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THIS AND THAT

Coming Events.

Valentine Teachers' Association—Jan. 9.
Farmer's Institute—Jan. 9.

Fur Coats at Stinard's.
Did you see the Camel at Stinard's.
Men's Arctics one dollar per pair at Stinard's.
No snow here. How different down the road.
Jas. Steadman, of Pass, was in town yesterday.
Prof. John Neiss spent New Year's day in town.
C. H. Cornell returned from Omaha Tuesday morning.
John Weir, of near Ainsworth, was in town yesterday.
Sadie Tochet, of Rosebud, visited in town during the holidays.
Miss Jessie Goukey, of Rosebud, is visiting in town this week.
A number of business men are taking an invoice of stock on hand this week.
The soldier boys were in from the post on a practice march Tuesday morning.
Rev. Bassett is occupying Dr. Evans' house on the west side during his stay in town.
The board of county commissioners was in session yesterday, checking up the treasurer.
W. P. Alsip has been at Pine Ridge the past week looking after his brick contract there.
Dean Efner has decided to not return to Lincoln, and will put in a few weeks raticating.
Geo. Tracewell was in town yesterday, having just recovered from an attack of the grip.
Receiver Fike, of Valentine land office, was in town a short time yesterday.—*Stuart Ledger.*
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Spencer went to Iowa last Saturday for a two months visit among relatives.
Alex M. Charbonneau, one of the large stockmen on the reservation, was in town Tuesday on business.
Jos. Potmesil returned to Lincoln yesterday morning to resume his studies at the state university.
Geo. Campbell, of the Kemper, Hundley, McDonald Dry Goods Co., St. Joe, was in town as usual last week.
Ed Calkins, one of Gilman & Heljar's men, was in town Monday night, having come over with a bunch of cattle.
W. T. Kincaid received word Friday night that his sister, Mrs. Low, had died at her home in Bloomington, Illinois.
Mrs. Dora Frizzel, of Purdum, has been visiting during the past week at the home of her uncle F. K. Bivens, on Cherry street.
County Surveyor Tate was at Wood Lake last week laying out the town, the exact boundaries of which have never been filed.
By this time his Satanic majesty must have a nice lot of paving material on hand in the shape of broken New Year resolutions.
Major H. H. Humphrey's son who has been spending the holidays at Fort Niobrara, returned to his school in Minnesota yesterday.
Anyone knowing the present address of M. R. Hardin, formerly of Greenfield, Mo., will confer a favor by sending same to this office.
Rev. Bassett, assisted by Rev. Moore, is holding a series of meetings at the Presbyterian church which are attracting considerable interest.
Mrs. Bennett Irwin returned from Omaha Saturday night and visited here until her husband returned Tuesday night.
Mrs. Mary Antran returned to her home at Traer, Iowa, Tuesday morning, after a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tucker.
Dick Cook was over from the reservation Monday night. He assisted to bring over a bunch of Gilman & Heljar cattle which will be shipped to Pierce.

To the Property Owners and Residents of Valentine.

You are hereby requested to clean your lots and alleys of all filth, manure, etc. Unless complied with at once legal action will be commenced. By order of Board of Health.
DR. ALFRED LEWIS,
President.

Miss Lillian Stoner returned home Tuesday night, having visited a couple of days in Osceola after attending the state teachers' association at Lincoln last week.

W. A. Parker came up from Wood Lake yesterday morning and returned in the evening. He will be here today to take up his duties as county commissioner.

Why should you use envelopes and paper unprinted, or what is worse, poorly printed, when you can get first class job work done at this office at reasonable prices?

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Moon, old Cherry county residents, of Marshalltown Iowa, are in the city this week looking after their property interests and visiting old friends.

W. D. Sadler, special land inspector for Uncle Sam, arrived from his home in Arkansas and has resumed his work here. Mr. Sadler is always a welcome visitor in Valentine.

C. K. Brower returned Saturday night from Omaha and reports having had one solid week of unalloyed pleasure. He resumed his position as pharmacist at Quigley's Sunday morning.

Jack Ford, of Omaha, a clever light weight boxer, stopped in town this week while on his way home from Lead. He is visiting his friend, Charley Tate and is a son of Pat Ford, of Omaha.

TO LOVERS:—You will take notice that the sidewalks on North Cherry street have been repaired, and you may hereafter promenade on this favorite thoroughfare without danger to life or limb.

The legislature is in session at Lincoln, and the house was organized by the election of J. N. Gaffin as speaker and Frank Eager chief clerk. These two men are fully deserving of the honors shown them and competent to fill the positions.

