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THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1905.

More Local.

Ph. Krotter was in our city yesterday.

Don't forget the Thacher estate sale Saturday.

Sam Black, of Norden, drove over yesterday and is in town today.

The sale of effects of A. E. Thacher deceased, Saturday, Mar. 18, 1905.

Claud Smith, of Bassett, has accepted a position as clerk in the mercantile establishment of Davisonport & Thacher.

Saturday evening Mrs. Chas. Sparks entertained a few guests at a six course dinner in honor of Mr. Sparks birthday.

Mrs. Gertrude Brown came up from Omaha Friday morning for a few week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Moon.

Mayor J. S. Harrington and E. S. Eves formerly editor of the Holt County Independent, both of O'Neill are in town on business.

Will Hased, of Springview, came up Wednesday to accept a position as printer on this paper for a few weeks. Mr. Hased worked for us two years ago last fall during a rush of work.

Frank T. Lee and Ed Reiser, both of Brownlee called on us at our office yesterday while as witnesses before the U. S. land office. We credit them in advance for subscriptions to the Democrat and Mr. Lee ordered the Democrat sent to his friend J. H. Harman of Gothenburg, Nebr., for a year.

The U. S. Weather Bureau report for the week ending March 15 show the highest and lowest temperature respectively as 50° on the 9th and 14° on the 13th a range of 38° and a mean of 27. The precipitation was .35 of an inch. The snow did not remain on the ground more than 6 days. The wind has been comparatively light for the season. The highest velocity was 25 miles N. on the 10th.
 McLEAN.

A few days ago we were sure that "Gentle Annie" had arrived, the weather was warm and balmy, but we got up one morning and a raw wind was blowing from the polar regions and the new born calf was humped up on the leeward side of his maternal ancestor. Flocks of geese have been flying northward for several days, but then some geese as well as some people have not sense enough to know when the cold is past. Spring is the bully time of the year, and when the bull frog wakes the echoes with his song; when the heel fly touches up the lean steer of the prairie and makes him hike for the bog; when the lambkin gambols on the new springing grass and its tail athwart the ambient air; when the small boy ties the line on the crooked pole and a can full of worms in his hand and his shirt tail, sticking through a rent in his pants, lifts and falls on the soft and balmy air; when the boys draw rings on the soft earth and play the marbles for keeps; when the flesh yearns for the succulent onion with its sweet perfume; then it is safe to gamble that spring has come.

Mark Zarr, our printer who has worked for us faithfully the past three years, nearly, was not feeling well last week and decided Saturday night to take a lay off and rest up.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week a number of persons from Brownlee have been in town as witnesses in U. S. cases before the land office in which F. B. Defrees of Alliance, who is government inspector of homestead entries has cited a large number of persons to appear for investigation of their final proofs. W. W. Gettys, John A. Anderson, C. J. Potter and sister, Wm. Lee and Frank Chaloud were called from Brownlee for investigation. A large number of witnesses were here among whom are Frank T. Lee, Ed Reiser, S. S. McClean, John Chaloud, H. E. Chamberlain, Chas. H. Lane, of Brownlee, and W. K. Grant, of Ainsworth.

Franklin T. Brackett of Georgia, Nebraska, Dead.

Died at his home in Georgia, Nebraska, last Thursday, March 9, 1905, after a brief illness, Franklin T. Brackett. He was born July 7, 1843, in Ira, Cayuga county, New York.

In September 1863, he was married to Zadah Thompson of Hannibal, New York. One child, Avylin T. was born to them.

The family removed to Cherry county, Nebraska, in April 1885, where they have since resided.

In June 1904 he joined the Modern Woodman of which order he was an esteemed member when death came to him. He was a kindly neighbor, a faithful husband and father, always hopeful looking on the bright side of life.

He leaves a wife and son, A. T. Brackett, of Georgia, Nebraska, a brother and sister in New York state, who with a large circle of friends and neighbors will mourn his death.

The Democrat extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Catholic Church Announcement.

On Sunday next, mass will be said here at 10:30 a. m. Catechism class at 8:00 and evening devotions at 7:30 p. m.

On Sunday, March 26th, mass will be said at Arabia at 10 o'clock.

Notice of Executors Sale.

