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## THIS AND THAT

### Coming Events

Benefit Concert—July 10.  
School meeting—July 11.  
Teachers' Institute—July 20.  
County Commissioners—July 22.

Now let politics boil.  
"The Preston Mystery."  
Wait for the October races.  
Shoe sale at T. C. Hornby's 21  
School meeting next Tuesday.  
Shirt waists at cost at T. C. Hornby's. 24  
Have you noticed THE DEMOCRAT'S new sign?  
Don't miss reading "The Preston Mystery."  
Lieut. Elliot has returned from his trip in the east.  
E. J. DeBell and family celebrated the Fourth here.  
Mrs. R. J. Cook is visiting friends on the Reservation.  
Installation of officers at Red Men's lodge tomorrow night.  
D. H. Thurston will open a law office in Valentine soon.  
Farmers and ranchmen have commenced putting up hay.  
Mads Johnson was up from Longpine on business Monday.  
Wm. Francke has gone to Des Moines Iowa on business.  
Miss Sadie Dewey is now dining room girl at The Donohers.  
Ladies', men's and children's bathing suits at T. C. Hornby's. 24  
E. J. Davenport returned from his convention trip last evening.  
O. C. Grady, and wife, were over from Norden to spend the Fourth.  
A grand stand has been erected on the ball grounds at Fort Niobrara.  
WANTED—Good girl for general housework. Enquire at postoffice.  
Lost—July 4th, black cape, trimmed with braid. Finder leave at this office.  
Louis Bordeaux was among the Rosebud visitors to Valentine Saturday.  
S. F. Gilman is improving slowly, but he has not yet passed the danger line.  
Buy a Seamstress Sewing Machine of T. C. Hornby on the installment plan. 22  
Judge F. M. Walcott returned from his visit to Grand Island, Monday morning.  
W. S. Garcelon, of Longpine, and Chas. Bigelow, of Stuart, were in town Monday.  
S. N. Banks and Martin Dew were among the Wood Lake visitors in town Saturday.  
Lieut. Harbison is off on a thirty day leave of absence and went east Sunday morning to visit friends.  
C. E. Bowring assisted the Red Front force of clerks during the rush of business the last week.  
J. J. McNamara, of Rapid City, who has the Rosebud flour contract, was in the city on business Saturday.  
Guth & Hare say they would be much obliged to the parties who stole their pet cat if they would return the same.  
There was a scarcity of county officials at the court house Monday. The botany treasurer was the only one present.  
John Enlow, the prosperous and well known ranchman from south of Gordon, was in town Sunday and Monday.  
The County Superintendent has gone to the National Teachers' Association Buffalo N. Y., and will be away about ten days.  
The little daughter of Jos. Kleteck was quite severely bitten by a dog owned by a soldier of B. company, at Fort Niobrara.  
S. H. Ladd, of Gordon, was nominated for prosecuting attorney of Sheridan county by the republican county convention last week.  
The Stromsburg Headlight printed its last issue in red and blue ink. That may have been a patriotic idea, but it made the paper look rather tough.

