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There is too much sentiment now being expressed favorable to Japan. The policy of the U. S. is to remain neutral and let Russia and Japan settle their dispute.

Ainsworth Star-Journal: Mr. W. H. Gardner, superintendent of schools at Auburn in this state, is a candidate for the nomination for state superintendent of public instruction. Mr. Gardner has been in educational work for many years and has a good record behind him. The state might do very much worse than to elect him.

The U. S. Navy will get too close to the firing line in the East and there will be another disaster such as the blowing up of the Maine which may give the U. S. a chance to take sides, but it will be our fault if we get into a mix up with Russia. We are not opposed to Japan but our policy should be in this controversy, first, last and all the time—hands off.

It is asking too much of our government to ask a loan of 4 1/2 millions to complete the world's fair buildings at St. Louis. That money could be given to our banks and help to make the best banking system in the (United States), or, it could be used for permanent government buildings. However, Uncle Sam had better keep the money right at home for it will be needed if we go to dabbling in the Russia-Japanese war.

Congress appropriated \$6,483,000 for use in the St. Louis World Fair. The remainder, necessary for the expense of the fair, being pledged by the state of Missouri, the city of St. Louis and St. Louis business men. A delegation from St. Louis is now in Washington asking for a loan of \$4,600,000 from our government. It is not popular with our people to have our government go into the loan business, to guarantee St. Louis the payment of expenses for her preparations.

It's up to Russia and Japan. Any other nation that takes a hand in this warfare will find France, Germany and Italy sympathizing with Russia, and England with Japan. Will the U. S. have the good sense to keep her hands out of this muddle? It's none of our affairs. We do not expect any promises from Russia nor that she will fulfill any promises. We do not ask promises from either country excepting to take our chance with other nations in carrying on our trade and if that trade is stopped in the carrying out any war scheme by either Japan or Russia, temporarily we will have ample time to settle the difficulty when their present grievances are settled. It is not the fair nor the manly thing to do to expect redress from either nation during their present engagement. Let the U. S. set an example to the remainder of the world of neutrality that is neutral. It's worth more to us.

Not Our Quarrel at All.

In imitation of the great powers of Europe we have fallen easily into the habit of speaking of our "interests" in China and in Manchuria and of discussing the circumstances which would justify or

compel us to go to war with somebody in that quarter for their protection.

It ought not to be necessary to say that this is a bad habit and that it may lead to mischief.

Japan and China are directly menaced by Russia aggression. Great Britain is indirectly menaced. There are other powers in Europe which must some time consider whether a limit is to be put to Muscovite pretension and expansion.

In the case of the United States however, Russia might conquer all Asia and it would not even then inflict any injury upon us that would justify the sacrifice of one American life.

Notwithstanding all the talk by interested and warlike persons we have no interests in the far east that are worth considering for a moment as against the much greater interest that we have in peace.

The game that the great powers are now playing in Asia is none of ours. It is political as well as commercial. We may have our likes and our dislikes on the subject off the dominion of the east, but commercially we will about as well of under one rule as another. In any event we should not permit the idea to enter our heads that a little trade or a great deal of trade is worth going to war about. That never has been our policy and it ought not to be our policy now.

There is every reason to believe that the present sensational administration at Washington has imbibed just enough of the imperialistic spirit to think that there is something smart and highly creditable in engaging in the dangerous sports which have been devised for the entertainment of kings and despots.

No one can play this game without a partner and we can have no partner on the other hemisphere without entering upon "an entangling alliance."

The nation which is committed as we are to the Munroe doctrine has no business interfering in any manner in the quarrels that belong properly to the old world.

If we force that doctrine and make the most of it we will have so many vital interests in the new world that we cannot afford to imperil any of them by interfering in the disputes that concern only the old.

The spectacular gentlemen at Washington should be informed most impressively by the people of the United States that there is no occasion for bluster on their part, no matter how many or what nations become involved in the quarrel over Russian aggression.

It is not our business to maintain the balance of power in Europe and Asia. It is our business to maintain the Munroe doctrine.

War on our part as a mere ally of some European power in support of private and in most cases imaginary commercial interests would be nothing less than a crime.—Chicago Chronicle.

More Local.

J. H. Quigley went up to Cody last week to look after his stock interests.

John Bachelor and S. J. Blakeley left Saturday morning for their respective ranches.

Miss Mable O'Kane, of Deadwood, S. D., is visiting with her relatives in this city.

Judge Walcott returned Tuesday night from a business trip to Lincoln and Omaha.

Miss Alice Cyphers has gone to Woodlake to assume the position of substitute teachers.

Mrs. T. C. Hornby gave a Valentine luncheon Saturday afternoon to a number of friends.

Henry Neal, from Chesterfield, arrived in town Monday afternoon to enjoy himself with his many friends.

The M. E. Ladies Aid Society entertained a number of friends at the home of Mrs. Geo. Hornby Monday afternoon.

Fred Whittemore, president of the Valentine State Bank, is in town this week in charge of the bank during the absence of Chas. Sparks, the cashier.

Jas. B. Hull, of the Owl Saloon, returned Tuesday night from a three week's visit in Omaha. Jim says he enjoyed himself and does not regret having spent the time there.

The class of '04, V. H. S. is making preparations for the annual commencement. Several have selected their orations and are busily engaged in materializing them.

The Red Front has just finished invoicing and find that the past year's business has fully met their expectations and will continue to offer attractions that are sure trade winners.

During one of the exercise bouts with the gloves, in which the officers of the 25th infantry indulge in every afternoon, Lieut. N. M. Green accidentally broke his right fore arm.

