

News of a Local Nature

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will have a cake sale at the Advo Grocery store Saturday, April 27.

Mrs. Geo. B. Mair and brother, Kirk Douglass, intend to go to Ord the first of next week for a several days' visit.

A. L. Scott and wife, of Wissert, visited with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott, in this city, Tuesday night.

Jess Gandy says: "Not one drop of water, but many grains of sand, will build a railway across Custer's fair land."

Leo Dean and Cleon Cannon spread their names on the Windsor hotel register in Lincoln last Lord's day and attended services at the Cathedral.

An examination for teachers certificates was held at the superintendent's office at the court house last Saturday with twenty applicants present.

Arthur Callen returned the first of the week from the sand hills, where he found a section of land, with 1300 acres of hay land on which he filed homestead papers.

C. F. Basch, of Madison, arrived in the city Tuesday night and remains until tomorrow visiting with his brother, your "Uncle Joseph," and family.

H. A. Watts' new cottage, west of the south side school building is being rapidly rushed to a finish, whereat Herbert jubilantly warbles: "Hi-lee, hi-low, see my home in Broken Bow."

Lon Davis is grooming five car loads of cattle, near the fair grounds, and expects to have them ready for dress parade in the stock yards at South Omaha about the 1st of next month.

The sale of 55 head of horses by W. G. Ranney, announced to occur on May 4th at Richardson's barn in this city, has been postponed until a later date which will probably be made public within the next two weeks.

C. E. Calkins, of Kearney, has been appointed on the Supreme court commission, to succeed Judge Oldham, who has held the position for several years. E. E. Good, of Wahoo, has been appointed as another member of the commission.

According to the Litchfield story, the power is really the back-bone of the average manure spreader. It became a serious question as to how little power can be used and how thoroughly it can be applied to the mechanism of the machine.

William Downs, of Louisville, Kentucky, is visiting in the city with his half-brother, Judge Reese. Mr. Downs is very favorably impressed with this country, especially the climate, and thinks seriously of remaining here permanently.

If our readers will kindly refer to the Litchfield story on our 1st page, they will notice that the question of power and how to apply it, has been made a scientific study on this modern spreader. We certainly think it will be interesting to follow these articles.

Judge J. S. Benjamin received a letter last Saturday from his son, John, written at Amarillo, Texas, on the 16th, in which he mentions having met Hiram Palmer, who is with a carnival company and had just been married to a handsome and accomplished young lady.

The graduating exercises of the school of agriculture at the State university at Lincoln will be held tomorrow evening. The class is composed of thirty members of which four of the number are residents of Custer county, namely: Frank W. Connelly and Morris E. Meyers, Broken Bow; William T. Haumont, Elton, and Curtis B. Bengier, Callaway.

A Broken Bow woman, who is a devout church worker, conceived the idea of earning some money to help mission work in far-off India and she suggested to her husband that he permit her to shave him twice-a-week and that he give her the 10 cents that usually went into the barber's bank account. The husband tried the plan once, but after viewing the gashes, parallel and horizontal, with which his face was adorned, informed his wife that if she ever again tried to raise money for the heathen at the expense of his countenance there would be still another divorce case in the Custer county court.

Mrs. Levina Hontz has been quite sick for several days.

The U. B. Church held baptismal services in the Baptist church last Sunday afternoon. Seven candidates were baptised.

Counters and shelving are being located in the postoffice vestibule for G. W. Hatch, of Comstock, who intends to put in a stock of stationery, confectionery, cigars and gum as soon as the painters complete their work.

County Supt. Pinckney is scheduled to be in Lincoln on Saturday to confer with State Supt. McBrien and county superintendents of counties in which Junior normals will be conducted in June.

O. P. Allphin, the Ansley druggist, spent Monday in the city, summoned here as a witness in a case in District court. He reported business in his home town as quite lively this spring, freely confessing that there is not a better town in the state, of its size, and with every prospect of a rapid and substantial growth, as many new people are coming there from the east to permanently reside.

In moving the pile driver at work on the Fifth street bridge, Monday morning, one of the guy ropes was slackened too much and that machine topped over and struck the spot where Mayor George had but vacated only a few seconds. It was such a close call of either death or being maimed for life that His Excellency now watches the work from a distance—through a telescope.

