

Senator Marcus A. Hanna died on Monday evening last in Washington. Such is the news that was flashed all over the civilized world, ere he had scarcely ceased to breathe. Though Mark Hanna had been in public life less than ten years, he had become one of the most prominent men in this nation, if not, indeed, in the entire public eye. No man in public life, perhaps, has been more abused, vilified and slandered, and most unjustly, too. His name has been the synonym of all evil, as bandied by partisan newspapers and speakers of opposing political faith. He has been lampooned, cartooned and festooned as the evil one, horns and all. This is one of the crying evils in political life today. As one who has not been entirely free from this morally wrong and tainted habit, we hope and trust this leprosy may soon be entirely eliminated from politics and men be treated as men, whatever their party affiliations may be.

The Ravenna News of last week, under the caption of "Railroad Project," says that E. W. Rankin and H. B. Andrews of Custer county are going to build a railroad from Anselmo, their home town, to Callaway, terminus of the Union Pacific, Kearney branch. The line is to be 25 miles in length and runs through a very rich and fertile section and it will enhance the value of this property very much. \$50,000 bonds have been secured. Arrangements may be made for the Union Pacific to handle the shipments, if not, the promoters will put on their own rolling stock. This line will draw most of its trade from the Burwell and Sargent branches of the B & M. Messrs. Rankin and Andrews are two of the well known and well-to-do stockmen of the state and are old-time residents, both having been in the state over 20 years.

**Dry Creek Clippings.**  
Willie O'Neill was out buying corn Monday.

The basket social at Geo. Holmes' netted \$16.19.

Mrs. Salyards has been enjoying a visit from her cousin.

G. H. Brock made a business trip to Loup City Saturday.

Geo. Wagner and Geo. Brock attended the literary at Wiggle Creek Friday.

There was a dance at Mr. Harah's Saturday evening. It was well attended and a good time reported.

**HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.**  
(BY MISS ELLA FOSTER.)

Ask the seniors how they like those "Simultaneous Quadratics."

Miss Lela Gee of the eighth grade is absent on account of sickness.

Winnifred Leach was absent from the ninth grade the first of the week.

John Bell re-entered the ninth grade Monday after a week's absence.

The geometry class took up the topic of ratio and proportion the first of the week.

Herbert Nightingale was absent from the ninth grade the first of last week on account of sickness.

The three lower rooms each had a Valentine box last Friday and many and varied were the contents.

The literature class had a study on the picture "Intercepted Dispatches" last week and took up the story, "A Country Practitioner" the first of the week.

The little boys and girls of the grammar department were allowed to have a Valentine box last Friday, the result was — well ask them if they received any of those "pretty valentines."

**Additional Locals.**

Oliver Dubry is a grip victim.

Mrs Geo. Hunter was seriously ill last week.

Herry French was down to Litchfield, Tuesday.

Mrs E. E. Ditto has our thanks for a new subscription.

County Superintendent Hendrickson is able to be out again.

Mrs. S. E. Galloway was a sufferer from la grippe last week.

For Sale—A good second-hand (H. B.) saddle. G. E. Benschoter.

A fine baby girl was reported at the home of Mike Kominski last week.

Clarence Benschoter has been driving the express wagon the past few days.

Mrs. Dr. J. W. Jones came down from Arcadia, Monday, to nurse Mrs. S. S. Hover.

Mrs. Rhoda Davis and youngest son of Sioux City, Ia., are visiting S. F. Reynolds and family this week.

Grandma Benschoter is very low, at the hour of going to press and her recovery is considered extremely doubtful.

The members of the Mystic Legion and friends had a pleasant social dance at the opera house Tuesday evening.

Hon. T. S. Nightingale went to Lincoln, Monday, on the school land leasing question of so much interest to our farmers. See call next week.

W. T. Tracy remembers this paper this week. He complains of irregularity in receiving his paper. We trust he will have no cause hereafter.

At the National Guard meeting, Wednesday evening, Judge Aaron Wall and T. S. Nightingale gave interesting and profitable talks, which were highly appreciated by the boys.

The organization of the Rebekah lodge which was to have taken place Wednesday evening, was postponed on account of the non-arrival of the organizer. About one hundred disappointed ladies were present.

Robert Young has built a new flight of stairs for the court house and was tearing down the old ones, which, by the way, were getting pretty rickety, Tuesday and placing the new ones in proper position.

