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Will Russia and Japan fight?

The National Democratic Convention will be held in St. Louis July 6, 1904.

W. J. Bryan will be given a reception next Monday evening at the Lindell hotel in Lincoln. A large number of persons will be present to greet Nebraska's chief-tain upon his return from foreign lands.

The trial of Senator Dietrich last week ended as if by mutual consent of all parties engaged in the trial. The prosecution gave way and made but a feeble attempt after harrowing the earth to shake up testimony. Judges Munger and Van DeVanter, General Cowin, the attorney for the defense, and district attorney Summers all seemed to go through the case as if planned out before hand and were only making a display of what would appear to have been a rehearsal of the case. Dietrich was dismissed by Judge Van Devanter instructing the jury that they must acquit him, because he was not senator when he recommended the appointments of postmaster for a consideration and leased his building at Hastings to the government and that he was not senator until accepted by the senate. It seems that this construction is wrong and that their decision of the law will be reversed by every citizen who takes any interest in the matter. Dietrich was senator from the time he was elected. He drew his pay as senator and his recommendations were received, accepted and acted upon as coming from a senator with no question arising as to whether he had the right or authority to advise. He was senator by all the customs ever practiced by the United States at any former time and drew the salary of senator, even if the senate had rejected him in December of 1901, up to the time of the senate's rejection. To all intents and purposes he was senator at that time, though not permitted to act in conjunction with other senators as a law maker until that body had passed upon his election as being legal, regular and that he was not disqualified from holding the office. No matter about the decision of Judges Munger and VanDevanter which legally made Dietrich a free man: In the eyes of the people he will be branded as they think of him and the impression made will be that of guilt. Dietrich escaped the clutches of the law by a technicality so called but he will not escape the condemnation of all righteous, honest, law abiding citizens. Their verdict has been rendered and the man who carried around a coat pocket full of button pictures of himself, pinning them on people's coats in his campaign for governor in 1900 will be heralded as a great man only by his warm republican supporters.

More Local.

Tom Hudson is in town. Richard Osborn was in town trading, Tuesday. E. D. Spencer was down from Crookston yesterday. Corn Shellers, both hand and power.

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NEW STORE

—Just opened up a stock of— Dry Goods, Notions, Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Shoes and Flour.

Next door to Democrat office. A. JOHN & ABDALLAH.

W. A. Bonser is up to Rosebud this week on business.

J. A. Sparks is now able to walk around with more ease.

Earl Riggle is building a house in the west part of town.

Try our Fiber Wall Plaster. 47 LUDWIG LUMBER CO.

J. L. Ashburn has gone up the road to work on county bridges.

Wm. Kelly, Billy Smith and Mr. Donovan were in town yesterday.

The county commissioners adjourned yesterday and went home.

Repair that wall before winter. 47 LUDWIG LUMBER CO.

Grand masquerade ball tomorrow night, January 15, 1904, at Sears' hall.

J. T. Kief, of Arabia, was in town several days last week having some dental work done.

Mrs. Geo. Veach went up to Chadron the first of the week to visit her sister Mrs. Ennis.

Mrs. J. T. Kief is in town this week with her daughter Miss Bernice who is attending school.

The most complete line of lumber in the Northwest. 47 LUDWIG LUMBER CO.

Gordon is agitating a town hall and expects to build one at cost of six or seven thousand dollars.

Archie Pettyerew has purchased the Tillson property on Hall street, and is clerking in his father's store.

Ayers-Yeast Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Clara M. Ayers, of Valentine, Nebr., and Mr. J. A. Yeast, of this city, was solemnized last evening at 8 o'clock at 104 Ivy street. Rev. Nisbet, of the Westminister Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Yeast, as Miss Ayers, was one of Nebraska's most beautiful and charming young women.

Mr. Yeast is one of Atlanta's most prominent young men, being business manager of the J. A. Hesse Electric Company.

The young couple have a host of friends who wish them much happiness.—Atlanta News.

THE DEMOCRAT has been sending out some statements since the first of the year to many persons who are delinquent on our subscription list. Sending so many it is interesting to note how the different ones receive the statements. Some pay up with a smile and pleasant word, wishing us well and from that all the way down the line to the close, tight fisted, grasping, squeezing, wrenching, writhing, twisting, miserly person who would accept free favors for years and never pay a cent. If they get into trouble they'd expect you to say nothin' about it in the paper, but pat them on the back when they come to town or went away from town on a vacation and look crossways at the editor for a month if he forgot to notice it and throw down the paper in disgust when his name is not mentioned, saying, "There's nothin' in the paper anymore."

