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REMEMBER the—Bennington. Who's to blame?

Do not let the sewer system agitation die out. Keep the ball rolling.

Vice may be concealed in robes of silk, but virtue shines forth in a tattered garb.

THE Norway-Sweden conflict conflict is still agog. A case of agreeing to disagree.

THE republican state convention has been called to meet at Lincoln on Thursday, September 14.

WHILE the Equitable assurance scandal is interesting the people, Rockefeller is quietly gathering in the oil fields of Kansas.

THE harvest festival is a good name, and Alliance the proper place to hold it. Let's all pull together and it will come through with flying colors.

ALREADY the farm machinery combine is reaping the benefit of the bumper grain crop with the number of harvesters required to gather the crop.

THE destruction of the United States gunboat Bennington by the explosion of a boiler, in San Diego, Cal., harbor is doubly lamented by the citizens of Alliance, for of the hundred or more lives destroyed one was from among us.

SENATOR MITCHELL of Oregon is one among many unable to evade the penalty of his misdeeds in violation of the law and has been sentenced to six months penal servitude and pay a fine \$1,000. There are other Mitchells, so let the good work go on.

THE crusade against the poisonous cigarette in Nebraska has bumped up against the mail-order concerns of Chicago who are advertising in the state papers that cigarettes will be shipped in by mail. Is Uncle Sam a party to the carrying on of the traffic?

A MOVEMENT is on foot to probe all insurance companies. A convention of policy holders for the purpose of demanding an investigation of the affairs of every life insurance company in the country is urged by the Iroquois club of Chicago to be called in that city at an early date. What an airing that will create.

THE Kaiser of Germany is after the colored vote. He recently ordered presented to George C. Ellis, a negro laborer at the Washington barracks, a silver watch and chain, for saving the statue of Frederick the Great from damage by the explosion of a package of dynamite placed on the fence surrounding it. The Kaiser's gift will be all right if it don't happen to be a waterbury.

THE Uintah reservation of Utah, to be thrown open for settlement in September, is not an Eldorado, judging from the following letter written by Commissioner W. A. Richards of the general land office at Washington:

"From such information as this office possesses in regard to these lands it is my opinion that the best of the lands have been taken for Indian allotments and Indian grazing lands and that all but a small portion of the land that will be opened will have to be irrigated in order to cultivate it, and all homestead entries will have to pay \$1.25 per acre at the time they make their final proof, which money goes to the Indians."

THE secretary of the interior has executed a contract and approved the bond of the Deadwood Construction company of Deadwood, S. D., for the construction of division No. 4 of the interstate canal North Platte project, Nebraska and Wyoming. Division No. 4 consists of two miles of main canal, for which the bid of the Deadwood Construction company, \$32,695, was the lowest.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

Attend Norton's shoe sale. J. A. Reardon is spending the week in Omaha.

H. J. Ellis was a Crawford visitor Wednesday. Charlie Tully was up from Lakeside Monday on business.

Superintendent Birdsall went to Deadwood today on 41.

M. A. Brown was an Alliance visitor the latter part of the week. Rev. Embree and wife of Hemingford were Alliance visitors Monday.

Dr. Frey will take her departure in the morning for Colorado on a month's vacation.

The Misses Leah Kraemer and Helen Smith visited at Guernsey last Saturday with friends.

Miss Ready arrived Wednesday from St. Paul, Minn., to visit her sister Mrs. John Brennan.

Mr. and Mrs. Badgley and daughter Mrs. E. M. Todd left yesterday for the Portland exposition.

C. R. Fuller, the photographer, returned today from Portland where he spent three months.

Wm. Manchester has been confined to his home for several days on account of physical indisposition.

Miss Della Reed left for Perry, Iowa, Wednesday morning to spend a few weeks' vacation with relatives.

Mrs. P. J. Nolan held the number—456—which drew the silk dress at Bogue's Saturday evening.

Fred Hanson, formerly of this city, now of Lead City, was renewing old acquaintances here this week.

J. H. Gasney of Omaha, representing the American Tobacco Co., was in the city Saturday calling on the trade.

Art Gordon returned yesterday from his visit at Merna. He says the crops in Custer county are immense this year.

Louis Leavitt of Hemingford accompanied his daughter Jessie to Alliance Monday. Miss Leavitt came to attend the normal.

Judge Berry spent a couple of days in Broken Bow this week where he was counsel in a contest case before the land office.

J. F. Mills of the Sheridan Post was in the city yesterday, having come down to meet his father who came from Denver.

Judge W. S. Ridgell left last Sunday morning for his old home at Richmond, Mo., for a visit of a few days with relative and friends.

Ira Reed returned Monday from Perry, Iowa, and is buying another car of horses which he expects to ship to Illinois next week.

C. O. Davis came in from the eastern part of the state yesterday and went down to Minature with a view of buying a newspaper.

