

TERMS

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It is hard to tell the truth all the time if you are constantly telling what someone told you. We hear a dozen different stories if we go to a dozen different persons.

The jury in the case of the state vs Pete Ladeaux is entitled to much credit in refusing to consider the story concocted by the defense as plausible that Ladeaux had nothing to do with the stealing of Mr. Ayers' horses, and laying the blame all upon Frank Morrison, who is now in the reform school for another theft and upon whom the defense tried to unload the responsibility by showing that it was Morrison who gave the bill of sale to Macumber at Brocksburg. It was Macumber's testimony to such effect but he did not wish to implicate himself in the case, consequently he could not clear Pete Ladeaux of complicity in the stealing of the horses. There are people here who believe that Macumber was implicated in this theft by receiving stolen property. People have expressed to us that they believed that Macumber knew the horses were stolen and took a bill of sale of them from Morrison to clear him. Do our stock buyers require a bill of sale when they buy a man's cattle or horses? No, not one time in twenty. Though there is no harm in giving or receiving a bill of sale, it seems that in this case there was enough other grounds for suspicion of Macumber's being guilty of receiving stolen property knowingly, or at least that he could easily believe that no sane or sensible person would have that class of horses for sale at such a ridiculously low price, and again, Macumber testified to having known Pete Ladeaux, consequently he must have known his reputation, or had some deal fixed to receive or purchase horses that these fellows would bring him. Ladeaux and Morrison stole 31 head—22 head of horses and 9 head of mules of J. R. Ayers near Crookston, Oct. 10, 1903 and drove them away. On the 14th they sold a part of this herd to Macumber and Dillman at Brocksburg. Pete Ladeaux was seen near Crookston before the horses were taken and was with Morrison at Brocksburg and helped to show the horses and was apparently in charge of them with Morrison. If Macumber was innocent of any connection with the disposal of these horses he most certainly left the impression with some who heard the testimony that he knew more than he cared to tell in the case. When it became evident that Ladeaux would be sent to the pen, another witness was willing to volunteer more information than he was willing to divulge on the stand. It may be that Ladeaux's friends will have money to carry the case up to the supreme court as many others have done. They did not dig up for his trial in this court. Cherry county paid for his prosecution, witnesses, court fees and all. Cherry county also pays the lawyer for his defense. Cherry county loses several hundred dollars because of his theft. J. R. Ayers loses several hundred dollars in chasing the thieves and the loss of property that was never recovered, besides his time and the inconvenience. It the supreme court persists in locking criminals for another large part of Nebraska, and Algeria, having a population of about 10,000,000, as one state and Oklahoma and as one state.

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hearing, as in the case of Fred M. Hans, the great C. & N. W. detective (?), John J. Bothwell and other persons who have each been convicted before a jury of twelve men who said that the impression left upon them by the evidence was that the arraigned was guilty as charged and brought in a verdict after due consideration, giving the prisoner the benefit of the shadow of a doubt, then we shall lose confidence in courts. We shall not declare that all courts are iniquitous but we will have an abiding faith that money will buy sentiment, that with popular sentiment a criminal might pose as a martyr and through sympathy or for money, or for a friend, man as a human being has been known to act. Oftener has a man been prosecuted as a persecution than for some crime; to satisfy some grudge rather than for the settlement of a grievance; for revenge rather than for justice. Sympathy has turned many a criminal loose and has also been the cause of increased criminalities.

### More Local.

Obce Church has a new delivery wagon.  
Postmaster Hook of Cody was in town Monday.  
Capt. A. G. Shaw is holding down his claim this week.  
W. G. Ballard was in town Tuesday to get a wagon load of lumber.  
Mrs. Don Kellogg is down from Britt this week visiting her sister Mrs. Mae Cramer.  
Mrs. Geo. Shaw came down from Belle Fourche last week to spend the holidays.  
Mr. and Mrs. I M Rice and Lawrence leave tomorrow morning for a weeks visit at York, Neb.  
Wm. Tetherow and wife were up from their ranch visiting and trading last Saturday, returning Sunday.  
Geo. Miller was in town the first of the week from Woodlake, where he is taking care of stock at the Fred Brayton place.  
Mrs. Jessie Parshall and her companion, Miss Tankred, departed last week for California, stopping over at Lincoln on the way where they were registered at the Capitol.

Walter A. Brown and wife returned from Iowa to make Valentine their future home.

L. N. Parker, Hattie Parker, Lula Marshall and C. S. Parker, of Gordon, were in town the first of the week.

Pat Pieper was in town the first of the week and bought the biggest turkey in town. We'd like to help eat it Pat, but a duck or a grouse is nearer our size.

After the first page of our paper was printed we learned that Miss Luella Thorn did go with her brother, Carey, Sunday through the storm. The article on first page was a mistake.

A. B. McAlevy was in town last Friday from Kennedy and called for the mitten we advertised which had been lost by an acquaintance while in town rushing up and down the streets of our city.

