

TERMS

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About Judge Westover.

The Stanton Register announces that Judge Westover, of Rushville, is its candidate for governor. The Enterprise some time ago stated that Judge Westover was the man that should lead the fusion forces of this state to victory. Aside from the fact that he is extremely popular, he is a man of the people. He started in this life at the bottom of the ladder, and has twice shown the mettle he possessed by overcoming formidable obstacles and making a place for himself near the top rung. The writer knows that Judge Westover's sympathies are with the people, that he is familiar with their hardships and their wants, and that he can be trusted at all times and in all places with the administration of their affairs. In the campaign just closed he was elected in the largest district in the state, after he had been maliciously and bitterly assailed. He would make the right kind of a governor.—Spalding Enterprise.

The above article speaks only modest praises of Judge Westover who is now serving his third term in the 15th Judicial District as district judge, and is more popular as he becomes better known. One of the newspapers that most bitterly and maliciously assailed and maligned him during the past campaign is now ready to make atonement for the wrongs done Judge Westover and make a statement that the charges made against him were unwarranted and false and that the man who agreed to vouch for the story had never substantiated it and that it was manufactured wholly for the purpose of defeating him for district judge. During the six years the editor of THE DEMOCRAT has been acquainted with the Judge we have found him ever obliging to a friend but fearless and active in the discharge of every duty imposed upon him, regardless of friendship, and he bears the general reputation of being the best qualified man in the western part of the state, and, we are told that no district judge in the state can show up a better record than Judge Westover. He has won the confidence of our people by his conduct on the bench and his record like his every day life is worthy of emulation.

To whom it may concern or to those who may want to know about the value of liquors as a medicine or beverage the following report of fifty scientists who have made a study of this question for 10 years should be worthy of some consideration. There are people who have perhaps never considered the question and would be glad to get correct information as gleaned by fifty men who have made a ten year's study on scientific principles of the effects of alcoholic liquors upon the human system:

The fourth preliminary report of the committee of fifty scientists who have for ten years been studying the liquor question which is just issued in two volumes, may be epitomized as follows: Effects of moderate or occasional use of alcoholic drinks differ with individuals, age, occupation, climate, etc.

With the majority of occasional drinkers moderate drinking has a special effect upon health seems to be observed by themselves or their physicians, but in some such cases

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drinking is harmful; in a few it is thought to be beneficial.

Eighty per cent of the leading brain workers of the United States use alcoholic drinks occasionally or regularly, in moderation. The use of such drinks to stimulate mental effort gives on the whole, bad results. Even occasional or moderate use is likely to be harmful to young persons, mainly because of the danger of leading to excess. Among deceased or infirm persons over fifty years of age, while sometimes useful, alcoholic beverages should be taken, if at all, with the last meal of the day.

The special effects are due to the alcohol contained, and other ingredients are of comparatively small importance. "Fine old whiskies and brandies" are nearly as likely to produce injurious effects as are the cheaper grades, if taken in the quantities.

In moderate quantities, beer, wine and diluted whiskey are in a sense foods, but they are seldom used for food purposes; mainly for their peculiar effects on the brain. In large quantities, and for some persons even in moderate quantities they are poison.

Alcoholic drinks in moderate quantities may be useful as restoratives in fatigue after work is done, but often produces depression and a harmful effect when used just before and during labor, physical or mental. They are not useful as preventives of infectious or contagious diseases; on the contrary, they appear to lessen the power of the organism to resist the cause of such disease.

They are useless to prevent fatigue and effects of cold, and are almost a useless expense. Their use in excess is the cause of much disease, suffering, poverty and crime.—American Inventor.

Donald Davenport

Lieut. Douglas Donald, of the 25th Inf., and Miss Ellen Mae Davenport, only daughter of Mrs. E. J. Davenport, were married at 11:30 a. m., Tuesday at the St. Nicholas church by Rev. Father Muysen after which a short service was held. A reception was given a few intimate friends of the bride and groom at the Davenport home.

The bride wore a dress of white crepe dechene and white veil and carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses.

