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President McKinley has pardoned, on an average, one bank wrecker or a defaulter for each three weeks of his term of office. This is a good record.

Only 306 business failures in the U. S. last week as far as heard from. This is nearly 16,000 a year and is almost up to the panic year of 1893, or last year. Better lay a little low about prosperity booms.—Delphes (O.) Court. (Rep.)

The St. Paul Dispatch says that "millinery atrocity means death to the mother bird, starvation for her little ones, and an offering on the altar of the barbarous goddess of fashion." We are thankful that but few birds are seen on the kate of Valentine's ladies.

Last week State Superintendent Jackson certified to the auditor the amount of school money to be apportioned among the various counties of the state. The total, \$377,368.90, is the largest semi-annual apportionment ever made in the history of the state of this amount Cherry county will get \$1,472.55. The total number of school children in the state, according to the apportionment, is 354,929, and of these Cherry county is credited with 1,385

If the various precinct officers of this county don't come to town pretty soon or in some other way send in their bonds to be filed, there will be a whole lot of disappointed officers-elect about the first of January, when their offices become vacant. Something over 150 precinct officers were elected at the last election, but up to date only a dozen of these have filed their bonds. Come a runnin', boys, or you will be too late. The county clerk is becoming impatient.

Many a man prides in saying that he is no politician. Such a declaration is a serious charge for any citizen in a free country to make against himself. Any man who loves his country should be a politician—not a casual one, but a true politician,—one who is ready to do a little to help carry out those principles that he honestly believes to be right. Be a politician and an honest one. That means, go to the primaries of your party and see that the best men and those representing your ideas best are sent to the conventions.—Ord Quiz.

A new postal law which will go into effect on the first of March, next, is to the effect that mail matter addressed to the "leading dry goods merchant" or "leading physician" or any other indennite address will not be delivered by the postmaster. Neither will mail matter addressed to "John Smith (if not there any good lawyer)" be delivered to anyone but a John Smith. Another new feature about Uncle Sam's post office business is that the department will not hereafter print envelopes with the cards of its patrons, but they will be compelled to get the work done at some printing office if they desire a card on their envelopes.—Ez.

Says a republican paper: Democrats claim that President McKinley is a man of one idea; that he could talk only on the tariff, yet he has just sent to congress a message of twelve thousand words which contains only passing reference to the tariff. Of course he made "only passing reference to the tariff." He couldn't do anything else under the circumstances. He did not dare to puff the Dingley bill, because it is an admitted failure as a revenue producer. He did not criticize the Cuban policy of his predecessor, either, even though the republican party and the republican press did so. His message shows clearly that he is a one-idea man, or it would have contained some recommendation not formulated by other parties.

PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY

- The following are the sixteen principles of democracy as laid down by Thomas Jefferson:
1. Equal and exact justice to all men of whatever state or persuasion, religions or political.
2. Peace, commerce, honest friendship with all nations; entangling alliances with none.
3. The support of the state governments in all their rights.
4. The preservation of the general government in its whole constitutional vigor.
5. A zealous care of the rights of electors by the people.
6. Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority.
7. A well disciplined militia.
8. The supremacy of the civil over the military authority.
9. Economy in the public expense.
10. The honest payment of our public debts.
11. Encouragement of agriculture and commerce.
12. Diffusion of information and arraignment of all abuses at the bar of reason.
13. Freedom of religion.
14. Freedom of the press.
15. Freedom of the person under the protection of the habeas corpus.
16. Trials by juries impartially selected.

We recommend these principles to our readers for study. Is there anyone who will not endorse them? It has but recently come to our ears that in the south part of this county a number of otherwise honest and sensible men are engaged in the nefarious business of telling their friends and neighbors that the editor of this paper is a republican, that he never supported the regular democratic nominees, that he attended the "goldbug" convention at Omaha, that his sympathies are all against the populists and silver democrats, that he opposed fusion, that he alone was responsible for the special court house election, that he is simply running a paper in the interests of the republican party and all schemes to injure the rural population of our county, etc., etc. We have further learned that these stories have been going the rounds for a long time, and that many people who have not taken the trouble to investigate for themselves believe them. We are engaged looking up the originators of these stories, everyone of which we brand as false and defy anyone to prove otherwise, and as rapidly as we discover the names of the authors we will give them to the public. The first of these is George, whom we exposed a couple of weeks ago. More will follow. Watch for them.

