

SOCIETY IN JOHANNESBURG.

An American woman gives an interesting picture of it. An American woman who has lived for a year in Johannesburg recently returned to New York city and surprised her friends by the stories she told of life in the South African town.

PROTECTION FOR FOREIGNERS.

Ex-President Harrison points out some needed legislation. In an article on "The Enforcement of the Law," General Harrison in Ladies' Home Journal, directs attention to the need of legislation to insure protection to citizens of other countries living in the United States.

How the Boy Would Say It.

Max O'Reil tells this story in the course of a paper on "Peculiar Children." A boy, reading from a play that was being translated at night in class, came across the phrase, "Calmevous, monsieur."

How to Tell a Diamond.

It is well known to jewelers that aluminum will mark a glass or "paste" diamond, but not the true gem, provided the surface is wet. This fact has now been applied in the production of a mechanical tester, which consists of a small disk of aluminum, rapidly revolved by an electric motor.

A Bit of Sarcasm.

A young people's religious society in Hot Springs is taking care of a girl who has been sick some time. If the religious societies will continue to work like this, they will become as good in time as the lodges.—Arkansas Thomas Cat.

My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Washington Letter.

(From our regular correspondent.) Washington, July 20, 1896. Washington has practically been selected upon as the proper location for democratic headquarters during the coming campaign.

The railroads of the country are considerably exercised over the order recently issued by the postmaster general to the effect that all mail must be stamped hereafter. The railroads seem disposed to stand together, continue the present practices and test the authority of the government in this matter by an appeal to the United States supreme court.

Many democrats are much displeased at the talk of the probability that Senator Gorman will have a hand in managing Bryan and Sewall's campaign, either as Chairman of the Executive committee or as General adviser. Although Chairman Jones has full authority to select the members of the Executive committee, which will assist him in conducting the campaign, it is not probable that the membership of that committee will be announced until Chairman Jones submits his choice to the full National committee.

Senator Jones is going to his Arkansas home for a short rest before beginning the continuous work of the campaign. He will go by the way of St. Louis, so as to be there when the populist convention meets this week. He expects that the populist will endorse Bryan and Sewall and he wants to be on hand when they do in order to confer with the populist leaders about the campaign.

Speaker Reed's opinion of Quay and Manley as McKinley campaign managers would make interesting reading. Several weeks before the St. Louis convention met, Mr. Reed had reason to believe that Quay and Manley had betrayed him to Hanna and what has happened since must have convinced him of that fact.

Both of these Ex-Reed men are now members of Hanna's executive committee, and Quay is much more than merely a member of that committee. It has leaked out that Quay will, from the New York headquarters, boss the entire campaign in the Eastern states; also, that he will have exclusive charge of a scheme by which he hopes to carry several Southern states. This last scheme is said to depend largely upon the support of bolting gold democrats in those states for success, as it includes a combination of that element with the negro voters, upon both Congressional and electoral tickets. It was intended that this scheme should be kept dark.

Final Proof Notices

Hon. J. W. WEIR, Jr., Register. Hon. F. M. BROOME, Receiver. Parties having notices in this column are requested to read the same carefully and report to this office for correction any errors that may exist. This will prevent possible delay in making proof.

Land Office at Alliance, Neb., July 14, 1896. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver at Alliance, Neb., on August 29, 1896, viz: JENNIE C. ROBINSON, nee Evans, of Box Butte, Neb., who made H. E. No. 3530, for the s 1/2 sec 14, tp 23 n, lg 31 w.

Land Office at Alliance, Neb., July 22, 1896. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Alliance, Neb., on August 26th, 1896, viz: FRANK ZILKA, of Lawa, Neb., who made H. E. No. 529, for the s 1/2 sec 14, tp 23 n, lg 31 w.

U. S. Land Office, Alliance, Neb., June 16, 1896. Notice is hereby given that WILLIAM M. WADE, of Lake View, Iowa, has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register or Receiver at his office in Alliance, Neb., on the 26th day of July 1896, on timber-land application No. 57, for the s 1/2 sec 14, tp 23 n, lg 31 w.

U. S. Land Office, Alliance, Neb., June 16, 1896. Notice is hereby given that CHARLES A. POSVAR, of Lawa, Neb., who made H. E. No. 418 for the s 1/2 sec 8, tp 27 n, lg 31 w.

