

**THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT**

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The boys along the line of the Elkhorn road should not forget the meeting of the Elkhorn Valley Press Association at O'Neill, on Saturday, June 4. President Barber has appointed C. C. McHugh, of the Holt County Independent, D. H. Cronin, of the O'Neill Frontier, R. H. Jenness, formerly of the Atkinson Graphic, and Robert Good, of this place, as members of the executive committee to assist him, and notification of places on program will be given to members shortly. Everybody in Northern Nebraska who is engaged in newspaper work should attend this meeting. Let "O'Neill '98" be made a memorable occasion.

**High School Entertainment.**  
The entertainment given at the high school building, Friday evening, by the west division, was a decided success. Following is the program, which was carried out in a very satisfactory manner:

- Song.....School
- Recitation—"The Newboy's Debt".....School
- Bertha Thorn
- History of the Court House.....John Bullis
- Original story—"The Cool Headed Boy".....John Bullis
- Ada Steinar
- Characterization.....Walter Thorn
- Stump speech—"Young America".....Walter Thorn
- Carl Irwin
- Vocal Solo—"Nancy Lee".....Helen McDonald
- Book Review—"Story of Patsy".....Helen McDonald
- Sarah Simpson
- Original story—"Trip to Mars".....Sarah Simpson
- Clyde Davenport
- Reading—"Round about Evidence".....Clyde Davenport
- They Collet
- War News.....Bertha Kneeland
- Quartet—"Bertha's Thorn, Inez Petyrew, Paxton Hornback and Archie Petyrew
- Exhibition—"On the Frontier".....Lula Hooton
- Original story—"A Faded Shawl".....Lula Hooton
- Inez Petyrew
- Reading—"Big Bob Simpson".....Allie Cypres
- Book Review—"Bird's Christmas Carol".....Allie Cypres
- Laura Tillson
- Farce—"The Miser's supper".....John Bullis
- Clyde Davenport and Fred Glover
- Song.....School

These entertainments are quite popular on account of the excellence of the programs rendered and the small admission fee charged, together with the fact that the proceeds are used to swell the school library fund. A good attendance was had last Friday, and \$5 was the door receipts.

**Special Council Meeting.**  
A special meeting of the Board of Village Trustees was held Thursday evening, and the board reorganized by electing P. F. Simons mayor, and E. Sparks, treasurer. Licenses to sell intoxicants as a beverage were granted to Henry Stetter, John J. Guth, Frank Fischer, and C. H. Thompson. Andrew M. Morrissey was elected village clerk for the ensuing year at a salary of \$50. A board of health, consisting of Dr. A. Lewis, G. H. Hornby and Robert Good, was appointed.

**Militia News.**  
The editor visited Lincoln Monday, and called on Governor Holcomb in the interest of Valentine. One of the objects will be made public later, but in regard to the organization of a military company here the governor said: As soon as the National Guards mustered into the U. S. service, steps will be taken to organize two regiments to take their place. In the event of a call for more volunteers, those two regiments will be given the preference. Hence, if Valentine wants to go to war, she must get a move on her and organize a militia company, as we advocated several weeks ago. The U. S. will not use raw recruits if she can get men who are more or less familiar with drill work. The petition for a company is still open for signatures.

We visited the boys at Camp Alvin Saunders, and found Co. H., of Chadron in good condition, and hard at work drilling. Some of the boys seemed to be a little tired, but they will come out all right. John and Harry Tucker have joined this company, and will go to the front. The two regiments are being mustered in at Lincoln this week.

The water commissioner informs us that he will be sure to shut water off if sprinklers are found running either before 6 or after 8 o'clock p. m. When you see a sprinkler running over time, you'll do your neighbor a favor by stopping it if he is not at home.

**The War with Spain.**  
Nothing much newer than what appears on fifth page of this paper. U. S. is getting ready to send 5,000 troops to the Philippines as soon as Dewey is heard from. Militia is recruiting up to 84 members to the company.

J. W. Stetter returned from Richmond, Va., this morning.

Jackson & Brayton's new building has reached the top of the first floor.

J. A. Fike has been admitted to practice before the land office of the U. S.

Look for some changes in newspaper management in northern Nebraska, shortly.

A card from the 12th Infantry received this morning, indicates that the regiment intends staying at Chickamauga for some time. Co. B. Reading Club orders its paper sent to that point.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Bivens, on south Cherry street, C. R. Watson, and Anna Bivens, Judge Towne performing the ceremony Sunday evening.

Lemen Bros., advertising car No. 2, with about a dozen men, was in town Thursday. It is said that this show carries about 350 people. Judging from the way they advertise, the show is a good one.

