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THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1907.

Will Clarkson has begun putting up ice on Lake Minnehadua.

Jas. Galloway's family spent Christmas week out at the ranch, returning yesterday.

Mr. Smith and R. O. Clifford of Atkinson were in our city this week looking at land.

Mrs. Harry Van Orsdale of Crookston recently returned from her old home in Indiana.

Born, Wednesday, January 2, 1907, to Rev. Beale and wife of the Presbyterian church, a son.

Mrs. W. S. Barker and sister visited relatives and friends in the eastern part of the state last week.

P. Sullivan of Merriman is in town today on business and called for a few minutes talk with ye scribe.

Dr. A. N. Compton has gone to Honey Grove, Texas to spend the holidays with his parents and friends.

A public dance will be given at the skating rink tomorrow (Friday) night. Music by the Valentine orchestra.

Miss Fanny Thackrey returned to Rosebud last Monday after a week's visit at the home of her sister Mrs. Chas. Reece near Simoon.

Allen and Nellie Connell returned last night from a week's visit with their grandfather, Jos. Van Buskirk of Gordon.

News comes to us of the birth of twins, a boy and a girl, to Jno. Carson and wife of Redford. Mrs. Carson was formerly Miss Anna Ladely of the class '03.

"In A Woman's Power," was rendered Tuesday night to a crowded house at the opera house and was a satisfactory performance. It was the biggest house of the season.

Monday evening the snow began falling and Tuesday snowed some more, laying about three inches deep on the level. The weather was warm but grew colder yesterday and last night.

It is rumored that the line of railroad from Sioux City to O'Neill which recently passed into the possession of the B. & M., will begin building westward in the spring and contemplate connecting with their main line at Dunning or Thedford and another line will be extended up the Calamus into Cherry county.

J. E. Thackrey's family has been quarantined on account of supposed diphtheria for the past couple of weeks, ending Tuesday when there being no further signs of the disease the quarantine was raised.

Jake Stetter buys cattle and hogs and anything the farmers have to sell. Office is where Lee's barber shop was, east side of Main street. If you want to buy or sell anything see me. No deal is too large and none are too small. J. W. STETTER, 50 Valentine, Neb.

E. D. Spencer, of the firm of Spencer & Epke, tubular well drillers of Crookston, was in Valentine last Monday and made our office a friendly call. The firm has been running an ad in THE DEMOCRAT the past summer and fall and Mr. Spencer says that it has helped them to do a good business.

We understand that a new line of railroad to be called the Midland Central, is to be extended from Albion to Newport the coming year. Work will begin in the early spring or about April 20th, eastern capitalists having taken up the work, and before the next summer's close the people of Rock county may hear the welcome toot and clatter of wheels.

Thomas Watkins has opened a roller skating rink in the building recently completed by the Red Front Merc. Co., for a ware house on Cherry street, opposite their store. Sixty pairs of good skates are kept for use and several are developing into artistic skaters. The floor is smooth and the building will also be used for dancing and parties and public gatherings. Why couldn't Valentine have an opera house on the ground floor?

The week of prayer will be observed this year by union meetings alternating between the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. The first service will begin the coming Sunday evening in the Methodist church when Rev. Beale will preach. Then following during the week services will be held between the two churches, Rev. Connell conducting the services in the Presbyterian church Monday evening, Rev. Beale in the Methodist church Tuesday evening and so on. A full attendance is desired.

Four or five Merriman boys went down to Cody last Christmas day, expecting to return on the passenger. In this they were disappointed and were put off by the conductor, who told them that they did not stop at Merriman and would not carry them. The boys got on the bumpers and thought they could jump off when they reached Merriman, or if not, they would ride through to Gordon. When they reached Merriman the White boy jumped off all right and thought he was the only one who risked jumping as the train did not stop and was going pretty fast. Earl Fitch also jumped but was thrown against the platform or was struck by the car steps after falling and dragged under the cars which cut off his legs. Another train going west dragged him several rods, after which a train going east dragged him back nearly to where he first fell and the body was not discovered until morning when it was gathered up, mangled almost beyond recognition, both legs and arms severed from the body which was cut and bruised. An inquest was held and the remains taken to Norfolk for interment, the former home of the family.

Breezy Summit.

John Batchelor was in these parts recently buying hay and cattle of J. Eastman. Harry Junod will take care of them.

J. B. Leader has lost 5 valuable horses lately.

Paul Kennicott is building a large cattle barn.

