

T. C. HORNBY

Wishes you all a very happy New Year, thanks you all for the exceptionally large trade he has had, and

ASSURES YOU

That in the future as in the past, both in quality of goods and in low prices

LOOK AT OUR RIBBON WINDOW

HE WILL LEAD

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

MEMBER OF
CHERRY COUNTY INDEPENDENT.

ROBERT GOOD, Editor and Publisher

VALENTINE

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paid to Indians about \$17,500. The government maintains a telephone line between this point and the agency, giving connections with the agent's office and postoffice at Rosebud, and the telegraph office and warehouse here. The line will be extended in a short time to include the signal service and weather bureau. The warehouse here holds the record for the largest single day's business done, 95 loads of freight having been dispatched for Rosebud on October 9th.

WEATHER

Everybody is interested in the kind of weather we have had, and for that reason U. S. Weather Observer, C. R. Watson kindly furnished us the following figures.

Month	Max.	Min.	Avg.	Precep.
January	66	*15	26	36
February	67	1	32	25
March	79	*8	27	1.81
April	86	9	46	2.88
May	91	32	62	6.7
June	92	43	68	4.48
July	98	51	73	4.31
August	95	44	71	7.7
September	91	27	59	2.73
October	86	17	48	35
November	55	18	19	2.57
December	59	*6	34	46
Yearly Avg.	81	45	47	21.62

* Below zero.

† Total for the year.

Charley has given us the best weather he could, but we are heartily ashamed of the November record. In twelve years' residence in Nebraska, November was the worst month we ever saw for mean weather and general cloudiness. But you will notice the weather averages up all right.

SHIPMENT RECEIVED.

Below will be found the amount of freight received at the F. E. & M. V. depot during the past year, as reported by Agent J. C. Northrop:

January	1745851
February	1651324
March	1657417
April	4369838
May	1476705
June	1349001
July	1311955
August	1265274
September	2905148
October	5361680
November	4706815
December	3789419
Total	28880427

Allowing one ton to the load, this would make 14,290 wagon loads, which, allowing 30 feet to each wagon and team would make a train 81 miles long! Think of it, a double line from here to Rosebud with a ten mile lap, or a single string almost to Stuart on the east or Gordon on the west.

TAXES PAID.

County Treasurer Crabb furnishes the following statement of taxes paid each month. December does not appear, as the accounts were not footed up, but taxes for that month amount to almost as much as all other months combined:

January	\$ 2474 56
February	2576 57
March	2233 16
April	2357 43
May	2141 35
June	1612 47
July	1617 03
August	2643 39
September	2663 25
October	3557 82
November	3750 58

MORTGAGE RECORD.

Evidently people with money to lend are not afraid of Cherry county property, if the mortgage record for the last year is any criterion. County Clerk George Elliott furnishes us with the following statistics:

Filed	Farm	Town	Chattel
No.	62	10	569
Amount	\$59330	\$7176	\$230936
Satisfied			
No.	83	14	335
Amount	\$21445	\$7681	\$212900

That investors are willing to lend \$30,000 on Cherry county farms is certainly a cause for pride, and the record

NECK WEAR

We have just received the finest and most complete line of Neckwear ever seen in Valentine We have in the assortment

Windsors
Four-in-hands
Bows
Scarfs
Flies
etc., etc.

And we have them in all colors and qualities. Some of the handsomest ties ever manufactured. See them

D. STINARD

THE CLOTHIER

MAIN STREET VALENTINE

TREES AND PLANTS—A full line FRUIT TREES of BEST VARIETIES at BARGAIN PRICES. Small fruits in large supply. Millions of Strawberry plants, very thrifty and well-rooted. Get the best near home and save freight or express. Send for price list to NORTH BEND NURSERIES, North Bend, Dodge County, Neb.

of chattel mortgages shows that stockmen are gradually doing more business on their own money. The writer has personal knowledge of over \$6,000 worth of chattel mortgages which were paid last month but owing to neglect were not released and do not appear in the above figures.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Judge Walcott issued 36 marriage licenses during the year, or an average of three per month. Next year we hope to be able to record an average of one per week, owing to the inducements offered newly married couples by THE DEMOCRAT.

Bert Hammond took a couple of young men to Springview Sunday. He says someone broke into the Presbyterian church at Norden the other night and almost ruined the organ.

Contractors in Trouble.

The Omaha Bee of this morning contains a dispatch from Washington which alleges that Owen & Hille, who have the contracts for building the Indian schools at Rosebud and Pine Ridge obtained the same by unfair methods. Charges were made to the commissioner of Indian affairs that all was not right, and that gentleman has annulled the contract for Pine Ridge and suspended that for Rosebud pending an investigation.

