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The War With Spain.

Americans sank a hulk in the mouth of Santiago de Cuba harbor, sealing Cervera's fleet therein.

Official advices from Sampson say he has reduced all fortifications and has not lost a man or vessel.

Insurgents in the Philippines defeated Spanish in a big pitched battle.

Next to welcoming the birth of his first baby, nothing is supposed to make a man so happy as getting married and joining the church, yet nine times out of ten it is harder to learn of a man's intention to do these two things than anything else on earth.

A lot of republican editors who do not know "shoulder arms" from a gun carriage asserts that in their opinion Mr. Bryan is not competent to command a regiment, forgetful of the fact that 6,500,000 loyal American citizens demonstrated by their ballots that they believed Mr. Bryan qualified to be commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States.—World-Herald.

Several weeks ago Edgar Howard, president of the Nebraska Press Association, sent a circular letter to all members of the association, urging them to advertise the Transmississippi Exposition, regardless of Rosewater's treatment of them. At O'Neill last Saturday he said he was sorry he ever sent out the circular. Rosewater has made a few more enemies, and Howard is now against him now than ever.

Bismarck has finally heard of the remarkable utterances attributed to him by fake reporters in which he abused the United States in connection with the war with Spain. He denies in toto the sentiments ascribed to him and says that he has not talked to a reporter since the war began and has discussed the merits of same with no person whatsoever. Journalistic "enterprise" has fairly run mad during the past sixty days and there are a number of great editors who have earned a padded room in a lunatic asylum.—State Journal.

The republican leaders charge the opponents of the proposed bond issue with being unpatriotic. They say that at this time, when the government is in need of revenue, prejudices should be set aside, and everyone should exert his best efforts to provide the government with the necessary funds.

It is interesting to observe, however, that every proposition put forth by the republican leaders involves either a scheme whereby the interest-bearing debt of the nation is to be increased or the levy of taxes upon those least able to bear taxation. The republican leaders pretend that the emergencies are so great that the extraordinary course of issuing \$300,000,000 in bonds should be adopted. They do not, however, think that the emergencies are great enough to warrant the levy of an income tax whereby the burden would be equitably distributed. While pretending that their anxiety is exclusively to obtain revenue the republican leaders set their faces resolutely against a low tariff, which, by encouraging imports, produces revenue, and maintain a high tariff, which, by discouraging imports, reduces the revenue. While pretending to have large patriotic concern, these leaders object to corporation taxation and zealously protect the monopolies of the country from the imposition of a just share of the burden.

In other words, the republican party is so patriotic that it wants the masses of the people to contribute all the revenue while the corporations enjoy the exemption, the result being that the burden is placed on those least able to bear it.—World-Herald.

Dissecting Table

A year ago, or less, the editor approached a Young Man quietly, and enquired whether or not the report that the y. m. was soon to marry was true. The y. m. strenuously denied that he had any such intentions, and wondered how such a report could have originated. Within three days the marriage took place, and the editor said nothing about it, thinking he was doing the y. m. a favor by keeping it quiet. The y. m. never speaks to him now and the editor wonders why. Young man, did you ever realize how queer it would seem to you if you were in the editor's place? Why should a man deny that he intends marrying, after the day has been set, the bride's trousseau made and the license procured, unless he is ashamed of his intentions? We may be "odd" in this respect, but it looks that way to us. Don't think for a moment that we mean you should publish to the world the progress of your love affairs, but you at least ought to answer a civil question truthfully a few hours in advance of the ceremony, especially if the questioner asks from a proper motive. You may contend that marriage is a "private affair" and newspapers have no business asking questions, but it is not. There is a civil contract involved, and the whole world is interested. It is a matter of news, and is something that newspapers are especially fond of publishing.

Branding.

