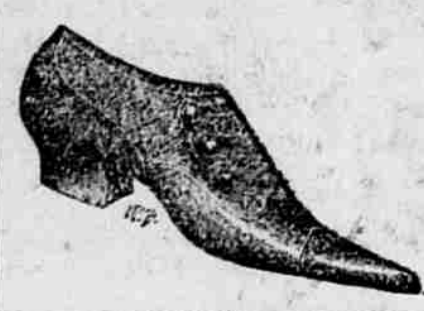




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With the rotten records of the republican ex-state officials and the populist legislature for capital, the democratic party should have a walkaway during the next state campaign.

McKinley has been president for two weeks, and the promised wave of prosperity has not overwhelmed us yet. Neither has the country gone to the "demonstration bow-wows" as some of the other fellows promised.

Every one of McKinley's cabinet officials wears a beard excepting Secretary of the Navy Long, who contents himself with a moustache, and yet McKinley is smooth faced. This tendency of the cabinet to grow whiskers is very consistent to say the least, and the infant industry of growing Galways, Gladstones, Vandykes, Peffers, and other breeds of hirsute adornment will probably flourish under this administration as it has never flourished before. But will the barbers like it?

Donald Campbell, the engineer in charge of the survey for the Big Ditch in the Golden Irrigation District, says:

After making a preliminary reconnaissance, I reported that the project was so meritorious as to warrant the expense of making a detailed survey. I am now more strongly of that opinion, and hope to be able to demonstrate one of the best and most economical irrigation enterprises in the country to be within easy reach of the voters of the district, but until all the facts are known I will not make any assertion ahead of my knowledge.

It has been suggested that the populist editors in the north part of the Sixth congressional district hold a meeting here or at Ainsworth in a month or so, and the suggestion is meeting with favor. Valentine will welcome the boys if they come. But this gives us an idea. Why can't the democratic editors have a meeting, too? A conference is needed not, but it may promote good feeling, and we hereby call the meeting to be held at Valentine on either the 10th or 17th day of April, A. D. 1897. This will be an interesting meeting, and THE DEMOCRAT of the succeeding week will contain a full account of the proceedings.

"Does it pay to have an annual assessors' meeting?" is a question to which taxpayers should give thought. What was accomplished at the meeting held this week? It was decided to assess horses at from \$3 to \$20 per head, land at 50c to \$3 per acre, etc., but this wide variation in values allows the assessor to fix his own value on the property and nothing is gained. The law provides for assessing at a "fair cash value," yet there isn't an assessor in the county who thinks the schedule adopted represents a true value of property mentioned therein. No new ideas are advanced, and nothing is done except to devise ways for evading the law, and after an hour's talk, more or less, they adjourn and go home. For this the county pays perhaps \$200, mileage and per diem. Does it pay? If taxpayers would give thought to questions like this when members of the legislature are elected, something might be done in the interest of economical administration of government. \$200 would pay a year's interest on \$1,000 worth of court house bonds.

A PLAGIARIST EXPOSED.

There is a paper published at Valentine, this state, known as the Western News. In the issue of February 19, we find five short editorials published as original, with no sort of credit mark, which were written by the present editor of the Independent nearly four years ago and published in the Alliance-Independent, of this city. More than that, they were published under our own name, and most of them have since been published in all parts of United States, still under our name. In the issue of February 26, of the same paper, we find another one of these items and a longer editorial headed, "We Must Vote Out." All of these are taken bodily, word for word, as written by us, and all are palmed off as original.

The above is taken from the Nebraska Independent of March 4, and is but a small portion of the entire article, but as the remainder is of a personal nature this paper does not care to reproduce it. Following the article are the seven editorials which were stolen. In defense of his action Reinert says that they were clipped with the intention of giving credit, but that part was "unfortunately overlooked." This is given the public for what it is worth. Is it not queer that credit to seven editorials clipped from one source and appearing in different issues of Reinert's paper should be overlooked? These editorials first appeared about four years ago! Sometimes editors do not recognize their own articles after a lapse of years, but the Independent man appears to be an exception to the rule, and he is to be congratulated on his memory.

There are few, if any, country editors who do not at times print matter without credit which was written by someone else, so we do not wish to go on record as being eternally opposed to the practice, not however because the columns of THE DEMOCRAT will not bear scrutiny. In Reinert's case though it is a different matter, because he so often boasts that the editorials in his hand are "all original."

SUGAR BEETS IN 1896.

The results of the continued experiments in sugar beet culture during the year 1896, in Nebraska, are exceedingly encouraging. The Norfolk factory contracted for the produce of 4,500 acres and the gross product was 50,000 tons of beets, an average of thirteen and one third tons per acre. This is a very satisfactory average as when the industry began although some cultivators produced fifteen and twenty tons per acre the average was about ten tons.

The experts declare, as the conclusion of their observations in the progress of sugar beet raising in this and other states, that the conditions in Nebraska are equal to those in the latitude of San Francisco in California, not far behind those in China near Los Angeles and superior to those in Utah.