George Fitzgerald, claiming to be the champion boxer of Cherry county, was in O'Neill Tuesday. He also claimed to have bested Charley Tate in a nine round go at Valentine on Christmas. He returned to his mother's ranch at Arcadia the same evening.—*O'Neill Sun.*

A good deal has been said about poor Mary Ellen Lease having her home sold under mortgage. The fact is that she borrowed \$1,100 on a \$700 piece of property, never paid any interest and, like thousands of others, was tickled to death when the loan company took it.—*Atkinson Graphic.*

A. E. and C. W. Bennett came up from Simeon Tuesday and have been quartered at The Donohoe. A. E. Bennett starts for Las Vegas, New Mexico, in the morning, to spend the winter. He has not yet decided on making the move a permanent one, still retaining his interests in this county.

It is reported that Hersey & Co. of Little Rock, Ark., are contemplating putting in a cattle ranch either in this county or near Casper. This firm is one of the strong ones financially, and should they conclude to locate in our midst they will be received with a warm welcome.—*Chadron Signal-Recorder.*

W. A. Pettycrew has moved into the room formerly occupied by J. W. Yeast and now has an opportunity to display his grocery stock to a good advantage. Mr. Pettycrew now has a neat room, and will be in a position to satisfy his numerous customers better than ever. He still uses the room he formerly occupied as a grocery for a feed store.

Married, at the home of the proprietor of this paper, yesterday, Editor W. N. Skinner, of the Springview Herald, to Miss Pearl McHenry, of Boutsteel, Judge Graves officiating. The Gazette tenders its top-shelf congratulations to this worthy young couple and wishes them a happy and prosperous journey through life. Mr. McHenry is a brother of the bride's, and Miss Geth McKeel acted as bridesmaid and bridegroom.

VALENTINE

IS THE BEST TOWN IN THE GREAT STATE OF NEBRASKA.

A Few Facts Which Prove Her Title to the Claim—A Synopsis of Her Business Interests and Many Resources.

There is no doubt about it at all; the United States is the best country on earth, Nebraska is the best state in the country, Cherry is the biggest county and Valentine is the best town in the state.

There you have three distinct propositions, and THE DEMOCRAT is ready to pull off its coat and fight to maintain them, even at the point of a pen. The gauntlet is thrown down, and none dare pick it up. Let us suppose for an instant that someone has taken issue with that part of the last proposition which refers to Valentine. What would its defenders say? Of course it is not to be supposed that our antagonist is a big city; it must be a village of 800 to 1,000 inhabitants. Well, first we would say:

During the year 1896 Valentine received over 28,500,000 pounds of freight from one railroad! Then, before the enemy could recover from the stupefaction into which this statement had thrown him, we would come at him with a mixed-up lot of facts like these:

Valentine is the county-seat of a county containing 5,400 square miles; it is the shipping point and nearest town to Fort Niobrara, where Uncle Sam keeps a regiment of his soldiers; it is the shipping point for the Rosebud Indian reservation, which is with one exception the largest in the country; it is the home of a U. S. Land Office: it is the location of a U. S. Signal Service station; it has one of the largest flouring mills in the state, two good, substantial banks, four general merchandise stores, two groceries, one clothing store, two meat markets, three hardware stores, one harness shop, one jewelry store, two millinery stores, three newspapers, (no more wanted), four livery and feed stables, three blacksmith shops, three drug stores, one cigar factory, four saloons, one billiard hall, two hotels and four restaurants, two school buildings with five teachers, four churches and two resident pastors, four lawyers, three doctors and a dentist. If this did not utterly annihilate our opponent, we would tell him that

North, east and west of Valentine is some of the finest farming country ever made, while on the south are hundreds of square miles of grazing country, where even now thousands of cattle, horses and sheep yearly feed and make money for their owners, but there's room for thousands more; we would probably dilate extensively upon the immense amount of water power which now goes to waste, but which will soon be harnessed for the use of man; and of how our city is supplied with an abundance of pure water from springs a half mile from town; and we might mention the fact that there is an inexhaustible supply of building stone within three miles of town, or that if he preferred brick he could obtain all the dirt he wished for making the same, and his mortar for building could be made of native lime and sand, but by this time our antagonist would have skeddaddled, lit out vamoosed, gone, leaving us in possession of the arena, with none who dare dispute our statement that

Valentine is the best town in the state of Nebraska. Dear reader, the foregoing are but a few of the many good facts regarding Valentine, but they are the meat of the cocoanut. Don't they entitle us to distinction? We have said nothing of the climatic conditions which prevail here, nothing of the refinement and culture of our people, nothing of the high standard of morals, shown by the comparatively few crimes committed, nothing of the wealth and business of our merchants, or of the business- and dwelling-houses of the town, but they can all be summed up in two words; The best.