In the matter of the estate of Sarah Woodson, deceased: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of Hon. W. H. Westover, Judge of the District Court of Cherry County, Nebraska, made on the 25th day of February, 1905, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, there will be sold at the front door of the Court House in Valentine, Nebraska, on the 23rd day of April, 1905 at 10 o'clock a. m. at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate to-wit: Lots 11 and 12 and S½ SW¼ of section 4, township 33, range 27, and Lot 2 of section 9, township 33, range 27. Said sale will remain open one hour.
 Dated March 17, 1905.
 ALFRED LEWIS and P. W. C. LAWSON, Executors of the last will and testament of Sarah Woodson, deceased.

Sparks Quills.

Mr. Callen packed eggs Monday morning to ship to Omaha.

A little snow just at present to silence the egg business for a few days.

Tom Hudson has a crippled horse with either a leg or a shoulder broken.

Sam Burke was in town Monday morning. Sam looks happy with the approach of spring.

Clyde Kuskie traded for Mr.

Callen's sled and Sunday was out with his girl for a sleigh ride.

Someone must have pulled the Eagle and the Porcupine's tail as the editor had two bunches of Quills last week.

School commenced in Sparks, Nebr., Monday, March the 6th, with Miss Conger, of Norden, as teacher. Eleven scholars enrolled.

Ed Allen from down on the river was out looking for horses Monday and wound up in Sparks for a little chat with the merchant and the Porcupine.

PORCUPINE.

Penbrook Quills.

A cold wave. Mr. Theo. Tillson went to Valentine, Saturday.

Miss Nancy Hancock visits Mrs. T. C. Hornby this week.

D. A. Hancock sold a team to the Burdick Bros. last week.

Mass was celebrated at the home of Mrs. Langer, Sunday.

David Hamar hauled a load of hogs to Valentine Saturday for Theo. Tillson.

Miss Laura Tillson came down from her school and spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

With the sun, moon and three or four planets all pulling together at our atmosphere it is no wonder the disturbance causes storms.

Porcupine has transferred to Sparks, and Penbrook mourns his loss. Well, as there is a time for everything under the sun, we suppose, Porcupine must have a time for "sparking".

There is a complaint from the south, generally, of rain, sleet, snow, slush and mud. Tells you what! we've got something to be thankful for. Yes, indeed! we've got the solid yearth under our feet.
 EAGLE.

Down The River.

Mrs. Becker went to Valentine Saturday, as usual.

Mr. Sauerwein and wife were in town last Thursday.

Miss Lydia Becker spent Sunday at A. W. Grooms'.

Robert Grooms was in town two or three days of last week.

Father Muysen called on Felix Nollett last Saturday.

Mr. A. Taylor spent Sunday evening at Felix Nollett's.

Mertin Bryant has been very sick but is better at this writing.

Messrs Sauerwein and Taylor and families are making preparations to move soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracewell, of Valentine, visited at M. Becker's one or two days of last week.

There will be a social at the Kewanee school house March 31, in charge of Laura Tillson.

There will be a dance at David Archers St. Patrick's Day and a social at Sparks, so we understand.

Mrs. F. Nollett returned last week from a visit with friends and relatives in Nenzel and Crookston.

T. Ashburn who recently took a claim near the state line is moving his family out to his son Frank's until he can build.

Some of the farmers were intending to commence farming in these parts but the late storm has changed their minds.

A. W. Grooms is going to run a herd this season. He is putting in an extra six foot supply tank, but expects to leave the cattle on running water part of the season. He solicits the patronage of parties wishing to put their cattle out. Address him at Valentine, Neb., for any information.

YOUNGSTER.

Prof. Beatty went up to Gordon Wednesday to conduct a musical convention for a couple of weeks closing with a grand concert.

Hurrah for St. Patrick's Day in the mornin'. There'll be a dance at Wood Lake in honor of St. Patrick.

Arthur Sherman has been suffering from inflammation of the gall bladder for several days. Dr. Brown is treating him.

Jim Quigley returned last week from a trip down in Texas and Mexico where he had been for six weeks or more visiting. He saw John Tinnin and handed us a clipping which will be of interest to the friends of John the Whittler. We'll print it next week.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank the friends who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and burial of our beloved husband and father. We especially extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Modern Woodman, as they did all in their power to lighten our grief.
 MRS. ZADAH BRACKETT.
 A. T. BRACKETT.

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.

MARCH. TEMPERATURE.

Mean or normal 31°
 The warmest month was that of 1889 with an average of 44°
 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. McLEAN,

Observer Weather Bureau.

Strayed from my ranch about Oct. 1, 1904, one roan bull coming 8 years old, branded T oxyoke connected on left hip and Y lazy D connected on left side. 84
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