



# The News at Hemingford.

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James Montague was in town Saturday.

D. P. McLean was in from Box Butte Saturday.

John Curran was in from Canton Wednesday.

Adolph Nicout was in town a few hours Saturday.

James Tucek has purchased a piece of land in his range.

A. D. Millet went to Branning on business Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Sherwood spent a few days with Mrs. Fred Neeland last week.

Mrs. Armstrong was quite sick Sunday but at present is much better.

Mrs. J. W. Christy has suffered a relapse and at present writing she is very low.

Arthur Bennett was down from Marsland Tuesday transacting business.

Rev. N. E. Gardner attended the revival meetings at Alliance Monday evening.

Barnard Fendrich was in town Saturday transacting business with our merchants.

Babeok Bros. are agents for a new washing machine which seems to be a complete success.

Wedding bells are ringing around us in all directions. Something is going to happen soon.

A box containing free reading has been installed in the postoffice by some benevolent person.

Miss Miller, a young lady living north of here, attended the Royal Highlander social Friday evening.

Isaac Rickell returned from Central City Saturday in time to be installed as V. C. of the M. W. A.

Postoffice Inspector Swift of Omaha drove out to Box Butte Wednesday to look after a case in his line in that vicinity.

A. S. Enyeart returned from Lincoln and University Place, on Tuesday, and reports a pleasant visit with friends and relatives.

John Kean came up from Alliance to attend a quiet wedding which took place Tuesday in the vicinity of Girard. Names of parties in another place.

The \$100 citizens' subscription to the school funds is all paid in. Mr. A. Sherwood has the credit for doing the arduous work of collecting this amount.

A normal class for Bible study was organized by Rev. Connell on Monday evening. The class starts out with bright prospects. About fifteen have joined it.

The M. W. A. installed the following officers Saturday evening: V. C., I. Rickell; clerk, C. Olds; banker, H. F. Goodenough; escort, H. R. Olds; W. A., F. W. Huecke.

We are pleased to note that Ira E. Tash's appointment has been concurred by the senate. Mr. Tash will make Alliance a good postmaster and we wish him well in his new work.

Mrs. B. E. Johnson and Mrs. Hattie Sherwood went to Alliance Sunday evening. Mrs. Sherwood went from Alliance to Council Bluffs Monday where she will visit relatives for a while.

We have got wind of a quiet wedding which took place at the M. E. parsonage last week. In about three weeks we shall be able to tell who the contracting parties were. Watch these columns. It's a secret till then.

Dr. Elkner was called to Ben Moore's ranch a few miles west of Marsland to attend a case of small pox Tuesday. It is thought that others may have been exposed since the patient, Frank Moore, came down from Ardmore where the disease is prevalent.

Victor Herucall has successfully passed the examination required to be an operator. His first job will be at Theford. Victor is a boy way above the average intellectually and we have no doubt that by prudence, pains and fidelity to duty, he will soon gain merited promotion. Here's luck to you, Victor.

The second quarterly meeting for Hemingford charge will be held at Hemingford February 8. The quarterly conference will be held at the M. E. church Saturday at 2:30 p. m. A full attendance of all official members is desired. Sacramental service Sunday at 11 a. m., preaching by Rev. J. A. Scamahorn, P. E.—C. E. CONNELL, Pastor.

The Royal Highlander social was a great success. The first thing on the program was the ghosts. About fifty in number were present and as the lights were turned low they made a very ghostly appearance. The lady ghosts were sold at auction for so much per hundred. After the sale a program consisting of songs, a pantomime and a farce was given. Everyone had a good time.

Winnie Keane and Miss Emma Shimek were married at Alliance on Wednesday, January 28, 1903. Mr. Keane is section foreman at Girard and has been advanced to his present position on account of industry and ability. He also has quite a little ranch started. Mrs. Keane is a daughter of Mike Shimek, a prosperous ranchman living north-west of Girard. The bride is a regular Box Butte county girl, perfectly able to help a man on to success and to adorn and make home pleasant. Here's a double health to these young people.

Among the resources of this vicinity the potato industry, though secondary to stockraising, is of considerable importance. For the last seven or eight years, during the dry years, the potato crop has been uniformly good and the price has been such that it has been at all times profitable. Our potatoes have an established reputation for quality in the markets to which we have access both for table use and for seed. Since it has been demonstrated that this crop can be grown in our soil during the driest years with profit there ought to be a greatly increased acreage in the county next year. The introduction of new and pure varieties should be attended to not only by our intelligent and progressive farmers but by the county board who might assist by a liberal appropriation. In eastern Nebraska the agricultural societies experiment with the different varieties of corn, wheat, oats etc., by giving seed of the different varieties to farmers in the different counties or different parts of the same county when they possess diversified soil. These are closely observed and the details of their growth are reported and from these reports much useful information is obtained regarding their adaptability and so forth. There is but a small quantity of seed shipped into this county and as a result it is becoming difficult to find pure varieties. If pure varieties are no longer grown then the seed outlet for potatoes will soon be gone. This has always been the most paying market. It seems to us that the thing to do is to experiment during 1903 with many varieties by the farmers with the assistance of the county commissioners and for potato raisers to go to the expense of securing pure varieties of seed, northern grown which are known to do well here. An agricultural society, which of course would include a stock department, ought to be a success in this county and if organized could have charge of experiments in this line with potatoes and also in the line of grasses which flourish in a semi-arid region. Government and state aid could be secured in such work.

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