

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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The Greatest of its Kind. The excellent record of the "Mercantile" is attracting much attention. It now has in Nebraska over seven thousand policy holders and over six million dollars of insurance in force. It has annually for five years on an average declared to its policy holders a dividend of 15 to 20 per cent; that is, it has saved in cost to its policy holders that much. There is no man but what would like to be in a business that would yield him 20 per cent profit.—The Mutual Insurance Journal.

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Lee Sellers is home at this writing. Anna Dart was visiting on the Snake last Sunday. Flint Yuong is buying a bunch of cattle now and then. Ira Goodin got home from the reservation last week. Al Cass will move to Lou Dahlgrens place in a few days. Lon Heath and his mother took in the show at Cody last week. B. F. Nelson and wife were callers at W. H. Sellers on the 16. Jerry and Myra Cass were visiting at the O S ranch recently. Alma Weede has been staying at the orphans home last week. Now if trusts will only begin to bust they will be freely forgiven. W. H. Sellers bought all the hay on the Fred Walker place at \$5 a ton. W. H. Carter moved his cattle from the Gunderson ranch last week. Cattle are doing well. They are combing their hair with their tongues. Wm. Fennelson and wife went south last week to buy some ranch property. Lee and Lulu Sellars and Cora Gunderson were guests at John Bishops last Sunday. Now good trusts you may sob and we'll not rue it. Since you now must tell us just how you do it. Parasites there are, dark and bright; tick and louse, scale, mite and flea; but none should man so stoutly fight, as that worst of all—monopoly.

The writer thinks we will have an early spring. We heard thunder on the 15th. An early spring will suit the stockmen as hay is getting scarce.

Arabia Screenings. Our citizens have been enjoying the fine weather after such a storm as we had. A dance was held at Welkers, two miles east of Arabia. Geo. Veach furnished the music and a good time was reported to have been had by all present. J. P. Heelan returned from Omaha some time ago. He seems to be much improved in health and also in spirits and is no longer a bachelor. He concluded he was tired of bachelorhood and brought back a frow with him. Mr. Heelan is one of Arabia's best citizens and a hustling ranchman. We wish him a long life of happiness and contentment of which he is well deserved.

THE BLACK KNIGHT. Miss Danielson, of Davey, Nebr., is visiting at J. R. Lee's

Brownlee Breeces. Last week James McClain was the one to break an axle to his freight wagon.

Miss Anderson finished her term of school last Friday and has returned to her Omaha home.

Rev. Johnson preached last Sunday evening a thoughtful and instructive sermon on amusements.

Mrs. Bennett, a sister of Wm. Shepherd, returned to Fairbury last Tuesday to attend to some legal business.

John Anderson having disposed of his big corn crop, has bought the blacksmith shop of Henry Auguston.

Peter Rousche and Tom Shanley went to Woodlake Saturday to look after a bunch of cattle being wintered there.

When Frank Lee came to haul out of the river, the cattle lost in the recent storm he found 25 head instead of eight reported last week. There have been a few other losses reported from the storm but cattle generally are looking well.

Sparks. Harvey Johnson was seen on our streets Sunday.

We expect meetings to begin in the near future. The entertainment at Sparks was a grand success.

Mr. Haley's have now become residents of Sparks. Mr. Callen tells us that business is rushing this week.

Mr. Roby's family have been very sick but are improving. School opened Monday with a good attendance and Miss Stella Crowe as teacher.

Miss Della Osborn will stay with Mrs. Geo. Bristol and attend the Bristol school.

Sparks ought to be greatly enlightened now days, since three teachers start from that point every morning for their schools.

There will be a box social given Friday evening, March 20. All are invited to attend. The proceeds to be added to the organ fund.

Wm. Ogle may be seen on our streets any time now adays for as soon spring opens he has the decorating of Mr Haley's and Mr Callen's dwelling houses to do.

Casis Butterfly. The dance at Simeon was a success. Mr. Davis, a traveling merchant, was at Oasis yesterday.

The two Mrs Harris were pleasant visitors at Mrs Payton's. Mrs. C. Steadman is visiting her daughters in Valentine.

