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The rural town is fast becoming a city in its general appointments, accommodations manners and style, in the means of disseminating the latest ideas and conveniences among the surrounding farms. By means of investment and improvement the country is getting nearer and nearer to the city, nearer to the many advantages and comforts which human ingenuity is devising. The present is an era of luxurious living, and every rural home has, or can have, the invigoration of a palace of former years. Even the isolated farmer or ranch house now has its telephonic connections, its mechanically rendered music, its rich furnishings, books, pictures and other evidences of culture and refinement, and that sturdy independence which is the harbinger of contentment.

The boost in the price of meat is the natural sequence to the hysterical actions of the cattle men last fall—who disposed of their holdings at sacrifice prices because they feared there would be a long drawn out panic. So much poor stuff was rushed to market that the country was left without the usual amount of cattle to fatten for this season and good meat is now scarce. The high price, therefore, is only the natural result. This is, at least, the explanation of the trust—and the trust ought to know. There will be some steak eaters, however, who will decline to give it credence.

Why wouldn't it be a good thing for us all to be candidates all the time—candidates for the good will, honor and esteem of our fellow men? If good fellowship and considerate thoughtfulness of the material and social welfare of others is becoming in the candidate for political preference, why won't they work well in the daily deportment of the citizen whose stake is greater than that of mere office getting.

Being, by the force of his occupation, a persistent factor in the way of straightening out tangles of one sort and another—the average newspaper man takes a just pride in his work and derives much wholesome satisfaction from efforts which are conducive of faith in human nature and goodness—and the large possibilities attendant upon patient, loyal effort in every good cause. Cynics in the profession are the exception, and not the rule.

And now Hearst's papers are finding fault because Mr. Taft insists upon thinking some of his own thoughts, and does not intend to say Amen to everything Roosevelt has said and done. This indicates how impossible it is to please all the people in American politics, and especially that class of people who intend—under any and all circumstances—to be displeased.

It is a matter of such serious suspicion as almost to amount to solid conviction with some people that there is no middle ground between government control of industry and industrial control of government. Such folks learn slowly, but they are due to arrive in the course of human events.

Those who are distinguished for even moderate wisdom do not expect perfection in government—national, state or city—but they do expect, and rightfully, the enforcement of sane laws and punishment of wrong-doing.

Even the goat is supposed to possess a sense of humor, but a cautious person who has had experience with animals will think about eleven times before attempting to impose upon it.

VOTED OUT POOL HALLS.

At the Election Tuesday, Broken Bow Voted to Dispense With Pool and Billiard Halls.

NO LICENSE BY 150 MAJORITY.

Oconto is the Only Town in the County Reported to Vote in Favor of Saloons.

Like many preceding elections the one pulled off in Broken Bow on Tuesday of this week was "quiet and uneventful" beyond the mere fact that a complete set of city officials, with only one ticket in the field, were elected and the further fact that pool and billiard halls are to be closed.

The legal voter also expressed their opinion as to whether or not the poor halls should remain. The average Broken Bow voter, of the legal breed, is a frisky critter, and until the polls closed and the votes counted, it would not have been a cinch to bet either way on the outcome of the question which had to do with the dispensing of that article which exhilarates, intoxicates and steals away the brain. On this question in 1906 the vote was 166 against and 52 for. Last year it was 166 against and 86 for. This year it was thought quite a number who have heretofore voted against saloons would reverse their vote because of the forcing of a vote on the pool halls and with this idea in their minds the no saloon people worked vigorously against defeat and succeeded.

The vote in Broken Bow, in detail, was as follows.

	1st	2nd	3rd	T'l
Mayor—W. A. George.....	114	78	75	267
Jess Gandy.....	8	6	13	27
Clerk—E. S. Holcomb.....	118	89	93	300
Treasurer—J. G. Leonard.....	120	87	95	302
Eng'r—A. J. VanAntwerp.....	116	86	90	292
Police Pat.—H. J. Shian.....	117	87	90	294
Alderman—E. Taylor.....	102			
J. S. Baisch.....	85			
Jas. Ledwich.....	90			
J. R. Teagarden.....	84			
For Saloons.....	47	16	26	89
Against Saloons.....	86	77	75	238
For Pool Halls.....	51	32	49	132
Against Pool Halls.....	73	58	51	182
Majority against saloons 149; majority against pool halls 50.				

There was a total of 350 votes polled, divided among the several wards as follows: 1st, 138; 2nd, 99; 3rd, 113.

For school directors, there were four candidates with two to be elected and the result was as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd	T'l
Loren Cornett.....	86	63	49	198
A. R. Humphrey.....	90	72	77	239
L. H. Jewett.....	125	97	96	318
A. P. Johnson.....	67	43	57	167

It is reported that Oconto voted in favor of saloons by one majority. If this is correct Oconto is the only town in the county favorable to booze, which is surely a "Plug for Oconto."

Out of 167 votes Callaway gave a majority of 21 against the sale of liquor. During the past year it has had saloons.

