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## THIS AND THAT

### Coming Events.

Republican Convention—Aug. 23.  
Populist Convention—Aug. 27.  
Democratic Convention—August 28.  
Old Settlers—Sparks Sept. 25.

School commences Sept. 6.

Cherry county needs a court house.

Wanted—Baled hay. DAVENPORT & THACHER. 0-3

T. A. Yearshaw of Cody was in town Tuesday.

Ben Abel, a Gordon barber, was in town last night.

Dr. Benedict and wife are located at The Donohoe.

W. S. Jackson is the proud possessor of a brand new bicycle.

Grant Dunn is putting up a new house on Macomb street.

M. V. Nicholson visited with relatives in Ainsworth, Sunday.

Walter Page, of Chesterfield spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Will Merritt of Longpine, guards the push engines Nos. 15 and 17.

C. E. Wakefield, the Omaha contractor, returned home Saturday.

T. C. Hornby has a very fine display of dress goods in his show window.

FOR RENT:—Nice large office room in stone building, 18 T. C. HORNBY.

Judge Hall of Lincoln refused to entertain a motion for a rehearing of the Trester case.

Mrs. J. C. Pettijohn returned from her visit to Johnston and Longpine, Sunday night.

Mrs. Minnie Farrell and son Earl are visiting with the family of Jas. Hull this week.

Mrs. R. J. Cook has been quite ill during the last week but is much improved at this time.

A very pleasant party was given to the young folks at the home of C. A. Anderson, Saturday evening.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Large ranch in best portion of Cherry county. Address this paper for particulars. 26

C. R. Glover and family returned Tuesday night from their two weeks outing at Longpine Chautauqua.

Mrs. Minnie Richie returned home to Neligh Saturday morning after a very pleasant visit with friends here.

Dr. Reichard will be at Wood Lake August 23 and 24, prepared to do all kinds of dental work. See large bills.

Rev. Bates held services at Fort Niobrara Tuesday, and administered the rite of baptism to a number of persons.

The F. E. & M. V. railroad will make a special excursion rate to Chadron next Thursday on account of Bryan.

Dr. Hardin, of Rosebud, was in town Friday, and Saturday morning went east on a month's leave of absence.

Dr. Reichard will make a full set of teeth for \$5.00. Extracting free of charge from 8 to 9 o'clock the first two days. 29

C. A. Johnson, E. D. Valentine and David Leach were up from Woodlake Tuesday on business before the land office.

James Gillaspie was up from the ranch the first of the week, and Pete Peterson accompanied him on his return home.

C. J. Anderson, the stockman, was up from Neligh the first of the week looking after his business interests in this county.

It is said that Brower and Wells have the bicycle habit so badly that they give a rotary motion to their jaws when they eat.

Messrs. Haerber and Grange, of Kennedy, shipped a carload of cattle from Woodlake to the Omaha markets the first of the week.

Postmaster Sherman has had a new desk put in the postoffice and the walls of the room have been cleaned and freshly calomined.

Minnie DeWoody, of Ainsworth, is numbered among the young people of Valentine once more. She is working with Fannie Clark.

Lost—Saturday, Aug. 14, a Spanish coin attached to gold chain. Coin is dated 1868 and marked "Four Eds." Finder leave at this office.

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Evans attended Chautauqua a couple of days last week, the Doctor returning home Friday evening and Mrs. Evans Saturday.

Dr. Reichard will be at the Valentine House August 25 and remain 4 days. Fatless filling and extracting by the famous application to the gums. 29

Ye editor and wife attended Chautauqua Saturday and Sunday. We returned Sunday night, but our better selves stayed until Tuesday.

Mrs. Eaton, Chas. Bredeson, Geo. H. Webb, John Y. Pearson and wife and Sadie Thosath were Rosebud visitors in town Saturday.

Mrs. L. C. Sparks entertained a few friends Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Dan Pettycrew, formerly Etta Steele, of Edgemont, S. D.

Alex Altschuler, of Lincoln, was in town Saturday looking up the records in the Collins case with a view to instituting habeas corpus proceedings.

Another newspaper man has been honored by the present administration. C. P. Wiltse, of the Newport Republican, has been appointed postmaster of his town.

Davenport & Thacher are making a special sale of all odd styles and sizes of shoes, in their stock. Prices in many instances are less than half the figure formerly charged.

Labor Day, Sept. 6, is a legal holiday. We in Valentine should observe it. In no town in the state have the laborers been more steadily employed this year, than in Valentine.