Preaching at Presbyterian church Sunday.  
J. G. Stetter's three little daughters are down from Chadron visiting with him this week.  
A. M. Morrissey, a young Chadron attorney, was in town yesterday looking up a location for a law office and partner.  
The Citizens Meat Market is now owned by George Schwalm, he having purchased J. W. Stetter's interest in the same.  
J. A. Hitt has christened his barn "Northwestern Livery, Feed and Sale Stable," and had the name painted all over the ends of the same.  
The dirt from the cellar being dug for Jackson & Brayton's new store is used for grading Main street, an improvement that is to be commended.  
The Fourth of July is over, and it is now time to begin preparations for a series of races here in October which will eclipse anything ever before seen in Northwestern Nebraska.  
W. D. Sadler, U. S. special land agent, returned Saturday from Booneville, Ark., to resume his duties which were interrupted by his furlough June 1st. His family did not return with him.  
The ball game between Chadron and Fort Robinson on the latter's grounds July 4th resulted in favor of the first named team. Chadron "ran in" a lot of semi-professionals on the Robinson boys.  
Dr. C. A. Wells, dentist, and his sister-in-law Mrs. A. B. Wells, came down from Lead City Sunday to stay for a few weeks. Dr. Wells is already busy at work on the molars of our townspeople.  
Lost—Saturday, July 4, between Cherry County Bank and the court house, a black broadcloth lady's cape. The collar was trimmed in black lace and jet. Finder please leave at this office or Jackson & Brayton's store.  
Lost—Near Valentine, July 4th, a medium sized brown valise containing ladies wearing apparel, suitable reward for its recovery. Leave with Mr. Kincaid at Hornby's store or address Mrs. M. S. Hart, Fairburn, South Dakota.  
The Donohers have moved back to Valentine and have taken charge of the White House of that place. There are no better hotel people along the line than the Donohers and no one knows it better than the people of Valentine.—Gordon Journal.  
The heavy rains of the past week caused another washout on the F. E. & M. V. west of Chadron, Monday, and the east-bound passenger Tuesday did not arrive until 3:30 p. m. instead of 4:58 a. m. as per schedule. Much damage was done to railroad and telegraph property.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brain visited J. A. Fike and family Saturday and Sunday, returning home to Bassett Monday morning. Mr. Brain is ex-treasurer of Rock County, secretary of the Golden Irrigation District, and a strong free silver democrat. At present he is doing some work for Brown county.  
Chaplan O. J. Nave will deliver a lecture during the County Institute Friday evening, July 24. His subject is "The Eastern Question." Those who were so fortunate as to hear his lecture on "Where is the Garden of Eden?" will know that an educational feast awaits them.  
Mrs. M. S. Hart, Mrs. B. B. Mastick and two little sons, Misses Ada and Stella Sisson, of Ainsworth, with Dier Crum for driver and general factotum, passed through town Saturday on their way to the Black Hills for a summer's outing. The outfit was composed of a wagon, buggy and tent, besides an extra saddle horse. The ladies expect to be gone all summer.  
We have just received a copy of "McKinley's Grand March," composed by M. R. Rishell. This celebrated march is now being played by all prominent bands in all parts of the country. The title page contains a correct picture of McKinley. Price 40 cents per copy. All readers of our paper will receive a copy at half price by sending 20 cents in silver or postage stamps to the Union Mutual Music Co., 265 Sixth Avenue, New York.

**The Celebration.**  
**Was a Grand Success in Every way**  
**Who Won the Prizes.**  
The eagle screamed, in Valentine on the Fourth of July as it never did before. The proud bird of freedom was pulled and hauled, jumped on and lifted to the skies alternately.  
The day was ushered in with a salute of 100 guns at daybreak, and from that time until the city clocks were striking the hour of midnight the fun was fast and furious.  
Delegations from the country began arriving at an early hour and at 10 o'clock the parade was formed on Railroad street and headed by Marshal of the Day Huley and 15 pieces of the 12th Infantry band moved through the principal streets of the town, until the grounds north of the court house were reached. After a short rest the following program was rendered, each and every one of those taking part acquitting themselves well:  
Music by the Band  
Song by the Choir  
Invocation by Rev Ramsey  
Reading of Declaration of Independence by Edith M. Stark.  
Song by the Choir  
Oration by Hon. J. W. Tucker.  
Music by the Band  
After dinner came the small sports as per this program:  
1. 50-yard foot race for boys under 12 years of age. \$2 to first \$1 to second and 50 cents to the third.  
2. Hop step-and-jump, free for all, \$1 to first and 50 cents to the second.  
3. Potato race for boys, \$2, \$1 and 50 cents.  
4. Half mile horse race, free for all, \$5, \$3 and \$2.  
5. 100-yard foot race, free for all, \$3, \$2 and \$1.  
6. Standing broad jump. \$1, 50c  
7. Three legged race 50 yards, \$1 and 50 cents.  
8. Sack race, 50 yards, \$1 and 50c  
9. Quarter mile Pony race \$5 \$3 and \$2.  
10. Novelty race, 250 yards, \$3, \$2 and \$1.  
11. Slow race to cart, \$1.  
12. Fat Man's race, 75 yards \$1 50 and \$1.  
13. Racing backward 50 yards \$1 50  
14. Quarter mile scrub pony race \$2 50 \$1 50 \$1.  
3 p. m. Ball game between E. Company and the Post nine. Purses \$30.  
8 p. m. Fireworks.  
Free dance in the bowery all the afternoon.  
The first event was the 50 yard foot race for boys under 12 years of age. There were about half a dozen entries for the race, and the winners were Frank Cronin, Clyde Pettycrew and Billy Bordeaux, the three crossing the scratch in the order named.  
Next came the hop-step-and-jump, free for all, with five entries and two prizes. First money was won easily by E. L. Boatright, of G company, 12th infantry; Frank Thorn second.  
The potato race was one of the most exciting and interesting events of the day, and those who won prizes earned them. Nine boys were entered, and twelve potatoes were laid four feet apart in the row for each boy. At the word "go" there was some tall busting, and the spectators simply went wild with excitement as the potatoes commenced piling in the hats at the end of each row. The judges awarded George Hunter the first prize of \$2, Jimmy Breuklander second, and Fred Glover third.  
The free for all half mile horse race was next on the program, and in a field of six or seven horses Tate crossed the line first, Archer second and Linderman, of Fort Niobrara, third.  
Flickinger, of the Post, won the 100-yard foot race, with Frank Thorn a close second and Burdette third.  
No. 6 on the program, standing broad jump, created considerable interest when it was announced. Boatright was the favorite, but he wasn't in it when our harness man, J. W. Whillans, let himself out a little bit. Say, but you ought to see that man jump! He only jumped 9 feet 5 inches, but then he didn't have to exert himself any farther. From the looks of his lower extremities as he went through the air one would be willing to wager he could go a foot and a half farther. Boatright was second.  
The three-legged race, two men tied together, was won by Becher and McQuavey, soldiers, with Boatright and Tate second.  
At this point the order of events was changed, and the pony races run so as to not interfere with the ball

