

# TO-MORROW

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## OUR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

MAE DAVENPORT / Editors  
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— VISITORS: —  
High School—Miss Herrig, Dean Eifer, Dr. Wm. Donohar, Mae O'Sullivan.  
Grammar Department—Rob't. Ray, Intermediate—Mr. Pettijohn, Second Primary—Mrs. Helzer.  
Harry Ware is enrolled in Miss Eifer's room.

A Christmas vacation of but one week will be granted this year.

Miss Eifer's and Miss Brown's rooms will give Christmas programs.

The members of the High School are indebted to Prof. and Mrs. Watson for a very pleasant evening Saturday Games were played, and a contest in guessing authors' names furnished much amusement. Mae Davenport won the first prize, Myrtle Pettijohn the booty prize. After this refreshments were served.

### Sparks.

Sparks will have a Christmas tree.

Fred Smith has gone west to buy some fine cattle.

There will be a dance at N. J. Grooms' Christmas night.

Mrs. Berry has gone to Ainsworth to visit her daughter Mrs. Wilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson are visiting their daughter, Mrs. House, on the north table.

Mrs. Thomas Hudson has been up to Valentine to see her sister, Mrs. Smith, who has been very sick.

Mrs. Newland's little boy has been sick but under the careful treatment of Mrs. Sawyer he is getting along nicely.

### UNCLE JOE.

The young folks had a leap year dance at Mr. Johnson's last week. The girls went after the boys and after the dance was over let the young gentlemen go home by themselves.

The M. E. church at Sparks had a basket supper last Saturday night. Proceeds amounted to six or seven dollars. That clears the church house of the dreaded debt. The members, few in number, have worked hard and faithfully. It is an old saying that the Lord helps those that help themselves.

### Brownlee.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carr, a boy. All concerned are doing well.

The ice all disappeared from the river last Sunday night, much to the chagrin of the small boy who is the proud possessor of a pair of skates.

A. E. Bennett, of Simeon, is preparing to start for Lower California soon after the holidays, where he will spend the winter, for the benefit of his health.

John O'Kane and son Joe, came up from Gothenberg the fore part of the week to look after their stock interests here. They will take some of their cattle with them when they return.

Miss Jennie Campbell and Barney McNitt were in Brownlee Wednesday, having the necessary papers prepared to have Robert Campbell taken before the insanity commissioners with a view of having him committed to the insane asylum.

The Brownlee Debating and Literary Society was organized last Saturday evening. Following are the officers elected: President, A. D. Lewis; Vice President, John Harnan; Secretary, Mrs. L. W. Horton. Meetings will be held every Saturday night, and the general public are invited to attend and participate in the exercises. An interesting programme was rendered at the first meeting, and a good time is assured tomorrow night.—Hornet.

C. K. Brower started for Omaha this morning, where he will spend the holidays among friends, returning in a week or ten days to resume his position as pharmacist at the City Drug Store. Mr. Brower has made many friends in Valentine during his three months' residence here who will be pleased to know that it is his intention to make this his permanent home.

Col. Andrews, commander of the Twelfth Infantry, has issued an order to the effect that all the post may have a two weeks' vacation during holidays, with no calls to meet except reveille and retreat.

## WOOD LAKE DEPARTMENT

BY "KELLY."

December 22.  
Christmas preparation is the order of the day now.

Miss Sadie Dewey visited in Valentine several days last week.

Guess Auntie is husking corn these days as we don't see her in town any more.

We hope everybody will have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Miss Emma Dennis, of Greely, Col., is visiting with her parents during the holidays.

Mrs. Ada Holt, of Chadron, is visiting with her sister Mrs. C. M. Bailey this week.

Mr. Wilkinson, of Kennedy, has organized a music class in Wood Lake with about a dozen members.

Protracted meetings begin again next Monday night conducted by Rev. Campbell assisted by Rev. Horton, of Brownlee.

### Wood Lake, No. 2.

John Day was seen on the street one day last week.

Mell Hanna was taking in the sights here on Tuesday.

Wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey and several others attended a dance out south last Friday night.

Come everybody Christmas eve to attend the entertainment given by the Wood Lake ladies.

Jim Woodman will surely know how to clean windows by the time he gets through working for Wash Honey.

It looks rather suspicious when a young man begins to buy new carpets, and bed room sets. I say girls look out for a wedding.

The young people met at Dewey's place last evening for the purpose of popping and stringing corn to decorate the Christmas tree.

Auntie is sorry that she could not help Kelly out last week but she was on the sick list, so we know that you will forgive us, won't you Kelly?

A load of young people went out to Mr. Hegerson's last Friday night to a party given in honor of Miss Ada Dyer, it being her last day of school.

Sadie Dewey returned from Valentine Monday morning where she went to attend the K. of P. dance Friday night. She reports having had a very nice time.

Pat says that Christmas is a good time to get married. He says that he thinks he will try and see anyway. We wish you much joy and a happy life.

### Arabia.

Little Willie Kief has been very sick the past week with sore throat.