Sargent turned over a new leaf and will try and worry along without an appetizer before breakfast during the next twelve months, the majority there being unlucky for the saloons—13 against license.

No Fictitious Liquor Shipments.

At Washington on Monday of this week, after extended hearings and exhaustive arguments by the members of the senate committee on the judiciary, that committee agreed upon a bill dealing with the shipment of liquors from one state or territory to another state or territory. The measure is comparatively simple in form, providing that there shall be no "C. O. D." packages of liquor shipped in interstate commerce where fictitious names are used, and that the name of the consignor and consignee shall be stated plainly. The provision is designed to eliminate the practice of railroad and express agents acting as agents for liquor houses.

There were numerous bills before the subcommittee dealing with every phase of the question and particularly they sought to give to a state the right to control liquor shipments the moment they entered the border of the state. Temperance organizations all over the country desired this feature to be incorporated in the bill so as to give the wildest latitude to a state in exercising its police powers.

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Only a Family Expiside.

Last summer a Broken Bow home—on the north side—was troubled with a couple of rats who were doing light house-keeping in the cellar. Rats in the garret are bad, but rats in the cellar are worse. Rats, as is well known, are fond of anything in the eating line. They make short work of the cake for company or the Sunday pie and don't stop at ham, eggs or other edibles that are placed in the cellar. They skim a pan of milk quicker than a silver spoon can do it and take cheese with pie—just the same as up-stairs people. These rats lived high for several weeks and a leaf had to be taken out of the extension table as the little food they left for the upstairs dinner looked lonesome on it.

Something had to be done and an advertisement in a magazine told how to do it. A certain wise man had so constructed a rat reducing poison whereby the rat was killed and ground to ashes by the ingredients. It added relish to his food and after eating it, all the rat had to do was to lie down and die. It might crawl behind a brick, but that didn't matter because the stuff turned around and ate up the rat—tail, smell and all. The great rat exterminator was secured, an apple pie buttered with it and "first call to dinner" in the cellar was sounded. Then the rats hurried in and ate at the first table, and withdrew, quite according to program—and died. But the next number on the program did not come off as advertised, for in a few days no one could get into the cellar with a lantern. The lantern would go out and so would the fellow who carried it. The dead rats were speaking their pieces and their penetrating remarks were very loud. The cellar was not used by either rats or family for two months. J. C. says he believes the best rat poison is a steel trap.

Mrs. Morrow Fatally Burned.

Monday morning at about 8 o'clock, Mrs. Elizabeth Morrow, residing in the south part of the city was seen by Claud, son of A. C. Crawford, to run out of her home with her clothes burning. He summoned his father who hastened to the unfortunate woman's assistance, but before he could extinguish the fire she was so terribly burned that death resulted at 11 o'clock Tuesday night.

It had been her custom to start the fire with kerosene which she attempted to do Monday morning, as usual, but this time there were some live coals in what appeared to be perfectly dead ashes, and an explosion followed which set fire to her clothing. Finding she could not extinguish the fire she ran out doors.

Mrs. Morrow was the wife of Benjamin F. Morrow who died about two years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Morrow came to Custer county twenty-three years ago from Clark county, Missouri, and have no relatives here. At his death Mrs. Morrow came into possession of \$3,000.00 and the property in this city. Of this she gave \$1,000.00 to the Masonic lodge of this city, under certain conditions, and made a will to divide the balance equally between a nephew and a half sister of Mr. Morrow.

Postmaster Jewett has been her adviser in business matters and it is understood the will names him as executor of the estate. In response to telegrams sent to relatives in Missouri he has received replies they cannot reach here for the funeral, which will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church. The deceased was about 65 years of age.

NATIONAL CORN EXPOSITION.

It Will Be Held in Omaha Next December, and Custer County Will Compete for Prizes.

A meeting was held in Lincoln on April 2nd, by the men from different counties in this state, who have charge of the county work in connection with the national corn exposition, to be held in Omaha in December next. Mr. J. D. Ream was sent there as a delegate by the Custer county Agricultural Society, and he comes back greatly enthused over what that exposition may do, not only in the way of advertising for the different sections of the state, but also for what it may accomplish in teaching us how to raise better and more corn, and how to handle our other grains to better advantage.

Mr. Ream, will be superintendent of that work in Custer county. He is, as we all know, alive to what good farming means to us. In order that Custer county may be well represented there, he suggests that we have a manager in each precinct who will see to it that several of his neighbors, young and old, engage in planting one acre of corn with the best seed they can find for their locality, and give that corn special attention. Thorough bed corn would be preferable, if well acclimated.

All those entering the contest had better send their names to Secretary Jules Haumont, at Broken Bow, so that they may get all the bulletins, which will be issued on corn growing. It is hoped that there will be a reward for those whose corn score over 75 per cent. Last year a man from Pawnee county brought home over \$400 in corn premiums from Chicago.

Wheat, oats and barley will also enter into the contest, and we hope that Custer county will be well represented in that line, for thousands of people from all over the United States will see those exhibits. Let every precinct get interested in this matter, and do not fail to send in the name of your precinct manager.

