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TALK OF THE TOWN

S. Q. Spain was in our city a couple of days this week.

John Neiss sold 8 cars of tattle to Wm. Erickson Tuesday.

Bros. and is now running his own stock. Notice his brand in this issue.

P. V. VanNorstran was in our city Monday from his ranch near Georgia.

Mrs. Fanny Calkins came down with Mrs. Jotter her sister and remained a few days the past week.

Don't be a hog and eat too much turkey or you may have to repent of your sins with a sleepless night.

Mrs. S. A. Rice of Manhattan Kan. and daughter Mrs. Florence De Wyke of Randolph, Kan. are expected to arrive here next week for a visit with the editor of this paper and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thackrey.

Miss Laura Gregg delivered an interesting lecture to a crowded house Wednesday night of last week on the subject of woman suffrage. A collection was taken up at the close and a suffrage club was organized.

Grant Spain and Robert Quisenberry came in from Simeon the latter part of last week and called on us in our den. Mr. Spain subscribed for the DEMOCRAT and Mr. Quisenberry told that he had dissolved partnership with lawyer

Geo. N. Davis stopped in town over night Monday on his way from his former home at Simeon to his present home seven miles south west of Norden. Mr. Davis says they appreciate the DEMOCRAT and want it to continue.

There will be a New England supper given at Harmony school house Saturday Dec 6th. All are cordially invited Supper 35c per couple. A short program will be rendered. Proceeds to go to Rev. Lyon, of Crookston, as minister's salary.

There have been about 75 men at work four miles the other side of Thacher clearing up the wreck which was caused by the flange breaking off of one of the coal car wheels. It takes money and time to clear up a wreck where 14 cars are thrown into the ditch and piled up and partly buried in the dirt.

Services at the M. E. Church next Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning service at 11 a. m. Class meeting 12 m. Junior League 2:30 p. m. Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Evening service 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: "Churches need firm Christians" Evening: "Prosperity in the Plains of Sodom."

Our town board has secured the railroad bridge gang to repair the city water works tank tower and since last Friday have completely repaired and put in new wood at the bottom of the posts and have new bases of hard wood. The men understand that kind of work and had tools and heavy jackscrews necessary for the job. Our tank is again safe on a firm foundation.

Last Wednesday Father Lechleitner went down the road to Norfolk and from there over to Columbus where he met five bishops, one of whom was a former classmate of Father Lechleitner and whom he had not seen for 30 years. The bishops were escorted to Lead S. D. by Father Lechleitner where they had some church work to attend to after which Father Lechleitner returned to Valentine.

This is Thanksgiving Day, a day set the last Thursday of each November for general thanksgiving. The day is observed in nearly every community in some way. In eastern states often times a neighborhood dinner is participated in at one of the homes. Games of all kinds are enjoyed by the young folks and often times the old folks are made to feel young enough to participate in the games and amusements.

Albert Nenzel, of Nenzel, Nebr., returned from a weeks visit down in Keya Paha county with our old friend Jos Langer. Mr. Nenzel wants to sell his ranch and get closer to school on account of his children. He has four quarter sections of land and can cut 300 tons of hay. He has good winter and summer range and can run 300 head of cattle there. His improvements are good and cost near half the price he asks for the ranch. Call on or write Mr. Nenzel or this office for further particulars.

The editor is indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Caton for a nice lot of samples of the wedding cake, all of which goes to prove that Mrs. Towne-Caton is an excellent cook and will never be excelled by any one. Now, we want some one else to get married and bring in some more cake. The editor thinks he is a good judge of cake. The wedding announcements of Mr. and Mrs. Caton sent to numerous friends state that the couple will be at home after Jan. 1st at Stearns, S. D.

Judge Harrington has won the praise and admiration of Cherry County people in the discharge of his duties as judge in this as in other terms of court in which they have witnessed his fairness to all, being alike impartial to contending parties in civil action and with a determination of enforcing the law in criminal action. The judge's readiness to decide questions in practice greatly facilitates the progress of court proceedings. John G. Maher is a splendid court reporter and is always at his post of duty.

I. M. Jones and Mrs. Ballard, lately from Iowa were married Sunday at Rosebud. They returned Tuesday and greeted in the evening by a thundering applause or serenaded by the boys. Everybody knows I. M. Jones and everybody likes the old boy too, so it's no wonder that Mrs. Ballard could see the charms that sages have seen in his face. Here's to them—may they enjoy the blessings of growing old, happily together without a cloud to cast a shadow over them or mar their future. The DEMOCRAT congratulates them both.

The case of the state vs E. J. McLaughlin charged with setting a pony from John Wray went to the jury Friday night about 10 o'clock and the jury after being out the remainder of the night brought in a verdict of not guilty. Judge Harrington lectured the defendant severely before dismissing saying in part that while the jury was justified in bringing in a verdict of "not guilty" that they would have also been justified in bringing in a verdict of "guilty" and that while the jury had found a possible doubt as to his being guilty, that he (the judge) believed him to be guilty. It is thought that McLaughlin has left the country as he started north on horse back shortly after being dismissed and it is not reported that any one has seen him since.

O. W. Morey and a party of several others went up north of the Minnechaduzza last Sunday and while exploring a ledge of rocks found a snakes den in which harbor a lot of snakes. One rattler was killed four feet long with 9 rattles on and the tail of another was hacked as he went into hiding. They could hear the snakes buzzing in their den in a way that sounded hideous. Near by another wonderful discovery was made—one which many of the students of nature will be interested in investigating. In a long ledge of rocks part of a skeleton projected. Mr. Morey thinks it must have been a huge sea serpent or something of that nature. Ribs were found projecting out from the rock at intervals and at no great distance, what appeared to be a bone of the head. Parts of these bones were broken off and brought home by Mr. Morey and are on exhibition at his jewelry store, and where you can learn the whole story as 'twas told me.

Miss Josie Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Webb, of the Donohoe hotel, and on officer and his wife from the Fort with two children came near having a serious accident one day last week while out driving. They had gone up the road past Major Anderson's dwelling on the Minnechaduzza and while returning to town, just as they had gotten to the narrow fill before going onto the bridge, a runaway team came down the hill from town and met them brushing past at full speed and just grazing the buggy as they passed. The officer with rare presence of mind commanded his wife and Miss Webb to jump out and take the children and run down the bank which they did before the team reached them, then the officer jumped out holding the team by the bridles which in lunging hurt him slightly. The party drove into town worse scared when the ordeal was over than at the time when danger was imminent but were feeling better after a rest, and in the afternoon they drove down to the Post.

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