

# TALK OF THE TOWN

R. K. Rainsford was down from Nenzel Monday.

There has been considerable sickness the past few weeks.

Geo. Hershey is home the past week and is reported very ill.

A. H. Stees was in town the first of the week from Kennedy.

Chas. G. Anderson has resumed work again after a spell of sickness.

H. S. Savage has been at home sick the past week with stomach trouble.

Albert Elliott returned last week from an extended trip over the country.

Clyde Pettyerew is again home after several months abroad seeing the country.

T. W. Cramer called on us the other day and set his subscription date to THE DEMOCRAT a year in advance.

Thirty-five persons took breakfast at the Donohoe hotel last Sunday. Forty-five took dinner there that day.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Northrop has been very ill for the past week. Evart was also sick with grip.

Snowing nearly every day and sleighing has been good. The little boys go coasting behind teams and have a good time.

Rasmus Anderson came down from Roseland Tuesday and visited friends around town and looked after business matters a couple of days.

Chris Holst, of Irwin, spent Sunday in town the past week and attended the M. E. church. He was down on real estate business we suppose.

J. H. Sears and wife and Mr. Sears' brother have again taken charge of their hotel, relieving Mr. Hall who is now proprietor of the Donohoe hotel.

The Ft. Niobrara Minstrels gave a performance last night in the court house under the auspices of the St. John's church for the benefit of the rectory which was recently built.

Mr. Johnson, the new stenographer and clerk for W. E. Haley, is from Fremont and has been at work the past couple of weeks. He appears to be a polite and efficient young man.

J. C. Webb was brought up from the hospital at Ft. Niobrara yesterday in the ambulance and taken to the Chicago hotel. He has been growing weaker of late and at present is very low. He has been suffering intensely with pains from locomotor ataxia, of which disease he has been afflicted for several years.

Born to Howard Lupton and wife, Tuesday, Jan. 31, a baby boy. This is Howard's third baby and each is a boy, and each was born on Tuesday. Howard was also born on Tuesday. Howard kept out of sight last week as much as possible for he doesn't like to be setting up the cigars all the time on boys.

Deliah S. Cole and several inmates of her buildings in the west part of town were arrested last week and taken before Judge Tosne, Aunty Cole to answer to the charge of renting and keeping houses for the purpose of prostitution, and the girls to answer the charge of the practice of prostitution in the houses and for disorderly conduct. They pleaded not guilty and were bound over to the district court.

C. P. Wiltse, of the Newport Republican, and H. Flaherty of Newport called on us this forenoon while in town on land-office business. Mr. Wiltse is thinking of going to Portland to take in the Lewis & Clarke exposition this summer if the state editorial association makes arrangements for the editors of the state to go.

El Parry has been quite sick the past week but is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall took possession of the Donohoe hotel on Tuesday evening of last week for supper and from that time their house has been much the same as a few years ago when everybody met there to visit and enjoy a good meal or to rest from the cares of the world. Mr. Hall has made some changes in the office of the hotel which seems to have been overlooked in the past but now make more room and the moving about the room is greatly facilitated so that those who wish to sit down and rest or talk will not be continually moved or jarred by those coming and going. Call on Mr. Hall and make his hotel your headquarters while in town.

The U. S. weather report for the week ending Feb. 5th shows the highest and lowest temperature to have been 23° on the 8th and -36° on the 2nd, a range of 59° and a mean for this period of -7°. Students of weather phenomena are claiming that the winter so far is the most severe in 17 years. The snowfall has also been unusually great but locally it does not make over .08 of an inch melted. The snowstorm beginning in the evening of the 8th was very heavy and thick for a short time, accompanied by a northwest wind that attained an average of 36 to 40 miles per hour. A cold wave order was received from Washington last night which has already been verified, showing a fall of 22° in 12 hours.

Judge Walcott and his sister-in-law, Miss Mamie Noble, were out driving in a sleigh yesterday and the Judge wanting to make a call left Miss Mamie holding the team which became frightened or anxious to be going and started to go without the Judge. Miss Mamie couldn't hold them and they came down Catherine street from the west part of town on the run, keeping the road pretty well until they shied at Mark Cyphers' milk wagon near Howard Layport's, and in turning out to miss the milk wagon ran onto that cake of ice laying in the middle of the street which over-turned the sleigh, dumped Miss Mamie out and smashed two of the runners of the sleigh, which was a buggy with the top on and runners supplied instead of wheels. The horses were caught near the Red Front as they went up Main street by Charles Green. No one was hurt and it may have been fortunate for Miss Mamie that she was dumped out so nicely. Someone ought to remove that block of ice from the street before someone runs against it in the dark.

