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WILL ORGANIZE REPUBLICAN CLUB.

WILL MAKE IT THE BANNER CLUB OF THE WEST.

THE DATE, AUGUST FIFTH.

Congressman Pollard, Judge Norris and Congressman Kinkaid Will Speak. Our Young Men are Enthused and Will be Out For Taft.

Vice-Chairman Myers of the Republican County Central Committee informs us that a Young Men's Taft Club will be organized in Broken Bow next Wednesday evening with a membership of about one hundred and fifty young men between the ages of 18 and 35. The young men say that they are going to have the Banner Taft Club of the state when the size of the town is taken into consideration. This is the kind of spirit we like to see. It is the kind that has made this country what it is today and the kind of spirit which it takes to win elections and keep the reins of government in the hands of the party which has guided the old ship of state in prosperous waters for a half century and more. These young men do not want to change from a tried and true party to one that has an unknown quantity, and which when it did have power for a short time, was the direct cause for the hardest times ever experienced in these United States. A party which has not the confidence of the people and whose policies are of a destructive nature rather than con-

structive. A party whose standard bearer has twice been turned down by the American people when seeking the highest office within their gift on account of his unsound policies. The third time he is asking for the place and is advocating no sounder doctrines than on former occasions and the people will turn him down again.

The Young Men's Republican Clubs are a good thing. In them they will have a chance to study the platforms of the different parties and will be able to refute all arguments brought to bear against them. Every young man should join and familiarize himself with the workings of politics.

Good Speakers Will be Here.

Congressman Pollard, Judge Norris and Congressman Kinkaid will be here to speak to the young men, on next Wednesday evening at which time every young man, who can, is urged to be present and hear these gifted orators talk. Meetings will also be held in other towns in the county where the organizations of Clubs are well under way. Remember the date of the meeting, Wednesday August 5, 1908.

Could't Make It Work.

The Bryan-Brown contingent which was instrumental in having the Taft Banner cut down which hung over O. street in Lincoln, finding that the liberty loving people of Nebraska would not stand for such acts of vandalism, have changed their tactics. They now say that State Chairman Hayward had it done in order to create sympathy for Wm. H. Taft. We have always known that the democratic party was in hard straits and would stoop to any political chicanery in order to prejudice the people against the republican party or to win an election, but this last act lays in the shade all former political trickery. It is conclusive evidence that the party is headed for the headwaters of Salt Creek and is doing its best to turn back. The tearing down of the Taft Banner was bad enough, but their last resort, is an added insult to the intelligent voter of Nebraska and he will resent it at the coming election by voting to exonerate Chairman Hayward of this political canard.

Carr—Painter.

Married in Broken Bow, Monday evening, July 27, 1908. Mr. Jay Carr of Alliance, Nebraska and Miss Louise Painter of this city. L. N. Early, Minister of the Christian church officiating. The REPUBLICAN joins the many friends of the contracting parties in wishing them long life and happiness.

The Constitutional Amendments.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish the constitutional amendments in full in order that the Republican's readers may know and study them. Read them carefully that you may vote intelligently on them this fall.

CROPS WERE NEVER BETTER.

CUSTER COUNTY WILL HAVE BUMPER CROPS OF ALL KINDS.

THE FARMERS ARE HAPPY.

All Of The Wheat Is In The Shock. Oats Are Nearly All Cut. Alfalfa Stacks Everywhere. Corn In The Silk And Fairly Jumping.

In company with Dr. T. W. Bass and Wm. Boyce the editor of the REPUBLICAN made a trip to Merna, our flourishing little sister city to the west, where Dr. Bass went to install the officers in the Odd Fellows lodge. In riding along the road one could not help but notice the fields of ripened grain, some in the shock others falling before the reapers sickle and many others waiting to be cut. It was a beautiful sight, and one which proved to us beyond doubt that Custer county will be the banner crop county of the state this year. The wheat, while the straw is short, is well filled and will yield the farmer a good average crop of which he will have no reason to complain when he takes into consideration the backwardness of the spring, which prevailed over several states this year. Large stacks of alfalfa were to be seen on either side of the road as far as the eye could see. This crop alone represents thousands of dollars to our farmers that the farmers of the east do not raise, and in many places cannot raise. Corn never looked better at this time of the year. It has a good, strong, healthy color and many fields are in the silk, which old settlers tell us is about two weeks in advance of former years. As a result of the fine outlook for crops the farmers of Custer county are happy and if the present prices continue for corn and wheat untold wealth will return to them which will mean increased business and greater prosperity than was ever known in this, the Garden Spot of the West. Another thing we have noticed since coming to Custer county is the large fields of potatoes which many of our farmers have, and which they tell us will yield more to the acre this year for the reason that they have given them more care than formerly. With the golden fields of wheat, oats and rye, the green fields of alfalfa, corn with its rich green color, potatoes almost matured, garden truck in abundance, the canyons full of ripened fruit and the grasses that will yield more hay than the stock of Custer county can consume, it is no wonder that the farmers are more happy and contented than are the farmers of the eastern states.

