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The Nemaha County Herald says John L. Webster's boom for the vice presidency fell as flat as soda water without the fizz. Yes, so it was with other aspirants, except the chosen. How nice it must be to have nothing to do as a delegate but the hollering.

More Local.

Supt. McFatrige, of Rosebud was in town Tuesday.

Albert Metzger called on us last Saturday while in town from his ranch.

It is reported that four ministers were in line to file on homesteads.

O. C. Treadway called on us today while in town from his ranch near Simeon.

Roberson's lecture was well attended and appreciated. The house was crowded.

Walter Jackson has been quite sick the past few days but is now up and around again.

Miss Eisie L. Kryger, of Neligh, has accepted a position with the Cherry County Telephone Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Moore, of Cody, spent several days the past week, visiting at Judge Towne's.

A nephew of Frank Fischer from Waterloo, Iowa, was here last Sunday week to spend the day with him.

Chas. M. Rebbeck, the postmaster of Albany, found time to visit us while in town Tuesday filing on a homestead.

Gilmore Hartigan, a brother of Burgess Hartigan, came up from Hastings last Saturday night to accept a position in the land office.

Up to date 535 personal applications and about 365 by mail, or a total 900 applications for homesteads have been filed at this land office.

Monday night was school meeting. The same members, M. V. Nicholson and D. E. Sherman, were re-elected and the usual other business transacted.

Mrs. Ingalls and Miss Steadington gave an interesting program at the M. E. church Sunday and Monday evenings, the former as a soprano soloist and the latter as an impersonator.

S. A. Sanders, an old newspaper man in the west, was in town Tuesday. He was formerly editor of the Neligh Advocate, the Longpine Journal, the Woodlake Times and later the Boyd County Advocate.

Yesterday afternoon an engine was derailed on the switch east of the depot caused by a rail tipping over. It took the wrecker to pull it out of the sand, as the drive wheels went down a foot cutting off ties.

The Valentine horse sale held here last Wednesday was a successful venture, as near \$3000.00 changed hands. It was the beginning of a series of sales, and coming at a time when everyone was getting ready for the Kinkaid homestead opening, was not as large as was expected but the horses that changed hands were enough to warrant having another sale of this kind.

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J. A. Freelan, a surveyor of Imperial, Nebr., is stopping at the Chicago House in Valentine, Neb., and will survey homesteads and do private surveying. He claims to have had 12 years experience in surveying and engineering. 244

J. T. Keeley and Miss Margaret Robinson were assistants in the land office this week during the rush. The homesteaders were orderly and good natured and the land office officials though careful were active in their work and courteous in treatment.

Wm. Searby and wife were down last Friday night from Crookston to take in the Uncle Tom's Cabin Show. Mrs. Wm. Searby was formerly Miss Mary Watson, but was married May 18. We failed to get the item at the time. Mr. and Mrs. Searby have the best wishes of THE DEMOCRAT.

Several sooners tried to break into the line Monday night instead of taking their places as others did at the foot. One, persistent in the extreme, offered to buy his place from the boys. Another would be a jolly companion and tell a lot of funny stories all night if he could get in at the head of the line. But the boys had lined up in companies of ten men each with every tenth man as captain of the company and it was impossible to work any of them for a place.

Samuel Parry, Sr. died very suddenly at the home of his son Ed Parry in this city, Saturday night, June 18, 1904, at the age of 74 years. Mr. Parry had made his home with his son since the death of his wife 8 years ago. He had gone to bed as usual and apparently well, but paralysis had afflicted him recently and only a cough was heard that awakened the family and when they came to his bedside he had died peacefully. Much praise is due to Mrs. Ed Parry for her care of her father-in-law in which she has been as a daughter to him. Mr. Parry was born in England, January 10, 1830 and came to the United States in '64 settled in Iowa, and settled on Sand creek in Cherry county in '84. Two sons, a daughter and a grand-daughter survive the deceased: Edward, Samuel and Mrs. Zelian. The funeral was held at the house by Rev. Holsclaw and interment was made in Kewance cemetery.

Titus Taylor died at his home near Thacher last Sunday of consumption, at the age of 72 years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Clark in town and interment made at Mt. Hope cemetery.

Tuesday a Busy Day.

About 1200 people were in town Tuesday, only a portion of whom were lined up for homesteads of 640 acres under the Kinkaid act. The people began coming to town on Thursday of last week when a car load arrived at the Chicago House with P. H. Wintersteen, and could be seen occupying chairs at the front of the building for several days after their arrival, but being discouraged on account of no visible excitement in anyone else, they started back to Chicago without waiting for the 28th. Most of those who were present for homesteads were people from the surrounding country and they were a contented lot of people as they took their places in line for a homestead. Uncle Sammy Holsclaw was first to line up for a claim and took his position at the rear entrance to the land office at the foot of the stairs about 6 o'clock Monday evening intending to wait and camp there until next morning. Not long after, C. P. Wiltse of Newport and publisher of the Newport Republican took his place beside Rev. Holsclaw. A few minutes later, Art Sherman added his presence and looked cheerful as he said he had been asleep all day, preparing for a night in line. Shortly after this, the news spread of a "line up" and the line grew so fast that we couldn't keep up with them. Misses Katie and Salina Noble fell into line at No. 19 and 20 to hold their places for a homestead but at midnight the men unanimously voted to excuse them until morning, as also another lady whose name we didn't learn. At 10 o'clock there were 80 or 90 in line and twice that many standing around as spectators, some of whom fell into line before morning. About 300 persons were lined up at nine o'clock Tuesday morning waiting to file. The number soon grew to 420.

The filing began promptly at 9 o'clock. Each applicant had previously had his papers made out by some attorney at a cost of 50c to \$3.00, and all that remained to be done was to deposit his papers, swear and pay the \$14.00 filing fee.

It will be some time before the officials at the land office will have all the filings on record and note those applying for land which had been taken by some previous filing. In all, 471 filings were made at the Valentine land office. Perhaps 30 or 40 of these were soldier's declaratory statements. Eighty-six applications came in the morning's mail from Merriman and Ainsworth which were made out the day previous and sworn to after 12 o'clock the morning of June 28th before the train passed through carrying the mail to Valentine.

All of these filings took preference at Valentine, except the first personal application. This dodge was bitterly opposed by those who had spent the night in line waiting to file, and, it was thought that there is always some who manage to slide in easy as a "preferential" pet, while others fight to win their prize.

At 3:30 p. m. the line was all in and the lull after the excitement was so sudden that one could scarcely realize that the big time was over.

In the evening at 6 o'clock a couple of hundred persons boarded the freight, No. 82, most of them standing on flat cars and open cars.

The caboose was crowded to the limit and the train men refused to pull out with the men standing in open cars. Many had no tickets, though there were enough holding tickets to more than fill the caboose. The train backed in on the side track to await the passenger train or until such time as the people would agree to wait for the passenger. The train finally pulled out about 11 o'clock after a special train took part of their passengers.

Tuesday, all was excitement and everybody was talking 640 acres of land as a homestead. Before night the excitement wore away and most of the people left in the evening and during the night. Wednesday our town was dull and the wind blew the sand in fitful gusts up the street and the few persons who still remained in town looked lonesome and the town desolate. You've seen a grand celebration of the 4th of July and probably went back on the 5th to see only broken mementos or remnants of crowds scratching around in the trash piles to see what may have been left with that feeling of loneliness that pervades even the quiet observer.

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