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Our Lincoln Letter.

Lincoln, Feb. 9.—(Special Correspondence.)—The date for the joint convention of the two houses of the legislature to be addressed by Hon. Wm. J. Bryan has been set for next Wednesday, Feb. 17th. Mr. Bryan has been absent from the state for several days past, and an earlier date could not be secured.

There have been several bank guarantee bills introduced in the two houses, but in order to get up one that will meet all requirements a sub-committee has been appointed by the two committees on banking, and Judge I. L. Albert of Columbus has been employed to assist the committee in drawing a bill that will not only be satisfactory, but one that will stand the test of the courts as well. This is the procedure which it was expected would be followed after the various measures had been introduced by the individual members. Judge Albert, who has been employed to assist in the work, is a former member of the supreme court commission and stands high as a lawyer.

A bill has passed the lower house which, if it becomes a law, will give the assessors of the state the power to inspect the books of banks and building and loan associations for the purpose of ascertaining who has money on deposit and how much they have. A comparatively small per cent of the money in banks is assessed under the present system, but with this proposed law in force there would not be much that would escape.

The committee on railroads in the senate has reported favorably on a bill to prevent drinking intoxicating liquors on trains. The bill, it seems, has a good show of becoming a law. Another measure which has been passed by the senate designates the governor as the official to have charge of the publication of constitutional amendments. It will be remembered that a few years ago quite a furor was created because it was believed the secretary of state had delayed the publication of amendments for the deliberate purpose of defeating them in the courts in the event the people should have adopted them. It will also be remembered that when the secretary of state came up for re-nomination he was defeated in the convention. Originally the governor had charge of the publication of these amendments but on one occasion when there was a fusion governor and a republican legislature the law was changed so that a republican secretary of state could throw them to his party newspapers. The legislature has now simply placed control over them back where it was originally.

The bill by Representative Sink of Hall county providing for nine-foot sheets seems somewhat ridiculous to those who are not familiar with the conditions which were the cause for its introduction, but practically every man, or woman, who is in the habit of stopping at hotels is in favor of it. While the linen on the beds in all the better hotels is usually changed daily, yet the quilts, comforts and blankets remain until they are practically worn out. By the use of the long sheet the top of it may be turned back over the ends of the quilts, etc., it is argued, that have been coming in contact with

humanity for—the bed bugs only know how long—and as a result future guests protected from the germs with which the bedding may be infected. A similar bill was first adopted in Texas but it has been gradually working its way north, having been adopted in Oklahoma and Kansas since Texas first took action on it.

One of the most eloquent speakers in either branch of the legislature is the brilliant young senator J. A. Donahue of O'Neill. He isn't in the habit of speaking every time something is up, but when he does speak people throughout the corridors and committee rooms are attracted to the senate chamber by his eloquence, and he receives the closest attention throughout.

Cherry Co. School Notes.

No active district in Cherry county is without an applicant for her school.

Teachers who have grades to raise on their certificates should begin to take their examinations early, so all uneasiness at the last examination may be avoided.

Let me quote from J. Sterling Morton: "We demand for Nebraska educated educators. We demand professionally trained teachers, men and women of irreproachable character and well tested abilities. We demand from our legislature laws raising the standard of the profession and exalting the office of the teacher. As the doctor of medicine or the practitioner at law is only admitted within the pale of his calling upon the production of his parchment or certificate, so the applicant for the position of instructor should be required by law to first produce his diploma, his authority to teach from the normal schools. We call no uneducated quack or charlatan to perform surgery upon the bodies of our children lest they may be deformed and maimed physically all their lives. Let us take equal care than we in trust the development of the mental faculties to skilled instructors of magnanimous character, that the mutilities of our children may not be mutilated, deformed and crippled to halt and limp through all the centuries of their never ending lives. The deformed body will die, and be forever put out of sight under the ground, but a mind made monstrous by bad teaching does not, but stalks forever among the ages, an immortal mockery of the divine image."

All pupils desiring to complete the county eighth grade course should pay especial attention to their ability to write and spell as these subjects will be graded closely.