W. G. Ballard drove a herd of hogs to Woodlake Christmas.

Will Carter is teaching a successful term of school at Breezy Summit.

Mrs. Brown of Cherry Valley died Saturday. Rev. Peason conducted the funeral. A. B. C.

Statement of Condition at the Close of Business, January 2, 1907, of North Telephone Company:

RESOURCES:	
Cash on hand	\$ 89.55
Telephone line	890.40
Accounts due	67.50
Material on hand	73.85
	\$1121.30
LIABILITIES:	
Shares of paid up stock	\$1070.00
Bills Payable	51.30
	\$1121.30

State of Nebraska,)
Cherry County,) ss
C. M. VanMetre and Lottie Cramer, each being duly sworn, each deposes and says that, C. M. VanMetre is president and Lottie Cramer is secretary of North Telephone Company, a corporation. That the above and foregoing is a true and correct statement of the accounts of said company at the close of business January 2, 1907.
C. M. VANMETRE,
LOTTIE CRAMER.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 2nd day of January, 1906. A. M. MORRISSEY, Notary Public.
My commission expires December 29, 1910.

U. S. Weather Bureau Report for week ending Jan. 2.

Daily mean temperature 8° higher than the average or 26° and the average or normal 18°. Highest 55°, lowest -6°. The lowest this morning, the 3rd, was -12.5°. The precipitation was .26 of an inch. The total is 26.54 inches.

You can get a case of 24 bottles of Webb's soda for 75c, delivered to your house. Try a case. Telephone 117. 31

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Every dollar expended by the government is paid by the people in taxes, except a small and gradually decreasing amount from the sale of the public lands and a few small sums from other sources. The total receipts for the year ended June 30, 1905, the last official report published, were \$697,101,270, of which \$261,798,857 was tariff taxes and \$234,065,741 was internal revenue taxes, and those amounts have been largely increased during the past fiscal year. Extravagant appropriations by congress mean more taxes, and therefore every one is interested in an economical and honest government both in the legislative department that makes the laws which authorize the expenditures and in the executive departments which expend the money. When congress authorizes more taxes to be collected than are needed to produce enough money to cover expenditures and there is a large surplus in the United States treasury it very naturally leads to larger appropriations, because there is a constant demand by the individual congressman for an appropriation for his district, besides the general demand for appropriations for all kinds of purposes.

There is now a surplus in the treasury of over \$200,000,000, of which over \$154,000,000 has been loaned to the national banks and upon which they pay no interest. That large sum would allow the tariff taxes to be reduced one-half and still produce a surplus for the coming fiscal year, and if the tariff rates were so revised that diamonds and other articles that are luxuries paid as much per cent tax as some articles of necessity are now made to pay there would be about as much money collected as there is at present, and the price of articles of necessity would be cheaper, but the price of diamonds, etc., would be higher. The trusts and combines that are now charging exorbitant prices for their products would be compelled to lower their prices, or similar products manufactured in England, Germany or elsewhere would be imported at the reduced tariff rates and compete with the trusts' products. Under such a plan of reducing the tariff rates on necessities one-half and increasing the tariff tax on luxuries the trusts would either have to reduce their profits or lose part of their trade.

The knowledge that reasonable tariff revision would reduce trust profits is the reason the trust magnates are all Republicans and are willing to pay a percentage of their large profits to Republican campaign funds to help keep that party in power. That is the reason a Republican congress stands pat and refuses to consider the bills for reforming the tariff that were introduced by the Democrats at the last and former sessions of congress. Undoubtedly this stand pat attitude of the Republican leaders led to the defeat of a number of Republican candidates for congress and the greatly reduced majority of others. Still the Republican leaders declare they stand pat, although they promised tariff revision when necessary. But the promise is never fulfilled, and now the declaration is made that after the next national election, if intrusted with another lease of power, they will again promise in their national platform to reform the tariff—after election.

An Honest and Impartial Republican. The retirement of Secretary Hitchcock from the cabinet is a great loss to his countrymen. He is the only member of the administration that has accomplished real results in his department that are worth talking about. He has not boasted or blustered, but has pretty effectually cleared out the land thieves and punished them without fear or favor. Republican United States senators and congressmen that were mixed up with the land grafters were not shielded, but prosecuted with as much vigor as the lesser grafters, and, as this is the first time in the history of the Republican party of a cabinet officer being impervious to party pressure and impartial in punishing and preventing fraud, Ethan Allen Hitchcock is entitled to the thanks of Democrats, the more so as so many of his own party are secretly denouncing and backbiting him. It is too bad that similar good deeds cannot be recorded of any other member of the official family of President Roosevelt.