Don't forget about this cold weather and to lay in a supply of coal and feed for the warm days to come. It's strange, but that's the way more than half the people do these things.

Miss Alma Alcott resigned her position in the Valentine State Bank and after visiting with Mrs. Whillans of Woodlake, started Thursday for Stockton, Ill., where we hear she accepted a position in a bank.

An informal musicale was given Tuesday evening at the home of the Misses Holcomb by the vocal and instrumental classes of Miss Myrtle Holcomb, which was highly appreciated by those that attended. Refreshments were served.

John Bachelor returned from a trip to White river last week, where he has extensive stock interests. He reports that cattle look finer than they have for years. Cattle that were trailed over last fall look better than when they were taken over.

Miss Orah Britton has resigned her position in W. E. Haley's office and accepted a position in the Valentine State Bank. Miss Britton has been a resident here several years and is well liked by all who know her, a perfect lady all the time and being competent to do office work her services are in demand.

W. S. Jackson and Chas. Sparks went down to Omaha last week to see about getting a new switch board for the telephone exchange which has out grown the capacity of the one now in use. Mr. Jackson returned but Mr. Sparks went on to Chicago and will probably visit his parents in Michigan before returning home.

At 3 a. m. Wednesday morning fire broke out in M company stable at Ft. Niobrara entirely destroying the stable and also burning 9 head of horses and 3 cows. Some harness and saddles were consumed. Two soldiers who were fighting the fire were badly injured. The horses were private property and kept in the old barn in which a laundry was conducted in the east end. The fire was first discovered in the laundry.

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT'S informant gives it a "ghost story" when he states, that the Indians of this reservation "feel so sore at the action of the South Dakota delegation in trying to open their Gregory County land at a nominal price" that they consented to the leasing of the unallotted lands for grazing purposes. The only Indians who "feel sore," that we have been able to discover, are white ones, and the reason the red ones consented to the leasing of the land is, that they will derive more revenue from it.—New Era.

It was not the intention of THE DEMOCRAT to misrepresent the views of the Indians of Rosebud reservation. We printed a communication purporting to represent them and if incorrect we beg pardon of those it does not represent.

Catholic Church Announcement.

On Saturday next, the early mass will be said at the Ft. Niobrara. High mass in Valentine at 10:30. In the afternoon, catechism class at three and evening devotions at 7:30.

Farmers' Institute.

The Farmers' Institute for Cherry county will be held in the court room March 10, 1904, at which time G. T. Ferguson will speak on Soil Tillage and Growing Potatoes; Dr. Peters on Animal Diseases and their Treatment; Prof. A. L. Haecker on Hand Separator Dairying. We have learned to look upon the Farmers' Institute as a means of bringing about a better condition in our county. We believe our farmers and stockmen should be just as well prepared for their work as the doctor, lawyer or minister. It is a good thing for a young man to be able to read Latin. I believe it is better for a farmer's son to be able to make good butter, test milk, grow potatoes without scab and transplant a cedar or pine tree so it will grow than to read in foreign languages of things that happened five thousand years ago. Come and bring your neighbor and let us make a success of this meeting.

C. S. REECE.

Henry, Alois and Anton Schaefer returned yesterday morning from Marion Junction, S. D., where they had been to attend the funeral of their father, Jos. Schaefer, who died Tuesday morning, Feb. 9 about 5 o'clock. The account of which we copy from Marion Record:

"One of the saddest cases of accident that ever happened here took place last Monday night about 12 o'clock, when Joseph Schaefer was so badly burned that he died between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock Tuesday morning after several hours of intense suffering.

Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer who lived near St. Mary's Academy were getting ready to retire for the night when Mrs. Schaefer thought she smelled something burning and made a thorough search of the house, but could not find any signs of fire, so went to bed, but did not sleep. A little before 12 o'clock the smell of fire became so strong that they got up and found the kitchen full of fire and the sitting room hot and full of smoke. Mr. Schaefer went out the north door and ran around to the south kitchen window where there was quite a blaze on the inside. He got a pan of water and went to the window to extinguish it. Just as he was in the act of doing so a large bracket lamp on the window casing exploded, throwing the oil on to him, burning his face and hands so badly that large pieces of flesh came off and it is thought he inhaled some of the fire, and as he was troubled with asthma, that with the burning, choked him so that he smothered to death.

Right after the explosion Adam Schufreider, John Heer and others were there and soon put the flame out. As soon as it was discovered that Mr. Schaefer was burned, Dr. Felstad was called and stayed with the sufferer until death came.

The fire started in the floor under the window, but what caused it is still a mystery.

The interior of the kitchen and furniture are a total loss, except the stove, while the sitting room was badly smoked and the wood work charred. No insurance.

The deceased was born in Germany on March 26, 1829 and moved in 1851 to Lyons, Iowa, and from there to Crawford county, Iowa in 1858, and then to Cherry county, Neb. in 1893, coming to Marion in December 1901. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his death, as follows: John J. Schaefer, of Marion; Henry, Louis and Anton, of Nenzel, Neb. and Mrs. Kate Ullrich, of Charter Oak, Iowa.

Mr. Schaefer was a very nice old gentleman and was respected by all who knew him, and a large circle of friends sympathize with the bereaved in their sad loss.

The funeral occurred at the Catholic church this (Friday) forenoon, conducted by Rev. Grabig."

Joseph Schaefer was a resident of Cherry county for a number of years and was considered by all who knew him to be a good citizen and numerous friends are grieved to learn of his death. THE DEMOCRAT extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

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