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How about that mass convention to consider the electric light question?

Governor Mickey has signed the biennial elections bill and it is now a law.

Both Lincoln and Chicago followed our example and elected the Democratic candidates for mayor.

Adrian C. Anson, who was the hero of the Chicago "white stockings" base ball team when you and I were "kids," was on Tuesday elected city clerk of that flour-s'ing village.

Things begin to look dark for poor Nan Patterson since the arrest of her brother-in-law and sister, J. Morgan Smith and wife, who are charged with having conspired with Nan for the murder of Caesar Young.

So far as the business interests of the city are concerned, the change in the office of mayor will make little or no difference. Mr. Dickenson is a conservative business man who has the interests of the city at heart and will work in harmony with the strong council elected to advance those interests.

E. W. Ross retires from the office of mayor after serving two very successful terms. During his two years' administration there have been more permanent public improvements than in ten years previous. The city's finances are in better condition than they have been at any time since before the boom days, and Mr. Ross can surrender the office with the knowledge that his defeat was the result of the sentiment against a third term.

Governor Mickey has vetoed the bill providing for the establishment of a binding twine plant at the state penitentiary, for the alleged reason that the proposed bond issue, to be taken up by the permanent school fund, was unconstitutional. It is to be regretted that the measure has failed. The reports from both the Kansas and Minnesota penitentiaries showed that the binding twine plants at those institutions were a source of profit to those states, as well as being the cause of a considerable reduction in the cost of binding twine to the farmers.

The election of C. T. Dickenson to the office of mayor is a pretty fair indication that the voters do not favor a third term for that office. It also shows that when it comes to a question of municipal affairs the voters are non-partisan. While the city of Red Cloud is overwhelmingly Republican, Mr. Dickenson, who is a Democrat, received enough Republican votes to elect him over Mayor Ross, the regular Republican nominee. The Republicans have no one to blame but themselves for allowing the mayor's office to slip from their grasp. The vote shows that a large percentage of the Republicans were opposed to a third term for Mayor Ross, yet in the ward caucuses, where the attendance was barely large enough to perfect an organization, the opposition to his renomination was very weak. There are plenty of good Republicans any one of whom could have been nominated and elected had the Republican voters turned out to the caucuses.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Items of News Found in The Chief of Twenty Years Ago This Week

Fred Hummell is fencing his farm. John O. Yeiser has opened a law office in Riverton.

Art Welch, station agent, went to Denver this week.

Lot Feltham has been admitted to the bar at Hastings.

Hon. D. P. Newcomer of Blue Hill was in the city Wednesday.

Gus Roats has the very first tax receipt ever issued in Webster county.

The Odd Fellows will hold an anniversary ball on the evening of April 27.

Peter Conover and family of New Jersey have arrived in Red Cloud and will locate here.

Charley Rensburg left for New Mexico Monday evening to look after his cattle interests.

The Nebraska and Kansas Farm Loan Co. has opened its office and is ready for business.

At the annual school meeting on Monday R. B. Fulton and B. T. Reed were elected directors.

F. Bradbrook, the photographer, received a telegram Wednesday announcing the death of his father.

Last Friday morning occurred the marriage of Miss Fannie Knight of Inavale to John V. Turkington of Hebron.

General U. S. Grant is lying at the point of death at his home in New York and his death is momentarily expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Brakefield were given a surprise Tuesday evening in honor of the twenty-eighth anniversary of their marriage.

Last Saturday morning more than forty teams were to be seen at one time coming into Red Cloud from the south side of the river.

C. Wiener has made arrangements for the erection of a two story brick business building, work on which will be begun as soon as the weather will permit.

The assessors of the county met at the court house April 2 and formed a county organization. T. J. Ward was elected chairman and W. C. Cramer secretary.

On Tuesday occurred the city election. About 300 votes were cast, and after a very bitter fight the supporters of high license were victorious. The new board is composed of R. L. Tinker, A. T. Ormsby, S. W. Coon, J. L. Miner and T. J. Mosher.

GARFIELD—Rev. N. B. Wagoner has shelled his corn. Many farmers are plowing for corn.

GUIDE ROCK—Knapp & Roberts are building a fine business block on Main street. About 320 head of cattle and 3000 sheep were shipped from this point to the Chicago market this week.

COWLES—Dr. Schenck has a new buggy team. W. H. Thomas returned the first of the week from a visit in Iowa. A. L. Hurton will begin work on the cheese factory in a few days.

WELLS—John G. Potter is getting ready to move his family to his farm three miles from town. Mrs. Charley Fish has purchased a new loom. Henry Cook was up from Red Cloud yesterday—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf, a fine daughter.

