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F. E. & M. V. R. R. Time table.
Going West. Going East.
Mixed, 10:15; No. 96, mixed, 4:27

M. Sutton has purchased the Lutz property recently owned by Holmes.

Another column appears a call of the board of county commissioners held on Saturday, Feb. 28th.

One of the most conspicuous persons in the district court was L. O. Hull (by his absence).

There will be a ball on next Monday evening, Feb. 23d. Good music will be secured and a good time is guaranteed. We are invited to attend.

It is pretty well established that the law is in force in Sioux county. It is hoped that no more people will be misled on that point.

This is the most important term of the district court that ever has been held in Sioux county. No time was lost and the Kinkaid again demonstrated his ability to keep things moving.

The deep snow prevented many from coming in from the country to attend court on Friday evening. But no one came was disappointed for a very smart boy was had at the Harrison case.

The reports from the Hat Creek country and eastern Wyoming are to the effect that a great deal more snow is on the ground than there is in this county and also that it is deeper than ever been known. THE JOURNAL shares the prediction that Sioux county will yield crops in 1891 which will surprise some people.

During the past week this office has printed five thousand eighth sheets for the Nebraska Security Co. in connection with a large amount of other printed matter will be sent to them in the east who are making inquiries regarding this part of the county. The object of the company is to get the settlers here and the indications are that it will not be long until some of them will begin to arrive. The population of Sioux county ought to be doubled within the next twelve months.

—A petition is being circulated and numerous signed requesting the county commissioners to employ an expert to examine the records of the county from the organization thereof to the time such examination is made. It is hoped the commissioners will act promptly in the matter.

—Some complaint is being made because stock is permitted to run loose about the town. With the ground covered with snow they cannot get a living without jumping fences or breaking them down in order to get at feed belonging to other parties. It would save trouble if each would take care of his stock.

—The fact that the court sustained every legal proposition presented by H. T. Conley in every civil case in which he was interested, indicates that that gentleman knows something about law and when it is considered that he was interested in 32 cases when there were but 46 on the docket, it looks as if the people of Sioux county know it pretty well.

—STRAYED OR STOLEN—From my place, 10 miles northwest of Harrison on Jan. 24, 1891, one dark gray horse colt, 8 months old, weight about 600 pounds. Had a strap around his neck with ring attached. A liberal reward will be paid for information leading to his recovery. A. R. KENNEDY.

—The committee on sugar beet factories desire to know how many acres of beets can be depended on to be furnished if a factory is built. All farmers who will agree to raise and deliver beets at factory, provided one is built, are requested to inform the committee. Such information should be left at THE JOURNAL office.

—The last issue of the Herald made a statement tending to lead to the belief that the trial of Coker would be a farce. The manner in which the case was prosecuted by Messrs. Conley and Sullivan proved beyond a doubt that there was no ground for any such insinuations. The intent of the Herald could have been nothing more than an attempt to give County Attorney Conley a slap.

—The people of Sioux county who were present during this term of district court were all pleased with the excellent manner in which the papers were drawn and preliminary work was done by County Attorney Conley both in the criminal and civil cases in which he was employed. They were also impressed with the masterly manner in which the prosecution of the Coker case was conducted by Hon. H. M. Sullivan who was assisting Mr. Conley. Mr. Sullivan has long known Mr. Conley and on coming here and seeing the extensive practice he was building up he concluded he would like to come again and the result was that a partnership was entered into which will be known as Sullivan & Conley. This is a great addition to the legal profession of Harrison and makes one of the strongest law firms in northwest Nebraska.

—On account of the interest manifested in the Coker trial, the farmers meeting called for last Tuesday adjourned until Wednesday. On that day a meeting was held the proceedings of which appear in another column. Otto Tietze gave quite a description of the factories in Germany which he had seen and the manner in which they are conducted. He stated that they are owned and operated by the farmers and that a handsome profit was realized by them. The land in that country is worth from \$20 to \$40 per acre and the beets yield from 14 to 16 per cent of sugar. If a good profit can be made under those circumstances the profit derived from the industry in Sioux county where the land is much cheaper and the beets yield as high as 23.2 per cent sugar, certainly ought to enable our farmers to make money by erecting and operating a factory and raising beets. It takes much less machinery to plant and cultivate beets than it does wheat and it also takes a great deal less acreage to furnish employment for a man and team so that another gain is made there. Again, the work of cultivating and harvesting the beets comes at seasons of the year when the other crops do not need attention so that they can be grown in connection with small grain to excellent advantage. Every farmer should investigate this subject for it will prove a source of wealth to them.

Resolutions of Condolence.

WHEREAS—The Heavenly Father has called away from life the husband of our sister, Sarah E. Davis, therefore be it

RESOLVED—That we as a Union tender our sincere sympathy to her in this, her great affliction and trust that she may realize the comfort and consolation that only our loving Redeemer can give and

RESOLVED—That these resolutions be placed on the records and be offered to our local papers for publication.

ELLA BROWN,
MIRRE SMITH,
Committee.

District Court.

On last Monday district court convened. The train being late there was no morning session, but after dinner work was commenced in earnest and kept up until court closed on Wednesday evening. No jury cases were called up until the criminal cases were ready for trial. On Tuesday the Coker murder case was called and a good deal of interest was manifested by the people in attendance. On account of the bad weather and roads some of the jurors of the regular venire did not appear, and in the selection of a jury the regular panel was exhausted and a couple of outsiders were called. The work of selecting the jury only occupied a couple of hours. The following are those who composed the jury:

Wm. A. Biglow, David Anderson,
Chas. Biehle, A. W. Nicholson,
Egbert Rohwer, A. Orton,
Joseph Ashton, Joshua Baker,
John Riedorff, George Brown,
C. L. Brooks, D. H. Griswold.

