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In South Dakota Senator Kyle was elected to succeed himself, thus downing Pettigrew.

The correspondence department of THE DEMOCRAT will receive more attention in the future than it has in the past.

One week from today McKinley will be inaugurated president of these United States and then prosperity will get in its work.

One hundred members of the G. A. R. die every day. Time is carrying off the veterans faster in the nineties than bullets did in the sixties.

Although the various business houses displayed Old Glory from their buildings on Washington's birthday, no one raised the flag on the school house.

Governor Bushnell, of Ohio, has at last announced that in the event of Senator Sherman being appointed to a position in McKinley's cabinet he will appoint Mark Hanna to the senatorial chair.

One by one the populist newspapers are falling in line with the "Washburn plan," which advocates retiring the silver question to the rear in populist politics, and a middle-of-the-road policy all around.

There are a whole lot of people who want the newspaper to help boom their business and the business of their town, provided the editor will do all the writing, make enemies, get licked and pay all the expenses for doing it. They only appreciate the power of the press when it is turned against them. —Gordon Journal.

Bro. Berkeley of the Ainsworth Star-Journal is a bachelor, and should be forgiven for saying that "There are three problems man is destined never to solve; perpetual motion, the square of the circle, and the heart of a woman." THE DEMOCRAT gave up trying to solve the latter problem long ago—the first two are still under consideration.

With the fusionists in the legislatureousting republicans and trying to count in two supreme judges, with the republican ex-treasurer and auditor holding \$500,000 state money which should have been turned over to the incoming officials a month ago, with a saloon (reported) in the basement of the capitol and everybody trying to cut down prices for printing, the newspaper boys find it hard work to say anything good of their representatives and senators and state officials.

In compliance with the bill providing for a recount of vote cast at the last general election County Clerk Elliott yesterday sent to Lincoln the ballots cast in the various precincts of Cherry county. It is to be hoped that the attempt to count in the two supreme judges will be a failure. Had the populist worked for the amendment providing for the judges with the same energy that was displayed by other parties this recount would not be necessary. As it is, the effort only displays an abnormal greed for office.

FRIENDS OF THE FARMER.

Appropos of the declaration of Chairman Dingley that the farmers are to be "protected from foreign competition by a return to McKinley duties," the New York World says that the "hoary false pretense so wears the farmers that they are almost too tired to smile at the humor of protecting them from the competition of people who are their best customers."
This is putting it mild. It has passed the humorous stage, and becomes a direct implication that the farmers are fools. Would a merchant or any kind of business man ask government protection against a customer who made his business an assured success? Our farmers sold over \$50,000,000 worth of their produce abroad during 1896, and the republican party now proposes in the name of the farmer to begin commercial warfare on the people who purchased that produce. It is proposed to shut the foreigners out of our markets—in the name of the farmer—with the inevitable result of reducing the sales of American produce abroad. The politician or partisan who imagines that foreign patrons take our produce and pay cash for entire amount is an ignoramus. If they are not permitted to offer us some of their goods in exchange on equitable terms, they will simply turn to South America and other countries that are not afflicted with the dry rot of republican protection humbuggery, and our farmers will stand the loss.
Of course the Dingley committee is proceeding under the sweet belief that the farmers were fooled once more last November, but these same farmers who voted for sounder currency and not a restriction of their markets will be heard from again. The federal government now imposes an average annual tax of \$34 on each farming family in the country. That is high enough and the farmers think so. When they discover that they are required to give as much more to the various protected industries that contribute to republican campaign expenses, the real design of Dingley and his committee of "farmer's friends" will become apparent enough for all purposes of the tariff reformers in the next election. —Sioux City Tribune.

The cause of our friends, the republicans, needs so much bolstering that the editorial bureau of the party did not close after the campaign last year but is still doing business at the old stand. Our brethren of the press can get all the supplements they wish, for the asking. One difference in the supplements is noted, however, when they are compared with those issued last fall. Prior to election they treated only of finance, but now they are devoted entirely to tariff. This change of policy caused an amusing thing to happen a gold standard, low tariff, democratic newspaper in the south part of the state last week. The editor had been using these supplements while the finance question was on, and did not observe the tenor of the latest issue until the entire edition had been sent out. When he discovered the deception—well, it won't do to publish his words.