Dr. J. C. Dwyer went to Omaha and Chicago, Monday. He will attend the Polytechnic at the latter place, and take a post graduate examination. Dr. W. G. Tucker is caring for his patients here at present.

Lemen Brothers' World's Monster Shows, 3 ring circus, 5 continent manager, trained animal exhibition, real Roman hippodrome and tree horse fair, surely coming and positively exhibit at Valentine, on Thursday, May 12.

Never before in the history of Chadron has such a demonstration been held as that which marked Wednesday night, April 27, in the minds of the people in this city as an event never to be forgotten. It was the occasion of the final drill by company H, Second regiment, before leaving for Camp Alvin Saunders, Lincoln, in response to the orders from Adj. Gen. Barry. Of the many young men belonging to the company none were present in the ranks after the bugle had sounded for drill but who could look out over the vast sea of faces, which looked admiringly and lovingly upon the boys in blue, and discover in it many friends and loved ones, who had assembled to bid them God-speed upon their response to duty's call.—Chadron Journal.

**Nebraska Falls.**  
Everybody busy. Everything looks nice. Mrs. Doe Johnson has been quite poorly, for some time. Lon Mosher intended to farm this summer; looks suspicious, don't it? Mrs. Ada Adamson has been visiting with relatives in this vicinity this week. Samuel McPherson leaves the Falls today, and expects to join the regulars and go to Cuba.

R. Grooms has his irrigation wheel completed and is now prepared to irrigate in the proper style. We heard a piece of news after the issue of last week's paper. We will say success to little Miss Good and her parents. BAD BOY.

**Woodlake.**  
H. King was in town Monday. Jake Emick was in town Monday. W. V. Johnson was in town Saturday. Mr. Johnson branded cattle on Tuesday. Johnnie Day was seen on the streets Saturday. Benny Pats and wife were in town Monday. Mr. Emmick was doing business in town Monday.

Mrs. Lovelett was visiting at Mrs. Davis' Monday. Mr. Wynman loaded a car of hay one day this week. John Parks has returned to our city once more.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall were seen in town the first of the week. The young folks report a good time at all the parties given lately. Robert Quisenberry was transacting business in town on Saturday.

H. E. Dewey returned from Ainsworth Saturday, where he has been canvassing for books. Mr. Christie has sold off nearly all his ranch hold goods and expects to start for California soon.

Miss Allie Haney came down Saturday morning and expects to stay a few days visiting at Mr. West's. We hear that Miss Sadie Dewey has gone out in the country, where she expects to stay for about a week.

Parties have been quite numerous of late, there being one at Mr. Hands on Friday and another at Mr. A. Bailey's, Saturday night.

Jack Cronin was transacting business in the city on Monday. BACHLOR.

Joe Payne was in town Monday and Tuesday. A. J. Wilson was in from the ranch Thursday. Geo. Keller was in the city Tuesday for a few hours.

