

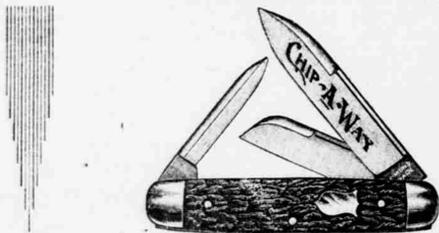
THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT.

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For The Holidays.



As the holiday season will soon be at hand we take pleasure in calling your attention to a few of the good things we have in store for you. We have the largest and most complete line of Skates ever produced in the town. When you want a pair of skates call for the



of which we have the exclusive sale. Each and every pair guaranteed satisfactory or money refunded.

We have also just received a large line of Silver Ware consisting of Keen Kutter, 1847 Roger Bros., "Norma" and "Nickle Silver" Ware. Quality and prices guaranteed. Call and see us before buying elsewhere. We can save you money and send you on your way rejoicing, that you had been to the



RED FRONT MERC. CO.

GET IT FOR CHRISTMAS

Fancy Suspenders in single Cartons

Fancy Neckwear: Scarfs, Ties, Silk Handkerchiefs, Mufflers and Collars and Cuffs.

Ladies Furs: Handsome and useful presents.

Our store is chock full of goods. Come and make your selection.

D. STINARD. TAILOR AND CLOTHIER.

All Kinds of Coal!

Stoves

"Estate Oak" and "Radiant Home" are the best on the market. Neat and ornamental and they have good heating qualities. They'll keep fire through the coldest night with ordinary coal. Moore's celebrated Premium Thermometer Guide Range is the best for cooking and will wear a life time.

FURNITURE and UNDERTAKING

FRANK FISCHER

DEALER IN GENERAL HARDWARE

Chartered as a State Bank Jun-1, 1884.

Chartered as a National Bank August 12, 1902.

The FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Valentine, Nebraska.

(Successor to)

Bank of Valentine.

CAPITAL PAID IN \$25,000.

A General Banking Exchange and Collection Business

C. H. CORNELL, President.

J. T. MAY, Vice-President.

M. V. NICHOLSON, Cashier.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Local Weather Record
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Weather Bureau
Valentine, Nebraska, week ending 6 a. m., December 16, 1903
Maximum temperature 44 degrees on the 15th
Minimum temperature, 60 degrees on the 12th.
Mean temperature - 17 degrees.
Total precipitation, 0.2 inch
D. P. McCALLUM,
Observer in Charge

Bert Jeffers is home from Omaha to spend the holidays.

Miss Orvilla Carey is home for the holidays from O'Neill, where she has been attending school.

S. L. Ellis, of Simeon was in town yesterday getting Christmas goods and freight for his store.

While you enjoy your Christmas turkey don't forget your neighbors who are less fortunate than yourself, and if you are able to make him enjoy a better time for Christmas, shell out.

The Valentine stores have their windows nicely trimmed and present a neat and attractive appearance. Many nice and suitable presents for Christmas and the holidays can be found at the many places in our town.

Cherry county raises hogs: Lewis Taylor brought in 9 head of hogs Tuesday and sold to Henry Stetter of the Citizen's meat market. They weighed 4460 pounds and he got \$3.55 per cwt. One of the hogs weighed 575 pounds.

It's a wonder that several of the proprietors of stores in Valentine never think it necessary to advertise in THE DEMOCRAT to tell our many readers what they have to sell. It looks like they either do not want our readers' trade or that they play us for suckers and think we'll come anyway.

J. M. Clarkson, W. T. Bullis and I. M. Rice went up northwest of Crookston Monday to view a road between Chas. Pavlik's farm and one of J. R. Fee's places. They found the weather cool going but enlivened the journey with a ready flow of wit and humor of which the editor took part as audience.

Geo. A. Miles, of Ainsworth, has sold the Ainsworth Herald to Otto Mutz, the editor of the Western Rancher. We look forward to the first edition of the Herald under its new management and wish the proprietor success. We do not know how the paper will be run nor what the plans of Mr. Mutz are, but we feel confident that the paper has gone into good hands and that Mr. Mutz will make a success of it. Mr. Miles writes us a very nice valedictory in which he sums up the situation of coming to Brown county in '83 and April 1, 1892 purchasing a half interest in the Home Rule which amounted to but very little and has since bought his partner's interest and will leave Brown county with some capital, though not wealthy, and owned his plant complete without a dollar's indebtedness. Mr. Miles is a cheerful, wholesouled fellow at all times and has lots of friends. He makes them where-ever he goes. Mrs. Miles is a great help to Mr. Miles and has been a good cheerful partner during the vicissitudes of an editor's career. They have the good will and wishes of a host of friends among whom we include every editor of the E. V. E. A. Senator Mutz is well known as a writer and as people become better acquainted with him they will realize that there is something doing at Ainsworth. He has our best wishes and we think Ainsworth can feel proud of a man of his ability in charge of their local paper.

