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The selection of a new state central committee at the convention at Kearney would be the proper thing to do.

Kearney is to be congratulated on having secured the state convention. It is another proof that Kearney is a winner.

The new owners of the Crawford *Clipper* have changed the name of the paper and it will hereafter appear as the *Tribune*.

I. N. Harbaugh has resigned as county attorney of Dawes county and will remove to Colorado. G. A. Eckles has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

A saloon keeper of Shelton has had judgement rendered against him in the sum of $4,800 in favor of a widow whose husband met death while under the influence of liquor obtained from the Shelton saloon keeper. That will cut down the profits of that man's business.

Walt Mason has graduated from the Keeley institute at Blair and has been engaged on the editorial staff of the Fremont *Tribune*. The newspaper fraternity will gladly welcome Mason back to work and with his assistance Ross Hammond will make the *Tribune* not only a hummer but a winner.

The state lecturer of the Mississipi alliance is quoted as saying that nine-tenths of the alliance members of his state will support the democratic nominee for president, whoever he may be. That does not look much like the alliance breaking up the solid south, and is a pointer for the northern alliance men.

The republican state central committee met at Omaha last Saturday and decided to hold the first state convention at Kearney on April 27th. Steps are to be taken to make the occasion one long to be remembered in the ranks of republicanism. Speakers of national repute are to be on hand and a rousing time had.

The sailors of the Baltimore who were attacked by Chileans and which came so near involving this nation in a war with that country, have filed claims against Chili aggregating $1,135,000. It will prove a pretty costly piece of business to Chili before it is settled and will likely teach the people of that country to respect the uniform of the sailors of the United States.

A negro made a fiendish assault upon a lady near Texarkana, Ark., recently. He was captured and taken to the outskirts of the town. A part of the captors desired to hang him, but the majority decided that hanging was too good. He was tied to a tree, oil poured over him and the woman he had outraged applied a burning match to his clothing. It was a terrible punishment for a terrible crime and should be a warning.

It is highly amusing to see the Boyd men fly to the defense of Johnnie Watson. The republicans are working for success and the first thing to do is to rid the party of such traitors as Rosewater, Watson and those like them. If Watson wants to be on the staff of Gov. Boyd that is his privilege, but he has no right to any recognition at the hands of the republicans. He showed his hand in the campaign of 1890 and that is enough.

The pure food bill of Senator Paddock's is the first bill of any importance to come before the senate for final action at this session. The bill is favorably mentioned all over the United States and is in the interests of the consumer, for it is calculated to protect the consumer from being imposed upon by unscrupulous manufacturers. The senator is entitled to credit for his perseverance and the bill should become a law.

It is stated that in all the older settled portions of the state the values of real estate show sharp advances. In view of this fact those who do not own land and have to pay rent high enough to make good interest on the increased values will have an added incentive to seek the portions of the state where free government land may yet be had and Sioux county invites them to come and secure 160 of the 800,000 acres yet open to homestead within its borders.

The Belfast Ropework Company, of Belfast, Ireland, is preparing to open and operate a factory in Chicago which will give employment to one thousand hands. In the past they have not been able to compete with American factories on account of the tariff, but now they will come to Chicago and put the product of their factory on the market free from any trust. The plant will cost £100,000. The hands they employ will eat the products of American soil and wear the products of American factories. When a tariff has such effects it fills the purpose for which it was created.

Hon. L. W. Gilchrist, formerly representative from this district, lost his wife by death on Friday. The many friends of Mr. Gilchrist in northern Nebraska will extend heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement.

The reports are that a great deal of work is to be done the coming season in developing the oil and mining industries in Sioux county. It is hoped that the reports will prove true for such development will be of great benefit to this section of country. The mineral resources of our neighboring state are as yet undeveloped, but enough information has been obtained to make it certain that it is one of the richest mineral localities of the world and it will only be a little while until it will be opened up in good shape.