Alex Polkinghorn was in Monday from his plantation in Rose Valley, 9 miles northeast of this city, and expressed the opinion that the recent frosts had completely ruined his crop of bananas. He also reported the arrival of a girl baby, Sunday, at the home of his neighbor and friend, James Schmidt, who is so happy he doesn't care if the whole dodged fruit crop is ruined since the arrival of this little peach.

Attorney R. A. Moore, who went to Hot Springs, Ark., more than two months ago suffering severely with rheumatism, has recovered therefrom to a certain extent, and as much as could reasonably be expected when his condition at the time of going there is taken into consideration. He writes that he has a new lease on life, anyhow, and hopes to be able to return to Broken Bow the first week in next month, yet he is not sure he will be able to do so.

Articles or notices for publication in the REPUBLICAN—sent by mail—should be addressed to THE REPUBLICAN, Broken Bow, Neb., and not to either the publisher or editor personally—to insure prompt publication. Sometimes notices for publication haven't been published because they were addressed personally to the publisher and he was out of town. Letters addressed personally, to either publisher or editor, are not opened by the other fellow, but they each take a shot at an envelope addressed to THE REPUBLICAN.

Scott Cooper has the court house yard in more than excellent condition this spring and by diligence—and accurate aim with brick bats—has taught the city canines to keep off the grass. Occasionally a dog from the country visits that part of the city and discovers that Cooper's plantation is an excellent place for a frolic, but he no sooner begins his maneuvers that Scott's eagle eye ferrets him out and then there's a "skiddo" address by that gentleman with a brick-stone demonstration and that country cousin steers clear of that particular spot on all subsequent visits to the city.

The Mazuma N. I. T. club announce its Seventeenth Annual May party at the Opera house in Broken Bow on Wednesday evening, May 1st; reception from 9 to 9:30 at which time the grand march will occur, music by Taylor's orchestra. These Mazuma May parties have become a social event that Broken Bow young people anxiously look forward to from May 2nd one year till the evening of May 1st the following year, as none of the numerous pleasant parties given annually in this city have reached that degree of perfection in enjoyability attained by the N. I. T. club, the attendance increasing in number with each succeeding party.

The Broken Bow District Sunday School convention will be held at this place Saturday evening and Sunday evening, May 4 and 5. See program next week.

The last Sunday school convention for the year, of the Northeast District association is called to meet at Gates, Neb., Saturday evening and Sunday, May 4th and 5th, 1907.

If citizens would clean their front yards as neatly as the backyard of the Baisch drug store, Broken Bow would indeed be a beautiful city and an inviting one to strangers.

A report from W. B. Eastham, who has been sick since the first of the month, is that he is gradually improving with indications that he will soon be able to attend to business, which news will be greeted with applause, and encore, by a host of friends.

Mrs. C. L. Gutterson reached home Monday evening from Chicago whither she went three weeks ago on account of the serious illness of her mother who has recovered sufficiently to permit her return, which was a genuine surprise to Judge Gutterson as she had not notified him of her coming at that time.

E. E. Squires, who came here from Kearney the first of the year and entered into partnership in the law business with H. M. Sullivan, was summoned home a week ago last Saturday on account of Mrs. Squires suffering an attack of pneumonia which resulted in her death last Saturday. Besides the husband, a little girl six years of age, mourn her demise. The heartfelt sympathy of our citizens are extended them in the great grief which has so suddenly come to them.

Birthday Surprise Party.

Mrs. J. W. Scott was very happily surprised by a number of her neighbors, who invaded her home Tuesday night about eight o'clock—her birthday—in commemoration of the event.

A very pleasant evening was spent in social chat, games and music.

Light refreshments, which the guests had brought with them, were served and a very enjoyable time was had by all present.

At a late hour the guests took their leave wishing Mrs. Scott many happy returns of her birthday.

Railroad Meeting at Westerville.

The meeting held at Westerville last Saturday afternoon to consider the matter of building from Broken Bow to Loup City and there connect with the Union Pacific, was attended by a large number of citizens and farmers who feel the necessity of a railroad closer to their farms in order to market stock and produce at less cost and thereby be enabled to save more for their hard labor than under the present conditions of having to make long hauls by team, and the plan to secure the building of this 45 mile of track is easy and meets with the favor of most all residents along the proposed route.

