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THIS AND THAT

Coming Events.

Teachers Association—October 11.
A. E. Cady, wood lake—Sept. 22.
Republican Rally—Sept. 22.
Democratic Representative Convention at Sparks—Sept. 19.
Old Settlers Reunion—Sept. 18-19.
M. W. A. Picnic, Brownlee—September 23.

Valentine Markets

Onions per bushel50c
Potatoes "30c
Corn "25c
Wheat "35c
Oats "20c
Hogs per cwt.\$2.75
Steers "\$2.25@3.00
Cows "\$1.50@2.25
Calves per lb.4c
Butter "10c
Eggs per doz.10c

Hello, Bob!

Croquet sets at cost at C. R. Watson's. 29

Just wait until we get some new sidewalks.

Shoes made on the 20th century last at T. C. Hornby's. 32

Mr. Luce made a business trip to Crookston Tuesday.

C. H. Deitrick was down from Crawford, Saturday.

Two bundles of old papers at this office for five cents.

Maine went republican Monday by about 40,000. Next!

Joe Brown, Crookston's liveryman, was in town Tuesday.

Geo. Paterson was over from Springfield on business, Tuesday.

A large assortment of wall paper new styles, cheap, at C. R. Watson's.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hornby have returned from their visit to Lead City.

John Bishop, Hugh Sears and Basil Hunt were down from Cody Saturday.

WANTED—Baled hay. For particulars enquire of Davenport & Thacher

Miss Mae O'Sullivan visited her parents at O'Neill Saturday and Sunday.

Enoch Flowers spent a couple of days in the city with his family last week.

A lady was in town Tuesday taking subscriptions for the Hastings Orphan's Home.

Geo. N. Shepherd, representing the State Journal blank book department, spent Sunday in town.

The old settlers reunion at Sparks tomorrow and next day promises to be a very delightful affair.

The very best castor machine oil lowest possible price at C. R. Watson. Try it and be convinced. 29

John N. King, who has been spending a few days in town, returned to the brick yard last Monday.

J. R. Farris left yesterday morning for Rapid City where he has secured a position on the fence gang.

Frank Tate, who has been working on the reservation, returned last Tuesday and will start to school soon.

Charley Sherman will move to town in the near future and will occupy the property vacated by C. E. Bowring.

C. E. Bowring stopped off here last Tuesday to superintend the moving of his family into the Stinard property.

Geo. H. Hornby has commenced the erection of his new house on Hall street just south of Judge Walcott's.

Eight traveling men spent Sunday at The Donohoe. They know where to stop for first class accommodations.

WANTED:—Good single driving horse, weight about 1,000 or 1,100 pounds. Be at The Donohoe Sept. 30.

B. E. B. Kennedy and wife came up from the ranch Saturday and started for their home in Omaha Sunday morning.

Mrs. J. C. Northrop is at Harrison, Neb., this week, she having been called there by the serious illness of her father.

Quigley's new pharmacist, F. K. Brower, is making some radical changes in the interior arrangement of the City Drug Store.

Enoch Flowers and W. T. Bullis started last Monday morning for the White River where they have some carpenter work to do this fall.

Bryan club meeting tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Cramer drove through from Creighton last week and are visiting friends here. They will return in a week or ten days.

J. O. Porter was up from Ainsworth Saturday visiting with his wife at M. V. Nicholson's. They returned home to Ainsworth Monday morning.

Peter Doyle, of Minneapolis, who will superintend the construction of the new Indian school on the reservation, arrived in town Tuesday night.

Mrs. Vivian Lawrie came down from Gordon Sunday afternoon and went out to her school in District 56, 10 miles northwest of town, the same evening.

WANTED TO BUY:—Iron grey horse, about 4 years old, 15 hands high, good knee action, carries his head high. Enquire at NORTHWESTERN FEED AND SALE STABLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis who have been teaching school on the reservation, started for Tacoma, Wash., Monday morning. Mr. Francis having been promoted by Uncle Sam.

Rev. J. M. Bates held services at the Episcopal church Sunday evening, but as no announcement of his intention to preach had been made only about twenty five people were present.

Thos. M. Huntington and W. C. Wilhite spent a few hours in town Tuesday. They were down from Gordon to help care for John Enlow, but finding him in good hands returned home in the evening.

