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## THIS AND THAT

**Coming Events.**  
School meeting—July 21.  
Teachers' Institute—July 20.  
County Commissioners—July 22.  
G. A. R. Entertainment—July 23.

Shoe sale at T. C. Hornby's 24  
Wait for the races next October.  
Everybody goes bathing these days.  
Don't miss reading "The Preston Mystery."  
Archie Pettycrew is working in the hay flats.  
J. B. Lord was up from Simeon yesterday.  
Adolph Heller was up from Sioux City Monday.  
David Hanna was up from Wood Lake, Thursday.  
Prof. Phillip Heelan was up from Arabia Saturday.  
M. G. Hopkins spent Tuesday at Nenzel and Cody.  
Robt. Lucas was down from Gordon on business Tuesday.  
F. M. Walcott made a business trip to Crookston Tuesday.  
Prof. John Cronin gave this office a pleasant call last week.  
\$4.50 a month buys a Sewing machine at T. C. Hornby's 25  
C. H. Cornell went to Omaha Sunday morning on business.  
Bennett Irwin was down from Gordon on business Monday.  
C. C. Thompson was up from Hackberry Lake this week.  
Prof. Daniel Fowler was down from the artesian well Tuesday.  
O. P. Billings, of Norden, was in town on business Tuesday.  
Are you going to Longpine Saturday to hear Governor Holcomb?  
J. H. Yeast spent a couple days in the country the past week.  
Teacher's Institute next week. Get ready for the school ma'ams.  
Davenport & Thacher received more undertaker's supplies this week.  
Mrs. Guth has returned from her visit with friends at the Agency.  
C. E. Tebbetts and daughter, of Beatrice, were in town Saturday.  
L. L. Bivens was over from the brick yard Monday and Tuesday.  
A. G. Shaw has built a neat veranda in front of his photograph gallery.  
Last Sunday was the hottest day of the year. 98 degrees in the shade.  
WANTED—Good girl for general housework. Enquire at postoffice.  
W. D. Sadler has been ordered to Idaho, and will leave in a few days.  
LOST—July 4th, black cape, trimmed with braid. Finder leave at this office.  
Four members of the Boston Comic Opera Co. quit the company at Chadron.  
Over one hundred cars of stock have already been shipped out of the sand hills.  
Buy a Seamstress Sewing Machine of T. C. Hornby on the installment plan.  
O. W. Hahn is working with the F. E. & M. V. fence gang near Wood Lake.  
J. H. Quigley and Martin Christensen returned from Chicago Sunday night.  
K. J. Cook has closed his billiard hall and bowling alley for the summer months.  
D. F. Reider and Wm. Shuck, of Hooper, registered at the City Hotel Tuesday.  
Don't miss "The Preston Mystery." It costs you nothing to guess at the solution.  
Striet Commissioner Bullis expects to complete his work on the streets next week.  
Rev. McClellan will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening.  
Every democrat in northwestern Nebraska ought to be a subscriber to THE DEMOCRAT.  
P. Sullivan returned to his home at Cody Sunday night after attending the convention at Chicago.