In order to uphold the house of representatives in their action of unseating the republican members from Douglas county the senate last week unseated Senator Evans from the same county and gave his chair to Jeffcoat. This action of the majority will be a blot upon their escutcheon for years to come. The proper thing would have been done had they declared the seats vacant. Fraud was shown to have been committed by both parties and if neither had been seated it would perhaps have taught political tricksters a lesson. At least, such action would have been in the interest of reform and honesty in politics.

The farmers' meeting last Saturday was very poorly attended. Why is it? These meetings are called for the express purpose of benefiting the farmers, yet they seem less interested than any other class. Can it be that the charge accusing farmers of being nonprogressive is true?

Brought Over to District Court.

Tuesday, February 16, George Ritterbush struck Wm. F. Brown with an ax on the left arm, while on the farm of the latter's father near Crookston, fracturing the outside bone or ulna just above the wrist. Brown drove immediately to Tom Kelly's, and the latter brought him to Valentine, leaving him at Chas. Massingale's. Drs. Evans and Lewis dressed the wound. Complaint was made, Ritterbush was arrested, placed under \$200 bond and commanded to appear before county judge W. R. Towne Thursday, Feb. 18, for preliminary trial. At that time complaining witness Brown was physically unable to appear in court, so the case was continued until Tuesday the 23d at 10 a. m. County Attorney Walcott prosecuted, and J. Wesley Tucker and Ed. Clarke defended. Two charges were made, one alleging that defendant assaulted plaintiff with intent to kill, the other that he assaulted with intent to wound. The court overruled a motion to quash the second count and trial proceeded. Plaintiff placed on the stand Wm. F. Brown, Wm. Brown, his father, Dr. J. J. Evans and Dr. A. Lewis. Adjournment was then taken until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when defendant waived examination and the court bound him over to the district court in the penal sum of \$300, bond for which was furnished.

It is hard to form an opinion on the case since testimony for but one side was introduced, but the general impression is that Ritterbush will be found guilty on one of the counts. From what can be learned no provocation was given for the deed. The trouble arose over a girl, niece of the plaintiff, who was keeping company with the defendant, and it is probable that the trial in district court will show that the assault was but the result of bad blood of long standing.

Chap. Nave's Great Work.

About June 1 there will be issued from the press of Jacob North & Son, Lincoln, a "Topical Bible," the combined work of Chap. O. J. Nave, of the Twelfth Infantry, and Hon. John Welch, of the Supreme Court of Ohio. Dr. Nave has been working on this book for about 14 years, and it is a model of neatness, conciseness and general utility. The work treats of over 20,000 different subjects, and over 100,000 Biblical references are given. The Topical Bible should not be confounded with a Bible concordance, for the latter is of use only for the location of passages of scripture when some prominent word in the passage is known, but with the Topical Bible this is not so. The work is in fact an entire rearrangement of the Bible, according to the topics treated by the various passages, each verse being repeated as many times as it contains distinct topics. Dr. Nave has given the Nebraska Wesleyan University the exclusive sale of the book in the United States, and proceeds of the sale will be used as an endowment for the university. It is proposed to issue a first edition of 10,000 copies, similar in binding and paper to the Oxford Bible at the special price of \$5.00. The price of subsequent editions will be \$8.00. Rev. O. T. Moore is soliciting subscriptions for the work in Valentine, and is meeting with excellent success. The \$5.00 offer expires May 15th.

Monster Boiler.

Tuesday the boilers and steam-heating plant for the Rosebud Indian school arrived here from the manufactory of Jas. L. Pope, at Chicago. An expert accompanied the boiler here, the contract of the company calling for the delivery of the boilers on board wagons at this place, and they were loaded Tuesday evening, about 25 citizens overseeing the job and assisting with advice. The largest boiler weighs 16,000 pounds and was loaded on two closely coupled wagons. From here the boiler was taken to the school house by Wm. Mumford. Nine teams of horses furnished the motive power. The second boiler is about half as large as the monster referred to.

