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THIS AND THAT

Coming Events.

"Mascot" Cornell Hall—July 3.
"Galah" Cornell Hall—July 4.
Independence Day—July 4.
School meeting—July 7.
Populist County Convention—July 8.
Teachers' Institute—July 20.
County Commissioners—July 22.

Don't forget "Mascot" at Cornell Hall.

Now is the time to build new sidewalks.

Little Paul White was quite ill yesterday.

J. B. Lord was up from Simeon Tuesday.

C. E. Colby was over from Rosebud yesterday.

A. G. Shaw is expected home in a day or two.

Gus Carlson's little baby was quite ill yesterday.

J. C. Dahlman was in town a short time yesterday.

Fred Brayton of Wood Lake was in town Monday.

Everybody keeps Fourth of July supplies this year.

Lottie Hubbard is having trouble with her eyes again.

O. W. Hahn is clerking in Davenport & Thacher's store during E. J. Davenport's absence.

Mrs. Ella Johnson was up from Bassett one day last week.

J. G. Stetter and wife have been visiting at Chadron this week.

L. G. Van Slyke was in town a short time Monday morning, from Cody.

James Weiford made a trip to Rosebud last Saturday and returned Monday.

Buy a Seamstress Sewing Machine of T. C. Hornby on the installment plan.

Mrs. Chas. Sparks and son Laverne returned from their visit to Lead City, Sunday.

Miss Kate McLaughlin has been suffering from erysipelas of the eyes this week.

N. E. Gardner, of Norden, was in town the latter part of last week on his way to Chadron.

Mae O'Sullivan is on the sick list this week, but it is hoped her illness will not prove serious.

The Boston Comic Opera Company consisting of seventeen people arrived in town Tuesday night.

J. A. Fike was numbered among the ill yesterday. Same old story—warm, cold, chill, fever.

Special sale in shoes at T. C. Hornby's from July 4th to July 12th to make room for new stock.

R. F. Gillaspie, the only original "Arkansas Bob," was up from Kennedy a few days this week.

Lew Brownell has returned to Valentine and is occupying his old position as clerk at the land office.

Almost everybody went some place Sunday. Driving, walking and visiting parties were numerous.

Judge J. Mogle returned from his trip east, Monday, to his place at Cody. Guess he likes Cherry county after all.

F. S. Bivens made a trip to St. Mary's Mission last week. The teachers at that institution came over with him.

D. H. Hubbard, who has been in town having his eyes treated, has gone home very much pleased with Dr. Dwyer's work.

Col. J. H. Hallaway, the veteran theatrical manager, was in town Sunday and Monday making the dates for the Boston Comic Opera Co.

Miss Ferry and Mrs. Van Horn, school teachers on the reservation, were in town last night. Miss Ferry went to Ainsworth this morning.

Notice the change in Berger's advertisement. This firm has recently added a line of gent's furnishing goods to their stock of clothing, boots and shoes.

F. M. Walcott went to Kearney Monday, to visit his parents. He will attend the republican congressional convention at North Platte before returning home.

Davenport & Thacher and T. C. Hornby were awarded the sugar and coffee contract at Rosebud.

G. Senger was up from his ranch south of Cody, yesterday, on business. He informs us that he has about 800 head of sheep now and expects to continue raising them as they are money makers.

A letter received here from Miss Etta Brown at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, says she is enjoying her vacation very much and that she will attend the National Educational Association at Buffalo next week.

Raymond White was bitten on the calf of the left leg Sunday evening by Cicer Thompson's Great Dane dog, "Turk." It was purely accidental, the dog snapping at another dog which jumped in front of Raymond.

The White House changed proprietors yesterday and is now being run by Mrs. P. Donohoe and daughters. M. G. Hopkins still smiles at the hotel's patrons over the night clerk's desk. "Hop" is a whole hotel force in himself.

Davenport & Thacher present a new advertisement to THE DEMOCRAT's readers this week. They are making a strong bid for trade these days and their efforts to keep the best of everything should be encouraged by liberal patronage.

Joe Wheeler, representing the Green & Wheeler shoe factory, Fort Dodge, Iowa, spent Sunday and Monday in town. He is a free silver democrat, doesn't believe in tariff on wool and would like to go into the sheep business in Cherry county.

