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COUNTY NEWS

Rained Down At Agee.
Mrs. Belle Nelson called at Agee Sunday.

Ed Peterson was on the sick list last week.

T. Simonson has purchased a new mower and rake.

Some of the farmers are well on with their haying.

Anna Ridgeway visited with Mae Lansworth last Thursday.

P. J. Lansworth has purchased a new wagon and two hay racks.

The Misses Ridgeway, Hubby and Hansen called at Agee Sunday.

Corn is looking fine and bids fair to be an exceedingly large crop.

A good many farmers of this vicinity are threshing out of the shock.

Ira Lansworth, of O'Neill, visited with Mrs. Chas. Wrede, jr., last Sunday.

Clarence Simonson took in the dance at Nolkampers Saturday evening.

U. S. Thornton left this week for Fort Madison, Ia., where he will visit his son this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt, of O'Neill, and Mr. and Mrs. Hatch, of Page, visited at Wrede's Sunday.

The ice cream social given at Eden Valley last Saturday eve, for the benefit of the M. E. church was a success.

Water melons are ripe and delicious. "Ivanhoe."

MIDWAY ITEMS.

Haying is in full blast.
The Julius boys are threshing near Vents.

A. G. Anson is doing a rushing business in the blacksmith shop.

Hogs are dying in this locality from some disease the farmers are not acquainted with.

Mrs. Sargent and daughter, of Page, were visiting relatives at Middle Branch Thursday.

L. Verooman, of Venus, went to Page Friday and brought back a new 5 foot cut Deering mower. Machinery is selling fast and things are looking brighter.

Mr. Kneppshoff, who has been living with his son two miles west of Venus, made a sudden disappearance Wednesday. At the present writing his whereabouts is unknown.

The picnic at Vents was a grand success and everything went off very smoothly. The crowd began to gather at 9 a. m. and continued till night. After dinner Rev. Andrews made a very fine speech on old settlers and numerous other things. After he had finished speaking, two brothers from Campbell Bros. circus did some lofty tumbling and a small sum was raised for them and they went on their way rejoicing. The ball game was fine. The score was Venus 16, Savage 19. The day closed with a dance in the evening.

Holt Co. Ranger.

EMMET.

Mrs. Wade and daughter have gone to Hot Springs for the benefit of their health.

Mrs. Hayes is visiting friends in the north.

John Hays was visiting in these parts Sunday.

Rev. Taylor will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday.

Mrs. Hubby is visiting her parents north of O'Neill this week.

Otto Brown, of Pawnee City, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Otto Brown and Maudie Parnell spent Wednesday at C. Embody's.

Mr. Gorten and wife are keeping house at Wade's, during Mrs. Wade's absence.

Your correspondent wishes to apologize for the mistake in regard to Mr. Puckett, and will try to be more positive of facts in the future.

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DRY CREEK DO NGS.
Watermelons are ripe!

Captain Slatery has just bought a new mower.

John and Jim Carney visited Rafe Shaw Sunday.

Dan McCarthy transacted business at Ewing Thursday.

Art Menish is again a welcome Dry Creek member.

Master Fay Packett was the guest of Leslie Engersoll Wednesday.

Mr. Puckett has completed a large pasture enclosing his many acres.

John Carr came up from Stafford Wednesday to look after his cattle.

Miss Stella Smith passed through this region from O'Neill on his way home to Inez Tuesday.

Hay McClure and two Sioux City gentlemen were devouring Dry Creek scenery last week.

All of Dry Creek's fair women and brave men attended the ball game at Conley's Sunday.

The Misses Belle Mulligan and Anna Dougherty and Mr. John Mulligan visited at Clark's Monday.

Mr. Haynes, O'Neill's enthusiastic ball player, endeavored without success to scare up some Dry Creek chickens last Saturday.

The writer was an Emmet visitor the fore part of last week, and, notwithstanding his numbered years, enjoyed the visit immensely.

The Tigers beat the Conleys in a ball game Sunday, the score standing 4 to 7 in favor of the former. The Dry Creeks then played the winners and the game was a tie.

The founding of the Dry Creek Gymnasium has aroused much interest. The school was opened with a brilliant reception Tuesday morning and Dry Creek's gymnastic and pugilistic future is earnestly discussed.

So much must not be expected of the poor Dry Creek poet, whom nature has provided for only at various times a flow of poetic eloquence. We had better not say anything about the "white coats" because "the evil that men do live after them."

