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## THIS AND THAT

### Coming Events.

Democratic Senatorial Convention—Aug. 20.  
Populist Senatorial Convention—August 20.  
Teachers' Reception—Aug. 20.  
Watson's Lecture—Aug. 24.  
Edith Turner, Educationist—August 25.  
O. E. S. Entertainment—August 31.  
Old Settlers' Reunion, Sparks—Sept. 2 and 2  
Labor Day—September 5.  
School begins—Sept. 5.  
Populist Commissioner Convention—Sept. 9.  
Democratic Commissioner Convention—Sept. 9.  
W. L. Greene—Sept. 10.  
Populist County Convention—Sept. 10.  
Democratic County Convention—Sept. 10.  
Republican Com'r Convention—Sept. 17.

A. Newberry, of Cody, was a county seat visitor, last Friday.

Geo. Hienert made a flying trip down the road, Saturday.

Bruce Moore, of Merriman, registered at The Donohoe Sunday.

Mrs. T. C. Hornby returned home from Chadron, Sunday morning.

C. H. Bullis has sold the Ft. Niobrara mail route to John Dillon.

A sister of J. E. Thackrey is working in the county treasurer's office.

T. Fowler and wife of Sparks registered at the Valentine House Sunday.

N. E. Gardner, of Norden, was in town yesterday on his way home from Omaha.

S. F. Gilman, of Davenport, Iowa, is looking after his business interests here this week.

Geo. Higgins and Miss Shannon, of Brownlee, were visitors in town the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Sam Oliver and daughter, of Longpine, are visiting the family of John Simpson this week.

The local chapter O. E. S., will give a social August 31, Wednesday, in honor of the birth of their order.

John Maher is home at Chadron on furlough from Chickamauga. He says that the boys are anxious to get home.

Charles Carver, of Alliance, F. M. McKittrick, of Hyannis and Philip Pullman were in town from the southwest Friday.

S. H. Steele, of David City, one of Butler county's legal lights, was in town Saturday, evidently on political business.

Dr. J. C. Dwyer and wife, who have been visiting Hot Springs, S. D., returned home yesterday morning, much pleased with their trip.

Elmer Dillon, a member of the 12th Infantry, who was in the battles around Santiago, is home on furlough and is visiting with his parents.

We understand that several young girls in this town are doing considerable wading these dusky evenings. Hope they will not get beyond their depth.

Amos Strong visited Georgia yesterday and attached a bunch of stock belonging to Henry Augustin to secure payment of a debt due Frank Rothleuter.

Miss Edith Stark has arrived home from the Lincoln Normal and is attending the county institute preparatory to entering upon her duties as teacher in the public schools.

At his hearing Monday Chas. Derling waived examination and was put under \$500 bonds for his appearance at district court to answer the charge of horse stealing preferred against him.

A man in a neighboring town stole a pillow from a hotel and left for parts unknown. The village marshal gave chase to the thief, but did not recover the pillow, though the thief gave him the slip.

Now that the war is over the Ponca Journal has revived the name of Donald McLean and his railroad project. The scheme has been dead so long that it is liable to be decayed.—*Neill Frontier.*

Dr. Wiley's horse had a touch of colic after coming from the post, Saturday, and laid down in the street. It was quite freely remarked that the horse was not a democrat or it would never have laid down.

August 31 is the birthday of Robert Morris, founder of the Order of the Eastern Star, and the local chapter will celebrate the event this year by giving a literary program in Cornell Hall, commencing promptly at 7:30 o'clock, followed by a supper. All Masons with their wives and families are invited.

Edith F. Turner's elocution entertainment will be fine. Methodist church, August 26, 1898.

W. E. Haley is having a furnace, bath tub, water closet and fire place built in his new house. This will make one of the most complete residences in town when finished and will be a credit to our city.

One of the most severe electrical storms of recent years visited Valentine Monday. Rain fell to the extent of .87 of an inch, and for an hour or two heaven's artillery poured forth a terrific fire, lightning and thunder being almost constant.

T. P. Spratt favored ye editor with a half bushel of early Ohio potatoes, Monday, which were raised in "a country where it never rains." They were large, firm and mealy—in fact the best we have had this year. Tom says he will have about 500 bushels just as nice as the sample.