Watson and Quigley both have decorated their drug stores in elegant and artistic ways. Quigley displays a fine line of candies in his show window, and one thinks he is in fairyland when visiting Watson's. 149 Brownies decorate the room.

C. H. Cornell, E. E. Sparks, Geo. Elliott, Henry Razez, J. W. Tucker and E. J. Davenport went to Lincoln Tuesday morning to attend the state republican convention. Most of the boys will also go to North Platte to attend the congressional convention.

Through the courtesy of our friend J. E. Galvin we are in receipt of a copy of the program of the Fourth of July celebration at Pine Ridge Agency. It is artistic in conception and faultless in execution, being a fine specimen of printing. The program is printed in both Sioux and English.

Court Reporter John Maher made a flying trip to Valentine the past week and is now getting ready to go to Chicago July 7. John pretends he is going to see the democratic convention, but there is a little milliner who has a whole lot more to do with it than any of the democratic Montagues and Capulets.—Chadron Signal.

Saturday, July 18, will be Farm and State day at the Longpine Chautauqua. Gov. Silas A. Holcomb and Senator John M. Thurston will be present to deliver addresses, one in the afternoon and one the evening. These distinguished gentlemen will surely be present. With such an auspicious opening the Chautauqua ought surely to be a success this year.

We are informed that Frank Whittegar, of Ainsworth, has been appointed inspector for the government at the Rosebud brick yard. The editor of this paper has known Frank for several years, and congratulates him upon his appointment. We know of no better man for the position than he, and the government showed good judgment in securing him for the situation. He will satisfy all parties concerned.

The storm last Friday night was very destructive in some localities. In O'Neill no damage was done worth mentioning, but a most singular thing happened here, nevertheless. Two freight cars, standing on one of the sidetracks of the F. E. & M. V. railroad, were blown on to the main track. One car was found the next morning at Stafford and the other at Ewing, having been carried along by the storm for over twenty miles. Some boys must have loosened the brakes during the earlier part of the night, and the cars forced the split switch into position as they were driven forward by the wind.—O'Neill Sun.

TWO DEAD

RESULT OF A SHOOTING AFFRAY AT FT. NIobrARA

Private Weaver Shoots Sergeant Livingston and is in Turn Shot by Guard Strine—The Story of the Terrible Affair.

Two men were killed at Fort Niobrara last Saturday morning about 9 o'clock. Sergeant Livingston, of Co. D and Private Weaver, of Co. C.

The cause of the tragedy dates back some two or three weeks ago when Private McElroy of Co. D and Weaver of Co. C had some trouble which stirred up bad blood between all the men of the two companies. Just what this trouble was is not stated. While on a spree a few days later Weaver went over to the D company quarters and tried to pick a quarrel but was unsuccessful, Sergeant Livingston ordering the man to return to his own quarters under penalty of arrest. Weaver did not like this but he obeyed the command and the incident was almost forgotten. Weaver, however, continued drinking until the canteen officers refused to sell him anything more to drink.

Having successfully passed inspection Saturday morning Weaver was ordered to go on guard. His sobering up process seemed to have plunged him into a fit of melancholy and he sat on the porch of his company quarters apparently brooding over his real or fancied injuries while waiting for guard mount. As he sat thus, Sergeant Livingston came up the street on his way to the postoffice. Weaver saw him, rose from his seat, greeted the passing soldier with a "Good morning, sergeant," and raising the gun to his shoulder said: "I'm going to shoot you." The sergeant started to run, but before he had taken more than two or three steps Weaver fired and shot him through the breast. The ball entered the body near the right nipple, went through the heart and left lung and passed out of the left side under the arm. The sergeant fell and died almost instantly.

Instantly all was confusion, the men running out of their quarters all along the line and the officers leaving their residences on the other side of the parade ground. Several of Weaver's friends ran forward to disarm him but by this time the man was perfectly wild and waving them aside he commenced firing right and left, down and across the parade ground as he walked along the street. The soldiers gave him plenty of room. Corporal of the Guard Cummings ran up but Weaver halted him and told him to stand back, remarking: "You're too good a man to kill." About this time there was some lively scrambling for places of safety, as no one could tell where the next shot was going to strike.