The case was conducted for the state by County Attorney Conley assisted by Hon. H. M. Sullivan, of Broken Bow, and Coker was defended by C. E. Holmes assisted by W. H. Westover of Lincoln. This is the case of the killing of the negro, Rufus Tate, by Henry Coker, the negro proprietor of a house of prostitution known as the Handy Ranch, located near the Fort Robinson reservation, on the 7th of Nov., 1890. The witnesses of the state testified in effect that Tate had been quarrelling with one of the female inmates of the house by the name of Julia Reeves and that she called on Coker for protection. That the defendant had fired a shot from a Winchester rifle, the ball entering the wall of the house above the heads of Tate and the woman and that then Tate left the woman and went to the bar, behind which Coker was standing and asked him "What in hell he had to do with the woman," and that the defendant shot him, the ball entering the right side and coming out of the back of the victim.

The first witness put on the defense was the prisoner. He gave a long recital of the affair and illustrated his testimony by a great many gestures and comparisons. He stated that Tate had hold of the muzzle of the rifle when he fired and also that the victim had a knife raised high in the air and further that he was in the act of springing over or upon the bar at the time he fired the fatal shot. The entire theory of the defense was that of self-defense, the killing of Tate being admitted by Coker. The other witnesses for the defense were a couple of the women who were inmates of the ranch at the time and three or four soldiers who were present at the time of the killing, and the drift of the evidence was that Tate was making an assault on Coker at the time he fired the fatal shot. The testimony for defense was also made to prove that Tate had the reputation of being a pretty bad and dangerous man. The taking of testimony lasted until 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, the attorneys on both sides conducting the case with vigor.

Immediately after dinner the court delivered his instructions to the jury and they were taken to their room, and between five and six o'clock they brought in their verdict of not guilty. The fact of the killing taking place in the house of the defendant was without doubt, the ground on which the verdict was reached. The bad reputation of the man killed was also in favor of the defendant. The fact that there had been no former quarrel between the men, nor any ground for malice made the crime no more than manslaughter and the evidence did not, in the minds of the jury, sustain that charge, and consequently a verdict of acquittal was made up.

To say that there was a happy darkey in town is putting it very mild and he declares it was a "close shave."

The verdict gave very general satisfaction to those who listened to the testimony. As soon as the jury returned their verdict a general rush was made to close up matters pending. A number of cases which were to have been tried were continued by consent until June, at which time there will be an adjourned term but no jury. The damage cases are to be tried to the court by agreement.

The entries for the court journal are not made up so the disposition of the various cases cannot be given in this issue.

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Farmers' Meeting.

The following is a report of the proceedings of the farmers' meeting held at the court house on Feb. 18, 1891:

M. Gayhart was appointed a committee to solicit members for an agricultural society, and he is empowered to appoint a sub-committee in each precinct to assist him.

Judge S. Barker was appointed county committeeman on irrigation.

The following committee was appointed to investigate the matter of a sugar beet factory and empowered to add to their number, said committee to call a meeting and report at the earliest possible date: P. B. Bigelow, L. J. Simmons, Otto Tietze, C. E. Verity, Robert Wilson.

The following preamble and resolution was introduced and adopted:

Whereas, The following has been taken from the records of Sioux county:
Total assessed valuation, 1887.....\$24,978 64
" " " " 1888.....513,115 00
" " " " 1889.....245,993 03
" " " " 1890.....219,283 60
Expenses, 1888.....\$7,000 00
" " " " 1889.....8,700 00
" " " " 1890.....5,000 00

Whereas, The above being taken from the records are indisputable, and demonstrate that the statements of D. W. Woody are false. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That any future statements of D. W. Woody be considered unworthy of any further notice.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the president and secretary or five farmers.

A. R. KENNEDY,
President.
ROBERT WILSON,
Secretary.

Irrigation.

EDITOR JOURNAL—As there are petitions being circulated asking congress for an appropriation to build at least three canals, each to be about 200 miles long. Every farmer should be sure to sign one as this is a step in the right direction and of importance to every settler in Northwest Nebraska, and while we are opposed to a boom to attract attention to our county, still we can say with candor that the southern part of Sioux county is most favorable for irrigation and where there could be splendid farms taken. It has been demonstrated that the soil of Sioux county (in fact all of northwestern Nebraska) will produce as fine crops as any portion of the state where there has been sufficient moisture. And upon the completion of the great canals (taken from the Platte and other rivers) water can be taken from the main canal into smaller ditches and from these made to cover each separate farm. All anxiety as to drought will be at an end, farming will be reduced to a matter of industry and calculation. A failure of crops will be out of the question. Steady uniformity in production will be the rule. We should hesitate to urge a prosperous eastern man to change to Sioux county for the mere sake of change but if the climate has weakened his physical frame he cannot do better than to try our land of sunshine and irrigation. With the completion of the Pacific Short Line and the B. & M. to Cheyenne (giving us four roads) there will be ample railroad facilities. The petitions also call for the issuance of legal tender treasury notes. "Good." W. J. M.

PERSONAL.

D. K. Gilbert's names is added to our list this week.

K. P. Lindsey added his name to our list of readers on Wednesday.

R. S. Q. Hamaker orders THE JOURNAL sent to his address.

N. C. Hutchings gave us some cash on subscription on Wednesday.

Ed Greir sent us some cash the first of the week to have THE JOURNAL sent to him at Denison, Iowa.

L. E. Lawrence gave us some cash on subscription the first of the week.

A. W. Nicholson, of Snake Creek precinct, was attending court as a juror and made a pleasant call at our office on Wednesday.

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