The groom was dressed in full military uniform, as were also his officer friends who were present.

Lieut. Donald is a young man of good habits, prepossessing appearance and during our short acquaintance with him he has won our friendship and respect.

The bride is a talented young lady of splendid education, naturally bright and intelligent. No pains were spared in giving her suitable college training, beside being a graduate of our city school. Miss Davenport is of highest reputation and perfect character. In fact a perfect lady and is held in highest esteem by all who know her. It may be said of her that she never indulged in gossip and never spoke ill of anyone. She comes of a respectable family and will grace any society and add charms to the community in which she may live.

They departed the following morning for Des Moines, Iowa, where Lieut. and Mrs. Donald will make their present home at the fort.

D. P. McCallum came down from Huron, S. D., to charge of the Weather Bureau at this place, relieving Mr. Baldwin.

COURT NOTES.

In the case of the state vs Telles, which was in the hands of the jury last week as we went to press, the jury failed to agree and was discharged. It is stated that Telles will plead guilty rather than risk another trial.

The state vs Boddy was tried Friday and Saturday and the jury after being out only a short time brought in a verdict of guilty of assault with intent to do great bodily harm and Judge Westover after discussing in brief the heinousness of his conduct toward his victim, Miss Moffitt, told the prisoner that he was sorry that he could not give him a longer sentence than the limit for which they found him guilty and sentenced him to be taken by the sheriff to the state penitentiary at Lincoln, there to serve five years at hard labor, Sundays excepted, and pay the costs of the case. Boddy had employed a Mr. Jeffrey's, of Omaha, to defend him and the lawyer left nothing undone to clear his prisoner. The details of this case were briefly given in THE DEMOCRAT of two weeks ago.

Monday was the day set for the rape case against Cully Stockton, but as Mrs. Stearns, the complaining witness failed to appear, the case was dismissed by the county attorney. There being no other cases called for that day, the time was occupied by the laying of a cheap but thick hemp carpet to deaden the noise in the court room, as the past days of court had convinced all who were there that it was a necessity.

Tuesday and Wednesday were devoted to hearing a case brought down from Gordon wherein Geo. Brewer and Arthur Russell were charged with stealing six head of horses from Swigert Bros. The boys had gone to the pasture where the horses were kept, drove them off in company with one McNa—something, and at Burwell, Nebr., sold and traded the horses off. It was a plain case of stealing horses as generally comes before a court but the attorneys, Walcott, Morrissey and Easley, for the defense, tried Mr. Swigert instead of defending the boys all the way through the trial and in some way succeeded in convincing seven members of the jury that Swigert, the complaining witness, was not entitled to credit of his testimony and the remaining five jurors finally agreed with the seven to find the boys not guilty. There were a lot of Gordon men at the trial, many of whom assisted in turning the boys loose by trying to break down Mr. Swigert's testimony.

As we go to press, the case of Willis Ashby (colored) vs Yearnshaw & Hull for damages, is being tried.

\$10.00 REWARD!

The trustees of the M. E. church will pay \$10.00 for evidence leading to the conviction of the person who broke the Star Window in the church last Saturday night.

Tuesdays World-Herald gives out the report that the Nebraska cattle kings, R. M. Allen, of the Standard Cattle Co., and Bartlett Richards, of the Richards & Comstock ranches, all of Cherry county, are the most prominent cattle kings having government land fenced and that the grand jury at Omaha are investigating their illegal fencing of government lands. The investigation has been in charge of F. B. Frees, a special agent of the general land office and has his headquarters at Alliance. He claims to have information of several hundred illegal fencing of government land but will only try a few of the largest cases at this time. THE DEMOCRAT would like to see some reasonable adjustment of difficulties without bringing on a revolution of conditions that would work considerable hardships to many cattle men. This is where we live and the striking at our cattle industries is striking at our homes.

The Story of a Horse Deal.

Norden, Nov. 1, 1903.

