, and
not having made a minute of its
doings, relying upon the work of the
convention, second officer. Hereafter,
we will not depend upon the minutes
of the convention, but on the contrary
will be present with our own pad and
pencil to give all details, so we may
be able to give the delegates, the
various committees and the series of
resolutions. This we offer to our
readers in the absence of the proceed-
ings of the convention in full.

Next week the Northwestern en-
larges again to a seven-column quarto,
the increase in size being made nec-
essary by the greatly increased adver-
tising patronage. When we reduced
the size on the first of January it was
with the intention of going back to
the greater size should the patronage
justify, which we are happy to state
comes earlier than we had anticipat-
ed. We hope to be able to add
two more pages to the home print at
an early date. We take this occasion
to thank the patrons of our old
advertisers and take advantage of the
greatly reduced prices offered by our
new patrons, as well as the older ad-
vertisers. We are also pleased to
note a large number of new readers
of the Northwestern, comprising for
most part newcomers who have in-
vested in Sherman county real estate
and commercial holdings. It pays to
publish a clean, readable local paper,
one that stands up for Sherman coun-
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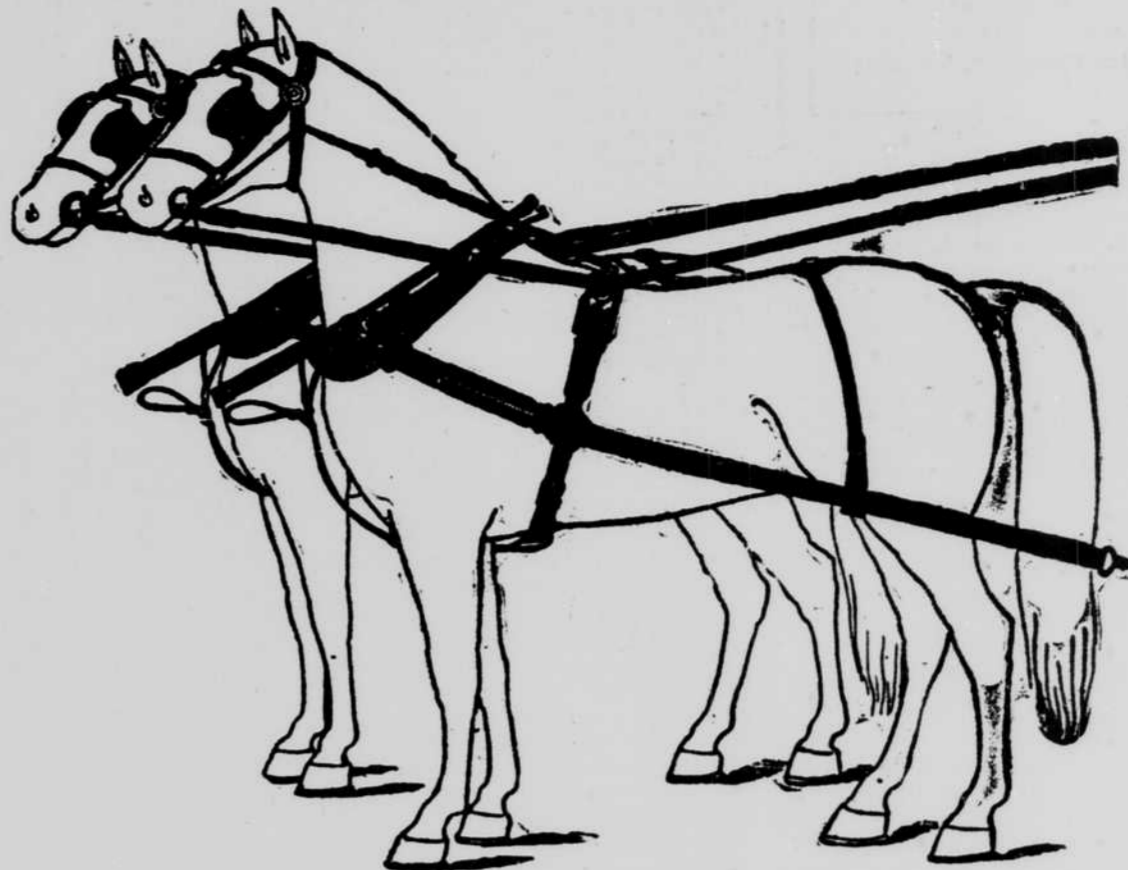
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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz: W. H. Hill of Litchfield, Neb., Thomas Parsley of Loup City, Neb., Samuel Esterbrook and H. Burtner, both of Litchfield, Neb.
CHAS. F. SHEDD, Register.
(Last pub. April 9)

Notice of Publication (Isolated Tract). Public Sale
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 10, 1908.
Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of the act of June 27, 1906, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 20th day of March, 1908, next, at this office, the following tracts of land, to-wit: The Lot No. 1, Sec. 20, T. 16 N., R. 15 W., 6 P. M. Any persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims or objections on or before the time designated for sale. CHAS. F. SHEDD, Register.
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