Dr. Wm. Donohoe left Tuesday morning for Omaha where he will visit the Exposition for a short time before resuming his practice in St. Louis. The doctor is one of the Valentine boys who are making names for themselves in the world, and everyone here is interested in his welfare.

Dr. Dwyer's barn was struck by lightning yesterday and considerably damaged. A number of pigeons which had taken shelter in the barn were killed. During the storm the first of the week five head of cattle and a horse belonging to Chas. Sears, below Fort Niobrara, were killed by lightning.

At their meeting Tuesday evening the school board re-employed C. W. Maxwell as janitor for the school building for the ensuing year. T. C. Hornby was awarded the contract for furnishing the school supplies. It was reported that Miss Bruner had been elected to a position as teacher in Norfolk, but we are informed on good authority that the report is false. School will begin Sept. 5.

One of J. R. Swin's horses got bit by a rattlesnake one day this week and as rattlesnakes are so numerous this summer he herewith gives a cure for this poisonous bite which has never failed to cure: Take a yolk of an egg, one tablespoonful of gun powder, one tablespoonful of salt, mix well together and apply to the wound. It will soon fill with poison and should be removed. Repeat same until poison is drawn out.—*Norden Herald.*

Hold your yaller-legged chickens until September. The M. E. conference convenes in Gordon on Sept. 8, and there will be about fifty preachers to feed. Chickens will be in demand then.

E. E. Crane, a young ranchman from southeast of Merriman, was in Gordon last Tuesday and made this office a pleasant call. He came up to get Mrs. Crane, who has been taking treatment at the Gordon hospital.—*Gordon Journal.*

A. J. Plumer shipped two cars of cattle from this point, Wednesday night. He shipped to South Omaha.

Miss Ella Stillwell, of Valentine was in our town Monday. She was selling books, and registered at the Commercial.

There is considerable talk of establishing a telephone line from this city to Pullman, in fact a petition has been circulated and we are safe in predicting that Whitman and Pullman will soon be connected. This is an excellent move and should receive the hearty co-operation of the citizens of both places.—*Whitman Sun.*

Nine representatives of as many different bridge companies, were in town Monday attending the meeting of the board of county commissioners. These were they: Geo. F. Ivony, of Des Moines; A. M. Blodgett, of Kansas City; Al. Rohr, of Leavenworth; P. H. Everhard, of Kansas City; J. F. Griffith, of Des Moines; M. J. Underwood, of Kansas City; M. L. Scott, of Wahoo; L. E. Boyle, of Omaha, and A. McLouth, Kansas. The last named gentleman has been in the bridge business for thirty years and has grown gray in the work, while some of the representatives were mere striplings without even a suggestion of a beard. Mr. Underwood was the lucky bidder this time, and the others made things lively, good-naturedly, for him during the evening.

**Teachers' Institute.**  
The teachers have taken the town and the hearts of half our young men are in a state of siege.

Thirty-five pairs of eyes, grown sharp with study and teaching, greeted Miss Stoner's words which opened the sixth annual Cherry county teachers' institute. Prof. C. M. Pinkerton, of Lead, S. D., and R. H. Watson, of Valentine, are the instructors, and Miss Stoner conducts the institute in person. Yesterday forty-one names appeared on the institute rolls, as follows:

Ashburn, Mabel  
Bennett, Maude  
Carlson, Alma  
Dunham, Clara  
Doyle, Inez  
Fowler, Mrs.  
Folks, Maude  
Gordon, Mrs.  
Hubbard, Lottie  
Hayes, Lizzie  
Hahn, Mabel  
Lincoln, Isis  
Morgareidge, J'e  
McLaughlin, K'e  
Pettijohn, Myrtle  
Richardson, L.  
Stark, Edith  
Stinard, Ada  
Smith, Inez  
Thorn, Bertha  
Watson, Mary C.

