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One of our exchanges says that William Randolph Hearst will be the next president of the United States. THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT would be pleased to support so good a man as we believe him to be.

There are people who fight saloons as a matter of business interest, perhaps handling a line of goods that drinking men don't spend much money for and saloon men are naturally working in opposition to their business. Such temperance reformers as these will allow the lowest dives to exist and take a price for silence. The man who was so ambitious to prosecute a violator of the law should not make a bargain for a plea of guilty. If the man was not guilty he should have stood trial, but in dealing with some people a little money will square the deal and so it goes that by paying a small sum as tribute or some other consideration the kickers lay down.

The man who gets into a town alongside a lot of other good fellows and refuses to advertise his business and the town, but gets in his graft on the customers that the other fellows bring to town by their "ads" is now called the advertising hog. Why this name is applied to him we can't understand unless because he tries to hog a customer who rightfully belongs to a man who advertises for him. It is true that this is a free world and that there are a few men in each town who want the other fellows to do the advertising while they make every effort to wring every dollar out of the town they can without giving anything in return. We have a few advertising hogs in Valentine of this brand and they were never known to let go of a dollar. They might well be called "dollar squeezers." We think it would be a much more appropriate name for them. These same fellows are always hatching up some scheme for some of the other fellows to spend their spare money on though and make the biggest kind of a howl if some fellow spends a little money that they don't get a whack at.

## E. V. E. A. at Atkinson Saturday, June 6.

The Editor of this paper desires to express his thanks to the people of Atkinson for the royal entertainment and welcome accorded us last Saturday. It is an ideal town and the people can't be beat for hospitality. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crossman we enjoyed solid comfort in as nice a home as can be found in the west, the best of all being the occupants of that home. Long may they live and prosper. Now we thought we could write up a better account of our meeting there than any body but Bro. Church has sent us a proof of his account which seems pretty good in giving names that we didn't know so we think we'll just steal the article word for word and make the people think we wrote it.

"With perfect weather, large attendance, interesting program and unbounded enthusiasm on the part of both editors and the people of Atkinson,

there was no reason why the seventh annual meeting of the Elkhorn Valley Editorial Association held in Atkinson last Saturday should not be an unlimited success—and it was. In fact most of the members present declared it the best ever. The Graphic is proud of Atkinson. The editor has attended many association meetings, but never has he seen the people of a town take hold and "mix" as they did here. Informal sociability was rampant—everybody was full of it. If the sourest man on earth had been here, he would have grinned and frisked some before night. But there's no use expatiating thus in generalities; everyone knows how Atkinson does these things, and those who didn't know before found out about it last Saturday.

The first arrivals were Fern D. Smith, editor of the Chambers Bugle, and his foreman, B. J. Newton. They arrived on the 3:25 train Friday afternoon—just about five minutes after the Graphic had kicked off its overalls and donned its company manners. And by the way, the scriptural prophecy regarding the precedence and subsequence of the first and last was neatly fulfilled in this instance as Mr. Smith missed the Sunday morning train and was compelled to visit with the Graphic man till the two o'clock freight came.

Friday night brought the rest of the crowd from the east and Saturday morning the west enders piled off the train singly, in couples, in groups and in crowds. The I. O. O. F. band met the train at the depot, and led the procession up town to listen to an open air concert, after which the crowd assembled at the M. E. church to listen to the program.

The exercises begun with the singing of "America" by all present, led by the choir consisting of the Misses Scott and Messrs Crossman and Allen. Rev. D. J. Clark invoked the Divine Blessing and guidance of the ruler of the universe upon the press of the country in whose keeping is a power realized by few—scarcely by themselves.

Willie Murphy here favored the audience with a coronet solo, a most artistic rendition of "Robin Adair."

The address of welcome by W. B. Scott was a masterly effort in that line and when he got through the pencil pushers knew that they were really welcome—there was no doubt about it. He told them to go any place they wanted to in town—around corners or across lots. He had no keys to present them, but any key they desired would be procured and handed over instantly. Mr. Scott also rendered a fine tribute to the power of the press, which was appreciated by the boys, not because it was a new idea to them but because it is so seldom expressed.

