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Again the time has arrived when it is in order to tender advice to the Nebraska legislature.—Valentine Republican.

Dutifully we act on the suggestion and take us the weighty burden. Under the decisions of the supreme court there is not a physical possibility of securing at the polls an amendment to the state constitution. But in order to provide graft and fodder for republican newspapers the associated corporations, having the legislature for a head, cannot afford to adjourn without proposing the usual amendment to be voted on by a few dozen in each county. The advertising will cost only about \$10,000 and the republican press must be saved. The boys should begin to "stand up for Nebraska" and butt the udder.—Chadron Times.

President Roosevelt has made it plain to several aspirants to office for the third term that he did not favor third term men and that two terms was enough for an officeholder where the office was worth seeking. There will be a vacancy to be filled in the Valentine U. S. land office for some of the faithful of the republican party. The register and receiver of this office having held their positions for two terms, making eight years in office, which according to President Roosevelt's idea, is long enough. There are other people capable of doing the work in the land office at this place and both the present occupants were brought here to occupy positions in the U. S. land office. They will probably disappear as soon as their successors have been appointed. If there are other men who are capable of doing the work at this land office President Roosevelt should refuse to consider the applications of the present occupants of the office.

Mrs. Lena Lillie, who was last week taken to the penitentiary to serve a life sentence, is now trying to secure the \$2000 insurance on her husband's life in the A. O. U. W. in which she was the beneficiary. It looks like a plan of her lawyers to get some more money out of the case and any judge who will permit the case to be tried before him will be considered a corrupt man and mixed in the deal, by the general public throughout Nebraska. It is not public sentiment that Mrs. Lillie did not have a fair trial in Butler county. In fact, the people in general have grown weary with the delay in her conviction and incarceration. A few attorneys who may be expecting a harvest from the A. O. U. W. are falsely propagating the theory that Mrs. Lillie was generally believed to have had an unfair trial. The A. O. U. W. need only to demand a dismissal of the case, before any incorrupt judge before whom the case might be brought, upon the grounds of Mrs. Lillie's having been convicted in Butler county.

The O'Neill papers state the depositors of the failed Elkhorn Valley Bank are almost unanimously in favor of accepting a proposition to settle with the officials at so much on the dollar rather than to go into expensive litigation. Since this is the home town of Judge Harrington who has taken such a

positive stand in eliminating consideration of expense in the Hans case of this county, it might be well for the people of O'Neill to realize that it is not in order to legalize wrong on account of expense. Is it possible that it makes a difference whose ox is gored?—Ainsworth Star-Journal.

If the Star-Journal continues to harp about the expense of the Hans murder trial the people are likely to suspicion that the Star-Journal is more than peculiarly interested and that the paper would rather see Hans dismissed than prosecuted. It doesn't look the best for the owners of that paper to be in favor of compromising a murder case and to speak of it the same manner as of a bank failure. We do not think, nor does anyone else, that the proprietors of the Star-Journal consider a bank failure as serious a crime as the murder of a citizen and fellowman, hence it is out of place to suggest "that it makes a difference whose ox is gored." If Judge Harrington did anything else in this case other than his duty and if he should show any disposition to free a man guilty of murder, the people of his district would not look upon it as lightly as the Star-Journal appears to do in suggesting it. They would realize that their own lives were not safe with such a man on the bench as the Star-Journal would have for the case of Hans as appears from the article above quoted from that paper. If Hans is made a free man by a second trial, the people of this district will not forget the influences that have been exerted in his behalf nor the part the Star-Journal has played. Whether that be honorable or dishonorable we ask of the people to judge according to their convictions. It is at least plain to all who are familiar with the facts in the case that Fred M. Hans, who shot David Luse when the two were alone in Luse's house, prearranged by Hans, is a dangerous man to be at large and if he is permitted to go free after committing this crime, then no man is safe who has his enmity as long as Hans is at large. