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Central Committee Meeting. Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Republican county central committee held at the office of J. R. Mercer in the city of Red Cloud on Wednesday, August 9th, at 2 p.m.

Conundrum.—Where has the silver-republicans gone?

The republican central committee meets on August 9th. Don't forget the date.

The prospects of a republican victory in Webster county were increased about one hundred per cent by the rain last Wednesday.

An exchange remarks that young ladies should be more careful of the "kissing buggy" than of the "kissing bug," on moonlight nights.

As yet no candidates have formally announced a desire to occupy public positions for the next two years. Very strange state of affairs this.

If time counts for much, the explanation ex Governor Holcomb is preparing for the investigating committee surely ought to be satisfactory.

"Coin" Harvey is going to raise a campaign fund with promises to pay. Promises are all right but it is safe to say that Mr. Harvey's share will come out of the cash subscriptions.

The crime for which five Sicilians were lynched in Louisiana last Friday was a most atrocious one, but neither the state nor national government will be able to offer that fact in excuse or mitigation of mob law when the Italian government demands an explanation and indemnity.

"What do you think my chances are for sheriff this fall?" remarked one of our citizens to another within our hearing. Now, had the gentleman asked us such a question we could have answered him very quickly by repeating a bible story we once heard about the camel trying to go through the eye of a needle.

It is reported in the London newspapers that the crew of the Olympia adore Admiral Dewey, and the fact is commented upon as if it were strange. If the Londoners are still in this mood when the admiral strikes these shores they will have a chance to comment upon a stranger thing. It will amaze them to find that the crew of the Olympia, in a modest and unassuming way, represent the sentiment of their countrymen.

It is foolish to go wild on the prospective corn harvest just yet—wait a month or six weeks. While it is true that prospects were never better at this time of year, it is also true that our prospects could be knocked sky high in just about one week. Just keep cool, be conservative, work, don't allow prospects to soar the balloon too high. Don't spend any of the money received from the corn field that is going to yield one hundred bushels to the acre.

The investigating committee which is looking into the acts of state officers, made an attempt to interview Secretary of State Porter Monday. The secretary would not go to the committee so the committee went to him. He was cornered in his office and having no chance to flee, could not very well escape answering questions. When the committee asked him to produce the tally sheets of the recount commission he said that owing to his being away at the time the recount was completed he did not know where they were. The

secretary of state was then asked if he had viewed the sheets lately, and said if he had he would not let the committee see them, for it was his duty to keep them out of sight, and while he didn't know whether he knew where the papers were, he was quite sure that whether he knew or didn't know it would be all the same as far as the committee was concerned.

An exchange sternly rebukes the nervous populists who fear that Col. Bryan is making so much money lecturing for half the gate receipts that he may soon become a plutocrat as follows: "He may be making and laying up a good deal of money, but it is not in nature that he should become a plutocrat, no matter how full his strong boxes grow. A plutocrat is a rich man who doesn't believe in 16 to 1. Any other fellow can be as rich as he desires without hurting his professional standing as a populist or democrat."

Gossip has it that the president with the assistance of Generals Miles and Corbin, is going to personally direct military matters in the Philippines, leaving Secretary Root a free hand to handle the important semi-legal matters which are constantly coming up in consequence of our military government of Cuba and Porto Rico. This may or may not be true, but any plan depending upon the harmonious working together of Miles and Corbin starts with failure staring it in the face. Of course if the president orders General Miles to join General Corbin in conference with him he will have to do it, but the spirit with which he would enter such conferences might be easily guessed.

Admiral Dewey having cabled his approval of the plans submitted to him through the courtesy of Secretary Long of the Washington committee of one hundred for his reception at Washington and the presentation to him of the sword voted to him by congress, the committee are working to make the event a notable one, and everybody seems disposed to help them. No exact date can be set for the reception yet, but inasmuch as this reception is to be a semi-official affair, participated in by the president and his cabinet, and all the prominent public men who happen to be in Washington at the time, a strong effort will be made to get the admiral to come direct to Washington without stopping at New York and let the Washington reception be the first he receives in this country.

While fishing in the Platte at Fremont the other day, a fisherman caught an alligator two and one-half feet in length. The Platte may in course of time produce something up to date. Some years ago it gave up the petrified remains of a brontotheriidae, an ancient specie of the quadruped tribe which used to inhabit the earth and is known in Indian history as the "thunder beast," on account of the noise it made. Years later another quaint specimen of the biped class was found on the Platte, the exact date in history being lost, which has the same characteristic of the ancient "critter." It travels around over the country raising a "thunder" of a noise to make other earthly inhabitants believe some terrible calamity is about to befall them, and will no doubt be referred to a thousand years as the "thunder beast of the demo-pops." We hope the good people who have captured this last specimen of antiquity from the golden sands of the Platte at Fremont will have the goodness to cut its tongue out before it acquires any of the characteristics of its predecessors.