Some of 'em get mad when you hand them a statement, and others smile. Some write you a letter that would do for a curio to put up at the next World's Fair, while others say kind words and actually show that they are sorry that it has been a case of neglect or forgetfulness upon their part. But the meanest of all are those who pay no attention at all to a dozen different statements and finally throw the paper back at their postmaster and say, "I don't want that paper any longer," and mark it "refused." That's the kind of a fellow we like to meet. We

Lawrence Rice lost one of his kid mittens a couple of weeks ago. Has fur top and is light brown in color. Will finder please return to DEMOCRAT office.

A steamer wrecked in a storm in Puget Sound last Friday and 52 persons were drowned by putting out in life boats. Those staying with the ship were found before the ship sank.

Now is the time to decide the matter of having a town hall or opera house. Let those who are interested in this matter come forward and help to decide what should be done.

A volcano has broken out on Sugar Loaf mountain in Rowan county, Ky., and is assuming alarming proportions. There are five fissures in the mountain from which pours out smoke in considerable volume and is accompanied by a deep rumbling noise.

Why don't Valentine have an opera house so that we can have some place to go, some place to hold public meetings and let's help to build it. Who'll subscribe \$500 stock and how many, a hundred?

Married at the home of Judge Towne Tuesday evening at 7 p. m. Mrs. Fanny Calkins, formerly Miss Fanny Swartz and widow of Ed Calkins, deceased, to Wm. M. Calkins of Cody. Wm. is one of Cherry county's finest young men, industrious, well liked, respected by all who know him and worthy of the good wife he has secured. THE DEMOCRAT joins with the many friends of this young couple in extending congratulations. May they live long and prosper.

The boxing contest that is to take place here Saturday night is undoubtedly the best thing that ever happened in the biffing line. The participants are all men of ability and reputation and everything is ready for a great entertainment for all who may attend. The following program has been arranged: Preliminary—Billy Smith against Kid Donnivan, of Hot Springs, S. D., 4 rounds. A high jumping exhibition by the champion of the U. S. army. A battle royal will be the next event 5 men going into the ring at the same time. Then comes the main event of the evening, a ten round bout between Hamp Ireland and John Brown. Both men have excellent reputations as scientific boxers, and those failing to see this bout will miss a chance of a life time to see some beautiful and scientific sparring. Doors will be open at 7 p. m. First bout at 8:30. Come and see this, boys, and see what physical culture can do to develop man's physique. Reserved seats on sale at Elliott's drug store. Price \$1.50. General admission \$1.00.

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I received your statement for subscription to your paper. I didn't know I owed anything. I thought it was all paid up. I know I paid Bob Good a dollar once when I was in town but I guess he forgot to mark it down. You look up my account and see if you can't find that I have paid you. Well, I will send you the money anyway and please stop the paper as I DON'T WANT TO PAY FOR IT. You ought to send it a year FREE now. If you want to send it free for a year I think maybe I'll subscribe next year. Yours truly,

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want to size him up and tell him what we think of him. He's two mean to associate with humanity. Such fellows sooner or later get into trouble and think the world has turned agin them. Yes, we'd like to size up such a man. Anyone can earn the editor's lifelong gratitude by taking a poke at his proboscis and smearing it all over his physiognomy. Right here comes to mind the familiar air of the Old Oaken Bucket as we think of its treasures as written in song.

"How dear to my heart is the steady subscriber, Who pays in advance at the birth of each year; Who lays down his dollar and smiles at me gladly, And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer.

He never says "stop it" I cannot afford it", Nor "I'm getting more papers now than I can read; But always says "send it, the family likes it, In fact we all think it's a real household need."

How welcome he is when he steps in our sanctum, How he makes our hearts throb, how he makes our eyes dance; We outwardly thank him, we inwardly bless him, The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

The homes of such men are like gardens of eden; We know that his household by him doth enhance; The little ones cheer him and every one loves him The cheerful subscriber who pays in advance"

The honest subscriber who never refused it, The cheerful subscriber who pays in advance They know it takes money to get out a paper And willing to pay up their share in advance,

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