

More Local.

W. A. Bonser is in town. The weather has been fine the past week. S. L. Ellis was up from Simeon last Thursday. William Epke was down from Crookston yesterday. P. H. Young and Miss Crowe of Simeon spent Saturday and Sunday in town. Miss Mattie Kimball, of Ainsworth, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Kimball this week. W. A. Kimball has stored his bowling alley in the rear of Mrs. McDonald's store room.

August Epke and E. D. Spencer of Crookston were in the city Monday transacting business.

The Storz Brewing Co. has erected a storage building near the railroad track east of the depot.

Wes Holclaw has returned from Ainsworth where he has been during the past few weeks, and is at home for awhile.

The Rushville Standard announced last week that it hereafter would be independent in politics until further notice.

The band, assisted by Mrs. Hewett and her pupils in voice culture, gave a concert Tuesday evening in the M. E. church.

J. A. Sparks returned from Cody yesterday and reports his cattle doing well, having gone through the cold weather all right.

Wm. Clarkson fell onto a board with nails sticking up, penetrating into his knee, last Monday night. Dr. Compton is attending him.

A. M. Morrissey purchased the bowling alley building of Dr. Wortman and this week has been moving it to his ranch, the Wm. Hornstein place, west of Crookston.

The last lecture may have failed to please, but we guarantee the Chaffee lecture to be good. He says it is his best. Friday, March 3, at the M. E. church. Tickets at Quigley & Chapman's.

Allen Benson is employed as city editor and general representative of the Fremont Daily and Tri Weekly Herald, having recently accepted that position. THE DEMOCRAT wishes him success.

Five Indians, headed by Hollow Horn Bear, came down yesterday from Rosebud and started for Washington, D. C. to participate in the inauguration ceremonies. Rev. Cross accompanied them.

Thomas Jones (colored) was tried in county court this morning on the charge of breaking into R. A. McQuade's house on the night of Feb. 1, and for striking Mrs. Bachelor. He was bound over to district court.

Yesterday L. N. Layport sold his ten shares in the First National bank to W. E. Efner for \$1500, making \$200 clear since his purchase of the same stock at the time of the organization of the bank as a national bank.

At a special term of court held Monday, Judge Westover granted a divorce to Mrs. Genevieve Adams Hewett and a divorce to Zander Big Crow. A decree of foreclosure was granted L. N. Layport vs Wm. Francke.

Ben Lovejoy called on us Monday while in town with hay which he hauls from the hay flats of his father's ranch twelve miles south of town. Ben is the oldest son at home and transacts most of his father's business, creditably to himself and to his father, C. A. Lovejoy.

Mr. Chaffee was here May 20 and 21, 1900 and at that time preached on the "Prodigal Son," Sunday night, May 20, 1900. The next night he delivered his famous lecture, "A Prescription for Lean Folks." It was the occasion of the commencement of the high school. Those who heard Mr. Chaffee at that time would willingly enlist as apostles to share his fate, his joy and pleasures, at his command. Come and hear him.

Hugh Boyer, of Mullen, came up to Valentine the first of the week, by way of Crawford, on business as administrator of the estate of S. E. Orr. Mr. Boyer is suffering considerable from a boil on his left hand and had Dr. Lewis put a poultice on it but it continues to grow worse apparently.

Prof. Chaffee has entertained the people of Valentine before and did his work so well that many of us remember him. We would go fifty miles to hear Chaffee deliver his lecture again on "Lean Folks," and he thinks "The Pursuit of Happiness" is his best. Everybody should hear Frank McClure Chaffee.

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT is in favor of an amendment to our revenue laws, making loaners of money pay their own taxes on mortgages. There is no other correct way. Lack of space forbids us going into details but it is wrong to require a man owning stock or real estate to pay a tax on what he owes on that stock or real estate and exempt the mortgagee from taxation.

The Ladies Aid Society gave a supper in Bethel hall Wednesday evening for the benefit of the M. E. church, taking in \$45.00. The hall was beautifully decorated in honor of George Washington's birthday with national colors and Dave Wishart was dressed to represent George in the revolutionary times and Miss Clara Collett, in ancient costume, represented Martha and received the guests in a corner of the room, decorated with flags and bunting.

C. A. Lovejoy was in town yesterday for the first time in a couple of months, having kept pretty close at home during the recent cold weather taking care of his stock. He is looking as young as seven years ago when we first met him and is always busy. He owns nearly 50 quarter sections of land and is able to buy a section of land every year with his profits from his ranch. At present he has about 800 head of cattle, and lost only one cow and a calf this winter.

A "Pure Seed Potato" train will be run from Harrison eastward on Feb. 28, stopping at the different stations along this line of railroad, arriving at Valentine at 6:00 p.m., and a meeting will probably be held at the court house at 8 o'clock p.m., where the Prof. of agriculture of the state university will deliver a lecture on the potato. The farmers of the German settlement, North Table, Crookston, Sparks and everyone else interested in potato growing are invited to be present.

