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**CALL FOR REPUBLICAN COUN-
 TY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.**

To the Republican Voters:
 Gentlemen: There will be a meeting of the Sherman County Republican Central Committee at Loup City, on March 8th, at 1 p. m., for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for calling the county convention, and any person wishing to be heard will be given an opportunity to speak.

Yours for harmony,
 H. SMELSER, Chairman.

The state capitol of Wisconsin was destroyed by fire last Saturday, with the loss placed at one million dollars.

The Russo-Japanese war seems to be one of desultory skirmishes on both sides, and it is impossible to give any definite information, as both countries have press censorship and give out no very good accounts of progress.

Iowa is to have biennial elections hereafter. A bill to that effect has passed both branches of the Iowa legislature by comfortable majorities and has the unqualified sanction of the voters at large. A good idea for Nebraska to follow.

Attorney General Prout is another man who thinks he wants to be United States senator in place of Senator Dietrich. Just why Mr Prout might imagine he was wanted in that responsible position is incomprehensible. But the more the merrier.

State Senator O'Neill of Lancaster is pushed by his friends for state auditor. Senator O'Neill has many good qualifications for the place and no doubt would fill the bill O. K., if he should be the fortunate man. By the way, this is an unsolicited comment.

Omaha complains of a flood of counterfeit \$10 silver certificates in that vicinity and throughout eastern Nebraska. We have not heard any complaints from newspapers as yet over the receipt of any great number of these spurious notes.

Alphabet McKesson of Lancaster county is said to be a coming candidate for secretary of state. We do not believe there is any serious demand for the services of this ungenial political manipulator among the rank and file of the voters.

Congressman Burkett was reported quite ill, last Friday, by dispatches from Washington. Should Burkett by any untoward circumstance be eliminated from the race for United States senator, either by death or otherwise, what complications might ensue.

Good-bye to fusion. At a joint meeting of committees of middle-of-the-road and fusion populists at St. Louis, last week, they settled their differences, joined hands, bid farewell to fusion with any other party, and will go it alone in the future. They issued a call for a joint convention to meet at Springfield, Ill., on July 4th next, to nominate populist candidates for president and vice president. As our worthy contemporary, the Times-Independent, has been badly exercised of late as to what had become of the populist organization, we are glad to be able to relieve his mind and state the above, which gives his political head a pad to rest upon.

Congressional Convention.

The congressional committee of the Big Sixth met at Grand Island, on the 18th inst., and selected Alliance as the place and March 17th as the date for holding the coming Sixth congressional convention. This does not give sufficient time in which to call county conventions to select delegations to the congressional convention, and in our opinion is a mistake, in which conclusion we are joined by many of our leading Sherman county Republicans. As one prominent Sherman county Republican remarked upon hearing time and date: "We should hesitate to accept the nomination under such circumstances."

However, the following extract from a letter addressed to Chairman Smelser, of the Sherman county Republican central committee by John Reese, secretary of the congressional committee, may explain the matter, and make the early convention call satisfactory. Here is the extract:

"This action was taken in accordance with the desire that the Sixth district shall be early in the field with an emphatic endorsement of President Roosevelt. While the time allowed for calling a county convention and electing delegates in the usual manner is short, the matter was fully discussed by the committee and it was decided by the majority that these details could be arranged satisfactorily by the several counties. In this connection we suggest that delegates may be chosen by the county central committee, if desired, thus obviating the necessity of holding the county convention at a date that may seem too early—especially where it is the intention to nominate local candidates. Delegates chosen in this manner will be admitted to the convention upon credentials signed by the chairman and secretary of the county central committee."

We see by newspaper comment that Editor Clark Perkins of the St. Paul Republican is a candidate for delegate to the Republican National convention. That's all right. He's a bright young newspaper man and publishes a live Republican paper, which is always an important factor to party success, so let us give him right-of-way to the convention. Carried.

Former President Kruger of the Boer republic is said to be dying in exile in Mentone, France.

Dry Creek Clippings.

Robert Holmes visited his friend Frank Wagner Sunday.

Holmes Bros. were shelling corn for S. L. Salyard Tuesday.

John, Maggie, Annie and Henry Gross visited at S. W. Salyard's Sunday.

Miss Kate Wagner went to Ravenna Tuesday and expects to stay some time.