Mrs. Dorr, of Irwin, made final proof on her claim, Tuesday. L. Piper and H. H. Gay were witnesses.  
Jas. McLaughlin, Indian inspector, arrived from Washington and went over to Rosebud this morning.  
The register and receiver of the Land Office are happy over the arrival of a new Densmore typewriter.  
W. A. Selden, the tailor, went down to Longpine Monday afternoon to look after his farm and visit his family.  
Mrs. F. M. Walcott and Miss Katie Noble returned from their visit to Kearney and Hastings Friday evening.  
Four government six-mule teams are busily engaged in hauling manure and refuse hay onto the Ft. Niobrara roads.  
Frank Whittecar, brick inspector at the Rosebud yard, was in town Monday after making a trip home to Ainsworth.  
H. R. Bell came up from Longpine Sunday night to take charge of Otto Berger's store during W. A. Selden's absence.  
Quigley's City Drug Store is now free silver headquarters, but the Palace Saloon is a good second in the race for the title.  
Work on Jackson & Brayton's new building was suspended for a few days, on account of lack of stone for foundation.  
C. R. Glover returned from Chicago Tuesday night, after attending the democratic convention and visiting his brother, T. H. Glover.  
T. C. Hornby has one of the most prettily arranged show windows ever seen here. It is a miniature well with its old oaken bucket, all made of gent's furnishings.  
W. P. Alsip, the brick man, writes this paper from Pine Ridge that he will soon have two machines running at that place and expects to turn out 40,000 to 50,000 brick per day.  
THE DEMOCRAT extends thanks to J. G. Maher of Chadron for an excellent account of the opening of the national convention at Chicago last week. It arrived too late for publication.  
WANTED—Ten men, at once, to work on brick yard at Rosebud Indian Reservation. Fifteen cents per hour and three months' job. Board \$3.50 per week. W. P. ALSIP.  
The Populist conventions of both Brown and Keya Paha counties have instructed their delegates to vote for Otto Mutz, ex-treasurer of Keya Paha county, for the congressional nomination.  
The boys celebrated Bryan's nomination Friday night, after great style, Pete Simons was chief factotum and managed the anvils and bonfires. Quigley furnished the fireworks and everybody orated.  
Fred Clark, an old time Valentine boy, and Miss Alice Ormsher were married last Thursday evening, July 9. The newly married couple left Friday night for Lead City where the groom is employed in the mines.  
Geo. Elliott, Cherry county clerk, who attended the republican congressional convention at North Platte July 3, returned home Tuesday evening. He visited in Denver while gone, and denies the allegation that he went there to absorb free silver logic.  
Monday evening Charles Smolinski was arrested for being drunk and disorderly and was fined two dollars and costs. On his refusal to pay the same he was incarcerated in the city bastille. Upon his release he arranged to leave town and did so yesterday morning, going to Lincoln.  
D. H. Thurston has rented the room across the hall from THE DEMOCRAT and will open a law office in a few days. Mr. Thurston appears to be a man of push, energy and ability, and he has the best wishes of many in his venture into the whirlpool of law, courts and clients.  
Yesterday morning, on the complaint of Augustus Macpherson, James Ogle and Alice Aiken were arrested on the charge of adultery. The defendants waived examination and were bound over to the district court in the sum of \$100 each. They furnished the necessary security and went on their way in peace.

## WM. J. BRYAN

### THE SILVER KNIGHT OF THE WEST, FOR PRESIDENT

Arthur Sewall, of Maine, for Vice President—A Brief Description of the Convention by Martin Christensen, Alternate.

THE DEMOCRAT takes pleasure in presenting to its readers the subjoined account of the democratic national convention, written by Martin Christensen. Mr. Christensen is and always has been a free silver man, is chairman of the democratic county central committee, and was an alternate to the national convention.

The convention was called to order by the Chairman of the National Committee, Wm. Harrity. After prayer the battle began. The Nebraska delegation had come to Chicago with the view of placing in nomination for temporary chairman their honored and brilliant leader, W. J. Bryan, of Lincoln, but owing to the fact (as Mr. David B. Hill, of New York, expressed it) that they (the gold faction) might need the 16 votes, of Nebraska, to elect a temporary chairman, in sympathy with them on the financial issue, and to the fact that the national committee was divided, 27 against and 23 for free silver, the regular delegation from Nebraska was not seated until the second day of the convention, when they were seated by the unanimous vote of the committee on credentials. Senator Daniel, of Virginia, and Hon. David B. Hill, of New York, were placed in nomination for temporary chairman, Daniels representing the silver and Hill the gold element of the convention. The most intense excitement was apparent during the call of the States on this vote, as it had been predicted that Hill's popularity would gain silver votes enough to elect him as temporary chairman. But although Hill's popularity was evident both on the floor and in the gallery the silver men stood firm, and Daniels was elected. The several committees were then appointed and convention adjourned until next day. On the second day the committee on credentials reported in favor of seating the regular delegation from Nebraska. Gov. Russell, of Massachusetts, demanded a call of the state but when the chairman stated that the vote on seating this delegation had been unanimous Russell withdrew his objection. The Nebraska delegation marched into the hall with Dr. Edwards, of Lincoln, carrying the Bryan Club banner in the lead, and the first great demonstration of the convention was had. The delegation was seated while 15000 people cheered. Four of the contesting delegates from Michigan were also seated after a hot parliamentary fight. The committee on permanent organization presented the name of Senator White, of California, for chairman. A vote was taken and Senator White declared elected.

The committee or platform now report. A minority report was presented and the battle for free coinage began. The chairman announced that one hour would be given each side. Russell, of Mass., Vilas, of Wis., and Hill, of New York against, and Jones, of Ark., Tillman, of S. C., and Bryan, of Neb., for, free silver. Jones and Tillman spoke first, then Russell, Vilas, and Hill, and last Bryan. After Hill finished there was tremendous applause, and then occurred the most remarkable event of the convention. Bryan's appearance on the stand was the cause of a great demonstration. His first words were heard by every person in the great hall and from that time on until he finished, Bryon held the audience spellbound and then, well, then occurred something which "the oldest inhabitant" had never seen. The convention went wild. Ladies as well as men jumped up on their chairs, waving their handkerchiefs, umbrellas, coats, etc. After 30 minutes of this kind of demonstration the people from sheer exhaustion sat down. The uncertainty of an hour before disappeared. The friends of the candidates talked of, saw the danger and an adjournment was moved and carried.

