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Congress adjourned last night.

To President Wm. McKinley, greeting. We hope for the sake of the people at large that your administration will be a prosperous one.

Nothing truer nor worse could be said of either than that in honesty, decency and truthfulness Geo. Reinert and Rev. Fr. Lechleitner travel in the same class.

In the opinion of this paper the scrap at Carson on the 17th will be nothing but a fighting machine against a boxer, with Fitzsimmons in the role of the machine.

"An honest man is the noblest work of God, but a hypocrite in the livery of heaven is an abomination in the sight of God and man." This quotation is very apt when applied to a certain local man.

The following is clipped from an Ohio republican paper.

The balance of trade in favor of this country under the two years McKinley law was only 20 millions more than under the two years of the Wilson law; on ten millions a year in a total of 1700 million. These figures are for fiscal years ending June 30th. If the calendar years were taken ending Dec. 31st, the balance of trade would be largely in favor of the Wilson bill two years; for the year 1896 gave a balance in this country's favor of 321 millions.

It is an everlasting disgrace that Nebraskans cannot see beyond the village horizon and rise to the level of broad minded public spirit which seeks to develop the state and draw attention to the advantages it offers to investors and homeseekers. Instead of decrying Omaha and attempting to block its enterprise the state at large ought to rejoice at the opportunity presented for joining with Omaha in a grand effort to lift city and state up and hasten the revival of prosperity.

Through the courtesy of Hon. O. M. Kem this office is in receipt of 50 copies of the "Year Book of the Department of Agriculture for 1895." This Year Book is a volume of some 600 pages of printed matter, and is filled chock full of interesting matter, and no one who reads them can fail to receive material benefit therefrom. Altalfa, irrigation, soil culture, grasses, and other subjects of special importance are thoroughly discussed in the book. You are welcome to a copy if you call for one.

The history of this congress if truthfully written would show a systematic neglect of public business, a confusion and perversity of counsels, a lack of public spirit and patriotism, an exhibition of partisanship and malevolence to a degree that has not been surpassed in our history.

The extravagance of this congress surpasses all previous example. This is a greater public offence from the fact that the times are hard and the taxpayers are poor. Economy should have been practiced in all departments of public expenditure. Instead of thrift and economy there has been everywhere profligacy and extravagance without bounds. — *Chicago Chronicle.*

"Birdie," whoever he, she or it may be, gets real mad at THE DEMOCRAT in last week's Gordon Journal, and says some awfully mean things about the paper. "Birdie" calls this office a "cheese press and apple butter and shoe peg shop," says the editor is no "gentleman," and after awhile remarks that "life is too short to waste breath on the desert air" and "words are inadequate to express our feelings" from all of which we gather that "Birdie" is a woman, and that her article was touched up by Bro. Lyon before it appeared in the Journal. How do we know these things? Why, bless you, would anyone but a woman use the expressions quoted, and do not Bro. Lyon's earmarks show? This paper did not suspect that it was "going after" a woman in its former article, or it might have dealt gently with her. As it is, we retract the epithets, if we used any, and ask her pardon. Nevertheless "Birdie" was way off on her figures regarding Cherry county's finances, and the statements made by her were calculated to do great injury to the county at large. Being a woman she of course did not think of this, and burning with indignation over the contemplated outrage of furnishing the county with a court house which will cost practically nothing, did not stop to figure the effect of her words, learn the price of county warrants or the ability of the county to pay its debts. Once more we ask "Birdie's" pardon, and if she will send us her name and address will place it on our subscription list for a year, free.

This paper has all the time deplored the jingo sentiment which exists among those classes of people who were opposed to the Cleveland administration, and has contended that Secretary Olney did right in using diplomacy instead of force when dealing with Spain and Cuba—not however from any love of Spain. Cuba should be freed, and will be soon, no doubt. Now that a jingo administration, or an administration which has always been supported by the jingoists has charge of affairs at Washington it is a good time urge war on Spain. Jehosaphat! Shall we stand by and have people arrested who once visited this country for a short period (Sanguily) without even sending a warship to see how about it? Can an American participate in a war, (Ruiz) be arrested and imprisoned without the consent of this nation? How dare the Spaniards search a self confessed female spy, even though the search is prosecuted by a woman and in a closed cabin? Down with the Spaniards, we say! Will the American people stand idly by and permit outrages like those enumerated? War! Let's have war! Nothing but buckets of "blud" and barrels of briny tears from the bull fighter will satisfy us!