These subjects will be taken up in detail hereafter. Watch us grow and get to the front.

Below and on the last page of this paper will be found a few statistics kindly furnished us by various officials. Preserve them.

LAND OFFICE BUSINESS FOR 1896.

MONTH	HOMESTEAD		CASH SALES		H. E. PROOFS		T. C. PROOFS	
	Ents.	Acres	No.	Acres	No.	Acres	No.	Acres
January	9	1360	1	5	5	718	8	1199
February	11	1727	3	80	3	480	6	960
March	13	1942	2	45	21	2341	5	720
April	17	2555	3	161	10	1595	16	2559
May	16	2515	4	185	11	1719	19	3032
June	31	4789	3	161	6	960	16	2559
July	18	2596	7	535	8	960	15	2394
August	16	2360	5	406	7	1114	8	1279
September	15	2378	2	165	11	1760	6	960
October	17	2706	3	161	9	1439	9	1436
November	14	1949	5	482	8	1280	12	1880
December	11	1698	3	473	12	1896	10	1597
Total	188	28572	41	2861	111	16262	190	20575

U. S. LAND OFFICE.

The land office doesn't do the business now-a-days that it used to do, as may be seen by the accompanying table showing in part the work done in the past year, but Register C. R. Glover and Receiver J. A. Fike are always on hand to take care of whatever turns up, and coupled with the work of Clerk Lew Brownell the patrons of the office receive as thorough and prompt attention as they could desire. The Valentine office never had a more obliging or competent corps of officials. As will be seen by the table, everybody has not lost faith in northwest Nebraska, 188 persons having filed on homesteads and 41 having bought land outright from the government. In all 241 proofs were made. This is not such a bad showing after all, and considering the hard times speaks well for the country. 40,000 acres of land are thus

added to the tax lists of Cherry, Rock and Brown counties.

U. S. INDIAN WAREHOUSE.

The U. S. Indian warehouse here has been doing a whole lot of business the past year, and Receiving and Shipping Clerk Carroll and his two efficient assistants, J. T. Keeley and L. H. Emery have not had much time for play. All the government freight designed for Rosebud agency passes through their hands, and as the transportation is all done by Indians the work is doubly hard. During the year 2,010 wagon loads of freight were sent out, which averaged 2,500 pounds per load. A little figuring will show that this means a total of over 5,000,000 pounds of freight was unloaded from the cars, piled in the warehouse and reloaded in wagons. For hauling, the government

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Is extended to their customers by

DAVENPORT & THACHER

And the assurance is given that in the year to come their stock will be larger, goods better and prices lower than ever before

DIDN'T YOU KNOW

That the best place in town to buy fresh fruits and vegetables is at Pettycrew's?

DIDN'T YOU KNOW

That the best place in town to buy groceries and confectionery is at Pettycrew's?

DIDN'T YOU KNOW

That the highest price for butter and eggs is always paid at Pettycrew's?

If you didn't, try him and you will

CHERRY COUNTY BANK

Valentine, Nebraska

Every facility extended customers consistent with conservative banking. Exchange bought and sold. Loans upon good security solicited at reasonable rates. County depository.

E. SPARKS, President CHARLES SPARKS Cashier

Who we are . . . CITY DRUG STORE

J. H. QUIGLEY, PROP.

DEALER IN

What we are . . . DRUGS, PAINTS, VARNISHES, TOILET SUNDRIES

Where we are . . . MAIN STREET VALENTINE - NEBRASKA

BANK OF VALENTINE

C. H. CORNELL, President. M. V. NICHOLSON Cashier

Valentine, Nebraska.

A General Banking Business Transacted.

buys and Sells Domestic and Foreign Exchange.

Correspondents:—Chemical National Bank, New York. First National Bank, Omaha

CITIZENS - MEAT - MARKET

:- WILL FURNISH :-

Fish, Game, Tender Steaks Jucy Roasts, Dry Salt Meats and the finest line of Smoked Hams and Breakfast Bacon ever sold in town.

At Stetter's Old Stand on Main Street. GEO. C. SCHWALM, PROP.

THE PALACE SALOON

HEADQUARTERS

WINES, LIQUORS and CIGARS

Of the Choicest Brands.

VALENTINE, NEBRASKA