The U. S. Weather Bureau report for the week ending Feb. 22, shows highest and lowest temperature respectively 59° and -1°, with a mean of 30.6 and a range of 60°. One slight flurry of snow with a trace of precipitation on the 16th. The winds have been comparatively light, 28 miles from NW on the 16 being the highest velocity. The snow has rapidly disappeared under the genial influence of premature spring weather. There has been a gain of 79° in temperature as compared with the average.

Prof. Chaffee will be welcomed here by our town. He can have right-of-way and camp with us as long as he can keep away from his friends elsewhere. Every family in the town will bid him welcome and help to make his visit to us Friday night of next week, March 3, 1905, the crowning feature of the lecture course for this year. Judge Walcott says an evening with Mr. Chaffee is worth the price of the whole course of lectures. The people from far and near ought to be in our town Friday night, March 3, and go to hear Mr. Chaffee.

A Great Composer. Ethel—Who was that man you just bowed to? Penelope—That was Dobson, the great composer. Ethel—A composer, did you say? Penelope—He manufactures soothing sirup.

Bonesteel is Excited Over A Coal Vein Find.

It seems to be the generally accepted opinion that the reported discovery of an eight-inch vein of coal on the reservation is a fact. Specimens of the find have been taken to Bonesteel, but the discoverers are keeping the location a profound secret. John Butler of Omaha, one of the lucky ones in the drawing, says he knows where the vein outcrops, and that it is his intention to file mining claims on the reservation in the spring. He tells me that he will have no trouble in organizing plenty of capital in Omaha to operate the mine.—Davis Foster in World-Herald.

Obituary.

John H. Schultz was born April 24, 1834 in Germany, was married to Ellenora Mantler and from this union were born twelve children.

The deceased came to America and located in Omaha in 1882 where he and his wife joined the M. E. church. From Omaha they moved to Cherry county and located near Georgia in 1885 where he has been a faithful and consistent member to the time of his death. He died Feb. 12, 1905 at the age of 71 years, 2 months and 3 days.

Mr. Schultz was a faithful husband and a loving father. He leaves a wife and eight children and a multitude of friends to mourn his loss. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him and will be missed in his community.

Funeral services which were largely attended, were held Feb. 15, and were conducted by Rev. J. E. Parsons, and the remains buried in the Georgia cemetery. —COMMUNICATED.

Farmers' Meeting

The farmers of Cherry county are invited to attend a free lecture on soil cultivation and benefit of Pure Seed Potatoes at Valentine, Feb. 28, at 8 p. m. The C. & N. W. R. R. is running a special train through the state. The Prof. of agriculture of the university of Nebraska and other scientific men will be present. Don't fail to attend this meeting.

Weather Data

The following data, covering a period of 15 years, have been compiled from the Weather Bureau records at Valentine, Nebr. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed during the month in question, for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month.

F B UARY. TEMPERATURE.

Mean or normal 21° The warmest month was that of 1896 with an average of 34° The coldest month was that of 1899 with an average of 9° The highest was 65° on 27th, 1898 The lowest was -37° on 11, 1899

PRECIPITATION.

Average for month 0.67 inches. Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more 7

The greatest monthly precipitation was 1.55 inches in 1891 The least monthly precipitation was 0.15 inches in 1899

The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 0.88 inches on 18, 1901

The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1884-85 only) was 9 inches on 18, 1901

LOUDS AND WEATHER

Average number of clear days, 17; partly cloudy, 8; cloudy, 8

WIND

The prevailing winds have been from the NW

The average hourly velocity of the wind is 9 miles

The highest velocity of the wind was 60 miles from the NW on 4, 1899

JOHN C. McLENN, Observer Weather Bureau.

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Town Herd.

We will begin herding the town cows about April 1st. Terms will be the same as last year. Thanking you for past favors, we respectfully solicit a continuance of your patronage. 65 WILBER & GANOW.

Our Congress.

When comparisons are made between America and continental Europe we can find much of which to be proud. Our growth, our wealth, our industries, our resources, our energy, all make flattering comparison with average European conditions. But I believe in making such comparisons there is no one thing of which we have the right to be more proud than of the congress of the United States. Better than any continental parliament, it represents the people. The one legislative body of the world that is in any way comparable to ours is the parliament of Great Britain. In character, intellect, methods, dignity and in the truthfulness with which each represents the people the British parliament and the United States congress stand in a class quite apart and above any of the parliaments of continental Europe.—Frank A. Vandierip in Scribner's.

Half a Face Missing.

"It is not an uncommon thing," says a man who has hunted in central Africa, "to meet a native with half of a face missing, and when you ask him how it happened he will tell you that a hyena snapped at him while he was asleep. It is marvelous how they recover from such wounds, as the teeth of the animal must be poisonous, and the natives have no antiseptics and a very crude way of treating wounds. When a man of the natives call it comes round the camp howling, the 'boys' shout all sorts of vile names at it. But very often the animal makes no noise whatever, and not till next morning is the loss of something discovered."

Superstitious Parnell.

