

GLEANED from the EXCHANGES



LOST TWENTY-NINE HEAD IN HAIL STORM

Custer County Republican:
W. A. Crisp, from north of this city had one of the heaviest losses of cattle for spring that has been reported for some time. He lost twenty-nine head in the hail and rain Saturday evening. He was in town at the time. The cattle got into a point where the two creeks join near the house and were covered with the hail which in places was five feet deep, due to the wash of the water. Those of the cattle able to get out of the deep hail got into the creek and could not swim out because of the floating hail on the water. The hail in that section covered the ground to the depth of eight inches it is reported by those who saw it during the storm's worst. In the gullies along the creek, Tuesday saw several feet of hail piled up yet.
The stock lost were partly yearlings and some older ones. At the present prices this is a very serious loss. The stock was all in good shape but the storm was too severe.

FARM HOME BURNED TO THE GROUND

Rushville Recorder:
Last Friday morning about three o'clock Henry Abold awoke and found the house on his farm full of smoke. He got up and investigated and found the smoke proceeded from between the studding but away from the stove or chimney. He got an ax and cut away some of the plaster and getting some water apparently quenched the flames, but his wife happened to go out a little later and found the flames had broken out again on the east side of the house under the stoup. Henry continued to fight the fire till the wind came up when he began to think of removing things from the house, but the wind took things so rapidly that he could hardly save a thing and practically everything was consumed in the flames. He is at a loss to understand how the fire could have originated, as it was not near the usual sources of flames; and he does not believe it was caused by lightning. The house was a two-story log building, finished with weather boarding on the outside and lathed and plastered. He carried some insurance.

SOLDIER BOYS STILL SOJOURN AT HOME

Gering Courier:
The members of Co. G from Scottsbluff and Gering, who went into Alliance last Saturday night with the presumption that they were off for war duty, found on reaching Alliance they were merely accepted into the government service and excused for a short time, indefinite as to date. Most of the local members are back again at home patiently waiting such time as Uncle Sam shall finally make up his mind he is ready for them.

COURT CARRIED A CONCEALED WEAPON

Custer County Chief:
You see, Judge Ford has been a very busy man this week, because he is moving to his new residence on the north side of town. Most of the time he has taken his meals on the installment plan and slept whenever he could find a comfortable place on the drape between the cook stove and dresser. During Monday he picked up a few minor articles in the old house intending to carry them across town. Among the articles was a double-action revolver, which the judge slipped in his back pocket. He showed the weapon to several people, including Marshal Towsley and the court house officials. After the judge had departed with another load of furniture, the marshal went to County Attorney Kelly and told him about the gun, whereupon the prosecutor filed a complaint against his honor charging him with carrying a concealed and deadly weapon. They then went to the county court room where Miss Emma Scott, clerk of the court, filled out a blank warrant that had been signed by the judge and the same was delivered in the hands of Sheriff Joe Wilson to serve. The opportunity did not arrive until Tuesday forenoon, when the judge took a breathing spell from his household cares and visited the court house. Joe was waiting for him and served the warrant at once. The court recognized his own signature and realized that everything had been done according to Hoyle. Prosecutor Kelly came in and insisted upon the case going to

trial at once, but the judge said he was too busy and suggested a continuance. It is more than likely that the court (being a just judge) will obey the mandates of the law and give himself the extreme penalty; but as he is inclined to be lenient in cases of first offense he will probably suspend sentence pending good behavior. Anyhow, the officials are hoping that his honor will assess to himself enough costs to buy the cigars and a few malted milks.

SOLDIER BOY AT TUNNEL LINES UP CARPENTERS

Crawford Courier:
An interesting little scene transpired at the Belmont Tunnel a few days ago, showing the guards there are taking no chances regarding orders. A soldier boy on guard seeing a number of men about to go into the tunnel ordered them to 'Halt.' They protested, but he ordered them to line up, which they grumblingly obeyed. Lieut. Sturdevant was soon on the scene, to find out the trouble, when they complained to him, insisting the guard knew who they were and of their right to go thru. They were quietly informed by the officer that the guard was obeying orders, which were to the effect that no one could go thru the tunnel without consent of the officer in command of the guards, who then gave them the necessary permission, with the advice that hereafter they should proceed in proper compliance with military law laid down. It will evidently take some time for civilians to understand the new order of things along military safety lines.

TOOK 14 YEAR OLD TO THEDFORD, MARRIED

Custer County Chief:
Hershel Gier, who took little Velma Sissel, a 14 year old girl of near Berwyn, to Thedford last week and married her, has been allowed to go without any charge being preferred against him. It was impossible to press a charge of abduction against the young man in this state as he had not attempted to make a get away with the child bride, but on the contrary had brought her back home after the ceremony. Both parties assured County Attorney Kelly they had never lived together as man and wife and having satisfied himself they were telling the truth the prosecutor allowed the young couple to depart. It is possible that the girl's mother and stepfather will take steps toward having the marriage annulled at the next term of district court.

FARMERS UNION COUNTY CONVENTION AT HAY SPGS.

