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The task of securing exhibits for the Trans-Mississippi Exposition is being vigorously prosecuted by the Department of Exhibits and the prospects continue to brighten. It is stated that more exhibits are already contracted for and in process of preparation than are to be found at the Tennessee exposition and the indications are that the Trans-Mississippi Exposition will develop in astonishing proportions.

A man can use a wart on the back of his neck for a collar button; ride on the back coach of a train to save interest on his money until the conductor comes around; stop his watch nights save wear and tear; leave his "q" or "v" without a dot or cross to save ink; pasture his mothers grave to save corn; but a man of this kind is a gentleman compared to a fellow who will take a newspaper, and when asked to pay for it, puts it in the office and has it marked "refused."

The tariff on cotton is a howling farce. The cotton raisers know it, the republican managers know it and the trusts know it, but a few congressmen posing as democrats were caught by the bait. They bit like fish. The cotton imported is of the long staple variety, which cannot be grown in this country in sufficient amount to supply the demand, despite the belief on the part of some that tariff legislation can reverse the laws of nature. It will not benefit the cotton planters a penny, but it will afford the manufacturers an opportunity to gouge the consumer a little more. The mullet is considered the most foolish fish. Its brain is smaller than any other member of the fish family. And the mullet is the only fish that will bite at a bare hook. There was no bait on the cotton duty hook.—World Herald.

It pains THE DEMOCRAT exceedingly to think it is once more compelled to refer to the untruthfulness of the Omaha World-Herald's news reports. Look at its accounts of the races here in the issues of June 19 and 20. One would think the reports were made up in Omaha when he knows the facts. Certainly the correspondent is a stranger in Valentine and did not try to ascertain facts. In the first place the telegram is not a report at all. A few generalities is all. It speaks of "the beautiful and picturesque fair grounds," when Valentine never had such a thing. The "thousands of people" should be hundreds. The W. H. says these are the first June races ever held here, when there are annual meetings. It says the Robinson-Niobrara ball game score was 30 to 15, when it was 30 to 10, and so on. It's a pity that so great a paper as the World-Herald cannot give facts for news instead of fakes. Three different times now this paper has called attention to the falsity of reports sent from here. When the Omaha ball team was here a few weeks ago the World-Herald published a fake report of the game. It is these little things that hurt a paper's reputation for veracity. People think that if a paper is untruthful about a small thing it will surely lie about something in which it is interested. It is but fair to say that the regular local correspondent of the W. H. did not send in these fakes. The paper will do well to publish nothing from here unless it is sent by local persons.

EQUALIZED

NOTE: R raised; L lowered. Figures are per cent of increase or decrease

PRECINCTS	Horses		Cattle		Mules		Sheep		Land	Lots	Tods	Pers	Total		
	R	L	R	L	R	L	R	L							
Bolling Springs	30		13	30					46		1120	1788	1914	38272	
Boyle Lake	3											24032	24032		
Cleveland	19	12	8	19	14	22		7				11577	14488	29045	
Dewey Lake	19			11	6				45			15392	20796	34361	
Ell	41	16		9	63			12	35			3542	11410	20762	
Enlow	16									1		8665	2664	38043	
Georgia		16	31		30			12	7	42	1076	3182	1895	615	
German		6	4		6	14						8179	3248	11427	
Gillaspie		18			12					21		8067	4304	12371	
Irwin		22	21		12	7	14	40	21	244	10329	19086	32622		
Kennedy		9			21	14	5	17	49			9076	10889	1986	
Keweenaw					30	12	15	17	35			2744	3292	6036	
Lavaca			30	8	30		7	35	33			22244	9201	32545	
Loup			19	8	20		25		33			28776	26108	54874	
Minnehadanza											67	25594	8842	35536	
Merriman		28	13		70	14	14	14	14			15817	28023	43840	
Mother Lake		21			8							9740	27317	32917	
Neuzel		8		10	11					73	40	3038	3338	737	
Pleasant Hill					12							18866	11177	30043	
Schlegel		8	18		6	14	15	40	25	2	13	18866	11177	30043	
Sharp's Ranch		34			5	24		20				14486	5426	19912	
Sparks			30	28			43					15002	4392	19394	
Steen			12							151	23308	6367	29946		
Table			5	8					21	30		24199	3089	30079	
Valentine			12	13		12		41	4			14453	6912	21365	
Wood Lake										18	3008	44416	23392	70888	
Valentine Village					28	30		12				40212	39411	85703	
W. E. & M. V. Railroad												6702	6702	13404	
Western Union Telegraph												1710	1710	3420	
Wagon Palace Car Co.												1710	1710	3420	
Totals											52753	41274	82011	12185	51

Grand total valuation of the county as equalized.