Isolated cases are cited showing what can be done under the most favorable conditions in this state, including soil and methods of culture. One producer near Norfolk had eighty acres in beets that yielded \$80 gross, giving him a net profit of \$50 per acre. That means an average crop of sixteen tons to the acre, at a cost delivered to the factory of \$30.—State Journal.

Van Wert, Ohio, the editor's old home, has a promise of a \$250,000 beet sugar factory if the farmers can be induced to raise the beets. They claim to be right in the center of the sugar beet belt of the United States and are very enthusiastic over the industry. This is a new business in that section of the country, and it is probable that Nebraska will be overwhelmed with letters from Buckeyes who want to know how it is done. In less than seven years Cherry county farmers will wake to the importance of sugar beets and will probably make an effort to secure a sugar factory.

Rake up your year book and almanacs and figure the increase or decrease of the government's revenue and expenditures during the last decade. A tariff debate in congress will be on.

Christian Endeavor.

The Y. P. S. C. E. had a very interesting prayer meeting Sunday evening. The topic, "How the C. E. pledge strengthens the Christian life," was introduced by Mrs. Crawford, the leader, and then the pledge was taken up by sections and thoroughly discussed by the members. May the Endeavorers continue to have those interesting, uplifting meetings, and may the young folks of our town give them hearty support.

The subject of the C. E. for next Sunday evening is "How our Bodies Influence our Souls." It is a temperance topic and the prayer meeting committee promises us some new features which will be entertaining. A solo, some recitations and essays are spoken of, besides our regular questions on the topic. Let everyone come, not only to encourage us by your presence but aid us by adding your thoughts to others expressed. Time of meeting 6:30 p. m.

AN ENDEAVORER.

Last Friday night Frederick Thayer, of Iowa, who has been stopping in town several weeks, loaded up on "red-eye," visited the place picturesquely known as the "hog ranche," and made things lively for the inmates. Sheriff Strong was called and after a tussle arrested his man and brought him to town, but tanned him loose after advising him to leave the village. The advice was wasted and Saturday he gave the officer considerable talk and dared the official to arrest him again. Amos did it, after a hard fight. Thayer was placed in jail and Monday was brought before Judge Towne on a charge of resisting an officer, pleaded guilty and was given \$50 and costs. He is now serving time in the county bastille in lieu of paying the money.

Marrriages.

O. B. Hatch and Bertha Workman, of Fort Niobrara, were married Tuesday evening at the residence of Judge Towne.

John W. Burlington, of Fort Niobrara, and May Stevens, of Valentine, were married yesterday afternoon, Judge John Dunn officiating. The young couple were given a Charivari last evening.

Stock cattle is getting to be a scanty article in this vicinity. A number of the ranchmen from the sand hills took a trip to Oregon lately to pick up some stock if possible. They evidently found what they were looking for as the following will show: The Modist boys purchased 1,200 head; Barber 16 carloads and Joy 11 carloads. The stock will be unloaded at Lakeside.—Hay Springs Leader.

The board of county commissioners was in session yesterday and the day before and decided to call a special election for the purpose of voting on the proposition of whether or not the county shall issue \$12,000 bonds for building a court house. The commissioners visited the Berry bridge, and as soon as conditions will permit it will be repaired.

Many letters are received in this camp from eastern dealers in produce who want to know the retail prices paid here for the goods they handle. We quote a few prices as follows: Butter, 20; eggs, 15; potatoes, 1 1/2; cabbage, 4; corn, 90; oats, \$1.10; hay \$12; bran, 90c; best pat. flour, \$2.75 per hundred.—Ragged Top (S. D.) Shaft.

Next Thursday, March 25, being the feast of the Annunciation, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be an evening service at the Episcopal church with a brief address on the character of Mary. The usual Friday evening Lenten service will be omitted.

Bennett Irwin returned from his southern and western trip Tuesday morning. He bought 4000 head of cattle to be delivered in May or June. Mrs. Irwin will visit friends in Texas for a month or six weeks longer.—Gordon Journal.

Miss Jessie Pierce returned this week from Valentine, Neb., where she spent a couple of months visiting. She reports a fine country out there and likes the people very much. She will go again.—Little Sioux (Ia.) Independent.

ELL

Mrs. E. E. Crane was on the sick list this week.

Those people who thought the backbone of winter was broken were mistaken it was only cracked.

School will commence in district No. 75 Monday, March 29.

S. A. Winslow and J. S. Newell are clearing off their river farms.

P. Sullivan went to Valentine on Monday.

J. Steele is the proud father of a girl baby and has been ever since the 27th of January. There are some things that even a newspaper correspondent does not find out.

They do some reckless things down in Kansas if we are to believe their newspapers. One of them is authority for the statement that an individual named Gunbarrel was recently arrested for stealing a portion of a gunsmith's stock and after being charged with the theft was discharged by the judge right in the midst of a crowded court room. SANDY.

Niobrara Falls.

Wild geese are making their appearance. Spring is coming.

Mrs. Mosher, an excellent neighbor of the writer, started for the west last Wednesday and those whom she has left behind will sadly miss her. The writer wishes her success wherever she may go.