Mrs. Hedvig Arnt, of near Merriman, was taken suddenly insane Monday of last week while her husband was down here on real estate business. On Tuesday when Mr. Arnt arrived home he found her wild and uncontrollable. She had killed their dog with the coffee mill but had done no other apparent harm. Eight children are in the family and the oldest but 13. Mr. Arnt sent for her brother, Peter Peterson who lives south of the Snake near the C Bar ranch, and later when it became evident that they could do nothing with her they sent for Sheriff Layport who went up Friday night and brought her to Merriman Saturday with considerable difficulty, as she would scratch, bite and slap at persons who came near her. She had to be held all the time. After reaching Valentine Sunday morning it was necessary to have some one hold her constantly. The insanity board hastily passed upon the case and Monday morning she was taken to Lincoln by Sheriff Layport and his wife, and Mr. Arnt, her husband. The doctor at the hospital at Lincoln says that it is very likely only a temporary spell and she will probably be well soon.

School was dismissed last Monday morning for a half day on account of the floors not being dry from scrubbing on Saturday previous.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Q. Spain desire to thank their friends and neighbors who assisted them during the sickness and burial of their son Chester.

Milton Nicholson has been very sick with appendicitis the past week but is better and will probably soon be up again if he continues to improve as he has the past couple of days.

An old man by the name of Reid, father of E. W. Red the carpenter, died last Saturday on the Niobrara and was brought to town Sunday and buried in Mount Hope cemetery. The old man had been in poor health for several years and at one time was taken to the insane asylum by Sheriff Layport, but recovered later and was living at the home of his son when he died.

Chester Spain, the 8 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Q. Spain of Kennedy, died at their home Wednesday night of last week, Feb. 1, 1905, from the effects of catching cold while he had the measles. The boy was 8 years, 2 months and 1 day old at the time of his death. Chas. Pote and A. H. Stees brought the corpse to town last Saturday, accompanied by the father, S. Q. Spain, and Grant Spain. They reached town Sunday afternoon and laid the body to rest in Mount Hope cemetery.

**A Royal Accomplish.**  
One day when Francis I. was in his chapel attending mass with several of his noblemen a well dressed pickpocket went and stood behind the cardinal of Lorraine and abstracted his purse, but unable to do this without the king perceiving it he put up his finger to intimate that the latter should keep silence. The king took it for a practical joke and said never a word. But after the service he asked the cardinal what he had done with his purse. The prelate, not being able to find it, was very much annoyed and took the king to task, who greatly enjoyed the fun, and at length ordered the purse to be restored to the cardinal. The thief did not, however, come forward, and the king discovered too late that he had been tricked.

**Sass Costs Money.**  
When Fanny Kemble spent her summers in Massachusetts she engaged a neighbor to drive her regularly about the country. On their first excursion he began to discuss the crops and the history of the people, when Mrs. Kemble said in her dramatic fashion "Sir, I have engaged you to drive, not talk." The farmer kept his peace and when the vacation was over sent in his bill. "What is this item, sir?" she asked. "I do not understand it." With equal gravity he rejoined: "Sass, \$5. I don't often take it, but when I do I charge!" The bill was paid, and it made a firm friend of Mrs. Kemble ever after.—Christian Register.

**The American Eagle.**  
Our baldheaded eagle, so called, because the feathers on the top of his head are white, was called the Washington eagle by Audubon, the great naturalist. Like Washington, he is brave and fearless, and as his name and greatness are known the world over so can the eagle soar to heights beyond others. The eagle was adopted as the emblem of the United States in 1783, since when it has been used on the tips of flagpoles, coins, United States seals and on the shield of Liberty.—Washington Star.

**Her Smuggled Necklace.**  
Women who are the soul of rectitude in all other things will not hesitate to evade the law when it comes to smuggling. For some reason or other they do not consider smuggling dishonest, but rather as an exciting sort of game to play. Every woman who goes to Europe spends hours of her preparation to return in devising means of bringing things in without paying duty. Men are much more honest about the things they bring in, and not long ago I heard of a case in which a man humored this smuggling tendency in his daughter, but took good care that she should not be discovered evading the law. His daughter had purchased a valuable diamond necklace in London and announced her determination to bring it in without paying one penny of duty. There was no reason in the world why she should have chosen to do this, as her father was a very rich man and could have paid the duty without noting its absence from his bank account. But she wanted the excitement, and her father agreed to let her have her own way. She brought the necklace in in a small bag, which her father asked her to let him hold for a moment or two, and it was not for nearly a year that she found out her father had declared the ornament and paid the duty on it. At any rate, she had had her amusement.—New York Post.

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