We have frequently referred to the immense aggregate loss due to the practice of branding range cattle. It is a well known fact that the branded portion of the hide is practically worthless to the manufacturer of leather because the branding destroys the natural texture of the skin at the point where the brand is impressed. On the market, between two lots of cattle similar in every other respect, a branded lot will sell at from 10 to 20 cents discount per hundred pounds as compared with the unbranded cattle, and thus on a 1,400-pound steer the amount would be from \$1.40 to \$2.80 less money per head. It is hard to see how range cattle shall be marked for identification, running at large as they do, unless they are branded, and the stoppage of the leak therefore becomes difficult. Nevertheless, there are brands and brands. They can be large or small and thus destroy much or little of the leather value of the hide, and they can be placed upon the more valuable parts of the hide or upon the less valuable parts. Recognizing this latter fact the National Live Stock commission has passed a series of resolutions urging the growers, feeders and breeders of cattle to discontinue the practice of branding on the sides and butts of the hide, and instead to place the brand on the necks, where the hide is of little value for the purpose of making leather. If the range cattle people would give heed to this suggestion and in future brand on the necks of the cattle only, it would go far to place branded cattle upon an equality in the market with those that are unbranded, so far as the question of injury to the hide for leather-making is concerned. In the estimation of practical men, too, the proposed change is entirely feasible, and there is no reason why it should not be made, except that cattle men fall into ruts as other people do and find it difficult to get out of them.—Homestead (Des Moines, Ia.)

Sons of Their Father's.

When the shower of shoulder straps fell, a lot of young men who had no claim to distinction except that they were sons of prominent men, were particularly fortunate. Grant's son and grandson, Logan's son, Blaine's son, Harrison's son, Alger's son, Gray's son, Foraker's son, Sewell's son, Astor's son, Allison's nephew and a host of others slid into soft places and fat salaries on their pedigrees. This class of people don't cut a very wide swath when they run for an elective office but when they line up at the pie counter they are strictly in it. In commenting on the matter John J. Ingalls refers to Timothy, v. viii, and remarked that "infidelity has not been prevalent since April 24, 1898."—Scrivener News.

To these might be added Elkins' son, Fairbank's son and McMillan's son, for full measure.

Bob Good, editor of THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT, Nebraska, has been selected as captain of a military company. He has many friends in Delphos who predict that "Fightin' Bob" will make a "Good" soldier. Bob's home was recently blessed by the advent of a baby daughter.—Delphos (O.) Herald.

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Iva Efner has built a new sidewalk and porch in front of her millinery store, adding greatly to its appearance.

\$5,000 Court House.

Alex Burr, of Pullman, was in town Monday with several petitions for a \$5,000 court house. The petitions will be presented to the county commissioners next week.

Wyoming Wool.

Reports coming in from the Wyoming sheep country state that the wool warehouse at Casper, which will hold 300,000 pounds of wool, is filled, and freight cars are being loaded as rapidly as possible. Never before has so much wool been hauled to Casper in so short a time as there has been the past ten days. Blockades of loaded wagons have not been uncommon in the vicinity of the warehouse, there being as many as twenty wagons at one time waiting to be unloaded.—Northwestern Stockman.

Cavalry at Ft. Niobrara.

Troop G, Eighth U. S. Cavalry, from Ft. Meade, S. D., arrived in town Tuesday evening and are now at home in their quarters at Ft. Niobrara. The troop is commanded by Lieut. McWilliamson, formerly of the Sixth, but we understand this gentleman will soon leave, having received a commission as captain and quartermaster in the volunteers. The boys of G troop are a husky looking lot, and judging from those we have met, are a jolly crowd. They have already agreed to play a game of ball here July 4, if we can scare up a club to meet them. Norden has been invited to do the business.

Randall-Dunn.

At the residence of the bride's parents, in Table precinct, Thursday evening, June 2, at 10 o'clock, in the presence of about ninety friends, the marriage of Frank Randall and Nettie May Dunn was solemnized, Judge Towne performing the ceremony. After the marriage the evening was spent in dancing to the excellent music furnished by Mr. Granger and son and David Fowler. There was a bounteous supper at 12. After supper ice cream was served, the bride's treat to the ladies being oranges, the groom treating the gentlemen to cigars. The bride is the only daughter of D. D. Dunn and is generally well liked. She will remain with her parents this summer. The groom has been a resident of this county for about two years and is very popular among his friends. The writer joins with the community in wishing them a long and prosperous life.

Wedding Bells.