The F. E. has two engines, Nos. 15 and 17, stationed here to assist stock and other trains over the Niobrara hill during the rush. The engines will remain here two or three months.

E. J. Davenport will go to Fremont in the morning for the purpose of purchasing a boiler and other apparatus necessary for the steam heating plant which will be placed in the store.

John Lynn and Lela M. Day were married by the county judge Monday. The groom is very much older than the bride, but they seemed happy just the same when we last saw them.

Prof. and Mrs. R. H. Watson Tuesday returned home from Ithaca, this state, where they had been visiting with Mrs. Watson's parents. Valentine gladly welcomes their return.

A letter received from W. E. Waite, of Chesterfield, says that he has at last found the tears of horses which left his ranch on May 27. One of the horses was discovered near Cooper and the other near Merriman.

Fred Gordon returned Tuesday from his visit to the co-operative colony of Ruskin, Tennessee, ready to take up his work in the Cherry county schools. He says his people are very well satisfied with Ruskin as a home.

Last Thursday the business men of Valentine beat the officers of the Twelfth at baseball on a score of 35 to 16. The return game will be played here this afternoon. Fort Meade plays the Andrews boys at the Post Saturday.

An unknown man was picked up in the railroad yards at Longpine Thursday night, with his head caved in. His worldly effects consisted of \$7 in cash, a revolver, razor and pair of brass knuckles. The man lived until Sunday.

Weather Observer Davenport has established a bulletin board under the stairs leading to his office, and same is much appreciated by the public. In addition to the daily weather forecast, crop and other agricultural department reports will be found on the board.

At the republican caucus held Saturday J. W. Tucker, G. H. Hornby, L. N. Layport, H. Razy, A. Morey, A. Lewis, A. H. Ferguson, L. L. Bivens, C. E. Sherman, J. A. Hooton, F. Bravton and J. H. Yeast were elected delegates to the county convention which meets tomorrow.

Yesterday morning Mrs. A. T. White gave a riding party to about a dozen of her friends, followed by a breakfast at her home, in honor of the Misses McDougal, of Neligh. The party left town about half past five, returning at eight after a ten mile canter through the Minnechadua canyons and over the table lands north.

The lawn social given by the Guild of St. John's Episcopal church at J. J. Guth's last night, was a complete success in every way. The lawn where the social was held is one of if not the finest in town, and it was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. Japanese lanterns hung in the trees and cut flowers adorned each of the tables. Ice cream, sherbet, cake and coffee were served, and the Guild cleared \$18 by its enterprise.

Senator Allen and ex-Congressman McShane recently went to Washington for the purpose of securing the consent of the government to the opening of a cattle trail across the Rosebud Indian reservation from South Dakota to the Elkhorn Valley railroad. It is said that by using this trail South Dakota stockmen would save at least \$22 per car in transportation charges to the Omaha markets. The government has given its consent to the opening of this trail, which will be about five miles wide, and a pow-wow will be held with the Indians at Rosebud on August 26, when an effort will be made to secure their consent. This will bring thousands of dollars into Cherry county in the way of trade, will give more business to the railroad and give Omaha another boost toward first place as a packing center.

### About New Mexico.

Four weeks ago I left the sand hills of Nebraska for Farmington, San Juan county, New Mexico, after making a short, but pleasant visit with friends at Chadron, and three days travel from there, by way of Denver, Colo. I reached my destination—the so called, "Sunny Side Orchard," which is located one-half mile from Farmington, and owned by W. N. Kight, one of Farmington's highly respected citizens. It was here that I met my old friend, M. F. Clark, formerly of Merriman, and widely known throughout Cherry county. I found him jovial and good natured as of old. He intends making his future home in northern New Mexico, where he now thrives on peaches and apricots.

San Juan county as a stock range has no equal in any portion of this country where it has been my good fortune to travel. I have passed over portions of many of the boasted stock ranges of the United States. I have seen some of the best ranches in the west, and I have found no place where alfalfa grows more abundant and nutritious than in San Juan county or northern New Mexico, nor have I found any place so free from the dangers of heavy snow falls, which sometimes starve out herds of cattle by the thousands on more northerly ranges. There is an abundance of stock water and easily had. While this cannot be termed as grand a stock country as in years gone by—it still has its advantages, with but few drawbacks.

For general farming, New Mexico is the country for a northern man to come. Farmers depend upon irrigation which insures never failing crops. It is natural fruit country and all kinds of fruit with the exception of lemons and oranges grow here in immense quantities.

