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Valentine, Nebraska.

RACES--JUNE 10

AT VALENTINE NEBR

\$250.00 IN PURSES

PROGRAM

FIRST DAY--JUNE 10

Race for Cherry County and Rosebud horses. Purse \$45.00. Half
mile dash. First horse \$30.00; second \$10.00; third \$5.00.

Horses entered in this race not winning money allowed to start
in consolation race entrance free. Half mile dash. First horse
\$15.00; second \$10.00.

Quarter mile race for Cherry County and Rosebud horses. Purse of
\$40.00. First horse \$25.00; second \$10.00; third \$5.00.

SECOND DAY--JUNE 11

Half mile dash for Ponies under 14 1/2 hands owned in Cherry County
and Rosebud. First horse \$25.00; second \$15.00; third \$5.00.

Half mile and repeat, free to all. First horse \$45.00; second \$15.00;
third \$5.00.

Quarter mile Pony race for Cherry County and Rosebud ponies under
14 1/2 hands. First \$20; second \$10; third \$5.

Entrance fee in all races will be ten per cent of purse. 5 horses
to enter, 3 to start. In pony races, ponies will be measured on the
track and no pony allowed to start that is over 14 1/2 hands.

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A wholesale brokerage in stamps has
netted \$300,000 a year and the business
has had a 17-years' history in Chicago.
The publication of hundreds and hun-
dreds of papers of all sorts and circula-
tion gave birth to this absolute neces-
sity--the cashing of postage stamps in
all quantities.

Consider for a moment: In one day,
when the world's fair picture coupon
craze was at its craziest, one of Chicago's
morning dailies received \$3,800 in
postage stamps. What could be done
with them? They were not good at the
banks. The paper had no time to peddle
them, and the cash must be realized at
once to run business or at least to
save interest.

Such a state of affairs, only of some-
what milder character, happening
daily, nearly a score of years ago, came
to the knowledge of one George H.
Owens, who was looking for something
easy. Sweeping together some bits of
capital into a bank account, Owens
quietly circulated among the heavier
stamp receiving business concerns of
the town and bid all the way from 95 to
97 cents on the dollar for all the odd job
lots of vanit stored stamps that he could
get track of.

At first the tedious recount of the
great quantities of stamps at the time
of purchase was made with the aid of
the merchant selling them. This, how-
ever, proved a torment--detached,
wrinkled up and stuck together as most
of the big lots were. After wasting of
much valuable time on the part of their
cashiers over what was everywhere con-
sidered an utter nuisance, the banks,
newspaper offices and business houses
gradually shifted the count on him al-
together--save a cursory sizing up of
the "pesky torments" as they came in.

Owens simply called around, picked
up the bundles of little government
photos, gave his check for the count in-
dicated on the bundle, and when he got
home, if there was a mistake, he
charged it up to the customer, and it
went as a discount on the next deal,
without a question. The same thing
ruled, after a time, in the matter of the
packages retained. They were paid for
unhesitatingly, and any mistake his
customers might afterwards speak of
finding Owens would cheerfully allow.
Thus absolute confidence was estab-
lished.

Chicago mail order houses and news-
paper counting rooms were not slow in
advising their other city friends of the
Chicago cure for the stamp curse, and
thus the stamp broker was freely and
without expense advertised from Maine
to California, until after years of much
profit the "old man" retired on his pile,
to be succeeded by his son, who in his
stock exchange office the other day
showed the writer an order he had just
received from an eastern brewing com-
pany for 400,000 two-cent stamps
(\$8,000 worth) at one per cent. discount.
Most of the stamps handled are ones,
twos and threes; other denominations
only as the broker has customers for
them. Great quantities of Canadians
are trafficked, showing an immense
mail order trade for Chicago with Can-
ada.

Many counting rooms in Chicago and
over the country cash \$1,000 worth of
stamps every few days at either 98 cents
or 99 cents, and are glad of the chance.
After reaching the broker's hands
there is but one feature of interest con-
nected with the repacking of stamps for
retail delivery. This is absolutely won-
derful counting by sight that is done
by the girls who attend to this part of
the work.

Opening upon the table before her a
big envelope stuffed with all sorts of
stamps, as they are brought from the
merchant, the girl with one dexterous
dash of her right hand sweeps the heap
to a single stamp level; an instant, not
more, she looks at them; then one finger
darts through the broad layer with
evidently no more system than a streak
of lightning, but that leaves the carpet
of stamps looking like a colored map of
the United States. Another pass or two
of the infinitely dexterous fingers, and
the stamps are gone. Not 20 seconds
have elapsed.

What did she do? In that 20 seconds
she counted, sorted, piled and re-
wrapped 5,000 unattached, mixed-up
stamps of three denominations. It was
without question the most marvelous
feat of counting the writer ever wit-
nessed--and he has seen many of the
famous United States treasury finger
counters. The counting of the stamp
instance was done entirely with the eye--
a fact that only increases the mys-
tery, considering that the stamps were
all in a crazy-quilt jumble. -- Chicago
Tribune.

