

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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A good cartoon was that which appeared in the St. Louis Republic on February 3. It represented McKinley crawling out of a hole labeled "Do Nothing Cuban Policy" and looking ruefully at his shadow which was marked "Mark Hanna."

We forgot to remark last week that Hon. J. A. Edgerton, of Lincoln, sent his regards to Bro. Reinert by us. Edgerton is the gentleman who some time ago accused Reinert, of stealing his most brilliant editorials, and provided his accusation to be true.

Strange things are happening. Russian war ships are passing through the Dardanelles. A Russian Chinese treaty has been signed barring England from Port Arthur and Ta Lien Wan. Russia threatens to oppose England on the Afghan frontier. A Russian fleet is bearing 10,000 Russian troops to the far east. And the British Lion doesn't even make a roar! - St. Louis Republic.

Germany has issued an order of exclusion against American fruits. This is said to be done in retaliation for certain discriminating duties placed on some of Germany's exports by this country. Of course the republicans in congress are wild at the "saudacity" of Germany in seeking to protect her own industries, but we have not yet heard of one of these who lay the blame where it belongs - on the Dingley tariff. It may be patriotic to exclude foreign goods from this country by prohibitory tariffs and then kick if foreign countries do likewise, but we fail to see where the honesty of good business policy of the act comes in at.

According to Secretary Long, of McKinley's cabinet, the republicans will make their congressional fights this year on the money question, not the tariff, or Cuba, or Hawaii, or pensions or any of the old republican slogans. In explaining why this will be so the secretary says:

"In such an issue as this we shall not only rally again the republican forces, but add to them, as we did in 1896, all sound money democrats (and their number is legion), whose interests and whose principles are for a sound currency."

This is rich, indeed. Mr. Long must think that "sound money democrats" are silly fish, to again bite at "sound money" bait which so skillfully concealed the high tariff hook in 1896. Mr. Long has evidently not been reading the papers, or he would have long ago learned that the "sound money democrats" he figures so confidently on catching have gained greatly in wisdom during the last year. Why, even in the Chicago Chronicle, which boasted of being entirely and alone responsible for the Palmer and Buckner ticket, a few months ago remarked that "any kind of financial legislation would have been preferable to the legislation given us by the present congress," or words to that effect. No, no, Secretary Long, the republican party has made too many errors in the last year to hope to win in the coming congressional elections.

When Reinert said that this paper, or editor thereof, at any time circulated the report that "the New York Journal had deserted Mr. Bryan" he wilfully and maliciously lied, as anyone who reads our paper knows. With our customary candor we reproduced a portion of Arthur M'Evans' article in the Journal, and explained it. Later, we reproduced the defense of the Journal itself in regard to the article. This paper tries to keep its readers informed on what is passing in the political as well as the commercial and social world, and nobody but men of small and narrow minds, such as Reinert, think of censuring a man because he is honest. When you see a man who is afraid to give more than one side of a question, you can know that man is afraid of his position. M'Evans' letter was a straw in the political wind which shows which way the minds of a certain class of men are drifting, and as such it was valuable. If we hear not the arguments of the opposition, how can we hope to combat them? If then we are guilty of treason because we try to prepare the minds of our readers against the arguments of the opposition by letting them know what these arguments will be, in heaven's name what can we do that will not be treason?

By the way, the explanation of the Journal reminds us of the "firm stand" Reinert took on the bona question when he said "We believe Cherry county needs a court house," but forgot to say what he thought of the bonds. There was not a man in the county that thought we did not need a court house.

Dissecting Table

About the worst piece of sidewalk in town is that in front of the Lang place on south Cherry street. The walk is horrible at this point, and should be repaired at once. The town wants no damage suits.

Owing to an error made by the newspaper union which has caused us lots of extra work, the subject which we had intended placing on the dissecting table this week has been put in the ice box to keep for our next issue. We don't suppose the lawyers will care, though.

Last week the "Dissecting Table" contained two articles, both of which were filled with facts and nothing but facts. One described the antics of two drunken men (whose names would have been published had we thought 'twould do good), the other about a book which is published by a church company. As a matter of fact we think the book was more demoralizing to the community than the drunks were, but the difference in the conception of the two articles makes us think that those who claim to be the "better classes of society" could descend from their pedestals and learn a few things in the words of Henri Watterson, religion needs to learn "toleration."

Eli Precinct.

We hear some complaint of cattle dieing with the blackleg.

I. B. Nichols was in Cody last week doing a job of plastering.

Alf. Daigrin, of Rockford, was visiting at B. Hunt's last week.

C. V. Thorn, of Valentine, was in these parts last week in the interest of the Western News.

John Selder and Charles Nichols have been feeding their cattle on Bear Creek the last week or two.

Lee Sellers, of the Rockford neighborhood, stayed over night at I. B. Nichols' one night last week.

