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The question of buying the old school house for court house purposes is being agitated again. At the request of a reader we suggest that all interested address the county commissioners on this matter before their meeting the 15th of next month.

Just think what an easy job the editor must have who has no opinions of his own; the editor who says is never challenged because he always waits for a conclusion and then says, "I told you so;" the editor who as a philosopher inasmuch as he believes that "what must be, will be, and what has been, was." But we don't envy him his glory. Rather than be a second fiddle editor we would hire to beat the drum for the Salvation army. We don't envy the fellow who dare not express an opinion if he ever had one.—Auburn Granger.

The editor of the Papillion Times, Judge Howard says:

The democrats of the state are willing to give the pops every state office, if only by so doing we can keep the Wall street crowd out of place and power in Nebraska.

In view of the fact that about half and the best appointive positions in the state are filled with democrats, that they have one placed upon the state ticket, that they had the populist endorsement for president, and will get it again, no doubt, carrying with it the entire federal patronage, the self denial and self sacrifice of the democrats is enough to wring tears of pity from an Egyptian sphinx.—Atkinson Plain Dealer.

The Minneapolis Tribune exultantly shouts: "Before the passage of the Dingley bill sheep in Ohio sold for 50 cents a head. Now they are worth \$4 per head!"

Well, what of it? Does the Tribune mean to say that the Dingley law has added this extra value to sheep? It seems that a few months ago we heard the Tribune and other papers of its political faith declaring in thunder tones that "value can't be made by law." Certainly the Tribune would not have us believe that it is engaged in the repudiation business to the extent of repudiating its own declarations. What has the Dingley law got to do with the price of sheep? We ask the esteemed Tribune this question in all seriousness. * * * Has the Dingley law added to the value of sheep? Has the Dingley law added to the value of wheat? If it has, why could it not add value to silver or to gold?—World Herald.

The editor of this paper acknowledges the receipt of a number of copies of Hon. W. L. Greene's speech in congress January 31, on payment of U. S. bonds, and these speeches have been sent to a number of gentlemen throughout the country who are interested in the question. Among the many other sharp things said by Mr. Greene in his speech, we find the following:

By the act of February 15, 1862, the present greenback currency was created and in the House the bill passed making greenbacks a full legal tender. When this bill went to the senate, a formidable lobby, composed of the same class of men who are now clamoring for national honor and public faith, were found thundering at the doors of the senate demanding an amendment. What was it? They wanted to insert this simple clause: "Except duties on imports and interest on the public debt." The senate so amended the bill. Here was the first blunder the republican party made. By means of that mistake the people have been from then till now robbed and plundered of their substance by these same defenders of "national honor."

What was the result? These men demanded all the way from two to two dollars and eighty-five cents in greenbacks for one dollar of gold. Then they cared nothing for the nation's honor or the nation's credit. Then they were coining money out of the blood and the tears of our people. Then the government might have gone to the bottom of the sea if it had not yielded golden blood under the thumbscrew of these money sharks. These men took the greenback, purchased with gold at about 35 cents on the dollar, and with these same greenbacks bought government bonds at the full face value of the greenback, so that these bonds cost the gold gamblers about 35 cents on the dollar in gold.

Dissecting Table

Some people seem to think that if you don't belong to their church you take no interest in church, religious or charitable work. We submitted this to members of three different denominations and they all agreed with us, so it must be so.

It seems to us that the morale of a place is not raised to any great extent by circulation of those horrible caricatures commonly called "comic" valentines, and the people who send them all through the mails lay themselves open to the suspicion that they are lacking in decency.

There is a wise provision in our laws that no man can be arrested and tried for a crime without having the benefit of legal advice. If the man is too poor to employ an attorney, the court appoints one to take his case and the attorney's fee is paid by the county. This is simply justice, and is a wise provision, though it costs the county considerable, sometimes, to defend the criminal it brings to the bar of justice. We have often wondered just how much the county was called upon to pay at attorneys during the year, and the other day we took the trouble to look it up. During the years 1896-97 nineteen claims were filed against the county by six attorneys. These claims ranged in value from \$35 to one attorney, up to \$415 for another. (This latter sum is filed in eight claims.) The nineteen claims amount to a total of \$1,045.00, and all but three of them were filed for services in defending men charged with crime. Two claims amounting to \$225 were rejected by the commissioners and one for \$75 was cut to \$40 thus leaving a total of \$785 which the county had to pay. If then, we add to this amount the salary of the county attorney for two years, \$1300, we find that the county has paid in that length of time \$2,085.00 for legal services.