Replevined a Stolen Horse.

Judge Walcott heard a replevin case Tuesday wherein Alex Charbonneau was plaintiff and Messrs. Edinger and Heath were defendants. It seems that the animal in question was stolen from Mr. Charbonneau by an Indian, and being found in the possession of the defendants was replevined. The horse had passed through numerous hands before it reached them, but it was learned that Elmer Bristol was the first purchaser of the animal and that gentleman promptly paid the costs of the case and the judgment of \$20, thus saving a lot of litigation.

Teacher's Association.

We cordially invite all interested in educational work to attend our teachers' association to be held in Valentine in the High School building, Saturday, Jan. 9, 1897, at 1:30 p. m. The following program will be given:

Music
Childra's Reading and Literature
..... R. H. Watson
Child Study—Chap. II
..... Mrs. Belle Hornback
Source Method in History
..... Miss Etta Brown
The Personal Habits of the Teacher
..... Miss Lottie Hubbard
The Teacher as a Factor in Character Building
..... Mary Hurley
Professional Advantages of the Teaching Circle
..... D. H. Thurston
By Committee

Fished for Suckers.

P. T. Barnum was right when he said the American people like to be humbugged. The truthfulness of the remark is exemplified every day, and it does sometime seem as though the bigger the humbuggery the better the people like it. Last week "Dr. B. H. Westfall's Herbs of Health Company" entertained the people of Valentine with a lot of cheap and vulgar wit and prevailed upon numerous persons who are, strange to say, perfectly sane, to make them donations of various sums amounting to from \$1 to \$25 each. Of course these persons received something for their money in the shape of advice and medicine. "Dr." Westfall announced on his first night here that his preparation "Herbs of Health" was a \$3 preparation, but to advertise it would, for that night only, sell it for \$1 per box. Of course the price was never raised to \$3, and on the third night he sold it for \$1 and gave in addition a 50-cent bottle of oil which was guaranteed to cure anything from a sprained neck down to a corn or burn. Why it is that people will be so foolish as to patronize these traveling fakirs when their own town is supplied with excellent physicians and pharmacies is beyond comprehension. Dr. Westfall did not make so much money from the public sale of his remedies as he did from the suffering humanity who consulted him and his wife privately. That seems to be their greatest scheme, even as it is the worst. This paper says nothing against the efficacy of the remedies sold, but the chances are that they are worthless. Preparations introduced under false pretences, as these were, are generally good for nothing.

Accident to Rosebud Stage.

While making his regular trip to Rosebud last Saturday Jas. Wellford had an experience with a runaway team which might have proven serious. A short distance beyond D. D. Dunn's the lead on his stage began to shift and he stopped the team for the purpose of rearranging it. While standing between the wheels the team started to run, throwing Mr. Wellford to the ground, overturning the stage, demolishing the top and spilling the express over all the country around. The team ran into a fence a mile or so away and stopped. The driver secured the animals, picked up the scattered freight and went on to the agency, arriving there Sunday noon.

Well News.

Messrs. Hugh McKeever, superintendent, Hickson, driller, and Daniel Fowler assistant and provider of provender of the artesian well on the Rosebud reservation, spent New Year's day in Valentine and incidentally told a little news regarding their work. The government has been drilling this well for about two years, and the drills are now down about 2410 feet, and still going. Pipe used is six inches in diameter, and five men are employed. Indications for striking a good flow of water were never better, and the men are full of spirits in consequence. Mr. Fowler tells us the water which comes up in the buckets let down is so hot a man cannot hold his hand in it.

The Boys Entertain.

The young men of Valentine who have so often been the recipients of the hospitality of the "Mystic Six" entertained the ladies with a card party and supper at The Donoher New Year's night. Eight couples were present and high five was the game played. Four prizes were awarded. Nellie Bullis and Dr. Donoher won the first prize, a handsome jewel box and a scarf pin, and Mac O'Sullivan and Joe Yeast captured the boobies, one a doll in long clothes and the other a Brownie man.

G. A. E. Officers.

Col. Wood Post No. 208, Department of Nebraska, Grand Army of the Republic, elected the following officers last week and same will be installed Saturday afternoon:
Commander—John Dunn.
Chaplain—H. Razy.
Quartermaster—W. R. Towne.
Adjutant—J. W. Tucker.
The post holds regular meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Wood Lake, No. 2.

January, 5 1897.

The dance at Johnson's ranch was a grand fizzle.

Several more new scholars started to school, Monday.

Mell Hanna and wife were seen on the streets Tuesday.

E. D. Valentine made a flying trip to Valentine yesterday.

Mrs. C. M. Baily is very sick but we hope it is nothing serious.

C. A. Johnson and wife expect to start for Arizona to night.

Chas. Day is with us again, but for how long we have not learned.

