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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1906.

We had been rejoicing over the election in good old Missouri and it made us feel more at ease when we thought of Uncle Frank Alley down near Lees Summit and a number of other kindred in that vicinity whom we knew would rejoice more than words can tell. While thinking of the splendid victory and heavy democratic gains in nearly every state in the union we picked up The Commoner to see what Mr. Bryan would say. We knew he'd be feeling glad of such a victory, but couldn't have hoped for anything better than this, which we copy from Mr. Bryan's paper. We think Mr. Bryan wrote it and that he was feeling just that way. Here's what he says:

MISSOURI

We have heard from old Missouri and our heart is light and gay; She is once more democratic clean from Pike to Nodaway, And we hear the roosters crowing in a loud and lusty tone While the echoes are resounding all the way from Polk to Stone. We have heard from old Missouri and she's back again in line, And our heart is filled with rapture and we're feeling mighty fine.

We have heard from old Missouri and we're feeling good today. She has turned about in gladness from the error of her way. She has shouted out the tidings that she'll never err again, And we hear the echoes rolling all the way from Cass to Wayne. We have heard from old Missouri; she's again within the ranks— And our cup of joy brims over and our heart is full of thanks.

We have heard from old Missouri and the news was full of joy, Still the old state's democratic—that's the truth without alloy. Clear from Atchison to Butler and then back again to Ralls Comes the word that she is ready when the voice of duty calls. We have heard from old Missouri; she is standing staunch and true— And the sun of hope is shining in a sky that's fair and blue.

Sec. Taft will appeal to President Roosevelt to rescind his recent order which dishonorably discharges three companies, B, C and D of the Twenty-fifth infantry at Brownsville, Texas because a part of these soldiers had engaged in a riot at Brownsville, killing and wounding citizens of that city, and all disclaiming any knowledge of the riot and refusing to divulge or disclose information as to the guilty ones. The order was being carried out, when, because of numerous protests to the war department, the order was suspended until the president could be heard from again. It seems that Roosevelt is expected to change his mind and allow those villainous soldiers to remain in the army, and that if any precedent is established it must be the vindication of the negro soldier and future license to do as he pleases because he belongs to the down trodden race. Was President Roosevelt right in his efforts to maintain army discipline, or should he listen to a few fanatics who think the down trodden negroes are being abused and that every blow struck at the viciousness of their race is because of prejudice against them? It should be remembered that the negro was not a very remote subject from barbarity when he was made a citizen on an equal plane with the white race, and but for the vastly superior numbers of the latter and their influence over them they would have continued a menace to the peace of our nation, and have been and are

a menace to the white race of our country and we see no encouragement for the future as long as the idea prevails that "a negro is as good as a white man if he behaves himself." But does he? The fanatic who gives voice to that expression in reality goes further in his belief and sympathies, which reverses the statement to "a white man is as good as a negro if he behaves himself," and who in most cases know the least about them or have some particular person in view as a criterion of the black race.

DO IT THOROUGHLY

The New York World says: "By an unexpectedly small plurality the people of New York have selected Mr. Hughes to do the work that Mr. Hearst was claiming to do, but there can be no question as to their demands that the work shall be done." If Mr. Hughes really begins the good work let us hope that he will make a better finish of it than he did of the insurance investigation.—Bryan's Commoner.

Program of Cherry County Teachers' Association, Nov. 30 Dec. 1, '06

FRIDAY, 1:30 P. M.
(High School Building.)
Recitation.....Annie Hahn
The Dictionary Habit.....Mae Cavanaugh
Life in Australia.....James Oliver
Some of the Good Things Modern Teachers Do.....Mrs. G. L. Mossman
Physiology and Effects of Narcotics.....Meta Schafer
Manual Training vs the Classics,.....Pearle Arnot

FRIDAY EVENING, 8 O'CLOCK.
(Court Room.)
Song and Recitation.....Miss Driscoll's Room
Music.....Cody Pupils
An Original Story.....Laura Pettijohn's Pupil
Lecture.....

SATURDAY, 9:00 A. M.
(High School.)
Roll Call by Quotations.....
How to Enliven the History Class.....May Carter
Training for Citizenship, D. F. Story
Recitation.....Alice McLean
A School Exhibit for the County Fair.....Mrs. E. A. Pettycrew
Shall Men Continue in the School Room?.....B. E. Colby
Christians in All Lands.....Jennie Bennett
Song.....Cody High School Chorus
Reading Circle Work, quiz—Essentials of Teaching Reading.....Chapters 3 and 4
Psychology.....Chapters 3 and 4
Recitation.....Pupil from Cody
All Cherry county teachers and friends of education are urged to attend.
Cordially yours,
LULU KORTZ,
Co. Supt.

U. S. Weather Bureau Report for week ending Nov. 21.

The daily mean temperature shows a considerable "slump," to use the Wall Street word, and shows 8° below the average. The highest was 57° on the 15th, and the lowest 3° on the 19th. The precipitation was only 0.02 of an inch in the form of rain and a trace of dry snow. The total precipitation for the year is 26 inches.

OFFICIALS' RETIREMENT IS RESULT OF LAND FRAUDS

The retirement of Secretary Hitchcock as head of the department of the interior, and with him W. A. Richards, former governor of Wyoming, as commissioner of the general land office, is believed to have direct relation to the revelations lately made in connection with the gigantic series of land frauds along the Union Pacific railroad.