TRUST GETS ITS OWN

The Senate Friday voted to take not less than \$53,241,000 out of the pockets of the American people and present it to the Sugar Trust. The republicans were able to force the bounty through only with the aid of the democrat McEnery, of Louisiana and Jones and Stewart, the two ancient Nevada friends of the Sugar Trust.

The republicans felt that they did not dare pass this schedule in silence. So in the absence of Aldrich, Senator Allison undertook to defend the indefensible and excuse the inexcusable. But he made a sad mess of it.

When Mr. Gorman proved that the trust was getting double the protection of the present tariff law, Mr. Allison could not deny it. When Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, showed that the schedule was based upon false figures furnished by the trust, Mr. Allison could not get around it. When Mr. White showed that the bounty to the trust was at least \$53,241,000, Mr. Allison could only wave it aside.—New York World.

Assessor Townsend of Ft. Robinson, precinct, has been in town for several days completing his assessments. He reports that the officers in charge at Ft. Robinson would not schedule their personal property in this county and would not accord him assistance in procuring schedules from persons on the Fort reservation or in the post canteen. County Attorney Fisher filed complaint against Mrs. Capt. Steadman residing there, who is reputed to be worth more than a million dollars, with the view of requiring her under the law to make a return of her personal property. All commissioned officers at the fort have been assessed practically the same way, and it's safe to say that County Attorney Fisher will deal with them in a like manner if he finds that their personal belongings have not been scheduled.—Chadron Recorder.

Joseph S. Bartley has been convicted of the charge of embezzlement of state funds while state treasurer of the state of Nebraska.

The verdict convicted Bartley of the embezzlement of \$151,884.75, instead of \$201,885.75 with which he was charged, the jury allowing Bartley credit for the check for \$50,000 drawn on his personal account in the Omaha National bank, June 4, 1895, and payable to his account as state treasurer in the same bank, and which the defense traced through that bank to the First National bank of Lincoln, and thence to six state depositories.

Did Good Work.

Street Commissioner Layport informs this office that he has built eleven alley and street crossings with poll tax labor so far this spring, besides putting about 100 loads of cinders and ashes on the streets. About 114 poll tax receipts have been issued, and but two persons have refused to work or pay. Their names will appear in next week's paper if they fail to comply with the law by that time. Nobody should refuse to pay his poll tax. As an American citizen nobody can afford to refuse.

Board of Equalization

Valentine, Neb., June 15 1897.

County board met in regular session as a Board of Equalization. Present: Max E. Viertel, chairman; P. Sullivan, and W. A. Parker. Continued in the business of equalization until the evening of the 19th and adjourned to 21st.

June 21st 1897.

Board met as per adjournment. Members all present. Continued in the business of equalization until 23rd, having adopted the following schedule of percentages in order to adjust equalization between precincts: (see above.)

Whereupon the following levies were made:

County General fund9 mills
" Bridge31 "
" Road21 "
" Sinking3 "
Vlt'n Prec bond2 "
" Vlt' Gen5 "
" Sinking7 "

School District Bond levies in mills:

No. 1	7	No. 4	3	No. 7	5
" 8	4	" 12	8	" 20	5
" 23	15	" 25	4	" 26	15
" 28	10	" 30	2	" 33	15
" 41	15	" 47	2	" 48	15
" 49	5	" 65	5	" 70	5
" 71	19				

Whereupon the board adjourned sine die.

Attest GEO. ELLIOTT, Clerk.

Interesting Figures.

Below will be found the total number of horses, cattle, mules, sheep and acres of deeded land in the county as returned by the assessors, together with their average value:

PRECINCT	Horses	Cattle	Mules	Sheep	Land	Val'n	Val'n	Val'n	Total
Bolling Springs	562	24	221	17	17183	458	16	4063	16723
Boyle Lake	403	15	1802	200	10570	735	23	2754	12958
Cleveland	338	4	1366	270	8553	379	25	4670	19579
Dewey Lake	79	2	228	12	3096	105	3	359	349
Ell	890	12	632	62	7229	357	25	4670	19579
Georgia	164	4	279	20	17140	370	4	628	4180
German	403	7	787	24901	1332	10	3198	2302	15877
Gillaspie	401	29	375	9	3963	97	2	324	4346
Irwin	246	14	1553	1035	18338	139	4	907	417
Kennedy	199	7	440	3	14363	227	7	914	6721
Keweenaw	152	6	128	5	9605	152	6	128	5
Lavaca	415	23	2661	1596	43962	222	2	88	2
Loup	10655	265	4972	12143	388261	Average Value	\$5.12	5.11	5.41
Minnehadanza	357	15	1802	200	10570	735	23	2754	12958
Merriman	338	4	1366	270	8553	379	25	4670	19579
Neuzel	79	2	228	12	3096	105	3	359	349
Pleasant Hill	890	12	632	62	7229	357	25	4670	19579
Schlegel	164	4	279	20	17140	370	4	628	4180
Sharp's Ranch	403	7	787	24901	1332	10	3198	2302	15877
Sparks	401	29	375	9	3963	97	2	324	4346
Steen	246	14	1553	1035	18338	139	4	907	417
Table	199	7	440	3	14363	227	7	914	6721
Valentine	152	6	128	5	9605	152	6	128	5
Wood Lake	415	23	2661	1596	43962	222	2	88	2
Valentine Village	10655	265	4972	12143	388261	Average Value	\$5.12	5.11	5.41

