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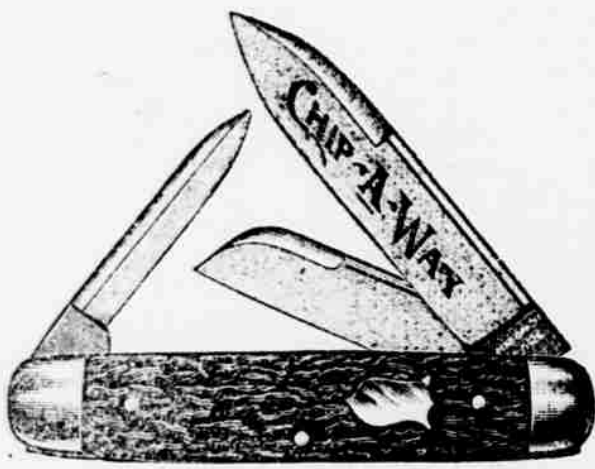
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As Christmas time is drawing near we wish to call your attention to some of the nice things we have for you.

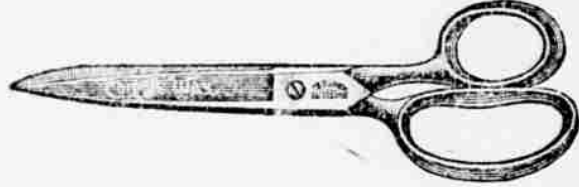
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TALK OF THE TOWN

C. F. Callen, of Sparks, was one of the jurors in town this week attending court.

B. E. Johnson, of Woodlake, called yesterday to settle up for THE DEMOCRAT.

Grant Spain was in town last Saturday and handed us a dollar for THE DEMOCRAT.

O. C. Treadway and Ed Lewis were in town last Saturday from Woodlake on business.

The case against John Anderson was dismissed by the county attorney without coming to trial.

John Neiss was in town yesterday. He brought his large black stallion down to have him shod.

Messrs. Ayers and Evans, the latter an attorney of Theford, were in town Monday on landoffice business.

P. Sullivan, of Merriman, was in our city Monday and Tuesday on business. We enjoyed a pleasant visit with him.

Arthur Bowering and A. T. Tostevin, of Merriman, called on us yesterday while in town attending court as jurors.

Wesley Holsclaw came up from Longpine Saturday morning, to spend Sunday with his family, returning Monday morning.

Miss Eva Harden returned Saturday morning from Indiana, where she has been for the past three weeks visiting relatives and friends.

On Friday, Dec. 23, 1904, Mrs. Elmore will give 10 per cent of all sales made on that day to the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church. Your trade is solicited.

Thomas McClean called at our office yesterday while in town to attend court. He tells us that Henry Faulhaber of Brownlee has gone to Australia to look at the country.

Miss Nellie Easley, who has been employed in Geo. Hornby's store for the past few weeks, during Miss Harden's vacation, commenced work Monday morning for Davenport & Thacher.

Jack Whipple was down from his ranch on White river last Thursday and called at this office. Your attention is called to the change in his brand ad which he had made while in town and which appears in this paper.

Misses Jessie Allen and Blanche Bishop called at THE DEMOCRAT office to see the machinery yesterday. Miss Allen tells us that her father, C. W. Allen, is in Omaha perfecting his rotary wheel engine on which he has a patent.

C. H. Stoner was down from Cody last Friday as a witness in a case Wray and Hand against Geo. W. Monnier for a well that they had put down for Monnier. The case was tried before Judge Towne. Several witnesses were in attendance at the trial.

Charles Tackett was in town last Friday when the wind was blowing from the north and clouds over hung the sky, but he said he didn't think it would storm, and it didn't. Mr. Tackett tells us that he got hurt by a horse several years ago in his left shoulder and that ever since he has felt a twitching in that arm just preceding a storm. Charley says he never believed in signs, but that it was an old Indian custom that anyone hurt by a horse was thereafter a prophet and that it has been true in his case as he has always been a good judge of the weather since.

Reports come from the Emanuel hospital at Omaha that Archie Pettycrew had undergone the operation and was getting along well. Later Archie sent a telegram that he was doing well, and wrote a letter showing that he was all right and strong enough to think of home and to write.

One of the grandest social events of the season was the speaking contest under the direction of Mrs. S. Moon, held at the M. E. church Tuesday night. There were six girls contesting for a prize for the best speaker and each did so well that it was hard to say that one was entitled to a prize and that the others were not, but such were the conditions and one was graded a little higher, while two others were a tie for second. Judges Westover and Wood and Mrs. I. M. Rice were the judges. The church was crowded with people and everyone that we talked to about the speaking contest pronounced it the grandest social feature of the season. You wouldn't have missed it had you known that you would be better entertained than by Peterson Sisters. Several songs interspersed the speaking. Mrs. Bivens and Miss Easley with Mrs. Genevieve Hewitt as organist were encored, responding with another selection quite as well received as the first, and they were not inferior to singers that we pay fifty cents to hear. Misses Julia Query and Bessie Gaskill also sang a duet that was heartily encored, and Mrs. Bivens was recalled after singing a solo which was evidence that Valentine talent is appreciated, even at home. Miss Laura Pettijohn favored the audience with a recitation while the judges were deciding the contest which was well received and Queen Moon responded to the encore with a recitation. The little folks' song was heartily encored and they came back with another song equally as good. Mrs. Moon is to be congratulated upon giving the best entertainment of the season.

SAM IMES' STABLE BURNS

Destroyed by Fire Early Sunday Morning--Two Horses Burned to Death.

Sam Imes' stable burned Sunday morning about 4:30, burning to death his two horses, a set of harness and about 10 bushels of corn.

J. F. Riggle was the first to see the fire while getting a scuttle of coal to replenish his fire and dropping his pail came running across the street and awoke Sam who was asleep in his house, and then went to the stable which was all ablaze. Mr. Riggle got Sam's buggy out and saved it, but the wind blowing from the north blew the fire toward the stable door, thus preventing him from getting the horses out. The horses were still standing when he got there and were stamping around inside. One of them died where he was tied without breaking loose. The other had broken loose or the fire had burned off his halter rope, and was found in the back part of the stable where he had fallen when overcome by the flames.

No one seems to know how the fire started. It was cold and some snow had fallen during the night.

Mr. Imes had recently sold his other team to Lew Smith who had also borrowed the harness belonging to that team.

The hose cart was gotten out and run up to the fire but was too late to do anything more than keep the fire from spreading.

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