C. C. Cooper and wife leave for the east Friday. Mrs. Cooper goes to South Sioux City to visit a few weeks with relatives and friends, while Mr. Cooper goes to the Omaha wholesale houses to lay in a new stock of spring goods.

**PUBLIC SALE.**

Friday, March 4, the undersigned will offer for sale on the W. R. Mellor farm, one-fourth milk east of Loup City, sale to commence at 10 o'clock, 90 cattle, 6 horses, 50 hogs, farm implements and household goods. Usual terms of sale. Free lunch at noon.

JOHN HOLLENBECK, Owner.  
Troy Hale, Auctioneer.  
J. S. Pedler, Clerk.

**BRIDGE NOTICE.**

Sealed bids, with plans and specifications will be received at the office of the county clerk of Sherman county, Nebraska, at Loup City, in said county on or before noon of the eighth day of March, 1904, for the building of all the bridges that may be required to be constructed by said county during the term of one year from the letting of the contract; for the construction of said bridges, such bids to be by the lineal foot and contract to be let for the building of such bridges as may be required at a specified sum per lineal foot; plans, specifications and bids to be made on wood bridges, on low water bridges and on high water bridges. Plans for low water bridges to be prepared to suit quick and heavy currents, to be 16 to 24 feet long, and the high water bridges to be spans 24 to 40 feet long, with suitable approaches. All bridges to be set on good, long oak piling and span timbers to be full length of span. Bids also to be filed for replacing spans in Loup river bridges in said county, that may require replacing during the term of one year. The county board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Dated at Loup City, Nebraska, February 24, 1904.

GEO. H. GIBSON,  
County Clerk.  
(SEAL)  
Last Pub. Feb. 26.

A good story is told at the expense of a well known Loup City man, and is vouched for. A fortnight since, the citizen in question was called to Central City on business. During the first night of his stay at one of that city's famous hostleries, he was awakened by suspicious sounds of skurrying feet across the floor, followed by sounds as though something were being dragged from the bed to a wall beyond. In the pitch darkness, horror drove sleep from his eyes. Visions of burglars danced before him. He made a scarcely audible movement. Stillness followed. Soon again came the afrighted noise. He had no arsenal at his command. He moved again and again, each time causing silence and then sounds that seemed more alarming. Burglars were, yes, must be in the room. He felt for his nether garments; they were safely hanging where suspended the evening previous. His money was still safe. An inspiration seized him. He slowly and carefully secured a bunch of percussion matches. Cautiously he prepared for action. Arising to a sitting posture, with the matches ready for use, clad only in nature's raiment, he waited, prepared for the worst. Then came the dreaded sound; the matches flamed high above his head and he saw—a huge rat and his remaining sock disappear neath the floor at the foot of a radiator, where its companion had undoubtedly been taken before. Hereafter, it is safe to assert, it will be accounted a wise precaution, when stopping at a Central City hotel, to chain one's socks to a bedpost or be prepared to go sockless to breakfast. The editor has been promised an artistic sketch of the scene to be presented in a half-tone engraving later in these columns.

Miss Cornelia Gibson, daughter of R. H. Gibson of Webster township, was married, Wednesday evening of this week, at the home of her parents, to Mr. Fred Buezing of Iowa, Rev. John Madely officiating. None but the relatives and most intimate friends of the bride were present. The happy couple, accompanied by the groom's sister, Miss Ella Bauzing, who came with her brother, returned to Iowa today. May their married life be one of joy, peace and prosperity.

The German Verein society will give a grand leap year ball at the opera house, Monday evening, the 29th of February. Our German friends are making this a veritable leap year hop by granting the ladies the masculine privilege of paying the bills, and that assures a grand time for the boys as the angelic sex always do things up better than the male bipeds anyway.

Drs. Davis and Farnsworth of Grand Island, have in their office all the latest apparatus used in the treatment of chronic diseases, including Static, Faradic and Galvanic Electricity and X-ray instrument. Vibratory Massage. Hot air baths for treatment of chronic rheumatism, kidney and liver diseases. The Minio Violet light for treatment of chronic skin diseases and every other instrument required in making a scientific examination and giving proper treatment. The doctors make no charge for first consultation.

**NOTICE.**

Those wishing to sell their land will do well to come and list with us. O. Gunnarson has made arrangements through Iowa and Illinois with real estate men to do a large business this coming summer.

Our business will be confined principally to the following counties: York, Merrick, Howard, Hall, Buffalo, Hamilton, Sherman and Custer.

