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Who Will Represent Us?

Who will represent this part of the state at the Democratic National Convention at Denver this coming July 7th? If Cherry county can agree on "our candidate," we may hope to send a Cherry county man to the national convention to represent us.

A. M. Morrissey, of our city, is being prominently mentioned as one delegate from this Congressional district and we think he will be satisfactory to nearly every democrat in this district—outside, possibly, of a personal ambition.

Nebraska is entitled to sixteen delegates, which is two from each congressional district and four at large.

As for Mr. Morrissey's qualifications, no one disputes his Bryan democracy, nor his ability to express himself eloquently.

It has been a long time since this part of the state was represented in a national convention and our great state was never represented by a more loyal and true democrat than is Mr. Morrissey. He is a prominent attorney of Valentine, well known to the people of this judicial district, who will vouch for his ability and integrity, and HE IS FOR W. J. BRYAN FOR PRESIDENT.

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT has been sending out statements the past week to its various subscribers, whom our books show to be in arrears. There are possibly some mistakes in our accounts, which number nearly one thousand. If one of these mistakes should occur in your account, dear reader, don't let your temper get the best of you and try to "lick the editor," but rather show your friendly spirit by helping, good naturedly, to set us right and we'll start again. Already we have received many returns from people far and near.

We have been encouraged by their promptness in responding to our statements. We hope to retain every subscriber to whom we have sent statements and offer to all alike the flat rate of \$1.00, CASH IN ADVANCE, for their renewal for one year, before Mar. 1st, 1908. Please be prompt with your remittances and return statements, for our convenience and yours. We will send receipts to all, showing the time for which they paid. I. M. RICE.

D. Stinard has sold his stock of clothing to W. S. Barker, who has employed Henry Hoeng to run the business for him, under the name of "The Fair." Mr. Barker is the owner of the building and "The Fair" starts out with a bright, new stock of goods and expects to add more as the trade demands. See the advertisement elsewhere in this paper, inviting the people to come in and investigate.

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James Hudson was enroute to Valentine Monday.

Dick Allen drove to Valentine Tuesday on business.

Henry Grooms went to the Hub with two loads of grain the first of the week.

If the present fine weather continues we won't know how to appreciate spring.

John Helenbolt has built an addition onto his house which gives him plenty of room.

Emerson Powers returned from the Black Hills Wednesday. He reports a fine winter up there.

Subscribe for THE DEMOCRAT. It's always on time, as is our genial mail carrier, Wm. Stillwell.

Valentine may be getting to be the hub of Cherry county, but Sparks is one of the main spokes.

Marion Graham, a former resident of Sparks, spent several days here recently renewing old acquaintances.

At a dance recently some of the young folks complained that the music was furnished by "Boneparte's retreat."

There has been considerable talk of a bank here recently. It's no use to say no, we are coming to the front anyway.

A. Haley, our merchant, went to Valentine Monday and while there his team ran away and started for home—another case of getting to Sparks in a hurry.

Miss Parker seems to be progressing nicely with her school at Sparks, and from the comments of the patrons, she must be one of Cherry county's best teachers.

With the exception of Mr. Tillson all the members of line No. 2 were present at the meeting Monday night which proves that our citizens are interested in home surroundings.

Graduating exercises will be held in district No. 28, some time in March. Elvora Hower, Elsie Grooms and Arthur Brown are the scholars who will try to pass into the 9th grade.

Mary J. Grooms is building a nice residence, 16x32 ft., on her farm southeast of here. Her son Frank is doing the carpenter work the outside of which will be completed this week.

A "spelling bee" at Pleasant Valley school house Friday evening Jan. 24th. This district is 28 and Miss Mary Jacobs is the teacher. Mrs. Hittle, teacher of district No. 14, of Penbrook will do the pronouncing and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

A telephone meeting was held at Sparks Monday by members of the North Table Telephone Co. Officers of said meeting: J. S. Grooms, pres.; M. Jelly, sr., Sec. and Thad Jelly, treas. It seems that it was hard to reach an agreement and probably another meeting will be held soon.

PORCUPINE.

Parents who have children to educate will do well to write the Business and Normal College of Grand Island, Nebr., for circulars. One thousand students are enrolled annually and it is a high grade institution in every sense, although the rates are reasonable. Tuition fees may be paid in monthly installments after the student graduates and is placed in a position, but the number admitted on this plan is limited to five hundred.