President D. S. Efner, of Chadron, having missed connections and being absent, the chair called upon L. M. Bates, of Longpine to respond, and Mr. Bates proved himself entirely equal to the occasion. In a few well chosen sentences he assured the Atkinson people that their welcome would not be wasted nor overlooked. Then he claimed that his speech was a failure and blamed the Graphic man for calling on him, which awoke some people to the fact that the Graphic man has some good judgement after all.

H. G. Lyon, of Gordon, was unable to be present, but the subject of his paper, "The Ideal Newspaper Town," was made a subject for general discussion and everybody participated. It was here that Col. John G. Maher advanced his theory that a free use of the imagination in newspaper writing is a thing of beauty and a joy forever, and it was here that the boys, headed by the redoubtable Bob Good, fell upon him and smote mightily, whereupon the puissant colonel gracefully and by degrees retreated from his position without for a moment lowering his bold front.

The paper by Geo. A. Miles, of the Ainsworth Herald, entitled "When, Where, How, and to What Extent should an Editor work? Also Who?" Bro. Miles was of the opinion that we should all do our best to work the state board to locate the junior normal at Ainsworth.

This closed the morning program and adjournment was taken for "pi."

President Efner caught a freight train somewhere up the road and arrived in time to have his picture taken with the rest of the crowd in front of the Graphic office, and to take charge of the afternoon session.

At the beginning of the afternoon session the Misses Scott and Messrs Allen and Murphy, with Mrs. Scott presiding at the organ, rendered some highly appreciated vocal music.

Rev. J. A. MacLean's address "Pulpit and Press" was a scholarly discourse in which he classed the pulpit as the outgrowth of the Sunday school and the press the outgrowth of the common school—each the very essence of mental and moral force, born of early thought, development and training.

Three papers which were handled in most able manner were "County Organization" by J. W. Burleigh, of

the Ainsworth Star Journal. "The Editorial Page," by E. S. Ricker of the Chadron Times; "Mutual Ready Prints" by B. W. McKeen of the Elgin Review. Each of these papers elicited lively criticism. Bro. Burleigh never writes anything in a halting manner, and his paper left no doubt as to his belief in the matter. Discussion in the matter finally resulted in a vote in favor of the president appointing a committee of 3 to formulate plans for county organization. The president announced that he would name the committee later and in the evening did so, naming D. H. Cronin of O'Neill, E. B. Good of Newport and J. W. Burleigh of Ainsworth.

The editorial page was never more ably discussed (or exonerated) than by Bro. Ricker, and most of the brethren took occasion to rise to their feet if only to express their admiration of it.

Bro. McKeen pointed out more difficulties in the way of mutual ready prints than most of us had thought of but nevertheless many believe that there is no difficulty too large to overcome, and all joined harmoniously in cussing the ready print combine to our hearts' content.

Bro. Efner flunked out on his "Ode to the Advertising Hog" and refused to make it rhyme, and we understand his subscribers are now trying to make him adopt the rule for good. However he discussed the topic very entertainingly.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved, after which L. M. Bates, who was last year appointed a committee to investigate the general conduct of the brethren, reported that he had no charges to prefer, that all ethics of the craft seemed to have been fairly observed. He also exonerated the Graphic man from a charge brought by Bob Good to the effect that we had tried to "fix up" the office some for this occasion, by declaring that anyone could see that the charge was without the slightest foundation. Bro. Bates was continued on the committee and was also given the assistance of Bros. Good of Newport and Cooper of Rushville, and the president admonished them to be especially active during the coming year.

J. W. Burleigh, committee on legislation, reported everything smooth and all necessary duties performed. Report was accepted and committee discharged.

Next came the election of the next meeting place and on motion of E. S. Efner, O'Neill was unanimously selected and the association will celebrate its eighth anniversary at its birthplace, having been organized there seven years ago. It is confidently expected that on this auspicious occasion the emerald city will get right up on her tip-toes and put up an entertainment that will make the boys swear by her forevermore.

Election of officers coming next, A. M. Church was elected president for the ensuing year, M. L. Mead of Bassett, vice president, and E. S. Efner of O'Neill secretary-treasurer.

The ladies of the press present were reported as follows: Mesdames Mead, Mather and Geddis of Bassett, Miles of Ainsworth, Good of Newport, Efner of O'Neill, Efner of Chadron, Barker of Valentine, Church of Atkinson, Misses Miller of Atkinson, Bowers of Ainsworth, Hudspeth of Stuart, McLaughlin of O'Neill.