Don't stop agitating the court house question. This needs to be a campaign of education.

Wood Lake, No. 2.
February 23.
Mrs. Leach is visiting in town.
Wood Lake is white with snow this week.
Mrs. H. E. Dewey is on the sick list this week.
Mell and Dave Hanna were in town on Saturday.
Clarence Walcott spent a few days this week in town.
Chas. Barnes returned from Ainsworth, on Monday.
Mrs. J. M. Callen is down visiting friends for a few days.
Pearl Porter is once more at home. He came back this afternoon on the freight.
Willis Kilgore came back this afternoon from Johnston where he has been for several days.
We think it looks rather suspicious when a young man is building a new house and says that he is tired of single life.
And still we have revival meetings. Rev. Horton is helping this week. We are so glad to see so many seeking the Lord for shelter and hope that many more will follow.
KELLY'S AUNT.
J. W. Tarbet and wife who visited the family of Henry Hoening while on their wedding tour, started for their home in Monett, Mo., Saturday morning.
Miss Leah Humphrey, who visited with the family of J. A. Carroll for several months past, left Tuesday morning for her home in Brunswick, Georgia.
If all persons who tried to open the postoffice door on Washington's birthday were placed in a row it would make a string of people seven thousand miles long.
March is the first of the spring months, and our merchants are preparing for warmer weather. E. McDonald is receiving a line of spring goods this week.
The Ainsworth Dramatic Co. played "A Scrap of Paper" in Ainsworth last Friday night, and the editor was permitted to be present. The play was excellently staged and costumed.
A farmers' institute will be held in Valentine March 3 and 4. Good talkers will be here and farmers from all over the county should be present and participate in these meetings, as the benefit is inestimable.
While carrying a tray of dishes at The Donohoe last week Celia Marley severely strained her side and was compelled to remain in her room a couple of days. She will spend a week or so at home while recuperating.
E. J. Davenport and wife will start for Washington Sunday morning to be present at the inauguration of President elect McKinley. Dave is one of the old wheel horses of the republican party and it is doubtful if anyone will enjoy the inauguration more than he.
About a year ago Wm. P. Trester entered the church at Lavaca and without apparent provocation assaulted his son-in-law, a young man named Fox, cutting him badly. He was tried, found guilty of assault with intent to kill and bound over to the district court in the sum of \$300. Just before court convened he left the country, forfeiting his bond, which was paid by his sureties. A few weeks ago he returned to the county, and Monday Sheriff Strong went to Lavaca and arrested him, returning last evening. He will be tried at the coming term of court.
The boys of this town certainly need regulating. A few days since a crowd of "kids" might have been seen perched on a dry goods box on Main street "shooting craps" for cigarette buttons. All the expressions of confirmed gamblers flowed from their lips with an ease and grace which showed they were no novices. In that crowd were boys whose parents are good church members, boys whose parents are prominent in society, boys whose fathers are in business, and yet it is doubtful if one of those parents could be convinced that his or her boy was indulging in such practices. Mothers, look to your boys!

THE DEMOCRAT is the proud recipient of one package each of turnip, lettuce, beet, radish and tomato seeds, sent it from the agricultural department of Uncle Samuel's government. Uncle Sam has our profound thanks for the valuable gift, and as a loyal subject we will of course put the seeds to good use. When summer rolls around again the less favored denizens of the city will gaze on our roof garden with envy and wish they were on our Uncle's visiting list. The seeds are all right, but we don't see why, pursuing the principle farther, Uncle Sam could not send up a new font of type or an office chair of improved pattern. A gift like that would be worth something.

A NEW INVOICE

We have just finished unpacking a large invoice of new spring goods and will be very much pleased if the shoppers of Valentine will call and inspect the goods. Among the lot are some of the prettiest things ever seen in this city.
A full line of window shades with spring rollers complete, also received.

