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THIS AND THAT

Coming Events.

Bryan Club—August 21.
Miss Heitrick—August 22.
Presbyterian Picnic—August 23.
THE DEMOCRAT next issue—August 27.
A. O. U. W. Picnic—September 2.
McKinley Club—Sept. 4.
Old Settlers Reunion—Sept. 18-19.
M. W. A. Picnic, Brownlee—September 23.

The Bryan Club will hold its next meeting tomorrow night in its new club rooms over Stetter's saloon. Everybody is invited to be present and assist in the work of the club which has for its object the election of William J. Bryan for president. Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock. Turn out!

Sign the school house bond petition. Croquet sets at cost at C. R. Watson's.

Charlie Tate returned this week from the west.

Harry Tucker came in from the hay flats yesterday.

E. R. Vaudegrift was in town a few days this week.

J. W. Burleigh and H. B. Clapp are up from Simeon.

Otto Berger is in town looking after his business interests.

Jos. Potmesil returned from Chadron Monday morning.

Morey has a lot of campaign novelties that are really novel.

Notice the change in Davenport & Thacher's advertisement.

Not much danger of getting sun-struck during this weather.

Miss Adella Sawyer returned to her home near Sparks last Saturday.

Mrs. C. H. Barth of Fort Niobrara, went to Hot Springs Tuesday night.

A large assortment of wall paper new styles, cheap, at C. R. Watson's.

Prof. J. D. Wiggins was over from the brick yard Saturday on business.

Miss Dolly Lang went to O'Neill Tuesday morning to meet her mother.

WANTED—Baled hay. For particulars enquire of Davenport & Thacher.

J. R. Morris and D. L. Hughes, of Carroll, Nebraska, were in town Monday.

FOR SALE—A few full-blood Brown Leghorn roosters. W. F. A. MELTENDORF.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will give a picnic at Bristol's grove next Tuesday.

C. E. subject for next Sunday is "The Duty and Joy of Church Membership." Matt. 10:16-32.

Miss Sadie Dewey visited at Wood Lake Saturday and Sunday, returning Monday morning.

Mrs. F. A. Swan came up from Wood Lake Monday morning and returned in the evening.

The very best castor machine oil lowest possible price at C. R. Watson. Try it and be convinced.

John Hettle, of Penrose, Nebr., W. M. Green of Cedar Rapids, are registered at the City Hotel.

Lee Pratt and Wm. Hopley, of Atlantic, Iowa, were in town last week on some sort of a cattle deal.

W. A. DeBord was in town yesterday from Omaha, looking up some land in which he is interested.

T. C. Hornby and wife and E. E. Sparks and wife returned from their visit on the reservation, Tuesday.

L. L. Bivens came down from Pine Ridge Saturday night. He has given up his situation on the brick yard.

J. H. Quigley went up to Crawford Tuesday night to attend the populist congressional convention which met there yesterday.

Miss Crawford, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Morey, returned to her home at West Point, Saturday morning.

The fees of the county treasurer during the seven months of this year amount to almost as much as the fees for the entire year of 1895.

Rev. Thos. Sexton, synodical missionary, of Seward, will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday evening at 8.

Indians are now hauling a large consignment of oats and beans from the warehouse here to the Agency.

J. H. Bratley and wife arrived from the east last night and this morning went to Rosebud, where they will teach school.

O. W. Morey has branched out and now occupies the little room north of the City Hotel as a store room for the bulkier goods in his line.

State Examiner Faudrey looked over Treasurer Crabb's books this week. We have not yet heard of any shortages being discovered.

Robert S. Lee and Willie M. Lee were up from Brownlee yesterday as witnesses before the land office in the final proof case of Minnie Dodds.

B. E. B. Kennedy and wife came from Omaha Sunday and went out to their ranch on the Gordon. Mr. Kennedy is ex-fish commissioner of the state.

Wm. Francke, Thos. Yearnshaw, "Uncle Dick" Towne, A. T. White and J. G. Stetter went fishing on the Boardman last week and caught about 200 fine trout.

Miss Edna Fischer entertained Misses Tess and Mae O'Sullivan, Edna Dwyer and Minnie DeWoody, and Messrs W. S. Jackson and Frank Brynton at tea, last Friday evening.

C. E. Bowring, with Chamberlain & Co., patent medicines, of Des Moines, Iowa, arrived in town Tuesday. Charlie's many friends here have been busy congratulating him on securing his old position with this firm.