This vicinity was well represented at the Wiggle Creek Literary Saturday evening.

A. V. Callaway and family, of Billings, Mon., was visiting relatives and friends on Dry Creek the past week.

A small crowd of young folks gathered at Mrs. Wagner's Thursday and spent a pleasant evening dancing.

Those attending church at Wiggle Creek from this vicinity last Sunday were, Freeda, Fannie and Don Holmes and George Brock.

Miss Alice Worke spent Saturday and Sunday visiting her aunt, Mrs. Cresler, returning to her school Monday morning.

L. A. Holmes met with what might have been a serious accident the other evening. While out driving he turned a corner quickly and his buggy upset. No one was hurt but the vehicle was badly broken.

Additional Locals.

T. M. Reed has some good farm horses for sale.

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J. W. Burleigh was a B. & M. passenger to Omaha Thursday.

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Those wanting Alfalfa seed for spring sowing, leave your orders with T. M. Reed.

A fine time is reported by those who attended the German Verein Leap Ball Monday evening.

County Clerk Gibson has informed us that the County "Dad's" would meet in regular session, next Tuesday, March 8th.

Wm. Criss and family moved their household goods into L. J. Bechtold's residence property the early part of the week.

L. J. Bechtold moved to Schaupp Siding Monday where he goes to take charge of E. G. Taylor's elevator at that place.

Geo. Streether and wife of Columbus, visited with T. S. Nightingale and family a couple of days this week. They were looking for a location.

We have been informed by several who attended the Literary at the Wiggle Creek school house last Saturday evening that the program was a fine one and that the attendance numbered about two hundred.

The L. M. L. A. team and organizer drove over to Ashton Tuesday evening and organized a council at that place. They report a swell time and say that the new council is in the finest kind of condition for good work.

J. W. Carpenter and family started for Kalona, Iowa, last Tuesday where they expect to make their home in the future. They started from Austin with a car of household goods and stock and made the entire trip via the Union Pacific.

A. W. Throckmorton and his son, Art, shipped their car of household goods and machinery to Ericson Thursday and started overland for the same place shortly afterward. A. W. called on us and left a dollar to insure a weekly visit of this great and only.

The B. & M. passenger was delayed an hour and a half Thursday on account of a broken engine. They broke a spring on the right hand side of the front truck some here between here and Sargent. They changed engines with the east bound freight at this point and continued on their way rejoicing. But how about the other crew.

Churches and Church Work.

Edited by Church Workers.

Baptist Church Notes

We think that the first thing for us to do at this time is to make an apology to the good people who came to our church last Sunday. Those who read the notes last week will remember that we promised that they would not be discommoded by the paint again but owing to the bad weather and other unavoidable circumstances, the painting was not finished as soon in the week as we expected and it was not as pleasant sitting in the church as we had hoped. When the painting is completed we will have a fine looking church both inside and out. We are glad to see our house of worship made attractive and pleasant and as we re-dedicate our church building to God, cleansed and made beautiful, let us also re-dedicate ourselves to Him with a renewed determination to do more and better work.

The B. Y. P. U. opened promptly and was led by Sister Douglass. The subject was, "Missions, Home and Foreign." Several interesting talks and readings were given.

Sunday school was well attended and the review given by Sister Converse was very full and complete.

After the evening preaching service the ordinance of baptism was administered to nine candidates.

Remember the appointments of the church and attend as many as you can. You are always welcome.

ONE-WAY RATES.

Every day until April 30, 1904, the Union Pacific will sell tickets at the following rates from Grand Island, \$20 to Ogden and Salt Lake City. \$20 to Butte, Anaconda and Helena. \$22.50 to Spokane and Wenatchee, Wash. \$25 to Everett, Fairhaven, Whatcom, Vancouver and Astoria, via Huntington and Spokane. \$25 to Portland and Astoria; or to Tacoma and Seattle, via Huntington and Portland or via Huntington and Spokane. \$25 to Ashland, Roseburg, Eugene, Albany and Salem, via Portland. \$25 to San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and many other California points. For full information call on or address Agent U. P. railway.

We hear it rumored that one of Loup City's enterprising monied men contemplates erecting several cottages for rent this spring. No other enterprise is so needed at present. Twenty such homes could be filled immediately.

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