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LOCAL NEWS OF THE TOWN

The Crawford dentist is Dr. Spindlo. This is our first Leap Year issue. Dr. Spindlo the Crawford dentist. School began Tuesday after a week's vacation. Sheriff Lowry returned from Alliance Saturday. Leonard Bout was up from Jim creek yesterday. Robert Harrison was in from Adelia yesterday. Rev. E. E. Zimmerman left for Omaha last night. Misses Lucy and Essie Hill returned to town Monday. Jim Cook and Mrs. Bassett were up from Agate yesterday. Frank Nutto made a pleasant call at our office last Saturday. Earnest Lyon will complete his move to the lower 33 this week. Peter Sumner was down from Hat Creek, Wyoming Monday. Banker Clark made a business trip to Chadron the first of the week. C. H. Grewell and son Charles were up from Hewitt and ate oysters. Paul Wunder becomes a reader of the Press-JOURNAL with this issue. John Biegel came down from Indian creek this week to visit his family. Vern Hanson came up from Crawford Monday to look after the drug store. Tom Plunkett assisted Miss Harris to her school at Black Hill, Wyoming. John L. Kay and son were up from Marsland and attended the oyster supper. John Christian was down from Raw Hide and spent a couple of days in town. J. B. Burke left for Mitchell Saturday evening, where he will stay for some time. F. E. Jandt came up from his ranch and went to Crawford Monday returning yesterday. There was a surprise party on Charles Unit last night. A large crowd went from here. There was quite a crowd at the masquerade ball New Year's eve, and all report a good time. George Davis, Lum Crane and Lo Wilson were down from the Ridge to eat of the oyster supper. Andrew Wasserburger returned from Iowa last Friday, where he went some time ago with horses. Robert Phillips left for Utica, Nebr. Monday night, to spend the remainder of the winter with pa and ma. Mrs. Sarah Davis returned from Chadron Monday morning, where she has been spending the holidays with friends. Irven Zimmerman was up from Bodare Monday and took a slow out with him. We surmise by this that he intends to farm this year. Joseph Umphour arrived here on the passenger last Thursday morning. He has been in Oklahoma and Kansas for past two years. Born—To Mrs. Martha Beers of Crawford, a nine pound boy, last Tuesday. Martha is the daughter of Mr. Patterson formerly of this place. TO CURE ACID IN ONE DAY. Take Laxat, we are a quantity tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. O'Connell's signature is on each box. Low Rate Excursion Tickets to Lincoln, Mo. Via the North Western Line, will be sold on January 10 to 21, inclusive, limited to return until February 1, inclusive, on account of Farmers' insurance and various kindred meetings. Apply to Agents Chicago & North Western Ry. The Wagoner of the World and Modern Woodmen oyster supper, of Tuesday night, was well attended. During the day it was snowing, but the sky was clear at night and the moon shined so that every body could find their homes again after the supper. Wagoner from all around were present—some with their families and some without. The way his oysters, p. 10, 10c and meat had of disappearing is a mystery. It kept the oyster stewers, dish washers, cake, pie and children carvers and flunkys busy for about three hours to satisfy the mob, but in this city happens once a year we look forward with pleasure for the next oyster supper.