SUGGESTS A TRUCE.

Valentine, Neb. Feb. 14th, 1898. To the editor of THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT:—Your former courtesy in giving me space in your columns assures me of room for this short letter. It has sincerely grieved as well as worried me, to see our two local papers engaged in a political fight, when they ought to have been standing together fighting the same enemy. The public in general and myself in particular do not feel it is "our fight" and were it not for the fact that success for bimetalists in Cherry county depends a great deal upon our newspapers, I should not interfere, but patiently await the end of the fight (or of the paper). We will soon have another county convention called and it is, in my opinion, necessary that bimetalists of Cherry county should get together before the conventions; as the actions of our editors greatly interfere with this plan, I ask of you as a democrat to cease hostilities and to make a treaty with our co-worker, and assure you of the esteem and good will of all bimetalists of Cherry county for such action on your part. Hoist the flag of democracy, with W. J. Bryan and bimetalism, "the paramount issue" for 1900, and both populists and democrats will rejoice, with yours, M. CHRISTENSEN.

[In deference to the wishes of this writer we have this week "killed" a two-column article. Whether or not it will be resurrected depends upon our friend.]

W. L. Cryser and wife spent Tuesday in Woodlake.

Mrs. E. D. Valentine made a trip to Valentine last week.

Jean Edwards attended teachers' association at Valentine Saturday.

Herbert Daniels, of Simeon, was visiting in Woodlake last Saturday.

R. N. Bruce gave a pleasant little party to a number of friends Wednesday eve.

Mrs. C. Williams and Erastus Stevenson spent Tuesday with their relatives at this place.

Ivan C. Shaul, who has been absent on a visit at Hot Spring, S. Dak., returned the fore part of last week.

W. Honey returned from Omaha Friday evening. Mr. Honey sold his cattle to Jos. Leader for \$4,000, and the transaction caused a temporary postponement of his trip south.—Woodlake Oracle.

The postoffice has laid in a supply of the new one-cent stamps and postal cards. The new stamps are green instead of blue, but otherwise are the same as the old ones. The cards are smoother than the old, and are plainer, no flourishes being indulged in in the printing. They bear the portrait of Jefferson in the upper right hand corner.

If the young men wish to know which of the girls have holes in their stockings, all they have to do is to keep their eyes open, according to an exchange which says that a girl who giggles in church is almost sure to have holes in her stockings, for she is not worth a darn.

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OVERCOATS FROM \$.25 UP STINARD --- CLOTHIER

Harmony School Notes Allie Fowler from district 56, is staying at her uncle's, Daniel Fowler's and is attending school.

The visitors this month were Lillian Stoner, Mrs. Daniel Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Pettyerew, Mrs. Jennie Spratt, Dora and Luanie Fowler, Ora Shephard, James and Fred Fowler.

Lizzie Hobson has been sick and out of school several days this month.

Arthur Graeff, from district No. 56, is attending school.

The school observed Lincoln's birthday last Monday, February 14. The program was as follows: Song..... Battle hymn of the Republic Reading..... Letter of State Superintendent Recitation..... The Religious Character of Lincoln Recitation..... President Lincoln Recitation..... When Lincoln Died Song..... The Star Spangled Banner Select Reading..... Lincoln's Mother Quotations..... Extract from Gettysburg speech Song..... America

The following programme will be rendered by the school, Friday, Feb. 25.

Singing—"Swing my Baby"..... School Recitation..... Song Pettyerew Recitation..... Ina Spratt Song..... Irene and Allie Fowler Composition..... Mabel Spratt Recitation..... Hazel Pettyerew Recitation..... John Hayter Recitation..... Mary Hobson Dialogue..... Lizzie and Grace Hobson and Stella Spratt Recitation..... Rose Fowler Recitation..... Ora Hooper Song..... Vannie Hooper School Recitation..... Clyde Pettyerew Recitation..... Willie Pettyerew Singing..... Mabel and Ina Spratt

The following is the monthly report for January and February: Number of days taught, 20; average attendance, 16.

