

This paper will be mailed regularly to its subscribers until a definite order to discontinue is received and all arrears are paid in full.

An Ohio man has invented a contribution box with a bell attached. If you drop in a penny it will ring slightly; if you drop in a nickel it will ring louder; if you drop in a dollar it will call out the fire department and a brass band.

A woman's character has been likened to a postage stamp—one black mark ruins it. Man's like a treasury note, no matter how many stains, it will pass at par. When a woman falls from grace her character is generally ruined forever. On the other hand a man may straighten up and be received into society again. All of which is too true, but being true does not make it right, remarks an exchange.

Already plans are being laid for the various nominations in the campaign of next fall. We have heard several names already mentioned for the position of state senator from this district on the populist ticket. Among the strongest of these were G. P. Crabb, of Valentine, and I. N. Harbaugh, of this city. They are both good men and either would fill the office with credit to his constituency.—Chadron Recorder.

It does our heart good to see a republican newspaper get off a burning editorial with this sentence as its foundation or central thought: "A president who would foolishly plunge this country into war would be unworthy the high trust placed in him by the people of this country." How many moons ago was it that these same newspapers were urging President Cleveland to immediately declare war against Spain?

By the time this paper is in the hands of its readers the result of the investigation of the board of inquiry into the Maine disaster will be laid before the president, and ere another issue reaches you it may be that this country will be embroiled in a war with Spain. We sincerely hope that this will not be the case, but confess that at the hour of going to press it looks very warlike in the east. If it must be war, let it so be; the United States will be justified in taking almost any steps, now.

Not for a long time has the Sunday school as an institution been handled so absolutely without gloves as in Edward Bok's editorial on "The Decay of the Sunday-school" in the March Ladies' Home Journal. Mr. Bok has evidently studied his subject closely, and the results must have been far from satisfactory, judging by the way in which he handles the entire topic. In words which no one can misunderstand, with a sure aim, he pillories the average Sunday-school, and declares it to be "a rebuke to intelligence and a discredit to the church." Probably no religious article of recent publication will cause so much comment or evoke such bitter controversy as this remarkable editorial by the Philadelphia editor.

Saturday's Chicago Chronicle, contained a blood-and-thunder dispatch from Chadron telling about an outbreak of the Indians at Pine Ridge. The dispatch stated that the town was being guarded, that business had entirely suspended and that a regiment was being organized for protection of life and property. The Omaha World-Herald contained a dispatch the same day stating that on account of the war feeling with Spain "a thousand men are ready to leave Chadron on the first train and a dozen more as brave and daring regiments could be organized within a week." This is very interesting information, when one considers the fact that if every man, woman and child in Dawes county enlisted only about eight regiments could be raised for the war. Chadron evidently has a fake factory in full operation.

Dissecting Table

We are proud of the women of Valentine, individually and collectively. Who isn't, when it is remembered that they always take off their hats at a play? They might, however, go one step farther and take them off at entertainments of a different nature. Just because a man does not pay for his seat at a school, church or other entertainment is no sign that he does not want to see the persons on the platform or stage. If he wasn't interested he wouldn't be there, yet how can anyone keep up an interest in a recitation, a song or an oration if he can't see the reciter, the singer or the orator? Study this question a little bit, ye who wear big hats, and if you want to feel as others do, take a seat near the rear of the room the next time you attend an entertainment and see how you like it. (The reference to "man" is made in a generic sense; women have as many rights as men.)

The assessors of Cherry county will meet according to law on March 15, and unless all signs fail they will in solemn convocation agree to individually and collectively break the law which brings them together, the law in regard to the method of making assessments. How long will it be before our people become educated up to the standard where they can or will realize that perjury is as great a crime when made in connection with the valuations of property given to the assessor and by him sworn to and delivered to the county clerk, as it is when a man is placed on the witness stand and he swears to a falsehood knowingly? Can anyone tell us why a distinction should be made? Is not a sworn lie perjury at any time? Does not the law specify that property shall be assessed at a fair cash value? Did not our assessors last year meet and agree that they would assess property at only a third of its fair cash value? Of course people will say "it is done in other counties," but do two wrongs make a right? It is the dignity of the law that we are upholding, nothing more. We would suffer by an increase in taxes proportionately as much as would any other citizen. If the law is obnoxious, or obsolete, or cannot be enforced, repeal it, and the quickest way to have an obnoxious law repealed is to enforce that law.

**Bold Holdup at Johnstown.** West bound passenger train No. 3 leaves Johnstown at 11:30 p. m. When the train pulled out Sunday night Agent Alsbaugh picked up the mail sack left at his station with one hand, and his express packages with the other and went into the depot. He had barely entered the door when two masked men confronted him with drawn revolvers and commanded him to hold up his hands. Agent Alsbaugh being a wise man complied with their request, and the men then ordered him into the office of the depot, where they compelled him to open his iron safe and money drawer and "produce." Alsbaugh accommodatingly complied, and the robbers received about \$145 as their reward. Stuffing the money into their jeans they bid the agent goodnight and made a rapid exit from the depot. Word was immediately sent along the line with instructions to officers to arrest two strange men who were seen in church in Johnstown that night, they being suspected. Sheriff Strong caught one of the fellows here Monday morning, and the other was apprehended at Woodlake. The man arrested here admits having been in Johnstown on the night of the holdup, but denies any complicity in the crime. Agent Alsbaugh identified him almost positively as one of the men, however, and he will be held to the district court in Brown county. LATER—The man arrested here was released, he proving an alibi.