Each one will pick the best fifty ears out of his corn, and one expert will then go over it again and pick the best twenty out of that, before sending it to Omaha. Your exhibit, may or may not at your selection, or as may be later deemed best, for the safety of the exhibit, compete in our local contests at the different fairs.

The county fair will offer premiums to encourage those who enter into this work, and will see to it that the exhibits reach Omaha in good shape and without expense to the contestants.

The real estate men in the different localities ought to take a special interest in this for a good exhibit at the corn exposition from Custer county will advertise us more favorably than anything else we can do.

Let us take hold, and make this a success for Custer county. Address all communications to J. D. Ream or to Jules Haumont, Broken Bow, Nebr.

Disastrous Prairie Fire.

Last Sunday afternoon a prairie fire was started, north of Gandy, by some children who were allowed to carry matches. The fire burned northward to the Dismal river, at Dunning, cleaning almost everything in its path, many hundred head of cattle perishing.

The fire burned east and south toward Anselmo from the river almost as fiercely as it had spread desolation on its northward course, but a change in the direction of the wind retarded its progress and it burned out in the northwest part of this county.

A letter from Carl Foote, residing near Dunning, says he has nothing left but the house and barn, and to save them he was compelled to fight desperately. He expresses himself as thankful, however, as most of the settlers did not save their buildings.

Armstead Richardson, a colored gentleman, who was on his claim near Dunning, was in Broken Bow last night and said that he lost everything except the clothing he wore and a span of horses which aided him to escape with his life. According to his statement everything was laid waste by the fire covering an area of more than 25 miles square.

Dry Valley Doings.

The stock market is a "hummer" and the price of hogs went up 30c per hundred in one day at Chicago last week, and fat cattle correspondingly are quite high, and daily going higher, following

ing hogs and it will be only a short time till \$7 pork is here. What is to prevent it, as there are no hogs? Farmers were compelled to get rid of their hogs as they had no corn and could not buy any as there were none for sale here. We shall see one of the greatest hog scarcities the country has seen for many years and a very high price as a result.

We have been experiencing some changeable weather the past few days. Some days very warm then inside of a few hours a bear skin was needed.

W. S. Wescott, one of the oldest settlers in the east end of the county, passed away last Tuesday at the age of 82 years, and was buried in the Wescott cemetery last Thursday.

Broose shipped out their cattle last week that were fed at Sargent. There were 18 car loads of cattle and 4 car loads of hogs. They sold at their yards for \$6.70 per hundred.

Westerville Items.

Mrs. A. H. Copsey, of Broken Bow, is visiting her children and other friends here this week.

Ray Tierney, who has taught the Copsey school the past seven months, finished his work there last Friday. We hear nothing but praise for the young man.

Frank Huxtable, of Halsey, was shaking hands with many of his old time acquaintances here one day last week.

Elmer Cannon's fat cattle topped the market in Omaha last week. We understand they sold for \$6.75 per hundred. Score one more for Westerville.

We suggest the name of our highly educated ex-county superintendent, John G. Lewis, for the office of state superintendent, a position that he is well qualified to fill.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hisen are feeling happy over the arrival of a new baby girl that put in an appearance last Saturday.

Mrs. Bert Lanphear, who, with her husband, recently moved to Rock county, is visiting her son, Guy, here this week.

Zumbrotta Zephyrs.

Mr. Bayless is working for J. L. Cole. The following persons are just recovering from a siege of the chicken pox: Chas. Tappan, Maud Callen, Chas. and Lela Koozer.

Walter Cole left last week for Monroe, Nebr., on a business trip.

M. D. Callen enjoyed a few days visit last week with a nephew from St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. W. W. Bishop and daughter, Zoe, spent last Friday with Mrs. Chas. Heaps at Snake Run.

M. D. Stone's Sundayed with Mr. Hepshire's on the east Table.

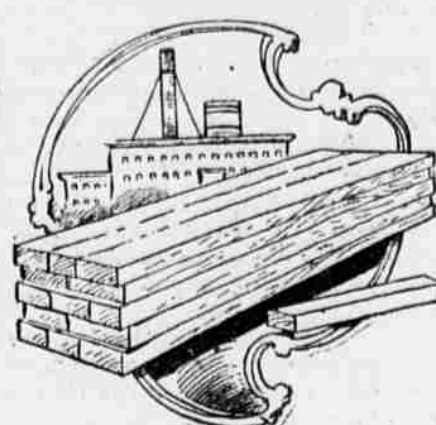
Miss Mabel Routh arrived home Saturday night from her enjoyable sojourn in Rugby, North Dakota.

Nine McComas spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Strickler on the East Table.

M. D. Callen's were entertained at R. N. Norcutt's in the Bow, on last Sunday.

On last Saturday evening Miss Zoe Bishop entertained about thirty-five of her young friends in a very pleasant manner. Games of different kinds were indulged in until the usual hour came to enjoy the delicious refreshments that were served to the merry guests, all declaring they had all had a very nice time indeed.

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