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THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1908.

The Democratic State Convention held in Omaha last Thursday elected delegates to the national convention at Denver July 7. W. J. Bryan was indorsed for President. The Resolutions will be printed later in this paper. Mr. Bryan was there and was loudly cheered Thursday evening when he got up to speak and also during and at the close of his speech. This was at the close of the convention and after the Resolutions had been read. He has a strong voice and it is easy to follow him. Such a leader of the people and only a common man but a great commoner. He's the idol of many millions of our people. His speech was good and more cheerful than in years past. He feels very hopeful of results this year and we want to get together and roll up a big majority in Nebraska for him and don't let Cherry County be last to extend the glad hand to the Great Commoner and a welcome to represent us as our president from Nebraska. He's worthy our best efforts.

Notice.

We the undersigned are expecting to take care of the town herd of cows this season. We will have good herd bulls and will take good care of your cows.

J. M. WILSON,
J. S. SHAFER.

U. S. Weather Bureau Report for week ending Mar. 11.

Daily mean temperature 28°.
Normal 28°.
Highest 63°; lowest -1°.
Precipitation .18 of an inch.
Total precipitation to date .87 inches.
The average for 19 years for the same period is 1.46 inches.

Prices are what we are talking

Now

Our stock is complete.

BISHOP & YOUNG,
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Sparks Quills.

Mr. Roost of Norden was in Sparks Monday.

Chas. Maxwell of Valentine attended the sale Monday.

Fine weather prevails through out the whole community.

Miss Parker will give a box social and a good literary program at Sparks school house on March 20. Come everybody and bring a well filled basket with supper for two.

The spelling bee which was to be held at Pleasant Valley School house in District No. 28, was called off on account of the Speaking Contest on the same evening.

A silver medal contest will be given Mar. 13 at Kewanee school house five miles west of Sparks by the W. C. T. U. This contest will be for the young people who will speak for the medal.

A fine program will be given on Thursday evening, March 19, at Pleasant Valley school house, it being the last day of school. This finishes a seven months school here for Miss Jacobs and she goes from here to McCann where she has a three months school.

Roy Kuskie's sale was well attended and every thing sold at good prices. Mr. and Mrs. Kuskie will leave in the near future for California where they will spend the coming season. These young people leave here with the best wishes of their many friends.

St. John's Church.

Regular services will be held in St. John's church, Sunday, Mar. 15th as follows: An early celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7:30. Morning Prayer and sermon at 11. Evening Prayer and sermon at 7:30. Sunday school at 10 o'clock in the morning.

I will sell at auction at my place one mile south of Sparks, Nebr., Tuesday, Mar. 24, 1908, 27 head of horses, 34 head of cattle, 10 head of hogs, Farm machinery, G. E. Tracewell, auct. W. E. Haley, clk. Free lunch.

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St. Nicholas Church.

Services will be held as follows: In Valentine, March 15; high mass and sermon at 10:30. Instruction for the children at 3 p. m. On Tuesday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, high mass 10 a. m. During Lent every Friday evening at 7:30 Stations of the Cross and Benedictions With the Blessed Sacrament.

In Crookston March 22.

LEO M. BLAERE, Rector.

Milt Latta's recently patented valveless pumping device sets them all a thinking to hear of a hollow pipe without a valve or cylinder pumping water like a pump and Milt says will outpump a pump that has both pipe and pump. He is going to give a funny little exhibition in Valentine as soon as he gets a larger sized rig set up that will make the boys laugh. Milt says he will make easy prices to all the boys applying to him for the fastest money maker ever possessed by a poor working man and show the purchaser how to operate it. Address him at Valentine, Nebr. S. 3.

Teacher's Association.

The east division of the Cherry county teachers' association will be held in Valentine, on Saturday, March 28, at 2:20 p. m. The following program will be given:

Among Country Schools, chapters 13, 14 and 15, quiz.....Miss Kortz
School Management—Moral Instruction, quiz.....Miss Driscoll.
Helen Keller.....Nellie Brennen.
An Appreciation of Richard Mansfield.....May Carter
Schools of St. Louis, Laura Overman
Current Events.....Grace Waggoner
Parochial Schools.....Frances Grewe
Agriculture in the Public Schools.....May Barnes
History.....Roscoe Ward
Book Review.....Geraldine Tracewell
Natural Beauties of Cherry County.....Chas Brown
Peace Conference.....W A Kortz
Experiment Stations.....Stella Spratt
Modern Electrical Discoveries.....Alta Sharp
Pioneer Teachers.....Phoebe Hittle
Signal Service.....Mable Shannon
Pictures and Statuary Suitable for Country Schools.....Bessie Dunham
The Key West Railroad.....Lillie Grooms.