**Charged with Fornication.** Henry Ledgett and Belle Frail, two middle aged persons who have been in town for some time, were arrested on a charge of fornication, Saturday, J. A. Hornback preferring the charge. The preliminary examination was held before Judge Towne the same day, and the couple were bound over to the district court in the sum of \$200 each. It seems that they had been in the habit of occupying the same room in Uncle Paul's house, and Hornback, who is a tenant in that building, remonstrated with no success and the arrest and trial is the result. The penalty is a fine of not to exceed \$100 and imprisonment of six months.

**Alliance is trying to get the county seat of Box Butte county away from Hemingford, and is likely to succeed in her efforts.**

**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 if any there be, why said Administrator should not be appointed. Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court this 14th day of February, 1898. W. R. TOWNE, County Judge.

GRAND CLEARING SALE!

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A subscriber who is of a poetical turn of mind, likewise a friend of Bro. Leach, of Woodlake, contributes the following gem:

Bright is the Oracle, Born to never die— Success to the editor, Maybe he ever live on pie. Keep up the work you have begun And don't lay down your pen Till success has crowned your efforts And you can say "Amen!"

**Mrs. Fischer's Mother Dead.** Died, in Neligh, on Tuesday, February 22, of internal cancer, Mrs. Agnes Zanuck, relict of Jacob Zanuck, deceased, aged 59 years, 5 months and 4 days. The funeral was held at her residence Thursday, February 24, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., and was attended by a large number of sympathizing friends and relatives. In the absence of an Episcopalian clergyman, the funeral services were read by Mr. H. E. Kryger, Warden of St. Peter's church, and at the close of the services the remains were buried in the Neligh cemetery by the side of her husband, who died eight years ago.—Neligh Advocate.

**Deceased was the mother of Mrs. Frank Fisher of this place. She and her husband attended the funeral.**

**School Report.** Report of the primary department of the Woodlake school for the month ending February 25, 1898.

Total enrollment, 24; average attendance, 20. Names of those neither absent nor tardy: Elmer Hagen, Ava Johnson, Lewis Harr, Leola West, Floyd Bailey, Minnie Woodman, Harson Wyman, Mattie Parks, William Dew, Lena Montague, Jennie Dew, Ruth Kennicott, Nellie Dew and Hazel Valentine.

Visitors present: Mrs. S. G. Barnes, C. A. Johnson, Mrs. Kennicott, Rosie Walcott, Mrs. J. D. Woodman, Loyd Walcott, Nettie Handy, Floyd Wyman. JEAN W. EDWARDS, Teacher.

**Rev. James Campbell, of Brownlee, was in our burg last Tuesday.**

**Ranchman King, from near Brownlee, transacted business in Woodlake last week.**

**Albert Hindman and wife, of Johnstown, visited over Sunday with the family of H. E. Dewey.**

**The party at Schleuter's ranch Friday night was well attended. All who were present report a very pleasant time.**

**Charles Williams and family came up from Johnstown Saturday evening and visited over Sunday with their relatives at this place.**

**J. O. Endeman and wife boarded the east bound train Thursday morning for St. Louis. Mr. Trantow has purchased the ranch of Mr. Endeman and intends to move his family there on in a few days.—Woodlake Oracle.**

**Simeon** Maude Bennett visited with her sister, Mrs. Rowley, Saturday.

**J. W. Burtleigh, Wm. Carr and C. S. Reece were in Valentine Thursday.**

**Mrs. L. W. Horton, of Chadron, is with us now enjoying a week with her many friends.**

**Jennie Morgenside has taken the Groves school for the spring term commencing April 4.**

**Miss Jennie is one of our most successful teachers.**

**We understand that Charles Reece has been appointed deputy county clerk. This is welcome news to his friends and we hope he will prove an honest official.**

**Rev. Smith preached for us Sunday and held singing school in the evening. Our young people enjoy the singing practice very much and are making good improvement.**

**We hear so much enthusiasm in regard to Spain that we have almost caught the inspiration. We believe in a careful investigation and would rather see a peaceful settlement of the disturbance. This we think will be done. UMSSLOGAS.**

**Milk Prices for Feed.** 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 " " Appointment of Administrator.

**Notice to Creditors.** In the County Court within and for Cherry county, Nebraska, on the 14th day of March, 1898, the matter of A. G. Erickson, deceased. To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified that I will sit at the County Court room in Valentine, in said county, on the 19th day of March, 1898, at 9 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 the presentation of claims against said estate is 8 months from the 1st day of October, 1897, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 1st day of October, 1897. Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court, this 24 day of March, 1898. W. R. TOWNE, County Judge.