HERE AND THERE

Excursion Tickets to Fremont, Neb. Via the North Western Line, will be sold on January 18, 19 and 20, limited to return until January 22, inclusive, on account of Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association Annual Convention. Apply to Agents Chicago & North Western Ry. Misses Tupper and West returned from their homes Tuesday morning, after a week's vacation. We understand Miss W. will resign her position as teacher this week. She says she is going to get married. This being Leap Year she has taken advantage of it, and some fellow is going to be lucky early in the season. Sioux county starts out on a new year paying cash for her warrants, and with a board that is careful and judicious in their actions. Commissioners E. A. Bigelow and Dan Jordan have proven themselves competent in every way, and the new member Mr. A. C. Walters is a strong and capable man, and so far as the administration of the affairs of the county is concerned for citizens are reassured that their interests will be looked after in a business like way. The other day we saw a young man hand his father a five dollar bill which he had earned mucking corn. "I don't need the money," he said by way of explanation, "and you may need it." The boy didn't have a red vest, he had never been "out for a good time" with other young men, had not learned to play pool nor ever set in a poker game yet he didn't need the money. It was about the times just we have had for many a day—out we like a jotted that way often. The world needs millions of boys of this sort. There are plenty of boys for the giddy females to play with plenty of young, loose lighters and plenty of sports. There's a demand for steady honest, unassuming, mainly young men. May their true increase.—Barrett Tribune. The newly elected county officers take charge of the different offices to which they were elected in November. The retiring officers have given the best of satisfaction, and the new ones will do well in following up the records made by their predecessors. Mr. W. J. A. Ryan the retiring clerk, has made one of the best county clerks the county has ever had, and in turning over this office to his successor, he does it with a conscious and a record that any one might be proud of, for he has ever been ready to do his duty as an officer, and there are many that will remember him for his personal favors that he in his four years service has bestowed upon him. The retiring treasurer, John L. Davis, has made an excellent officer, and in retiring has the respect and confidence of the people of the county. J. H. Bartlett, retiring county judge, has made an excellent record, and in administering justice he has always stood for the right, and we have yet to hear one person say he did not get justice. Conrad Parsons, retiring county superintendent, has given the best of satisfaction the time he has been in office. The other officers are their own successors except the county commissioner, L. C. Lewis, who resigned some time ago, but made an able and efficient officer. The PRESS JOURNAL extends best wishes to the retiring officers and the new ones as well. Hunter Happenings. Mrs. Proctor visited school Monday. Dick Hovey was a Harrison visitor Saturday. Bert Archer carried the mail on her back last Friday. Fine weather at this writing—the New Year has a fine start. Mrs. Hagerman and little daughter came over from Saw Dust Monday. School began Monday, after two weeks' vacation—One week of the first term, then four months more. Mrs. Bassett came home last Friday; she had a pleasant visit. Miss Hanson came up from Crawford last Thursday to find a hearing place for the Spring term. Mrs. Hagerman moving away left her without a place. She was successful and went back to Genoa to attend the New Year's eve oyster supper and dance at Mr. Bloomberg's. Some of our young people attended also, they report a fine time. Loren Lewis was down home a few days last week. He returned Saturday. Clara Christensen visited friends in Harrison Thursday and Friday—she had a pleasant visit. Mr. Henry Covey came up on the floor Monday morning and walked across to his home on Highland. Jack Cook and a man from the ranch came over to Andrews Sunday evening and went back Monday morning.