Development Of The Sand Hills.

By Mayor Dahlman of Omaha in the Chancellor.

Thirty years ago, when I reached western Nebraska, this country was called the Sand Hills, and everything west of Snake Creek, about twenty-five miles east of where Gordon, Nebraska, is now located, was being used by a few large cattle owners as a range for thousands of cattle, but the country east and south of Snake Creek was considered a most dangerous country. The only road through these hills was an old government trail leading from Kearney, Nebraska, into the Black Hills. Several people had perished by getting away from that trail into the Sand Hills. The cattle men west of Snake Creek used every effort to keep their cattle from drifting south or east, by having line riders, or, in other words, by having cowboys ride this line, to keep the cattle thrown back to the west and from getting into these Sand Hills, believing they could never get them out again. In March, 1878, we had a terrific blizzard which lasted for several days, so fierce was this storm that it was impossible for the riders to do anything, except to seek shelter to save themselves. This resulted in thousands of cattle drifting with the storm into these most dreaded Sand Hills. Nothing could be done towards gathering the cattle until the winter was over, so the owners felt much anxiety, and began to plan how they could be gathered.

Billy Irwin was foreman for E. S. Newman, who had lost about five thousand cattle in this blizzard. The ranch was on the Niobrara river, twelve miles east of Gordon, Nebraska. He told Mr. Newman if he would allow him to select his men and horses and allow him to do as he pleased, he would undertake to go into this country and see what could be done. The agreement was made, Bennett Irwin, myself, and ten other men being selected. We started on the 15th of April, and after two days travel, we camped for the night, and the next morning there was one of the worst snow storms I have ever seen. It lasted three days. Nothing was left for us to do but stay and keep warm the best we could. There was no wood in that country, only what little we could haul to cook with. When the storm was over the first thing to be done was to gather up the saddle horses that had drifted some distance away. They were found, after two or three days. We were then on the edge of the country that had the terrible reputation—a country from which no traveller had ever returned, so we never moved camp until we explored the land ahead of us. We struck plenty of grass and water in the valleys, but the rough sand hills were a

terror in many places. After several days travel we began to find cattle, and I remember well one bunch of cattle that had been there for several years. They were as wild as any bunch of deer. Mr. Irwin and I were together, so, after quite a chase, we rounded them up, and after they had quited down we found they were cattle that had been in the hills for some years, several without a mark or brand, but most of them as fat as if they had been fed in a feed lot for market. Well, they looked good to us, especially a big, fat, black cow that weighed about fifteen hundred pounds. We had been eating bacon, so I suggested we rope this cow and tie her down until we could bring up the wagon and outfit, which was twenty miles away. What I wanted was some good, fresh beef for the outfit, so we got down our ropes. It must be remembered that the horses we had were not grain fed, and as this was about the last of April, they were very weak, and to handle a wild cow of that size was no picnic. But we were after beef. I caught her the first throw, but when we got to the end of the rope my horse went down like a bullet, but Irwin was there, and he roped her by the hind feet. We then hog-tied the cow, went back to camp, and the next morning moved to this lake, and it did not take long to butcher the animal. You can imagine this bunch of cow-punchers going for the beef. We then located the lay of the lakes and valleys and the rough sand hills, and found thousands of the cattle we were hunting for. We found about a thousand head which had drifted in, at various times, from the Platte river. We took out of that country one hundred and seventy-five head of cattle, ranging in ages from one to four years, which made it an absolute certainty that for years they had not been disturbed. We worked in these hills for five weeks, and reached the Niobrara river with over five thousand head of cattle. These sand hills are now recognized as a great cattle country. They have developed each year. We all know they are filled with ranches and have been a great factor in developing our stock yards at South Omaha. This is also the country which you read so much about in the newspaper—the country of land-fencing and land-grabbing fame. Don't you think that some of these people are entitled to a few of those hills? I mean the people who went in there and withstood the hardships and developed it? I do. Nevertheless what has been accomplished in our state in thirty years is marvelous, and is only a forerunner of what will be done within the next fifty years.—The Chancellor.

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W. F. A. MELTENDORFF

THE DEMOCRAT FOR NEWS

The Celebrated
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Saturday, March 14, 1908
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