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SOCIETIES
YOUNG MENS SOCIAL CLUB—Meets every Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Helen Hornby

SETTING BULL TRIBE No. 22
IMPROVED ORDER OF REDMEN
Meets every second and fourth Saturday of each month

A. F. & A. M.
Minnekadusa Lodge, No. 192, A. F. & A. M. meets in regular communication Saturday evening

O. E. S.
Northern Star Chapter, No. 53, Order of the Eastern Star, meets on second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month

A. O. U. W.
Valentine Lodge, No. 70, A. O. U. W., meets 1st and 3rd Monday in each month

I. O. O. F.
Valentine Lodge No. 205 I. O. O. F., meets every Thursday evening

G. A. R.
Col. Wood Post No. 208 Department of Nebraska regular meeting 2d and 4th Saturdays of each month

W. R. C.
Col. Wood W. R. C. No. 179 regular meeting 2d and 4th Saturdays of each month

M. W. A.
Valentine Camp No. 1751 Modern Woodmen of America, meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month

K. of P.
Cherry Lodge No. 169 Knights of Pythias meets every Tuesday evening at Daveport's Hall

Arrival and Departure of Mails.
Mail east and west closes at 8 p. m.
Rosebud leaves at 8:00 a. m., daily, except Sunday, and arrives at 5:00 p. m.

PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS CARDS.
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The regular monthly Teachers Examination will be held the third Saturday of each month at my office in the Court House.

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THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

SUCCESSOR TO THE CHERRY COUNTY INDEPENDENT.
LEROY LEACH, Editor.

ROBERT GOOD, Editor and Publisher

Come to Valentine July 4
Kennedy will celebrate the Fourth of July.

We would like to have a correspondent at Lavaca.

Major J. Geo. Wright and his party of eastern friends visited the Black Hills this week.

H. R. Bell came up from Longpine last evening to assist in Otto Berger's store for a few days.

In Judge Walcott's court Monday Wm. Allen was fined \$5 and costs for assault and battery on Dave Cogswell.

Miss Emma Gaskin of Wahoo is now head waiter at the White House, and Mrs. N. Caveny, of Fremont, looks after the cuisine.

The republican county convention meets one week from today to nominate a candidate for county attorney and transact other business.

The editor of THE DEMOCRAT spent Sunday in Ainsworth and Longpine. People in those towns feel encouraged over prospects this summer, but they all envy Valentine her prosperity.

Over half an inch of rain fell last night. This is almost as much as the entire rainfall of May, and is a good starter for June. More rain has fallen in the country during the past month than in Valentine.

We made arrangements to get a full account of the field day exercises at Fort Niobrara yesterday, together with the names of winners of events but for some unknown reason our reporter has failed to furnish us with copy.

The citizens of Long Pine have made arrangements for a recital to be given in that town by Edouard Remenyi, the great violinist and legitimate successor to Ole Bull. The date has not yet been definitely fixed, but it will be sometime during this month.

At the regular meeting of the Masonic Lodge on Saturday evening May 23, the following were elected officers for the coming year: J. T. Keeley, W. M., W. T. Kincaid S. W., Chas. A. Green, J. W., W. E. Efner, Treas., W. W. Thompson, Secty.

Miss Belle Callen left Tuesday morning for Fremont where she will represent Northern Star Chapter No. 59 in the Grand Chapter O. E. S., which convenes at that place this week. Northern Star Chapter has become one of the foremost in the state and has just closed a most prosperous year, being honored by Grand Chapter with two grand officers, during the year.

A large consignment of books from eastern publishers has arrived in town, mainly for distribution among the company libraries and troops at Ft. Niobrara by the military book agent Thos. Prothero who makes a specialty of Army libraries, the same being contracted for at manufacturers' prices, giving Uncle Sam's boys a big show to buy the best literature at lowest prices.

Some ten or twelve running horses and their owners are already in town preparing for the races next week. Indications point to a good week's sport, with twenty-five or thirty horses in attendance. The Valentine Gun Club is preparing for a clay pigeon shoot which promises to attract some of the crack shots of this part of the state. Taken altogether the meeting will be one of the most successful ever held in Valentine.

