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**SOCIETY ITEMS-**

By Mrs. Amanda L. Xanders.  
MAZUMA'S ENTERTAIN.

The honorary members of the Mazuma N. I. T. Club gave a dancing party at the Temple Theatre last Friday night. This was the last of a series of social functions given by members of the club, and proved to be a delightful affair. Early in the evening the guests seemed more disposed to sociability than dancing. There were about twenty-five couples present. Dancing began at nine and continued until the midnight hour. Between the dances a number of gentlemen sang a few of the popular songs. The hostesses were Mesdames W. H. Xanders, F. E. Taylor, Wm Jenkins, Hiram Palmer, Edgar Osborne, George Hussom, J. K. Hermon. Mr. Jake Baisch furnished the music.

**BOOK PARTY.**

Last Friday afternoon Mrs. H. T. Bruce entertained at her lovely home on fifth avenue Height, in honor of the two visitors within our gates, Mrs. Bolte and Miss Greninger, at a representation book party. The guests were informed that they were in some way to represent a favorite book and give a quotation from it. Our poetic genius had a brilliant idea; it was to spring a surprise on the hostess. A list of the guests was secured through the society reporter, and they were all duly requested to appear in white, wearing the scarlet letter and later each one represent their own peculiar book. The day was raw and cold and opera cloaks and long coats were pressed into service to at least partially conceal the white gowns. To say that Mrs. Bruce was a surprised expresses it mildly, as all the guests entered into the joke and it created no end of merriment. After a pleasant social time the guessing began. Mesdames Rublee, Stuckey and Bolte guessed correctly the highest number of books and after cutting Mrs. Bolte was presented with a lovely hand painted china plate, the work of the hostess. A delicious course supper was served by Mrs. Bruce assisted by Miss Bernice McComas.

**GUILD MEETS.**

The Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal church met with Mrs. Elisha Taylor last Thursday afternoon. During the business session the ladies decided to serve refreshments at the Rube Halloween entertainment Friday night Oct. 29, at the opera house given by the Mazuma Club. Coffee, pumpkin pie and doughnuts will be for sale at the usual price.

**JUNIOR AUXILIARY.**

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Joe Chrisman organized what will be known as the Junior Auxiliary of St. John's Episcopal church. The organization took place at the home of Miss Ruth Ledwich. The following officers were elected: President, Clara Taylor; Secretary, Ruth Ledwich; Treasurer, Marietta Purcell; Corresponding Secretary, Zelma Smith. The meeting will be held every two weeks and will be of a social and religious nature. The next meeting will be with Bertha Frey. Dainty refreshments were served.

**N. I. T. CLUB MEETING.**

Miss Syble Guthrie entertained the Mazuma Club Tuesday evening. The house was lighted with jack o'lanterns; the effect was rather weird and ghost-like. There was a large attendance of members. Arrangements for the Rube Halloween entertainment were perfected. The members enjoyed a delightful social hour. Miss Guthrie served pop corn in yellow tissue paper cases. Later a five course supper was served.

**BZHU CLUB.**

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Rublee entertained the Bzhu Whist Club Wednesday evening at its opening meeting of the season. Whist was played at seven tables. A business session was held at which time a new president was elected and plans laid for the meetings this winter.



GARLAND E. LEWIS

Candidate for County Superintendent

In casting your vote for County Superintendent next Tuesday do not fail to remember the fact that in voting for Garland E. Lewis for that position you are voting for one thoroughly qualified for that position. He is not only a graduate from one of the best colleges of the state but has had several years experience in teaching in country and city schools as well as instructor in Teachers Institutes. His experience extends to all lines of school work. In every particular he is especially well qualified for the office of County Superintendent.

The following testimonials of those who know of his education qualifications and experience speak for themselves:

Sumner, Nebraska.

To Whom it May Concern: While principal of the Sumner School Mr. Garland E. Lewis, by his energy, good judgment and qualifications proved himself a first class educator.

Dr. M. E. Bush.

Lodi, Nebraska.

Garland E. Lewis taught one of the best schools we ever had in our district. The energy and enthusiasm shown in his work was a great inspiration to all our young people.

A. B. Cornish,  
Director, Dist No. 73.

Merna, Nebraska.

This is to certify that Mr. Garland Lewis taught in our schools giving good satisfaction in all his work. His aims were always to place school and pupils on a higher plane. His habits socially were of the best and his ability to govern was splendid. He was always extending a helping hand to pupils who were behind and always working in co-operation with the school board. He is one of Custer county's promising and energetic young men.