Reading circle work for February will cover pages 133-160 in "Of Such is the Kingdom" and the questions on chapter 13-14-15 in "Elements of Literature and Composition." Those unable to attend the Association but desiring reading circle credits should send in their written work to this office.

All certificate grades of 80 per cent and above will be renewed for those complying with the law regarding association and reading circle work and 5 per cent be added in Eng. Composition, Eng. Grammar and Professional Interest.

Many of the schools will observe February 12, with Lincoln Memorial exercises.

In these stormy days pupils and

teachers appreciate the thoughtful director who provides plenty of fuel and sees that all window lights are whole and securely fastened in place, that the door fits closely in its casing and that the building is thoroughly banked to insure a warm floor. The children appreciate the teacher who secures cleanliness and a cheerful atmosphere in the school room; and the patrons and teacher appreciate students who are obedient optimistic and thoughtfully studious.

Cordially yours,
LULU KORTZ HURSON,
Co. Supt. Schools.

Dave Paxton Shot and Killed.

Belle Fourche, S. D., Feb. 6.—Declaring that his aged wife fired the shot that eventually ended his career, David Paxton, the young rancher near Sundance, whose shooting a week ago has been somewhat of a mystery, had barely strength enough to tell his story to witnesses before he died. Paxton's ante-mortem statement is said to be in the nature of a confession, throwing some light on the incidents leading up to the quarrel which resulted in the shooting of Mrs. Paxton, his wife, his stepson, Davis, and then himself. While Coroner Darlington and the officials who hold the statement decline to make public its contents at this time, it is said that Paxton declared that he had fired the first two shots and that Mrs. Paxton fired the one that killed him. Mrs. Paxton is over 60 and the shock of the tragedy has left her in a more serious condition than the wound, which was slight. Her son is also recovering. At first it was thought that Paxton, too, would recover, but the bullet became partially imbedded in his skull, producing convulsions and a violent death—World-Herald.

Dave Paxton was a brother to Fred and Ben who live out on the river and was about 33 years old. He went west a number of years ago.

Herman Schleuter Dead.

The funeral of the late Herman Theodore Schleuter, who died early Monday morning, took place at the home of his parents twelve miles south of Woodlake, Wednesday morning, and was in charge of Rev. Van Valkenburgh of the Congregational church. A large company of sympathizing neighbors and friends were present.

Herman Schleuter was born in Cuming county, Nebr., July 22, 1878. He leaves besides his parents, to mourn his death, six sisters, Mrs. J. H. Salzman of Ainsworth, Mrs. Hattie Clark of Colorado, Mrs. Agnes Bridger of Woodlake, and the Misses Olga, Gusta and Ella, also one brother, Otto. The family is doubly bereaved, as another son died less than a month ago.—Ainsworth Democrat.

Notice to Owners of Town Cows.

I am going to run the town herd again this season and the price will be the same as last year.
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JOE MARSHALL.

A wave of popularity for things western seems to have struck the entire country. Even our greatest theatrical managers, the arbiters of our pleasures, have taken up the fad. "The Round-up," "The Squaw Man" and "The Girl of the Golden West" are proofs positive of their good judgment. The latest and best of this style of popular plays is entitled "A Cowboy's Girl" and will be presented at Church's opera house Feb. 15. Mr. Perce R. Benton, the well known promoter of things theatrical, has surrounded "A Cowboy's Girl" with every accessory known to stage craft, with the happy result of telling in the most entertaining way a new and beautiful story of the plains.

Frank Fischer's trunk and suit case advertisement will interest everyone who travels. Look for it.

Cherry Valley Cracklings.

Elzie Vandergrift was in the parts last week.

T. L. Tinkham was a Woodlake visitor last week.

Mrs. Frank Krampert was a caller in Woodlake Saturday.

Mrs. Edith Latta returned from her visit at Simeon last week.

Hazel Klingaman has been on the sick list the last ten days.

Musk rat trapping is quite a paying investment this winter.

If you want to know the meaning of "beaux" ask Billie Nicholas.

It has been rumored about that Cherry Valley school is to have some new pupils.

The strong wind recently bro't A. G. Ward down to the school after his children.

