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PRECINCT

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Societies.

YOUNG MENS SOCIAL CLUB.—Meets every Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Helen Hornby. President—JOHN N. KING, Secretary—FRANK E. THORN.

IMP. O. R. M.

Sitting Bull Tribe No. 22. Improved Order of Red Men, meets every second and fourth Friday evening of each month at Davenport S. Hall. Visiting brethren are fraternally invited to be present at the councils of the tribe.
 J D Wiggins, C of R; C H Thompson, Sachem.

A. F. & A. M.

Minnekadusa Lodge, No. 192, A. F. & A. M. meets in regular communication, Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, at the hall of the lodge. Visiting members of the order in good and regular standing cordially and fraternally invited to attend.
 F. M. WALCOTT, W. M.
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O. E. S.

Northern Star Chapter, No. 59. Order of the Eastern Star, meets on second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month in Hornby's hall.
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Valentine Lodge, No. 70, A. O. U. W., meets 1st and 3rd Monday in each month, at Carl Dumas, Sec. W Holsclaw W W

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Valentine Lodge No. 206, I. O. O. F., meets every Thursday evening. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend our meetings.
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G. A. R.

Col. Wood Post No. 208. Department of Nebraska regular meeting 2d and 4th Saturdays of each month at 2 p. m. Sharp. Commands from other Posts are cordially invited to attend.
 J. W. TUCKER, Commander.
 JOHN DUNX, adjt.

W. R. C.

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Cherry Lodge No 169 Knights of Pythias meets every Tuesday evening at Davenport's Hall.
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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

—Miss Flora (in a pair of stupendous sleeves)—"How do I look, Ned?" Ned (rapturously)—"You're simply unapproachable."—Boston Transcript.

—Thomas told the mass meeting that he was a self-made man. "Very noble of him to take the whole blame upon himself, wasn't it?"—St. Louis Mirror.

—No interference.—Burglar—"Don't make a fuss, now!" Householder—"Help yourself! Haven't you heard of the new idea of insurance against burglary? I'm insured."—Brooklyn Life.

—Spratts—"Miss Elder is much older than I thought." Hunker—"Impossible." Spratts—"Well, I asked her if she had ever read Esop's Fables, and she said she read them when they first came out."—Tit-Bits.

—Hungry Higgins—"I don't believe I could walk a mile a day without a drink, could you?" Weary Watkins—"No, I couldn't walk a mile without a drink, though I could walk ten miles to get one. Queer, ain't it?"—Indianapolis Journal.

—"If you're a good boy—" the parent began. But the young man interrupted: "Excuse me, but I know what you are going to say. I have a new proposition to offer. If you are real kind to me, I'll let you take me to the circus instead of Uncle Richard, or Aunt Jane, or the gentleman who lives next door."—Washington Star.

—Wise Man—"I don't see how you got your daughter to give up bloomers." "I told her they were not becoming." "And did she believe it?" "Not when I told her, but afterward I got her dearest girl friend to tell her that she looked too lovely for anything in them." "And then?" "Why, then she naturally believed me."—Chicago Evening Post.

—"You may now bring up the captive," said the cannibal chief. "Sire," answered the minion, "he seems to be completely used up this morning." "Well, if he is," said the savage potentate, with irritation, "some one else has been to the pantry. I remember distinctly that there were at least three ribs over from last night." He angrily called for a yam.—N. Y. Tribune.

TO MEND KITCHEN UTENSILS.

A Few Useful Hints to Amateurs in Tinkering.

It sometimes happens that a granite saucepan or chafing dish gets a fall, and in this fall a bit of the granite enamel is loosened and finally peels off. The dish is of little value, for a hole will soon ensue. Granite is supposed to be unmendable, but we have proved that it can be mended. If the granite is not weakened all around the hole a copper rivet, such as are used by harness-makers, may be used to fill up the break. There are different sizes of the rivets—they come with a small head, something like carpet tacks. The rivet proper is slipped through the hole in the granite and then over the end that passes through is slipped a copper washer (which comes with the rivet), then with a few taps of a tack hammer the rivet is fattened down on the washer. This effectually mends the break in the granite and makes it practically as good as new.