It is not difficult to understand why the president chose Mr. Elihu Root of New York, an eminent lawyer, to succeed Secretary Alger, at the head of the war department. While this administration, as a result of the war with Spain, has had more legal questions, and more difficult ones to deal with than usually falls to the lot of an administration, the president's cabinet has had less legal talent than most any president's cabinet has ever had. Another good lawyer was needed in the cabinet, and President McKinley along with nearly everybody else, thinks Mr. Root will fill the bill. If public commendation counted for anything, it would be certain that secretary Root would become a very popular official, but it will really depend largely upon what occurs in the Philippines. If we win in all the fighting and no scandals develop in connection with the army over there, everybody will sing Secretary Root's praises. But if things go wrong in any way when there is fighting on hand, the American people have a habit, as old as the government, of holding the secretary of war responsible, and the new secretary will have to take his chances. In any event, he is not likely to find the war department a bed of roses.

Thomas Rhoad, Centerfield, Ohio, writes: I suffered from piles seven or eight years. No remedy gave me relief until DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, less than a box of which permanently cured me. Soothing, healing perfectly harmless. Beware of counterfeits. C. L. Cottings.

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LINE Al Decker is threshing for Mr. Maynard.

W. J. Haskins is on the sick list this week.

Jos. Saladen is harvesting for J. W. McIntyre.

Al Decker was on a business trip to Amboy Monday.

Will Aubushon is able to run the harvester again.

Rev. H. H. Haskins has moved up near the spring on his farm.

Miss Erva Haskins is home on a visit from Walnut creek this week.

Rev. Horton of Red Cloud will preach at Penny creek Sunday at 8:30 p.m.

Rev. Con Hewitt is closing his work at Penny creek this conference year.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Carpenter were guests of William VanDyke Sunday.

L. A. Haskins attended the populist committee meeting at Red Cloud this week.

Geo. Posen talks of quitting work for L. A. Haskins and will work for R. Keagle.

Mrs. Chas. Isom and Mrs. Albert Keagle were at Guide Rock the guests of Mrs. Reeves.

Quite a number of the old settlers of Line attended the funeral of Elder Stone last week.

Mr. Kaminsky is talking of quitting the creamery route as it wont pay but 75 cents a trip.

Stacking grain is the order of the day. Most of the farmers are done cutting their grain.

Professor Shannon attended the Sunday school convention in Kansas and reports a good time.

The school board of District 39 has engaged Miss Dickerson to teach a five months term of school.

The Stebbins Brothers were on State creek threshing for Mr. Huffer on the Dickerson ranch this week.

Carl Rudd, John Fox and W. P. Haskins threshed rye last week. The yield was about ten bushels per acre.

Frank VanDyke was on a business trip over near Smith Center last week and reports the corn crop good.

Some talk of Jos. Saladen as a candidate for sheriff on the republican ticket and Allan Carpenter on the populist ticket.

Mr. and Mrs. Wildey were called to Bostwick on account of the illness of Mrs. W's mother who is not expected to live.

Why not have an old settler's picnic in Line some time in August. Some one please make a move in that direction.

J. C. Wolf of Red Cloud, Wm. Van Dyke of Line and Mr. Beardalee of Logan, Kansas, were the guests of Spence Potter one day last week.

Rev. Campbell of North Branch preached at Penny creek Sunday at 11 o'clock to a large and attentive congregation. His subject was "Vanity."

Richard Keagle of Cambria, Wyoming has written to his brother Albert to come back and bring another man with him as he has a fortune for them in a gold and zinc mine.

GUIDE ROCK. A nice rain Thursday morning.

Wm. Mapes little child is quite sick.

The Crow horse lost in a race Wednesday.

I. B. Colvin was at the county seat Wednesday.

I. B. Colvin had some Iowa land lookers this week.

The horse race Saturday was won by the Kindscher mare.

James Rich was over from Bladen the first of this week.

The horse buyer, D. O. Leith, was here again Monday after horses.

Chas. Smith had a very narrow escape from fire at his house Saturday caused by carelessness with coal oil. Being Saturday a crowd was close at hand and put out the fire but the flames were getting through the roof of the back kitchen before stopped.

BEAVER CREEK. Warm, warm.

John Konzack is working a few days near Eckley.

Grandma Cox who has been quite poorly for about a month is some better.

Mrs. C. E. Vaughan accompanied by her younger children visited J. R. Crozier near Eckley one day last week.

Mrs. Mattie Smith has built a porch to her house and otherwise improved the place which will make a nice home.

Mrs. Wm. Thompson has been visiting at her old home in Virginia for some time and Mr. Thompson expects to go there as soon as threshing is done.

RAMBLER. The CHIEF and Chicago Inter Ocean one year for \$1.25.

LESTER. A fine rain visited this place Thursday.

The rally at Gospel grove Sunday was well attended.

The ladies aid society met with Mrs. I. Frisbie Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Andrews of Olive, Iowa is visitor sister Mrs. Lau.

Misses Ione Albright and Jennie Cotting of Red Cloud are visiting Grace Frisbie this week.

Harvie Cox and Mand Miller returned from Lincoln Friday.

Mrs. C. C. Cox left for Denver this week for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Horn and Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Warner of Mt. Hope, attended the picnic and rally Sunday.

There will be a basket supper at this place Tuesday evening August 1st. All the ladies are invited to come and bring a basket. A special invitation to all.

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