A class of about forty probationers will be received into full membership in the M. E. church Sunday. Of this number some six or seven will be immersed in the Minnehaduzza Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Just as we go to press Otto Berger informs us that he has sold his clothing and gent's furnishing establishment to D. Stinard, who will continue the business in a building on Main street. We wish him success.

The republican convention for the purpose of nominating a candidate for state representative from the 52nd district will be held at Sparks on September 12. Cherry county is entitled to six delegates and Keys Paha to three.

S. F. Gilman and daughter Edna returned to their home in Davenport, Iowa, Monday morning. Mr. Gilman having almost entirely recovered from his serious illness which kept him confined to his bed here for a number of weeks.

This office is in receipt of a copy of the American Home Magazine, of Franklin, Ohio, containing a weird Mexican story by LeRoy Leach entitled, "The Strange Adventures of Don Enrique Romero," which deserves a place with the productions of well known pens.

Robert Wilbert sold water-melons at the Osborne House a week ago measuring 40 inches in circumference one way and 30 the other. This is certainly remarkable growth for this latitude. Just think of it, ripe water-melons on the first day of August. Mr. Wilbert can tell you how irrigation pays.—Ainsworth Star-Journal.

A meeting of farmers was held at Rushville Saturday for the purpose of formulating some plan by which they could receive a fair price for their wheat. Local buyers pay 25 cents per bushel, freight to Chicago is 17 cents, and Chicago prices for wheat are about 55 cents. They think 13 cents is too much to pay for handling.

The consolidated force of this office extends to W. H. McCloud its heartiest thanks for a fine, large, watermelon which was laid on our sanctum table last Saturday. The melon was a daisy, both in size and quality, it being 40 inches in circumference and as juicy and luscious as the finest product of Georgia or Virginia. Come again.

Last week THE DEMOCRAT said that Bishop Graves would conduct services at St. John's Episcopal church on Sunday, August 23, but word from Rev. Bates says that we were a little previous in the announcement. Bishop Graves will be here Sunday, August 30. A good crowd should turn out to hear the Bishop, as he is a good speaker.

TWO CLUBS

ONE FOR BRYAN AND THE OTHER FOR MCKINLEY

The First was Harmonious and Full of Enthusiasm and the Last was not—Record of What was Done at Each Meeting

The Bryan Club is started. Seventy-two names are so far affixed to the roll of honor.

Entered last for the "Black Eagle of the West," the "Boy Orator of the Platte," and the next president of the United States is embounded in its intensity.

Last Friday evening about forty of our citizens met in the rooms across the hall from this office and took preliminary steps toward organizing a non-partisan William J. Bryan club.

The meeting was called to order by Gus Carlson, chairman of the people's independent county central committee. Robert Good was elected chairman of the meeting and D. H. Thurston secretary. Some of the boys were in a hurry and wanted to effect a permanent organization right away, but after a discussion of the question it was decided to leave the permanent organization, constitution, rules and other business of like nature to a committee. The chair appointed as such committee Martin Christensen, D. H. Thurston, T. R. T. Geddis, E. Breuklander and J. E. Case.

Speeches were called for and call was responded to by M. Christensen, who spoke fluently and to the point on the issues of the day. He was followed by T. R. T. Geddis, who was listened to very closely.

On motion the chair appointed J. H. Quigley, J. A. Hitt and E. Breuklander to see to renting and seating the rooms to be used for the club and attend to such other business as might need to be done.

After a few remarks by Messrs. G. Carlson and M. Christensen the meeting adjourned to meet Friday evening, Aug. 21, when the committee on permanent organization will make its report.

The McKinley Club, or rather the nucleus of what it is hoped will be a McKinley Club, met at Cornell Hall last Friday night to perfect the organization which was started the week before.

There were just sixteen people present when the chairman called the meeting to order. Of these there were enough of the democratic faith to leave the mass and keep the boys on their good behavior.

The first thing done was to receive the report of the committee on permanent organization, constitution and bylaws, etcetera. The committee recommended that officers be elected as follows:

President—E. J. Davenport.
Secretary—J. C. Pettijohn.