The work has proceeded smoothly and without interruption from the first morning, according to the following program:

8:00-8:15 —Opening Exercises.  
8:15-9:00 —A. Arithmetic.  
9:00-9:45 —B. Grammar.  
9:45-10:30 —U. S. History.  
10:30-10:40 —Intermission.  
10:40-11:25 —Bookkeeping.  
11:25-12:00 —Physiology.  
12:00-1:15 —Noon.  
1:15-1:30 —Opening Exercises.  
1:30-2:15 —English Literature.  
2:15-2:45 —Civil Government.  
2:45-2:50 —Intermission.  
2:50-3:30 —Orthography.  
3:30-4:15 —Didactics.

Prof. Pinkerton, teacher of arithmetic, history, physiology, civil government and didactics. Prof. Watson, teaches grammar, bookkeeping, literature and orthography. Rev. Moore conducts the music at the opening exercises. With such a corps of instructors the teachers cannot fail to receive great and lasting benefit from their attendance at the institute. Both Prof. Watson and Pinkerton are witty as well as wise and they manage to keep their pupils interested while giving instruction, illustrating many important points with apt anecdotes.

Ye editor dislikes to criticize anything pertaining to our schools, but he feels that things are not as they should be in Cherry county. Of the 41 teachers who attended the institute yesterday, he knows of but two whom he would care to vouch for as gentlemen. 'Tis sad but true.

Prof. Pinkerton delivered a lecture to the teachers and their friends Tuesday evening on "The Three Greatest Ideas of Life," which is said to have been a splendid thing. Our reporter failed to furnish us an abstract of the Professor's talk, much to our regret.

State Superintendent W. R. Jackson visited the Institute yesterday and gave the teachers a talk last evening.

**Commissioner's Proceedings.**  
VALENTINE, NEBR., Aug. 15-1898.

Board of county commissioners met as per adjournment.

Members present: P. Sullivan, chairman, W. A. Parker and T. P. Spratt.

On motion Geo. Elliott was granted duplicate of holdout for \$3.22, to use as refunding order, that amount having been erroneously held out at June meeting.

On motion John F. Hook was appointed road overseer for road district No. 17.

On motion the petition of G. H. Folsom and others, to vacate road running northwest from Merriman to South Dakota line, was rejected.

On motion the affidavits of the Hansen Cattle Co., and the assessor of Loup precinct that 92 head of cattle of said company had been erroneously assessed in Loup precinct was acted upon, and the clerk ordered to draw a refunding order for \$12.10 on the county treasurer.

On motion bids for four bridges advertised for in July were opened, and found to be as follows:

Canton, O., Wrought Iron Co. \$1,935  
Bellefontain Bridge and Iron Co 2,413

Kansas City Bridge Co. 2,120  
Mo. Val. Brge and Iron Works 2,167  
A. McLouth 2,190  
Geo. E. King Bridge Co. 2,375  
Farnsworth & Blodgett 2,347  
Canton Bridge Co. 2,377  
J. R. Sheeley 2,250

The Canton, Ohio, Wrought Iron Company being the lowest bidder was awarded the contract for \$1,935.

Whereupon the board adjourned to August 16, 1898.

AUGUST 16.—Board met pursuant to adjournment, members all present. On motion the board proceeded to the treasurer's office for the purpose of checking up his books and accounts to July 1, 1898. Finished checking up treasurer's books and proceeded to other business.

On motion the report of fees received by Amos Strong, sheriff, to July 1, 1898, was accepted.

On motion the report of fees received by W. R. Towne, county judge, to July 1, 1898, was accepted.

On motion the report of fees received by J. W. Daniels, county clerk, to July 1, 1898, was accepted.

Whereupon the board adjourned to August 17, 1898.

AUGUST 17.—Board met pursuant to adjournment, members all present.

On motion the following claims were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on county bridge fund:

L. B. Belding, lumber and bridge work, claimed \$23 10, allowed \$21 60

On county general fund:  
Hiram Cornell, rent Aug. '97 \$6 67

Being balance due caused by error in filing claim for August, 1897.