Our local drogh saw his shadow the 2nd, if he came forth, but we hope the old fellow stayed in his hole.

Stock in this locality is looking good and stockmen are confident they will have plenty of hay unless winter is prolonged later than usual.

Ye scribe was in Gordon one day last week but we did not happen to get any spurious nickles. Guess the nickle-in-the-slot machine got then all.

When a man in order to build a business and raise himself in the estimation of people, goes out or sends emissaries and misrepresents men engaged in the same business, for the purpose of injuring them and their business, he is reduced to hard straits, it looks that way to your uncle, at least SANDY.

Kennedy

Wm. Sears has arrived home from Custer county.

Robert Johns, of Chesterfield, went to Brownlee for a short visit.

Earl Comstock was in this neighborhood the fore part of the week.

D. Adamson, of Chesterfield, transacted business at Kennedy store, Friday.

J. N. Steadman is chopping wood at the W. J. Wallingford place on the Snake.

Mrs. J. S. Grange has employed Miss M. Care, of Lincoln, as teacher for her children.

Wm. Erickson has sold out to Nye & Bachelor and is now looking for a winter location.

Clyde Kime was in Lonetree Valley Sunday evening.

Geo. Ladely, who has been seriously ill with throat trouble, is much better.

Nettie Spain spent several days last week visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Kime.

Hiram Davis, we understand, met with an accident last week while getting a load of wood on the Snake river.

Mrs. A. C. Ayers will give a masquerade ball on the 18th of February, and all who enjoy dancing are invited to be present.

Wm. Sears returned from Loup county last Thursday. U. S.

T. J. Carr made a trip to Valentine Saturday.

Rev. Smith intends moving his family to Woodlake in a few days.

Born, to George Dew and wife, Saturday evening, Feb 5, a boy.

George Carpenter and Alton Porter, of Johnston, were Woodlake visitors Thursday afternoon.

Quite an amount of Brown county corn was delivered to some of our enterprising merchants last week.

Rev. Garner of Ainsworth, has been conducting revival meetings in Woodlake during the past week, and has secured quite a number of converts for the U. B. church from among our citizens.

Brother Good, of THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT, has added a dissecting table to his editorial page, and has dashed up some very readable carvings - carvings which are decidedly to the point. This plan for general and topical criticism is an excellent idea, and if confined to the above lines, cannot fail to do good in the home of the paper. One thing should be avoided by local papers - especially when the editor is aware that it will work him much harm, and benefit nobody - that is, direct personal criticism. This little point is frequently ignored until a remedy to repair the havoc thereby created, is as difficult to find as Ponce de Leon's fountain of youth. - Woodlake Oracle.

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Chas. Murphy, the general agent of the F. E. & M. V., at Woodlake, was visiting in Ainsworth the first of the week. We understand he has a party of two weeks and will visit his parents at Ashland, Kans., a short time. - Ainsworth Home Rule.

We are sorry that Bro. Reinert did not attend the state press association. Had he done so we would have had one more supporter in our almost hopeless fight for the Loud bill. To the best of our knowledge the Nebraska Press Association is the only body of country publishers which has condemned this bill.

A business letter received by the editor a short time ago contains this sentence: "Your writeup of your town was very good and shows a good, thrifty, growing condition." It is things like this that makes us feel good, and incidentally helps the town. We still have a few circulates for distribution.

A Queer Blizzard. Henry Nazy returned from Rosebud, Friday, and will remain in civilization for a few weeks. He informs us that while coming over from the Agency the stage ran into a terrific blizzard, and that same covered a strip of territory about 10 miles wide. At Valentine but a few flakes of snow fell and at Rosebud the same condition prevailed. This is one of the natural weather phenomena that sometimes occur in this country.

Notice to Creditors. In county court, within and for Cherry County, Nebraska, in the matter of the estate of Joseph J. Brown, deceased. To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified that I will sit at the county court in Valentine, Neb., on the 12th day of February, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limit for presentation of claims against said estate is 8 months from the 21st day of June, A. D. 1897, and the time limit for payment of debts is one year from the 21st day of January, 1898. Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court this 26th day of January, 1898. SEAL - W. R. TOWN, County Judge.

U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb., Jan. 14, 1898. Complaint having been entered at this office by Louis D. Harrell against Edward J. Corkery for abandoning his homestead entry No. 10,000 dated Dec. 28, 1894, upon the 24th day of February, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limit for presentation of claims against said estate is 8 months from the 21st day of June, A. D. 1897, and the time limit for payment of debts is one year from the 21st day of January, 1898. Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court this 26th day of January, 1898. SEAL - W. R. TOWN, County Judge.

FINAL PROOF NOTICES. Claimants and witnesses in final proof cases notice of which appear in THE DEMOCRAT, will make final proof before the Register or Receiver at their office in Valentine, Neb., on the 15th day of February, 1898, on timber culture application No. 7375, for the SW 1/4 of section No. 2, in township No. 34n, range No. 25w.

