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The Iowa legislature has passed resolutions of sympathy for Russia on account of Russia's always having been a friendly to the U. S.

The upstarts who are taking an active part in showing their sympathy for Japan ought to be caged. It is not necessary for the U. S. to mix in this matter as we have nothing whatever at stake and much to lose.

Below we publish a copy of the bill introduced by Congressman Kinkaid on January 28 to amend the homestead laws as to certain unappropriated lands in Nebraska:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled: That section twenty-two hundred and eighty-nine of the revised statutes of the United States, second section, eight hundred and seventy-eight, relative to homesteads as said section now exists be, and is hereby amended by adding after the last word thereof, the following: Provided, That as to all the unappropriated public lands situated in the counties of Sioux, Scotts Bluff, Banner, Kimball, Daves, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Sheridan, Deuel, Cherry, Grant, Keith, Lincoln, McPherson, Hooker, Thomas, Logan, Custer, Blaine, Brown, Key, Paha, Rock, Loup, Holt, Garfield, Valley, Sherman, Buffalo, Howard, Greeley, Wheeler, Boyd, Perkins, Chase, Dudy, Hayes and Hitchcock in the state of Nebraska, except such land as may reasonably be practicable to irrigate by water taken from natural streams in Nebraska in the usual mode, the size of the homestead shall be not exceeding one section of land, containing 640 acres. That such entry shall be made or homestead shall be taken as nearly in a body and compact form as the remaining unappropriated lands may permit, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to prescribe, by proper rules and regulations and to decide all questions arising concerning the form in which lands making up an entry or homestead may be taken by authority hereof; also to determine upon proper rules and regulations by him to be prescribed which of such lands it may be reasonably practicable to irrigate by water taken from natural streams in Nebraska in the usual way: Provided, That all persons who have heretofore rightfully made entry under and by virtue of the homestead laws of the United States of one hundred and sixty acres of land or a less amount within the area herein specified, and possessing the qualifications of a homesteader, except for the fact that such former homestead entry shall be permitted to enter so much more land under this act as when, added to the quantity previously entered, shall not exceed one section containing 640 acres; and if such entryman shall not have, at the time of making entry under this act, completed his right to a patent upon the homestead first taken, he may make such new and additional entry under this act and hold the same without residing thereon, however, making other improvements necessary under existing homestead laws until he shall have fully complied with the requirements as to residence upon his homestead previously taken, but

after the completion of his right to a patent to his first entry he shall be required to reside for the remaining part of five years upon the entry taken under this act and to make it his home within the purview of the homestead laws of the United States existing previous to the passage of this act: And provided further, That commutation under section twenty-three hundred and one of the Revised Statutes or any amendment thereto or any similar statute shall not be permitted of any entry made under this act: And provided further, That title to any of the said lands shall not be acquired in any other manner than by an actual compliance with the homestead laws of the United States."

More Local.

Earl Comstock spent the past week in town.

B. J. Hoffacker spent a couple of days in town the past week.

Will G. Comstock and his sister were in town Friday and Saturday.

Chas. Breuklander is helping in Miss Donohoe's restaurant this week.

Levi and Chas. Sparks returned from their visit to their parents in Mich. Tuesday night.

J. L. Ashburn's family has moved back to Valentine and live in the west part of town.

John Green is up again after a severe sick spell and last week was able to walk down town.

S. J. Blakely bought the sorrel team of E. S. Massingale the first of the week and gave an exhibition on the street of some fast driving.

Miss Myrtle Query was taken Monday to the sanitarium at Lincoln and from there will be taken to Michigan in hopes of effecting a cure.

Latest report from the war is that Russia sank four Japanese battle ships at Port Arthur and will soon have 400,000 troops in Manchuria.

A. H. Stees, of Kennedy, visited in town several days the past week but got in too late for the prize fight on Friday night and has been kicking himself for not taking a local paper to learn what going on. Only \$ a year in advance.

Louie Christensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Christensen, died Sunday of pneumonia, resulting from whooping cough, and was buried Monday afternoon. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Muysen of the Catholic church. The sympathy of THE DEMOCRAT is expressed for the bereaved parents.

The German Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Omaha, Neb. publishes auditor's certificate in this issue. The company has a good record in the state and has always paid its losses without discount. Farmers and merchants who need insurance should ask for insurance in this company. I. M. Rice at Valentine is agent for Cherry county.

Courtship of a Leap Year Maiden.

Picked up near the court house and appears to have been intended for some one.

The inspiration of my mind Bids me invite of you to be To me most generous and kind, And I will make my home with thee.

I'll get the license and the squire, And make arrangements for the hour,

For you the man I most admire To marry and take our wedding tour.

All you need to do is to be ready At just the time you should be there;

I can depend that you are steady, And I can trust you anywhere.

It's leap year and a lady's chance To have her choice of all good men,

Excuse this seeming bold advance For our time comes but now and then.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Christensen and son Leo, who have been quite sick the past week, are improving.

Martin Christensen's little four year old boy is seriously ill with the whooping cough. At present he is getting along nicely.

Simeon.

(Received too late for publication last week.)

Mr. and Mrs. Hesselgesser have moved up to Hoffacker's ranch.