We admire the man who stays by the country through weal or woe. G. W. Beamer has still faith in this country, as shown by planting the following variety of crops:—Wheat 90 acres; corn, 110; oats, 22; potatoes, 8; Kafir corn, 12; millet, 5; barley, 10; sorghum 1/2 an acre. The cyclones that have devastated Kansas have not spared Geo.'s old home and is thankful that he is in North-west Nebraska, where cyclones are unknown.—Gordon Journal.

From a reliable source The Democrat has been informed that coal has been found about nine miles southwest of Pine Ridge. Cy Ike, an expert in the employ of the government, has recently been prospecting in that locality and reports finding coal in large quantities. The discovery was made near a place where gas has been escaping for years and where cattle congregate in cold weather on account of the heat. It is said the surface of the ground is covered with loose shales in that locality. A large force of Indians have been put to work in developing, and it is hoped that a second Canon City has been discovered.—Rushville Democrat.

WOOD LAKE DEPARTMENT

LEROY LEACH, Editor.

Wanted.—A little rain. Anyone observing any stray showers please direct them this way.

S. G. Barnes and wife left for Ohio on Monday's passenger, where they will spend the summer.

Peter Willen, formerly a resident of Wood Lake, came out last week from Clay City, Indiana, for the purpose of making final proof in support of his tree claim near town. He returned Monday after a pleasant visit with old friends.

C. A. Johnson left Saturday morning for a business trip to Fairfax, So. Dak.

U. G. Stevenson and wife, of Johnstown, spent Sunday in this city.

Mrs. J. Lewis left for Blair Monday for the purpose of superintending the shipping of her household goods to Wood Lake where she will hereafter reside.

Our sheep ranchmen have commenced shearing, and expect a first class wool harvest. The best way to farm in this country is to go into the sheep business.

As news items are fully as scarce as honest men in the horse stealing business we will try to describe the humorous scenes to be seen while making a pleasure trip through

THE SUNNY SOUTH.
We left Woodlake one chilly November day, with a benevolent and expectant smile, a heavy lined storm ulster and an unswerving determination to thoroughly explore the tropical depths of the balmy south.

We had a pleasant trip down to Omaha; stopped a couple of places with our skates for the purpose of giving the back of our head a final crack on the last ice we expected to observe for quite a period, after which incident we continued our journey with happy thoughts and a large lump immediately back of our brain. Arriving at Omaha we traded our ulster for a light mackintosh and next morning shot rapidly towards the grasshopper depths of cyclone Kansas where we observed a great number of hungry people gathering what crop the Gods had left them, then a little later entered the land of the cheerful trainrobber and loquacious land agent, loving Missouri.

Next morning we passed through Independence, famous as the town where Quantrell bought large quantities of pistol caps in war time. We were anxious to closely observe this most beautiful of Missouri burgs, but were much annoyed at the time by the train newsboy who insisted, at that favorable moment, in a voice of thunder, and indefatigable staying qualities, on selling us the latest edition of the "Life of Frank and Jesse James," but, though he had the nerve of a book agent, we purchased not.

The trip and scenery south of St. Louis are something one can always enjoy. There are horse shoe curves in the track every three miles clear to the Arkansas line, and as the train winds its way swiftly down the grade (eight miles per hour), one can step off the car platform, take a nap and lunch in the woods and still have ample time to walk across the curve and board the train once more. Now there may be some lovely country in southern Missouri, as the land agent would have us believe, but we were unable to observe any on account of the thick growth of scrubby timber which covered the entire country.