Henry Grooms and wife visited the former's brother, Richard, last week. The young couple were married last week and are looking for a location.

Our vicinity is well supplied with bachelors—four being in a huddle. Charles is the cook. BAD BOY.

Simeon.

Every one well at present.

There will be a hop at John Lord's, on the 17th.

Mrs. H. A. Davis and W. A. Beer are expected from St. Joseph, Mo., soon.

There was a large crowd at Simeon Monday to attend the law-suit between Goddard & Stratton.

G. W. Johnson, is preparing to move to Alabama this spring.

Dell Rowley is in the flats this week. OSCAR.

Town East.

S. B. Downing, living 2 1/2 east of Valentine will herd cows during the coming season at 50c per month; no charge for calves under 1 year old. Those cows which need not be brought home every night will be yarded with shed and hay if stormy after May 1. No charge until May 1. Will take cattle out during April free of charge if weather is suitable. Will be in town at Davenport & Thacher's on March 25, 26 and 27 to make arrangements. Will pasture horses or colts by the day, week or month. 8

Chattel Mortgage Sale.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a chattel mortgage, dated on the 17th day of January, A. D. 1888, and duly filed for record in the office of the county clerk of Cherry county, Nebraska, on the same day, executed by Joseph H. Burns to Charles Brayton to secure the payment of the sum of \$40.00 together with interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from date and upon which there is now due the sum of \$20.00, default having been made in the payment of said sum and no suit or other proceeding at law has been instituted to recover said debt, or any part thereof, there will be sold the property therein described, viz: One bay mare 7-years old weight about 100 lbs., one gray horse 6 years old weight about 100 lbs., one dark brown horse 9 years old weight about 100 lbs., at public auction in front of the court house in the village of Valentine, Nebraska, on the 27th day of March, A. D. 1897 at 12 o'clock p. m. of said day. Dated March 15th 1897. CHARLES BRAYTON, By Ed Clarke, Attorney 7-9 Mortgagee.

Sale Under Agister's Lien.

To Thomas Wright and Elsworth Brown, of Cherry county, Nebraska, who are the agisters of the following described property to wit: One sorrel gelding with white strip in face, 6 years old; one black gelding 5 years old, white spot in forehead; one light buckskin mare 8 years old; one top-eared bay mare 3 years old; one colt, one 2-year old bay mare, white strip in face; one dun mare 8 years old; one sorrel mare 9 years old; one 2-year old bay mare; one gray mare 9 years old; one gray horse 7 years old; one black horse 4 years old; all of last named six being branded T on left shoulder. I will on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the above described property at my place on the sw 1/4 sec 17 T 24 N 32 W in Cherry county, Nebraska, for the purpose of satisfying said agister's lien for \$106.00 and accruing costs. 7-5 THOMPSON DOYLE.

PROPOSALS FOR FRESH VEGETABLES.

Headquarters Department of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Commissary, Omaha, Neb., March 11, 1897. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock a. m., central standard time, on the 27th day of March, 1897, and then opened for furnishing and delivery of such quantities of potatoes as may be required by the Subsistence Department at Omaha, Neb., and at Forts Niobrara and Robinson, Neb., and at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., and Fort Meade, S. D. Proposals will also be received and opened by A. Russell, and Meade until 10 o'clock a. m. mountain standard time, March 25, 1897, each proposal to be opened for constructing a Hay Storehouse at Fort Niobrara, Neb., U. S. reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals, or any part thereof. Plans and specifications can be seen, and all information had here. Envelopes containing proposals to be marked "Proposals for Hay Storehouse," and addressed to D. J. WHEELER, Maj., Q. M.

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Omaha, Neb., March 2, 1897. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 12 o'clock m. central standard time, April 3, 1897, and then opened for constructing a Hay Storehouse at Fort Niobrara, Neb., U. S. reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals, or any part thereof. Plans and specifications can be seen, and all information had here. Envelopes containing proposals to be marked "Proposals for Hay Storehouse," and addressed to D. J. WHEELER, Maj., Q. M.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE.

Omaha, Neb., February 24, 1897. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 12 o'clock m. central standard time, March 23, 1897, and then opened for furnishing transportation of baggage, and for hauling stores in Department of the Platte, during fiscal year commencing July 1, 1897. U. S. reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals, or any part thereof. Information furnished on application. Envelopes containing proposals to be marked "Proposals for transportation on Route No. 1," and addressed to D. J. WHEELER, Maj., Q. M.

A NEW INVOICE

We have just finished unpacking a large invoice of new spring goods and will be very much pleased if the shoppers of Valentine will call and inspect the goods. Among the lot are some of the prettiest things ever seen in this city.

A full line of window shades with spring rollers complete, also received.

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FINAL PROOF NOTICES.

U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb., Feb. 22, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on March 29, 1897, viz: Andrew G. Ward, of Wood Lake Neb. H. E. No. 10225 for lots 6-7 & 8 1/2 sw 1/4 Sec 27 and 28 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Oscar W. McDaniel, Ely D. Valentine, William V. Johnson, John R. Parks, all of Wood Lake, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

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