The above is the title of an article appearing in the Farm, Stock and Home, Minneapolis, Minn. The article being lengthy, anyone interested and wishing for the article in full can write to the above paper for a copy of the same. Condensed it is as follows: A suit was brought by McLaughlin Bros. in the United States circuit court in South Dakota to compel certain farmers near Highmore, that state, to sign notes for \$250 each toward the payment of \$5,000 for a stallion it alleged 20 farmers had agreed to buy. The suit was thrown out of court by Judge Carland at Sioux Falls, for want of equity, and this action was based on the evidence submitted by the farmers. It was alleged by the farmers that the names were secured in a book by reason of representations made by McLaughlin Bros' agent that they were signing a call for a meeting of farmers to consider the matter of buying a stallion, then at Highmore for \$5,000, and when twenty names were secured the meeting would be called. The names were secured and the meeting called, but instead of being asked to consider the matter of buying the horse it was claimed the signers had agreed to buy the horse and jointly and severally pay \$5,000 for him in four equal yearly payments, the first payment to be in two years; 6 per cent interest on all payments. In proof of this the McLaughlin's agent showed that a brief contract in small type was at the top of the page of the book the names were signed in. The evidence showed that the defendant farmers either did not know that there was any printing on the page they signed, or if they did see it, did not read it and were told by McLaughlin's agent that it had nothing to do with the matter under consideration, or that it was an Iowa contract and did not cut any figure in this state, etc. Some witnesses testified that a broad rubber band or a turned leaf concealed the contract. All farmers testified that they would not have signed the book if they had known the contract was there. The case seemed so clear to Judge Carland that he did not consider seriously, compelling the farmers to give their notes, but threw the case out of court.

A party claiming to represent McLaughlin Bros. has just succeeded in forming a Stock Co. here at Norden, disposing of a stallion at \$3,000 on about the same terms as in the foregoing extract, which unfortunately came too late to do much good here, as the deal was closed. This party systematically laid siege to the farmers, free whiskey and free cigars to anyone which will likely cost the farmers in the end \$10 for each glass of whiskey or cigar he was put up free. Since the visit of these fellows we have had more drunkenness in the streets of Norden than we have had for years. It was understood and agreed upon by the parties giving their three joint notes of \$1,000 each that they would be held individually only for the share each had in the notes and horse. The notes are already in the market. A copy has been sent to the Bank of Norden and the Stockmans Bank of Springview, asking them to make an offer on the notes signed by fifteen men. These notes read: We each and severally promise to pay, and each made is holding individually for the full amount to the purchaser of these notes. By what slight of hand did this fellow get fifteen men to sign three notes exactly the opposite of what the agreement was? The same deal is being worked at Cody, Cherry county. Papers please copy. I will be responsible for all statements made by me.

Yours respectfully,
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Report of school district No. 50 for month ending Nov. 20, 1903. Number pupils enrolled... 15 Average attendance... 12 CLINTON E. COLLETT, Teacher.

Report of school district No. 25, for month beginning Nov. 2nd and ending Nov. 27. Number of pupils enrolled 11, number of days taught 19, pupils not absent during the month are Florence, Henry and Gladys Jackson; Andrew, Harry and Jennie Kalblinger. ALYS GASKILL, Teacher.

Report of school district No. 2, for month beginning Nov. 2nd and ending Nov. 28. Number of pupils enrolled 9, average attendance 7, number of days taught 18, those neither absent nor tardy were Rhoda and Arthur Hooper and Glessie Riggle.

The box social held in this district Saturday night the 21st was well attended. \$12.35 was received for the library fund. NETTIE KNEELAND, Teacher.

Mrs. Nora Krasch, of Arabia, returned Sunday evening from a three weeks visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Munger, of Springview. She was accompanied by her niece, Miss Emma Krasch, and Miss Edna B. Johnson. They all report a good visit and a royal good time.

H. McP. Baldwin, who has been in charge of the Weather Bureau office here since last April, will leave this week for Modina, Utah, to assume charge of the Weather Bureau station there. Mr. Baldwin has extended the weather service since his sojourn with us and has brought the service in closer contact with the public. He is a courteous, obliging and efficient public servant and his new station will be a promotion for him. We congratulate him and he has our best wishes for his success in his new home.

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