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The \$50.00 Court Docket.

It will soon be time for the printing of another court docket and, with no expectations of being allowed the job but rather with the desire to prove what we said when we told the people that \$7.50 was a good price for a court docket of 12 pages, we now bid for the coming docket to be printed for the May term of the District Court at 60c. per page. At this rate the last one, printed by the Herald Publishing Company of which company County Attorney Satterlee was the leading light, would have cost \$7.20 whereas it did cost \$50.00. Remember, our bid is 60c. a page.

Vale, Vilas.

There is a decided feeling of relief on the retirement of Secretary Vilas. That he signed some able decisions during his incumbency is beyond question. Whether the credit thereof belongs to him or to his law advisers is a matter of doubt. He was distinguished for energy and industry, but it was largely the energy and industry of a bull in a china shop. In too many cases he overrode his advisers, disregarded the law, and ignored the facts, to accomplish two results, first, to carry out his peculiar notions of equity, and second, to sustain prior decisions of his office, no matter how egregious the blunders.

The efforts made in the early part of Cleveland's administration to check fraud and secure the public lands for bona fide settlers has been largely frustrated by Vilas' rulings, and the loud promises of land reform in 1884 have ended in ridicule.

In the history of the Secretaries of the Interior Vilas will take rank far down the list.—Copp's Land-Owner.

A rude sort of educational test for the suffrage has just been established in North Carolina by the passage through the legislature of a bill providing that all ballot boxes shall be labeled, and that voters shall approach the polls one at a time, and place their several ballots in the proper boxes, none to be counted which get into the wrong box. The theory of this law is eminently sound; it is nothing else than the traditional New England idea that no man should be allowed to vote unless he can read. The North Carolina statute if adopted in Massachusetts, would not deprive of the suffrage a single man who now enjoys it, because no man can enjoy the suffrage in Massachusetts who cannot read the state constitution—and so, of course, the labels on ballot boxes. North Carolina has just as much right to establish an educational test for the suffrage as Massachusetts, and Massachusetts holds it unsafe for herself to allow any man in the state to cast a ballot who cannot pass an educational test. In like manner Massachusetts men—even so intense a partisan as Mr. Geo. F. Hoar—have always held, even when such a stand seemed against the advantage of their party, as was the case fifteen years ago, that no territory like New Mexico should be admitted into the Union as a state, where the census showed that a majority of the men could not pass an educational test, and consequently were unfitted, according to the traditional New England idea, to govern themselves and share in the government of the nation.—Weekly Post.

Is the Seed Corn all Right?

A great deal of the success of life to which some men attain is due to the fact that they are always prepared in advance for whatever comes. Neither seed time nor harvest, the summer's storm or winter's blizzard finds them unprepared. Hence their cattle are always sheltered, their seed corn always grows, and they are reported as fortunate men, always in luck, and born with a silver spoon in their mouths. Other men are always unprepared, always surprised by adversity, and always unlucky. The secret of it all is that the first class take time by the forelock and adversity takes the second by the forelock. It is now the first week in February, but in ninety days more the corn, upon which the west for the next year will depend, will be going into the ground. It will therefore soon be time to know whether the seed corn saved last fall is strong and quick, and will surely grow. An experienced farmer can make a good guess by examination, and can in the next thirty days make an approximate test by planting in soil warmed under the kitchen stove. One test should not be considered sufficient. In a matter of seed corn there should be no risks taken. We do not anticipate any serious trouble with seed corn this year, and yet there will be a deal more unsound corn than for years past. The extreme drouth of 1887 ripened corn so early that there was no danger. It was not so in 1888, and corn may be all right now and strong in thirty days from now, unless carefully cared for. There is a great deal of seed, properly picked and dried, lying up in the corn crib or in the barn, which may be spoiled between this and the first of May. When corn is

hung up in the drive way of the barn, should there come some warm days with a damp atmosphere or drizzling rain followed by a sudden change and zero weather, it is very apt to lose its vitality, at least to such an extent as to render it unsafe to plant. The reason is that the cob absorbs moisture from the atmosphere, especially if large, and a sudden freeze kills the germ or greatly weakens its vitality. The way to avoid this is to take it to the kitchen loft and lay it near the stove pipe.