On county bridge fund:  
J. W. Yeast, bridge material \$1 00

D. S. Ludwig " " 8 65

On county general fund:  
State Journal Co. supplies \$1 58

W. R. Towne State vs Geo Bishop 6 63

Davenport & Thacher supplies, poor 5 09

On county bridge fund:  
T. P. Spratt viewing bridge sites \$12 00

F. G. Reese road work 8 10

On county general fund:  
J. W. Daniels recording official bonds \$ 25

John Seiback, State vs Samr 5 50

J. W. Daniels expenses 2d or 1893 9 97

Amos Strong State vs Derling 48 88

On county bridge fund:  
R. Hansen repairing bridge \$ 1 50

On county general fund:  
Hiram Cornell rent July 1898 \$66 67

Crabb & Vincent county supplies 1 50

Davenport & Thacher supplies for poor 3 05

State Journal Co. pub. bridge notices 12 50

Amos Strong State vs Derling 6 75

Davenport & Thacher supplies for poor 2 35

L. D. Barnes assessor 50 09

Edward Perry clerk returns 8 00

Arthur Sawyer " 4 00

James Hudson judge " 4 00

Wm. Haes " 4 00

A. K. Kuskie " 4 00

J. W. Daniels fees dist court 20 00

J. H. Quigley supplies for poor 4 00

On motion the following amounts were deducted from the above allowed claims and applied upon delinquent personal taxes:

J. H. Quigley \$ 4 00 L. D. Barnes \$50 00

F. G. Reese 1 80 L. K. Belding 21 60

On motion the following claims were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on the county general fund:

Alfred Lewis salary as county phys \$12 50

Davenport & Thacher supplies for poor 6 85

State Journal Co. supplies 30 00

On motion the following claim was allowed on the county bridge fund and warrant ordered drawn:

D. S. Ludwig, bridge material \$12 05

On motion the clerk was ordered to draw refunding order in favor of F. E. & M. V. R. R. for \$136.77, same having been paid under protest. Also refunding order on county treasurer in favor of J. Bates for 85 cents, same having been paid under protest.

On motion the road petition of H. D. Webster and others was laid over to Jan. 1898.

On motion the clerk was ordered to draw a refunding order on county treasurer in favor of W. R. Towne, for \$65.00 same having been erroneously assessed in 1896.

On motion the petition for bridge across the Niobrara at Brewer's ford, of A. J. Brewer and others, was taken up, Commissioner Sullivan voting to reject, Commissioner Parker voting to lay petition over to June, 1899, and Commissioner spratt voting to allow said petition. As a result petition was laid over to June, 1899.

On motion report of fees received by L. U. Stoner for 2nd quarter 1898, was accepted.

On motion the annual settlement of M. L. Richardson, road supervisor, road district No. 28, was accepted and warrant ordered drawn on road fund for \$18.00

On motion the bids for furnishing the county with hard coal for the year

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ending July 31, 1899, were opened and bids found to be as follows:

Fischer & Ludwig, per ton, \$ 9 95

Geo. Hornby, " 10 80

Fisher & Ludwig being lowest bidder was awarded the contract, at \$9.95 per ton.

On motion the petition of A. J. Plumer and others to bond Cherry county for the sum of \$5,000 to build a court house was taken up informally discussed and laid over to October meeting.

On motion the petition of W. A. Sheibourn and others to have road laid out and bridge built across the Snake river, near se corner of ne1/4 of section 11, tp. 30, range 32, was granted.

On motion the board proceeded to the jail to inspect the same. Returned and ordered the sheriff to have the jail whitewashed.

On motion the following claim was allowed on the county general fund:

D. Stinard, mdse for poor \$3 60

On motion the following amount was deducted and applied on delinquent personal taxes:

D. Stinard \$3 00

On motion the holdout for \$4 of Wm. Cavanaugh erroneously held out at June meeting, was canceled and clerk ordered to draw warrant for \$4 on county general fund.

On motion the following claims were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on county general fund:

W. A. Parker, com. fees \$11 60

W. S. Barker pub. treas state 27 00

On motion clerk was ordered to cancel holdout for \$1.80, erroneously heldout on F. G. Reese and draw a warrant in his favor for \$1.80 on county road fund.

On motion all justices are strictly forbidden to give orders for supplies, or medical attendance to poor unless absolutely known to be paupers.

Whereupon the board adjourned to August 18, 1898.

(Continued next week.)

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