W. G. Mason was the victim of a very painful, and what might easily have proved a dangerous accident, at Cody, last week. It seems that a lamp was in some way overturned in the boarding car, and just as Mr. Mason was coming up to the car door, some one kicked the lamp out and the burning fluid struck him squarely in the breast and face, his clothing becoming at once a sheet of flame. His presence of mind in covering up his face with his hat and the prompt and efficient assistance rendered by those present in smothering out the fire, no doubt saved his life.—Republican Journal.

Hollenbeck-Everett.

At the residence of Martin Christensen in this city Monday evening, James E. Hollenbeck and Elsie Everett were united in marriage by Judge Towne. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Christensen.

New Building.
Tuesday morning work commenced on W. E. Efner's new Main street building. It will be a one-story frame, 22x60 feet, located just north of the primary school building, and will be used for millinery and residence purposes. We understand that Mr. Morey has purchased the Efner property on Hall street.

To Citizens of Pullman
I am in receipt of an anonymous letter from Pullman, directing me to do my duty as prosecuting attorney and prosecute certain unnamed parties for running a saloon at Pullman, without a license. If the writer has courage of his convictions and will give me his name, I will prepare an information for him or any other reputable citizen to sign and I shall endeavor to discharge my duty as prosecuting attorney.
F. M. WALCOTT,
County Attorney.

Pleasant Picnic Party.
A party of young folks consisting of Frank Brayton and Evelyn Hilsinger, W. S. Jackson and Edna Fischer, C. M. Sager and Della Sawyer, W. T. Kincaid and Fannie Clark, M. V. Nicholson and Mae O'Sullivan, John Smyser and wife, enjoyed a pleasant outing down the Minnehadanza Sunday. The young folks left town in the morning and remained on the picnic grounds for dinner and supper.

The stock men living in the northern part of the county have been notified by Agent Clapp, of Pine Ridge, that if any stock was found on the ten mile strip in this state, known as the reserve that they would be taken care of by the agent and held for trespass. At a meeting of about fifty stockmen held in White Clay precinct a few days ago it was decided to test the legality of the matter in the courts.—The Record.

A Rank Show.

Prescott & Torrey's Comedy Co. was in town last Friday and Saturday evenings. Friday night the company did fairly well playing "For a Million," but the Saturday night show was a rank fake. There was simply nothing to it. In the first place they advertised both by bills and word of mouth that they would play "The False Face," and that there would be specialties by every member of the company, but neither "The False Face" nor the specialties materialized. The spectators were regaled with "Finnegan's Troubles" and the comedian sang one lonesome little song which originated some years before the deluge. Considering the fact that Valentine gave this company better houses than any other town on the road where they have stopped, the action of the manager in breaking his word is still more reprehensible. The people of Valentine know a good thing when they see it, and henceforth a company must be first class if it is seen here at all. Our citizens will refuse to give 50 cents to see a 10 cent show. Companies traveling this way will please take notice.

Sparks.

Mr. Swearingen is putting up a new wind mill. Mr. Clarkson proved up on his claim last Monday.
We have Sunday School every Sunday at the M. E. church.
Aaron Grooms and family from on the river are visiting John Grooms.
Mrs. Hornback has just closed a very successful term of school at Sparks.
M. G. House and family from the North Table were down to visit their parents.
The crops look fine. Wheat is good if we get rain in a few days. Corn is growing nicely.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson have just returned from Valentine where they went to see the races and visit their children.
The base ball team from Norden played the Sparks nine at Sparks Saturday. The score was 33 to 70 in favor of Norden.
Will Clarkson and Harry Presho were over from the Hay Flats and spent two or three days with friends and old neighbors.
Will we have a picnic at Sparks the fourth? You bet! Valentine has failed to have one and Wood Lake is too far off so come to Sparks and have a good time.
UNCLE JOE.

Georgia.

