

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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At this time indications are that the Cuban question will be settled in very few days. How it will be done, is not yet known.

The Maine report was sent to Congress by McKinley without a word of recommendation, and he is being severely censured by all parties.

Congress is almost unanimously for war, and if the question comes before either house, neither the administration nor any other power can prevent a declaration of war.

One of the Box Butte county commissioners, Barry, is about to be impeached for violating his duty and fracturing the laws of decency.

The goldbug mayor of Lincoln has been indicted by a grand jury. The goldbug mayor of Omaha has admitted under oath that he is an embezzler.

A goldbug state auditor has pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzlement. A goldbug state treasurer is under a sentence of twenty years in state prison for stealing state funds.

A goldbug oil inspector will go on trial next week on a charge of stealing \$5000 from the state. A goldbug treasurer of Omaha is doing twenty years in prison for robbing the city.

And yet, in the face of this damnable record of crimes committed by goldbug officials in this same state, the Lincoln Journal has the audacity to "point with pride" to the proud record of the goldbug party in Nebraska.

The man who can point with pride to such a galaxy of criminals would not hesitate to cry "God save the king," if they should see the devil approaching.

The number of people who believe in repealing the laws requiring public officials to give bonds for the faithful performance of their duty is rapidly increasing.

They believe in placing the official upon his honor and then if he of his free will goes wrong, placing him in the penitentiary for not less than ten years—without his honor.

Another class believe in giving guarantee bonds exclusively, the state, county, or city, as it may be, paying the cost of the bond.

The present system seems to be a great farce when any considerable sum is involved, and in but few instances is the shortage recovered.

Again, if no personal bond is given, the official will not feel that he is under obligations to his friends, and temptation is removed from him.

Each plan spoken of has its good features, and we would be pleased to see either adopted. From a business standpoint the guarantee bond is perhaps better, but our preference inclines to the plan placing men on honor or in the penitentiary.

In a column article, Monday, the State Journal labored to show that the exports from this country to 14 selected countries had increased in the six months from Aug. 1, 1897, to Feb. 1, 1898, \$23,000,000 over the amount of exports to these countries from Aug. 1896, to Feb. 1897, and by implication gives the Dingley law credit for the increase, but no where in the article does it explain how the Dingley law created it.

The countries named were selected, and in this the article is unfair. It is as fair for us to show that our exports to one country, China, decreased \$1,400,000 in the latter period, and expect intelligent people to accept this decrease as a criterion of the effect upon our commerce by the Dingley law when applied to all countries.

This same article also says that our imports decreased \$23,000,000 during the last six months. How then can republicans hope to see a surplus raised by the Dingley law if our importations are stopped, or decreased at so great a rate?

In a recent decision Judge Fawcett, of Omaha, says:

A party cannot obtain a divorce in this state and then, within six months, go to some other state for the purpose of getting married within the time prohibited by the law of this state, and then come back into this state and ask a court of equity to declare his marriage in such other state a legal and valid marriage.

The judge refused to say the marriage was an illegal one, but neither would he declare it legal.

THE DEMOCRAT has often called attention to this divorce law and the way it is evaded, and it seems the only remedy lies in national legislation upon the subject.

It is a farce to have a law upon our statute books which can be so easily evaded. However Judge Fawcett's decision may check such marriages.

If our courts refuse to recognize marriages solemnized in another state in violation of the divorce law in this state, self-respecting people will hesitate before they assume the risk of having their nuptials declared null and void.

Some of our democratic friends have expressed surprise that a republican administration could make a \$50,000,000 appropriation for the general defence without a bond issue.

If they will read history they will find a republican administration never floated bonds in time of peace and don't have to now.—Lynch Journal.

If "they" read history "they" will find that the Harrison administration prepared to issue bonds, but left the actual work for Cleveland. If "they" read history, "they" will find that any old administration could have appropriated \$50,000,000 at this time without a bond issue.

By the way, can the Journal tell how this \$50,000,000 was raised? Was it raised by the Dingley tariff? If not, how can the Journal boast as above?

Elk Precinct.

Geo. Johnson was in Merriman Saturday. Henry Heckel had business in Gordon last week. Bert Nichols is attending school in the Rickett district.

Alex Dobson was on the river looking for some spots. We understand that Mun Richardson intends moving to Cody soon.

Wm. Wilson killed a monster bed cat. He laid him out with an ax. While in Valentine, recently, P. Sullivan purchased a new set of work harness.

Mrs.elder and Wm. Nichols are putting up a new house on the line between their claims. Hugh Bovil has moved his house on to the Harnden place, which he recently bought.

Melvan Richardson is tending Nick's sheep. The eagles are quite numerous and seem to have a liking for young lambs. Nick thinks it is cheaper to hire a boy than it is to feed the eagles on mutton.

Hugh Bovil went to Chadron on business the last of last week. Wm. Wisnell, of Ainsworth, was in our city Thursday.

The Hansen cattle company received a carload of fine steers one day this week. F. E. Witt unloaded five cars of cattle Wednesday, and took them out to his ranch Thursday.

Mrs. D. Handy, of Valentine, was visiting with friends and relatives in our city last week. A surprise party made merry at the home of R. N. Bruce, Friday evening. All present reported a good time.

Bishop Graves held service in Woodlake last evening and preached an excellent sermon to a large congregation. N. C. Riggs and daughters were confirmed.

A surprise party, in honor of the birthday anniversary of the host and hostess, occurred Tuesday evening at the home of N. C. Riggs. A pleasant time is reported by those in attendance.—Woodlake Oracle.

Minnehaduzza Valley.

Mr. A. B. Overman is furnishing up his new house. The ladies of Crookston and vicinity organized a camp of Royal Neighbors.