Respectfully,  
E. C. Browning,  
Clerk.

I recommend my brother, Garland E. Lewis, to the voters of Custer county as one who will do his duty energetically and faithfully, with good judgment but without fear. If he is chosen, I shall point out to him the mistakes of my term of office and encourage him to adopt the new features of all previous administrations.

J. G. W. Lewis.

This is to certify that I have known Garland E. Lewis since he was a boy and regard him as an exceptionally bright and honorable young man and worthy of the entire confidence of the public.

C. L. Gutterson.

We are exclusive agents for the famous Red Cross hats and Caps.

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**Halloween Social**

The Young people of Baptist church will give a Halloween social at the home of Mrs. A. E. Anderson Friday evening Oct. 29. Every body come and enjoy a good time. A fine program and refreshments have been arranged. Admission 15 cents.

We cannot offer you anything but this years goods as our stock is entirely new. We have no fire sale or old style to sell.

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James Jarmin of Wagner was a city visitor Tuesday.

**The Division Campaign.**

The fact that the tax payers of Custer county paid about twice as much tax in 1908 as in 1907 led a good many people to kick and blame some body they didn't know who for the increased tax. Some one suggested blame it onto Broken Bow. This was a good one, and worked fine. Yes, Broken Bow got the big swag. They used it for building roads around Broken Bow and what money couldn't use on her roads, the ring put in their pocket. Yes, ring, graft, selfishness was rampant in Broken Bow and all at the expense of the tax payers.

Now this hugh and cry against Broken Bow created a condition very opportune for the division agitator. Now was the time to strike and strike hard against Broken Bow. So the division pull was started rallying a good campaign fund first. Yes enthusiasm was easy and money rolled in. A happy thought from one, suggested an honor roll with a fine certificate of membership to the honor roll to every subscriber of \$50.00. With a good wad of money much can be accomplished if no opposition intervenes. So it was easy to hire men at so much per day to circulate division petitions, and so much per signer was an added inducement for names. A majority of the electors according to law are necessary on each petition.

**WHO SIGNED THE DIVISION PETITION**

These petitions have been carefully looked over and it is found that many people who signed these petitions are not tax payers and a great many signed who are not electors, transient people who could not vote and many signed who were not divisionists. The petitions acted on favorably by the county board, the campaign began in earnest.

The cry of "big county taxes are doubled" were used to advantage. Down with the graftness at Broken Bow. All was joy in the division camp.

**DIVISIONISTS RUN AMUCK**

But hark! A challenge is heard and the charge that "the county taxes are doubled" is denied. The figures are called for and it is proved that county taxes are not doubled. But that the school, township, city and village taxes are doubled, and not the county tax.

**WOR! WOR!**

Then there was woe in the division camp. Followers weakened.

**THE OLD CRY**

of convenience was taken up, but that failed to invigorate the division strength.

**THE PAPERS IN THREE TOWN ONLY CHAMPION DIVISION**

The papers of Callaway, Sargent and Ansley were doing their best to present figures in behalf of the small counties, and as promptly being knocked out by the anti-division press. But they still had money and they sought to widen their influence in other papers than those of Callaway, Ansley and Sargent for up to this time they only had access in one other paper, at Oconto.

**TRY TO BUY THE PRESS**

So they approached two other papers for space, tauntingly flashing a roll of bills to entice the editor, but in each instance principle won and the divisionists received a set back.

**THE REAL INCENTIVE**

By this time the real incentive for the division agitators is sprung. Dick Brega has 174 town lots in Callaway with a large acreage of land in and adjoining the corporation. Dick being the head and forefront of the agitation, assisted by the citizens of prospective county seats, Callaway, Ansley, and Sargent census. The tax payers throughout the county to be aroused and this thing of voting for county division to spite Broken Bow did not appeal to the farmer taxpayers and let me say right here this anti-division fight is not Broken Bow's fight. Although, it is just as vital to other tax payers as to those of Broken Bow, and I appreciate

the fact that the tax payers have candidly considered their own interest and I have no fear of their voting to increase their taxes by county division; and here let me also say a word to those who say "well I don't pay much tax and I don't care if I do vote for division." Remember you may have taxes to pay some day; anyway be courteous enough to let the tax payers decide the proposition.