Treasurer—John Dunn.
The report was adopted, and the constitution and bylaws were read. The best part of this part of the proceedings was when Judge Tucker, who was reading the constitution, came to the words—"We pledge ourselves to support Wm. McKinley and—Hobart." The Judge couldn't think of the first name of the vice presidential candidate, notwithstanding the committee had been a week preparing the constitution. Well, say, you had ought to have seen the faithful scratch their ears and think! Finally some one suggested the name of "George A. Hobart," and it came very near going at that, but somebody who was looking at the ceiling and thinking of heaven blurted out "Garrett" and thus the mountain was moved.

Then C. H. Cornell objected to the constitution and bylaws, because they did not provide rules for governing the club or an order of business. Needless to say, his suggestion that "Robert's Rules of Order" be adopted was voted down.

The president and vice president of the club, together with C. H. Cornell and E. E. Sparks, were made a committee of general arrangements, they to see about getting club room and so on.

A motion was made to compel the arrangements committee to get a speaker here by next Friday. J. C. Pettijohn, chairman of the county cen-

tral committee, started to make a few remarks but was gagged, so sat down until the motion was passed over his protest. Then a little war of words took place, but that hasn't anything to do with the club, so we'll let it pass. The meeting adjourned until Friday, Sept. 4.

Taken as a whole the meeting was without profit, most of the war horses being absent, and the enthusiasm the manifested could have been put in a half ounce vial and had plenty of room for exercise.

In Favor of Division.

A petition signed by Wm. Pullman and 44 others, a majority of the voters in the territory described below, has been filed in the office of the county clerk praying that the following territory be cut off from Cherry county and made a part of Grant county: Beginning at the northwest corner of Tp. 28, N. of R. 40 w., thence east to the northeast corner of Tp. 28, N. of R. 36, thence south on the line between ranges 36 and 35 to the south line of Cherry county, thence west to southwest corner of the county, thence north to the place of beginning. This contemplated division of the county embraces a territory 24 by 36 miles in size, and includes all of Mother Lake precinct, twelve miles of the western portion of Buffalo Lake and six miles of the south part of Enlow precincts, and is a fair sized county in itself. The following letter from County Clerk Elliott to Grant county parties explains itself:

Cherry county voted on the division two years ago and under the law can not vote on the question again until next year.

The Board of Commissioners has heretofore held in another case identical with this, that it amounts to the same thing as division and refused to submit the question. From this decision of the Board no appeal was taken. The parties interested consulted a number of legal authorities on the matter and I believe it was the general opinion that the Board was right in their position.

Merely write you in advance what I believe will be the action of the Board in the matter so as to give the people interested an opportunity to present their case if they see fit at the next meeting in October. I wish to say in this connection that I believe the demands of the people are just and should be granted and also to say there is an erroneous idea prevalent that this section of the country is opposed to all and every form of division; that such is not the case is demonstrated by the fact that every proposition looking to division has always had a small majority in Valentine precinct.

"Rattlesnake Jack" Again.

Last Saturday complaint was made against Albert McIntyre, the little son of "Rattlesnake Jack," by Geo. H. Hornby, charging him with vagrancy and mendicancy, and the trial was to have been held Monday, but was postponed until Tuesday morning. J. W. Tucker represented the defense, and asked for jury trial, which was granted. W. S. Jackson, J. M. Carpenter, Henry Stetter, Howard Case, Theo. Hillson and J. W. Whillans composed the jury. The arguments were submitted and upon "Jack" agreeing to never more allow the boy to enter the cage with his "pets" the jury returned a verdict for the boy, thus saving him a long term in the industrial school.

There is no question regarding the justness of this decision, owing to several points of law which were brought out in the course of the trial, and it is perhaps the best thing that could have been done under the circumstances. McIntyre will probably leave the country soon, but if he should return to his old haunts in Sheridan county his friends would hardly recognize him. Since the last issue of this paper he has had his hair cut and whiskers trimmed and bids fair to become a respectable citizen. THE DEMOCRAT sympathizes with him and is sorry that he should meet with so much misfortune, but he has no one to blame but himself. With an honest and earnest effort he could make his truly marvelous ability to handle snakes a ground work for a competence which would in a short time make him independent of the world.

Watermelons always were and always will be a great temptation to young people. At least four of our young society folks yielded to the tempter Sunday.

THE LONG AND THE SHORT

Of successful advertising nowadays are the willingness and ability of the merchant to sell ALL things as cheap as his competitors do, and some things for less. As a general rule every merchant has a "leader." We have strayed off the beaten path this week and do not offer anything special, but every article in our store takes the position of a leader. Groceries, Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats. Bargains in everything.



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