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## THIS AND THAT

**Coming Events.**  
Democratic Convention—July 22  
Teachers' Institute—August 15  
County Commissioners—August 15  
Republican County Convention—August 6  
Democratic Senatorial Convention—Aug. 20  
Populist Senatorial Convention—August 20  
Labor Day—September 5.

**Cobs for sale at the mill.**  
Remember the democratic convention, Saturday.

Frank Hook is down from Cody this morning.

E. S. Newman, of Cody, was in town Saturday.

C. A. Johnson was up from Woodlake yesterday.

G. W. Berge, of Pass, was in town the last of the week.

Everybody and his best girl was out buggy riding Sunday.

J. R. Wallingford, of Kennedy, spent Sunday in town.

Treasurer Thackrey's new house is being pushed to completion.

Lord & Bennett have been in town from the ranch most all week.

L. N. Layport went to Brownlee on business yesterday morning.

F. K. Bivens was over from Rosebud Sunday, to visit his family.

V. G. Stevenson and E. H. Lambie, of Woodlake, are in town today.

F. J. Murphy, of near Brownlee, was in town on business, Monday.

Z. W. Pruden, of Merriman, registered at the Valentine House Tuesday.

Wm. Hower took out the south mail this morning in place of A. T. White.

Arthur Gore is visiting with friends in the eastern part of the state this week.

J. B. Sweeney, of Pullman, was in town yesterday and registered at The Donoher.

Ira T. Richardson was in town this week looking for men to work in the hay field.

J. G. Gibson is moving into the White property on Cherry street, and will rent rooms.

Grand Secretary Gail, of Fremont, is in town today and will attend the Odd Fellows' lodge tonight.

John Hofman gave a blowout to his friends Saturday night in honor of his marriage a few weeks ago.

A. M. Morrissey returned Monday morning from Chadron, where he had been attending district court.

A. Oakley, of Ainsworth, was in town yesterday making final proof on a timber claim near Brownlee.

A. T. White and family will move to Alliance this week and will take charge of a hotel at that place.

Ed. Clarke went to Ainsworth yesterday afternoon to meet an old friend who was in that city on business.

A traveling "soap game" done up the town to the tune of about 35 or 40 this afternoon.—*Stuart Ledger.*

C. J. Anderson, wife and child, of Neligh, were in town Sunday while on the way to visit their ranch near Cody.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Corbitt and daughter, Bessie, were up from Ainsworth on some land business, Tuesday.

Mose Howard was in town this week in the interest of Perrine, Cook & Co., the South Omaha commission firm.

Miss Etta Myers returned to her home in Seneca, Mo., after a pleasant visit with her brother, John Brown, at Rosebud.

Dr. Will Donoher, of St. Louis, is visiting his mother and sisters in town this week, having arrived here Monday night.

Arkansas Bob was in from the ranch the first of the week after repairs for machinery, and supplies for his hay hands.

Mr. G. G. Davis, one of the day school teachers on the reservation, located at Little Crow's camp, was in town Tuesday.

Sparks and the 8th cavalry will play ball at Ft. Niobrara Sunday afternoon. A hot game is promised. Norden plays the soldiers July 31.

J. L. Roseberry, Henry Sherman and Andy Yaryan, of Pullman, were in town on land office business, Saturday.

J. H. Salzman, of Brownlee, was in town yesterday, and returned home on the afternoon freight by way of Woodlake.

Miss Herrick raised about \$225 here for the Omaha hospital. From here she visited Woodlake, and then went west to Gordon.

T. C. Hornby improved the appearance of the awning in front of his store this week by the addition to it of a Greek-Ionic-Corinthian frieze.

Miss Lida M. Herrick delivered a lecture at the M. E. church Tuesday evening on hospital work and solicited subscriptions for the hospital at Omaha.

Ye editor is a widower again. Mrs. Good and baby, in company with her sister, Miss Davison, went to Longpine this morning to attend the Chautauqua assembly.

Mrs. Squire Jones and children returned from their Valentine visit Saturday and per coquette Squire has quit cooking his own meals.—*Ainsworth Star-Journal.*

"Butch" Benard, one of the old timers of this country, and by reason of the treaty of '68 a member of the Sioux Indian nation, died at Rosebud last Friday morning.

W. D. Morgareidge is in from Simeon to meet his daughter, Mrs. S. E. Ellis, of Harrison, and family. Mr. Ellis is on his way to Simeon overland and will locate in Cherry county.

People can talk all they please about real estate being valueless, but when relinquishments of homestead entries will bring \$1,000 each, as two did here this week, we are forced to believe that it is good property.

Superintendent Stoner returned Monday morning from Washington, D. C., where she had been attending the meeting of the National Teachers' Association. Miss Stoner says that Washington is her ideal city.

A dancing party was given at The Donoher Tuesday evening in honor of Dr. Donoher, and it has frequently been referred to since as the neatest and most pleasant affair that has taken place here for a long time.