The climate here is healthful for man and beast beyond a question. There are no blizzards. Very little snow fell here last winter and the thermometer got below zero only a few times. The summers are tempered by a gentle breeze, and there are no sun-strokes. The thermometer only reached 90 degrees in the sun while I was there.

New Mexico is a vast domain, not well known or understood. But a few years ago, few, other than cattle men lived here, and they kept vast herds and made princely fortunes from grazing them upon free grasses. These men made the new comers think this country a sun-parched region, but it is not that. The land boomers would have you believe this a Garden of Eden. Land under ditch sells from \$30 to \$100 per acre.

A. D. GALLOP.

### Bryan at Chadron.

The Chadron Recorder announces positively that W. J. Bryan will be in that city on the 26th of this month—one week from to-day. Sorry, but we will not be present to listen to his talk—Thursday is press day.

The fact that Bryan is coming so near reminds us of the first time we ever saw him. It was in the fall of 1890, when he made his first run for congress against the veteran republican, Connell. The two men were engaged in a series of joint debates on the tariff question. Bohanan's hall, then the largest in Lincoln, was filled almost to the point of suffocation that night. When Connell made his bow to the audience a storm of applause arose. He handled his subject, protection, in a masterly manner and finished in grand style. When Bryan came forward with that famous smile upon his lips, confident and almost jaunty in appearance, an old man at the side of the editor remarked: "I'm sorry for him." Bryan spoke, and almost from the first held his audience closely. As his address proceeded he became more and more in touch with his hearers as frequent storms of applause amply proved, and when he reached his peroration the audience was with him to a man, and smiles, frowns, scornful curve of lips, hope, indignation and finally enthusiasm reflected from speaker to audience as the speaker desired. The applause which came at the close of the address was deafening, hats, handkerchiefs, hands, feet and vocal organs uniting in making the air look like a whirlwind and sound like a thunder storm. The old man at the editor's side was among the approving ones. The editor had a pair of swollen hands next day, the result of assisting in the applause—and Bryan was elected.

### Good Optician.

One of the most capable opticians of the day, Dr. M. G. Benedict, formerly with Benedict Bros., of Cleveland, O., arrived in the city yesterday and has established headquarters at Sparks & Hornby's drug store, where he will be engaged in the practice of his profession for one week, commencing Thursday, Aug. 19, and remain until Thursday, Aug. 26, inclusive. Dr. Benedict comes highly recommended, and those who wish their eyes fitted in a scientific manner should call on the Doctor during his visit here. He makes a thorough examination of the eyes free of charge, and guarantees all his work. The Doctor will visit Valentine four times a year hereafter and any change required in lenses fitted by him will be made free of charge.

During the month of July, 8 farm mortgages for \$7,438 were filed in this county, and 7 for \$6,837 were released. 2 mortgages on town property for \$1,200 were filed. Chattel mortgages to the number of 72 for \$159,211.87 were filed and 27 for \$10,109.27 were released. One of the mortgages filed was for \$30,000, and two others were for more than \$20,000 each. In Cherry county this record is accepted as an evidence of prosperity rather than otherwise, and when the stock on which mortgages are held is sold, the wisdom of this view will be apparent.

### Game Laws.

It is a shame that this or any other paper should be called upon to ask for the enforcement of the game law of the state, but numerous complaints from the country seem to require that a word of warning be published. As yet no one has complained of any particular person, but they may do so, in which event the offender must expect to pay his fine. The law provides that any person who kills any grouse or prairie chicken between January 1 and September 1, and between January 1 and November 1, jacksnipe or plover between May 1 and September 1, shall pay a fine of \$5 for each bird killed. The law also provides the same penalty for each bird sold, offered for sale or found in anyone's possession between those dates. It further provides a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100 should any person go upon the lands of another to hunt, trap or kill any of the birds named, without the consent of the owner. It is unlawful to carry game during the prohibited season. The complaining witness in each case gets half the fines collected. Any person fishing with any device other than hook and line is liable to a fine of not less than \$25. Cherry county sportsmen should take warning. Game is becoming too scarce to admit of violations of the law going unheeded.

### Contract Let.

The school board held a meeting at W. E. Haley's office last Friday evening and in the presence of a number of interested spectators opened the bids for the construction of our new school house. Five complete bids by four bidders were opened, as follows: J. T. Watt & Co., Lincoln, for stone construction, \$15,987.

E. C. Wakefield, Omaha, stone, \$13,260; brick, \$11,734.  
Hathburn & Whitecar, Ainsworth, brick, \$9,997.

Fletcher & Stolze, Ainsworth and Valentine, brick, \$9,950.80.