Poor John in a Mad House.

John Abbott, a democrat of Orient, Iowa, has been confined in a mad house since the nomination of Bryan. It is said that he keeps up a constant cry of "Sixteen to one for Heaven." John, who used to be a level headed fellow when the writer knew him before Bryan's 16 to 1 fallacy was sprung, has gradually become befuddled in trying to keep track of his favorites' lightning political changes, until now he is a raving maniac. This should be a timely warning to others.

Was Homesick for Custer.

Judge W. W. Cowles, who for several months has been visiting relatives and friends in Illinois returned to Broken Bow Sunday night. The Judge said that he could not stay away any longer as he was homesick for Custer county, and seemed as pleased as a boy with his first pair of red top boots to get back. He is looking hale and hearty.

Custer County Alright.

W. J. Windnagle returned last Thursday night from Penn Yan, New York, where he went about five months ago with a lot of horses and the intention of locating. He sold his horses and after visiting relatives and friends for awhile he decided that Custer county was good enough for him and he is back to stay.

No Man in the House.

Not long since Sheriff Kennedy received a phone call telling him that there was a man in a house about fourteen miles from Broken Bow and for him to come at once and arrest him. The story goes that after the sheriff heard the particulars about "the man in the house," he told the parties to go and capture the man, be he tramp or a crazy man. It seems that a farmer and his two sons arriving home late from town were led to suspect that there was a man in the house for the reason that the women folks were away from home and there was a light burning. While unhitching the horses the light went out which increased the farmers' suspicions about a man being there. It was at this time that our sheriff was phoned to from a neighbor's, who was aroused from his peaceful slumbers. On receiving word from the sheriff to capture the man, the neighborhood was aroused and with revolvers, guns, pitchforks, etc., the men surrounded the house which was supposed to have a bad man inside of it. In this manner guard was kept until the peep of day when someone more venturesome than the rest went into the house and discovered no one there or had there been. The lamp had no oil in it, and the supposition is that it was left burning when the women folks left home after curling their hair and the oil had run out just as the farmer was unhitching his horses. The neighbors have had considerable fun over the matter and this story would not have appeared had we not overheard the farmer being twitted about there being no man in the house.

Just About the Weeds.

Many of our citizens responded to the appeal of the Civic Improvement Club to cut the weeds and clean up their premises on Thursday, July 23. For those who did, too much can not be said in praise for them. Their homes now have a more prosperous and homelike appearance which the others do not. Rank weeds give a home a ragged and rundown appearance, and while the owner may not have a lazy bone in his body, yet if he permits weeds and rubbish to accumulate on his property, people passing by have a right to form their own conclusions and they invariably are that the man is lazy and shiftless. There are still a few forests of weeds which should be cut, not only for appearance sake, but for the general health of our people. There is an ordinance compelling property owners to keep their places free from weeds and rubbish, and notices have been printed by the proper authorities demanding that this be done by a certain date. If it is not done the city will do it for you which will be rather expensive. Then, to the Board of health has a right to get after those who are careless in keeping their premises free from disease germs and they may take action soon. Better get busy at once on the weed patches and save costs.

An Old Man's Taft Club.

The young men of Broken Bow will organize a Taft Club next Wednesday night with about 150 members, the age limit being 35 years old. Now, there are quite a number of young men in this city from 36 years old, and on up to near a century, who would like to join a Taft Club and there is talk of organizing an Old Man's Taft Club to work in conjunction with the Young Men's Club. With two Taft Clubs in Broken Bow working in harmony there would be something doing this fall.

Mills—Simms.