J. J. Thomas was doing business in town Tuesday. Mike Jordan's smiling face was seen on our streets Tuesday.

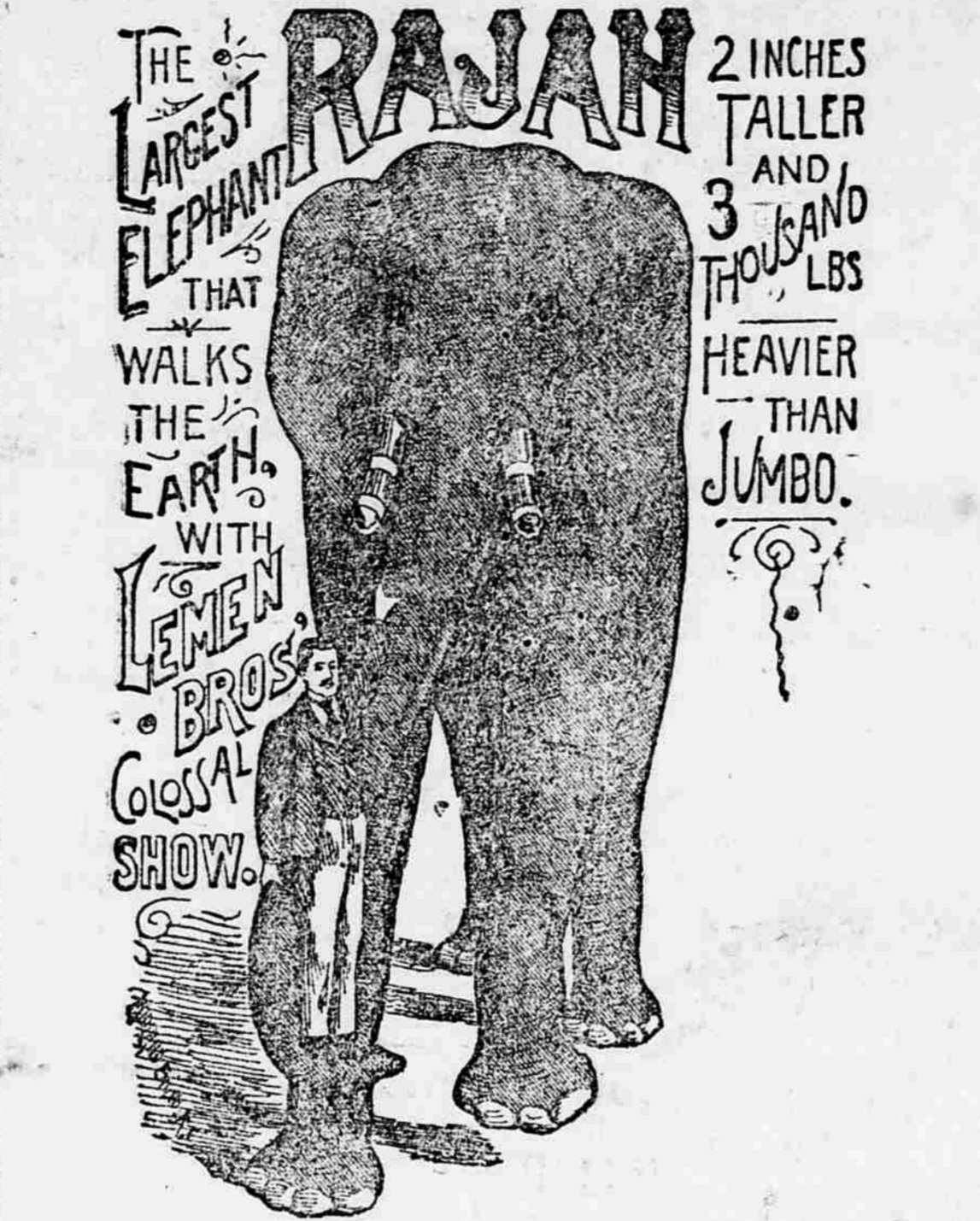
W. W. Pugham, of Omaha, spent several days in town this week. Mrs. W. Honey visited friends in Ainsworth several days last week.

J. L. McElderry took in the sights at Ainsworth Tuesday evening. C. M. Bailey shipped two cars of potatoes to Omaha the first of the week.

C. Egan and W. W. Bingham spent Tuesday at the Fairfield, trout fishing. Mr. Nick Hansen returned to Sioux City Tuesday morning after a weeks stay at his ranch. Miss Lea Leach returned from Ainsworth Saturday morning having had a pleasant visit the past week.

W. L. Chrysler has sold his farm north of town to W. V. Johnson and will shortly depart for California. Mike.

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**FINAL PROOF NOTICES.**  
Claimants and witnesses in final proof cases notice of which appear in THE DEMOCRAT, will receive a marked copy of the paper. Should any errors in description of land or spelling of names be discovered, notice should be sent to the land office and this office, so correction can be made.

U. S. Land Office, Broken Bow, Neb., April 7th, 1898.  
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 the County Judge, at Valentine, Neb., on May 24, 1898, viz: Lewis K. Belding.

H. E. No. 1061, for the w3/4 of section 6, township 26N, range 27W.  
Mrs. W. Honey visited friends in Ainsworth several days last week.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., March 28th, 1898.  
Notice is hereby given that Emerson B. Mahan, of Whitman, Neb., has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before the Register or Receiver at his office in Valentine, Neb., on Saturday, the 14th day of May, 1898, on timber culture application No. 810, for the s3/4 section 6, township 27N, range 31W.

He names as witnesses: Isaac H. Lomas, Thomas L. Lomas Sherman J. Pittinger and Matthew F. Lomas, all of Mulen, Nebraska.  
C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb., March 28, 1898.  
Notice is hereby given that Hamilton McCrear, of Valentine, Neb., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register or Receiver at his office in Valentine, Neb., on Friday, the 14th day of May, 1898, on timber culture application No. 7875, for the s3/4 of section No. 21, in township No. 36N, range No. 23W. He names as witnesses: William D. Clarkson, and Abner W. Clarkson, of Valentine, Nebraska; Henry L. Brown and Louis H. Smith, of Sparks, Neb.

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