

More Local.

Wm. Erickson, of Kennedy, is in town. Pat Peiper, of Simeon, was in town yesterday. J. B. Sweeney, of King, is in town on business. G. W. Hervey was among the number on the potato special.

The farmers for miles around came to attend the potato meeting. W. C. Cowden and family have out onto their homestead west of town.

Wm. Gillaspie and H. R. Shockley were in town a few days the past week.

Grandpa Hamar and wife returned from their vi-it with relatives Sunday.

Mrs. Jane Stanford, widow of Leland Stanford, died in Honolulu Tuesday night, Feb. 28.

Max E. Viertel, the Crookston merchant, came down Tuesday evening on business and attended the potato meeting.

Clint Anderson, of the Diamond Bar ranch, came down from Cody on the potato special and attended the meeting of potato growers.

L. N. Layport's niece, Miss Anna Ladely, well remembered by Valentine people, was married in Holt county to John Carson, yesterday, March 1st.

Capt. H. Hankins of the Omaha salvation army was in the city yesterday soliciting for that institution. He raised 25 to 30 dollars by subscription in our city.

The farmers for miles around in the country gathered at the court house Tuesday evening to hear what the wise men of the east had to say on the culture and growing of the potato.

The potato special arrived about 6 o'clock p. m. Tuesday and stayed until about 8:30 next morning. They had their dining and sleeper car with them and didn't have to trouble anyone for their comfort.

A letter from Hot Springs, S. D., tells us that J. E. Thackrey, who was county treasurer of this county for four years, is now book-keeper for the Wooster Lumber Co. at Hot Springs. Mr. Thackrey's friends will be pleased to know that he is doing well.

John Bachelor and Jake Stetter made a bet of \$25.00 yesterday, Bachelor betting that C. F. Coffee, while state representative four years ago, voted for the minimum 100-pound freight rate bill instead of the car load rate as formerly existed. They are still discussing it.

A letter from Bert Jeffers to Mr. Carpenter this morning states that he met Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Brown at the train Monday evening and took Mrs. Carpenter to the hospital and that she was operated upon and was doing nicely, great hopes being entertained for her complete recovery.

A. T. Brackett was in town yesterday and, in conversation with him, we learned that his father was very ill at Kilgore. Frank Rothleutner was down yesterday morning to get a doctor and took Dr. Brown back with him on the freight. F. T. Brackett was hurt some time last summer while riding horseback and has been troubled some with his head since.

The U. S. Weather Bureau report for the week ending March 1, shows the highest and lowest temperature respectively as 66° on the 1st and 26° on the 25th and 27th, giving a range of 40° and a mean for the period of 42.3°. The first rain of the season occurred on the 26th. The precipitation was only .02 of an inch and was a mingling of rain, sleet and snow. There has been a gain in temperature since Feb. 18th of 226° and conditions seem favorable for the re-establishment of the average. The winds have been about the average, the highest velocity was 32 miles from nw on the 26th.

Archie Pettycrew called at our office yesterday and paid a dollar in advance for THE DEMOCRAT. He's looking well again and we're glad to say it. For a long time he lingered in sickness but his strong constitution and good treatment saved him. His sickness has been expensive to him but he has energy and strength enough to yet make a success in business.

Billy Smith and Rastus Johnson, the colored soldier who won a victory twice from Dillard another colored soldier, had a boxing contest Monday night which was to have been a ten round bout but was ended in the 6th by a foul, Johnson's second claiming that Smith fouled, striking in a clinch. Fitzsimmons was beaten out of his money once on a foul, but Smith was said to have the best of the fight and would have put Johnson out but for the continued yelling of "foul" which saved Johnson.

Herman Riege, John F. Porath and a number of others from German settlement were in town Tuesday. Many persons from North Table were also in town and the court house was chock full of people who listened attentively to the talk made by Mr. Ferguson on soil culture and how to preserve the moisture for use in the growing of crops. Mr. Ferguson is a very interesting speaker, presenting his subject in a forceful manner and his illustrations were good. Dr. Peters of the state university talked on the work done at Lincoln of a practical nature, showing students just how to plant a tree or raise crops or to judge stock and take care of them. The next man told how to select seed corn and the kind that was best adapted to this climate. Mr. Wing, of the Breeders Gazette of Ohio, was then introduced and told of his visit to France to see the fine stock, of the fertility of the soil and the kinds of crops he saw growing there. Last of all he wound up his story with the fertilization plan for enriching the soil. Mr. Wing was quite humorous in his story of experiences in France without an interpreter, and the difficulties one would likely encounter in a strange land. He taught us something of life in France that we never learned before, and one thing in particular, that France raises abundant crops on a soil that is not worn out, though thousands of years old.