**BREGA ADMITS HE IS WRONG.**

And now the campaign draws to a close with our friend Dick to covor on every proposition, putting out figures one day to be drawn the next. "Yes" he says "those figures are wrong I made a mistake, draw a line through them. I have looked them up and they are wrong." Then people went come to hear him at his meetings, although he travels long distances and he scolds them and to cap all, they ask him hard questions right out in meeting. If he gets his figures twisted or makes a misstatement they call him a d--- liar. And Dick pleads another meeting and prays to be excused. Oh Dick! thy soul tho oft cast down forever rises for other falls.

And I hear from your associates, "if you beat us this time we'll come up again." Then defeat.

**THE LAST SHOT FROM BREGA.**

Yet you have one more shot we are waiting for, it is the pamphlet containing a full resume of all your writings to be handed to the voters after the last publication of the division press. And prove the short examinations I have given it. I am convinced that yourself and associates will be ashamed after election that they ever published such literature.

**FALSE TRACING**

Let me call your attention to a few items on page 14 under heading transcribing the records, it reads "I. A. Reneau has a complete set of books for the entire county x x x and with a little extra work these can be made to serve the entire county." The above is a fair sample of your statements in behalf of division and your pamphlet is a continuation of such talk, designed wholly to mislead the voters by giving a false impression. In the first place you know that Mr. Reneau's books are not record books. They are merely one abstract memoranda of the records for the purpose only of furnishing abstract of title to lands and lots in Custer county and cannot be used by the county in place of the actual records. And your estimate of \$2,613.43 cost of records for Alfalfa county is along the same line without any foundation whatever. Any voter desiring the truth about transcribing the records will read the statement furnished by the County Recorder and other officials of Custer county published by the anti-division press.

**NO BUGABOO**

And your effort to laugh off as a bugaboo the figures for transcribing the voluminous records of Custer county and expense of organizing new counties has fallen flat with the intelligent and unprejudiced voter.

Yours for the Grand County of Custer. Maybe she never be dismembered. I am satisfied she will not be this time. But vote and vote hard boys for Old Custer "One and inseperable now and forever.

WILLIS CADWELL.

Another shipment of these persian waists arrived this week. Come in and see them. Get yours before the sizes are broken.

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There were 96 young people there, and witches, goblins and their kin held high carnival until 11 P. M. In decorating and Mrs. Bruce proved herself an expert.

Mrs. Elmira Root, who has been the guest of her sister-in-law Mrs. George Purcell, left Wednesday for her home at St. Louis Mo.

See our Dress Skirts in all the latest patterns, also a new shipment of ties.

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**Died**

John Haney at his home in Merna Nebraska, Sunday Oct. 24 1909. The deceased was born in Virginia in 1846 and was 63 years old at the time of his death.

His death was with out warning, he having been in his usual health. He had returned the evening before from a campaign trip having been in Broken Bow the day before. It was while he was in the act of arising from his bed Sunday morning that he fell over and died almost instantly. He complained Saturday while in Broken Bow that he was not feeling well but nothing of the unusual was anticipated.

He had been a resident of Custer County for twenty or more years and quite generally known throughout the county. He was of general disposition and made friends of everyone with whom he became acquainted.

He leaves a wife together with his entire acquaintance to mourn his and untimely death.

His remains were brought to Broken Bow Tuesday morning under the escort of membes of the Masonic lodge of Merna when they were taken in charge by the Masonic lodge of Broken Bow of which he was a member. Preceding the religious servie which was conducted in the Temple Theater by Rev. Aubrey pastor of the Presbyterian Church, the Masonic Services was held in the Masonic hall the eulogy having been pronounced ably by J. J. Wilson.

In concluding his address, Rev. Aubrey read a touching eulogy on the deceased written by Mrs. A. H. Stuckey. The attendance at the funeral was probably composed of the largest number of Masons that ever assembled in the county on a similar occasion. Alpha Morgan, presided as worshipful Master and conducted the services both in the hall and at the cemetery. Every Masonic lodge in the county was represented at the funeral.

The following is the list of representatives from the several lodges outside of Broken Bow.

Ansley.—Joe Wilson, John Komers, W. Burdette, Geo. Wright, R. B. Foster, Dr. Young, J. H. Kerr, Chas. Matley, N. Dwight Ford, D. H. Waite, Merna.—Fred Embree, John Coulter, B. S. Wells, L. W. Wilson, John Menary, A. D. Johnson, Millard Hill, E. M. Coleman, R. R. Duncan, B. F. Edwards, J. A. Kellenbarger, Dr. J. H. Morrow, G. E. Ridenour, L. J. Read.

Anslemo.—Wm. Warren, Mike Leonard, Ira Foster, J. J. Tooley, H. B. Andrews, A. A. Willett.

