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for sale



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First-class Shop in Every Respect
Eau de Quinine Hair Tonic, Golden Star Hair Tonic, Herpicide and Oak's Dandruff Cure.
Try Pompeian Face Massage Cream

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TIME TABLE

WEST BOUND	
No. 27 Fr. Daily	2:33 P. M.
No. 25 " except Sunday 9:40 A. M.	
No. 3 Passenger Daily	12:49 A. M.
EAST BOUND	
No. 28 Fr. Daily	6:50 A. M.
No. 26 " except Sunday 5:00 P. M.	
No. 4 Passenger Daily	4:47 A. M.

MILL PRICES FOR FEED.

Shorn bulk	75 per cwt	\$14.00	ton
Shorts bulk	85 per cwt	\$16.00	ton
Screenings	70c "	\$13.00	"
Chop Feed	1.05 "	\$20.00	"
Corn	.95 "	\$18.00	"
Chop corn	1.00 "	\$19.00	"
Oats	1.20 "	\$23.00	"

John Nicholson, Dentist.

Will be in Valentine on the 20, 21, 22 and 23rd of each month. Reserve your work for him. Office at Donohoe House.

ETTA BROWN SUPT. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Examination Third Saturday of each month and Friday preceding.

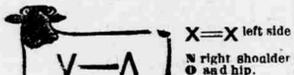
VALENTINE NEBRASKA

Moses & Hoffacker.

Simon, Nebr.
V on right or left shoulder of horse



Q on left jaw. H on left side. H on left thigh



The Commoner, Mr. Bryan's paper will be especially interesting and instructive during the present session of congress. The action of this congress will probably determine the issues upon which the next presidential campaign will be fought. The Commoner proposes to carry on a campaign of education and organization to the end that democratic principles may triumph.

In addition to the editorial department, which receives Mr. Bryan's personal attention, the Commoner contains a Current Topic department, wherein a non-partisan discussion of topics of timely interest and other valuable information will be found. The Home Department is conducted by an experienced woman who is widely known as a writer of household topics and who is an authority on the art of cooking in all that the term implies. This department alone is worth the subscription price. The other departments of this paper are all interesting and ably conducted, among which is a summary of the world's news told in narrative style, and Mr. Maupin's department—Whether Common or Not—contains original anecdotes and wit, moral lessons in homely phrase and verse and appeals to old and young alike.

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All our farmer readers should take advantage of the unprecedented clubbing offer we this year make, which includes with this paper The Home-Steak, its Special Farmers' Institute Editions and The Poultry Farmer. These three publications are the best of their class and should be in every farm home. To them we add, for local, county and general news, our own paper, and make the price of the four one year only \$1.25. Never before was so much superior reading matter offered for so small an amount of money. The three papers named, which we club with our own, are well known throughout the West, and commend themselves to the reader's attention upon mere mention. The Home-Steak is the great agricultural and live stock paper of the West. The Poultry Farmer is the most practical poultry paper for the farmer, while the Special Farmers' Institute Editions are the most practical publications for the promotion of good farming ever published. Take advantage of this great offer, as it will hold good for a short time only. Samples of these papers may be examined by calling at this office,

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These companies are represented by I. M. Rice of Valentine. In these companies together with the German Mutual of Omaha he has written thousands of dollars of insurance for people in Valentine, Crookston, Cody, Merriman, Gordon, Woodlake and throughout Cherry Co. There has never been a question as to the reliability of these mutual companies and those holding policies in them can testify to the saving in cost of insurance. There should be no discrimination against them because they have saved thousands of dollars to policy holders, and insurance rates have been lowered 25 per cent by virtue of the existence of these companies, in which even those opposed to mutual insurance have profited. They insure city and farm property, school houses and churches.

Running Water.

C. C. Thompson was over to Julius Shrums Sunday buying cattle. Rene Canet was up the river Sunday riding a brook. Old Grandpa Heth died last Thursday night at his daughter, Mrs. Wilson, in Valentine. Frank and George Sedlacek just returned from the dance.