Splendid preparations are being made for Christmas exercises at the M. E. and the Presbyterian churches. Excellent programs are being prepared by the little folks, assisted by songs by the church choirs.

Geo. K. Sawyer came up from Woodlake this morning, and after transacting some business here, will take the train for Omaha and expects to go back home to spend the holidays at Carpentersville, Ill. Mr. Sawyer is enjoying splendid health and is much stronger physically than when he first came to Cherry county several years ago. He has charge of the Sawyer Bros. ranch, of which his father and uncle are the owners, and is well liked by all who have made his acquaintance.

The U. S. Weather Bureau report for the week ending Dec. 22, shows the highest and lowest temperatures to have been 60° on the 21st and 8° on the 17th, giving a range of 52°. The mean temperature was 28°. The snowfall for the week was only 5 of an inch, as the wind velocity was very high during the storm the snow was drifted very much, very little showing on wind swept level spaces. The highest wind velocity was 52 miles per hour from the northwest on the 18th and a lesser storm of 40 on the 16th from the northwest. The end of the week shows one of the mid-winter balmy days for which this region is famous.

James Burr, of Pullman, came up Monday to get the big black stallion that John Neiss had in town last week to get shod, Mr. Burr having purchased the same. He weighed 1730 pounds here last week and would weigh 1800 pounds Mr. Neiss thinks, taken out of the stable. The horse is a black French Percheron and is registered in the French Draft Horse Association by Bilbo and Wilson of Creston, Ia., and was bred by Hart Bros. Osceola, Iowa.

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T. W. Cramer has broke the record husking corn, having husked 54 bushels in six hours. It speaks well for Cherry county corn as well as for Mr. Cramer's credit as a corn husker. Now if anyone is inclined to doubt that Cherry county raises good corn they must admit that it would be still more to the credit of Mr. Cramer as a corn husker and since we do not give the time of day and try to crowd 28 or 36 hours into the day, the story is still more specific as it states positively that Mr. Cramer husked 54 bushels of corn in six hours, and thinks now that if he had been trying to make a record when he started out that he could have done better.

### Catholic Church Announcement.

On Sunday next, being the feast of Christmas, two early masses will be said, at 7 and 7:30 in the morning. Solemn high mass at 11 a. m. Confession will be heard on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

### Weather Forecast for Friday.

Threatening with snow Friday and possibly late tonight. Colder winds, followed by high north winds.

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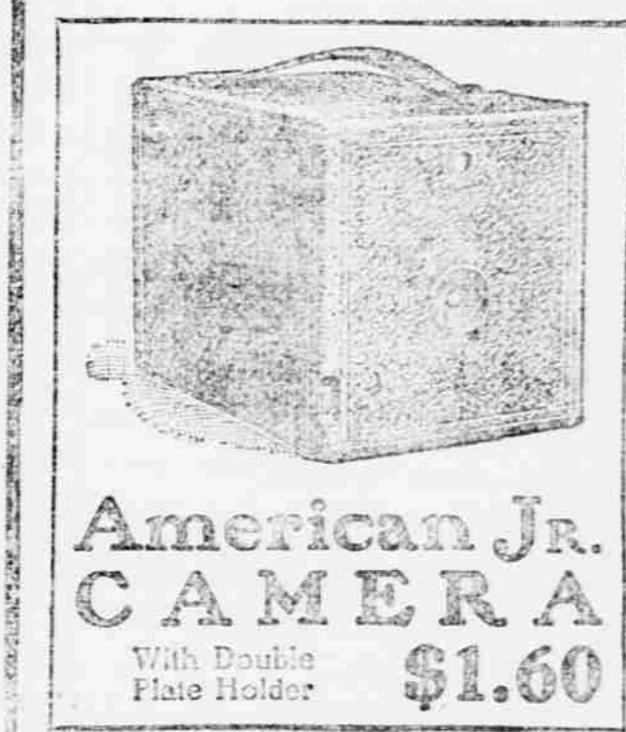
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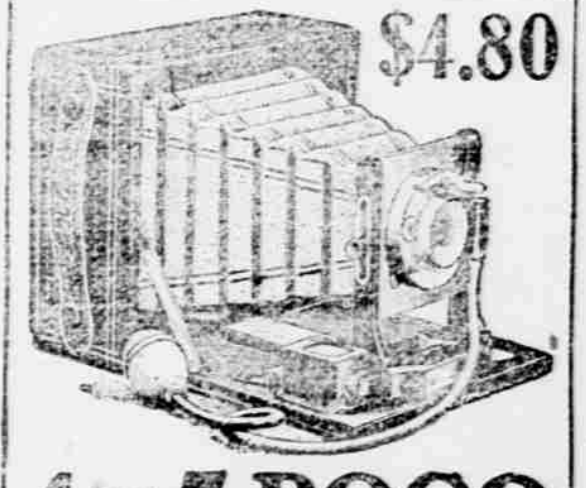
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