In nothing is the President positive or outspoken. His references to Cuba are veiled under a thin veneering of matured desire, but analysis shows the executive purpose or intent to be as uncertain as if events had not gone far enough to warrant the formation of judgment. Mr. McKinley appears to enter a plea for further delay on the part of the country in the matter of making known to Spain in the regular way and through established channels the sentiment of the people of the United States for a speedy settlement of a difficulty which not alone is causing great injury to their commerce, but also appeals to their enlightened sympathy. But even this disguise is shallow. Strip the Presidential plea of its mass of technical verbiage, and the whole section of the message dealing with the Cuban question stands forth as an acknowledged admission that the Spaniards have outwitted us at the game of diplomacy.—St. Louis Republic.

The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness and the end of his talk is mischievous madness. Eccl. 10. 12-13. In October, 1896, georgie advised "every lover of free government" to vote against the constitutional amendment and classed this paper with the McKinley organs because it supported the amendments. This was foolishness, as was shown by the action of the populists in the legislature a few months afterwards. Last week georgie said that before long he will hang our "hide out on the fence." This with other things he has said recently, is certainly "mischievous madness."

Have you noticed that he does not deny any of our charges against him? The Gordon Journal and Harrison Press complain that a large majority of the births in their localities are girls. "strange as it may seem, the same conditions prevail here, about three-fourths of the new babies being girls."

CLOTHING, - HATS, - SHOES - AND - GENTS - FURNISHINGS FOR COATS AND MACKINTOSHES

Before purchasing your warm footwear you should see our line of Mishawaka knit snow-excluding boot and Banigan overs Boys' Pants 25, 30 and 50 cents per pair. Boys' Suits 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 per suit. A few men's \$8.00 suits for \$6.00. \$10 suit, \$7.50. \$12.00 suit, \$9.00

OVERCOATS FROM \$1.25 UP STINARD --- CLOTHIER

Woodlake. John Hindman is staying in town now. C. W. Dewey is now working for M. Wyman. W. V. Johnson was seen on our streets Monday. Rev. Campbell, from Brownlee, was in town Tues. av. Mr. Leman sell 200 head of cattle on Dec. 15, in Woodlake. Ref. Smith preached to a crowded house Sunday after noon and evening. The Masonic lodge gave a supper at the South side hotel Saturday night. We hear that Mr. Day intends to move in town about the first of January. Some of the ladies of this city are busy getting up an entertainment for Christmas. Where, Oh, where is that skating pond that Mr. Latta has promised us. It can't be seen. Mell Hanna was taking in the sights and shaking hands with the boys on Tuesday. Mrs. Paine and Mrs. Ackerman, of Ainsworth, were guests of Mrs. C. A. Johnson Tuesday. Messrs. Walcott, T. C. Hornby and Hopkins, of Valentine attended the lodge supper Saturday night. Messrs. Reece and Dambly from some distance out in the country, were doing business in town Tuesday. The higher department of the school is increasing in numbers rapidly. Several new scholars have started in the past two weeks and we hear of several more who intend to start after the holidays. Two ears of coal arrived here this morning and everybody had a smile on their face a foot long. Mr. Chandler was rather blue last week as his coal was several days behind and of course everybody wanted coal just at that time.

Public Land Sale. U. S. Land Office at Valentine, Neb., Dec. 14, 1897. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under authority vested in him by Sec. 2455, U. S. Rev. Sta., as amended by the congress approved February 26, 1895, we will proceed to offer at public sale on the 8th day of January, next, at this office, the following tract of land, to wit: the s 1/2 s 24, section 17, township 22n, range 27w, N 20, and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited. 44-49 C. R. GLOVER Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., Dec. 14, 1897. Complaint having been entered at this office by Harry L. Beckwith against Benjamin S. Moore for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 610207, March 25, 1897, upon the lot and s 1/2 s 24 and w 1/2 s 24, section 30n, township 30, range 28w p. m., in Cherry county Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, a warrant for the arrest of Benjamin S. Moore has failed at any time within the eight years last preceding to break or cultivate said land, and to plant any of said tract to trees, tree seeds, or cuttings on said tract, and no trees are now growing on said tract, and said tract has all grown up to grass and weeds, and none of said trees have been cut up to the present time. The said party is hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 21st day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. The deposition of witnesses will be taken before Robert Lucas, a U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Laramie, Wyo., on the 17th day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. J. A. FIKER, Receiver.