**U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., Feb. 23, 1898.** Complaint having been entered at this office by Thomas A. Carr, against George M. Eby, for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 8023, dated Oct. 30, 1885, upon the 1/4, 1/2 and 3/4 sections 10, township 30, range 29, in Cherry county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, contestant alleging that the said George M. Eby has failed to plant or cause to be planted any part of said tract in trees, tree seeds or cuttings and has wholly failed to cultivate and cause to be cultivated any part of said tract in the last nine years of entry, and said tract has grown up in grass and weeds and has been wholly abandoned and claimant has failed to cure his laches to this date. The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 27th day of March, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. J. A. FIFE, Receiver.

**U. S. Land Office at Valentine, Neb., Feb. 23, 1898.** Complaint 3557 having been entered at this office by Julius Lotz against Ois O. Coe for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 4221 dated May 22, 1885, upon the ne 1/4 section 24, township 27, range 26, in Cherry county, Neb., with a view to the cancellation of said entry, contestant alleging that the Ois O. Coe has failed to break or cause to be broken ten acres of said tract and has failed to plant or cause to be planted in trees or cuttings and has wholly failed to cultivate or cause to be cultivated any part of said tract in the last 9 years of entry, and said tract has grown up in grass and weeds and is wholly abandoned, and claimant has failed to cure his laches to this date. The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 12th day of April, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

**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 error in the description of the land or 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. 23, 1898.** Notice is hereby given that Edgar S. Lovellett of Woodlake, Neb., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register or Receiver, at Valentine, Neb., on Sunday, the 27th day of March, 1898, on timber culture application No. 7882, for the 1/4, 1/2 and 3/4 sections 17, 18 and 19, township 28, range 20w. He names as witnesses: William Gulek, Joseph Konovsky, Chalmers A. Lovelloy and John Contin, all of Woodlake, Nebraska. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

**U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., Feb. 23, 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 April 5th, 1898, viz: Sebastian Steholt, of Nenzil, Neb. H. E. 3477 for lot 3, and sections 24, ne 1/4 and ne 1/4 section 27, township 24n, range 29w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph Bierl, Kitzore, Neb.; Michael Boltz, of Nenzil, Neb.; John Ferstl and John Hofmann, of Valentine, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

**U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb., Feb. 23, 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 April 5, 1898, viz: Leila A. McCloud, of Valentine, Neb., H. E. 3627, for the ne 1/4 section 25, township 34n, range 29w. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Thomas F. Kelly, William Kelly, William Cavanaugh and Mary Cavanaugh, all of Crookston, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

**U. S. Land Office Valentine Neb., Feb. 14, 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, Nebraska, on Apr. 5, 1898, viz: John Henry Porath, of Riege, Nebraska, H. E. 3554, for lot 3, and sections 4, township 29n, range 20w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Herman Riege, Christopher Dittmer, Peter Riege and Charles Sudke, all of Riege, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

**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 or Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on Apr. 6, 1898, viz: William E. Waite, of Chesterfield, Nebraska, H. E. No. 8993, for the 1/4, 1/2 and 3/4 sections 31, and ne 1/4 section 32, township 30n, range 29w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Robert F. Gillespie, James L. Gillespie, John Shore, Thomas Fitzhenry, all of Chesterfield, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

**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 or Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on Mar. 23rd, 1898, viz: Albert W. Hutchison, of Penbrook, Neb., H. E. No. 9116, for the 1/4 and 1/2 sections 8, and sections 9, township 33n, range 24w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Edward Stuckelton, Philo Newman, Elah L. Grady and John Hittre, all of Penbrook, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

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 or left side or hip. Also 969 TG 500 Horses same as on steer, left hip. Also C. on left shoulder.

**John DeCory** Rosebud, S. D. Some branded ID 117 on left side Horses JD on left hip Range in Moyer Co on Antelope Creek.

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

**U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., Feb. 23, 1898.** Complaint No. 3521 having been entered at this office by D. E. Stoner, against Eugene A. Irons, for abandoning his homestead entry No. 8925, dated Sept. 24, 1894, upon the ne 1/4 section 18, township 29, range 35, in Cherry county, Neb., with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 27th day of March, 1898, at 11 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment. J. A. FIFE, Receiver.

**Louis J. Richards** Merriman, Neb.

**U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb., Jan. 21, 1898.** Notice is hereby given that Caroline Capwell, formerly Caroline Bothwell, of Pullman, Neb., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register or Receiver at their office in Valentine, Neb., on Tuesday, the 12th day of March 1898, on timber culture application No. 8241, for lots 1, 2 and 3, and section 10, in township 12n, range 34w. He names as witnesses: John L. Roseberry, Samuel S. McClain, Benjamin Freeman and James Harlan, all of Pullman, Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

**McNitt Bros.** P. O. Brownlee Neb. Right or left side Horses same or left ear Earmark Swallow tail clip, right or left ear Range, Big Creek

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**Charles Richards** Merriman, Neb.

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

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**Sam Hudson** Simeon Neb. Left hip on cattle Left shoulder on horses Some horses Lazy E 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.** Brand, Neb. Brand on either right or left side Horses and some cattle brand on left side and hip Range Bull Lake and Wadnook creek