Miss Florence Regan left for her home in Iowa one day last week.

Clarence Walcott and wife are visiting friends in town for a few days.

The Dentist, Dr. Nicholson, is in town today. Come everybody that wants to be murdered.

Mr. H. R. Spilman stopped here over Sunday. He brought his little son back with him and left him in the care of Mrs. H. E. Dewey and daughter Sadie.

KELLY'S AUNT.

Simeon.

Bob Thompson is suffering with a bruised hand.

I wish some nice girl would take pity on Harvey.

Clarence Carson is baling hay for Frank Thompson.

The smiling face of C. Ainsley was seen in town Saturday.

Charley Bennett lost a fine yearling last week with the black leg.

Mrs. Stratton has moved to Simeon for the remainder of the winter.

Well, as the busy time is over and the people all well again we will try and send a few items.

Will Margareidge is home on a month's visit after which he will return to his school. Will is a good school ma'am.

The big girls in the neighborhood say there is no use of them going to a dance for all they can do is sit in the corner and watch the little girls dance.

There was a dance at J. B. Lord's New Year's night. There was not a very big crowd on account of the bad weather but those there had a grand time.

OSCAR.

EM Precinct.

Hello Bob.

Mrs. Heckle and son Willie were in Valentine last week.

The young folks enjoyed a dance at Len Winslow's after the Christmas tree Friday night.

Mrs. Nichols and family, A. Steele's Bovils and Morse each devoured a turkey, Christmas.

Chas. Ricketts and Wm. Wilson were driving around on the river Sunday in search of Santa Claus.

James Lawrie drove down from the west part of the county to spend Christmas with his best girl.

F. R. Yanish and wife, Obe Church and family, J. B. Nichols and John Bails spent Christmas in Gordon.

The Christmas tree and entertainment at the Garner school house Christmas night was a great success. When it comes to getting up an entertainment Miss Isis Lincoln is hard to beat.

SANDY.

East German.

The bachelors at the falls are having a big time these days.

Dick says he can turn pan cakes as well as he could a year ago.

Lon Mosher and Henry Ballard have gone to the flats to finish stacking hay.

Rev. Johnston has his corn gathered. The neighbors turned out and gave him a lift.

Frank Reece was home last week, but returned to Valentine. He is freighting to the brickyard.

SNOW FLAKE.

Kennedy.

Dan Sears has gone to Loup county Mrs. J. Gee and daughter are on the sick list.

R. Stillwell is carrying the mail to Kennedy.

Ex-Postmaster, Capt. Doc. D. A. Piercy is reported sick.

M. Dunham and his children are reported sick. Erick Arneson has taken Mr. Dunham's place carrying the mail.

Stinard has a Camel in his store.

THE RED FRONT

Will be in Line

From now until the end of time
To supply your wants in

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Consisting of

Serges, Cashmeres, Sackings,
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Agents for the celebrated FLEXIBONE
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W. E. HALEY,

ABSTRACTER

Valentine, Nebraska.

The "DONOHER"

M. J. DONOHER, Proprietor

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NEW SUITS OF FURNITURE,
Making it the most complete and comfortable
HOTEL IN THE NORTHWEST.
SAMPLE ROOM AND LIVERY STABLE IN CONNECTION
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HE HAS TO GO:-

And in that respect he is like
our line of

TOYS, DOLLS,
FANCY GOODS
ETC., ETC.



Out of the immense stock we
carried before Christmas there are
a number of choice articles left,
and they must go, though prices
have to be reduced to cost. Every-
thing is up-to-date. Come in
and see. Some excellent bargains
in toilet goods. Another thing worth noting is the fact that we carry
a full line of drugs and proprietary medicines, and you need not

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that simple ailment of yours. A
complete line of all the standard
remedies constantly on hand. It
is a matter of pride as well as busi-
ness, with us, to always have what
you want.



C. R. WATSON

School Report.

Report of school in district No. 34,
for the month ending December 25th,
1896.

Number of pupils enrolled, 23.
Names of those not absent during
the month: Oscar Smalley, James
Hunt, Ransom Hunt, Cena Hunt,
Emma Hunt, Bertha Alder, Roy Alder,
Grace Dahlgrin, Arthur Dahlgrin,
Alfred Dahlgrin, Andrew Dahlgrin,
Golda McNamee, Harry Heath, Pearl
Speace.

Names of those not tardy during
the winter: Bertha Alder, Essa Alder,
Roy Alder, Ransom Smalley, James
Hunt, Ransom Hunt, Elma McNamee,
Lulu Sellers, Lee Sellers.

LURA GALLOP,
Teacher.

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 "
Coru	50c	"
Oats	65c	"

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