The interstate commerce commission, in its recent investigation, developed startling facts about the fraudulent methods by which the Harriman road and its subsidiary corporations secured control of the coal lands of Wyoming. The officials of the department of the interior were wrathful about these developments, and it is learned that there was an effort on the part of one western land office to prevent the interstate commerce commission's representatives from getting at record information in the office. This is understood to have been at Denver. As a result protest was made to Secretary Hitchcock, who is said to have given assurance that all possible assistance would thereafter be given to the commission and orders were issued that records be placed at its disposal.

In this land investigation by the commission the officials of the land office had no sympathy; they were disposed to sneer at it. But it now develops that for about three years the department has had information in great detail concerning these frauds, on which it has failed to act. Almost a year ago a lengthy protest concerning these conditions was filed and it was dismissed by Commissioner Richards. While the interstate commission was at work on its investigation, Assistant Commissioner Pollock of the general land office declared that all the matters developed by the commission had been fully looked into by the land office, and nothing was found to occasion criticism.

It is known that the president is determined to have these land frauds thoroughly sifted. It is also certain that the land office has heretofore been unwilling to give any more assistance than it could avoid to investigators, and that it has refused attention to protests, some of them of the most specific character.

The general situation in the department of the interior is considered by senators, congressmen and almost everybody in Washington to be very bad. There have been repeated charges that oil and coal and other lands of the government were being frittered away and getting into the hands of the railroad companies, or the big oil interests, without due consideration of the government's interests and rights. These seem at last to have come to a head, with the result that there is to be a change.

Mr. Garfield is the president's standby for investigating work and investigation is expected now to be the order of the day at the interior offices. That there will be a very general cleaning out of the old clique of officials who have had to do with the handling of public lands is generally accepted.

Meantime the interstate commission is going right ahead finding more trouble. Its recent inquiries in Utah have proved that there will be even more sensational evidence against the Denver & Rio Grand and the Rio Grand Western road than was produced against the Union Pacific. The Rio Grand Western controls the Utah Fuel company whose methods of getting hold of the coal fields in Utah are declared to have been a reeking scandal. The commission will shortly hold hearings at Denver and Salt Lake, when these matters will be gone into in detail, and in public. It is believed that in the Utah cases the proof will reach up to high officials.

The intimation that former President Fish of the Illinois Cen-

tral is going to tell President Roosevelt what he knows of the Union Pacific frauds, in order to revenge himself against Harriman, has caused another sensation here.—World-Herald.

NEW TRAIN SERVICE

Two new trains were put on the first of this week, going west at 6:50 p. m., and east at 9:45 p. m., and do all the local work from this date, running between Chicago and Chadron, making through train service and fast flyer of Nos. 5 and 6, which will run on old schedule time. No. 5 will stop at Johnstown, Woodlake, Crookston and Merriman for places north and west of Chadron, except on Mondays will stop for local passengers. No. 6 will stop at Crookston, Woodlake and Johnstown only for passengers east of Norfolk, except on Sundays will stop for local passengers.

School Notes.

L. C. Sparks has donated two or three magazines each month this year to the high school.

Elmer Wolf of the eighth grade has gone home to shuck corn and does not expect to return to school until after Christmas.

On account of the illness of her mother, Nellie Ashburn has been compelled to give up her school work in Valentine and return to her home in the country.

Clifford Pike, who was scared home a few weeks ago on account of the cases of sore throat that were then in town, has not yet returned. We hope Clifford will soon come out of the bushes. He is too valuable to lose.

The school board received a nice lot of new first and second readers from Chicago this week, but as the pupils are not quite through with their old books the new ones will not be placed in their hands until after Thanksgiving.

Miss Gordon is planning to have her little folks give a Thanksgiving program on Wednesday, Nov. 28. We trust that parents who have children in that room will avail themselves of that opportunity to encourage the little ones by their presence.

Anna Hahn, of the class of '05, now teaching northeast of Valentine, called last Saturday to talk over school matters. Anna is deeply interested in her work, and indirectly from the patrons of her school we learn that she is giving excellent satisfaction.

Pres. J. M. Pile of the Wayne normal school has promised to deliver an address at the Crawford meeting on Dec. 30. Pres. S. W. Crabtree of Peru, Pres. W. H. Clemmons of Fremont and Pres. A. O. Thomas of Kearney expect to be present and take part in the discussions.

Prof. T. M. Hodgman, state inspector of accredited high schools, visited all the rooms of the Valentine schools Tuesday. He was enthusiastic in his praise of the work done in every department of the school here. From Valentine he went to Ainsworth to inspect the schools of that place to see whether or not Ainsworth could be placed on the University accredited list.

Supt. C. S. Jones of Crawford writes that the local committee there is getting things in good shape for the Northwest Nebraska Educational association which meets in Crawford Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. This promises to be the largest gathering of teachers ever held in Northwest Nebraska. R. H. Watson, who is president of this association this year, has sent out over 500 programs to the teachers of Sheridan, Dawes, Sioux and Box Butte counties.

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Church's Store.

John Sedlacek went down to the fort after a load of coal recently.

C. J. O'Connor came in today from his ranch near Chesterfield to go to Homer, his former home, to attend the funeral of his brother.

J. F. Swain received a telegram last week announcing the death of his son-in-law, G. W. McFarland, at Chico, Cal. The family moved there about a year ago.

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