

Our Exchanges.

(Anselty Citizen.)

It is encouraging to note that many of the best men in the populist party are now warm supporters of the republican ticket.

Let the good work go on for the next ten days and every republican candidate in the county will be elected. New recruits are reported from every locality.

It is generally conceded that Dean was a failure as county attorney, and now he asks the people to elect him county judge. The people are satisfied with Judge Armour and will re-elect him by a larger majority than ever.

When you cast your ballot for John Lewis for county superintendent, you are voting for a man whose highest ambition is education. He is a self-made man who has proven himself to be a successful educator, a ripe scholar, and a man of good judgment.

Just because the populists have placed one or two good men in nomination is no reason why any republican should vote for them. Every man on the republican ticket is well qualified for the position he seeks, and every republican should take a pride in voting for every one of them. Every man on the ticket is entitled to your loyal support.

(Callaway Courier.)

The election of the entire republican county ticket will place in the offices of the court house a set of men whose aim will be to give the county an economical, business administration.

The populists of Custer county are trading everything they possibly can for votes for Eli Armstrong. They well know that should the sheriff's patronage be taken from the Beacon, there would soon be one less pop paper in the county. The republicans are urged to vote the straight republican ticket without a scratch, and every man will be elected. Trading will not be necessary if the ticket is voted straight.

The Broken Bow Chief, in speaking of Eli Armstrong, says: "No

matter what responsibility is placed in his hands, it is looked after in a most careful manner." Yes, Eli was told to see that the populist organ at this point was killed—and he did it. The populists know all about it as well as the republicans, and Eli will come up several votes shy on November 5th, and will be given the opportunity to look after the responsibility of a farm Eli is a saint as long as he dishes out patronage to the Broken Bow pop papers only.

A Good Record.

Frequently we hear person say that no money can be made in this county farming. But the expression is not heard so often under republican administration as it was from 1893 to 1897—when we had free trade and everything was at bed rock prices. Most farmers in the past four or five years, who have followed mixed farming have been able to get ahead, and, as a rule, they have more to show for their time than merchants and other class of business men. As an illustration of what some of the farmers have been doing, we will give you the experience of one farmer of Custer county in the past five years as he told it to us at the depot last Saturday night, while waiting for the arrival of his brother from Idaho, who has been west the past seven years.

Oscar A. Swick of Lillian township left this county on the 7th day of October, 1895, with wagon, team and family for Arkansas, where he had relatives residing. On his arrival there he found the country in very destitute circumstances and on the following day started back north with the older children in hopes of finding employment. His wife and smaller children remained there until he could find some place to settle. Failing to find employment or any place where the chances were as favorable as Custer county, when he had traveled through Kansas on his way back he wrote his wife to take the train and come back to Custer county. She, with the children, arrived five days in advance of him. He had left a farm of 100 acres, against which was a mortgage of \$1100, every dollar it was worth and one cow. He went onto the farm December 17, of the same year, he and his wife together had less than five dollars in cash, and a family

of six or eight children.

He has since paid for that farm and bought another quarter section for \$833. Has eighteen head of cattle from the cow, fourteen head of horses, ninety-seven head of hogs, 400 bushels of old corn, more than 2,000 bushels of new corn. All of this property is free of debt except \$500 against the second quarter section he bought. He has hogs and corn to feed them that will net him over \$1,000 this year including his farm machinery and household goods accumulated in the six years, land and personal property he is worth fully \$3,500 above his indebtedness, which makes a clear profit of nearly \$600 a year, that he has accumulated besides keeping his large family. When it is remembered that the past six years have been below the average in crops it shows that farming in Custer county can be made to pay. Mr. Swick remarked that he might have had a better chance than some. He said when he came back he went to O. P. Perley, where he had formerly bought his groceries and told him his circumstances, and said he was going to try to raise another crop in Custer county. Mr. Perley told him he would see him through. He let him have his groceries on time until he could raise a crop to pay for them, which helped him through the first year. What Mr. Swick has done, doubtless others have done, and still can do. There are thousands of men today in the east paying out all they make each year, above a scant living, for rent, while they might come to Custer county with a team and money enough to buy one cow and buy cheap land on time and in a few years be independent and have a home of their own.

Snake Run.