game, the outfield of the ground lying across the track.  
The first pony race was won by the Fowler pony, Archer riding, Tate second and Alex Long Pumpkin third. There were nine entries.  
The scrub pony race had an extraordinary number of ponys entered, and was won by Graeff, Stump second and Tate third.  
Six boys showed their skill at racing in sacks, but none of them could beat Charles Breuklander, who jumped from start to finish and never made a fall. The rest of the boys came tumbling after, with Fred Glover at the head of the bunch.  
The novelty race was not filled, and was consequently declared off, as was the slow race.  
Some good work was done in the 50-yards running backward race, which was won by Tate with Boatwright second.  
As a fitting climax to a successful afternoon of sport, the fat man's race was announced. Four entries were made, the distance reduced to 50 yds., the men pulled off their shoes, collars, neckties and other heavy articles of wearing apparel, the word was given and the giants started. Some people thought it was an earthquake, while others were sure it was an Indian outbreak. When Thorn fell down a few declared it was a boiler explosion and were much relieved to learn the true state of affairs. The fall of Thorn left the race to A. B. Wade, of the Boston Opera Co., and McClain, of Rosebud, and was won by the former. Time, 'steen seconds and two-fourths.  
As soon as each race and contest was decided the prizes won by the various competitors were paid to them in cash and much good feeling was created thereby.  
While the small sports were going on large numbers were availing themselves of the privilege of the free dance in the bowery, while an equally large number witnessed the ball game between E company and the Post nine.  
The game was hotly contested and was won by the Post after a hard struggle on a score of 12 to 10.  
After supper the crowd had plenty of amusement. There was a dance by Sioux Indians, to whom a couple of beeves were given, an excellent display of fireworks, a dance under the auspices of the Fort Niobrara orchestra, and "Olivette" by the Boston Comic Opera Co.  
The whole celebration was just like a three ring circus, and no one could see all of it. They just took their choice and they wondered what people on the other part of the grounds were doing.  
Great is Valentine and great was her Fourth of July celebration.  
**Benefit Concert.**  
The 12th Infantry Band will give a concert at Cornell Hall tomorrow, Friday evening, July 10, assisted by Miss Gertrude Kimberly, soprano, Mr. Beau Brummel, baritone, late of the Boston Comic Opera Co., Miss Greisinger of Fort Niobrara, and others. The people of Valentine will thus have an opportunity to enjoy a rare musical feast which cannot be excelled. Miss Kimberly has a wonderful voice, clear, sweet and well modulated, and with the exception of five weeks with the company which played here has always done concert and oratorios' work. Mr. Brummel has a rich baritone voice and knows how to use it, while Miss Greisinger's well known ability as a pianist needs no extended mention here. The full orchestra from Fort Niobrara will be present and render several selections. In addition to solos, duets, sketches, etc., by the first named artists, they will sing the "Miserere" from "Il Travatore," accompanied by a chorus of eight picked male voices. All lovers of music, both vocal and instrumental, should be present, as such an opportunity for hearing so great a variety of music, popular and classic, may never again be offered them.  
**Will Vote for a Site.**  
At the school meeting last Tuesday evening the committee appointed to look up sites for school house reported that five propositions had been made, and after considerable discussion the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, July 14, when a vote will be taken on the various propositions submitted for the location of the new building.

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