During this busy season the writer does not have time to visit the different towns and discover the news, and if McCaffrey desires to be popular in Dry Creek's affairs, they should now and then send a record of their proceedings. Dry Creek's hospitality is unsurpassed and we feel the keenest sorrow if we have slighted anyone.

EMPORIA.

Mrs. Charles Davis is quite ill with nervous prostration.

Emporia school opens next week with Mr. Wykle as teacher.

The hum of the threshing machine is heard in the land daily. Haying too is in progress, so farmers have a busy time.

To glance over our bountiful harvest productions, no one would think we had ever taken relief to keep the wolf from the door.

Miss Agnes Leach, of Neligh, is a guest at the Farnsworth home. Amusements, such as students only know how to plan and enjoy, are the order of the day.

John Smith has been indisposed for some time. August weather is very trying.

Ambrose Farnsworth has gone to Des Moines, Iowa, where he will enter Highland Park College as a student in the school of Pharmacy. Nemo.

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A CINDER WAS IN HIS EYE.

But It Came Out After a Shaking Up in a Car.

In the very center of a crowded cable car stood a short but heavy man, with a cinder in his eye, says the New York Tribune. Although the cinder evidently gave him serious annoyance, he was good-natured about it and in spite of the fact that his fellow-passengers manifested the utmost indifference to his personal affairs, he bubbled over with information about that cinder. His monologue was carried on in spasmodic paragraphs and each paragraph terminated with the sentence: "I'll get it out when I get home." Wedged in next to the man with the cinder were two women, each with more bundles than she could gracefully manage. Some of the bundles were long ones, and with the sudden starts and stoppages of the car those long bundles poked about with much freedom among the hats and bonnets worn by the occupants of the seats. An aristocratic-looking woman, while clinging to a strap on the other side of the man with the cinder, dropped her eyeglasses on the floor and frantically endeavored to make an open space in the closely packed car in order that she might rescue them before they were trampled on. The gallantry of the man with the cinder in his eye was awakened on the instant. He, too, had been grasping a strap, but he let go of it and stooped to pick up the glasses. Just then the car, with a suddenness born of pure malevolence, stopped short. The heavy body of the stooping man was hurled violently against the two women with the bundles, knocking one into the laps of the passengers on one side of the car and dragging the other down upon his own prostrate form. Bundles flew in every direction, mingling with three or four hats which the general mix-up sent spinning into the air. The struggling women screamed and caught eagerly at anything within reach, whether it was a man's necktie or a woman's ostrich plumes, and in consequence there was quite an exciting disturbance for a few seconds. The aristocratic woman's glasses were trampled on and broken, and the crackle and crunching of the glass elicited from her some remarks more incisive than soothing. One of the female passengers into whose lap the heaviest bundle-carrier landed bumped her head against the side of the car with so much force that she almost went into hysterics. While a companion was endeavoring to calm the injured woman the owners of the bundles raised their voices in loud lamentation over their inability to find the products of their shopping. Meanwhile the car had started with a jerk and given its occupants another vigorous shaking-up. Passengers who had been tumbled upon, handled and crumpled, were beginning to show signs of temper. There was a lack of gentility in the car for a moment. The short, heavy man had managed to scramble to his feet and get hold of a strap. Just as the atmosphere of the car was beginning to get heavy with ugliness he beamed joyously upon his fellow-passengers and exclaimed: "Blamed if that cinder ain't out of my eye."

PHILOSOPHICAL FRENCHMEN.

Give the Impression of Being the Happiest People in the World.
The more nations I make the acquaintance of, the more deeply confirmed I get in this conviction, that the Frenchman, with all his faults and shortcomings, is the happiest man in the world, says the North American Review. Of course, the wealthy classes have everywhere found the way of enjoying life, more or less; but to the observer of national characteristics these classes are uninteresting. Good society is good society everywhere. For a study, give me the masses of the people. And it is among the masses in France that, after all, I find the greatest amount of happiness. The Frenchman is a cheerful philosopher. He knows best of all how to live and enjoy life. Moderate in all his habits, he partakes of all the good things that nature has placed at his disposal, without ever making a fool of himself. He understands temperance in the true acceptance of the word, which means, not total abstinence, but moderation. When you say that a country has a temperate climate you do not mean that it has no climate at all; you mean that it has a climate that is neither too hot nor too cold. We have no tectataries, because we practically have no drunkards. A Frenchman would be as astonished to find that the law prevented him from enjoying a glass of wine, because a few imbeciles use wine to get drunk with, as he would to find that the law forbade him to use knives in his quiet and peaceful home, because there are a few lunatics who use knives to commit suicide with or kill their fellow creatures.

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