Married, at Hyannis, Nebraska, Monday, July 11, Mrs. Specklemire to Mr. J. T. Hawley. The bride is the daughter of J. H. Yaryan, Sr., of Pullman, Nebr., and the groom is a ranchman living near Pullman.—*Whitman Sun.*

A. W. Miller, the telegraph operator who relieved Arthur Gore last week became a little too gay to suit the railroad officials and he was removed last Thursday morning and W. J. Ness, of Hot Springs, sent to take his place.

J. C. Welles and wife left Wednesday for the "Armstrong ranch," in Turtle creek precinct, with a bunch of cattle. Merle Rowland went along as head "cow-puncher" and Bert Pinkerton as chief of the wagon train.—*Butte Gazette.*

The shipment of wool from this place has already amounted to about 100,000 pounds this season and fully half as much more is yet to be marketed. The revenue from this source will be no small thing this year.—*Kimball Observer.*

P. S. Roueche, of Brownlee, was in town yesterday as a witness in the Oakley final proof case. Pete says everything around Brownlee is in a flourishing condition and thinks that Cherry county is one of the best in the whole country.

W. E. Haley is making preparations to place a stone foundation under his residence and raise the front part of same another story. These contemplated improvements will give him three new rooms, a bath room and a furnace room.

Not since white man set foot in the Black Hills has the water supply been as low as it is now. Creeks that have for years been raging streams have either withered to a miserable rivulets or have gone out of business entirely and stock is showing the effect of the dryness.—*Sturgis Advertiser.*

## More Facts and Figures.

As stated last week, the total bonded indebtedness of Cherry county is \$19,000. The total last year was \$22,000, but the balance has been paid. Of this amount \$14,000 is held by the state and draws 5 per cent. interest; \$5,000 is held by various individuals and draws 6 per cent. interest. There is now in the sinking fund of the county about \$4,500, hence the bonded indebtedness could be reduced to \$15,000 if the treasurer should so elect. However, this sinking fund is invested so that it draws 7 per cent. interest, hence it is deemed good business policy to not pay off the bonds at this time as the county is making from one to two per cent. on the money it has borrowed. The county now has on hand about \$9,000 in cash—the smallest amount for some time, since the sinking fund is being invested in warrants, and the various obligations of the county are being paid. The road fund and the bridge fund of the county are cash funds, and have several thousand dollars to their credit. Any warrants drawn on these funds will be paid upon presentation to the treasurer. All general fund warrants will be paid about a year from now. In some of our sister counties claims remain on file from two to three years before they are even acted upon. Then the warrant remains unpaid for a year or two. Under these conditions bills are generally made from 10 to 50 per cent. higher than they would be if the claimant did not have to wait so long for money. Cherry county is not bothered that way.

## Ferstl's Fruit Farm.

Ye editor and family, and G. H. Riener and family had the pleasure, Sunday, of visiting John Ferstl's place about 6 miles south of town, and although the thermometer tried to burst the glass on that day, we felt amply paid for the trouble. Mr. Ferstl is located on the Niobrara and does a general market gardening business. It is Ferstl that always has the earliest and freshest vegetables and fruits, and the biggest strawberries. He has in his orchard about 1,500 fruit trees, 1000 of them being apple trees and the rest cherries, plums, pears, prunes, etc. Most of the trees are beginning to bear, his cherry trees being especially forward in this respect. In addition to these trees, he has hundreds of raspberry, gooseberry, blackberry and currant bushes all yielding handsomely. We gave ourselves cholera morbus eating fruit, but we didn't mind it since it was of home manufacture. John is an old bachelor, and he keeps three men busy caring for his place, besides a number of boys during the fruit season. Not only has he ten acres of tame fruit trees, but the woods near him are filled with wild plums and grapes.

A visit to Ferstl's is good for the soul of a Nebraskan, and speedily convinces the stranger that with only ordinary care fruit trees and bushes can not alone be raised in this "drouth-stricken west" but that they can be made to yield handsomely. One queer thing learned by the visit is the fact that the sandy soil raises the best fruit.

## A Pleasant Event.

Mrs. E. J. Davenport entertained a number of her lady friends last Thursday afternoon from half past three until seven. Those present were Mesdames A. T. White, May White, C. S. Gould, A. Lewis, J. W. Yeast, J. G. Stetter, Geo. Schwalm, L. C. Sparks, H. Hoening and Robert Good, Misses Gertrude White and E. Mae Davison, and each of the ladies are loud in their praises of Mrs. Davenport's tact and ability as a hostess. The afternoon was devoted to conversation and music, and was followed by a very dainty luncheon.

## One on Sageser.

Sageser, the barber, is kept so busy trimming hair and shaving whiskers that he is unable to find time for punching tickets during the week, so he has hit upon a novel scheme, or at least Webb Hilsinger says he has. It seems that Clarence has a habit of visiting the creek every Sunday, and Webb vows and declares that on these visits he takes along all his barber tickets and a shot gun. The tickets are laid on the side of a hill and then Clarence shoots them full of holes and comes home, ready for another week's work.

