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THIS AND THAT

Coming Events.

Ward Entertainers—April 29-30.
Woman's Guild Concert—Coming soon.
Populists and Silver Republican—May 22.
Bond Election—May 4.
Memorial Day—May 30.
Sixth District Editors—June 5.

Work for the court house.

Miss E. I. Mills has a house to rent. 6

Wm. Steadman came up from Pass Monday.

Amos Strong went down the road yesterday morning.

The Woman's Guild will give a concert in a short time.

May wheat sold at 100 cents per bushel in St. Louis last week.

Wm. Boyer is improving his residence property by planing trees.

Hereafter anything that is good to eat will be taken on subscription.

C. W. Massingale is giving his Cherry street hotel a coat of paint.

Gilman & Hellar unloaded 35 cars of cattle in this county last Friday.

Dr. Meier, the Omaha chemist, returned home the last of the week.

Milk, delivered, 23 quarts for one dollar. 9 Mrs. EVA HARDEN.

Deputy Sheriff Razy went to Browlee Monday, returning Tuesday evening.

Miss Mary Shaughnessy is at home again having closed her school at Nenzel last week.

Measles are epidemic in town, and the work of the schools is sadly interrupted thereby.

The Sons and Daughters of Protection give promise of developing into a very flourishing order.

W. S. Jackson and Miss Edna Fischer attended the wedding of the editor at Longpine last evening.

Mrs. Josie Frush has moved to the E. I. Mills house on Hall street. Mr. Lessard has taken charge of the restaurant.

E. Sparks has tapped the water main on Main street, laid pipe and put in a hydrant near the rear of his dwelling.

Mr. Clarke, well known here, received his discharge from the U. S. army and started for Chicago Monday morning.

J. A. Fike went to Newport yesterday morning and stopped at Longpine on his return to attend ye editor's wedding.

F. E. Gillette and son Bert, of Ainsworth were in town Monday on business. They brought a lot of mules up with them.

H. O. Tucker closed his school north of town on Thursday of last week and is becoming a familiar figure on our streets again.

E. Blake, of Hot Springs, inspector for the South Dakota Stock Association, put in several days here and at Rosebud this week.

On account of the editor's absence, some mighty interesting figures and items are left out of this week's paper. Watch for them later.

Greece and Turkey have crowded Cuba out of our metropolitan newspapers. Mankind always has had a weakness for eatables.

Losr:—The key to the Episcopal church between the church and the residence of R. Cook. Finder will please leave at this office.

While playing ball Sunday afternoon Wallace Craigie was hit while at the bat, and sustained a fracture of one of the small bones of his left arm.

The well known stallion Billy Barnes will make the season at Snyser & Vincent's barn in Valentine.

11 AMOS STRONG.

A stockmen's protective association was organized at Chadron last week. The association will meet every Saturday, when all estrays will be reported.

A call for a meeting of silver republicans has been issued by G. E. Tracewell and "eleven others." The meeting will be held in Valentine on May 22.

The first public ball game of the season was played at Fort Niobrara Sunday afternoon. The game was witnessed by a number of people from town.

Ed. Clarke and W. E. Haley started Tuesday morning for a week's trip through Keya Paha and Boyd counties on business connected with the Lamoreaux estate.

Mrs. E. L. Maloney, of Valentine, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Maloney, who have been here for some time.

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PRO AND CON

KENNEDY, Nebr., April 21 1897.

To the editor VALENTINE DEMOCRAT:

We voted in November last, upon the proposition to bond Cherry county for twelve thousand dollars to build a court house. We decided against the proposition. Now the advocates of bonds, fearing to wait until another fall at a general election to again submit the proposition, when it could be voted on without expense to the county and inconvenience to the people, have caused a special election to be called on the 4th day of May next to force these bonds upon the taxable property of the county, relying upon the non-attendance of a large percent of the voters on account of the planting season and general hurry of spring work. We oppose the bond proposition for the following reasons:

1. The proposition has been so recently presented to the people and voted down.
2. Half of the sum proposed would build a court house sufficient to accommodate Cherry county for years to come.
3. The designing few might not be deterred in making extravagant expenses to the taxpayers of the county for the purpose of defeating the will of the majority and bonding their property.