The following receipt is offered by a Western paper: Just let the subscription go. It's only a dollar or two—the publisher don't need it.

If he asks for it just get as mad as you can, tell him to stop the paper—you never read it anyhow. Then go and borrow your neighbor's.

When the reporter comes always be busy. Make him feel as if he was intruding. When the advertising and job man comes, tell him you don't need to advertise—everybody knows you, that you will try to get along without any printed stationery—it is too expensive; you must economize.

Never drop in to see the editor unless you want a free complimentary notice or a lengthy obituary for a beloved relative. Never recommend the paper to anybody. When you do speak of it say, "Yes, we have a little sheet, but it don't amount to much."

Keep it up a year or two and you will have a dead newspaper, a dead set of merchants and a dead town.

The Oracle, a monthly magazine published at Wood Lake, made its first appearance last week. The mechanical work on the magazine is so poor one can form a very inadequate idea of the value of the contents. With good printers behind it the magazine might make a success.

Four years from now McKinley will be softly singing to himself:

Just a little sunshine,
Just a little pain,
A very little president
And a lot of pain.

Newspapers over the state are loud in their demands that the present law relating to legal newspapers be allowed to remain on our statute books. Everybody who believes in fairness will advocate the defeat of the bill introduced for its repeal.

Whether a man steals for himself or for others, the act is theft. Whether an officer converts public funds to his own use or permits them to be converted to the use of others the act is embezzlement. Every unpunished embezzlement of public funds is a premium on the betrayal of official trust.—*Omaha Bee.*

An exchange says a lawyer in a court room may call a man a liar, a scoundrel, villian or a thief, and no one makes a complaint when court adjourns. If a newspaper prints such a reflection on a man's character there is a libel suit or a dead editof. This is owing to the fact that the people believe what an editor says—what the lawyer says cuts no figure.

W. E. Annin, the State Journal correspondent at Washington, has this to say of J. Sterling Morton: "Secretary Morton will go out of office before the seeds purchased for this year's distribution have gone from his department to the mails. He will leave these seeds behind him, as he will also the more valuable seeds of departmental economy and garden sass sense which he has been planting through the four years in which he has presided over the agricultural department."

We wish through the columns of your paper to ventilate an article published by Ferdinand Lechleitner in the Valentine Republican of Feb. 19 1897, headed "Defends his Position." Most people will remember that the man spoken of here is the Catholic priest that visits this place occasionally, but has not shown his ugly mug here for some time. Now it is not our purpose to attack the Catholic church or any other church but will go after him on general principles. It would seem by the reading that the holy father has been having a little altercation with one "Prof. Bad" which we think if properly translated would mean Robert Good, but we are at a loss to know what this man Bad as he calls him has ever had to do with the A. P. A's of Newport, which he lights down on, all sprawled out.

Now about the building referred to. We will say it stood unoccupied for a long time, for the reason that the holy father seemed to have control of it and would not rent it for anything like a reasonable sum. While our people looked upon the building as an old fire trap, liable to take fire from many different ways, by accident, it being, therefore, a menace to the town; yet no one ever thought of wrecking it or burning it, so we throw it back in his teeth as an absolute lie, and we find that it is not the only one he has told, for he tells another when he says the indignant Catholics marched in a body to "Prof. Bad's" printing shop and demanded their names to be taken from the list. Now, the facts are that this man "Bad," he speaks of never ran a printing shop as he calls it in this town, neither did any such a thing take place as the Catholics ordering their papers stopped. He says he well remembers the day when this was done and in the next breath, he says, that if this is the case, and he has grave suspicions that it is; thus admitting that he had lied about the matter * * *

[The statements of Father Lechleitner are wholly false so far as he has made any reference to the above mentioned are to the people of Newport—Ed. Republican.]