RED FRONT

JACKSON & BRAYTON, PROPRIETORS

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The supper given at Cornell Hall Monday evening by the members of the A.O.U.W. and D. of H. was well patronized by our citizens and a neat little sum was raised for the library which it is proposed to establish.
Oliga Nethersole to Write
Oliga Nethersole, the actress, has turned her attention to writing, and will give adv. of a practical nature to "The Girl who aspires to Eloquence." Her contribution will appear in an early issue of The Ladies' Home Journal.
Mill Prices for Feed.
Brn, bulk 40c per cwt \$7.00ton
Shorts bulk 50c per cwt \$9.00 ton
Screenings 35c " \$5.00 " " "
Chop Feed 70c " \$13.00 " "
Corn 50c " " "
Oats 65c " " "

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebr. Feb. 22, 1897.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Valentine Nebraska on March 23 1897, viz:
Andrew G. Ward, of Wood Lake Neb.
H E No. 5925 for lots 67 & 68 1/4 Sec 6 Tp 27 R 2 E.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Oscar W. McDaniel, Ely D. Valentine, William V. Johnson, John R. Paris, all of Wood Lake, Nebr.
C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebr. Feb. 22, 1897.
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John P. Jones, of Valentine, Nebr.
H E No. 5975 for the 1/4 NW 1/4 & 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 4 Tp 34 R 2 E.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Hiram Ferguson, Charles Massingale, John Hoffman of Valentine, and Joseph McCloud of Siouxon, Nebraska.
C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebr. Feb. 22, 1897.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Valentine, Nebraska, on March 23 1897, viz:
James E. Jordan, of Arabia, Neb.
H E 5182 for the 1/4 SW 1/4 & 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 17 Tp 32 R 2 E.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Henry J. Vansteele, Joseph P. Kraybill, John T. Kief and Andrew Benson all of Arabia Nebraska,
C. R. GLOVER Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebraska, Feb. 23, 1897.
Notice is hereby given that John V. Astell, of Pontiac, Ill., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register and Receiver at their office in Valentine, Nebr., on Wednesday the 23 day of March, 1897, on timber culture application No. 7485, for the Lot 4 sec 24 NW 1/4 & 1/4 SW 1/4 of section No. 7, T. 27 N. R. 2 W. N. He names as witnesses: Samuel D. Montgomery, Lewis K. Bedding and Evans E. Vandegriff, of Brownlee, Nebr., and Oren L. Axtell, of Elk Creek, Nebr.
Testimony of claimant will be taken before the clerk of the Circuit Court of Livingston county, at his office in Pontiac, Illinois March 24, 1897.
C. R. GLOVER, Register.

Land Office at Valentine, Nebr. Feb. 16, 1897.
Notice is also hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Valentine, Nebr., on March 27th 1897, viz:
Amos Strong, of Valentine, Nebr.
H E 6385 for the 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 21 Tp 31 N R 2 W.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Willard D. Morgareidge, John B. Lord, Charles W. Bennett and Clarence F. Carson all of Siouxon Nebraska.
C. R. GLOVER, Register.

Notice—Timber Culture.
Land Office at Valentine Nebraska, Jan. 30, 1897.
Complaint having been entered at the by Gerould O. Fairhead against John C. Potter for failure to comply with law as to Timber Culture Entry No. 744 dated September 29 1894 upon the 3/4 Sec. 4 & 5 1/4 Sec 12 Tp. 34 N. R. 2 W. in Cherry County Nebraska with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said John C. Potter has failed to brook or cause to be broken any of said described tract at any time, and has failed at any time to cultivate any of said tract, and has failed to plant or cause to be planted, any trees, fruit seeds or cuttings on said tract at any time the said entry is hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 17 day of March 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and submit testimony concerning said alleged failure.
Testimony of witnesses to be taken before Robert Lucas U. S. C. C. at Marrinton, Nebraska March 15th 1897 at one o'clock p. m.
C. R. GLOVER, Register.

Public Land Sale.
U. S. Land Office Valentine, Nebr. Jan. 22, 1897.
Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under authority vested in him by section 2455, U. S. Rev. Stat., as amended by the act of Congress approved February 25, 1895, we will proceed to offer at public sale on the 14th day of March next, at this office, the following tract of land, to-wit: the 3/4 Sec. 4 & 5 1/4 Sec 12 Tp. 34 N. R. 2 W.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeit.
C. R. GLOVER, Register.
A. F. Fox, Secretary.