After every possible effort had been made to disarm the crazy man, Lieut. Clark ordered one of the guard to fire, aiming low. Guard Strine obeyed the order and the shot struck the magazine of Weaver's rifle, bursting it into a dozen or more pieces and sending them into his groin. The wounded man fell bleeding to the ground, and even after receiving his fatal hurt fired three more shots, using the rifle as a single shot weapon. When from loss of blood the man became so weak he could no longer work the mechanism of the gun his comrades ran to his aid and made him as comfortable as possible, the Red Cross ambulance was called and he was taken to the hospital where he died soon after. One of the wounds in Weaver's groin was as large in diameter as a silver dollar.

The foregoing is the complete story of the sad affair as learned by THE DEMOCRAT while on the ground an hour after the tragedy.

Sergeant Livingston was a soldier, well liked by his superiors and so far as known by his fellow soldiers. He was a popular man among the men of his company.

met and had many friends among the men not only of his own company but of the entire regiment. His action in shooting Sergt. Livingston can only be accounted for on the ground that he was temporarily insane. This theory has many advocates and is probably the right one, his action in shooting into his own company quarters being cited as evidence.

The funeral of Sergeant Livingston took place at Fort Niobrara Sunday afternoon at 1:30 and was witnessed by a large number of people from Valentine and the surrounding country. The entire garrison turned out in obedience to the regulations of the army which require every man of a rank equal or inferior to the dead to attend the funeral. It was a full dress affair. Weaver was given a private burial at 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

Lieutenant Clark and Guard Strine are entirely exonerated for the part they played in the tragedy. Nothing could be done to disarm the crazy man and for the safety of others it was imperative that he be disabled. The shot which killed him was not intended to inflict a fatal wound and it would not have been serious had it not struck the magazine of Weaver's gun. Strine is a member of Weaver's company.

Leap Year Picnic.

The girls of Valentine are trumping royal good fellows, as it were, at least that is the unanimous opinion of the bachelors of this progressive little burg. Most people seem to have forgotten that this is leap year, but the girls of Valentine are not among that number. Not much. They know that leap year won't come again for eight years, and they are determined that the present shall be made the most of, so last Sunday they gave a picnic. Now we are not going to say whether it was right for the girls to do this, but the fact remains that they did do it so of necessity it must have been right. The picnic was to be held at Thacher's grove west of town and the first problem for the girls to solve was that of transportation. The grounds are only a mile and a quarter from town, so of course it would be ridiculous to hire carriages, and besides—well, there were other reasons, too, so they secured a great big hay wagon and loaded the boys in to that and there all were, just as comfortable as could be. The commissary wagon (a double carriage) followed after. We won't attempt to describe the scene at the grounds, but there were hammocks galore and good humor and hilarity in abundance. Some of the hammocks faded, as usual, but who cares for a dress or trousers at a picnic? The commissary department provided a bountiful dinner and lunch. There was ice cream, three freezers full, and cake and sandwiches and pickles and chickens and peaches and strawberries and lemonade and—other things. The girls kept the boys out until eight o'clock, but nobody seemed to care about that. Altogether it was a great time and if you don't believe THE DEMOCRAT ask Anna Bivens and Walter Jackson, Anna Connolly and Al Thacher, Cora Gillette and Joe Yeast, Minnie DeWoody and Will Kincaid, Sadie Dewey and Frank Brayton, Nellie Bullis and Joe Putmeel, Mae O'Sullivan, Della Sawyer and Charlie Schwalm, Edna Dwyer and John Smyser, Edith Stark and Zike Brauer. They know all about it.

Weather Report.

Following is a summary of the weather experienced here during the past week, and up to 10 o'clock this morning:

DAY	TEMP MAX	MIN	PRECIP
Thursday	73	64
Friday	75	58	0.10
Saturday	75	61

DON'T PLUNGE

Buyers always have to experiment to a certain extent, but before buying extensively they should not fail to see our goods and get prices. They cannot be equalled, much less excelled. Our Summer Goods are especially fine. Watch this space in the future and we will keep you posted on what is latest and best.

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