## Wanted—Another Convention.

Now if the republicans will call their senatorial convention for Valentine we will be strictly in it as a convention city. And why shouldn't we be? Nothing is too good for Valentine, and we have yet to talk with a man who would rather visit some other place than Valentine.

## Building a Residence.

J. O. Pettijohn has commenced work on his new residence. It will be a two-story structure, the main part of the building being 25x30 in size, and when completed it will be an ornament to our town. Jim's old dwelling has been moved to the rear of his lots, and will be moved away as soon as the new house is completed. S. W. Holsclaw did the moving, and he and Gus Carlson will do the work on the new house.

## Acres of Grain.

According to the assessor's reports there is now under cultivation in Cherry county 7,726 acres of wheat, 7,644 acres of corn, 1,432 acres of oats, 26 acres of barley, 896 acres of millet, and 138 acres of rye. These figures are not accurate by any means, several assessors failing to make returns. They are given for what they are worth. The total number of acres of improved lands was returned as 78,126; of unimproved, 352,140.

## Chautauqua Excursions.

On July 21, 23, 29 and 30, the F. E. will sell round trip tickets to Longpine, account of the Chautauqua, for \$1.85 from Valentine, good returning until August 5. On all other days of the Chautauqua, (July 22 to August 2), round trip tickets good until August 5 will be sold for one and one-third fare. The Chautauqua promises to be better this year than it has been since its inception. Rev. Houser, the noted evangelist, will be present, with Miss Rank, the Philadelphia soloist.

## Likes the Exposition.

E. J. Davenport returned yesterday morning for Omaha, where he had been attending the national convention of republican clubs and incidentally seeing the Exposition. Of the latter Dave cannot speak too highly. The electrical illumination at night he says is especially fine, in fact it is the finest thing he ever saw. The various exhibits are superb, and the grounds and accommodations are all that can be desired. We hope that every citizen of Cherry county will attend the Exposition this summer. Those who fail to see this great show will have missed one of the greatest opportunities of their lives to post up on modern improvements, methods, manufactures and inventions.

## List of the Wounded.

A dispatch from Ft. Monroe, Va., Saturday, said the following members of the 12th Infantry were brought there, wounded, by the steamer City of Washington: Lieut. W. E. Dove, Privates Barker, Cate, McGahan, Palmer, Corporals Beals and Trimmer. The steamer Breakwater brought in the following privates on the same day: Burnham, King, Bryant, Franks, Hunt, Stevens, Swan, Wilmer and Wharton. Privates Wm. P. Moore and John N. Taylor, both of Co. E., were brought to Old Point Comfort, Saturday. Privates Alexander, James, Jeffreys, McNally, Nape, Smith and Ward were brought to New York by the transport Olivette, Saturday. W. A. Allen was brought to Norfolk, Va., Tuesday.

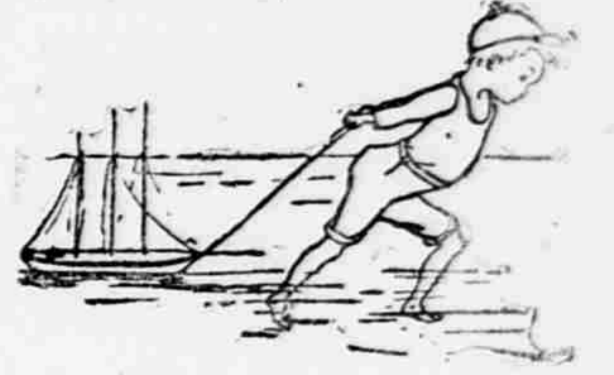
## Republican County Convention.

The republican county convention has been called to meet in Valentine on Saturday, August 6, 1898, for the purpose of electing delegates to the state, congressional, senatorial and representative conventions, also to nominate candidates for county attorney and commissioner for the third district. The representation from each precinct is as follows:

Boiling Springs	4	Loup	3
Buffalo Lake	3	Minnehaduzza	3
Cleveland	2	Merriman	7
Dewey Lake	3	Mother Lake	3
Eli	4	Nenzel	1
Enlow	4	Pleasant Hill	2
Georgia	2	Schlagle	2
German	2	Sharp's Ranch	2
Gilaspie	2	Sparks	4
Irwin	4	Steen	2
Kennedy	2	Table	12
Kewanee	1	Valentine	3
Lavaca	4	Woodlake	5

## ...THE SPANISH NAVY...

This is about all that is left of it for the young King to take home as a souvenir since Sampson and Dewey are through with it, but if the people of Cherry county want something more substantial to take home with them we would advise them to purchase their goods from us, as by so doing they will make a saving of from 10 to 20%. We are headquarters for summer dress goods, straw hats, underwear, boots and shoes.



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