FINAL PROOF NOTICES. Claimants and witnesses in final proof cases, notice of which appear in THE DEMOCRAT, will receive a mailed copy of the notice. Should any person of land or interest in land be discovered, notice should be sent to the land office and this office, so correction can be made.

U. S. Land Office at Valentine, Neb., Dec. 15, 1897. 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 Jan. 25, 1898, viz: John W. Morris, of Sparks, Neb. H. E. 944 for the s 1/2 s 24, section 14, township 24n, range 25w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Evan Edwards, Evan Evans, James Hughes and Thomas J. Jones, all of Sparks, Neb., also Evan Edwards, of Sparks, Neb. H. E. 957 for the s 1/2 s 24 and n 1/2 s 24, section 27, township 24n, range 25w. He names as witnesses: Evan Edwards, Evan Evans and Thomas J. Jones, all of Sparks, Neb. 47-52 C. R. GLOVER Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., Dec. 15, 1897. Notice is hereby given that Frank Miller, of Woodlake, Neb., has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before the Register and Receiver at his office in Valentine, Nebraska, on Wednesday, the 12th day of January, 1898, of timber culture application No. 734, for lots 1 and 2, s 1/2 s 24, section 10, in township 21n, range 27w. He names as witnesses: Ely D. Valentine, Cyrus Hagen, Charles A. Johnson and Washington Honey, all of Woodlake, Neb. Frank Miller, of Woodlake, Neb. H. E. 957 for the s 1/2 s 24 and n 1/2 s 24, section 28, township 30n, range 25w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Ely D. Valentine, Cyrus Hagen, Charles A. Johnson and Washington Honey, all of Woodlake, Neb. 45-50 C. R. GLOVER Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., Dec. 15, 1897. 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 Jan. 13th, 1898, viz: William H. Stratton, one of the heirs of Amy Stratton, deceased, who married Charles E. Stratton, deceased, who married No. 18, township 31, range 28. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Willard D. Morgan, George Wm. G. Carson, Harvey Hobbs, and Gilbert S. Hobbs, all of Simeon, Neb. 44-49 C. R. GLOVER Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., Nov. 18, 1897. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver at Valentine, Nebraska, on Jan. 8, 1898, of timber culture application No. 757, for the w 1/2 s 24 and w 1/2 s 24, section 10, in township 21n, range 27w. He names as witnesses: John H. Day, John M. Day, James H. Day and Evan C. Shay, all of Wood Lake, Neb. 44-49 C. R. GLOVER Register.

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U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., Nov. 18, 1897. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver at Valentine, Nebraska, on Jan. 21, 1897, viz: Albert F. Hindman, of Oasis, Neb. H. E. No. 1678 for the s 1/2 s 24 and n 1/2 s 24, section 27, township 24n, range 25w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John B. Ballard, Willard L. Collier, Jacob Klein Jr. and Henry B. Ballard all of Woodlake Nebraska. 42-47 C. R. GLOVER Register.

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U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., Dec. 15, 1897. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver at Valentine, Nebraska, on Dec. 15, 1897, viz: Mary McDermott of Crookston, Neb. H. E. No. 568 for the s 1/2 s 24 and n 1/2 s 24, section 10, township 21n, range 27w. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Daniel McVeigh, Bridgett Kennealy, William Cavanaugh and Margaret Cavanaugh all of Crookston, Nebraska. 42-47 C. R. GLOVER Register.

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Estay Notice. Taken up, at my residence on section 10, town ship 23, range 22, Sharp's Ranch produce, one black horse about four years old, weight about 1,300 pounds. No marks or brands. JOHN SCHULTZ.

Jack LePoint. Morrigan, Neb. Cattle branded on left side. Some on left hip also. Earmark round hole in center of left ear. Also on left side. And left side. Range Lake, corn and Bear creeks.

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

Henry Pratt. Rosebud S. D. Left side. Same on left shoulder. Dehorn horn clip on some cattle.

William Shangren. Coon, Neb. Dimp under side of neck.

Joseph W. Bownet. P. O. address Merriman, Neb. Right ear cropped. Hole in center of left ear. Range Lake creek S. D.

William M. Dunbar. Lessee from Heine & Kroeger. Coon, Neb. DU. Either side. Split ear of cattle. Range head of Hay neck.

Earl Comstock, Manager. Valentine, Neb. Cattle branded on left side or hip. Also Range Lake creek.

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

Charles Benard. Range Big White and Red Rivers.

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