

# Henry C. Smith LANDS & LOANS

240 acres well improved, 1 1/2 miles from Depot in Kas. Good spring. Best of terms. Will take 40 acres as part payment, balance long time at low interest.  
200 acres 1 1/2 miles from depot, Richardson county, Nebraska. Good buildings and land. Will take 40 or 80 acres as part payment  
160 acres upland, 1 mile from depot, Richardson county, Nebraska. \$12,000.  
160 acres Johnson county, Nebraska. 80 rods to church and school. Best of terms. Might rent 107 acres near Brownville, Nebraska.  
80 acres 3/4-mile from Falls City high school.  
640 acres, \$8,000 improvements. Also 640 acres adjoining. Will take 160 acres as part payment. Fine running water. A No. 1 opportunity.  
Money to loan.

## "WORKING" THE PHYSICIAN

MORALLY, PRESCRIPTIONS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE.

Dr. Morsman Tells of the Injustice Done Physicians By the Unthinking Patient.

If a person goes to a lawyer for advice he expects to pay a fee, and he is willing to pay it, for he knows that it is the legal study and training that makes the lawyer competent to give him advice. Now if he goes to a physician for medical advice or treatment he should pay a fee for the medical study and training which enables the doctor to give him competent advice. The doctor may give him a prescription, BUT HE DOES NOT PAY FOR THE PRESCRIPTION. It is the knowledge and skill behind it that he pays for. The prescription is merely an order upon the druggist instructing him what to prepare for the doctor's patron, and it is written for this person only, for the particular ailment with which he is afflicted, and for this particular time only.

The doctor is not selling prescriptions. His knowledge is his stock in trade, just the same as knowledge is the lawyer's stock in trade. The doctor would not think of writing the same prescription for every case; nor would he think of writing the same prescription for every person nor for every stage of the same disease. His knowledge and his judgment tell him what this individual case needs NOW; not next week or next year; not this individual's brother nor his neighbors. He is applying his learning to benefit the patron in this particular instance and he is just as much entitled to a fee as a lawyer.

The patron does not BUY THE PRESCRIPTION. He has no right to use that prescription oftener than the doctor instructs. Certainly he has no right to loan it to his friend and neighbor and let them have copies made perhaps to loan to their friends. That is pilfering from the doctor's stock in trade—his knowledge. If these friends and neighbors wish to avail themselves of the doctor's knowledge let them go to him and pay him for it. What right have they, who have paid him nothing to take the benefits of his ability. The doctor never intended to treat a whole neighborhood when he wrote the prescription. If he had he would have charged accordingly.

It may seem very kind of you when your neighbor is sick to say to him, "Why, here, I have a copy of Dr. X's prescription; it helped me quickly. Here, take it to the drug store and get it filled." That may be generous, but it isn't just. Indeed I would hardly call it generosity, for you are giving away something that does not belong to you. Wouldn't it be quite as generous and more just to say "Dr. X gave me a prescription that helped me quickly; go to him." It is very likely he won't go, because he doesn't want to pay the price. It is your "something for nothing" that starts him; but that is his look-out; not yours. If he

isn't willing to pay, he isn't entitled to any of the doctor's store of knowledge.

I do not refer now to cases of extreme suffering or danger. In such instances it is the call of humanity and all within hearing must answer and you need not hesitate to use the doctor's brains or his medicine from any consideration of him. He wouldn't want you to. No one answers to the call of humanity more quickly or more often than the doctor. He gives of his knowledge generously and often of his means. A large percent of his services are never paid for. He charges these accounts on his books as a matter of routine, but he knows that many of them don't mean money. He doesn't count them as an asset—only as so many families that are a little under obligation to him, and he serves them again and again.

Practice of medicine isn't a business, and as a rule the doctor isn't a sharp business man. He is too easy. He has had his mind so occupied with mastering the details of his profession; so full of subjects totally aloof from business, that business education has been crowded out. The mind is a good deal like a bucket of water. You can fill it full, but a drop more and it will run over. There are different sized buckets and there are different sized brains. Therefore it is no discredit to the good doctor that he is a bad financier.