Charlie Ballard went to town Saturday and returned Sunday. Miss Elizabeth Bush was visiting at Miss Sylvia Heth Sunday. Charlie and Lou Mosher were down the river last week. Mr. Lord went to town the first of week.

The geese are coming and Rene Canet was the first to get one.

Well teacher, we didn't mean to insult you when we said you went to visit your stepmother and we will call as you said to come up and you would tell us all we wanted to know and then some. And about old poky nose I don't know that it is any more poky than any other writer's.

NIORRARA BILL.

McCann Items.

Dance at W. W. Whites next Friday night.

Gertrude and Jean Richardson were at Cody to attend the poverty social.

J. T. Galloway and Gus Erickson are at McCann improving their ranch by building a big barn.

We understand that S. F. Thompson is going out west the 1st of May.

Lee Hand and family and his brother-in-law, Dice Elliott, expect soon to return home from Cripple Creek, Colo., where they were working in the gold mines.

Harry Childers is making preparation to start for Gold Hill, Ore in the near future.

Remember the box social on the evening of the 10th of April at the McCann school house.

Niobrara Falls.

Mrs. Adamsen has recovered from her recent illness. Mrs. Hannah Heth and babe are on the sick list.

John Sedlacek is having a time with his windmill and pump at this writing.

Mr. Adamson is again at work on his new house and hopes to have it finished soon.

Alvin Maddox came out Thursday to announce the sad news the Grandfather Heth had passed away some time the night before. He had retired as usual and in the morning was found dead. Mr. Heth had been a sufferer for many years and although his death was not a surprise to any one it is none the less sad. Mr. Heth was a good christian man and has been missed by the writer and family since his removal from this neighborhood. He leaves several children, all of whom are grown up, to mourn their loss which is his gain.

Quietly he crossed to the other side Of the dark river of death,
To joyfully meet those gone before
And to wait for those he has left.

Oasis Butterfly

The ducks have begun to come at last.

There is a party of hunters camped at Hackberry lake waiting the arrival of game. I suppose Robert Howard is not quite so lonesome as the hunters stop with him.

The dance at W. G. Ballards was a grand success. C. F. Cooper and Geo. Rowley and wife furnished the music which is the best in this part of the country. A delicious supper was served at 12 o'clock by the two Mrs. Ballards and the dance went on until after daylight, then after having refreshments they all went home rejoicing over the good time. We hope this will not be the last dance Mr. Ballard will give.

Ed Harris and wife stopping in Valentine a few days.

Frank and George Sedlacek were seen in this neighborhood again last week.

The Oasis cattle are looking better since their treatment.

Romer Harris is taking J. Kline's place while he is in the city on business.

Mrs. Carrie Bachelor is living on her claim on Dewey lake.

Henry H— is very busy nowadays running a delivery.

Cody Items.

The whole county seems to be represented in the DEMOCRAT excepting Cody alone, but we are all busy in Cody nevertheless, too busy it seems to even write for the paper; for want of better will you accept these poorly written ones.

The hammers are still ringing which means our village is still improving its residences and steadily increasing their number.

The drug store has changed hands and we are glad as we like the owners of our business places to be residents also. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Munn a hearty welcome.

Another Dr. has arrived in Cody so we are not afraid of a gripe, if one can not cure perhaps the other can.

The Methodist social was a success last Friday night but we think it rather hard on the bald headed men to be obliged to pay a fine. Perhaps that was to help out our new druggist, if so all right. Clare Cole was fined for not bringing a partner. He declares that it was not his fault but we are of the opinion that it was as we know of several young ladies that did not receive an invitation to accompany him to the said social.

We are to have a new one thousand dollar church in the near future. It is to be erected in the center of the town on the hill near the Postoffice, and the lumber will be on the ground ready for work May 1st.