For some time past a good deal of favorable mention has been made of Ross L. Hammond as being suitable timber for a candidate for congress from the third district. But Mr. Hammond does not keep people in suspense and comes out in a card to the effect that he is not a candidate. He is to be congratulated on his good sense. He is a good newspaper man and has a good business and to go into a congressional fight for a chance to leave his business for two years certainly would not be a good plan from a business stand point. The mention made of him certainly indicates that the people of the third district are on the lookout for a good candidate, for Hammond has the ability to fill the office of congressman with credit to himself and his constituents.

The Boyd organs, the *Bee* and *World-Herald*, are doing a good deal of talking about an extra session of the legislature. What is there to be accomplished by an extra session? Under the law it would seem that to re-district the state for legislative purposes would be illegal, as it is the plain duty of the legislature to do that at the first regular session after a census. It is reported that Boyd has written to the members of the legislature asking their opinion as to the passage of a freight rate bill, reducing the rates 10 or 20 per cent. It looks like foolishness to attempt to get the legislature as at present constituted to pass a bill that would be fair and just to all concerned. If called together for that purpose they would be almost certain to either pass a bill which would do no good or else pass one that would be unjust to the railroads. No one will contend for a moment that the present rates are not too high, but no fairminded person wants to see a law passed which would cripple the railroads or do them an injustice. A special session could be called and a lot of time and money spent and no good accomplished. If some real good is desired let a freight bill be gotten up and put into the hands of the people showing the present rates and the rates desired to be established and let them study it and discuss it, and then when the time comes they can act intelligently in the matter.

Additional Local.

—A camp fire was held at Bodarc on Monday night.

—Aaron Vandekarr will ship a car load of horses south in the near future.

—FOR RENT—40 acres of good land for small grain. Seed furnished. Inquire at this office.

—Reports are that the streams and ravines are full of water. No one can kick about lack of moisture this year.

—A most wonderful thing occurred on Tuesday. The westbound train got to Harrison so early that it had to wait for time to leave.

—The nursery advertisements which appear in our columns should receive the attention of our readers. The fact is that department on the farm is a very important one and should not be neglected.

—Clerk of the District Court Lindeman informs us that homestead filings are being made before him at the rate of one a day. That is quite different from a year ago.

—D. M. Sutton informs us that his relatives from Oregon will likely ship by rail and be here in short time. He also expects an uncle from Minnesota to come here in the near future.

—Another change of agents at the F. E. & M. V. will occur on Saturday, when Mr. Holt will be relieved by a man from Ainsworth. We do not know what Mr. Holt will decide to do. He has been railroading for a long time and will likely feel lost outside of an office.

—John Sutton, of Pleasant Ridge, Wyo., was in town yesterday. He reports that a large increase in the crop acreage will be made this year and that locality is tributary to Harrison. His mother is building an addition to her house and improvement is the order of the day among the settlers.

—J. L. Smedes arrived from Wisconsin last week and has filed on a quarter section of land a few miles north of town and expects his family in a few days. He will cultivate J. M. Robinson's farm the coming season, Mr. Robinson having made arrangements to go into business in Omaha. We regret to have Mr. Robinson absent from the place, but his absence will be only a portion of the time as his family will remain here and he expects to make Sioux county his home. Mr. Smedes is an energetic man and his locating here will likely be the means of attracting others to Sioux county.

—It is reported that Dr. Bridgman has purchased the Andrews drug stock.

—Every one agrees that there is more moisture in the ground now than has been known at this season for years.

—There will be preaching at the church next Sunday at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., and Sunday school at 10 a. m.

—H. T. Morgan was in town yesterday. He has just got into his new house. He says as near as he can tell his small fruits are all in good shape and will yield quite well the coming season.

—Mrs. S. C. Langworthy, the Nebraska member of the board of lady managers of the world's fair, has been given permission to furnish the hammer with which to drive the last nail in the woman's building at the world's fair. It is desired that as many of the ladies of Nebraska as can participate in the purchase of the hammer and with this object in view ladies in various localities all over the state have been authorized to receive ten cent contributions. Mrs. L. J. Simmons has been delegated to look after the matter in this locality and all the ladies who desire to assist in the purchase of the hammer are requested to notify her at the earliest date convenient. The names of all contributors will be made a part of the records of the building.