Miss Charlotte McCarthy, daughter of Justin McCarthy, told a curious story of Charles Stewart Parnell. "One evening," says she, "Parnell was talking to me at the coffee stage of dinner, and I, gazing at him with rapture, was vaguely stirring mine and going to drink it when he said: 'You must not drink that. You have stirred it the wrong way, and it would be unlucky. Get another cup.' What struck me as strange in this was not his being superstitious—every one who knew him at all knew that—but his extraordinary power of observation."

Heaven takes care that no man secures happiness by crime.—Alfred.

Conditions That Lead For Marriage. The low paid employee today can succeed as well alone as with a wife which his ancestors could not do. The same if he is a man, enjoyments are greater without her, for he may live irresponsibly, without a motive to save and with all his surplus available for the pleasures of an antisocial world. The disintegrating forces of a great city upon homeless youth are too obvious to need emphasis. The wage earning girl, on her part, is likely to acquire the taste of fragmentary, pointless and unproductive spending. Both forms habits harmful to the altruistic motives of group living—the home idea. A man who goes from the saloon, street corner or cheap pleasure club, a girl who leaves the dance hall and pavement glitter to make a home for him, the bare necessities of which are hardly met by his wages, are not qualified by their experiences to bring to a successful issue the supreme test of character that makes stable a high standard.—Professor Simon N. Patten in Independent.

A Soft Answer.

It was in 1872 that George Chesmore Bromley, author of "Long Ago and Later On," became a member of the Bohemia club of San Francisco and soon found himself "Sire of the Low Jinks," which occasion he vividly recalls, and especially his arrival at home afterward. He writes: "My dear little wife awoke at my entrance and inquired the time. I looked at my watch and replied, 'Ten minutes past 10,' and then laid the watch on the mantelpiece. Having some doubts as to the correctness of my reply, the little woman arose and looked for herself. 'What time did you say it was?' she asked again. 'Ten minutes past 10,' said I. 'Ten minutes past 10!' Why, it only lacks ten minutes of 2," said she. 'Is that so?' said I. 'Why, bless my soul, how time flies! I had no idea that I had been home so long.' This was another occasion when I realized that 'a soft answer turneth away wrath.'"

Wrestling With the Spaniard. When Walter Williams, from Columbus, Miss., was in Spain in the summer of 1903 he called upon a provincial editor in the interest of the St. Louis exposition. The next day the paper had the following: "Walter Williams of the United States purchased the state of Louisiana and next year will give a celebration, to which he invites his fellow journalists of Europe." Mr. Williams again called upon the editor and thoroughly explained matters. The editor apologized and printed this correction: "Governor Francis of Missouri has purchased a large tract of land in the Great American desert, and Walter Williams is here to invite the journalists of Spain to a show which the governor will give next year." Mr. Williams fled the place, fearful the editor might explain some more.

Rossetti's Awful Breakfast.

It was at one time arranged that Dante Gabriel Rossetti, his brother William and Swinburne and George Meredith should live together in a certain house. Meredith happened to see Dante Gabriel Rossetti at breakfast and changed his plans. Meredith himself tells the story. "It was past noon," says he, "Rossetti had not yet risen, though it was an exquisite day. On the breakfast table on a huge dish rested five thick slabs of bacon, upon which five rigid eggs had slowly bled to death. Presently Rossetti appeared in his dressing gown, with slippers down at heel, and devoured the dainty repast like an ogre." That meal was too much for Meredith, and he sacrificed three months' rent rather than see it repeated.

The Sphinx's Riddle.

The riddle which the sphinx propounded to the Thebans and the solution of which she made a condition of her withdrawal from the state was as follows: "What animal has one voice, at first four, then two and at last three feet?" (Edippus discovered the answer to be "man," who in infancy, from using his hands as well as his feet in walking, may be said to have four feet (all fours), in after life employs but two, and in old age to these he adds a staff, which may be reckoned a third. Upon this solution being given the sphinx is said to have thrown herself headlong from the citadel.

The Simple Life.

In my wanderings on foot when I walk through the provinces of Europe and talk to the people and fish and learn I find that what people lack most in life is simplicity, the poor man as well as the rich. It consists not in plain dress, but in plain living, in simplicity of heart, of personal beliefs and respect for the beliefs of others.—Rev. Charles Wagner.

The Woman of Kentucky.

The Kentucky woman is simply the Venus of Milo in warm healthy flesh, with grace in all her motions and when in love heaven in her eye. She has the American capacity to adapt herself to fresh conditions. Her nerves have not been set on an edge by Atlantic east winds, and she has a broad and sympathetic nature.—London Truth.

Eight Arrows in the Air at Once.

"There is a purely Indian exploit which is recognized as a test of fast shooting," says Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton in Country Life in America. "In this the 'honor' is allowed the archer who can have six arrows in the air at once and the 'high honor' for seven. The Indian record is eight, but not many Indians have made it."

Spirits.

Kate—Do you think it's true that people catch anything through kissing? Madge—Oh, I don't think so. See how often you've been kissed and you've never caught anybody yet.

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