This giving away and repeating the doctor's prescription is often the result of thoughtlessness; sometimes ignorance, but it is as rank a piece of injustice as is ever done by one individual to another, and that other his friend and counselor. Think of it! Why you wouldn't give another a dime's worth of your neighbor's corn without his consent. You would rather give a dollar's worth of your own. Then why give dollars worth of the doctor's stock in trade without so much as "by-your-leave"? It is a puzzling sort of inconsistency that can permit a person to give or accept such a thing.

The person who is given a prescription by the doctor has no right to it whatever. It belongs on the druggist's file—evidence that it was properly written and properly filled, and available to the court in case some untoward event brings it within the court's jurisdiction. Neither have you any right to require a copy from the druggist. It's mission is ended when it is stuck on the druggist's file and the medicine which it was the order for, is handed to you. It is ridiculous to suppose that the small sum you paid the doctor entitles you to month's or year's of treatment. You couldn't get a quack to treat you on those terms.

May doctors will not permit all their prescriptions to be re-filled without their consent and those they mark "N. R.", (non repletur), which means it is not to be refilled. This is right and just and it should be applied to all, but the doctors do not use this bar very often only to those which it is not wise to continue, and it is only the patient they are considering, not their own interests.

This bar should be more generally used. The druggist is powerless to act in the matter. In the absence of instructions from the doctor he has no right to decline to refill unless the prescription contains something which he regards as dangerous. Physicians are careless about this matter. They frequently tell their patients to have the prescription re-filled as needed. These verbal orders cloud the subject so that the druggist has no established rule to go by.

There is another side to this practice of handing around prescriptions, besides the matter of injustice to the doctor, and that is the possible error. By what sort of reasoning does a man or woman, with no medical knowledge whatever, bring themselves up to the idea that they can prescribe for some one else? Without any knowledge of pathology, how can they assume to make a diagnosis? Without any knowledge of therapeutics how can they assume to apply a remedy? Without any knowledge of materia medica and doses, how can they assume to prescribe? They only know that a certain prescription benefited them in a certain instance; therefore it must be good for another. Verily, "fools rush where angels fear to tread." If the individual who takes upon himself the doctoring of his neighbors could only know how difficult it is to distinguish ailments, how many symptoms are common to several diseases; how many influen-

ces are to be considered, in diagnosing a case; if he could only get a glimpse of the bewildering therapeutic effects of medicines, he would hesitate to put the mantle of the physician upon his shoulders. Put this same individual in a telephone office, where thousands of wires are centered, would he take upon himself to mend some obscure, broken communication? Hardly. He would leave that to experts. Why doesn't he leave the other to the experts? If he started in on the telephone job he would likely wreck one hundred connections hunting for one. Is the human system any less complicated that he so readily tackles the job of repairing it? Put your finger upon the key board of a piano. If you are competent it will give forth melody and harmony; if not, noise and discord. Are the keys to the human system easier to play upon?

It is the egotism of ignorance that presumes thus to usurp the physicians functions. True, the doctor's prescription for one individual may be adapted to another, and it may not. Why take the chance? It is done daily. Start out and tell all your friends that you have something the matter with you—name it what you please—and nine out of ten will prescribe for you. Blacksmiths, carpenter, merchant, butcher, baker and candlestick maker, each will offer you a remedy. The strangest thing of all is that the advice is accepted. Smith will take Jones' advice about medicine when he wouldn't take it about a horse trade. A wag once told a friend who was complaining about his liver to take five grains of castorine extract three times a day and he went to the drug store and asked for it.

Go to the doctor when you are sick. If you can't go to him he will come to you. Pay him; he deserves it and he has earned it. Take your prescription to the most capable druggist AND LEAVE IT THERE, where it becomes a voucher. Have it refilled, if the doctor says so. And don't give it to your friends and neighbors.

