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TALK OF THE TOWN

It sounds like old times to hear the Band practice.

Levi Sparks is now in charge of the Ludwig Lumber yard.

Chickens are ripe now and go pretty well, but our Hotel fare does not permit us to enjoy many of them.

Orvilla Carey has been ailing for some time, but is improving in health of late and is again able to walk around.

J. E. Thackrey attended the sale of J. R. Ayers and bought several head of cattle, which he took down to his ranch the first of the week.

There is a neat iron fence around the front of the Court House now and stands as an invitation to keep off the grass, which is growing nicely within the yard.

The County Commissioners are in session from Tuesday, but as there were no proceedings ready to publish we omit it until next week. We are on time this week, and go to press Wednesday.

David Peters, the genial and popular salesman in the Ludwig Lumber yard, came in last week and handed us a couple of dollars for which he and a friend will read the Valentine DEMOCRAT for a year.

M. Katie Noble goes to Hayward, Wis. for a years visit, after several years work with her brother-in-law in the Real Estate business. The DEMOCRAT will follow to carry the news and happenings of Valentine.

Florence May Joycox, who has been sick for some time, died Sunday evening of typhoid fever. The funeral was held at the Harmony school house Tuesday afternoon. The DEMOCRAT extends sincerest sympathy to the bereaved family.

J. H. Sears and wife, finally got rid of the post office at Sparks, and the latter part of last week passed through town on their way to visit some friends in the eastern part of the state. We did not see Mr. Sears nor learn how long he intends to be gone.

Mabel Spain, a three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Spain, was seized with convulsions last Sunday evening at the home of her grandfather, Tom Ashburn, and caused considerable fright to the family. A severe cold and high fever was thought to be mainly the cause. She is getting along nicely now.

Our telegraph service is not good. It takes nearly as long to get a response from a telegram that it would take for the train to run that distance and back. We don't know where to place the blame but it is certainly annoying to wait from 10 to 20 hours for a reply when it takes only a minute for the message to go and come. Some revision ought to be made.

There was a Billy Buster in town the other night who thought he could run over the marshal and do as he pleased. Marshal Corbin nailed him and took him to the cooler, where he had time to reflect upon his ungentlemanly conduct. In the morning when he was turned loose he promised to get out of town and behave himself in the future when he came to town.

Sunday night the city night marshal thought he was on track of a deserter from Ft. Meade and chased a soldier around for some time before finally coming to the round up. When he brought his brawny hand down upon Mr. Soldier there was a shudder, and then he began to plead that he was only a girl in disguise. The last that we heard of them, the marshal had him going toward the calaboose.

Jackson & Brayton's fine store room on the south of the grocery department is nearly completed, and will make for the Red Front three large salesrooms that are unexcelled in western Nebraska. Messrs Jackson & Brayton are enterprising merchants, and know the value of printer's ink when rightly used, and have built up a fine business among first class people by dealing in a good quality of goods at living prices, and a liberal display of printer's ink.

Report of school district number 20. School opened Monday, September 1, with nine pupils enrolled. Average attendance eight. Those present every day were Florence Jackson, Elizabeth Jackson, Gladys Jackson, Henry Jackson and Harry Kablinger, with the first four neither tardy nor absent. GLEN HOENIG, Teacher.

There is to be a box social at our school house Friday, October 17th. The money will be used for benefit of library. All are cordially invited.

H. O. Tucker made a trip down the road Sunday, returning Monday.

We cut out a large number of stock brands this week, of those who have paid up and of those who have neglected to pay up. Please consider this an invitation to pay.

J. McHardie and family, James Ainslie and son, P. J., and families, started Sunday night for Moscow, Idaho, where they expect to find more lucrative fields in which to operate. Jack promises to write back and tell us if they run across more gold than they can handle and perhaps send us some. Mrs. Levi Handy accompanied them and will visit her son in Seattle for a time.

Last Friday night about forty people gathered at the home of Mrs. Callen, each equipped with something valuable and about 8 o'clock went across the alley and rapped at the back door of the M. E. parsonage to "pound" the new preacher. The "surprise" was complete, a pleasant time enjoyed by all, but owing to the illness of Rev. Ray, the stay was short with a promise to return.

Frank Krampert, of Wood Lake, and Nicholas J. Uck, of Omaha, a brother-in-law and associated with Mr. Krampert in the ranch business south of Wood Lake, were in town Monday, paying taxes and bought a quarter section of land from I. M. Rice, the editor of this paper. Krampert & Uck now have one of the finest stock ranches south of Wood Lake, and they are getting it stocked with good cattle.

Educational Department.

Seven new pupils enrolled this week. Leonard Sparks, writes from the Military Academy at Orchard Lake, Michigan that he is enjoying himself and getting along nicely with his studies.

In a letter just received from Leta Stetter, she states that she is studying Solid Geometry, English Literature, French and German, and finds it quite easy to keep pace in all her studies.

The Cincinnati Managers of our lecture course have changed the date of Montaville Flowers and have decided that we shall open the season with the Hahn Parke Quarett on Oct. 27.

In the University Catalogue received this week, we notice the name of B. F. Jeffers, enrolled in the College of Medicine, and the name of Clyde Davenport, enrolled as a student in the Industrial College for last year.

President A. S. Draper, of the University of Illinois, in addressing a body of teachers recent said, "Teachers, the great mission of your station is to inspire boys and girls. If that is done, it matters not so much what is left undone."

Not until recently have we had time to examine the ten volume edition of "Six Thousand Years of the World's History," presented to the school library by the Misses Donohoe during vacation. This proves to be a most excellent set of reference books for the high school. So far as we know this is the most valuable present ever made to our library.

Capt R. B. Howell presented the school library four good books this week as follows: One large volume of Will Carleton's prose writing; A book of the Hudson, by Irving; Pillars of the house, by Charlotte M. Yonge, and Stanley's adventures in Africa. The latter while not so valuable as the others, is in a way, both interesting and instructive. Capt Powell is breaking up house keeping and preparing to leave Valentine for a time and says he wishes to leave his books where they will be best appreciated and do the most good.

Supt. Gordon and the principals of the Lincoln schools, issue a monthly paper called the School Index and distribute it to all the pupils free. One item in the September number says, "that under the new schedule of salaries recently adopted by the Board of Education, the maximum salary for grade teachers is raised from \$67.50 to \$70 per month with an ultimate possible maximum salary of \$80 per month. If the school board will keep this pace and allow Supt. Gordon to select his teachers solely on their merits, great things may be expected of the Lincoln schools."

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