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## TALK OF THE TOWN

Oct. 1st: Born to Martin Becker and wife a girl baby. Mother and child are doing well.

Geo. Stover, the father of the young man, killed at Merriman by John Green, was in our city last week.

A prairie fire was raging several days of last week on the reservation and burned off thousands of acres of good winter range.

Work was begun laying the wall of the First National Bank on Monday. Work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

Geo. B. Simpson, ass't. G. F. A., of C. & A. R. R. of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting with Larkin Hancock since last week.

Frank Cody was rather boisterous and was called down by marshal Corbin last Saturday, and taken before Judge Towne, who imposed a fine of \$12 and costs.

It is reported to us that triplets all girls were born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nollette on Oct. 1st. One of the three died in 14 hours. The other two have since died.

A prairie fire started from Rogers Bros' camp, while putting up hay south of Wood Lake, on the Ramsey place, burning a grove of trees and about 20 tons of hay belonging to McDill and a lot of range. It was finally put out.

Mrs. John Tinnin and little girl, came down from Rushville Monday morning, on their way to their home in Texas, stopping off at Valentine, expecting to see her son who has been holding a bunch of cattle up on the reservation.

Harvey Ingerson, of the Ingerson, West Co. Commission firm, of Sioux City, has been in the city and county the past week buying cattle. He purchased 100 head of yearlings from J. E. Cockran, 125 head of stock cattle of John Cronin, 154 from W. G. Ballard and 200 from J. H. Quigley.

A party of Omaha men, Mr. Munn, of the F. E. & M. V., Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Palmatter and H. H. Rhodes, are camping out on Hackberry Lake for a few days. Reports say that Munn and Porterfield are good parlor hunters. The rest of the party were very successful in bagging ducks and chickens.

Services at the M. E. Church next Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning service at 11 a. m., Subject, "Doorkeeper for God." Class meeting at 12 m. Junior League at 2:30 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m., Subject, "Hero for the Gospel." Prayer meeting Thursday eve at 7:30 p. m. You will receive cordial welcome at all these services. CHAS. W. RAY, Pastor.

The first of the series of entertainments of the lecture course will be given Monday evening, Oct. 27, at 8 p. m. at the M. E. Church. The Hahn Park Concert Co. will be with us that evening. All who have tickets may have the number of seat, row, ect. placed upon them by calling at the Co. Clerk's office. Those who have subscribed and have not taken their tickets yet, will please do so this week or next. C. S. REECE, Sec'y.

P. Sullivan came down from Merriman Tuesday and received a warm greeting from his numerous friends in Valentine, who haven't forgotten the faithful services rendered by him as County Commissioner. Mr. Sullivan is receiving encouragement from his friends for the office of representative.

John Green, who was held by the coroner's jury, for the murder of Will Stover at Merriman the 25th of Sept., at the preliminary hearing before Judge Towne Tuesday, was bound over to District Court which convenes Nov. 17th. Bond was fixed at \$10,000 which was not given and prisoner was held in custody of Sheriff Layport. The impression that this Green is some relation to Herb Green, formerly proprietor of the Hotel and now the druggist is incorrect. There is no relationship between them. John Green has until recently lived upon the reservation, having come to this country from Southern Texas, and is part Mexican and part Jew, or what some call a scheeny and married a daughter of Ben Lessert on the reservation. The lawyers in the case will be County Attorney Morrissey and Captain Allan G. Fisher of Chadron, for the prosecution, and F. M. Walcott, Ed Clark and M. F. Harrington of O'Neill, for the defense.

Mike Harrington, of O'Neill, was up Tuesday looking into the Green murder case.

Miss Jessie Webb returned yesterday morning from a visit with her aunt at Fremont.

A vote for Alex Burr in the 2nd Com. Dist., will show appreciation of a worthy man.

Wash Honey, Ely Valentine and Dave Dennis, were up from Woodlake last Friday on business.

Steve Coleman came up with Alex Burr last week and called at the DEMOCRAT office while in town.

P. DeCory and son-in-law, Chas. Tackett, were in town Tuesday and paid up for the DEMOCRAT.

Rev. Ray will organize a bible class at the M. E. Church, next Sunday at the regular Sunday School hour, 10 a. m. All young men are invited to join.

R. Hollenbeck, G. Peacock, Dewitt Morrison, P. W. Cline, F. Faith and A. Reba, are in Cherry county baling hay for Jas. Alderman—Newport Eagle.

F. M. Hackler, C. L. Latta, Pat Hett, Mike Kennedy, James Smith, John Britt, Hugh Bovill, P. Pullman, P. Peiper, Frank C. Thompson and a score of others, recently remembered the Editor with the almighty \$.

Savage and Austin have purchased the Thackrey dwelling of H. E. Dewey, and take immediate possession. Mr. Dewey moves to the building next to Geo. Hornby's store for about a month, and will then go to Wyoming.

Father Lechleitner has purchased the lot south and adjoining the Catholic Church grounds, and will begin soon to improve it with a fence, and well with wind mill and water tank, which he will use to water the grounds of the church.

Last Thursday Chas. Sparks and wife celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary by eating in their new and handsome dwelling which has just been completed on Cherry St. Mr. Sparks promises to take us through the house and we will defer descriptions until then.

Last Thursday afternoon while Perry Bryant was burning fire guards the fire got away from him and did considerable damage before it was put out, burning a lot of range that would make good winter feed for the cattle. While it is a fact that nearly all prairie fires start accidentally and do great damage every year, a great many fires are the result of too much carelessness or recklessness. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure; also a little more care at the proper time will save a lot of hard labor for yourself and your neighbors. Someone makes a blunder so that hardly a year passes that a fire does not sweep some part of the county. It may be that each man only sets one fire in a life time, for after ward he is more careful. If each one was careful not to set a fire or let one get away from him the accidentals might be reduced. Now is the time to agitate a telephone connection all over the county.

Crowded out last week.

Last Thursday evening the "Freshmen of Valentine College," (9th grade) had planned to celebrate the birthday of Mabel Helzer. They prepared refreshments and surprised Mabel, but in some way the greedy "Sophomores" or "seniors", the 11th grade and the "juniors", the 10th grade, heard of the nice little party that was going to be given as a surprise to their school mate, and with no other thought than having a good time, they were going to surprise them all by rushing in, steal the refreshments and laugh at the helpless who they thought would not be looking for them. They couldn't keep a secret and so some one told the "Freshmen" who prepared themselves with pistols or revolvers, and were going to defend their ground if necessary with weapons. The party progressed—The Seniors and Juniors came, and in breaking into the house, broke several window panes and were ordered out of the house for their pains. In addition the marshal was attracted by the bellowing and came running. Several shots were fired by the freshmen and the marshal ordered those belonging to the party to go inside, and those interfering to go home. He then searched the boys for their guns but was unable to find them, they having hid them upon hearing that the marshal was after them.

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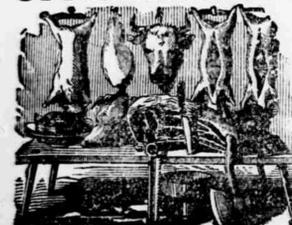
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