Spring has come at last. Blackbirds and geese are already here. Earnest Wilkinson and John Beckley were in our neighborhood Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs Carl Wilbur were visiting at Richards and Ganows last week. Butterfly feels kinds of sore as I had my wings frost bitten in the last storm

Robert Howard is getting tired of batching and I think he would like to find an assistant. Homer is stepping as high as a blind horse now adays from the effects of a new pair of high heel boots.

W. R. Grange was visiting Henry Harris last Sunday. Talk nice Henry and you will come out all right. Hosa Husted was shampooing W. G. Ballard's cattle. They have the itch and he thought that was the proper thing to do.

George Sedlacek was in our neighborhood last Friday with a fine team and buggy and attended the dance at Mr. Grange's. Oh my! George did look smiling.

F. Kime passed through Oasis enroute for Valentine and returned Wednesday of last week, conveying

his lady relatives in an automobile and stopped at Ed Harris' over night. Say, it did look real funny to see an automobile in the sand hills. The blacksmith's eyes bulged out thinking too much opposition and no more horse shoeing.

BUTTERFLY. Dr. Withers, the Omaha painless dentist, will be in Valentine March 31. One day only.

Rocky Corner. John Ormesher went down the river to town the other day.

C. C. Thompson was out airing his hounds one day last week. John Sedlacek caught two coyotes last week with his dogs. He has some fine dogs.

By the way, Porcupine, come ahead and as we don't talk from experience perhaps you wont run up against the person you are expecting to.

George and Frank Sedlacek went over to Oasis to a hop March 17. The boys are building a house on Frank's claim that he recently homesteaded.

Evidently someone is laboring under a delusion. There is certainly more than one person in the world that can carry on a newspaper correspondence.

WEARY WILLIE. Niobrara Falls. Mrs. Adamson is on the sick list.

Mrs. Lucy Parker is visiting at Mr. Parker's parents up in South Dakota.

Lon Mosher has been helping John Ormesher for a few days. Johnnie is building an addition to his house.

After silence for some time we will try and clear up some of the mysteries and case Niobrara Bill's conscience.

John Adamson, J. Sedlacek and R. Grooms have recently vaccinated their calves, thus guarding against the blackleg.

Mrs. Alice Metzgar, of Toledo, Ohio, arrived at her sisters, Mrs. Adamson last week. Mrs. Metzgar's health is very poor at present but her many friends hope to see her improve in this climate.

Last week we happened to spy the following article in Nio. B's items: "The teacher of district No. 100 was sick and went to visit her step-mother." Most assuredly true, but how abrupt! How insinuating! Would it not have been better for N. B. to have said the teacher visited her parents, and waited developments of something further? She visited her parents in the first place because a sick child always goes to its mother; in the second place to be able to consult her medical adviser, Dr. Lewis; and in the third place because it was nobody's business but her own and that of her family. Now N. B. if there is any more curiosity in your poky nose come up and I can tell you in a short time everything you want to know and then some.

THAT TEACHER. In a Critical Attitude. Some people seem to be born in an unhappy frame of mind. They cannot admire excellency without making some comment on deficiencies. With them the "times are always out of joint." They are simply in a critical attitude, and nothing except grumbling will satisfy their morbid condition, says the Pittsburg Press. They remind one very strikingly of the old lady who, when she was asked how she felt, replied that she felt better, but that when she felt better she always felt worse, as she knew if she felt better she was going to have a worse spell again.

The Curate's Compliment. In a west end church on a recent Sunday the junior curate was preaching on reasons for coming to church. "Some people," he remarked, "come to church for no better reason than to show off their best clothes." Then he paused and glanced thoughtfully over his audience. "I am thankful to see, dear friends," he added, "that none of you has come here for that reason."—London Telegraph.

Penalty of Laziness. Head of Department—What's this lying on my desk? The last dunning letter received from my tailor, duly initiated by all my clerks! Oh, dear, what have I done? Actually sent it round to be duly noted without taking the trouble to look at it!—Fliegende Blatter.