J. Kief and W. Heelan received a car load of corn from Oakdale Monday.

Abe Bailey and family of Wood Lake, were visiting in Arabia Saturday.

John Heelan left Tuesday morning for Iowa, to spend the holidays among relatives.

Mike Jordan has been kept quite busy the past two weeks baling hay in this neighborhood.

Boys, if you want to find out the very latest way to take a girl to a card party, ask John Heelan.

There will be a dance at Will Clark-son's, also one 5 miles east of Arabia, at Johnson's ranche, Christmas night.

Miss Mary Hurley departed Monday morning for O'Neill where she goes to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

School closed here last Friday for a two weeks vacation during the holidays. The teacher gave the scholars a bountiful dinner the last day.

### Eli Precent.

I. B. Nichols is plastering a house for Tommy Franks.

Chas. Clark had church at the school house in district No. 49 last Sunday.

P. Sullivan was up north of Merri-man last week doing some surveying.

James Dennison wears a smile all over his face these days, all on account of a brand new girl, which arrived at his home last week.

E. F. Devine has been laid up the last ten days with a very painful felon on his hand.

Mrs. Nichols was called upon the Saturday one day last week to attend to a broken arm on the person of Elsie McNamee.

Geo. Heckel went over to the B.&M. railroad to spend a few days.

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From now until the Holidays  
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W. E. HALEY,

# ABSTRACTER

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O. W. MOREY, JEWELER

John H. Burns, the Deadwood attorney who defended Case in his trial here, was at Rosebud several days during the past week on business. Mr. Burns established a good reputation as a criminal lawyer while here that may prove a source of profit to him in the future.

The Brownlee Hornet is one of the best friends the editor of this paper has. In its last issue the Hornet tries to sting him on the court house question, scraps with him over the Chadron article and nominates him for something or other next fall. The something or other need not be afraid of the editor; he doesn't want it. He came very near being elected representative last fall (was in the race for four whole days) and that is glory enough, thank you. He doesn't even aspire to an appointive position, and his efforts for a cause are not prompted by hope of personal gain, like some others he knows of.

We understand that the Gordon Hotel will change management the first of next week, when Cash Parker will assume the role of landlord. Cash ran a hotel in Valentine for two years and gave most excellent satisfaction. All his boarders seemed to be very much attached to him, but strange to say, they never expressed any desire to top with him the second time, though feed and lodging were furnished free. The trouble was, his house had a bad name before he took possession. It was called the "County Jail," and Cash was sheriff. He will be more popular as a landlord in Gordon.—Gordon Journal.

### Mill Prices for Feed.

Bran, bulk	40c per cwt	\$7.00	ton
Shorts bulk	50c per cwt	\$9.00	ton
Screenings	35c	\$6.00	"
Chop Feed	70c	\$13.00	"
Corn	50c	"	"
Oats	65c	"	"

## WEATHER REPORT

FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Cold, with northerly and north-westerly winds. Blizzards will follow. Prepare by buying your clothing, boots, shoes, etc., at

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## THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

SUCCESSOR TO  
CHERRY COUNTY INDEPENDENT.

OBERT GOOD, Editor and Publisher

Stinard has a Camel in his store.

Harry Hilsinger spent Sunday with his parents here. He was married Dec. 13 to a young lady at Hay Springs.

As a leader until after the holidays T. C. Hornby will offer sewing machines at \$20.00 cash. This price will only be offered until Jan. 1st and is for cash. 44

Agent McChesney came over from Rosebud Tuesday with twelve Indian police, and returned yesterday with a wagon loaded with 'steen thousand silver dollars.

Robert Campbell, of Brownlee, was brought before the insanity board the first of the week and adjudged insane. Sheriff Strong took him to Norfolk asylum yesterday morning.

A marriage license was issued Tuesday to Arthur B. Reis, of Fort Niobrara and Miss Hattie May Ware, of Oasis. Rev. Horton was to have performed the marriage ceremony.

Four Chicago banks failed last week. They are National Bank of Illinois, E. S. Dreyer & Co., Wasmansdorff, Heinemann & Co., and Roseland. The total liabilities are about \$18,000,000.

Misses Georgia and Florence De Bell arrived in town Friday night from Sioux Falls, S. D., where they have been attending school, and Saturday went home to Rosebud to spend the holidays.

**FOR SALE**—A finely equipped printing office in good live town. Paying business established. Description and particulars furnished on application to this office or Sarah E. Good, Longpine Nebraska.

"Arkansas Bob" graced the city with his presence this week. Everybody likes Bob, and his appearance in town is always a signal for everyone to become good natured in emulation of the visitor.

Lieut. J. L. Harbison returned from Omaha Sunday night, having gone to the metropolis with McElroy, the incendiarist of Fort Niobrara, who is now confined at Fort Crook, serving a sentence of three years.

James T. Cross, wife and children and Mrs. J. Y. Pearson came over from Rosebud Tuesday, and Wednesday morning Mr. Cross and his little daughter started for Ohio, their old home, where they will spend the holidays.