Married at the home of our County Superintendent, Thursday evening, July 23, 1898, at 8:30 o'clock, Mr. John Mills and Miss Susie Simms, of Arnold, H. M. Pinckney officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Mills left Friday morning for Denver, where they will remain for a week or so before returning to Arnold where they will make their future home. The REPUBLICAN joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Mills in wishing them a happy and prosperous married life.

YE OLD SETTLERS PICNIC.

THE GREATEST ANNUAL EVENT IN CUSTER COUNTY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST FIFTH.

Congressman Pollard, H. E. O'Neal, Judge W. F. Norris, and Ex-Gov. Holcomb Will Be the Principle Speakers. Short Talks By Old Settlers.

Next Wednesday, August 5th, will occur the annual event which is always looked forward to by the citizens of Custer county. It is the day when dull care is laid aside by our people and all can should come to Broken Bow and enjoy themselves in old time reminiscences. Every one should come and help to honor the men and women who endured the privations and hardships of pioneer days in Custer county and showed to the world that this part of Nebraska could be made to blossom like the rose. To them is due all the credit of making it possible for the younger generation to enjoy the fine homes which dot the hills and valleys of the fairest and best county, not only of the great state of Nebraska but of all the states in the Union. The Old Settlers Picnic is given so that at least once a year the sturdy Pioneer, with his good wife and children, and their children's children may gather together and enjoy the day in visiting and talking of incidents which happen in the early days.

In the Public Park.

The picnic will be held in the public park where there is ample shade, plenty of water and just the ideal place for our old friends to enjoy a picnic dinner, provided the newspaper men of the city are invited to partake of the many good things to eat which Custer county's good women know so well how to prepare.

Several Good Speakers.

The committee has secured several good speakers for the day. Congressman Pollard, of the first district, will be here and he will be able to interest all for he is an old timer. The next speaker will be Gov. S. A. Holcomb. Of him we need say no words of praise, for he is known far and near and loved and revered by all who know him. Harry O'Neill, of Omaha, one of the pioneers of our county and soon to be again, will tell of the happiness and hardships enjoyed and endured in the days when none but sod houses and barns specked our rolling prairies. The committee was also fortunate in securing Judge W. F. Norris, late of the Philippine Islands for an address.

All Kinds of Sports.

There will be a base ball game in the forenoon between Ravenna and Broken Bow, foot races for boys over 75 years old. Prizes will be given to the oldest male and female settlers, the first male child and the first female child born in the county. Also to the largest family including father

mother and children, and another medal for the largest family including father, mother, children, grand children and great grand children. Those entitled to medals must be in attendance at the picnic. There will also be a prize given to the couple married on the grounds.

Talks by Old Settlers.

Probably the most interesting part of the program will be short talks by the Old Settlers who will be invited to tell how they rubbed up against the rough edges of life in this county some thirty or more years ago. Do not miss this picnic, but come and enjoy yourselves as you should.

Installed Officers at Merna.

T. W. Bass, D. D. G. M., Wm. Boyce and Will M. Dunn went to Merna Saturday night, where Mr. Bass installed the following officers in the Odd Fellows lodge: J. E. Graham, N. G.; A. L. Cosner, V. G.; W. S. Wells, Sec'y; H. K. Atkinson, Treas.; C. F. Taylor, R. S. S.; P. G. Street, L. S. S.; Geo. Litzburg, R. S. N. G.; W. P. Kellenbarger, L. S. N. G.; B. C. Browning, R. S. V. G.; F. W. Hickman, L. S. V. G.; J. E. Miller, Warden, F. W. Daniels, Conductor; P. F. Forney, I. G.; R. D. Lohr, O. G.; Rev. S. Harver, Chaplain. After the installation the brothers were invited to an ice cream and cake supper prepared by the members of Merna Rebekah Lodge No. 224. A good time is reported by all who attended.

First Visit Since Last Fall.

Major C. S. Ellison, well known to the people of Custer county, came up from Ansley the first of the week to visit friends and attend the Chautauqua. This office received a pleasant call from him Tuesday forenoon.

AS THE TWIG IS BENT

SO THE TREE IS INCLINED

Our future citizens—the children of today—will follow our lead in the matter of beverages. Their habits depend upon us. Which shall it be—the mild and pleasant thirst quenching beverages of the

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