Hay Springs News:
Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union county convention will be held in Rushville, June 7 the business meeting to convene at 10 a. m. Each local lodge is entitled to one delegate for each 10 members or fraction thereof (only delegates are entitled to vote.)
The afternoon to be taken up with discussions, speaking, and various amusements. H. A. Gustafson, president of the Union will talk on rural schools and marketing of potatoes.

TWO SUSPECTS HALTED PROVED TO BE TRAMPS

Crawford Courier:
A little excitement happened at Fort Robinson Tuesday evening of this week, which might have proven disastrous to a couple of "Weary Willies," if they hadn't taken seriously the command to "Halt." Private Mitchell of Co. I, who had been detailed to guard a small bridge just east of the fort, noticed a couple of suspicious characters near the bridge, and without hesitation drew a bead on them and ordered 'Hands up.' They complied, protesting they were doing no harm, but the soldier boy taking no chances ordered them to proceed ahead of him to the fort with the warning that any suspicious movement on their part would cause him to shoot to kill. They willingly obeyed, and upon later investigation were found to be two tramps who had been ejected from a passing train by the employes. However, the nifty soldier boy, was up to snuff, and was raised to the rank of "High Private" for his pluck, which means also a raise in his pay very materially.

SHERIDAN COUNTY SHERIFF CAPTURES HORSE THIEVES

Rushville Standard:
Sheriff Bruce returned Tuesday

right from Cheyenne with Walter Lawyers a member of the horse thief gang which has been doing a "land office" business for several years in Western Nebraska and Wyoming in the way of taking possession of horse flesh that belonged not to them. Of the eight thieves who have been arrested six have been convicted and given a penitentiary sentence.

TWENTY FIVE BUSHELS OF SPUDS BRING \$37.00

Rushville Recorder:
George Rush brought a bottom box of potatoes to town Friday, containing a little over 25 bushels, for which he received the nice little sum of \$57. He said he had lived a long time in Sheridan county and cannot remember the time when he got more than \$1.00 a bushel for potatoes, but this time he got something like \$2.28 a bushel. We reminded him of the good old times when we first came to Rushville when we used to urge the farmers at Institute to put in potatoes, and they used to snap our head

off by retorting "Potatoes! Bah. Too much work." George laughed and said they did not talk that way now.

"IF THE SHOE FITS YOU— THEN WEAR IT"



—By— ADAM LIAR

I attended the picture show last week—the night "The Life of Our Savior" was shown. A couple of gum-chewing girls sat immediately behind me. They were the kind that keep explaining the picture to each other and anticipating what is to come. It was very quiet. The orchestra had stopped playing for an interval. The Savior Himself appeared in the scene. "Oh! look! Edna," one of them said, "There's Jesus Christ, ain't he just swell?"

You wouldn't naturally expect a man who runs an undertaking establishment to be continually "pulling" the bright stuff, but take it from me, Alliance has one that is there and over. Monday night the regular luncheon that is held by the directors of the Commercial Club every

two weeks was staged at the Alliance hotel. The subject of amusements for the Stockmen's Reunion to be held here in June was up for discussion. Someone suggested that a bunch of Indians might be secured for the occasion. Our steered comped then and there said, "They'd have about a dozen squaws with them and when they got out on the track there'd only be a couple of them." To which the sober undertaker replied, "Hardly enough to go 'round, eh?" The smokes were on our comped.

It would be a good time now to write to the "folks" living in Nebraska and tell them that the Stockmen's Reunion will be held in Alliance the last week in June. Invite them here for a visit with you. They'll enjoy the visit. You'll enjoy the visit. You both will have one whooping time during the Stockmen's Reunion. Big carnival old time wild west stunts, etc., will make a week you all will remember for a long time to come.

I see the latest propaganda for the reduction of the high cost of living is to eat horseflesh. But who wouldn't prefer the h. c. o. l.

One telephone corporation handled 29,420,000 calls a day last year. That explains why the line was busy when you called.

Organizations such as the Boy Scouts are a fine thing. There should be troops in every community. Something must be done to keep the boys going and the organization of Sir

Baden-Powell's is about the best thing I know of.

Whenever you think anybody is bluffing in the game of life, call the bluff by raising the bid.

Steve Jackson and his "nag" were in attendance at the horse inspection held at the stockyards Tuesday. Steve offered to sell the animal for use in the French army, but the inspectors decided he needed the horse in his business.

Do your bit: Buy a Liberty bond. Join the Red Cross.

DAUGHTER OF HUNGERFORD DIES AT CRAWFORD MONDAY

Crawford Courier:
The Courier regrets to chronicle the death of Selma Elsie Hungerford, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arah L. Hungerford of this city, which occurred on Monday afternoon of this week, the 21st, of typhoid pneumonia. The little girl had been ill for a number of weeks, hovering between life and death, with hope and despair alternating in the minds of the loving parents, sisters and brothers; but the death angel loves a shining mark and claimed the little innocent child and leaves the home filled with sorrow. The funeral is to be held this afternoon from the home, Rev. M. C. Smith of the Methodist church conducting the services. The Courier joins our entire community in sympathy for the bereaved family.

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