If only a very small hole is found a bit of copper wire is used to mend it. The wire is slipped through the hole, after being cut the right length, and then with a tack hammer it is flattened on both sides of the granite vessel which is being operated upon.

The process is so simple that even a woman who is doing "light housekeeping" need not fear to undertake it, providing she can strike a straight blow with a hammer, which women are not supposed to be capable of doing. Though it may be among the new women there may be found a few who can do this. The only thing to be avoided is striking promiscuously upon the granite surface, and so sealing more of the enamel off. The mending is almost as simple as the old method of putting a rag into a hole to mend it.

It once happened that a high wind played havoc with a paper tub, and, after rolling it around promiscuously, it threw it against a stone and virtually wrecked it forever. It also happened that the tub belonged to a woman who had some original ideas, and she straightway went to work to demonstrate that although vented it was not wholly beyond repair.

She secured some putty and put it over the hole and smoothed it down carefully until it was about the same thickness of the paper mache itself, of which the tub was made. In case of an article needed for such use it might be well to paint it all over and then it might be decorated if desired. I have seen this paperware decorated with nasturtiums, and it really looked pretty. An occasional coat of paint would do a good deal toward making such utensils lasting.—Cleveland Leader.

A Dentist's Experience.

"Talk of presence of mind," said Fogg, "did I ever tell you of Pullyhard, the dentist? No? Well, he was down in Florida, and, falling into the river, one of the biggest alligators you ever saw made for him. In an instant poor Pullyhard was in the reptile's jaws, and in another moment the life would have been crushed out of him. But when Pullyhard saw the creature's teeth he pulled out a probe he always carries with him, and, pressing it into the gator's gum's, he asked: "Do you feel that?" Of course the reptile screamed with pain, and of course he spat Pullyhard out as quick as he would a hot potato.

"Yes," said Bass, after ruminating upon the story, "but I shouldn't call that presence of mind, but a slavish devotion to one's profession."

"That's what I always contended," replied Fogg, "but Pullyhard would have it that it was presence of mind."—Boston Transcript.

Science of Beauty.

"What! Do you practice physics and chemistry here at home?"

"Nonsense! That is my wife's toilet table!"—Pfelegende Blätter.

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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.

Land Office at Valentine, Neb. June 24th, 1896.
 Notice is hereby given that Johanna Schneider, nee Johanna Sanders, of Fort Russell Wyo., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver at their office in Valentine, Nebraska, on Wednesday the 14th day of August 1896 on timber culture application No 7721, for the sw 1/4 sec 34, sw 1/4 sec 35 and sw 1/4 sec 36 of sec No 12 Tp 31 N R 25 W.

She names as witnesses: Ely Valentine Charles A. Johnson, Washington Howe, Andrew Schatzman all of Wyo. Lake Neb.

Testimony of claimant Johanna Schneider will be taken before the Clerk of the District Court at his office in Cheyenne Wyo. on the 8th day of August 1896.
 C. R. GLOVER, Register.

Land Office Valentine, Neb. June 24th, 1896.
 Notice is hereby given that William M Hook, of Cody, Neb., has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver at their office in Valentine, Nebraska, on Friday the 21st day of July, 1896, on timber culture application No 7529 for the sw 1/4 sec 9 Tp 33 N R 33 W.

He names as witnesses: George M Barnes and John F Hook, all of Cody, Neb. also Edward Banks, of Cody, Neb. TG No 7529 for the sw 1/4 sec 9 Tp 33 N R 33 W. He names as witnesses: William M Hook, Andrew J Barnes, George W Barnes and John F Hook, all of Cody, Neb.
 C. R. GLOVER, Register.