Those not absent nor tardy are: Clyde, Hazel and Leon Pettyerew, Ina, Stella and Mabel Spratt, Grace Hobson and Flossie Jaycox.

Those absent one day are: Ina and Rose Fowler. M. L. HERRING, Teacher.

Niobrara Falls.

Olla Brown spent Sunday with the family of R. Grooms.

Lafe Johnson spent a day with his daughter, Mrs. Winnie Grooms.

The fine rains of the last days make one feel like beginning spring work.

Cattle in this vicinity are dying of blackleg. Henry Grooms has lost four head and John Adamson one.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Johnson returned from town last week where they had been nursing Mrs. Jack McHardie.

The hop at John Adamson's on the 5th was well attended, also the one at our school house on the 12th. Every one had a good time.

R. Grooms and J. Adamson went over to Crookston Friday to attend the M. W. A. BAD BOY.

Eli Precinct.

Jim Hunt went up the river last Friday.

Hugh Bovil and wife went to Chadron Saturday on a few days visit.

Arthur Holtz, of Gordon, came down last week to work for F. R. Yanish.

Alex Morse was driving an agent for some Omaha grocery firm over the country last week.

F. H. Robinson and sister, Mrs. Bovil, made final proof on their homestead last Saturday.

Henry Peter Peterson quit tending Nicks sheep last week and with his rifle on his shoulder slowly walked away, and he never came back. SANDY.

Jefferson Winship and wife came down from Irwin on a business trip Sunday.

Mill Prices for Feed.

Table with 2 columns: Feed type and Price per ton. Bran, bulk 50c per cwt \$9.00 ton; Shorts, bulk 60c per cwt \$11.00 ton; Screenings 35c " \$6.00 " ; Chop Feed 70c " \$13.00 " ; Corn 50c " ; Oats 80c " .

FINAL PROOF NOTICES.

Claimants and witnesses in final proof cases notice of which appear in THE DEMOCRAT, will receive a marked copy of the paper. Should any errors in description of land or spelling of names be discovered, notice should be sent to the land office and this office, so correction can be made.

U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb. Feb. 11, 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 or Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on Apr. 6, 1898, viz: William E. Waite, of Chesterfield, Nebraska. H. E. No. 8623, for the s1/2sw1/4, sec. 31, and n1/2sw1/4, sec. 32, township 32n, range 32w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Robert F. Gillaspie, James L. Gillaspie, John Shore, Thomas Fitzneary, 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. Hutchison, of Penbrook, Neb. H. E. No. 9116, for the s1/2nw1/4, sec. 31, and s1/2sw1/4, sec. 32, township 32n, range 32w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Edward W. Hackett, Philo Newman, Bijah L. Graddy and John Hitt, all of Penbrook, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb. Jan. 24, 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 or Receiver at their office in Valentine, Neb., on Tuesday, the 15th day of March 1898, on timber culture application No. 8241, for lots 1, 2 and 3, sec. 19, township No. 29n, range 34w. He names as witnesses: John L. Roseberry, Samuel S. McClain, Benjamin Freeman and James Harrao, all of Pullman, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb. January 18, 1898. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her 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 Bierce E. Hopkins, deceased, who made H. E. No. 847, for the w1/2sw1/4, sec. 36, and s1/2sw1/4, sec. 37, township 30n, 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 Norstrand, and William S. Hatten, of Crookston, Neb., and John A. Reed, of Kilgore, Neb. Testimony of claimant will be taken before the clerk of the district court for Union county, at his office in Creston, Iowa, on February 25, 1898. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb. Jan. 19, 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. 2nd, 1898, viz: Mary Vansteenis, formerly Mary Brophy, of Arabia, Neb. H. E. No. 8520, for the w1/2sw1/4, sec. 31, and s1/2sw1/4, sec. 32, township 32n, range 26w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Andrew Benson, Francis H. Higgins, John P. Hestian 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. 26, 1898, viz: Myrdert Trappie, of Kilgore, Neb. H. E. No. 9119, for the s1/2 section 3, township 30n, range 31w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Clasen and Frank Kudelowski, of Kilgore, Neb., Ernst Schwietzki and William Danotsky, of McCann, Neb., also John Clasen, of Kilgore, Neb. H. E. No. 8217, for the s1/2 section 32, township 31, lot 2, and s1/2 section 31, township 32n, all in range 31w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Myrdert Trappie and Frank Kudelowski, of Kilgore, Neb., Ernst Schwietzki and William Danotsky, of McCann, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