CATHARTON—Farmers are done seeding. Sam Metcalf was down from Wells the first of the week. One of John McCallum's brood sows gave birth to a litter of eighteen pigs the other day. Justice Travelpiece and John McCallum each lost a horse the other day.

MOUNT HOPE—Miss Amanda Brooks proved to be the best speller at the spelling match Thursday night. Noah Harvey went to Graham county, Kansas, this week. Lizzie McIntosh closed her school last Friday. S. H. Brooks has moved into N. Harvey's house on the creek.

INAVALE—J. H. Ferman and wife of Red Cloud visited here this week. Ryland Yeiser, bookkeeper and clerk for J. O. Chamberlain, went down to Red Cloud Saturday. The post-office has been moved from the residence of G. W. Knight to Hale Bros.' store room. There is talk of a saloon being started here. John Broomfield, brother of James, has arrived here from Canada.

SOUTH SIDE—A chicken thief living not a hundred miles from Penny creek is causing considerable trouble among

his neighbors. He has been lying around all winter doing nothing and feasting on his neighbors' pork, chickens and potatoes. Among the losers are Mike Walters, Leon Cole, John Galbreth, Jim Wall, Wilson Parks, Wm. VanDyke and D. S. Helvern. You need not be surprised if you hear of a dead chicken thief in the near future.

REORGANIZATION OF DEMOCRATS

Bryan Explains Recent Activity in Formation of Clubs.

Lincoln, April 3.—"It is a getting together of the aggressive elements of the party in active preliminary work for the great battle of 1908," is the way W. J. Bryan explained his recent activity in connection with the reorganization of the Democratic party. Mr. Bryan returned from Des Moines, and it was with particular reference to the meeting held there Saturday, at which he made the principal address, that he spoke. Mr. Bryan explained that the Des Moines meeting, like the one held at Topeka, Kan., late in February, was to further a movement for the organization of Democratic clubs, and thereby place the machinery of the party in the hands of those who meant it well. In Iowa, he said, the same plan had been adopted as in Kansas, with both of which he was in hearty sympathy.

Mr. Bryan presided last night at the meeting in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, and introduced Ballington Booth, who made an address in behalf of the Volunteers of America.

NOT REQUIRED TO LIVE ON LAND

Important Ruling Made in Kinkaid Law for Big Homesteads.

O'Neill, Neb., April 5.—The question has been seriously raised as to whether persons who had already made proof on their former homesteads, before filing on contiguous lands under the Kinkaid law, would be required to reside on the additional land entered. In order to settle the matter Judge Kinkaid wrote the commissioner of the general land office for an opinion. He received a letter from the assistant commissioner, in which he quotes section 2 of the act and adds: "It would appear that the privilege of entering additional land under section 2 was given alike to entrymen who had made final proof on their original entries and to those who had not perfected title to the land formerly entered, if such entrymen still owned and occupied the land so formerly entered, and in case final proof had been made the party would not be required to move from the land originally entered to that embraced in his additional entry, but continuous residence on the original entry for five years after date of the additional entry and the placing of permanent improvements of the land embraced in such additional entry of the value of not less than \$1.25 per acre for each acre included therein would be sufficient, if satisfactorily proved within the statutory life of the entry."

Rosebud Swept by Prairie Fires.

Bonesteel, April 1.—Prairie fires on the Rosebud reservation have destroyed many homes and endangered many lives. P. Yerley, a ranchman, was cornered by the flames and his clothing caught fire. Diving into a pond, he extinguished the blaze, but is seriously burned. A girl and seven small children were in a house that burned to the ground and barely escaped alive.

EXPLOSION IN CARTRIDGE PLANT

Building Wrecked and Three Men Killed at Bridgeport.

Bridgeport, Conn., April 5.—In a terrific explosion that blew to pieces one of the brick buildings of the Union Metallic Cartridge company shortly before the close of the day's work, three men were instantly killed. Great crowds gathered and in the panic that followed it was reported that many lives were lost. The employees in the other buildings, however, made their escape in safety. Fire broke out following the explosion, but was soon extinguished.

The only man in the building at the time, John Meary, was blown through the roof and killed. Two helpers, Michael Hurley and William Bayliss, working near the building, were also killed.

The explosion occurred in the dry house, where primer caps are dried on long steam pipes. In some manner one of the caps was discharged and the explosion followed. The loss will be about \$30,000.

Mrs. Valentina Must Hang.

New York, April 5.—Anna Valentina, who was convicted of the murder of Rosa Salza, at Roda, N. J., a year ago and whose attorneys have been making every effort to save her from the gallows, was resented to be hanged on Friday, May 12. Sentence was passed by Judge Garretson in the supreme court at Hackensack, N. J. Mrs. Valentina's lawyers will make another appeal to the board of pardons and should that fail, may appeal to the supreme court of the United States on the ground that she was deprived of her constitutional rights.

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