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TALK OF THE TOWN

The passenger from the west was an hour late Tuesday.

The Panama hat craze died out before reaching Valentine.

W. W. Wood, a Rushville attorney, was in our city Tuesday.

Perry Swearinger, from down the river, was on our streets Saturday.

A heavy frost is reported in northwestern Iowa Sunday night that did much damage to crops.

F. W. Jersig, of West Line, Mo., also having a large number of cattle here, was in town Sunday.

A. W. Peterson, of Arabia, reports a yearling heifer killed by lightning on Thursday, the 31st of July.

Elmer Ayres called on the editor for a few minutes' chat last Saturday and dropped a dollar with us.

The game warden is flitting about the state and making life a burden to those who violate the game laws.

N. Polen, of Sparks, dropped a \$ in the slot and will read this household necessity during the coming year.

W. F. Morgareidge and wife came down Saturday from Merriam and are attending teachers' institute.

D. A. Hancock and family, of Marshall, Mo., who also have a ranch here, have been in town the past week.

Professors J. W. Searson, of Wahoo, and W. H. Gardner, of Auburn, are instructing in our teachers' institute.

Ben J. Pays writes us from Clealum, Wash., that he has settled at that place and wants the DEMOCRAT sent to him. It goes.

W. H. Hooper, of north table, came to town with a smile on his face last Saturday. It rained, you know, since the editor returned home.

T. F. Donohue, representing Jackson Higgins & Co., of Omaha, spent several days in and around Valentine the past week looking for fat cattle.

Frank Ashburn and T. Ramberg brought in eight cars of cattle Monday and shipped to Jackson Higgins & Co., commission firm of South Omaha.

G. W. Burge spent a few days in town the latter part of last week. He now claims to be a resident of our town though he spends some of his time on the ranch yet.

Jesse Brosius and Ed. Soles were in town Saturday from Alex Charbonneau's ranch, where they have been stacking hay but had a short vacation on account of the rain.

A. K. Kuskie, of near Sparks, brought in two hogs last Monday which he sold to J. W. Stetter at 6c per pound. One of the hogs weighed 450 lbs, which makes \$27, the price ordinarily of a cow. The other hog weighed 285.

S. N. Moses and family and B. J. Hoffacker and sister, of Simeon, came to town last Saturday to spend a few days together before Miss Hoffacker started for San Francisco. Miss H. has enjoyed a two months' visit at the ranch with her brother and Mr. Moses' family.

Wm. Gulick, of Wood Lake, came up last Thursday to transact business with the county treasurer and to enjoy a day of rest and recreation. We acknowledge a pleasant visit and another dollar on subscription.

Dr. Wm. Winder departed for Omaha last Thursday morning, where he will try to regain his health. The Doctor is remarkably strong for one so advanced in years and having endured so many hardships.

In speaking of the coronation of King Ed the State Journal says he bore his part in a manly way. There are at least a dozen men in Valentine who would go through the same performance in a manly way for Ed's job with its salary and perquisites.

A. B. McAlevy, of Kennedy, was in town last Friday after supplies. It is interesting to some of the people down east to learn of men driving forty and fifty miles in this country for supplies and some of them often making the drive in half a day.

The new lodge of the Fraternal Union of America now has fifty-four new members and applications are pouring in. It threatens to become one of the largest lodges in town in a very short time. Mr. King, the organizer, treated the crowd to an ice cream supper.

Daniel Fowler, of north table, came in last Thursday and handed us another dollar on subscription. He can see the advantages of living in this country and when crops are laid by and there's nothing else to do to earn money on a farm there is always some freighting to do at fair prices.

W. D. Morgareidge and son came up last Friday to get some necessary articles preparatory to moving to western Idaho, where he expects to make his future home on a nice fruit farm which he has purchased there. They will move in a couple of weeks. It is with regret that the DEMOCRAT chronicles the moving of this estimable family from our county and state. We had hoped that he would remain in Cherry county after selling his ranch.

Our city water works needs the attention of the town board. The tank is not in good repair and from now on will require considerable expense to keep it up. The posts are beginning to rot and the foundation is giving way. There is a good place for a reservoir to be built of stone and cement on the hill north of the electric light plant which would be permanent, lasting and furnish the city with a greater supply of water and considerable more pressure in case of fire. It will be safe and the water will be better.

An Indian with a jag and a balky team created considerable amusement on the street last Friday afternoon. He had a heavy load of merchandise on his wagon and a heavier load of extract of sod corn under his shirt and when he reached the sandy spot in front of Geo. Hornby's he dropped his bottle and when he had recovered it the team refused to pull. Another Indian hitched his team on and pulled him out of the sand and the last seen of the noble red man and his jag they were making fast time toward the setting sun and the whip doing double duty. He was heap mad.

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