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U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb. Jan. 10, 1898. Notice is hereby given that Andrew Benson, guardian of Julius and Oscar Soderstrom, minor orphan children of Gustaf Soderstrom, has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register or Receiver at their office in Valentine, Neb., on Saturday, the 19th day of February, 1898, on timber culture application No. 7288, for lots 2 and 3, and n1/2sw1/4, section No. 19, in township No. 32n, range No. 28w. He names as witnesses: John A. Gee and James W. McKee, of Kennedy, Neb., William Steadman and James N. Steadman, of Pass, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

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Appointment of Administrator. In county court, within and for Cherry county, Nebraska, in the matter of the estate of Peter Christensen, deceased. Hanne M. Christensen having filed in my office a petition praying for the appointment of herself as Administrator of the estate of Peter Christensen, deceased, all persons interested in said estate will take notice that I have fixed Saturday, March 5, 1898, at 9 o'clock a. m., as the time, and my office in Valentine, Cherry county, Nebraska, as the place for hearing of said petition at which time and place all persons interested in said estate may appear and show cause why they should not be appointed Administrator. Witnesses my hand and the seal of the County Court this 15th day of February, 1898. W. R. TOWNE, County Judge.

HERE IS A POINTER FOR YOU



We have just received a large invoice of new shoes, which must be disposed of in a hurry so we can invest in other lines of goods. Our new dress goods are arriving, and will occupy lots of room. We are selling rugs dirt cheap, nowadays, and the price of over-shoes has gone way down, though they will be needed for several months yet. See the point?

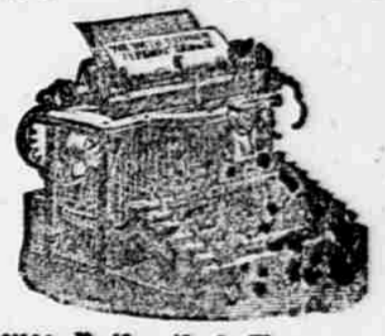


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Earl Comstock, Manager. Valentine, Neb. Cattle branded on left side or hip: 999 TG, 999 S, 999 O. Horses same on left side. Also C. on left shoulder.

John DeCory, Rosebud, S. D. Some branded ID 417 on left side. Horses JD on left hip. Range in Meyer Co. on Antelope Creek.

S. H. Kimmel, Rosebud, S. D. Also B4U on left side. Cattle underfoot on both ears. Horses branded 4 on left shoulder. Range on Antelope and Spring Creeks.

Louis J. Richards, Merriman, Neb. Cattle branded on left side. Horses same on left side. Range on Antelope and Spring Creeks.

McNitt Bros., Rosebud, S. D. Right or left side. Horses same on left shoulder. Lumber: Swallow tail clip, right or left ear. Range, Big Creek.

Charles Richards, Merriman, Neb. Cattle branded on left side. Horses same on left side. Range on Antelope.

Thomas Farren, Rosebud, S. D. ID 1183 either left side or hip. Horses F on left shoulder. Range head of Antelope.

Sam Hudson, Simeon, Neb. Left hip on cattle horses. Left shoulder on horses. Some horses Lazy on left shoulder. Range between Gordon and Snake River and Niobrara River.

Paul Didier, Rosebud, S. D. Horses D. Cattle, hole in each ear. Range Big and Little White Rivers.

Steadman Bros., Pass, Neb. Brand on either right or left side. Horses and some cattle brand on left side and hip. Range Bull Lake and Wamandee creek.

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