U. S. Land Office, Alliance, Neb., June 30, 1896. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver at Alliance, Neb., on August 10, 1896, viz: EUGENE A. PATTERSON, who made H. E. 3300 for the nw 1/4 sec 7, tp 29, lg 31.

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People's Independent County Convention.

The People's Independent electors of Box Butte county are hereby requested to elect and send delegates from their respective precincts, to meet in convention in the city of Alliance, on Wednesday July 29, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of selecting five delegates to the state convention to be held at Hastings, August 5, 1896.

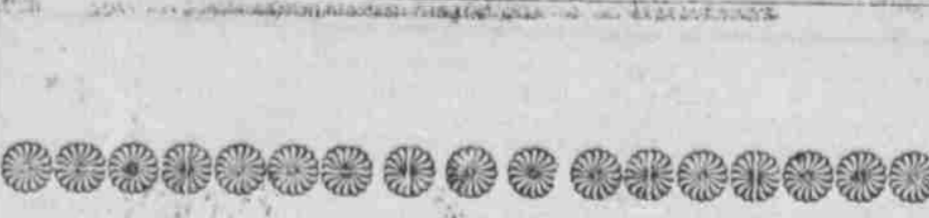
Table listing delegates: Nonpareil 3, Runningwater 4, Box Butte 6, Dorsey 7, Alliance 7, Lawa 4, Liberty 3, Lake 6, Snake Creek 2, Wright 6, Boyd 5.

It is recommended that no proxies be allowed but that the delegates present cast the full vote of the precinct. It is recommended that primaries for the election of delegates to this convention be held on Saturday, July 25th, at such time and place as the committee shall decide.

The precincts composing the 2nd commissioner district will send delegates to the district convention on July 29th, after county convention.

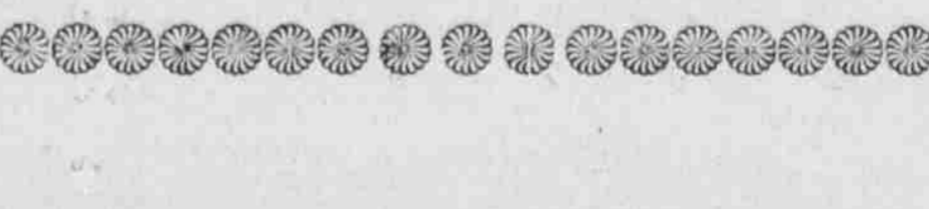
CLARK OLDS, Committeeman.

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We, the members of the eight annual session of the Box Butte County Teacher's Institute, in appreciation of the many favors extended to us in various ways by the citizens of Alliance, do therefore resolve that our sincere and hearty thanks be tendered:

- 1. To the citizens of Alliance for the kindly welcome to their city and courteous treatment during our stay and especially to Mrs. McIntyre for the reception Tuesday evening.
2. To the Trustees of the M. E. and U. P. churches for the use of their respective buildings for lectures.
3. To the Young People's Union for the social given on Friday evening July 10th.
4. To Rev. J. Golden for his excellent sermon on Sunday, as it was a rare treat to the majority of those present.
5. To Rev. A. E. Ricker, Professors G. W. A. Luckey and J. N. Bennett for thoughtful interesting and instructive lectures.
6. To Mrs. E. F. Tucker, Prof. J. N. Bennett and W. R. Siders their untiring efforts in our behalf.
7. To our pains-taking county superintendent for providing us such able and efficient instructors, through whom we have gained much knowledge and inspiration for our work the coming year.
8. To the Board of Education for the use of the school building and apparatus.
9. To Bridges Musical Union for music furnished.
10. To the local newspapers for the interest manifested and courtesy shown.

And further be it resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to each of the county papers for publication. Com. A. Muirhead, Ch'm. Mrs. E. E. Ford; Ina I. Marshall, Sec'y.

All friends of political prohibition and reform are invited to meet in Crawford, Nebraska, Aug. 5th at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of discussing the present situation and issues, and organizing the western counties of the state for aggressive work for the cause of true reform. A. E. RICKER, Chadron. A. Sherwood, Hemingford.

The undersigned will take cattle to herd for the season of 1896, at Fosket's ranch. Terms, \$1. for season, from May 1st to Oct. 15th. E. D. PIPER.

DISCOUNT SALE.

I will sell trimmed goods at one-fourth off from marked price in order to make room for new goods. Now is the time to get a hat cheap at the millinery store one door north of Wildy's. MISS L. ADAMS.