—On last Friday Cortland Green, son of W. H. Green, was arrested on complaint made by Geo. H. Turner, charging him with shooting a cow. It appears that a few days previous the lad had been shooting a rifle about town and Turner's cow was shot and he became satisfied that young Green did it, hence the arrest. The case was continued on request of defendent until Tuesday and at that time it was still further continued at his request until March 3d. Whether the boy is guilty as charged or not will be decided at the trial, but there is one thing certain and that is that shooting about town should be stopped. There are a few boys about 14 or 15 years old in this community who seem to have great ambition to be tough. It is reported that some of them have carried revolvers to school because they had done things for which they expected to be punished. Such boys will have to be taught a lesson in some way or they will bring up in the reform school or penitentiary. No one has any respect for a tough in a civilized community. Public sentiment is always against the would-be "bad man" no matter whether he is of mature years or a stripling who has not yet sprouted down on his upper lip, and the boys of such a class in this community should take heed to their actions before they do something which will forever disgrace themselves and their families.

—On last Tuesday THE JOURNAL man climbed the hill to the location of the public school of district No. 7. In the primary department were found twenty-four pupils in charge of Miss Sara Parsons and from what can be judged from an hour's observation, that lady knows how to handle a flock of little ones and guide them in the paths of learning. The children all show that not only does she teach what is in the books but deportment and decorum are also made a part of their work. In the advanced department W. H. Davis was superintending the work of thirteen pupils and seems to be doing as good work as circumstances will permit. To expect a teacher to do good work would be unreasonable, for they are hampered in numerous ways and the people of the school district should begin to investigate the matter so as to be prepared to act at the next annual school meeting. In the first place the school house is located on a high, bleak knob so that the children have no place for a playground without going off the school lots. The steps leading to the school house are such that it is not safe for persons to go up and down unless great caution is used. The inside of the school house is divided into two rooms by a partition which goes only part way from the floor to the ceiling so that every sound that is made in one department is distinctly heard in the other, much to the annoyance of teachers and scholars. The stove is set in about the center of the partition so that it is partly in each room and the result is that the temperature of the rooms vary a great deal and makes it bad for the health of the pupils. The arrangement of the windows is such that the light is very bad, especially in the primary department and cannot but effect the eyes of the little ones. In the primary department the seats are so high that but very few of the children can touch the floor with their feet when sitting upright and that also is against the health of the little ones. In the whole building there is but one window which can be lowered from the top so that ventilation cannot be had without a draft direct upon the pupils. The blackboards are so high as to be of little use to the smaller scholars, in fact, none of those in the primary department can work on them without climbing upon a chair. These are a few of the difficulties with which the teachers and scholars have to contend and if the work accomplished is not satisfactory the blame should be placed where it properly belongs. No child can take much interest in study or learn much when compelled to sit in an uncomfortable position and no teacher can do good work in a room where every sound from another apartment is echoed across a partition. It is the duty of the people of the district to look such matters up and then take the proper steps to remedy them, and profiting by the mistakes of the past to be careful and avoid them in future. Of course everything cannot be done at once but a definite plan of action should be adopted and then build to it as closely as practicable.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of three executions issued by Conrad Lindeman, Clerk of the District Court of Sioux County, Nebraska, upon judgments rendered in the County Court of Dawes County, Nebraska, at the January, 1892, term of said Court, to wit, on the 6th day of January, 1892, transcripts of which said judgments were duly docketed and indexed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Sioux County, Nebraska, on the 12th day of January, 1892, in favor of the Bank of Spear Fish and against James Miller and the Moncroff Ranch Company, I have levied upon the following goods and chattels, to wit: About 200 head of horses consisting of mares, colts, stallions and geldings, commonly known as range stock, branded A. K., and the property of the Moncroff Ranch Company, I will on Monday, the 29th day of February, 1892, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at the Lower 33 Ranch, situated on the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of section 12, in township 29, north of range 54 west, in Lower Hawk Water precinct, Sioux County, Nebraska, sell said stock at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said executions in the aggregate being the sum of Three Thousand Dollars ($3000) and nine dollars costs and accruing costs.

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