A. MORSMAN, M. D.  
Morsman Drug Co.

Cut While Cutting Hedge.  
A young man by the name of Irvin Prater, who works for Mr. Williams, on the old Harkendorf place, had his leg badly cut last Friday. He was on one side of the hedge fence and the man on the opposite side made a heavy stroke which caught Prater above the knee inflicting a deep gash. There will be no serious trouble unless blood poisoning sets in. The cut is very painful.

Mrs. G. W. Inskip arrived Tuesday from Chicago for a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ben Poteet.

## THE COMERS AND GOERS

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST TO YOU AND ME.

What Your Friends and Their Friends Have Been Doing the Past Week.

15 per cent off on all one-piece dresses.—Pence & Little.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Reuter of Morrill were shopping here Monday.

Biggest shoe sale in the town now going on at Pence & Little's.

Mrs. Ben Poteet, Jr., and daughter, Jessica, of Denver are visiting the family of Ben Poteet, Sr.

Elmer Saylor came up from Kansas City last Thursday to attend the funeral of his cousin, Bert Saylor.

Mrs. Bert Wright of Kansas City arrived Thursday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Mattie Stoughton.

Mrs. Daisy Kerr King went to Omaha Thursday for a visit of several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Bruno Hansen.

Frank Martin was down from Council Bluffs the first of the week for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Helen Martin.

Nelson Saylor and wife, who arrived Thursday with the body of their son, Bert, returned Monday to their home in Newkirk, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Daeschner and baby came over Friday and paid a short visit to the family of their aunt, Mrs. W. H. Maddox.

Less Leeds, Walter Tanner and George Wahl went to Maryville, Mo., Monday to see Falls City win the game on a foreign diamond.

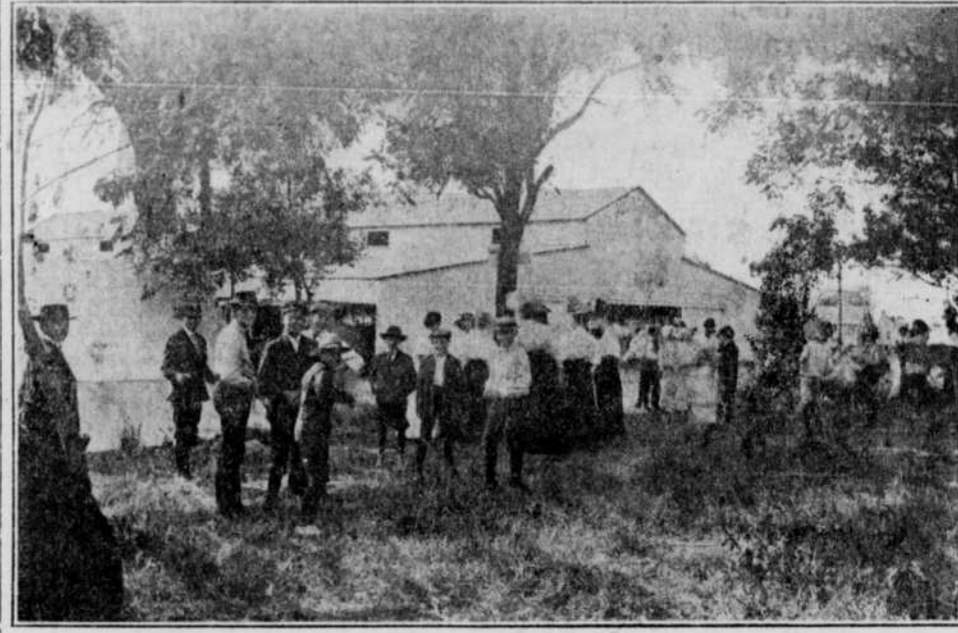
Mrs. Lydia Lehman left Monday for her home in Newkirk, Okla. She was called here to attend the funeral of her nephew, Bert Saylor.

Mrs. Harry Morrow and little daughter arrived Monday from Pittsburg, Kas., and will visit a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Korner.