In spite of the severe cold and heavy snows, the loss of stock in this part of the county so far has been small but we hope for sunshine and an early spring.

We are to have a new coal house and the lumber has arrived to commence its erection.

School will not close until the last of May and the children are becoming restless.

John Newbury is going to move into town the first of April.

I. C. Stotts has gone to Missouri with a car load of horses.

There will be a rag-time dance and rag-time music too at the Woodman hall the evening of April 1. A general invitation is extended to all.

Wm. Wasmser is going to move back to his ranch on the Niobrara the first of next month.

Some mischief maker has been trying his 22 rifle on Hugh Sears' horses. Some of them are ruined.

Mrs. Moan has been confined to the house for some time with rheumatism but we are glad to hear that she is rapidly recovering.

A telephone line is being constructed south from Cody, connecting Cole's store and Frank Mogles, Armstrong and Rositers as far as Medicine canyon and will soon extend to the Snake and perhaps farther on.

AUNT MARTHA TWILIGHT.

Arabia Screenings.

Services were held at the Arabia school house Saturday, Mar. 21, by Father Lechletner. He had a good audience and was very much appreciated by all.

The McNare district has again reopened with Miss Forbes as teacher.

The measles are still lurking about in our neighborhood.

An entertainment was given at the Furrgist school Friday Mar. 13.

Mrs. Frank Higgins received a very bad injury about a week ago being the result of a horse falling with her and breaking her collar bone. Drs. Compton and Furray are attending her and as yet she is not serious.

THE BLACK KNIGHT.

The Valentine Section of the Cherry Co. Teacher's Association will meet at the high school building, Sat., April 11, 1903. The following program will be rendered beginning at 1:30 p. m:

- Instrumental Solo, Miss Inez Pettycrew.
- Nature Study, Chap. XXI to end of book.
- Paper—Developing in Children a Taste for Good Literature, Miss Edith Pettycrew.
- Original Story, Chap. VI, Mrs. Cramer.
- Vocal Solo... Mrs. Mabel Vaughn.
- Paper—What Busy Work May be Given 1st and 2nd Grade Pupils... Miss Nettie Kneeland.
- Paper—Benefits of Physiology Study... Miss Lydia Forbes.
- Roll Call—Waymarks, pages 204 to 274.

Brownlee Breezes.

Mrs. Julius Heckman has gone to Grand Island for a visit with and relatives.

Jim Shanley was down to Broken Bow last week.

J. R. Lee had a car of corn shipped to Thedford this week.

E. C. Harris, of Chadron, and Mr. Porter, of Mullen, visited their Brownlee store Saturday and seem well pleased with conditions.

Last week a poverty social was announced for Friday evening at the Sand Hills commercial. Early that evening a large crowd gathered and until the "wee sma hours" a merry time was had, with music, games, songs, a literary program and by no means least, a supper. Twenty-six dollars was the amount realized and the following morning this was increased to thirty-three dollars, this amount to be applied on the salary of the minister.

Will McCain and family have moved into Brownlee.

Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Dave Steadman, Mr. Calvin and Mrs. Searson drove up to Kennedy visiting friends there and nearby.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones from the Pass ranch were down to the social.

Henry Faulhaber has leased his ranch to Victor Martin and Mr. Faulhaber and family will go to the Pacific coast to see if in the land of summer they can find a home that they like better than Cherry Co. Their many friends here are sorry to see them leave but wish them every success.

OBSERVER.

There are some curious things in English spelling and pronunciation, and the knowledge of them does not come by instinct.

If an S and I and an O and a U,
With an X at the end spells Su,
And E and a Y and E spell I
Pray what is a speller to do?
Then if also an S and an I and a G
And a H E D spells side,
There's nothing much left for the speller to do,
But to go and commit Siouxeysighed.

—Chadron Journal.

Noah was the first man to advertise. He advertised the flood and it came all right. The fellows who laughed at the advertising got drowned and it served them right. Ever since Noah's time the advertiser has been prospering, while the other has been swallowed up in the sea of disaster.—Ex.