Callaway.—J. D. Troyer, H. H. Andrews, ark Schneringer, J. J. Douglas.

Arnold.—John Finch, H. R. Black, Jos. Babcock, John Meads.

Rock Springs, Wyo.—H. F. Hanson, Longmont, Colorado.—J. T. Costello

The music was conducted by Mrs. C. L. Gutterson, Miss Adah Bowen, Messrs. Bass and Squires.

The pall bearers were selected three from the Merna lodge and three from Broken Bow and were as follows C. L. Gutterson, A. J. Elliot, J. C. Bowen of Broken Bow and E. M. Coleman, John Menary, R. R. Duncan of Merna.

The Republican joins with his many friends in extending sympathy of Mrs. Haney in her great breavement.

Just received a shipment of Palmer Coats. They come in Black and Colors in the fitted back and pleated effects and extra long. These are the coats you have been waiting for.

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Judge Gutterson made a business trip to Anselmo last Friday.

Andy Sommers the republican candidate for Supervisor of Merna is one of Custer counties pioneers and most conservative business men. He was a member of the county board in an early day and the business would not be new to him. He should be elected without fail.

**Taken Up**

A brown mare, with four white feet, about three years old weight about eight hundred pounds at my place of resident three and half miles south west of Broken Bow, Oct. 15 1909. The owner is requested to prove property and pay charges.

J. W. Clay.

**CHURCH COLUMN.**

This column will be used for church news and notes. Pastors are invited to arrange to have such items of news intended for this column not later than Wednesday morning.

**M. E. Church.**

COME LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER.  
Sunday:  
10:00 a. m. . . . . Sunday School  
11:00 a. m. . . . . Morning sermon  
2:30 p. m. . . . . Junior League  
6:30 p. m. . . . . Epworth League  
7:30 p. m. . . . . Evening sermon  
Thursday  
7:30 p. m. . . . . Prayer Meeting

The subjects at the Presbyterian church next Sunday are: 11 A. M. "Nehemiah's Covenant" 7:30 P. M. "Who Will Be Elected."

Rev. W. H. Xanders made his monthly visit to Anselmo and Merna this week.

**U. B. Church**

Sunday School 10 a.m. special class for college students Preaching at 11 subject The Christian Life song and praise servicer at 7 p. m. Preaching at 30 special music Cordial invitation to all.

**Baptist Church**

The Church last Sunday morning voted to begin a series of meetings the first of December.

We have a fine line of Dress silks for the one peice dresses in Bengaline, Moire, Messaline, and Fafetas, also some exclusive waists patterns.

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Tickets for the Rube Party are on sale at Haberlae's drug store. A \$1.00 ticket admits one gentleman and one lady. All extra ladies, ladies unaccompanied by a gentleman and children over 10 25c each.

We are the home of the following brands of shoes, Green-Wheeler for Ladies; Harlow for Men; Red Schoolhouse for Children; Budds for the baby.

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With Mirth And Laughter Let Old Wrinkles Come.

"The Old Clothes Man" a comedy drama written by James Kyrle Mac Curdy is to visit our city, Wednesday October 3rd.

"Of what value is the stage to civilization" is a question that has agitated social, religious and educational bodies and institutions and a few words in support of one appreciable service the stage, the play and the players render humanity, will not be out of place here; they provide for the people who toil, and for those who are careworn and depressed, a healthy—a clean wholesome, refreshing recreation that is a God-send to the tired heart and brain—two hours of rest an oblivion from the cares of a lifetime, the enjoyment of hearty laughter and needed amusement. This argument will receive unanimous support from people who are broadminded, and those who toil and worry over the "problem of life; and in their hearts, they are thankful to the stage, and the actor, and to such plays as "The Old Clothes Man," for the worthy part they take in administering to the health and happiness of tired humanity.

The present production of "The Old Clothes Man" comes to us highly recommended and under the personal guarantee of its management Messrs. Gilson & Bradford, who promise that the production will be complete in every detail, with elaborate scenic equipment, and a thoroughly competent cast headed by Herbert Du Guerre, who has won distinction as Solomon Levi, the leading character of this famous play. The guarantee is good, but the outlook is that the people will be well repaid for their patronage, which will no doubt be liberal on this occasion. It will be at the Opera House on Wednesday evening November 3rd.

Received some more sizes in Palmer Suits. Insist on having the new long Jacket and pleated skirt. They come only in this years styles.

Kiffin-Lucke Co.