Card of Thanks

We desire to express our thanks to our neighbors and friends who assisted and befriended us during the illness and death and at the burial of our baby.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN GRANGER AND FAMILY.

Teachers' Examination

The following program will be rendered by the East County Teachers' Association in the High School building at 1:30 p.m., Jan. 25th, 1908:

"Among Country Schools," Chaps. vii, viii and ix, Quiz... Miss Kortz.
"School Management"—"School Incentives," Quiz... Miss Holly.
Report of State Association, by... Mr. Watson.
"Peace Conference," Mary Cumbow.
"San Francisco Earthquake," by... Clara Dunham.
"Lincoln Schools," by... Eda Brood.
"Books Suited to all Grades," by... Bertha Gordon.
"Origin and Development of Plays," by... Ruth Kennicott.
"The Old and the New Woman," by... Leo West.
"Dr. W. T. Harris" by... Mary Jacobs

Letter From Hackberry Lake.

Mr. Editor of the

Wortay Democrat:
We Hackberry Lake people are very happy over the way our school, which has been taught by Mrs. Cook, completed its term.

Mrs. Cook has proven herself a first-class teacher in every respect and has taken her pupils through the term in a most satisfactory manner, accomplishing wonderful results and pushing the children through the hardest problems. We are all proud of the neighborhood in which we live and think it "the best going."

We are also extremely happy over the present educational outlook for our children, as our amply large new frame school house is now nearly completed and, with Mrs. Cook's services as teacher, we look forward to the pupils of our district making rapid gains in their school work in the future. In Mrs. Cook we have a teacher who is the equal of any in the state and she owns a fine homestead near the school.

A new well is to be put down at once at the new school house, with hitching posts and wind breaks for horses, and school will soon be opened in the new quarters.

We have pulled together and have at last broken away from the disadvantages under which we have labored from having no school. A good Sunday school will now be started and church services will also be held in the new school house. To say that we are happy over our outlook does not begin to tell it all.

Much praise is due to Wm. Bachelor, for the way in which he has pushed forward the building of the new school house and our school board is not a bunch of janglers, but are gentlemen who see to it that things go right.

But the pleasant surprise we received, namely that of our children learning so fast, with poor advantages as to house and other things, is due to Mrs. Cook's expertness as a teacher.

I wish success to THE DEMOCRAT and when my time runs out don't let the paper stop. Keep it coming, for I enjoy reading your radical columns for the right.

OLD SETTLER.

Milt Latta called at our office Monday while in town to tell us about his new pumping apparatus which he has recently invented and has applied for a patent. The machine works without a cylinder and just coaxes the water out of the ground almost equal to an artesian well. Mr. Latta is now on his way to Chicago where he has been invited by some capitalists to demonstrate his new device and goes with them up into Wisconsin where the demonstration is to be made. He is almost in possession of a fortune now, for no one before has been so successful in pumping and well drilling inventions as has Mr. Latta. He is the "Edison" of the "sand hills" and if given equal opportunities for developing and mechanical construction would yet make Cherry county more famous than the "land frauds" have made her notorious.

Thomas Ashburn was in town this week and says he made \$80 on two acres of his Kinkaid homestead last year raising potatoes and is sorry that he didn't plant more potatoes. He is going to plant more this year. If one can raise 100 to 150 bushels of potatoes on an acre of ground that costs but \$10 he has made 400 to 600 per cent on his money or 4 to 6 times the value of his farm each year. What more can people expect excepting lower freight rates when Gov. Sheldon gets his railway commissioners to working without injunctions. But, then, we told you a long time ago that the g. o. p. was good on delays and anything to pacify the people at the time being. But Cherry county people can raise potatoes cheaper than any place on earth and what Tom Ashburn has done is what anyone else can do and has been doing.

Sam Hudson came very near to being burned out last Monday week. The cause was setting a pan of ashes too near the building. The fire must have smoldered for several hours before starting to blaze, but it was during the night, so the flames had full opportunity to burn. The pump house and wind-mill were destroyed and the main house also caught fire, but by quick work Sam and Kirkwood extinguished the flames and saved the house. But they got pretty badly scorched in so doing. The neighbors are wondering where they got water to burn, as the wind mill burned up, the pump house burned down and the pump handle was red-hot. We suggest that they ask Kirkwood.

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