The Valentine Bottling Works puts up the finest kind of soft drinks.

Lyman Smith and Ralph Hutchinson were transacting business in town yesterday from the 21 ranch southwest of Woodlake.

Geo. A. Johnson, of near Crookston, came driving up to our office last Tuesday with a big fat turkey (we have a notion to spell it with a capital letter) and handed it to us in exchange for THE DEMOCRAT. It will make us a merry Christmas, and we wish Mr. Johnson and family a "Merry Xmas," a "Happy New Year" and a prosperous one for turkeys and a good crop.

Little Willie, the youngest daughter of Matt Jelly and wife near Sparks, has the whooping cough and had a severe coughing spell last Monday evening. She stopped breathing for several seconds but recovered. Her father came up to town Tuesday to get some medicine and called at our office to hand the editor a Christmas dollar. So many people forget the Editor on Christmas and New Year and in fact all the remainder of the time that we remember Mr. Jelly very kindly and hope both he and the little girl will enjoy better health and we wish them a merry Xmas.

Penbrook Quills.

Winta McFarland was kicked by a horse last Saturday and seriously injured, but is improving at this writing.

Come everybody to the Xmas tree and have a good time.

Martha Grooms and her brother Frank went to town Monday.

Mrs. Swain and daughter went to town the fore part of this week.

PORCUPINE.

Catholic Church Announcement.

A week from Friday, New Year's day, feast of obligation. Early mass in Valentine at 7 o'clock. Solemn high mass at 10:30. Catechism class at 3 in the afternoon.

On Sunday, 27th inst., early mass a 7 in Valentine. At eleven o'clock Catholic service at Crookston in the school called house "Prairie Belle."

XMAS DINNER THE DONOHER.

- Little Neck Clams
- Celery Olives Radishes
- Saratoga Flakes Cream of Tomato Soup.
- Roast Turkey with Dressing and Cranberry Sauce
- Roast Prime Ribs of Beef
- Roast Spare Ribs—Baked Apples
- Queen Fritters Wine Sauce
- Cucumber Salad
- Potatoes French Peas
- Tomatoes (Mexican Style)
- Mince Pie
- English Plum Pudding—Brandy Sauce
- Strawberry Ice Cream—Assorted Cake
- Mixed Nuts Raisins
- Bent's Water Crackers Cheese
- Tea Coffee Milk

Dinner at 5 o'clock, Dec. 25, 1903.

Repair that wall before winter.
LUDWIG LUMBER CO.

Suggestions for CHRISTMAS

Toys for the Children
Dolls, Games, Books, Etc.

FANCY CHINA

Vases, Cups and Saucers,
Mayonnaise and Salad Bowls.
NEW DESIGNS IN CUT GLASS

Fruits, Nuts,
New York Buckwheat Flour,
Log Cabin Maple Syrup.

Davenport & Thacher

Reduced Prices.

To reduce our stock before our annual invoice, January 1st., we will sell all goods at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Come and be Convinced.

MAX E. VIERTEL

CROOKSTON
NEBRASKA

Groceries!

The BEST for table use and at popular prices.

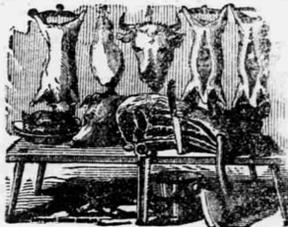
Our Stock is Always Fresh

Dry Goods, Shoes, Mittens
Hay, Grain and Feed
W. A. PETTYCREW, GENERAL MDSE.

CITIZENS MEAT MARKET

HENRY STETTER, PROP

FRESH FRUIT AND GAME
IN THEIR SEASON



First class line of Steaks, Roasts
Dry Salt Meats, Smoked
Breakfast Bacon

FRED WHITMORE, President
J. W. STETTER, Vice President

HARLES SPARKS, Cashier
ORA L. W. TITERS, Assistant Cashier

Interest paid on time deposits.

Capital, \$25,000
Surplus, \$1,000

Office Hours
9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

VALENTINE STATE BANK
VALENTINE, NEBRASKA

Persons seeking a place of safety for their money, will profit by investigating the methods employed in our business.

Read the Advertisements.