A VOTER.
The DEMOCRAT is pleased to publish the above letter, having often requested men who were opposing the bonds to give their reasons for so doing in print. It is hard to argue a question unless one has some idea of the opposition's base. This letter comes from a well known man, and one is impressed with the evident earnestness of the writer. He gives three reasons for his opposition to the bonds, and to the best of our ability we will answer his objections.

1st. "The proposition has so recently been voted down." Ordinarily that would be a valid objection, but in this instance it is not. About 300 citizens of this county petitioned for the election, and more would have done so had they been given an opportunity. The county board could not well overlook the expressed wish of the people, had they been so inclined. These petitioners recognized the fact that the vote at the last election was no criterion of the sentiments of the people. The total vote of the county was 1410. The total vote on the bond proposition was 902, a difference of 508. This shows that people had not studied the question and did not take enough interest to express their sentiments either one way or the other, and many voted against the proposition who will now, after study and at a special election, vote for it. As a sample of the indifference shown, "Voter's" precinct, Kennedy, cast a total of 30 votes on the project, 15 for and 15 against, while the total vote cast was 44. 37 voters in Wood Lake, 70 in Valentine, 36 in Gillaspie, 42 in Lavaea, 36 in Merriman, and various numbers in other precincts, neglected to vote on the proposition. At the special election every vote will be cast either for or against, and the will of the people will be determined.

2nd. If any objection is to be made against the bonds, it is because they are to be for too small a sum. Rock county paid \$6,000 for a frame court house and vaults and was crowded for room. The building recently burned down. Brown county paid \$10,000 for a court house, and it is not sufficiently large. Cherry county is a larger, wealthier and more populous county than either named, and should have a county building which will be in proportion to her importance. As "Voter" knows, the best is always the cheapest, and he should remember that if a court house is built it will not be a temporary structure, but one which is to accommodate the county for all time. Our people should not be niggardly. Economy is advisable at all times, but parsimoniousness is reprehensible.

3rd. No "designing few" are responsible for this movement, and no extravagant expenses are contemplated. The 300 signers of the petition for special election cannot be called a designing few, and their "designs" are specifically shown in this extract from the petition:

We further beg to represent that the rooms now occupied are inefficient and dangerous; that the destruction of our records by fire would entail incalculable loss upon the county; and that the annual rental of \$800 now being paid would pay the interest on the proposed bonds and leave a balance of \$200 per annum to the credit of the taxpayers of the county, thus saving enough during the life of the bonds to discharge one-third of the debt; all of which is respectfully submitted.

Once more we wish to call the attention of our readers to Section 2082, on page 420 of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska for 1895, headed "Division of Property," which says:

All the property, both REAL and PERSONAL * * * belonging to the county or counties from which such new county was formed, SHALL BE DIVIDED by the several county boards of the counties interested between the county or counties from which such new county was formed and the new county, in proportion to the assessed value of property for the last preceding year, which has been taken from such original county or counties and carried to such new county * * * In case the said property cannot be divided or removed, the county receiving the same SHALL PAY TO THE OTHER a proportionate value for the same.

Adding to The Donohoe.

Last Friday morning work was begun on the basement of a 25x40 two story frame building to be erected on the lots just north of The Donohoe hotel, which when completed will be used as an annex to that institution, the two buildings being connected by a bridge. The new building will contain 9 bed rooms and a large sample room when completed and is a much needed addition. In the basement will be installed a heating plant, probably hot air. The building will have a square front, and will present quite an imposing appearance.

Eugene Patten, of Loup City, who for a couple of weeks assisted C. M. Sageser in carrying his barber trade, left Tuesday night for the west. Mr. Patten evidently concluded that the barber profession was pretty well represented in Valentine and decided to not open a shop.

Ranch Barns Burned.

About 2 o'clock last Thursday afternoon the barns on U. O'Bryan's ranch caught fire from matches in the hands of a boy, and burned to the ground with their contents. One of the barns was a frame and the other a log building. Luckily they contained nothing but a couple of sets of harness and a wagon at the time of the fire. As it is estimated that the loss will amount to about \$800.

The machinery of the soil culture process now in operation on the farm of C. F. Boyd, arrived Saturday and was put together by the inventor. Mr. Campbell, of North Dakota, who was here on the ground to put the machinery in operation. Excellent results are expected from this business and it is hoped that it will demonstrate all that is claimed for soil culture. —Ainsworth Star Journal.

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