Prize Poker Story.

Capt. John A. Duble, an old Mississippi
steamboat man, tells a story of a game of
cards played by a cotton broker named
Weed, during the war. "He boarded my
boat," he says, "at Cairo, after he had
made a successful trip of a cargo of
cotton for the landing. He placed in
the clerk's office of the boat a
box about the size of a
candle box, but securely nailed
and strapped with iron bands. Weed hailed
me as I was passing through the cabin.
'Captain,' said he, 'send me a boy and
your carpenter.' When they were on
hand he told the boy to bring the box
out and the carpenter to open it. It was
full of crisp greenbacks. Then he pro-
ceeded to run up against the game of a
gang of old river sharks, and by the
time we got down stream he did not have
a dollar. He told me he lost \$500,000 be-
tween St. Louis and New Orleans. The
last time I saw Weed he was river re-
porter in New Orleans, and he seemed
as perfectly happy as though he still
had his \$500,000."--Washington Post.

FINAL PROOF NOTICES.

Parties having final proof notices in
these columns will receive a marked
copy of the paper which contains
first insertion of same. It is the duty
of each claimant to examine their
notice carefully and should there be
any error the fact should be reported
to the land office and to this office at
once for correction.

U. S. Land Office at Valentine, Nebr.,
April 15th, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that Sophia D. Jones
has filed notice of intention to make final proof
before the Register and Receiver at their office
in Valentine, Nebr., on the 27th day of May, 1896,
on timber culture application No. 7649, for the
NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of section No. 27, in Township
No. 33 N., range No. 29 W.

He names as witnesses: Abram Johnson,
Jolla A. Adams, Frank G. Reber, and Alex-
ander Mosher, all of Valentine, Nebraska.
C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebr.,
April 15th, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that Crowell L. Mem-
phre, of Table Rock, Nebraska, has filed notice of
intention to make final proof before the Register
and Receiver at their office in Valentine, Nebr.,
on Wednesday the 27th day of May, 1896, on tim-
ber culture application No. 7533, for the NE 1/4
of Section No. 26, in Township No. 28 N., Range
No. 30 W.

He names as witnesses: Stuart Tait of Brown-
lee, Nebr., William Steadman, Robert M. Faddis
and Charles H. Tait, of Cass, Nebr.
C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebr.,
April 22nd, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that Joseph Kennedy,
of Brownlee, Nebr., has filed notice of intention
to make final proof before Register and Receiver
at their office in Valentine, Nebr., on Friday,
the 27th day of May, 1896, on timber culture applica-
tion No. 7574, for the NE 1/4 of Section No. 30, in
Township No. 31, Range No. 29 W.

He names as witnesses: Ely D. Valentine,
Robert N. Brune, David Leach and Washington
Hoag, all of Wood Lake, Nebr.
C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebr.,
April 21st, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that Jacob P. Wilcox,
of Clay City, Indiana, has filed notice of intention
to make final proof before Register and Receiver
at their office in Valentine, Nebr., on Friday,
the 27th day of May, 1896, on timber culture applica-
tion No. 7574, for the NE 1/4 of Section No. 30, in
Township No. 31, Range No. 29 W.

He names as witnesses: James M. Hanna,
David Hanna and John Hyde of Wood Lake,
Nebr., and Clarence Walcott of Brownlee, Nebr.
Testimony of the claimant, Jacob P. Wilcox, was
taken before the Clerk of the District Court
of Blue Earth County Minn., on June 5, 1895, at
his office in Mankato.
C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office at Valentine, Nebr.,
May 2nd 1896.
Notice is hereby given that Jan Sedlak of
Kennedy Nebraska has filed notice of his inten-
tion to make final proof before Register and Re-
ceiver at their office in Valentine Nebraska on
Monday the 10th day of June 1896, on timber
culture application No. 7610, for the NW 1/4
and W 1/2 SW 1/4 of section No. 34 in Township No.
30 N., Range No. 30.

He names as witnesses: Charles Harris and
Edward Harris of Oasis, Nebr., John Gee of
Kennedy Nebr., and Micajah Harris of Valen-
tine Nebr.
C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office at Valentine, Nebraska,
May 9th, 1896.
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, Nebraska, on June 29th
1896, viz:

Charles A. Clark, of Cody, Neb.,
H. E. No. 9669 for the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 22 2nd N. 1/2
R. 29 2nd Tp. 31 N. Range 29 W.
He names the following witnesses to prove his
continuous residence upon and cultivation of
said land, viz:
Edgar S. Lovellett, Wallace L. Tryon, Andrew
Benson and Joseph P. Kreyck all of Wood
Lake, Nebraska.
C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office at Valentine, Nebraska,
May 11th, 1896.
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 the Register
and Receiver at Valentine Nebr., on June 29th
1896, viz:

Benjamin F. Felch, of Simons, Nebr.,
H. E. No. 9714 for the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 20 SW 1/4 SW 1/4
Sec. 21 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 28 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 29 Twp. 31
Range 29 N.
He names the following witnesses to prove
his continuous residence upon and cultivation
of said land, viz:
Willard D. Morgendorn, John B. Lord, Charles
A. Reardon, and William G. Carson all of Sim-
on, Nebr.
C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office Brownlee, Nebr.,
April 15th, 1896.
Complaint having been entered at this office
by Hiram E. Edgar against Charles E. Eber,
abandoning his Homestead Entry No. 8866, dated
Oct. 20 1895 upon the NW 1/4 Sec. 27 2d N. Range
27 W. and NW 1/4 Sec. 27 2d N. R. 27 W.
in Cherry County, Nebr., with a view to the can-
cellation of said entry, the said parties are here-
by summoned to appear at the office of John
Eber a notary public at Brownlee, Nebr., on the
27th day of May 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m. to
respond and furnish testimony concerning said
abandonment. Final hearing at this
office on the 27th day of June, 1896, at 10 a. m.
CHARLES H. ADAMS, Register.

CHIEF QUARTERMASERS OFFICE--
Omaha, Neb., April 25, 1896. Sealed propo-
sals, in triplicate, will be received here until
2 o'clock p. m., May 25, 1896, and then opened,
for furnishing wood, coal and charcoal required
in Department of the Platte during fiscal year
commencing July 1, 1896. U. S. reserves
right to reject or accept any or all proposals for
any part thereof. Information furnished on
application here, or to post and depot quar-
ters where supplies are needed. Envelopes
containing proposals will be endorsed "Propo-
sals for Fuel for ---" and addressed to D. D.
WHEELER, Maj., Q. M.

PROPOSALS FOR FLOUR OFFICE PUR-
chasing Commissary of Subsistence, Omaha,
Nebr., May 2, 1896. Sealed proposals in dupli-
cate, subject to the usual conditions, will be re-
ceived at this office until 11 o'clock a. m., May
15, 1896, at which time and place they will be
opened in presence of bidders, for furnishing the
Subsistence Department, U. S. Army, on or
before June 5, 1896, as may be required, with
Flour for issue and Flour, choice family, at the
following places of delivery, viz: On board of
cars or at subsistence storehouse at Omaha, Ne-
braska, or at Forts Omaha, Niobrara, Robinson,
Nebr., D. A. Russell and Washkiet, Wyo., and
Fort Meade, S. D. Preference will be given to
articles of domestic production or manufacture,
conditions of quality and price, (including in the
price of foreign productions or manufacture the
duty thereon) being equal. The right is re-
served to reject any or all bids or any part of
any bid. Blank proposals and specifications,
showing in detail the articles and quantities re-
quired, and giving full information as to con-
ditions, will be furnished on application to this
office, or any of the Commissaries at posts
named above. Proposals will also be received
by the Purchasing Commissary of Subsistence,
Denver, Colo., at 10 a. m., mountain standard
time, May 15, 1896, for the furnishing and deliv-
ery of the above Subsistence Stores free on
board R. R. cars at Denver, or near the place of
production or purchase, or at the posts named.
FRANK E. NYE, Captain and C. S., U. S. A.

CHIEF QUARTERMASERS OFFICE--
Omaha, Nebraska, April 28, 1896. Sealed
proposals, in triplicate, will be received here
until 2 o'clock p. m., May 28, 1896, for repair-
ing and constructing an additional story to the
Post Hospital at Fort Niobrara, Nebr. Full in-
formation furnished, and plans and specifications
can be seen at this office, or at the office
of the Quartermaster at Fort Niobrara. U. S.
reserves the right to reject or accept any or all
proposals, or any part thereof. Envelopes con-
taining proposals to be endorsed "Proposals for
Hospital at Fort Niobrara," and addressed to
D. D. WHEELER, Major, Q. M., Chief Q. M.,
Omaha, Neb.

Taken up.
Taken up, at my place 4 miles south-
west of St. Mary's Mission, on the An-
telope, April 1st, one light sorrel horse
lame in right front foot, and one dark
sorrel horse, with white strip in fore-
head. Weigh about 1,100 each; both
branded on left shoulder with a W
under a half circle, or it may be a horse-
shoe with heel drawn in.
C. C. TACKETT,
Rosebud, S. D.

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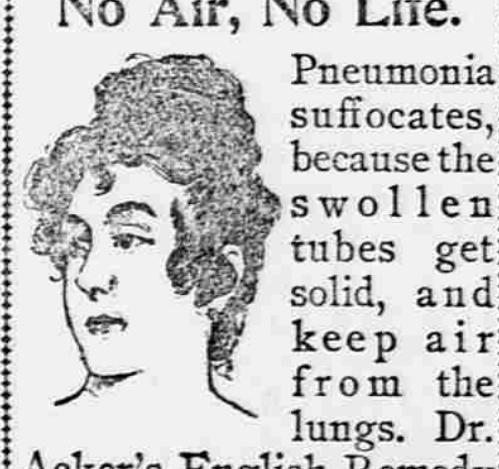
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