Rev. Cumbow preached here last Sunday for the first time in six weeks. We were all pleased to shake hands with him again.

A play entitled "An Only Daughter" will be given by the young people of Simeon at Claude Reece's, Friday, Feb. 26th. All are cordially invited.

A fire started about half a mile east of Simeon last Tuesday morning and burned several miles of range but otherwise did not do any damage.

Rob't. Thompson and wife had what might have proved to be a serious accident last Sunday. The team ran away, throwing them from the buggy, but we are glad to state that they were not seriously hurt. SALLIE.

Penbrook Quill.

C. W. Hamar is moving down on the river.

Miss Hoisington has returned to the hills again.

The Misses Tillson were out driving Sunday.

H. Downing, of Norden, passed this way Sunday evening.

Mr. Grooms and Miss Swain spent Sunday at Penbrook.

Mr. Heelan, of Arabia, is hauling corn from this neighborhood.

Mr. Whetstone shipped a car of horses to the east part of the state last week.

Mr. Hutchison and Miss Anna Grooms spent Sunday at John Grooms, Jr.

Mrs. Swain has been on the sick list, but is able to be around at this writing.

Hackler and Fischer, of Norden bought a car load of hogs at Norden last Monday.

A. W. Grooms and family spent Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives in this locality.

The danco given by Miss Osborn Friday night was well attended; there being 16 young ladies present. Everybody enjoyed a good time.

PORCUPINE.

Bailey Briefs.

Mrs. Cass is at Heath Bros' ranch.

Harry Heath was up the river last week.

John Seagar was at G. L. Hauver's Sunday last.

Fred Walker is getting out some timber on the river.

Mrs. L. Poland was visiting at the G— ranch the 22nd.

Sellers' had a ring worn drilling on three calves recently.

F. Sellers was freighting poles from the river the 22nd.

There are no sour saints. The devil never labels his bait.

The more puppy like a man's disposition the more dogmatic his opinions.

Dollie Gray and Nellie Gray seem to enjoy themselves over the telephone line.

It is hoped that Russia and Japan will not have as much difficulty in letting go as they have in taking hold.

It is rumored that Kemp Heath is to be married soon. We never had any record that a devil got married.

Dr. Campbell was called to the Heath ranch and also at Gundersen's three times last week. The sick are some better at this writing.

G. W. Poland met with an acci-

dent last week. He fell off a load of hay and hurt his head and shoulders but is getting better at this writing.

Chas. Sellers thought he'd put in a phone in the Logue house but changed his mind. He will need a long distance phone after the expiration of school.

GUESS WHO I AM.

Wood Lake.

(Received too late for publication last week.)

John Day and wife were in town Sunday.

Misses Algo and Melida Hoef were in town Saturday.

Considerable baled hay has been hauled to town lately.

Elmer Hamaker was in town Saturday after a load of grain.

Rev. Cumbow has been unable to hold revival meetings this week.

We are enjoying some pretty snug winter weather at this writing.

Scott Banks and wife are up on business and visiting relatives and friends.

Dr. Hall was called out to see Mrs. Schautzthauer who is very low with lung fever.

David Richardson and Sam Arthur started Saturday morning out to the lake for trapping.

It is anything but agreeable to have people do another dirt in return for a kindly act bestowed.

The passenger train going east Tuesday morning was 2 hours late on account of a disabled engine.

We have heard that F. W. King a ranchman on Goose creek, has started for Richmond, Va., to look up a location.

A man will turn his cuffs back to save 3 cents on a laundry bill and then celebrate his economy by smoking a 1 cent cigar.

A farmer will go to town to buy his wife a silk dress and himself a jug of whiskey and a plug of tobacco. Which will he forget?

Dr. G. H. Hall has fitted up the front part of Kent McNamee's barber shop for an office and we hope that he will continue to reside in Woodlake as he certainly has had good success with his patients.

Miss Alcott, of Valentine, came down Wednesday to visit Mrs. Whilans. She resigned her position in the Valentine State Bank and departed Thursday for Stockton, Ill., where she has accepted a position in a bank.

Manly Wyman has returned from his visit from Virginia. He reports that he has bought 100 acres eight miles from Richmond and that he is well pleased with the country and will move his family there in the near future.

Miss Allie Cyphers, of Valentine, came down Sunday to teach Mr. Gowin's pupils for a few days. Mr. Gowin has been very low with typhoid fever, but we hope that he will soon be able to take up his school work again.

WHO AM I?

Map of the World.

A beautiful map, valuable for reference, printed on heavy paper, 42x64 inches, mounted on rollers; edges bound in cloth, showing our new island possessions, the Trans-Siberian Railway, Pacific Ocean cables, railway lines and other features of Japan, China, Manchuria, Korea and the Far East. Sent on receipt of 25c in stamps to W. B. Kniskern, P. T. M., Chicago & North-western R'y., Chicago, Ill.

Report of school district No. 48 for the month beginning Jan. 24, and ending Feb. 19, 1904. Number of days taught 20, number of pupils enrolled 13, average daily attendance 10, those not absent during the month were: John Brown, Cora Mumford, Victoria and Tommy Schwartz.

MAUDE TRACEWELL, Teacher.

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