The Ages of Trees. A German forester, who is considered an authority, says that the oldest trees in Germany are known to have lived nearly 600 years. The silver fir has flourished for upward of 400 years, and the evergreen oak has been known to live 410 years, while other varieties of oak are from 315 to 320 years old.

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VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT.

Organize and Carrying Out a Movement for the Betterment of Towns. John Gilmer Speed writes upon how to organize and conduct a Village Improvement Society in Ladies' Home Journal. He prefaces his paper with the assertion that the "future prosperity of the country village depends, in a great measure, upon its suitability for the summer residence of those who prefer, at that season, to leave the hot and crowded cities," and argues further that "a Village Improvement Society should be a pure democracy, and within its membership it should embrace every man and woman of good repute in the neighborhood, and besides this there should be established an auxiliary league of children. This league should be asked, and urged, and instructed to assist the main society. Such societies are usually supported by fees and dues. This is very well in a village where the majority of the people are quite prosperous and usually have a store of ready money at their disposal. But even in such places I prefer the method of supporting the society by purely voluntary subscriptions of money, labor and material. Labor is just as good as money, and is given more freely by all save those who are rich."

After canvassing the matter Mr. Speed suggests a public meeting, to be addressed by some one familiar with the details of the work, preceding preliminary organization, and the adoption of a constitution. Permanent officers and committees should be named at the first meeting, and preceding the second one the first labor day should be observed. "On that day all the men and teams in the village should congregate to work under the direction of the executive committee, and the ladies of the society should provide a picnic luncheon for the workers that day. In some untidy villages the whole of the first labor day might be given to cleaning up; in others the sidewalks might be put in better order, or pieces of new sidewalk constructed; in nearly every village it would be a good thing to put the grounds and fences of the public schoolhouse in order. But there are always very obvious needs everywhere before the advent of the village improver. But what is done that day should be done with some thoroughness, and the noonday luncheon is apt to invest the day with some of the characteristics of a festival. What is done will be discussed in every house of the village, and the achievements will inspire confidence or provoke criticism."

WASHINGTON'S MARRIED LIFE.

Mrs. Washington's Mother Scarcely Contributed to the Harmony. "There is every reason to believe that Washington's married life was one of increasing happiness and satisfaction," writes General A. W. Greely, U. S. A., in Ladies' Home Journal. "Unfortunately his letters to his wife were destroyed by her. But there are sufficient allusions in his general correspondence to indicate that they grew together with declining years, and that both husband and wife showed that consideration toward, and respect for, each other which are the soundest guarantees of marital happiness. Since circumstances did not permit frequent visits of his wife to her relatives we find Washington inviting her mother to come to Mount Vernon as her home. It does not appear that this introduction added to the harmony of the household, or if it did the admission of other women, relatives of husband and wife, did not. In this respect Washington, writing later about his niece living at Mount Vernon, speaks of his love for her, but he says: 'I will never again have two women in my house when I am there myself.' Mrs. Washington proved an unflinching support to her husband in camp or court, in peace or war, and Washington had her happiness and comfort always at heart. His field service was irksome only as entailing constant uneasiness on the part of his wife. Of the many instances of his tender solicitude for her uncertain health there is none more touching than that connected with his fatal illness. Attacked suddenly and seriously after midnight Washington's malady was at least hastened by his unwillingness that his wife should incur the risk of a cold by rising during the bitter winter night to relieve his suffering."

The Bicycle Blame.

The destruction of 1,700 bicycles in Boston by fire the other day is a great loss to the world, but happily one that is soon repaired: If 17,000,000 bicycles had been suddenly wiped out they would hardly have been missed in this whirling age in which we live. But the imagination grows pale, halts, stumbles and falls dead in an attempt to picture the utter helplessness of society if all the bicycles were to be destroyed. Trade and commerce would be paralyzed, pleasure would be turned to pain, the heavens would roll together as a scroll and chaos and old night would come again. The bicycle is here, and here must it remain.—New York Advertiser.

The Strength of Ice.

The following estimate of the strength of ice is given in Huxwell's "Engineers' and Mechanics' Pocket-Book." "Ice two inches thick will bear infantry, four inches thick will bear cavalry, six inches thick will sustain heavy guns, eight inches thick will bear 10,000 pounds to the square foot."

Gold Production of the Transvaal.

The great feature in the modern life of the Transvaal is the working of gold. The production of last year of this metal was 2,265,833 oz., showing an increase of 551,609 oz. as compared with 1892.