We will here remark, however, that our trainmen on the F. E. & M. V., are not as accommodating as Missouri trainmen are, for, in spite of the swift rate at which trains are run, they stop every half mile in the woods to pick up every Aunt Dinah and George Washington who run out of the woods. Truly this is the personification of unselfishness, and we would not be mean enough to here describe the feelings of the average passenger who is impatiently and constantly asking the conductor "when in h— do you expect to get into Little Rock at this rate of speed?" Indeed, that were out of place here. After spending a week in Stuttgart, Arkansas, we journey into the country quail hunting, and enjoyed ourselves fully as much as the quails' expense as the mosquitoes do themselves at ours, and make a triumphant return to the temperance city, covered with cypress moss, mud and mosquitoes, bites and wondering whether the land agent who so glowingly described the tropical glories of eastern Arkau-

sas was not seated on the peak of Mount Blanc, when he wrote such delusive phantasies. But at last we retire and enjoy our sleep dreaming that we have at last captured the long-looked-for wood tick and put him to the torture; but alas! it is but a dream we discover two days later as we carry our shoe in our hand to ease the spot where he tarried. Perhaps this lovely country where the editor of "The Stuttgart Free Press" says, "potatoes are raised for Nebraskans to eat," is all that it is claimed to be as a producing country (we can testify to the size of the mosquitoes and doctor bills and thickness of malarial growth), but we prefer the crystal air of Nebraska; and, even if we can't enjoy tropical advantages, we are content to struggle on in ignorance and to trust to our potato crop. We are content to dream of the days when we wandered

In the land of mammoth wood ticks, Where the huge mosquito hummed; Where the wind it never bloweth; Where the negro swarms in myriads, In the land of sweet potatoes.

Georgia.
We are sorry to learn of the severe illness of Miss Alice Kilgore formerly of Georgia but now of Johnstown, and hope to hear of her recovery soon.

Theodore Mohr and John Osterman are going to Minnesota to improve their fortunes. We prophecy they will wish themselves in Cherry county before the harvest of '97.

Our section foreman Grabe and Stosh each took on a hand June 2nd. The railroad through this part of the country is hard to keep in repair on account of the blowing of the sand into the deep cuts in the Sand Hills.

News items never were so scarce since news came in fashion, not even a wedding to furnish the material for gossip.

I see by THE DEMOCRAT that you are going to celebrate the 4th in Valentine. All right boys hang out your banner to the breeze and have a good old time celebration. It will make you forget for the day the hardships of these years of scarcity and lack of money.

And now comes Ed Satterlee who being first duly sworn, says he will faithfully and impartially play postmaster at Nenzel during the pleasure of G. Cleveland.

A fine shower of rain on the first day of June has revived the crops after the frosts of the 28th and 29th of May and prospects look more favorable for a good harvest.

WANTED:—A double self-acting and automatic, potato bug extinguisher with full directions for use. A small boy of profane habits will find employment with the machine.

U. and I.
Simeon.
Fine rain Saturday evening.

There was a good turnout at the picnic Saturday and every body seemed to enjoy himself. A basket dinner was had at G. M. Davis' and after dinner the crowd went to the cemetery and decorated the graves. There were 45 persons present.

W. F. Morgereidge had the misfortune to get kicked by a horse and was quite badly hurt.

Amos Strong lost one of his fine driving horses while on the flats last Sunday.

The County Surveyor was surveying in these parts last week. We understand that some people must build new houses or live on U. S. land.

Harve Hobbs is repairing the school house this week.

Don't forget Children's Day at the new church.

Claud Reece was so busy last Saturday that he forgot about the picnic.

OSCAR.
At the January meeting of the Board of County Commissioners the following estimate for county expenses for the year 1896 was made:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Total \$25,510. Attest: GEO. ELLIOTT, County Clerk.

Land Office Business.
During the month of May final proof was made through the land office here on nineteen timber culture applications, for 3,032 acres of Northwest-ern Nebraska land, and on eleven homestead entries for 1,719 acres. Sixteen homestead entries were made for 2,541 acres, and 160 acres were sold for cash.

Oasis.

HACKBERRY LAKE, June 2, 1896

Herbert Daniels has applied a new coat of paint to his buggy and is trying to get a match for his sorrel horse. He was out among them last Sunday—something strange.