Not Statesmanship. Secretary Taft declared that Poulney Bigelow could not have found out much about conditions at Panama in his four days' visit, but expects President Roosevelt in three days to have everything about the canal at his fingers' ends. This endeavor to create faith in the omniscience of Teddy and denunciation of others who have honestly exposed the mistakes in Panama management can hardly be considered as statesmanship.

A Hungry Flock. As twenty-seven Republican candidates for congress were defeated by the Democrats, besides those, like General Grosvenor, who were refused renominations by their party, President Roosevelt will have a big flock of lame ducks to provide for.

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'Nuff Said.
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A. JOHN & CO.

Monthly Meteorological Summary.

STATION: Valentine, Nebr. MONTH: November, 1906

TEMPERATURE		PRECIPITATION		CHARACTER OF DAY	
Date.	TEMPERATURE (Degrees Fahrenheit)	PRECIPITATION (Inches and hundredths)	CHARACTER OF DAY	Date.	TEMPERATURE (Degrees Fahrenheit)
1...	53 34 44	0.00	PC	1...	48 31 38
2...	45 31 38	0.00	Cl	2...	40 31 38
3...	40 31 38	0.00	Cl	3...	33 28 35
4...	33 28 35	0.00	Cl	4...	27 25 32
5...	27 25 32	0.00	Cl	5...	20 20 27
6...	20 20 27	0.00	Cl	6...	13 18 25
7...	13 18 25	0.00	Cl	7...	6 15 22
8...	6 15 22	0.00	Cl	8...	0 12 19
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10...	-7 9 16	0.00	Cl	10...	-14 6 13
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12...	-21 3 10	0.00	Cl	12...	-28 0 7
13...	-28 0 7	0.00	Cl	13...	-35 -4 3
14...	-35 -4 3	0.00	Cl	14...	-42 -11 -4
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18...	-63 -32 5	0.00	Cl	18...	-70 -39 8
19...	-70 -39 8	0.00	Cl	19...	-77 -46 11
20...	-77 -46 11	0.00	Cl	20...	-84 -53 14
21...	-84 -53 14	0.00	Cl	21...	-91 -60 17
22...	-91 -60 17	0.00	Cl	22...	-98 -67 20
23...	-98 -67 20	0.00	Cl	23...	-105 -74 23
24...	-105 -74 23	0.00	Cl	24...	-112 -81 26
25...	-112 -81 26	0.00	Cl	25...	-119 -88 29
26...	-119 -88 29	0.00	Cl	26...	-126 -95 32
27...	-126 -95 32	0.00	Cl	27...	-133 -102 35
28...	-133 -102 35	0.00	Cl	28...	-140 -109 38
29...	-140 -109 38	0.00	Cl	29...	-147 -116 41
30...	-147 -116 41	0.00	Cl	30...	-154 -123 44
31...	-154 -123 44	0.00	Cl	31...	-161 -130 47
Mean	44 23 33			Mean	44 23 33

NOTE: "T" indicates trace of precipitation; "-" below zero; "PC" partly cloudy.
JOHN J. McLEAN, Observer Weather Bureau.

May Discharge all Negro Soldiers.

Washington, Dec. 28, 1906.—When congress again takes up the Brownsville affair for discussion it will be urged to rid the army of all colored soldiers. This drastic action has been proposed and is receiving serious consideration from army officers and members of congress.

Four regiments would be affected: The Ninth and Tenth cavalry and Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth infantry. The suggestion grows out of the fact that since Roosevelt has discharged three whole companies of negroes a regular wave of crime has swept over the negro troops. At Leavenworth, Kan., members of the Ninth cavalry have indulged in a street car riot and at Fort Sheridan, near Chicago, the sergeant of the Ninth cavalry shot and killed a corporal. Wednesday a member of the Twenty-fifth assaulted a white woman on the streets of El Reno. A continuation of such incidents undoubtedly will provoke a strong movement for the repeal of the law authorizing the enlistment of the four negro regiments. Colored troops are given credit for being good fighters in war, but are unruly in time of peace. The war department has had difficulty in stationing them, because nearby forts don't want them. Representative Slayden of Texas has introduced a resolution in congress providing for the discharge of all Negro regiments and intends to press it after the holidays.—Omaha Daily News.

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