U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb., Feb. 7th, 1898. 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 and Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on Feb. 15, 1898, viz: William E. Waite, of Chesterfield, Nebraska.

H. E. No. 8993, for the SW 1/4, SW 1/4, SW 1/4, section 17, and SW 1/4, section 18, township 22n, range 25w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Robert F. Gillaspie, James L. Gillaspie, John Stone, Thomas Fitzhenry, all of Chesterfield, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb., Feb. 8, 1898. 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 and Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on Mar. 23rd, 1898, viz: Albert W. Hutchinson, of Penbrook, Neb.

H. E. No. 9116, for the SW 1/4, NE 1/4, NW 1/4, section 18, and SW 1/4, section 19, township 31n, range 24w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John T. Hawley, of Pullman, Neb. Phil Pultman, Charles Pultman, Joseph A. Sauts and Charles Carver, all of Pullman, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., Jan. 24, 1898. Notice is hereby given that Caroline Campbell, formerly Caroline Bothwell, of Pullman, Neb., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register or Receiver at their office in Valentine, Neb., on Tuesday, the 15th day of March, 1898, on timber culture application No. 8281, for lots 2 and 3, and NE 1/4, section No. 19, in township No. 28n, range 37w. He names as witnesses: John L. Roseberry, Samuel S. McLean, Benjamin E. Cannon and James H. Grant, all of Pullman, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., Jan. 18, 1898. 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 and Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on Feb. 25, 1898, viz: Alice M. Hopkins, of Creston, Iowa, widow of Biero E. Hopkins, deceased, who made H. E. 8847 for the SW 1/4, SW 1/4, SW 1/4, section 20, township 33n, range 30w. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: James B. Cox, Peter V. Van Norstran, and William N. Hatten, of Creston, Neb., and James W. Reed, of Kilgore, Neb. Testimony of claimant will be taken before the clerk of the district court for Lincoln county at his office in Creston, Iowa, on February 25, 1898. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb., Jan. 18, 1898. 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 and Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on Feb. 25, 1898, viz: Mary Vansteenis, formerly Mary Brophy, of Arabia, Neb.

H. E. No. 9250, for the SW 1/4, SW 1/4, SW 1/4, section 17, and SW 1/4, section 18, township 22n, range 25w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Andrew Benson, Francis H. Higgins, John P. Heston and Michael J. Jordan, all of Arabia, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb., Jan. 18, 1898. 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 and Receiver at Valentine, Nebraska, on Feb. 25, 1898, viz: Myndert Trappie, of Kilgore, Neb.

H. E. No. 9119, for the SW 1/4, section 3, township 33n, range 25w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Clasen and Frank Kludewski, of Kilgore, Neb.; Ernst Schwielski and William Danowsky, of Mettann, Neb.; John Clasen, of Kilgore, Neb.; Myndert Trappie and Frank Kludewski, of Kilgore, Neb.; Ernst Schwielski and William Danowsky, of Mettann, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., Jan. 18, 1898. Notice is hereby given that Byron C. Kline, of Castalia, S. D., has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before the Register or Receiver at his office in Valentine, Neb., on Saturday, the 15th day of February, 1898, on timber culture application No. 7615, for the W 1/2, SW 1/4, SW 1/4, section No. 15, in township No. 29n, range No. 30w. He names as witnesses: John A. Gee and James W. McKee, of Kennedy; Abram Steadman and James N. Steadman, of Pass, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., Jan. 11, 1898. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before the Register or Receiver at their office in Valentine, Neb., on Saturday, the 15th day of February, 1898, on timber culture application No. 7375, for the SW 1/4 of section No. 2, in township No. 34n, range No. 25w. He names as witnesses: William Pettycrow, Milton E. Hall, Miffin P. Prosser and Richard B. Howell, all of Valentine, Neb. Testimony of claimant will be taken before the clerk of the district court of Franklin county at Hampton, Iowa, February 15, 1898. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

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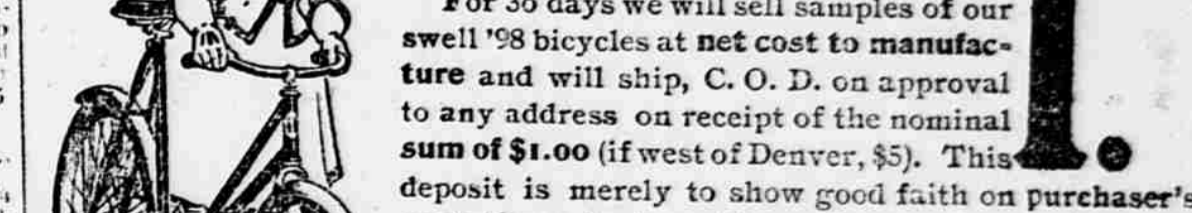
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