The foregoing is taken from the Newport Republican of Feb. 19, and is part of a column article contributed to that paper by a correspondent. Only that part of the communication is printed which bears upon our case. The Republican makes charges against Lechleitner far worse than anything THE DEMOCRAT ever said. In the light of the above corroboration of our denial of Lechleitner's charges he and the people engaged in circulating them will, if they are possessed of a spark of decency or love of fairness, immediately make a retraction or stand convicted as dastards and slanderers.

While returning home from a neighbor's last Saturday Mrs. J. A. Cronin, living southeast of town, had a narrow escape from death. When within about half a mile from home the team she was driving ran away, throwing her to the ground. The team went over the sand, through blowouts, on side hills and other dangerous places, running at a tremendous gait for about half a hour when they were captured. The team ran over places where a pedistrian could not follow, and yet strange to say neither Mrs. Cronin, the team or buggy were injured in the slightest degree.

Mrs. Vivian Lawrie started yesterday morning for Palmer, where she will teach school.

WOOD LAKE DEPARTMENT

BY "KELLY."

March 2, 1897.

Snowing today.

Jim Day and wife are in town this week.

Mart Dew was in town several days last week.

Frank Kelsey was in from Barnards ranch today.

A. Benson, of Arabia, was seen on our street today.

Ely Valentine made trip to the Hansen ranch today.

Rev. Horton, of Brownlee, assisted in revivals last week.

Prayer meetings every other night now. Everybody should go.

C. R. Walcott and family visited in town several days last week.

L. A. Rodwell, of Ainsworth, was in town last Friday on business.

Mr. C. A. Johnson is expected home from Phoenix, Ariz. in a day or two.

Ed. Bramstadt was in from D. Hanna's ranch Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Davenport, of Valentine, had business here one evening last week.

Dave and Mell Hanna were in town Saturday of last week to attend lodge.

Nick Hansen, of Sioux City arrived here last night for a couple of weeks stay.

R. Kissell, of Brownlee, was in town a day or two last week returning home Saturday.

Chas. Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leach.

Joe Pague's smiling countenance was visible in the metropolis a few minutes today.

Jim Wilson leaves for Ohio tomorrow morning. Looks like Jim wouldn't return all one either.

H. Lambrecht, of near Blair, Neb. arrived in town this afternoon with a car of emigrants. Several more families are expected soon.

Elk.

Winter seems to stay with us well.

Claud McLoud was bobbing around these parts last week.

Chet Goodrich and wife spent last week at the Churn Ranch.

J. T. Young has leased the Wm. O. Wilson place for the present year.

Mrs. Norman resumed her duties in the school-room last Monday morning.

James Lawrie was driving around in the lower part of the precinct last week.

Wm. O. Wilson rode the Woodman goat, at Merriman, last Saturday night.

SANDY.

Niobrara Falls.

Jake is back once more and has come to stay.

Mrs. Johnston is visiting in the German settlement.

The Lansing boys and Lon Mosher are hauling wood to town.

Mrs. Reece has gone to the Post to nurse some sick folks there.

Mrs. Anna Grooms is home again and Dick thinks there is nothing like his boy.

D. Grooms is working on his water wheel. He is going to try irrigation again this summer.

BAD BOY.

Prof. H. B. Ward, of the state university, lectured to the farmers yesterday on "Parasites and Parasitic Diseases of Domestic Animals." Only about 25 farmers were present but the hall was filled with townspeople and pupils in the higher grades of the public school. In the evening he gave an interesting talk at the Methodist church on a journey through Switzerland on foot. G. A. Marshall, president of the state horticultural society and Dr. A. T. Peters, state veterinarian will talk this afternoon.

Hon. C. R. Glover, of Valentine, was in the village on Wednesday. Came down to do some mechanical work on a pump on his farm. Charley says if there is anything he likes to do better than another it is to fix well pumps.—*Longpine Republican Journal.*

Rev. J. M. Bates will hold services at the Episcopal church Sunday. Service will be held at the church every Wednesday and Friday evening during Lent, to which all are cordially invited. Choir practice every Friday evening.

The proceeds of the play, "Louva, the Pauper," will be used to defray the expenses of the A. O. U. W. library. At the Cornell Hall tomorrow night.