On the following day the nominating speeches were in order. The name of the grand old man from Missouri was cheered again and again.

Boies, Blackburn, Mathews and McLean were also cheered, but when Georgia placed the name of W. J. Bryan before the convention, it was evident that the genuine appreciation at that gifted orator's power as a leader had not abated. On the third ballot, it became evident that the race was between Bland and Bryan, but when the fourth ballot was reached and Bland lost while Bryan gained the great demonstration of the convention was seen. It has been called a stampede, but it should rather have been called an ovation. The friends of the other candidates had hoped that Bryan's strength would be broken during the night, but it was now evident that instead of losing, Bryan had gained, and that the ability and wonderful record of this candidate had assured his nomination.

On the next day Arthur Sewall, of Maine, was nominated for vice president on the 5th ballot. Mr. Sewall is a ship builder and carries on one of the largest businesses of the great east. The flag of Sewall can be seen in every port of the world. It has been said that business men were afraid of free silver—Sewall has advocated free coinage for years and it was owing to him that Maine sent silver delegates to this convention. The Maine election is in September.

M. CHRISTENSEN.

**Where Shall it be?**  
Pursuant to adjournment the voters of school district No. 1 met at Cornell Hall Tuesday evening and balloted for a site for a school house. The meeting was called to order by President of the School Board F. M. Walcott, and Secretary Pettijohn read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved. President Walcott stated the object of the meeting, W. E. Haley and Robert Good were appointed tellers and then the fun, if such it may be called, commenced in earnest. Five sites were proposed and voted on as follows:

No. 1. Commencing at the southwest corner of 23rd and Elmore streets, extending south 375 feet along Wood street and west about 230 ft. along the south line of Elmore street to switch track, comprising close to 86,250 sq. ft. Price \$400.00.  
No. 2. Facing 230 ft. on Moore St. and extending north 230 ft. along the east side of Main and west of Hall Sts., (comprising one-half block), 73,600 sq. ft. Price conditioned on the school building being faced south, \$300.00.  
No. 3. Facing 220 feet each on Hall and Macomb Sts., by 220 feet from street to street, including alley, including lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, H. & E. H. Cornell's add., 29,000 sq. ft. Price \$200.00. Should the school district decide upon this location it will be necessary for the village board to vacate 250 feet of alley between said lots.  
No. 4. Facing west side of Macomb St., extending 450 feet south from Elmore St., thence west 254 ft. to extension of Ray St. comprising 114,300 sq. ft. Price \$400.00.  
No. 5. One block of the Thacher subdivision east of town. Price \$400.00.

After some skirmishing it was decided that should a site be selected it would be with the understanding that the price to be paid would be 25 per cent less than that named in the propositions. E. McDonald offered a site near the jail for \$250.00. The first ballot resulted: No. 1—18 votes; No. 2—12; No. 4—6; No. 5—2; No 6—1. Two-thirds of all the votes cast being necessary to the location of a site, no choice was made, and another ballot was taken with but little change in the result. Third ballot was the same, and a motion to adjourn was then put and lost. Fourth ballot resulted: No. 1—21 votes; No. 2—16; No. 4—6; total 43. The meeting then adjourned to Tuesday, July 21, when another effort will be made to secure a location. Much electioneering for the different sites will be done this week, and an interesting time is expected at the next meeting.

THE DEMOCRAT has no particular choice for a site, but it seems to it that any site which is nicely located, is of sufficient area and reasonable in price should not fail to secure the votes necessary to a choice. There are a number of such sites about town, and all should anite upon one of them at the next meeting. One or two blocks east or west of the center should not be the test for the suitability of a site.

**Late Political News.**  
Bryan will be given a great ovation when he arrives at his home in Lincoln tomorrow.  
California and Washington populists and free silver republicans promise to support Bryan.  
This paper does not think the majority of sound money democrats will get the ticket, and but few of them will support McKinley.  
Indications are that there will be at least one and possibly two more candidates for county attorney.  
Republicans are having trouble to secure a chairman for the state central committee. Ex-Gov. Dawes refuses it. Peter Jansen will probably be elected.

## DAVENPORT & THACHER

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