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First National Bank Bldg.

110 West Third Street, formerly occupied by the Wiker Music House

FARM LANDS, CITY PROPERTY AND LOANS

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Less than a week of rain weather—and the effect is plain noticeable. Travelers from the vicinity of Broncho lake report that the swimming season is officially open. Boys whose mothers think the water is too cold would be worried if they knew how many youngsters have been practicing the crawl stroke.

And every now and then you can see a kid "going barefoot." They are walking gingerly, as the feet have a tendency to be tender, but proudly. It's a trifle soon for most mothers to permit the removal of shoes and stockings. The glimpse of rolled up heavy underwear leads us to believe that some of the boys are taking

the shoes off after leaving home. In muddy weather, they couldn't get away with it, but it's a soft snap now.

The best harbinger of spring, now that the bock beer signs are no more and the robins are discredited—they arrived too soon—is the opening of the fishing season. Folks are digging in the gardens for bait and in the brush for liquid bate, and nearly every Nimrod has all his tackle ready. Roads are punk, but half a dozen or more parties have started out, and rumor says that some of them have been moderately successful. As to just how many fish constitutes a moderately full creel, we refuse to state, not knowing anything of fishing lore in this locality. But sooner or later someone will start the annual fisherman's luck contest. That is one of the chief benefits of the sport.

Fishing won't be as popular a sport as it was in the wild, free days when all that was needed to make a fishing party successful was to have

plenty of anti-snake bite along. In fact, a year or two ago, a lot of men bought rodes and tackle simply as a stall. They made a great impression on friend wife. The beauty of fishing as a sport was that so long as a man had one big day, it wasn't necessary for him to repeat the performance again for another year. Of course, now and then a wife would get suspicious, but fishermen, like dead men, tell no tales. Nobody ever heard of a fisherman giving a friend away.

Those reminiscences of early days in Box Butte county that were published in The Herald have struck a popular chord with the old-timers and the young-old-timers. And as a result we're learning more about the country of our adoption every day. Contributions on these subjects, be it known, are always welcome. Here's another one that arrived the first of the week.

"Speaking of 'Gene Heath's Grip' reminds me of a time, about 1889 or 1890, after Nonpareil died. 'Gene' brought his Grip to Alliance. The Times at that time was edited by Hitchcock and Harvey Ellis was the devil, printer and about everything else connected with the newspaper. About four-fifths or more of both papers was printed away from town (patent insides.) When news was scarce, the editors chewed the rag. 'Gene' Heath was an artist on wood-cut making. Once he said he would make Hitchcock crawl in a hole and pull the hole after him. The next issue he had a picture of a man going into a cave on his knees and closing the door after him.

"Speaking of printers' devils, the first time I saw Frank Broome he was the devil on 'Gene's Grip' at Nonpareil and he came to the public pump for a pitcher of water. Some rags showed on the seat of his breeches (I think it was his shirt, but would not swear to it.) Frank was a devil of a good type-aligner, and also a devil of a good singer. I heard him sing in church once, but I had to laugh then thinking about that shirt-tail, because the devil was quite a dude by that time.

"In those times Box Butte county, outside the towns and villages, had a much larger population than at the present. It would average three houses or shacks on every section of land, with families in most of them. But about twelve out of every dozen mortgaged his farm to live on account of the drouth and hot winds and finally gave up the ghost and went to live with his wife's relations in the same prairie schooners in which they came. Those of us who were not fortunate enough to have wives with relatives had to stay—and we are here yet."

NEW OSAGE GUSHER TESTS 1,728 BARRELS

The greatest well in the world for quantity and quality of production at the depth of 1335 feet has been proven with a test on the gusher on section 19, which when opened last week flowed seventy-barrels an hour, says the Newcastle News-Journal. Oil men of standing declare that nowhere is a well of this depth producing 1800 barrels, while no other well on record can hold up with the quality below a 1,000 feet. A daily production of 1800 barrels is beyond the estimate of most conservative oil men who placed the production at 1,000 barrels. A price of \$3.95 in Omaha gives some idea of what Osage oil in quantities as has been revealed through a test of the gusher will amount to.

A good showing of oil has been encountered on section 15-64-46 by a Pueblo, Colo., syndicate and a well has brought in at 280 feet on section 31. The well on 15 lies at the outer edge and proves a wide-strip hitherto unknown.

A deal involving \$20,000 was closed Tuesday when W. F. Willetts, former geologist of the famous Trap-shooter well in Eldorado, Kas., bought 320 acres on section 14-46-64 from Feagin and Mortimer.

The Nee-No-She-Bil company is placing a heavy rig on section 9-45-63 which ground is under lease from the Updike interests.

Persistent rumor here last week of a new gusher has not been confirmed although it is known that any one of three wells would strike the producing sands within a short time.

With the goal of their long campaign almost reached the suffragists are singing in chorus: "Where do we go from here?"

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HARVEY'S CAFE

Will be opened some time in the middle of June at 222 Box Butte Avenue, in the building formerly occupied by Vaughn & Son, and the Nebraska and Co.

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J. C. Harvey

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