A new breed of hog is being introduced in the eastern states which has hoofs like a mule. This is said to be a great improvement over the old breeds, fatting easily and weighing heavy.

While in town this week Jas. Gillaspie underwent an operation for cancer on his lower lip, Dr. J. C. Dwyer being the surgeon.

Davenport & Thacher carry a complete line of coffins and undertaker's supplies. 27

A NEW INVOICE

We have just finished unpacking a large invoice of new spring goods and will be very much pleased if the shoppers of Valentine will call and inspect the goods. Among the lot are some of the prettiest things ever seen in this city.

A full line of window shades with spring rollers complete, also received.

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The horse market is gradually getting better in and around Ainsworth. The farmers are in need of more horses than they now have. This is one sign that the farmers expect something better in the future.—*Ainsworth Star-Journal.*

The village of Crawford has brought suit against the five saloon keepers for the payment of $62.50 each, being one-half of the $125.00 occupation tax required by the village in addition to the $500.00 state license and $25 for United States license.—*Bulletin*

Don't get the notion that hard work kills. It dosen't: it can't. Work may tire, but that is all. Then you must rest. What good, hard work does is to make solid men: The healthiest men in the world are the men who work hardest. It gives them appetite for their meals and brings refreshing sleep. Work all you like and can only don't worry and don't keep late hours. It is in the latter two points that danger lies: not in work.—Edward W. Bok in March *Ladies' Home Journal.*

Mill Prices for Feed.

Bran, bulk	40c per cwt	$7.00	ton
Shorts bulk	50c per cwt	$9.00	ton
Screenings	35c "	$6.00	"
Chop Feed	70c "	$13.00	"
Corn	50c "		
Oats	65c "		

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER—Omaha, Neb., March 2, 1897. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 12 o'clock m, central standard time, April 3, 1897, and then opened for constructing a Hay Storehouse at Fort Niobrara, Nebr., U. S. reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals, or any part thereof. Plans and specifications can be seen, and all information had here. Envelopes containing proposals to be marked "Proposals for Hay Storehouse," and addressed to D, D. WHEELER, Maj., Q. M.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,—Omaha, Neb., February 24, 1897. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 12 o'clock m., central standard time, March 29, 1897, and then opened for furbishing transportation, drayage, and for hauling stores in Department of the Platte, during fiscal year commencing July 1, 1897. U. S. reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals, or any part thereof. Information furnished on application. Envelopes containing proposals to be marked "Proposals for transportation on Route No——," and addressed to D, D. WHEELER, Major, Q. M, 5-8

Notice to Non-Resident.

To Eliza Columbus, non-resident defendnat: You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of February, 1897, Augustus Columbus filed a petition in the District Court of Cherry county, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from you on the grounds that you have wilfully abandoned the plaintiff without good cause for the term of two years last past.

You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday the 22nd day of March, 1897.

AUGUST COLUMBUS, Plaintiff,
3-7 by F. M. Walcott, his attorney.

FINAL PROOF NOTICES.

Land Office at Valentine Nebraska, March 2 1897.

Notice is hereby given that Peter C. W. Meinecke, of Detroit, Mich has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register or Receiver at his office in Valentine Nebr, on Saturday the 17th day of April, 1897, on timber culture application No. 7819 for the sw¼ of section No. 15, Tp. 33n R 30 w.

He names as witnesses: Peter Reimers Peter Riege, Henry Schlueter and Henry Porath all of Riege Nebr.

Testimony of Claimant will be taken before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wayne County at his office in Detroit, Michigan, on April 13, 1897.

6-11 C. R GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine Nebr., Feb., 24 th 1897.

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 April 10 1897. viz:

Mellissie Ainslie formerly Melissie Hurshman, of Kennedy, Nebr.

H E 10210 for the w½ne¼ & e½nw¼ Sec 22 Tp 29 R 33.

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

John D. Kimes, Floyd Kimes and Theodore Doyle, of Kennedy, Nebr. Levi N. Layporte of Valentine Nebr.

