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The fact that Nebraska is not a new ate is becoming more apparent every ar and in fact every week. We note at the Nebraska Reportar, published at ward, has entered upon its 19th year, prover fifteen years we have been a der of the paper and for more than gyears we assisted in its publication so ht we feel more than a passing interest (no Rouse! ye loyal sons and daughters, its birthday. Ever since it was estabdel it has labored for the advancement the county and town in which it is loated and it has done its full share in the relopment of the beautiful little city (Seward. We hope to see the Reporwhive long and prosper, knowing that will ever continue in the path that has ad it to success for the past eighteen

An Important Ruling.

The General Land Office has decided that the County Judge is not recognized the U. S. statutes as a proper official bear and certify to certain classes of feal proofs in this state. The following icular from Acting Commissioner Stone explains the decision in full as fol-

Your attention is called to the fact that the county courts of your state as onstituted by law have no clerks and that the duties usually devolving upon does not prohibit, which she admitted, in the clerks of a court, are by the statutes a laughing way, by telling of a lady's (Nebraska, imposed upon the judges of the county courts. There is nothing in the statutes which provides that they call administer oaths or certify affidarits, in the character of clerks of their espective courts ex-officio in certain decriptions or classes of proofs and affidarits called for by the statutes of the United States or official regulations issued thereunder; as for example, preemption and commuted homestead proofs and pre-emption affidavits—it is required that the oaths shall be administered by the clerks of certain courts, and proofs of this character should not be made before the judges of courts which by law are not provided with clerks. It is not or that may bereafter be received purthe required oaths shall be administered and cortifled by the clerks of the proper earts or if this is done by the judges in of their courts ex-officio. Respectfully.

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> W. M. STONE. Acting Commissioner.

JUDGE NORVAL.

plicial district, was born in Fulton ing the clean religion that cleanseth munty, Illinois, on August 26, 1847. hearts and lives; neglected cleaning her He attended the public schools, and own home and her children's clothing, worked on his father's farm until he and was moreover such a scold, and diswas seventeen years old, when he com- turber of the peace, that it seemed menced a course of study at Hedding col- amusingly inconsistent at last, when she lege, Abingdon. At twenty he commence died, to sing over her remains as they ed teaching, spending all leisure mo-did, "Sister thou wast mild and lovely, ments studying Blackstone and Kent. He gentle as the summer breeze." rasted Nebraska in 1869, and being so Referring to the absorbtion of women well pleased with the country determin- in this subject of the protection of their ed to make it his future home. In the homes from the liquor power, Mrs. fall of 1869 he entered the law depart- Walker, superintendent of the press, told ment of the uneversity of Michigan, Ann the old but amusing story of the minis-Arbor, where graduated with honors in ter who was so much addicted to the Mar., 1871, receiving the degree of Bach- habit of riding his hobby of infant bapelor of Laws, and was admitted to practism in season and out of season, as to tice in the supreme court of Michigan a give rise to a wager that he would introfew days afterwards. He returned to duce that subject in connection with any his old home and taught a year to earn possible text of scripture, and he was money to get a library, and in the given the passage, "Adam, where art pring of 1872 he located at Seward and thou?" just as he was entering the pulengaged in the practice of his profession pit. He made use of it in this wise: with his younger brother, Richard S. "This subject can be divided as follow: Norval. February 5, 1875, he married First, Adam, or the man and his nature.

been born to them. publican in politics and has been honored omit the first two divisions and proceed with many offices, viz: city clerk, counto consider the third proposition." cilman, mayor, and was state senator in After Miss Townsley had vigorously 1879. He was appointed in the spring of advocated several reforms in the manner 1888 by Governor Dawes to succeed of taking temperence as well as church Judge Post as judge of the sixth judicial collections, or "offerings" as they are district of Nebraska. In the following termed among the women of the W. C. fall he was nominated by acclamation T. U., Mrs. Woodward arose and said that for the same office, and was elected by a from the "ungodly sinner" point of view, large majority over Hon. M. A. Mills, as well as the ministerial, there was having in Seward county alone over one much to be said, as for instance, she thousand majority. He was elected thought the merchants of the place in again in 1887 by increased majorities, which a temperance meeting or lecture getting every vote in Seward county, was held should protest against the and all but three in Polk county. Mr. town being drained of all the small Norval has proved a success wherever change-nickles, pennies and dimes-and tried, as teacher, lawyer, senator or remarked that for her part she was nce and esteem of the people.

Judge Norval for over fifteen years, her home for that purpose, while she sebaving lived in the same town with him creted what she termed the "chickenthe greater portion of the time. During feed" about her person until she got to our acquaintance with him as a citizen, a safe distance from the town. an attorney, and as a judge we have found him the peer of any man in the cate in point of natural ability and legal mowledge, and his integrity is of the highest type. The record he has made Typhoid fever is raging in Johnstown. While on the district bench ranks with True it is that trouble never comes singly.

that of any man in the state occuping a like position, and when Judge Norval becomes one of the judges of the highest tribunal in the state all may rest assured that his decisions will be intelligent, just and impartial.

"FOR GOD AND HOME AND NATIVE LAND,25

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J. L. Dawson, Valentine, Neb. HUMORS OF THE CONVENTION.

Mrs. Woodbridge, of Ohio, gave some interesting lats of her experience in Maine, going to show the fallacy of the ONE DOOR NORTH OF BLACKSMITH assertion oft repeated, that prohibition china closet which she saw examined by an inspector, disclosing a barrel of h-

quor behind the partition, with a pipe leading therefrom down into the base ment, under ground for a considerable distance, and then up into the second story of the next house where liquor was sold behind the bed. Again, Neal Dow took her and some

friends to an upper window in a house in one of the Maine cities, and they saw a very ordinary looking man standing in prepared to take care of all work in his papers for an enclosure between buildings, leaning line. against a house. Presently into the inclosure or back yard walked another man who, apparently without a word, are not provided with clerks. It is not approached the other and bowed himself considered necessary or expedient to call to the ground. Thinking he might be at in question the regularity of affidavits or his devotions in some strange fashion, proofs of such character already received the party gazed with interest, but soon saw him lift the pocket of the man leanmant to notices for making final proofs ing against the building, draw a cork already published. But in all other from a bottle contained therein, and cases bereafter arising you will see that without removing the bottle from the pocket, take a drink. Then replacing the cork and dropping a coin into the pocket he went his way. "Now," said Mrs. W. anyelass that the judges so doing are in comment, amid great laughter from authorized by the terms of the statutes. the gentlemen, "The law was thus broto act as their own clerks, or as clerks ken in Maine, but when it becomes so hard to obtain drinks in Nebraska, you will be ready to admit that practically

A Sketch of the Republican Nominee for gelist for temperence work, a consistent and pious woman should be chosen; not one like the woman whom she cited, Hon. T. L. Norval, judge of the sixth who though loudly praying and profess-

Ella Godfrey, and two little girls have Second, where and into what condition is he going. Third, infant baptism. And Judge Norval has always been a re- now, as the time is rather short, we will

judge, and enjoys in a marked degree the ashamed to offer such compensation to the local agent for in payment for her In addition to this we have known ticket, and usually carried a bill from

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