Lloyd Klingaman, the Wood Lake meat cutter, spent Sunday with his parents on the ranch.

Mrs. T. L. Tinkham gave an oyster supper for the Cherry Valley school Jan. 23rd. It was immense.

Mrs. Martha Schleuter left several days ago for her home in Texas. She will visit relatives in Missouri on her way.

Miss Dorothy Grewe went down to Schleuter's last week to bid Miss Anna de Groote goodbye and came home in a snowstorm.

The C. V. S. nine have been busy playing ball during the pleasant weather. The ball has been pretty hard on some of the players.

Mrs. Wm. Klingaman left Saturday morning for few weeks visit with her son Harry and relatives at Chadron. Her daughter, Mrs. Edith Latta, accompanied her as far as Valentine.

Miss Anna de Groote has quit Pleasant Valley and returned to her home in Madison. She was formerly employed in the Pleasant Valley school and will be missed by her many friends.

Herman Schleuter passed away at the home of his parents Jan. 31 after much suffering. He had been in poor health for five or six years. The funeral was held the following Wednesday at the home of his parents, after which the remains were taken to Ainsworth and laid to rest in the cemetery beside his brother, Adolph, who died four weeks ago. Herman Schleuter was born in Cuming county in 1878. At the time of his death he was 30 years, 5 mo's, and 9 days old. His parents moved to Cherry county 23 years ago where he has since resided. He was a good, industrious young man and was liked by all who knew him and will be greatly missed by his large circle of friends. He leaves a broken-hearted father and mother, one brother and six sisters to mourn his death, all of whom were present at the funeral, except one sister, Mrs. Clark, who lives in the southern part of the state. We wish to extend our sincerest sympathies to the bereaved relatives.

Milking Machines.

The Nebraska Experiment Station has just issued bulletin No. 108. This bulletin is a report of the experimental work carried on with milking machines in the University dairy during the last two years, together with a complete discussion of the factors that influence milking by machinery. This bulletin is not sent out to the general mailing list, but may be secured free of cost by residents of Nebraska by writing to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Lincoln, Nebr.

A marriage license was issued Monday to H. E. Barritt of Norfolk and Miss Lizzie Grange of this city and we hear that they were united in marriage Monday night. Miss Grange is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Grange of Oasis, but the family recently moved to town for school privileges.

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Obituary.
James Jordan was born April 29, 1825, near Belfast, Ireland, and died Feb. 8, 1909.
He was married to Mary Ann Ennis in April, 1854, soon after which they came to America. The wife died Dec. 13, 1898 at the age of 67 years. Four children survive the parents, others having died in infancy.
He lived the life of a devoted christian and died with faith and trust in God. One who was at his bedside when he died said of him: "He turned his head and without a struggle fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, while friends sang at his request, 'Jesus Lover of My Soul.'" Thus peacefully ended the life of a saint.
The funeral was held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Boyer, Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Baker conducting the services. The text chosen was "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my latter end be like His."

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A Cowboy's Girl.
Both the lovers of the artistic and the devotees of the realistic will find an opportunity to worship at their respective shrines next Monday, Feb. 15, when Perce R. Benton's, "A Cowboy's Girl" comes to the opera house. This play has been before the public for the past five seasons and every effort has been made to keep it up to its high standard of excellence and purity. The original scenery, the original story of heart interest, its wealth of mirth provoking scenes and incidents, and above all, its atmosphere of the plains, have been preserved in all their pleasing entirety.

Never-Slip horse shoes and Never-Slip calks in all sizes at Fischer's Hardware. 2

Dr. Meehan, osteopath, at the Donohoe hotel, Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. 52

Eat at the "Ranchers' Home," meals 25 cents. Lunches a specialty. J. BRADSHAW, Prop.

To make room I must sell as soon as possible 25 fine ringlet barred Plymouth Rock cockerels. Call on or address Mrs. L. E. Viertel, Crookston, Neb. 24

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We desire to express our gratitude for the assistance and sympathy of our kind friends and neighbors in the time of our great need during the illness and death of our father.
MR. AND MRS. URIAS BOYER.
MR. AND MRS. C. D. JORDAN.
GERTRUDE JORDAN.