Excitement ran high on the morning of the 18th when it was discovered that the store of Frank Routhleuter had been burglarized on the previous night, and Frank lost no time in securing help and searching for the party who had done the deed. He was found after a few hours and taken before Esqr. Davis after the usual proceedings in such cases committed him to the county jail.

Today we saw the Indian Police driving home a number of horses and cattle that had "strayed" from the reserve. All wore the brand: I. D.

FOR SALE—Will sell instead of rent the Payton ranch; also 75 cows. Terms 1/3 down, balance in two years, at 10 per cent interest with good security. Can have immediate possession.
SAM HUDSON Selling Agent.
22 Simeon.

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Will sell at a great sacrifice a mandolin, guitar, violin, banjo and trombone, all first class instruments. Address J. A. FOSTER, Band Quarters, Fort Niobrara.

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FINAL PROOF NOTICES.

Claimants and witnesses in final proof cases notice of which appear in THE DEMOCRAT, will receive a marked copy of the paper, should any errors in description of land or spelling of names be discovered, notice should be sent to the land office and this office, so correction can be made.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Neb., June 5 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 July 17th, 1897, viz:

Joseph Birl, of Georgia, Neb.

H. E. 3635 for the e1/2 and n1/2 sec 34, Tp. 19 and n1/2 sec 34, Sec 20 Tp. 31 R. 21 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Sebastian Seabolt, Michael Boltz, Richard Hainsford and Joseph Stowell of Neuzel, Neb.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Valentine, Neb., June 15th, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before the Register or Receiver at Valentine, Nebraska, on July 27, 1897, viz:

Alonzo H. Ferguson, Valentine, Neb.

H. E. No. 3155 for the s1/2 sec 34, Tp. 34 and lot 3 and s1/2 sec 34, Sec 3 Tp. 33 R. 23 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Hunter, Martin S. Welch, John B. Jones and Wesley Messingale all of Valentine, Neb.

U. S. LAND OFFICE Valentine, Neb., June 16th, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that John Dale, of Wood Lake, Neb., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register or Receiver at his office in Valentine, Neb., on Tuesday the 27th day of July, 1897, on timber culture application No. 562, for the lots 1, 2, s1/2 sec 34, Sec 5, Tp. 28 N. 23 W.

He names as witnesses: Charles H. McDaniel, of Johnston, Neb.; James M. Hann, Ely D. Valentine and William McDaniel, of Wood Lake, Nebraska.

U. S. LAND OFFICE Valentine, Neb., June 16th, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of 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 July 26, 1897, viz:

Michael Mone, of Cody, Neb.

H. E. 3933 for the n1/2 sec 21 Tp. 23 N. 24 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: James H. Onigley, of Valentine, Neb.; John Nolan, Arthur Heath and Hugh N. Mone, of Cody, Neb., also:

Arthur Heath, of Cody, Neb.

H. E. 6780 for the s1/2 sec 18 Tp. 33 N. 34 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: James H. Onigley, of Valentine, Neb.; Michael Mone, Hugh H. Mone and John Nolan, of Cody, Neb., also:

John Nolan, of Cody, Neb.

H. E. 8440 for the n1/2 sec 18 Tp. 33 N. 34 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: James H. Onigley, of Valentine, Neb.; Hugh H. Mone, Michael Mone and Arthur Heath, of Cody, Neb.

U. S. LAND OFFICE Valentine, Neb., May 17 1897.

Notice is hereby given that Jason Garwood, of Pullman, Neb., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register and Receiver at their office in Valentine, Neb., on Monday the 28th day of June 1897, on timber culture application No. 756, for the s1/2 sec 34, Sec 34, n1/2 sec 34, Sec 22 Tp. 28 N. 37 W.

He names as witnesses: Joseph E. Cotton, Charles Carner, Joseph A. Sauls and William Pullman all of Pullman, Neb.

Notice is also hereby given that Norman D. Stoner, of Pullman, Neb., has filed notice of intention to make final proof on timber culture application No. 756, for the n1/2 sec 34, Sec 34, n1/2 sec 34, Sec 7 Tp. 28 N. 37 W.

He names as witnesses: Joseph E. Cotton, Joseph A. Sauls, William Pullman, and Charles Carner all of Pullman, Neb.

H. E. No. 10249 for the n1/2 sec 32 and n1/2 sec 33, Sec 33 Tp. 28 N. 37 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Joseph E. Cotton, Norman D. Stoner, Joseph A. Sauls and William Pullman, all of Pullman, Neb.

U. S. LAND OFFICE Valentine, Neb., May 17 1897.

Notice is hereby given that Jarley O. Goodrich, of Cody, Neb., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register or Receiver at his office in Valentine, Neb., on Tuesday the 6th day of July, 1897, on timber culture application No. 764