In addition to the above the following bids on painting alone were received and opened:  
H. A. Koters, \$636.  
W. R. Dale, \$650.  
J. A. Hooton, \$625.  
M. Christensen, \$445.

The board adjourned until Saturday at which time they awarded the contract to Fletcher & Stolze, and those gentlemen were notified and Saturday will sign the contracts and furnish the bond required by the board.

The figures given in the bids for stone construction were a surprise to many, as it had been frequently said that the building could be constructed of stone more cheaply than of brick.

The building will be completed on or about December 15.

### Chautauqua Press Day.

Last Saturday was Press Day at Chautauqua, and though the attendance of newspaper men was small, an enjoyable and profitable time was had by those there. Hon. Jas. Morris was the speaker of the afternoon, Hon. A. E. Sheldon of Lincoln presiding, and he made an excellent presiding officer, too. Judge Morris gave the knights of the pencil an excellent address on the "Bonds of Our Union," which was listened to with profound interest from the beginning. The chairman then called for five-minute talks. The first of these was "Sowing the Seed Hills—What Shall the Harvest be?" by THE DEMOCRAT man, who referred briefly to the work done by the newspaper in building up the northwest and incidentally spoke on patriotism. George Miles was called on to tell about "The Editor's Patent Insoles," E. E. Humphreys was asked about his "Country Subscribers," P. B. Knotts of the Wausau Enterprise was down for "The Newspaper in County Seat Fights," Carey Thorne told of the "Ignorance of the People on Political Subjects," O. W. Hendee spoke on "The Advertising Man," A. E. Sheldon related a few of the "Experiences of an Editor's Wife," followed by ye editor, and J. H. Edmisten, chairman of the populist state central committee, gave his experiences with the "Country Newspapers in Political Campaigns." Other talks were made, and the meeting closed after C. R. Glover in a talk on "Future Chautauquas" had on behalf of the management donated to the editorial association a lot for the use of the pencil pushers in future years. The evening entertainment consisted of music by the Longpine band, a violin solo by Miss Silence Dales of Lincoln, a vocal solo, and addresses by Judge Morris and O. W. Hendee, the latter being a representative of the Nebraska Independent. Miss Dales is a violinist of exceptional ability and is the daughter of Secy. Dales, of the state board of regents.

## SHOE SALE!

TO MAKE ROOM

For our new goods, all of our odds and ends of

LADIES', MISSES'

AND

CHILDREN'S  
SHOES AND SLIPPERS

Will be closed out

REGARDLESS OF COST

Look at the prices!

25C, 50C, 85C AND \$1.00 PER PAIR

These shoes have been selling at from \$1.00 to \$4.00.

Come first and get the most desirable bargains.

## DAVENPORT & THACHER

## The Fruit Season

With all its glories is here, and as in the past the best of tame and wild fruits, plums, peaches, pears, bananas, oranges, lemons, etc., will be found for sale by

NORTH OF POSTOFFICE W. A. PETTYCREW

Highest prices for Butter, Eggs, and Farm Produce

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We are not to be found "following the procession" when it comes to selling goods, because "we are in front" and propose to remain there, both in quantity, quality and price of our merchandise. We are disposing of our summer goods rapidly, and at ruinously low figures, but we always keep on hand a large line of dry goods, boots, shoes and groceries.

## E. McDonald

Indian goods, trinkets and curios a specialty. Store at Crookston also

## HOT WEATHER CLOTHING

And all other kinds of clothing can be purchased more cheaply of

## D. STINARD

Than anyone else in town, and

besides he carries the best qual-

ities. The best and most com-

plete line of gents furnishings.

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### Mill Prices for Feed.

Bran, bulk .....40c per cwt \$7.00ton  
Shorts bulk .....50c per cwt \$9.00 ton  
Screenings .....35c " \$6.00 "  
Chop Feed .....70c " \$13.00 "  
Corn .....55c "  
Oats .....90c "

### To the East

Via O'Neill and the Pacific Short Line. The shortest and quickest route to Sioux City, South Dakota and all eastern points. Save three hours time. Equal rates. Buy local tickets to O'Neill. When returning take the same route. Sure connections daily, except Sunday.

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DAILY—EXCEPT SUNDAY.

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Fine line of plain and fancy jewelry constantly on hand  
Repairing promptly executed and done in the best manner

Full line of sporting goods

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Hair cutting and shaving.

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