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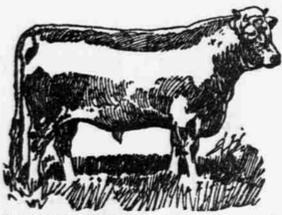
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## WESTERN NEWS-DEMOCRAT

ROBERT GOOD, Editor and Publisher

There has been considerable thieving going on lately over in the north country, and last Wednesday word reached Jacob Kratt that he is among the losers, twenty-five head of his cattle having been taken together with others belonging to other people.—Stuart Ledger.

The secretary of the interior has rendered a decision of considerable importance to those affected. The rule is that on the death of a homesteader, leaving a widow and heirs, the widow takes the homestead right of the husband free from any claim on behalf of the heirs, and is vested with full power to complete the entry for her own benefit, or to relinquish the same if she so elects.

The Bell Cattle Company have recovered the span of horses which were stolen from them some time ago. They have been searching the south country for the past ten days and last week located the stolen property on the Loup river. On Wednesday one Ed. Jay was placed under arrest by Sheriff Murray and placed under \$1,000 dollar bonds. Squire Jones went on his bonds and the preliminary hearing was set for Saturday.—Longpine Journal.

Up to date 800 filings have been made in the local land office, under the "Reservoir Act," and they still continue to come. Several homestead filings have been offered on lands held under reservoir rights, and notice of appeal given when the applications were rejected. As soon as these appeals are decided by the secretary of the interior, we will know what the real value of these filings are, but until that time stockmen and speculators will continue to grab all vacant lands. So far as bona fide stockmen are concerned no ill feeling has been caused by their filings, but we understand that in many cases filings have been made by irresponsible parties with the very evident intention of making stockmen pay tribute to them, and it is these filings which will cause trouble if trouble is caused.

Word reached here last week to the effect that one man who had filed a reservoir claim on a piece of land in the west part of the county had chopped down a windmill which a neighboring outfit had built on the land some time ago. We did not learn the names of those concerned, but if our information is correct the action was an outrage which should be punished. We know of dozens of claims which have been filed on streams and lakes, where reservoirs are not needed. One in particular seems raw, because a large river runs through the land, and taken alone the place is valueless. We hope to see rulings soon made which will prevent such filings. The intent of the law is undoubtedly good, and it is a shame to have it become farcical.

Land Commissioner Wolfe writes to Treasurer Thackrey regarding the lease of school lands in Cherry county as follows, which will prove of interest to many of our readers:

"For the protection of the school fund, the following rule, which is of long standing, will be enforced: An application to lease made by, or in the interest of, the party against whom cancellation has been made on account of delinquency, will not be accepted for the land so forfeited.

"Bids may be mailed, marked 'Bid for lease of the following school land; Sec.—Tp.—R—' and will be opened when that particular piece of land is called for lease; but if there should be a better bid for the land, of course this sealed bid will not stand. Therefore, I would suggest that, where it is possible, persons interested in securing these leases should attend the auction in person.

"I do not think it will be possible to have the leasing auction in your county before Sept. 1, as there are other matters which must be attended to in the meantime; but if nothing unusual arises I presume that I shall be able to have the auction very near the time above stated and will notify you positively as soon as I can, which will doubtless be four weeks or more before the auction.

"I would call your special attention to the latter part of Section 17 of the new school land law, under which these lands will be leased, which is as follows:

"Persons owning movable improvements on lands reverting to the state may remove the same within six months after such land is released, and all improvements not so removed shall inure to the benefit of the new lessee."

From this you will notice that delinquents cannot require of the lessee settlement for improvements, as has been the custom, but if the new lessee would rather buy the improvements than to have them removed, the owner will have the right to make the best terms he can in that direction."

## Educational Notes

By Prof. R. H. WATSON

All school pupils will be pleased to learn that fifty of the library books have been left in the county superintendent's office with Miss Brown, to be loaned to the pupils. The Ninth grade pupils (those who will be Tenth grade next year) should be especially interested in Abbott's biographies. Those pupils who use these books most freely will be the best in Greek and Roman history during the coming year. Books exchanged from 8 to 10 o'clock a. m. every Saturday.

I am very much pleased to know that the additional help given to the High School for the coming year gives so nearly universal satisfaction. I believe that if all understood the plan and nature of the work intended there would not be one dissenting voice. A few have supposed that our sole object in putting in this additional work is to meet the requirements of the State University. The primary object is to give those pupils who are not able to attend the State University a chance to acquire a more thorough education. A few have doubted whether there would be a sufficient number of pupils in the advanced class to justify us in maintaining it. The pupils who have graduated will come back for this course and our advanced class the coming year will be about twice as large as any other advanced class we have ever had, and the class for the next year will be still larger.

We look back over the last three years work with pride at the success we have had in holding the High School pupils in school and inspiring them with a determination to secure the most thorough education within their reach.

The first year we enrolled in the High School nineteen pupils, the past year we enrolled thirty-nine pupils, and we expect to enroll between fifty-five and sixty pupils the coming year.

We expect about \$40 per month tuition from non-resident pupils the coming year, and after that the tuition will more than pay the salary of the assistant principal.

Three years ago I believe not a single school in Cherry county, outside of Valentine, hired more than one teacher, the coming year at least three schools will hire more than one teacher and will make an attempt to grade their schools. This shows the educational feeling that is growing all over the county. These schools will be good feeders for Valentine, and while securing a good education for themselves, their tuition will enable us to make our school better.

"Tug" Wilson's Ramouillet sheep, which are located on E. M. Borer's place on Big Bordeaux, were shorn last week and four of them yielded 134 pounds of wool, making an average of 33 1/2 pounds per head. A common sheep shears from 8 to 10 of wool, consequently it pays to raise blooded sheep. Mr. Wilson has the finest lot of sheep in this section. They are of the very choicest class, and "Tug" went to considerable expense last summer when he purchased them from the Exposition, they having been on exhibition as the finest grade of sheep. When Mr. Wilson shipped them here with the view of raising blooded sheep in this section, he used splendid judgment, as the above demonstration indicates.—Chadron Journal.

Brown county seems to be headquarters for a band of cattle and horse thieves, and the farmers and stockmen are becoming very much excited over the depredations committed by the miscreants. When we were in Ainsworth last week numerous threats of hanging were heard and we very much fear the good name of our sister county will ere long be smirched with the story of a lynching bee. We can hardly blame the people for their threats, but sincerely hope they will use their utmost endeavors to ferret out the guilty parties and let the law take its course.

W. C. Caven who was appointed on the board of state brand and marks by Governor Poynter at the instance of P. P. Cooper was knocked out and his appointment revoked when a delegation appeared and protested from Sioux and Dawes counties last Saturday. Chairman Wardlaw has taken the position that since the appointment was given this county without its sanction the governor should now appoint some one whom the fusion forces of this county would unite upon. Mr. Wardlaw is right. Dawes county is entitled to the place, but Dawes county should be privileged to name who it wants.—Chadron News.

The supply of young cattle below the southern quarantine line is fairly large, but the offerings of 2-year-old steers above the line are very small, as the available supplies have been heavily drawn upon. Very few of the northern ranchmen have half as many cattle as they would like but high prices have held them back.

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