Public Land Sale.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb. June 17th, 1896.
 Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office under authority vested in him by section 2455 U. S. Revised Statutes, as amended by an act of Congress approved February 26, 1885, we will proceed to offer at public sale on the 11 day of August 1896 at this office, the following tract of land, to-wit: Lot 1, sec 31, Tp 35 N, R 37 W. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for the commencement of said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited.
 C. R. GLOVER, Register.
 J. A. FIKR, Receiver.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebraska, June 30th, 1896.
 Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office under authority vested in him by section 2455 U. S. Revised Statutes, as amended by an act of Congress approved February 26, 1885, we will proceed to offer at public sale on the 11 day of August 1896 at this office, the following tract of land to-wit: sw 1/4 sec 11 Tp 31 N R 27 W. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for the commencement of said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited.
 C. R. GLOVER, Register.
 J. A. FIKR, Receiver.

Land Office at Valentine, Neb. July 3rd, 1896.
 Notice is hereby given that Minnie Dodd formerly Minnie Ewart, of Lake City, Colorado, has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver at their office in Valentine, Neb., on Wednesday the 19 day of August, 1896 on timber culture application No 7602, for the sw 1/4 sec 34, sw 1/4 sec 35, of section No 26, in Township No 27 Range No 29 W.

She names as witnesses: John R. Lee, Thomas McLean, William Lee and Frank Lee all of Brownlee, Neb.

Testimony of claimant Minnie Dodd formerly Minnie Ewart will be taken before the clerk of the District Court of the State of Nebraska at his office in Lake City, Colorado, August 14, 1896.
 C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb. July 2nd, 1896.
 Notice is hereby given that Jean Morrow, of Mapleton, Minn., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver at their office in Valentine, Neb., on Friday the 14th day of August 1896 on timber culture application No 7477, for the nw 1/4 sec 14, in Township No 29 N Range No 27 W.

He names as witnesses: James M. Hanna, David Hanna, John Dale of Wood Lake Neb. C. P. Reace Walcott of Brownlee, Neb.
 C. R. GLOVER, Register.

Land Office at Valentine Nebraska July 2nd, 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 or Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on August 25th 1896, viz:

George E. Tracewell, of Valentine, Nebraska,
 H. E. 9222 for the sw 1/4 sec 34, sw 1/4 sec 35 and sw 1/4 sec 36 of sec No 12 Tp 31 N R 25 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence on and cultivation of said land viz:

Nelson Popen, Martin Becker, Quincy Buck, of Sparks, Neb., and Samuel Parry Jr. of Valentine, Neb., also:
 Frederic Smith of Ft. Niobrara, Neb.
 H. E. 8768 for the Lots 5 and 6 of sec 34, Tp 31 N R 25 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Julius H. Sawyer, and Joseph H. Hornback, of Ft. Niobrara, Neb. David Stuard, of Valentine, Neb., John Clarkson of Sparks, Neb.
 C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office at Valentine, Neb. July 15th, 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, Neb., on August 25th, 1896, viz:

J. Wesley Tucker, of Valentine, Neb. H. E. 9250 for the nw 1/4 sec 15, Tp 31 N R 25 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Richard E. Howell, Frank Seizer, William Taylor and Melvin F. Brownson all of Valentine, Neb.
 C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office at Valentine, Neb. July 15th, 1896.
 Notice is hereby given that Myra E. Bogaboom, formerly Myra E. Toppin of La Platte Sarpy County Neb. has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register or Receiver at his office in Valentine Neb., on Friday the 25th day of August 1896 on timber culture application No 7720 for the w 1/2 sec 34, sec 35 and sw 1/4 sec 36 of sec No 12, Tp 31 N R 25 W.

She names as witnesses: Ely D. Valentine, David Leach, Manly Wyman, Robert N Bruce all of Wood Lake, Neb.
 C. R. GLOVER, Register.

J. C. Northrop, F. E. & M. V. agent at this place, has received the following letter which may be of interest to the readers of THE DEMOCRAT:

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