Last week while attempting to capture Whitehead, the man who broke jail at Rushville recently, the sheriff of Sheridan county fired three loads of shot into him but the man reached the canyons and escaped.

At Sparks last Saturday the republicans of the Fifty-second district nominated W. H. Horton, of Springfield, for the legislature. Mr. Horton is a stranger to THE DEMOCRAT and we can find no one who knows him.

The free silver people organized a Bryan Club in Johnstown Saturday night. The meeting was somewhat enthusiastic notwithstanding the fact that the crowd was made up of nearly half republicans who will vote for McKinley—Ainsworth Star Journal.

The Indians are rapidly becoming civilized. At Cut-Meat station on the reservation Sunday night old Hollow Horn Bear was shot by a fellow Indian on account of some squaw. The wound, however, will not be fatal.

Joe Potmecil started for Lincoln, Tuesday morning, to take a laboratory course in the State University, together with extra studies at the Lincoln Normal. Joe will be sadly missed in the social circles of Valentine, where he was at all times a leader.

Sheriff Strong the first of the week sold two steers belonging to J. E. Reynolds, of Saltillo this state, for taxes. Dave Hanna bid them in for \$51. As the amount of tax due the county was \$41 the sale brought enough to pay about half of it, after deducting fees.

Sitting Bull Tribe No. 22, Improved Order of Red Men, will hold a special session of the tribe Saturday night for the purpose of adopting three pale faces and conferring a number of degrees. Council fire will be kindled at the eighth run, and all members of the tribe should be at the wigwag at that time.

After working for three years on the Republican Dean S. Efner resigned his position last week and Monday morning started for Lincoln, where he will take a two years' course of study in the Nebraska Wesleyan University. Dean leaves behind him many warm friends who while regretting his departure wish him every success in his school life.

Monday afternoon a special train of seven cars passed through town carrying Gen. Nelson A. Miles, W. K. Vanderbilt and others who are on their way west for a hunting trip. The party takes an escort of cavalry and a pack train from Fort Robinson. The train stopped here only long enough for some one of the party to ask if anything had been heard from Maine. Something had and it was evidently to the liking of the party.

THREE ARRESTS

H. J. CASE, J. W. STRONG.
CHAS. STEPHENSON

Arrested for Stealing Twenty-eight Head of Cattle—Case Escaped and has not Yet Been Captured—The Whole Story

IN A NUTSHELL

On Sunday night, August 23, Mr. John Orans, a German farmer and small ranchman living on the Niobrara north of the head of the Snake, lost 28 head of cattle, all unbranded, eight head of which had been sold to J. W. Stetter the week previous.

Thursday, September 10, the cattle were found by W. F. A. Meltendorf in a pasture south of Johnstown.

Friday, September 11, H. J. Case, J. W. Strong and Chas. Stephenson were arrested for stealing and driving off the cattle. They gave bonds.

Monday, September 14, the men were placed in jail, the bondsmen refusing to longer remain surety for them.

Tuesday, September 15, between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock a. m., Case stole the key from his jailor while that individual was asleep, and like the Arab "folded his tent and silently stole away." He has not yet returned and apparently does not intend to.

The above is a brief account of the happenings which are just now the chief topics of conversation in and around Valentine.

THE FULL STORY

When Orans reported his loss to the authorities here Sheriff Strong started immediately on a search for the man or men who had stolen the cattle. He searched the country thoroughly, but with no success, the thieves having had wonderfully good luck in escaping observation. Finally, on Monday, September 7, Sheriff Strong received a letter from W. A. Wilson, of Reige, in the German settlement, who said that on the Saturday previous he talked with three men in Georgia who were driving through from Omaha to Bedrock, Wyo., and that they claimed to have seen a bunch of cattle answering the description of those stolen from Orans about seven miles southwest of Johnstown. They saw them Wednesday, August 26, and the two men who were driving the cattle offered to sell them.

This letter and a blank warrant was given to W. F. A. Meltendorf, who at once started on the trail. He rode to the place indicated in the letter and commenced the search. For a long time he hunted in vain, but at last he struck the trail and followed it for 10 or 12 miles when he came in sight of the looked for animals quietly grazing in a pasture. Investigation proved that the pasture belonged to a party named Johnson, and Mrs. Johnson told Meltendorf that the cattle were brought there by Stephenson, (her father), and Strong, who said they had been sent there by Case, (her brother-in-law). Meltendorf started for home with the stock and Friday morning warrants were issued and served on Howard J. Case, Charles Stephenson, his father-in-law, and John W. Strong, a brother of the sheriff, Amos Strong.