We have a number of farms as well as city property, in the east to trade for land in Sherman and Custer counties.

Those listing their lands up till Sept 1, will be advertised in the east.

Gunnarson & Zimmerman,  
REAL ESTATE AGENTS,  
AURORA, LOUP CITY,  
Nebraska. Nebraska.

**Notice of Chattel Mortgage Sale.**

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a chattel mortgage dated the 2nd day of December, 1902, and duly filed in the office of the county clerk of Sherman county, Nebraska, on the 5th day of March, 1903, executed by John Demboski to the John Deere Plow Co., to secure the payment of the sum of Four hundred and fifty and no 1-hundredths dollars, with interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from date until paid, upon which there is now due the sum of Five Hundred and twelve and fifty one hundredths dollars, default having been made in the payment of said sum, and no suit or other proceeding at law having been instituted to recover said debt, or any part thereof, therefore I will sell the property therein described, as follows, to-wit: One No. 464 four hole mounted gear sheller with wagon box elevator, cob stacker, shop No. 1198 with 8 horse mounted power, shop No. 1047; also one black mare 12 years old, weight about 1,200 pounds; one bay mare with white face, weight about 800 pounds; one black horse 10 years old, weight about 1,200 pounds; one bay stallion 3 years old weight about 1,000 pounds; five head of milch cows and two yearling heifers, on the 5th day of March, 1904, at one o'clock p. m. of said day. Sale to take place at the livery barn of J. B. Draper Loup City, Nebraska.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1904.  
JOHN DEERE PLOW CO.  
By J. S. Pedler, Their Attorney.  
(Last pub. March 4th.)

**NOTICE TO LAND OWNERS.**

To all whom it may concern: The commissioner appointed to locate a road commencing at the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of section 29-16-15, in Sherman county, Nebraska, and running thence north on section line to northeast corner of northeast quarter of section 29-16-15, thence west on section line to and intersecting with road No. 10, near the northwest corner of said section 29 and terminating to said intersection.

Also to vacate a road commencing at the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of section 29-16-15 in Sherman county, Nebraska, and known as road No. 10 and running thence in a northerly direction through said section 29 and terminating on the section line on the north side of said section 29, be vacated to said section line, have reported in favor of the establishment and the vacation thereof and all objections thereto or claims for damage must be filed in the office of the County Clerk on or before noon of the 31st day of March, 1904, or such road will be established and vacated without reference thereto.

Dated this 22d day of January 1904.  
(seal) GEO. H. GIBSON,  
11 4 County Clerk.

**NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANT.**

State of Nebraska, } ss.  
Sherman County, }  
To Samuel Betts, Defendant.

You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of September, 1902, Mary J. Betts filed a petition against you in the District Court of Sherman County, State of Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from you on the ground that you have willfully abandoned and deserted the plaintiff, without any just cause or provocation, for the term of ten (10) years last past.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 1st day of February 1904.  
MARY J. BETTS,  
Plaintiff.

By Aaron Wall, her attorney.  
Last Pub. Feb. 19.

**NOTICE TO LAND OWNERS.**

To all whom it may concern: The commissioner appointed to locate a road commencing at the northwest corner of section twenty-four, (24), township sixteen (16), range fourteen (14), west, in Sherman county, Nebraska, and running thence south between sections 23 and 24 and 25 and 26, township 16, range 14, as near as practicable on the section line and terminating at road No. 224, at the southwest corner of section twenty-five (25), has reported in favor of the establishment thereof and all objections thereto, or claims for damage must be filed in the County Clerk's office on or before noon of the 5th day of April, 1904, or such road will be established without reference thereto.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1904.  
(SEAL) GEO. H. GIBSON,  
County Clerk.  
Last Pub. Feb. 25.

**ROUSHE'S**

**Duroc Jersey Bred Sow Sale**

FEBRUARY 20th, 1904  
2 miles east of  
GRAND ISLAND, - NEB.

One of the greatest sales ever held in the west. Fifty head of aged sows and gilts—50. Among these sows is found the great sow, Queen of red, and also 16 to 1, which in the two litters of pigs she has averaged 16 and 15 pigs in each. Also 2 gilts out of the second highest priced gilts ever sold in the red hog line. They are beauties, and there are many others which will be admired by all who see them. Be sure and remember the date, Feb. 20, 1904, 2 miles east of Grand Island, Nebraska.

W. H. ROUSH.  
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