At the residence of the bride's parents at high noon, Thursday, June 2, 1898, Miss Eva D. Williams and Frederick F. Gordon were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, the service was read by the Rev. S. W. Holclaw. This worthy young couple entered from an adjoining room and stood under an arch of evergreens while the solemn words were pronounced which made them husband and wife. The bride was gowned in white and wore flowers which had been sent from Tennessee especially for the occasion. After the ceremony all were invited to the dining room which was tastefully decorated in green, purple and white, and where a delicious dinner was waiting for about 50 invited guests.

Miss Williams, the bride, has been one of our successful school teachers for the past two years, has a large circle of friends, and is considered one of the loveliest young ladies of Cherry county. The groom has resided in Cherry county for the past twelve years, during which time he has won a reputation to be envied. Fred is not only one of our best school teachers but promises to be one of our ablest orators. Many handsome and useful presents were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, and many are the friends who extend congratulations and best wishes. ONE OF THE GUESTS.

Card of Thanks.
Friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and burial will please accept our most sincere gratitude. M. CHRISTENSEN, MRS. JAMES RAY.

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Niobrara Falls.

The Heath boys will go to the Flats to build a house, soon.
Mrs. Doc Johnson has been quite sick for several days.
Mrs. Susie Baker was summoned home last week on account of sickness.
We understand that Mrs. Frush and her daughter will stop the summer with Mrs. Reed.
Mrs. Eda Cole came down from Chadron Tuesday, and will remain with her sister this summer.
J. Adamson and R. Grooms went over to Valentine, Wednesday evening to see the Woodmen's goat perform.
D. M. Troffer was over from Crookston Monday, and purchased 300 cabbage and tomato plants from R. Grooms.
F. Ryman went up the river today with enough wire wire fencing to fence a section, more or less. BAD BOY.

Eli Precinct.

F. R. Yanish is building a house for Hugh Sears.
Fred Goodfellow was rounding up his cattle last week.
Bill Spence and family was visiting B. Hunt over Sunday.
Bruce Moore put his steers in P. Sullivan's pasture last week.
Frost Pruden was on the river after a load of posts one day last week.
Geo. Heckel is building a sod house on his brother's claim on the river.
Miss Lottie Johnson returned from Fremont, where she has spent several months visiting.
Melvin Richardson has accepted a position as foreman for the FV horse and cattle company.
Arthur Holiz came down from Gordon and brought his sister home and stayed over night.
I. B. Nichols and son returned home last week. They have been away plastering for a week.
There will be church at the Nicholson school house, district 55, the third Sunday in this month by Rev. Hunt, at 3 o'clock p. m.
J. C. Goodrich says if John Newell stays on the river much longer there will not be any fish left. John has already caught two.
Miss Mamie Jeffries' school, in district 75, closed last Friday. SANDY.

Woodlake.

Ive Shall was in town Monday.
Fred Brayton was in town Tuesday.
Now is the time to have your picture taken.
W. V. Johnson and wife were in town last Sunday.
Melt Hanna was transacting business in town on Monday.
C. A. Barnes and mother were in town visiting a few days this week.
Miss Jean Morrow was visiting at Mrs. Johnson's Monday afternoon.
The dance at Melt Hanna's was a grand success. Everybody had a good time.
U. G. Stevenson left Sunday morning. He went to Fremont to attend school.
A fishing party went out north on Tuesday after a few fish but they got more rain than fish.
Pearl Pfeifer and Roy Swett, of Johnston, were visiting in town on Saturday and Sunday.
Rev. Stiles, from Atinsworth, preached last Sunday night to quite a large audience. He filled Rev. Garner's place.
C. A. Johnson and son, Chester, started for Fairfax, S. D., last Sunday morning. They expect to be gone about a week or ten days.
We understand the social given by the ladies of the U. B. church was a grand success. There was a crowd of about 65 or 70, and the proceeds amounted to about \$25.00 above expenses.
Miss Elsie Sherman is visiting friends in town for a few days. BATCHELOR.

Mill Prices for Feed.
Bran, bulk 50c per cwt \$9.00 ton
Shorts bulk 60c per cwt \$11.00 ton
Screenings 35c " \$6.00 " "
Chop Feed 70c " \$13.00 " "
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