We just heard this evening May Lewis has been sick—We hope she is well by this time. We were sorry to hear of the death of little baby Wright. We extend our heartfelt sympathy. Miss Hanson came up from Crawford Monday and took up her school work. She will make her home with Mrs. Tom Jones the coming term. Miss Harris got left by her train last Friday morning and did not get to stay over as she intended, but had to go on or lose her chance to get to her school Monday. We hope she is nicely settled by the time this goes to press. (From the American Woman.) See the little New Year smiling hands, Roses and Rue in his outstretched hands; These the gifts he offers to me and you, A fragrant Rose or a sprig of Rue! Which shall it be friends—which shall it be? The choice is open to you and me; Which shall our part be, as on we go, Starlight or shadow, joy or woe? Shall we leave the bitter and gather up the sweet, Sharing our glad portion with every soul we meet? Shall we scatter sunshine from happy day to day All through this, the New Year? 'Tis for us to say. This is such a pretty little poem we thought we would pass it along, it might cheer some one who does not take the paper if it was taken from you. U No Carey Items. Miss Anna Landeman is visiting friends in Chadron this week. Mrs. J. E. Amer is on the sick list and Mrs. Jane Griffin is helping her with her work. P. M. Spense spent the holidays at home and returned to his school near Chadron Saturday. New Year's eve there was an oyster supper at the church. It was well attended, and all had a general good time. After spending the holidays at the home of her mother (Mrs. A. Proctor) Mrs. Jack Reed and family returned to Harrison Monday. They were accompanied by Miss Eva Saxton, who will stay with them and attend school. Carl M. Lutz, treasurer-elect, after spending a few days with his family, returned to Harrison Monday to take up the duties of his new office. We shall miss his friendly face. Mr. Editor, when you spoke of the blushing young man that was looking for the judge to marry them we supposed it was our own young people you meant on reading last week's Press-Journal and saw our mistake and will now hasten to chronicle the event. On Jan. 24th, Mr. J. H. Stewart and Mrs. Emma Meyer were married in Harrison. The groom is a young man of sterling worth who by his good character has won the confidence and esteem of all who know him. The bride is a sister to Mrs. Anton Kriz although her residence here has been short, she has won many friends. And now that she has come to stay, we are glad to extend to her a cordial welcome. "Timothy" joins with the many friends in wishing them a long and happy life. IDOLY. Worse Than Drink. The following from the almanac Telegram is all too true and will be applicable right here in Valentine. Ponder over it and then act: Say, boys, if you are flinging on swearing off on some special food here at the beginning of the approaching new year, come and let's talk it over and see if we can't agree upon the most dangerous form of vice with you which you are playing. It isn't using tobacco; that's bad on a pig but not put the nasty stuff in his mouth. It isn't swearing; although no boy can carry a clean heart and indulge in profanity. It isn't drink and indulging in liquor, although the devil never had a better agent on earth than the accused scum which poisons the body and brain of every man who is fool enough to touch it. The craving vice of vice is the habit of gambling. It drives more people to the jaws of hell every year than all other vices. It is the forerunner of lying. A name for gambling will make a bitter, honest every steal, it will make him betray every trust which may be imposed by parents or employers. When a boy has once cultivated a mania for gaming he will have an earnest desire to be true and good, but the serpent will warp his better desires and lead him to the number the spell to do things and hide them from worthy acts which at another time would look hideous, his sight. You do not need to go away from your own home city to find men whose lives have been blighted and ruined by a mania for gaming. And the man grows fatter in a day than the woods grow in the richest garden spot. A good way to start the growth of the gambling spirit is to match pennies with your school-mates. Pretty soon you will tire of that tame sport; and then your appetite will lead you to the dice box, the poker table or the stock ticker. And then—well boys God and many men know that when you shall have reached the gambling goal you will long ago have said goodbye to peaceful sleep. You will have become a stranger to any manner of contentment in this life. I know I cannot just the right kind of a man to give advice to boys. My friends may think me over-zealous as I hope some day to make it. Perhaps it is almost wicked in such a way to talk about the good and the pure. And yet something I half believe only those who have walked in polluted paths can best portray the danger to those who have not walked therein. Don't take my word alone for it, boys. Speak to any man of your acquaintance who ever rested under the curse, and if he be not wholly lost to truth he will tell you in even stronger terms than these that the vice of all vices in the habit of gambling, no matter what the form may be. The best resolution any boy can make at the beginning of the new year will be, not to swear off, not to take a pledge, but rather to have a heart to heart with himself and at the conclusion of the year to be able to say "Never again shall I engage in any manner of gambling for any sum of money however large, however small." Say it, boys, tell it to yourself. No need to tell it to others. It will be the best financial dividend investment you ever made.—Valentine Republican. War Bonnet Topics. Miss Sada Grimm visited with Mary Scott Monday. Len Dunt and family spent the holidays at B-dare with relatives. Maggie Jane has been quite sick for the past week, but is better now. Ed Scott is staying at his aunt, Belle Dunt's, and attending school in Harrison. Miss Nellie has gone to Harrison to work at the Harrison House at present. Jack Finley and son Ben have been hauling lumber from the Jones Hagerman mill this week. A woman who has been in the city of Harrison presents, that Mr. Burt, formerly of this town, with the long mustache, for one, will not forget him very soon. Miss Harris came to Chadron on Saturday morning. She was on her way to Wyoming to begin school. Henry Moravick was taking her up there. Miss Olive's farm came for a four place with them and spent the day. Homer Kennedy has got to be quite a fighter; he lifted two boys last week and crawled into a den after an animal but when he found it was frightened so he didn't stop to stay it but crawled out pretty fast. He hasn't decided what it was yet. I attended the W. O. W. and M. W. A. supper last night and must say it was splendid. The oysters were out of sight (or soon were). Whenever a crowd of boys just now—and the queer part was the men had to be blind for the best of both washers while the women looked on. The children played games and enjoyed themselves, and the general enjoyment was by Mrs. Belle Dunt and E. P. Merrill were appreciated by all lovers of music. In fact it was a very successful and Harrison people sure know how to get up a supper. PEGGY Santa Claus Is there a Santa Claus? Well that depends. Is there such a thing as heaven, or true friendship, or a good woman, or an honest man? Is matrimony a success? Is glass transparent? How big does the moon look? Can you see through a stone wall? Is the sun far off? Do 2 and 2 make 4? Do 2 halves make a whole? Yes, and no. It all depends on the way you look at it. In a scientific sense glass is sometimes opaque; you can see through a stone wall with x-rays; the sun is far off compared with earthly distances to the fixed stars that astronomers find it of no use even as a unit of measure; 2 and 2 can make 22; in music there can be 3 half notes to a whole measure—and so on. Many people have never seen Santa Claus, and even quantity, for them, there is no Santa Claus. But, as Charles Kingsley says in his delightful "Water Babies," "no seeing a thing is by no means the same as being not existing." A kid particularly in his own mind, and he will not feel any pleasure. Yet it is he goes to prove that he has one? It must come, his imagination, but he has never seen it. At our house we know there is a Santa Claus for he has been around in person

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Electric Lamps on Horses. Electric lamps on the bridges of carriage horses are now quite common in Berlin. The current is supplied by a storage battery under the carriage seat. Child Labor in Saxony. In Saxony, of 604,600 school children, 137,831, or 23 per cent, are employed in trade. More than half these children are employed in the textile industry. A Strange Bequest. By the will of William Lysnaght of Monroe, Wis., Frank Mackey, a farm hand, receives a bequest of a farm worth \$25,000 on condition that he shall keep testator's widow's carriage clean and supply her with fresh milk during the remainder of her life.