James De Bode is expected back in a short time. He will bring more cattle. School in district 24 is a grand success under the management of Miss Emmeline Fee.

Mr. James Cox puts in his spare moments herding his bunch of cattle, as this is strictly a herd section.

The farmers are commencing their spring work. Great activity is shown around Wm. Reed's who is preparing to put out a large crop. Chas. Burns may also be seen herding as he is watering about 135 head, and 55 head of R. & S. cattle. He is preparing to move on the old Towne ranch he recently purchased.

EQUINOXIAL.

Kennedy

Mrs. Bessie and Irene Kime recently returned from visiting their sister, Mrs. Geo. Ladeley, of Newton. J. A. Gee went to Pass one day last week. Rev. J. M. Bates held services on the 9th in the Episcopal church at Kennedy, which was attended by an appreciative audience.

Mr. Gee has a new buggy. Bishop Graves will be here on the 29th. All who enjoy an excellent sermon should be present. Miss Agnes Piercy accompanied Mrs. Ludwick, while soliciting stock brands, in this vicinity.

GRAND CLEARING SALE!

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HEAVY-WEIGHT-CLOTHING

At a sacrifice All BROKEN LOTS of LOTHING, BOOTS and SHOES go REGARDLESS OF COST

D. S. INARD THE CLOTHIER

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., March 16, 1898. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver, at their office in Valentine, Neb., on Saturday, the 7th day of May, 1898, on timber culture application No. 8290, for the ne 1/4 of section No. 7 in township No. 23n, range 33w.

U. S. Land Office Valentine Neb., March 14, 1898. Complaint having been entered at this office by William Batenham, Gordon, Neb., against Nathaniel M. Fish for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 723 dated March 14, 1898, upon the ne 1/4 section 28, township 35, range 39, in Cherry county, Neb., with a view to the cancellation of said entry, contesting the same.

U. S. Land Office Valentine Neb., March 12, 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 Register and Receiver at Valentine, Nebraska, on April 29, 1898, viz:

U. S. Land Office Valentine Neb., March 2, 1898. Complaint 3557 having been entered at this office by Julius Lotzien against Ole O. Coe for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 423 dated May 22, 1885, upon the ne 1/4 section 24, township 27, range 26, in Cherry county, Neb., entitling him to the cancellation of said entry, on the ground that the said Ole 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 10 acres of said tract in trees, tree seeds or cuttings and has wholly failed to cultivate or cause to be cultivated any of said tract.

U. S. Land Office Valentine Neb., March 2, 1898. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver at their office in Valentine, Neb., on Friday, the 13th day of May, 1898, on timber culture application No. 7815, for the se 1/4 of section 21, in township No. 35n, range No. 25w. He names as witnesses:

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U. S. Land Office Valentine Neb., March 2, 1898. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver at their office in Valentine, Neb., on Friday, the 13th day of May, 1898, on timber culture application No. 8235, for the ne 1/4 section 6, township 35n, range 29w. He names as witnesses:

U. S. Land Office Valentine Neb., March 2, 1898. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver at their office in Valentine, Nebraska, on Friday, the 27th day of May, 1898, on timber culture application No. 8328, for the ne 1/4 section 34, township 35n, range 29w. He names as witnesses:

U. S. Land Office Valentine Neb., March 5, 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 April 15, 1898, viz:

U. S. Land Office Valentine Neb., March 5, 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 April 30, 1898, viz:

U. S. Land Office Valentine Neb., March 7, 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 Register and Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on April 30, 1898, viz:

U. S. Land Office Valentine Neb., March 7, 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 Register and Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on April 30, 1898, viz:

U. S. Land Office Valentine Neb., March 7, 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 Register and Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on April 30, 1898, viz:

WE HAVE BUT FEW LEADERS

In our store when you think of a "leader" as some article which has been cut in price only for the purpose of attracting people by its "cheapness." Our plan is different;

OUR LEADERS

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TREES AND PLANTS

ON APRIL 9, 1898, I will be in Valentine with a large consignment of

SHRUBS, FRUIT AND SHADE TREES

Among the shrubs and small fruits will be found

Roses of various Varieties, Raspberries, Blackberries and Gooseberries, Currants and Strawberry Plants

Cabbage, Celery, Sweet Potato and Rhubarb Plants in proper Season

JOHN FERSTL

Earl Constock, Manager. Valentine, Neb. Cattle branded on left side or hip. Also

969 TG. Horses as on steer, left hip. Also C. on left shoulder

Thomas Farren. Rosebud, S. D. ID 1183 either left side or hip

CF. Horses F on left shoulder. Range head of Antelope

Sam Hudson. Simeon Neb. Left hip on cattle. Left shoulder on horses

Some horses Lazy on left shoulder. Range between Gordon and Snake River and Niobrara

Left ears tagged. All cattle dehorned

F. J. REISLAND AGENT

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Estimate of Expenses.

VALENTINE, NEBR., March 14, 1898. Notice is hereby given that the following estimates for county expenses for the ensuing year were made by the county commissioners, Jan. 11, 1898:

County judges \$4000. Court and jury 4000. Freehold officers 4000. County officers 3200. Jail and boarding prisoners 2000. County bonds 2000. Supplies for poor 2000. Sinking fund and interest 1000. Rent for court house 800. Bounty on wild animals 500. Fuel and repairs 500. Buoys, blinks and stationary 320. Indigent soldiers and sailors 300. Judgments 400. Total \$25,620

J. W. DANIELS, Co. Clerk.

Land Office at Valentine Nebraska, March 23, 1898. Complaint having been entered at this office by Walter G. Baker against John Gibson of Gordon, Neb., for abandoning his homestead entry No. 10199, dated July 31, 1885, upon the ne 1/4 section 1, township 29, range 38, in Cherry county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 20th day of April, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

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