Beware of cattle thieves. They are not all sent to Lincoln yet as the Harris boys and Robert Quisenberry had 21 head of the best steers driven off last week. They captured the cattle but not the thieves.

Horse training and fitting seem to be the order of the day, especially with C. C. Thompson and Harry Ware. They don't take time to eat or sleep.

We had a fine shower last Saturday night and every thing looks refreshed and fair prospects of a hay crop and some grain and potatoes.

G. T. Spain purchased a fine bay horse yesterday of C. C. Thompson to match his team. Looks as if G. T. is thinking of jumping over the broom stick. GOOD MORNING.

Valentine will celebrate on July 4th

Church News.
Service in the M. E. church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Epworth League at 7:00 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. All are cordially invited. O. L. Ramsey, pastor.

The Ladies Guild of the Episcopal church meets with Mrs. Frank Fischer this evening.

Rev. J. C. Sloan, of Alliance, sends word that owing to illness he will be unable to preach the memorial sermon here next Sunday. He says he will probably preach here the last of the month.

Epworth League subjects for meetings in June will be "Christ and the Church." The topic for Sunday is "His Membership in the Jewish Church." Luke 2:21, 23, 41, 42, 49, Matt. 3:13-16.

Preparations are being made to observe Children's Day, June 14, with appropriate exercises in the Methodist church.

Rev. J. M. Bates will conduct services in the Episcopal church Sunday morning and evening. His evening sermon will be upon "The Christian Ministry," and should be well attended.

Christian Endeavor topic for next Sunday is "The Grace of Humility." Mark 9: 33-37; John 13:1-17

Late Political News.
Up to date 21 democratic state conventions have been held and 376 delegates to the national convention elected. Of these 176 are for sound money and 182 for silver, not counting Nebraska which will send a double delegation. The Chicago Chronicle says that "democracy will in all probability declare for free silver at its national convention." The senate has passed the Butler bond bill which prohibits the president issuing bonds without the consent of congress. The vote was 32 for to 25 against. Seventeen democrats voted for the bill.

The case of the State of Nebraska vs. Fetterly and Daniels, charged with stealing the Barnard mare came up for preliminary hearing in Judge Farnsworth's court Wednesday last and the defendants waived examination to the court. The court placed their bail at \$500 each, which they failed to get and were remanded to jail where they still remain.—Spring view Herald.

Attention!
Joint memorial services will be held Sunday, June 7, by the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen lodges. Visiting brothers are invited to participate in the exercises. Members of the order named will meet at their lodge room at 10 a. m., sharp, and march to the M. E. church at 11, where the Rev. O. L. Ramsey will deliver the memorial sermon. After the church services all will march to the cemetery to decorate the graves of deceased brothers. The 12th Infantry Band will furnish music.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebr. June 2, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on July 11th, 1896, viz:

Mary A. Thompson formerly Mary A. Rogers of Simeon, Neb.
H. E. No 948 for the S. 1/4 SW. 1/4 Sec. 5 SE. 1/4 SE. 1/4 Sec. 6 NW. 1/4 NW. 1/4 Sec. 8 Tp. 32 N. R. 25 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz:
William J. Leach, Alfred J. Rogers of Simeon, James H. Bradley, Mand M. Bradley of Valentine, Neb.

C. R. GLOVER, Register

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WILLET
NO. 17109

Sire of Nabob (4) 2:30. Sire, Rochester 616. Record 2:31.

Sire of
BELL BOY - 2:24 1/2 DINNER - 2:25
ORLANDA - 2:25 MINOT - 2:26 1/2
FLORESTINE - 2:26 1/2 SENSATION - 2:29 1/2
And many others.

1st dam JEANNETTE, by HAM- BLETONIAN 157.
Dam of Willet (sire of Nabob, 2:30) and Katana (dam of Norrette, 2:25), Hazel's. Sire of the dams of Ida Belle, 2:23, and Lottie K., 2:27

2nd dam, DAUGHTER OF ABDEL-LAH 15.
Sire of Goldsmith Maid, 2:14.

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