Keeley-Watkins.

Miss Mamie E. Keeley and Thomas H. Watkins were married Wednesday, March 1, 1905, in the Catholic church in this city at 10 o'clock a. m. by the Rev. H. Muysen.

Miss Keeley is the oldest daughter of J. T. Keeley who is well known in the city and county, being now deputy county clerk.

Mr. Watkins has lived in and around Valentine for a number of years and comes of good family, parents now living in Washington, D. C.

Only a few of their most intimate friends were present to witness the ceremony, among whom were Miss Keeley's classmates and their teacher. A handsome present was received from them as a token of their esteem for their classmate. Numerous other presents were received from friends.

This young couple go to house-keeping in the S. Moon dwelling west of the railroad which was previously furnished for the occasion by the groom.

THE DEMOCRAT joins with numerous friends in wishing them a prosperous and profitable life together.

Joe Bristol is short seven head of cattle, branded same as in cut elsewhere in this paper; also one black horse about 6 yrs old, weight about 1000 pounds, branded Q2 on left shoulder and NB connected below on same shoulder. Anyone knowing of above stock please report to JOE BRISTOL, Valentine, Nebr.

POTATOES

PREPARATION OF GROUND.

Potatoes should have rich sandy loam soil or alfalfa sod to grow large crops, but any Nebraska soil properly prepared and tilled will produce a fairly good crop of potatoes. Plow 7 to 10 inches deep early in fall when ground will permit and is not too high as to be subject to blow. When left till spring, plow early, first disking it thoroughly and harrow after plowing. It pays well to manure the ground which is best done by spreading with manure spreader or evenly and lightly by hand, preferably on alfalfa one year before plowing to stimulate the growth of the alfalfa.

SEED POTATOES.

Early Ohios are best adapted to general planting in Nebraska and seed of this variety procured from the Red River Valley of the North nearly doubles the yield and can be procured from Gylton, Minn., at digging time and laid down anywhere in Nebraska some years at same price as home grown sell for. There are hundreds of thousands bushels raised yearly known as the Red River Ohio and are distributed all over the country for seed purposes. Where irrigation is practical, Rurals, Sir Walters or Carmans are best and produce immense crops. Seed of these should be procured from the muck or heavy lands of Michigan or Wisconsin. Seed should be cut immediately before planting, one eye pieces planted in moist ground give best results.

PLANTING.

Plant with Aspenwall planter as soon as the season will permit in spring. Setting machine to drop 13 inches apart in drill and about 4 inches deep gives good results. If planting by hand or with home devices, be sure the seed is deposited in moist soil, not allowing the furrow to dry in operation. Getting rows perfectly straight and uniformly 3 feet in width facilitates cultivation where cultivators like the two row pivot wheel Planet Junior is used or the Dowden Weeder Harrow which cultivates 7 rows each through, 14 rows to the round.

CULTIVATION.

Harrow once lengthwise of rows and cross just before plants come up and once each week till plants are too large or about 8 inches high. Now use cultivator. Set to run about 2 1/2 inches deep, not changing depth during the entire season, cultivating once every week till crop matures.

DIGGING.

Digging is done best with a Dowden elevator digger. A common corn lister on wheels is next best and if properly set and driven fast, throws most of potatoes out.

MARKETING.

If price is satisfactory and the crop in Nebraska large like this past one, dig very early and sell at once. Load into stock cars after cooling over night in sacks stood on end singly in the field. Texas and Oklahoma afford ample market at remunerative prices. Some years Chicago is the market at this time, but this applies only when Nebraska has a big surplus crop. Otherwise dig late in the season so as to run no risk of their freezing in the ground. Put potatoes in convenient piles in the field while gathering and cover with straw allowing them to remain till through sweating. Then move when cool to cave or pit, the cave having been previously cooled down to freezing temperature. Now close perfectly tight and secure from either heat or cold and your potatoes will be sound and in right condition any time for marketing up till June and will compete successfully with early crop shipped from the south at this time, but market earlier whenever the price is satisfactory.