Commissioner's Proceedings

Valentine Nepr., March 17, 1903. Board met as per adjournment, with the following members present: W. E. Haley, chairman; L. Lauffer.

The commissioners made the following appointments:

Robert Ellis, assessor	Cleveland Precinct.
Daniel Fowler	Table
A. M. Inscha	Gillaspie
E. T. Banigan, overseer dist. No. 16	
W. T. Bulls, justice of the peace Table Precinct	
Jacob Mogle, constable Bolling Springs	

The following official bonds were approved:

Robert Ellis, assessor	Cleveland Precinct.
Daniel Fowler	Table
A. M. Inscha	Gillaspie
E. T. Banigan, overseer district No. 16	
W. T. Bulls, justice of the peace Table Precinct	
Jacob Mogle, constable Bolling Springs	

The board approved the petition of Jane Howell for admission to Soldiers Home at Grand Island, Nebr.

The petition of C. M. Bailey et al to incorporate Woodlake as a village, granted. The commissioners appointed the following as trustees: W. Honey, LeRoy Leach, A. L. Johnson, Robert A. McNamee.

The commissioners ordered the clerk to put the following land on the tax list for the years 1894-5-6: e2 ne1 sec 11, T 31, R 36.

The petition of Woodruff Ball et al to employ A. M. Morrissey as special counsel to represent Cherry county in the case of Harris Franklin & Co. vs L. N. Lavport, sheriff of Cherry Co. et al and the case of Harris Franklin & Co. vs J. E. Thackrey, Treas. of Cherry county, was accepted and the commissioners employed the said A. M. Morrissey as special counsel in above case for the sum of \$100.00 and expenses. Whereupon the board adjourned to March 18, 1903.

Board met as per adjournment, present W. E. Haley and L. Lauffer.

The board spent the forenoon in viewing the proposed bridge at the Bell crossing.

The matter of the application of Arthur B. Reis for a license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors in Crookston, Minnechadza precinct, came on for hearing, and the board being fully advised finds: that due and legal notice of the filing of the petition has been given as required by law; that said petition is signed by a majority of the resident free holders of said Minnechadza precinct. Said petition is therefore granted and the county clerk is hereby ordered to issue license to the said applicant, to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors, as prayed in said petition for the period of one year commencing May 1, 1903 and ending May 1, 1904, upon said applicant paying in the office of the county treasurer of Cherry county the license fee as required by law and upon his filing with said clerk a surety company bond issued by the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. in the amount of \$5,000 as the law requires.

The commissioners let the contract for furnishing three road plows, to Ludwig Lumber Yard, they being the lowest bidder.

The commissioners ordered the personal tax of James H. Lyons for year '86 amounting to \$6 25 refunded the same having been erroneously assessed. Also school tax of J. A. Hornback for year 1902 amounting to \$7 27 refunded, it having been erroneously assessed.

Report of Miss Etta Brown, county superintendent, for moneys received for examination of teachers during the half year ending March 17, 1903, accepted.

Petition of C. F. Callen et al to erect an iron bridge at the old Bell site across the Niobrara river was granted.

Road No. 79 as prayed for in petition of Eugene E. French et al was declared a public road by the commissioners.

Whereupon the board adjourned to March 19, 1903.

Board met as per adjournment, present W. E. Haley and L. Lauffer.

The commissioners appointed Ira Johnson overseer road district No. 29.

The following amounts were deducted from claims on file and applied on delinquent personal tax:

Davis & Vincent	\$6.00
Geo. Elliott	5.00
Barney McNeil	28.00
J. H. Sears	15.00
W. E. Haley	9.00

The following claims were allowed as per contract.

American Bridge Co, bridge at Compton	\$246 25
Canton	232 49
do	1400 00
do	232 49

Whereupon the board adjourned sine die

Attest: C. S. Reese, W. E. Haley,
County Clerk, Chairman.