Not much news. Nearly everybody is sowing some fall grain. D. W. Lanterman and wife of Ryno table spent Sunday here. R. E. Skinner is putting down a well on his farm on the dutchman. Rev. J. R. Woods held meetings at the school house Saturday and Sunday. A. McGrew has rented H. B. Daugherty's place and is doing some farming the last week. W. G. Wallace and family of Broken Bow spent Saturday night and Sunday in this vicinity. Several farmers in the valley have commenced to shuck corn it is making about 15 bushels per acre. Mable and Dysel Skelton who are going to school in Broken Bow spent Sunday with their parents. A pound party was held at John Woeters last Thursday night for the benefit of the minister the collection in goods and money amounted to about \$11. David Hipsher is building a new house on his farm. Mr. Hipsher in the last four years has bought his place and now got it paid for and intends to move soon.

Ash Creek.

Mrs. D. L. Herrick has been laid up during the past week. Mrs. W. A. Hayward made a short trip to York last week. Quite a number of Broken Bow people witnessed the ball game Saturday. Grant Turnbull of Dunning, paid a visit to his brother W. S., Saturday and Sunday. The Benedicts played the batchelors for oysters. The batchelors will have to fish up the stray dimes from their lurking places to buy the bivalves. Come all ye long suffering people and bear the long suffered woman's suffrage question, suffered over once more by the suffering debaters of Ash Creek. Chas. Huff of Central City is visiting relatives and friends on Ash Creek. Since his last visit he has been taking a course of instruction in illustrating cartoons, and he is able to show some very fine work in this line.

Ortelio News.

Mr. Johnson is having a new well made. C. D. Day dehorned cattle for J. M. Fodge Monday. A Mr. Reeder of Broken Bow is working for Mr. Haney. Invitations are out for a party at Mr. Seever's Friday night. Mr. D. V. Joyner of Broken Bow, was visiting relatives here Monday and Tuesday. The Abyssinian snake-eater who was at the Fair should have visited this section for an abundant living. The populist speaking was not very

well attended last Wednesday night. This is a poor place for populists.

Rev. Strickler filled his appointment last Sunday, he preached a most instructive sermon to about sixty people. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Joyner returned last Friday from New York where they have been visiting relatives, whom they had not seen for twenty years. Grandma Edwards was taken suddenly sick last Friday and is now very low. Her children F. J. Edwards and Mrs. Strong arrived Monday but B. F. Edwards has not yet come. J. F. Baker took his gun last Friday and went out in the hills west of the valley and killed fifty rattlesnakes. The next day he went again and killed forty one and afterwards killed enough more to make over a hundred rattle snakes, besides quite a number of other kinds.

Ryno.

Unusual fine weather since last writing. Oh horrors! Teddy's dining Southern Aristocracy. L. M. Pickett is about ready to commence shredding corn. A. B. Baker moved from the Smith ranch to Sumner, Neb. last week. Which is the most profitable a large crop at low prices or a light crop at high prices. C. H. Landreth is threshing for Asper Province to day; several more have small lots to thresh. H. G. Edgington our next supervisor for the sixth district was rushing around Ryno last week. M. Conley informs us that David Tullis of Oconto, was taken down with a stroke of paralysis on Tuesday morning. Geo. P. Pelky reports seventy bushels of potatoes and Ona Owen reports eleven bushels of beans they can eat potatoes 3 times a day. On last evening H. Cline passed Ryno on his way to Georgetown, in charge of 195 head of cattle that had been grassed near Hyannis, belonging to W. A. George and Diah Woodruff. I failed to see the proverbial calf; presume it had no existence only in the brain of disgruntled editors.

Etna Echoes.

The farmers are all out of water and unless the wind blows soon, will have to go to the Platte river. Dan Cring, our genial thresherman, is at present threshing at Oscar Johnson's on Rock Island Table. Allie VanAntwerp went to Gothenburg Friday evening on his wheel, and visited with friends Saturday and Sunday, returning Sunday afternoon. C. O. Lind, our next county recorder, returned home last Sunday from a campaigning trip in the eastern part of the county. He reports the prospects very flattering for the republicans this fall. Just to show that the two schools on the Lustrum table will not have a scarcity of scholars, we give the number enrolled in each. In the John Anderson school, Allie VanAntwerp teacher, there are 21 and 7 more to come; and in the Lustrum school, Iver Johnson teacher, there are forty and ten more expected. The Concerto Orchestra of Broken Bow will give a musical entertainment at Merna, Friday evening, November 1st—Admission 10 and 20 cents.

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