J. W. Tucker was retained by the defense and at the preliminary hearing Friday afternoon examination was waived and the accused were bound over to the district court by Judge Walcott in the sum of \$800 each. Bail was furnished by Case and Strong, but Saturday Case's bondsmen turned him over to the authorities and he could get no new bond. Monday Strong's bondsmen gave him over to the authorities, and thus ended the first chapter of this little history.

CASE ESCAPES

Monday the sheriff was called to the south part of the county on business connected with his office, and he left the prisoners in care of Geo. Hammond as deputy sheriff, and then the trouble began. All day Monday Case was busily engaged in settling up his business affairs, paid his attorney and so on. At night he was taken to the jail and went to bed when the other prisoners did, and apparently to sleep. Hammond seemed to think this was a good example to follow and did likewise, only his sleep was real, and not feigned. Time passed on and daylight came, and then the guard awoke. He

might just as well have continued his slumber until breakfast time. The inside door of the jail was open wide and the outside door was closed, probably to protect the inmates from the cold night air, and the key which Mr. Hammond had so carefully stowed away in his pocket ere he laid down to rest, was calmly sticking in the door. Case was gone. Why, when or where he went is a mystery. He ought not have done so.

As soon as Hammond realized that he was keeping guard over one man less than the number placed in his care he started out to bring him in. But he didn't do it. He couldn't.

HOW HE DID IT

Upon investigating and deliberating it has finally been concluded that Case awoke during the night and finding his jailor asleep quietly stole the key and left either with or without the knowledge of the other prisoners. It would have availed them nothing to escape, as it will be hard to convict them of complicity in the theft of the cattle without Case. After leaving the jail Case went to the barn where his horses were stabled and took one of them, together with a saddle which did not belong to him, and from traces left it is supposed that he went to the northeast. If he did he may as well come back. There is another man connected with the affair whom we will for convenience sake call John Doe, and Case may have gone to join him. This is not the first cattle deal these two have been engaged in, and prosecuting attorney Ed. Clarke feels sure that if they are apprehended he can convict them.

Considerable indignation is felt over the escape of Case, and Hammond is strongly condemned for allowing his prisoner to get away. People think he and the others should have been confined in the steel cage instead of being allowed to occupy the large room, especially as the sheriff had cautioned his deputy to be extra careful while he was gone.

THEORIES

It will be remembered that the livery barn belonging to Case burned down last week, together with 14 head of horses. There should have been 19 head in the barn at the time. The others are not yet accounted for, and the theory has been advanced that certain parties with whom Case appeared to have had a disagreement early that evening, set the barn afire after taking what property they wanted. A subscription paper that was started for the purpose of partially reimbursing Case for his loss, has been pigeonholed.

A friend of Case advances the theory that Case will return in a few days with the man from whom he received the Orans cattle, and will then stand trial and endeavor to show his innocence by proving that he bought the cattle or took them to feed this winter. This story sounds queer, but we give it in a spirit of fairness. This same friend claims that Case can prove his innocence of any complicity in the other cattle deals with which he is said to have been connected.

L. L. Bivens has been appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff Strong, and he will in the future have charge of the prisoners.

Republicans are Active.

Harry O. Tucker and J. A. Carroll will address the McKinley Club tomorrow night on the money question. Mr. Carroll is a democrat who says he is going to vote for McKinley, and the announcement of this fact should be sufficient to draw a good crowd. Next Tuesday, September 22 Jack McColl, A. E. Cady and Orlando Tefft, together with a greater or less number of smaller lights, will expound republicanism to the multitudes which are expected to assemble here on that occasion. This meeting will commence right after dinner and continue until far into the night, and there will be no excuse for anyone to go away hungry for politics. There will be plenty and to spare. A. E. Cady will go from here Tuesday and speak at Wood Lake in the evening.

We want a correspondent in every precinct in Cherry county who will send us the news of his or her locality at least once a month—oftener if possible. We offer inducements to correspondents. Write us about it.

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