Mrs. Rustin, county superintendent, is arranging for an exhibit of school work from this county to be placed in the educational exhibit of the state fair.

Judge Patterson, wife and son of Rushville came in from Denver today enroute home. They have spent a month very pleasantly at Colorado resorts.

Mrs. J. A. Rowan left Sunday for Kearney. She will accompany her mother, Mrs. Dudley, to Omaha where she will have an operation performed on her eyes.

John Barnstead and James Hollinrake, two of THE HERALD's valued friends from the north part of the county transacted business at the county seat Saturday.

Assistant Postmaster Frank McFarland, wife and little daughter left Tuesday for Stanton, Neb., where they will visit Mr. McFarland's parents for a couple of weeks.

Gene Parks, the genial engineer, returned to Alliance Wednesday after a month's trip on the several divisions with the pile driver. He will take his run out of Alliance again.

Misses Bertha and Alma Hamilton, Mabel Duncan, Harry Paul and Henry Kelly returned Monday from Hot Springs, where they had spent several days having a jolly good time.

T. S. Fjelding and son have been down in the sand hills for several days hunting for their driving horse, which got out of the Smyser pasture last Saturday and has not since been seen.

W. J. Johnson and wife came in from the ranch Thursday and went down to Scottsbluff to spend a day with Charlie Irions and family. Mrs. Johnson was taken suddenly ill at the entertainment at the opera house and was under the care of a physician for a day. Mr.

The City of Alliance

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Committee Makes a Report.

The committee having charge of the Fourth of July celebration herewith make an itemized statement of the amount of money collected and disbursement, which leaves a surplus of \$250.79. This speaks well for the actions of those in charge of one of the most ably conducted celebrations ever held.

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditures. Receipts list donors like Simon Spry, F. Betzold, J. Berry, etc. Expenditures list items like Publicity Committee, Phone, stamps, etc.

Johnson brought in a sample of speltz from his field of 75 acres. The grain stands over five feet and will yield at least sixty bushels per acre. The acreage in the county is not large as yet but doubtless will increase when the value of it is better known.

Mrs. Wm. Fosket and daughter Blanche came in on the Denver train today from California. They visited the exposition at Portland. Mrs. Fosket has a daughter living there.

J. A. Wilson was down from Box Butte yesterday. Mr. Wilson says that his neighbor, Mr. Banks, lost one of his fine, 1700 pound mares last week. His herd is said to be one of the best in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Triplett and Mrs. Chas. Triplett will leave tomorrow on a trip to California and the Portland exposition. They will also visit Yellowstone National park and expect to be gone six weeks or longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ohlsson left yesterday morning via Denver for a visit at the Portland exposition and other places of interest along the coast including San Francisco. They expect to be gone three months.

Mrs. Rose Reardon, accompanied by her son "Babe," left for Sidney Tuesday morning and was joined there by her brother, James Sweeney. Together they went to Ogden, where Mrs. Reardon will visit for some time.

Rev. Father Mysary, who assumed charge of Holy Rosary parish during Father Devos' absence, left last Monday for Hot Springs, where he will visit in company with Father Lecler of Crawford and Father Barry of Chadron.

A copy of a beautiful song, "Come Where the Roses Bloom," was received at this office this week, the composer being an Alliance lady, Mrs. L. S. Campbell, whose talent is shown by the tender word phrasing and the harmony of this song.

Wm. Aldrich of Ord, Neb., was on the market July 21, with a very nice car of heifers that sold for \$4.80, a very satisfactory price considering the condition of the market. They were sold by the Nye & Buchanan Co. Mr. Aldrich kept two head at home which he expects to make very fancy about the holidays. They were making exceedingly good gains and he kept them partly as a matter of experiment to show what could be done in the way of putting on flesh.

She Muffled the Pup. She was pretty enough to be worth looking at, and when she took her seat in a car on the Sixth avenue "L" Smithers, who sat opposite stole a few admiring glances over his evening paper. She unbuttoned her fur-lined coat and began fishing into a big bearskin muff in her lap. First she drew out two handkerchiefs. Then came her purse, a bottle of perfume, a bunch of keys, a pair of gloves and—a black and white puppy with soft brown eyes.

The man on the same seat with Smithers seemed to be on the verge of apoplexy. "That beats a juggler's hat," he growled. "Wait a minute and she'll fish out the fried eggs, American beauty roses and the live rabbit."—New York Press.

Governor's Long and Busy Life. George Laird Shoup, first governor of Idaho, who is dead at the age of 68, had a picturesque career. He was 11 years in the senate. While colonel of the Third Colorado cavalry he pursued a band of hostile Comanches 500 miles, captured them, recovered the spoil of several merchandise caravans they had attacked and compelled the chiefs to sign a treaty, which was afterward observed in good faith. Mr. Shoup weighed about 300 pounds and was very tall. His rugged good nature and strong, shrewd character won him friends in national politics, as they had as a mining storekeeper in his early years.

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