All seed should be dried with artificial heat and kept dry. This is the whole secret of preserving seed corn, and it costs so little to observe this method that it is inexcusable negligence to be without seed known to be sound and strong, without the shadow of a doubt.—Homestead.

On the subject of "How to build up a city," the Lincoln Call has a very well written article from which we take the following: There have been many articles appearing lately, some of them in the Call, showing how cities are built and how they grow. Mr. Calhoun has written some interesting and instructive articles on growth of towns—but after all there is no general rule that can be followed. Cities grow and prosper and surprise the inhabitants, but why they grow remains a mystery. A country town can grow to a certain size, and, though all prospects are bright, suddenly passes into innocuous desuetude and decay—goes backward—loses its momentum and never again overcomes its inertia. Another town within thirty miles of it, without any "natural advantages," with dim prospects suddenly leaps forward and soon becomes a city. Why is it? is the question asked and unanswered. There is no particular way to build up a city. There are ways to help and ways to hinder. Petty quarrels, jealousy and penuriousness will wreck any town on earth. Concert of action and liberality will always assist a city's growth.

Boggy Items.

J. Kendall's saw mill is coming in on Boggy the 1st. There are lots of logs to saw.

Albert Rand is snatching logs in with one yoke of oxen.

If Wild West wants to know where Slocum is—"Right among the living."

Ed. Campbell's folks have come and come to stay.

W. Corcoran set out an orchard of choke cherries. So much for arbor day—on the Sabbath too.

Bud Watson is sick with a sore hand.

Fire in the woods! The bluffs have been bright with fire and the Boggyites were busy putting it out.

Greger is planting trees, seeds and cuttings on his timber claim.

The first thunder and lightning of the season put in its appearance last week.

Mr. S. B. Coffee, of Hat creek, arrived from Texas Monday with his better half.

Miss Emma Beans left for Ft. Robinson the 25th.

Items From Antelope Forks.

Fred Stemmer is very busy putting in his crop and is preparing to build a large frame house on his claim on Antelope. We understand he is expecting lady friends from the Old Country about the 1st of July.

John Frish has his new house about finished and will move into it this week.

Miss Jane Hunt has her house up but there is no place for a door. We wonder which side it will be in.

Mr. John Hunt and Mr. Frank Nutto are smiling nowadays because they have succeeded in organizing a school district. Don't smile too soon for some of the inhabitants of that district are trying to slide out.

Antelope is blessed with plenty of good looking girls. Bustleless is the new style adopted by some.

The outlook is that we will have several new families on Antelope soon.

Mr. Amuel Hitzler has built a house on his claim. His mother and brother are well pleased with the country and have taken claims near.

OCCASIONAL.

Departed this life on March 7th, near Tripp, Dakota, Roland Edmond, son of Oscar A. and Mary A. Garton, aged 3 years, 10 months and 2 days. Also on March 9th, Clara, infant daughter of Oscar B. and Mary I. Latin, aged 2 weeks and 4 days. A funeral discourse was delivered by the writer on the occasion of the death of these children, on Sunday, March 10th, from 1st Thess., 4, 13 and 14, and the two little cousins were lain side by side in the cemetery. To both families death came suddenly and took a loved one from the fond embrace of the loving parents.

Brother and sister Garton were formerly residents of this community, but now live near Harrison, Nebraska. They were visiting their friends here and it is sad indeed for them to leave behind them their bright little boy and return to their home thus bereft. The parents of these children, in either case, mourn not as those who have no hope, but have committed their children to him who is still the resurrection and the life.

E. R. ALLYN.

Tripp, Dakota:

Young Males for Sale.

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