On motion, the receipts of the evening were voted to the retiring secretary for expenses during the past year.

On motion the president appointed Mayes, Barker and McKeen a committee on resolutions, to report during the evening.

The next on the program was "Round Table," and under the guiding hand of Bob Good it was exceedingly lively and interesting. Time did not allow the discussion of all subjects desired, but a few were handled very much to the point, and a short time after six o'clock adjournment was taken for supper.

The evening session at the opera house—how shall it be described? Before attempting to do so the Graphic wishes to say that it only voices the sentiments of every guest in thanking most heartily the committee and individuals who in any way contrived to this great social success, in decorations, in music, in refreshments, in oratory, in whole-souled sociability manifested in ways that sent every guest home declaring that Atkinson citizens were the best people on earth and Atkinson the best town anywhere.

The arrangements were apparently perfect. The large room was filled with small tables at which guests and citizens were seated while a group of Atkinson's fairest young ladies served refreshments and the Atkinson Parlor Orchestra discoursed their best music—which means music second to nobody's.

The musical program was further enhanced by a violin solo by Miss Rose Scott and a vocal solo by Miss Phoebe Scott, both of which won the hearts of the audience to these charming and talented young ladies.

Rev. Father Muenich caught the spirit of the occasion and sang a comic

song, playing his own accompaniment and was immediately compelled to respond to an encore in like manner.

G. M. G. Cooper, of Rushville, responded to the toast: "Influence of the Press," in a fitting and eloquent manner, and L. M. Bates, of Longpine responded to "The Ladies," in a manner that made his popularity paramount the remainder of the evening.

One of the best features of the program, and one which was enjoyed and repeated, was a comic operetta rendered by Misses Rose and Phoebe Scott and Willis Murphy, assisted by Mr. Sweet, of O'Neill, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Scott.

Rev. Muenich delivered the toast to "Our Guests."

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL

The Valentine Bottling Works puts up eleven different kinds of drinks. 17

Mrs. Elmore has opened up a stock of goods in the building formerly occupied by Miss Efner.

Frances Harden has been suffering from nervous prostration since Sunday night but is able to be up and around now.

Dean Efner and wife stoped in Valentine until Monday to visit parents and friends on returning from Atkinson. Dean called on us Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Kellogg of Vienna, S. D. are in the city visiting friends. Mrs. Kellogg will be better remembered as Miss Don Miller who attended school in our city five years ago.

W. F. Morgareidge and wife came down from Merriman this morning and went out with S. L. Ellis to spend a few days at Simoon and will return to Valentine to attend the Junior Normal next Monday.

A. E. Tennis, of Kennedy, started yesterday morning for Moscow, Idaho. It is rumored that he will return about the first of July, but not alone. Mr. Tennis has the good wishes and will of his fellow men here and is a worthy young man.

Judge Westover is kept at home this week on account of a sick boy his youngest son being dangerously ill. It was intended that he should sit on the bench as Dist. Judge this week. Judge Harrington come up from O'Neill to take his place.

## PUBLIC SALE.

I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Hammond & Bullis' barn in Valentine, Nebr., Saturday, June 20, 1903 at one o'clock the following described property:

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## Court.

The Green murder trial is occupying the attention of the court this week. 75 extra jurors were called to select a jury.

Soney Ford, the man who shot and killed Allan Rothchilds who is also known as Robert Ford, was given a 7 year sentence by Judge Harrington which was thought to be a heavy sentence by one or two around town. If he had been given a 20 year sentence it would have pleased more people and justice would be nearer served. The men who traffic in human lives should not get off so easy. A life for a life was the old rule and is a good one. If we don't uphold the Judges in long sentences for serious crimes there would soon be no need of Judges and mob law would again be resorted to. Judge Harrington was all right in passing a seven year sentence and if there is a new trial to be given this heartless wretch he should get a 20 year sentence. It should have been given him this time.

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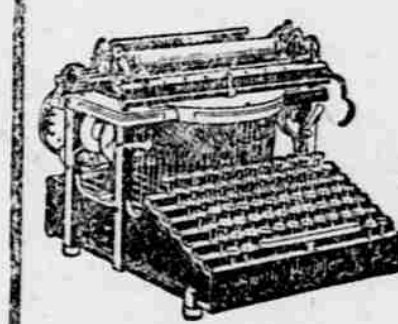
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