The meeting was organized by the election of Mr. Mills as chairman and Mr. Scott, secretary. James Stockham, vice-president of the company, stated the object of the meeting, outlining the proposed route and the proposition by which it is to be built. Farmers within seven miles on each side of the route are asked to purchase stock to the amount of one dollar an acre on all land owned by them, by which means \$1000 per mile will be raised. When this is accomplished, eastern capitalists will furnish funds enough to complete and equip the road with rolling stock etc.

There is absolutely no question but that the road will be built, yet the line may deviate from the one now being considered, the cause for deviation being the inability of the farmers to come to the front. Another line, along which the farmers are wideawake and ready to make good, but not considered as feasible, will be taken up, if the one now proposed, is not welcomed by those who reside within its limits and would reap the benefits of it.

Tomorrow afternoon a meeting will be held at the Knight school house in Myrtle township at which Vice-Pres. Stockham and Engineer VanAntwerp will be present.

On Saturday afternoon a meeting will be held at the Downey school house, Georgetown, at which President Groat and Manager Gandy will be present.

Farmers in the localities where these meetings are held should not fail to be present—if they want a railroad.

The State Junior Normal Assured.

On Wednesday of this week County Superintendent Pinckney received a letter from State Supt. McBrien, calling him to a Junior Normal conference at Lincoln, on Saturday, the 27th. He announces that he has selected a corps of seven instructors for the Junior Normal, but as some of them have not yet signified their acceptance, their names are not announced at this time, except that the position of Principal of the Junior Normal will be filled by Dean Charles Fordyce, who has been at this place in Institute work several times.

The term will begin June 17th, and will continue seven weeks, including the one week of Institute.

Custer county is to be congratulated upon securing this school, as it will afford fine advantages for the teachers to improve themselves in matter and methods of teaching, and will besides give a great opportunity for a large number of our people who are not teachers.

It is intended to have a series of high-class lectures and other entertainments in connection with the Junior Normal, to which all students enrolled at the Normal will be admitted without further charge.

Altogether, it will be a great benefit to Broken Bow, and to the county at large, and has been secured by the energetic efforts of those who have been actively interested in the project, aided by the hearty co-operation of the county board and of the board of education of Broken Bow.

They "Played Hookey."

Monday, April 22, was decreed by Governor Sheldon as Arbor Day and every citizen of this great commonwealth—know and described on the map of the United States as Nebraska—were cited to take enough time from their daily avocations to plant a tree. If they couldn't plant a tree, plant something—anything but weeds.

Monday was a very much fine day—in the afternoon—calculated to inspire a spring-fever feeling, especially among students, who just couldn't get their minds off the fact that the governor had decreed it a holiday, while the authorities of the Broken Bow City schools gave the Sheldon proclamation a jolt by announcing there would be no cessation of school work in order to introduce shrubbery to Broken Bow soil by the pupils of the city schools.

The conflicting proclamations by the governor and school board were hastily discussed by members of the Senior and Junior classes and the decision reached that they would stand on neutral ground and pay respect to each of the edicts. This was agreed to by all of the thirty members, except five. Monday forenoon they performed school work as usual, but when time came for afternoon business only five members of the Senior and Junior classes were in their accustomed places, and none of the others appearing, greatly to the chagrin of the instructor, the "23" sign was hung up for the faithful five and they promptly "skidded."

The whole bunch went out to the fair grounds to hunt for ostrich feathers and wild flowers and spent the other half of the holiday very pleasantly. Five of the young ladies continued to walk as far as Berwyn, 9 miles, and returned home on the evening train, not only a trifle weary, but with highly sun-painted cheeks.

Would You Take Boarders?

Since the State Junior Normal at Broken Bow is assured, the attendance is expected to be far in advance of any previous Summer school. It is likely that all available rooms and boarding-places will be needed. If you have rooms to spare for lodgers, or if you will take boarders during the Junior Normal, please leave your name, address, and all necessary information, at the office of the county superintendent of schools.

At the Episcopal Church.

Rt. Rev. Anson R. Graves, the Bishop, of Laramie, will make his annual visit to St. John's Episcopal church, Broken Bow, on Friday evening, May 3rd, for confirmation. There will be special music. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

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