5-10 C. R GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office Valentine Neb., February 20, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that William E. Cottle, of Valentine, Neb., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register or Receiver at his office in Valentine, Neb., on Saturday the 3rd day of April, 1897, on timber culture application No. 7552, for the sw¼ Sec 12 Tp 34 n R 28 w

He names as witnesses:—Elbert Brenklander, Lyman H. Perkins, Edward G. Perkins and William H. Hooper all of Valentine, Neb.

5-10 C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb., February 24 1897.

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, Nebr. on April 9th, 1897 viz:

Francis M. Robinson, of Kennedy Nebraska.

H E 9342 for the s½se¼ & ne¼se¼ Sec 27 and sw¼sw¼ Sec 26 Tp 29 R 31.

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

Annen Bardsen, Andrew Mark, Lars Pederson and David A. Piercy, all of Kennedy, Nebr.

5-10 C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebr, Feb. 12, 1897.

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 March 29 1897, viz:

Andrew G. Ward, of Wood Lake Neb.

H E No. 9926 for lots 6-7 & e½sw¼ Sec 6 Tp 29n R 26 w.

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

Oscar W. McDaniel, Ely D. Valentine, William V Johnson, John R. Parks, all of Wood Lake, Nebr.

4-9 C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Valentine, Neb., Febr., 6, 1897.

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 Mch 23d, 1897, viz:

Robert Johns, of Brownlee, Nebr.

H E No. 10314 for the s½ne¼ ne¼se¼ Sec 21 & nw¼sw¼ sec 52 Tp 27 n R 28 w.

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

Frank T. Lee, William Wallace, Waldo K. Grant and Edward Reiser all of Brownlee Nebr.

3-8 C. R. GLOVER. Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebraska, Feb. 9th, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that John V. Axtell, of Pontiac, Ill., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register and Receiver at their office in Valentine Nebr., on Wednesday the 24 day of March, 1897, on timber culture application No. 7465, for the Lot 4 se¼sw¼ & s½ se¼ of section No 7 Tp 27n R 29w

He names as witnesses: Samuel D. Montgomery, Lewis K. Belding and Evans R Vandegrift, of Brownlee, Nebr, and Oren L. Axtell, of Elk Creek, Neb.

Testimony of claiment will be taken before the clerk of the Circuit Court of Livingston county, at his office in Pontiac, Illinois March 24, 1897.

3-9 C. R. GLOVER. Register.

Land Office at Valentine, Nebr., Feb 10 1897.

Notice is also 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 March 27th 1897, viz:

Amos Strong, of Valentine, Nebr.

H E 9383 for the e½sw¼ nw¼sw¼ & sw¼nw¼ Sec 21 Tp 31 n R 28 w.

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

Willard D Morgareidge, John B Lord, Charles W Bennett and Clarence F. Carson all of Simeon Nebraska.

3-8 C. R. GLOVER, Register

Land Office Valentine, Neb., Feb, 2nd, 1897.

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 or Receiver at Valentine, Nebraska, on March 23 1897, viz:

James E. Jordan, of Arabia, Neb.

H E 9182 for the n½ne¼ & n½nw¼ Sec 17 Tp 32 R 26.

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

Henry J. Vansteenis, Joseph P. Krecyik John T. Klef and Andrew Benson all of Arabia Nebraska,

2-7 C. R. GLOVER Register.

U. S. Land Office at Valentine, Neb., Jan. 25th, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that Crowell L. Wemple has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register or Receiver at their office in Valentine, Neb. on Tuesday the 9th day of March 1897, on timber culture application No. 7853 for the ne¼ Sec 26 Tp 28n R 30 w

He names as witnesses: Stuart E, Tait of Brownlee, Nebr., William Steadman, Robert M. Caddis and Charles H. Tait of Pass, Neb.

Testimony of claimant will be taken before the Clerk of the District Court for Pawnee county at his office in Pawnee City, Nebraska on March 6th 1897.

C. R. GLOVER, Register.

Public Land Sale.

U. S. Land Office Valentine Nebr., Jan. 25, 1897.

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, Rev. Stat., as amended by the act of Congress approved February 26, 1895, we will proceed to offer at public sale on the 10th day of March next, at this office, the following tract of land, towit; the se¼se¼. Sec. 25 Tp 35 R 34.

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 said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited.

C. R. GLOVER Register,
J. A. FIKE, Receiver.

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