Misses Florence and Elta Boose spent last Saturday in Kansas City. They went down on the morning train to meet their sister, Miss Clara, who was returning from New Mexico.

George Rhine came in from Gove City, Kas., Sunday night and will remain about ten days. He is here on business connected with the settling of the estate of his mother, Mrs. Sarah P. Rhine. He will likely sell the farm just north of town as well as the town property.

The Falls City friends of Dr. G. L. Gandy of Humboldt will no doubt be pleased to learn that he has gone abroad and will take a special course in surgery in Berlin, Germany. He will spend several months in study and will also visit several interesting cities before returning.



## Now, Look Here!

Of course you know what place this is, but we're going to have something here

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and there isn't a better place for it in the state—many have said so. It's going to be great this year.

## The Falls City Chautauqua

Watch this space for Chautauqua "Dope."

Oh, yes—if you want any information about the big affair, address the secretary.

E. K. HURST, Falls City, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schaible are rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter, who came to their home Tuesday morning. Frank wears the smile that wont wear off and straightway went to practicing lullabies.

Ullia Powell left Sunday for his home in Gordon, Neb., after a visit with relatives. He expects to close out his interests in Gordon soon and will move to Idaho.

Mrs. W. T. Fenton accompanied her husband to Geneva Tuesday. She stopped for a short visit in Tecumseh on her return.

Prof. and Mrs. Wm. Harnack and children came up from Hiawatha and spent Sunday with Peter Kaiser and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthus Weaver returned Saturday from a short visit with Mrs. Hart in White Pigeon, Mich.

All muslin underwear goes at 20 per cent reduction.—Pence-Little Co. Ben Reichers came over from Craig Saturday to visit his parents and take in the ball game.

7 spools Coats' thread for 25c at Pence & Little's.  
5 pounds of rice for 25 cents at Pence-Little Co's.

Joe Geiger surprised his friends by dropping in upon them unannounced. He looks as hale and hearty as he did ten years ago. He is in Shubert now visiting his son.

Mrs. T. F. Hewitt of Lexington, accompanied by her two sons and her sister, Miss Margaret Naylor, arrived Wednesday for a visit with their parents, Thomas Naylor and wife.

Dr. Bailey will leave shortly for Hastings where he will deliver the annual commencement address to the college graduates in the First Presbyterian church of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDermand came up from Kansas City Wednesday night to attend the commencement exercises. They will be guests at the home of John Powell for a few days.

George Rhine, who has been here looking after the Rhine estate, sold forty acres just north of town Wednesday to Charles Portrey for \$8,000. There are no buildings upon this piece of land.

Herman Tubach had the end of his little finger taken off Tuesday afternoon. This was made necessary because of his hand being badly crushed while at work in his mill several months ago.

## Lyman Millinery Stock

To be Sold at the Cost of Materials

The Lyman Millinery Stock has been turned over to the undersigned to be sold at most any old price. The stock is new, very well bought and is all of the very newest style. Every woman needs an extra hat or so, especially since they may be had for so little.

If you need a flower to beautify an old bonnet, a piece of velvet, or anything in the millinery line, this is THE BEST CHANCE OF YOUR LIFE TO GET IT.

Trimmed Hats will be sacrificed. Over a hundred of them to go—THE PRETTIEST STYLES OF THE SEASON. SALE NOW ON.

Don't Overlook this Chance to Buy Millinery at the Bare Cost of Raw Materials

F. L. BRITAIN, in Charge



1st Door North City Hotel

**SO SODA**

**A Long Drink**  
down the neck of a giraffe must be ecstasy itself when he's quenching his thirst.

There's Nothing More Estatic Than a Glass of Soda

drawn at this fountain. Appetizing flavors, fruit syrups in season.

A GOOD LONG DRINK OF DELICIOUS SODA

is always yours when ordering it from here.

FALLS CITY  
**CANDY KITCHEN**  
P. G. BACAKOS, Prop.