LAND MONOPOLIZERS

Bill to Allow Cattle Barons to Lease Government Land.

SETTLERS DEPRIVED OF RIGHTS

Colonel Mosby, who was investigating the matter, has been recalled because he was learning too much—the administration favors the barons against the settlers.

The cattle barons appear to have friends at court who are helping them to perpetuate their monopoly of the government lands in the western states. A special dispatch from Omaha to the Washington Post says:

"The land leasing bill, as now constructed, was introduced into the senate and house at the last session of congress. Its advent created a furor of indignation in the western states, and its effect on the approaching elections was the cause of the laying aside of the measure. Opponents of the measure denounced it as a glaring attempt to create a land monopoly in the western states.

"It is proposed to lease for a period not exceeding twenty years any government land remaining ungranted for at the rate of from 1 to 6 cents per acre per annum. The proposition on its face means the acquiring of a revenue by the government from lands now occupied and seemingly worthless. The reality, it is claimed, will be an increasing annual draft on the federal treasury for costs of collection, the establishment of a large number of new fat offices, the control of immense areas of western land and the consequent prevention of settlement by industrious individuals by a few great cattle and sheep raising corporations and the consequent absolute control of prices of meats by the land monopoly."

The dispatch further adds, "Colonel Mosby was rapidly informing the public of the actual facts when he was recalled." As Colonel Mosby was the special agent of the land department at Washington and had been given orders to remove the wire fences the cattle barons had erected, his recall must mean that the administration has given up its fight against the cattlemen.

The land leasing bill was introduced in the senate by Senator McHard of Nebraska and in the house by Congressman Bowersock of Kansas and if passed by congress will effectively perpetuate the hold the cattle barons have on the government lands of the west on their own terms.

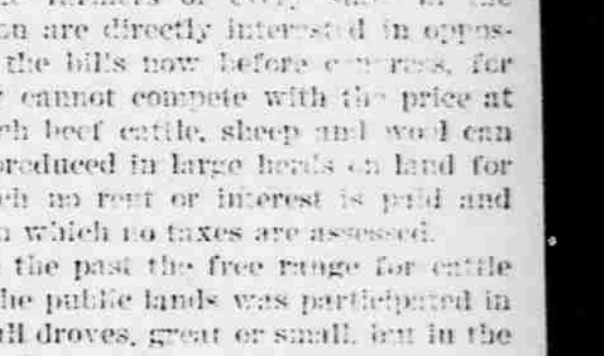
The farmers of every state in the Union are directly interested in opposing the bill now before congress, for they cannot compete with the price at which beef cattle, sheep and wool can be produced in large herds on land for which no rent or interest is paid and upon which no taxes are assessed.

In the past the free range for cattle on the public lands was participated in by all droves, great or small, but in the last few years the large cattle companies have fenced in vast tracts of the public land, and have therefore monopolized its use. The homestead seeker has during this time been gradually encroaching more and more on this public domain that the cattle barons have come to look upon as their own, and the result is the conflict now before the public and congress.

The leasing of these public lands at the rate of from 1 to 6 cents an acre, or an average of 3 cents, is out of all proportion to their value, and the collection will cost more than the government will receive. There will be no protection for the homesteader, for the cattle barons would lease all the lands adjoining his homestead and shut him off from free range for his cattle, and perhaps access to the streams, which are few and far apart on the plains.

The policy of the government from the first has been to reserve the public lands for those who wish to make homes upon them, and its reversal by the present administration in the interest of the cattle barons should be denounced by all. Senators and congressmen should be written to demanding that the honest settler be protected and the cattle barons' fences be removed, so that all can have free access to the public domain.

Under Auspices of the Cat.



The Duty on Antineite. Did Senator Platt of Connecticut bear or read the president's message to congress? If so, how did he have the temerity to say, "There is no duty on coal." In view of the explicit statement and recommendation of the president, "In my judgment the tariff on anthracite coal should be removed and anthracite put actually where it now is—'on the free list'." The answer is watching to see what unscrupulousness will make to this appeal.—New York World.

GUESS WHO I AM.