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## TALK OF THE TOWN

Goods being sold off regular price at  
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L. C. Sparks went down to Omaha Sunday on business, returning Wednesday morning.

Levi Anderson returned Tuesday night from a visit to his father in Iowa, who, he says, is growing old and feeble.

Col. C. J. Holt has been nominated for the legislature in his own district, but this will not interfere with his work in Nebraska in the spring.

W. H. Hooper, of North Table, was a caller at this office while in town last Saturday, and paid his subscription in advance for THE DEMOCRAT.

George and Miss Ella DeWyke of Randolph, Kan., nephew and niece of the editor of this paper, are attending the Grand Island Business College.

John Marty, Sr., will be in Valentine next week with a view of changing his main real estate office from Plainview, Neb., to this place. The firm name will be Marty Land Co.

A. D. Pettycrew and wife departed Tuesday for Dubuque, Ia., where they will visit Mrs. Pettycrew's people and expect to go from there to Somerset, Pa., on an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Young came in from Simeon last Friday and started to Mr. Young's former home in good old Missouri where they will visit his parents until about the 1st of March.

Herman Riege of Riege brought in a load of hogs last Saturday which he sold to a local dealer at \$4.25 per cwt. Mr. Riege called at our office while in town to pay his father's subscription in advance for THE DEMOCRAT.

C. M. VanMeter was in town last Saturday from North Table and informed us that the telephone company had taken a fresh boom and they had just sent in an order for 20 phones. This makes 52 phones for their North Table Telephone Co.

We read in the Chadron Journal last week that Dr. F. M. Blake, the dentist, who a year ago opened up parlors in that city, is reported as being found dead in his bed in a Minnesota town. Well, there goes another six dollars. This is the same man who came to Valentine a couple of years ago, patronized everybody that would trust him, spent his money at the saloons and finally left town without paying his room rent or his printer bill. We tried to collect from him after he went to Chadron and when he was in Rushville but he was no good. He'll probably go to a hotter place than Minnesota.

Henry Murphy and Barney McNitt of Banner, 12 miles west of Brownlee, came up to Valentine last Thursday on business and because they generally visit here once a year and they hadn't been up for a long time. We enjoyed a pleasant visit with them. Mr. Murphy is getting up in years but still converses with the ambition of a more youthful man and his "years" do not seem to have stolen fire from his mind, though his limbs may be less vigorous than they were 40 years ago. We are always glad to meet the good old men and hold conversation with them. They are wiser than most of us if they have given a part of their time to study and we always learn from them.

Dr. A. J. Plumer, a prominent stockman of Hyannis was in our city Tuesday and discussed the land and grazing situation to some extent with prominent Valentine citizens. He expressed himself as being in favor of C. H. Cornell's lease bill as the best thing he had seen, and with some modifications thought it would be a practical solution of the range question. When shown an article in Monday's State Journal, by Wm. M. Walters of Theford, he replied to some of the statements made which we give to our readers and invite a further discussion of this question. These are Mr. Plumer's remarks:

"Proposition 1. That the sand hill land, such as is now available for settlement, will pasture five cows and a horse on twenty acres, must on the face of it be misleading. It is not the experience of the bulk of ranchmen as evidenced by the fact that no where in the sand hills are cattle so numerous as to use less than twenty acres per head, and this amount includes not only the pasture land but the hay land as well. These are facts easily proven by the census divided by the area. It is also a fact that generally ranges are overstocked because cattle nowadays grow much smaller than they did when there were less cattle and more range.

"Proposition 2. That the Kinkaid law is discredited by cattlemen, is false and this sorehead's own statement proves it. He shows that the bulk of the homesteads taken were fraudulent, which is a fact I admit. The object of which was not that the land is worth the cost of proving up on it, but in order to retain fences and fence lines. Does not this show, if anything at all, that the 640-acre homesteads are insufficient to support a man or his family? The fact that this man Walters, who came here over 16 years ago and secured a piece of land which he could farm and has made a living on, does not prove that the same quality of land is now available. If so, why has not more bona fide settlers availed themselves of these claims? Four-fifths or more of the public area is still vacant, and as free as water to anyone who wishes it."

### SCHOOL NOTES.

By Margarette Outgley,  
Clara Dunham.

This week ends the first half of the school year.

Stella Spratt visited the high school Monday morning.

Examination this Friday. A fair warning ought to give good grades.

There has been no decrease in tardies since the holidays, as had been hoped.

Alva Todd is again in school, having been absent a week on account of a severe cold.

Bertha Helzer was absent Monday with a bad cold. It was the first time Bertha had been absent during the school year.

The Euphonium Glee Club, the last feature of the lecture course, gave their entertainment Tuesday evening to a large and attentive audience. The members of this club are young, but showed excellent training.

### Catholic Church Announcement.

On Sunday next, mass will be said here at 10:30 a.m. Catechism class at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

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