The foregoing is a synopsis of Mr. Ferguson's speech upon raising and marketing potatoes. Every farmer ought to have a copy of this paper. It tells you what

experience has taught that you would be a life time in learning for yourself.

Catholic Church Announcement

On Sunday next, mass will be said here at 10:30 a. m. Catechism class at 3 in the afternoon. With Ash-Wednesday, 8th of March, begins the holy season of Lent. Regulations regarding the manner in which Catholics ought to spend that time of penance will be given out at the services of Sunday next.

Britt Items

Mrs. Dunn has been seriously ill the last week.

Mr. Broad transacted business in Valentine last week.

Andrew Miller has caught and killed three coyotes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Fowler were visitors at A. Broad's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bullis were visitors at Wm. Bullis' Sunday.

The Dry Creek school house was newly calcimmed and scrubbed last Saturday.

Mr. Bliss was a visitor in our neighborhood, taking orders for fruit trees.

Mr. Murphy, from the reservation, was hauling corn last week from Mr. Johnson's.

There will be a box social and entertainment at the Dry Creek school house Saturday evening the 11th of March. Everyone is cordially invited.

SLEEPY EYES.

Order of Hearing and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account. In the County Court of Cherry County Nebraska.

To the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of Gardner H. Folsom, deceased, residing in the city of Valentine, Neb., who by a final settlement and allowance of his account filed in this court on the 1st day of March, 1905...

Order to Show Cause Why License Should Not be Granted to Sell Real Property.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHERRY COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

In the matter of the Estate of Gardner H. Folsom, administrator for the estate of Gardner H. Folsom, deceased, do hereby order that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Valentine Democrat, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing...

Coming, Dr. I. W. Mefford, the eye specialist, will be at the Donoher hotel Monday, March 20, 1905.

How to Shoot a Rattlesnake.

The writer once saw an Indian kill a rattlesnake in a very peculiar manner. The rattler was about ten feet from the Indian, who was resting the rifle on his knee, apparently taking aim. Whenever he moved the weapon a few inches the snake would move around and get exactly in line with it. Then, to show how the thing was done, the Indian moved about the snake in a circle, and the reptile moved as if its tail were a pivot, always keeping its head and body in line with the gun. The Indian then agreed to bandage his eyes and shoot the snake in the mouth. The writer bandaged the Indian's eyes, and, holding the gun by his side at arm's length, the latter pulled the trigger, and the ball entered the snake's mouth and passed the whole length of its body. "How did you take aim?" was the query. "The snake he take aim," was the reply. We have talked with an old hunter on this proposition, and he claims that a rattlesnake will always range directly in line with a gun or stick pointed at it.—Exchange.

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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.

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.

MAARCH. TEMPERATURE. Mean or normal 31°. The warmest month was that of 1899 with an average of 41°. The coldest month was that of 1899 with an average of 23°. The highest was 84° on 28th, 1895. The lowest was -26° on 4, 1891.

PRECIPITATION. Average for month 0.37 inches. Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more 9. The greatest monthly precipitation was 2.58 inches in 1891. The least monthly precipitation was 0.28 inches in 1893. The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 1.2 inches on 1-2, 1891. The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1884-85 only) was 7.8 inches on 24, 1901.

CLOUDS AND WEATHER. Average number of clear days, 10; partly cloudy, 10; cloudy, 11.

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 52 miles from the NW on 10, 1899.

JOHN J. WLEAN, Observer Weather Bureau.

Professional Cards.

The Loup Valley Hereford Ranch. Brownies, Bobs, Prince Bobbed, and Curly Coat 112001 at head of herd. The blood of Fowler, Anson, Lord Willon and Mr. Gladstone predominates in my herd. I can fill orders for bulls of all ages at any time. Ranch 14 miles north-west of Brownlee, Nebr. C. H. FAULMAYER.

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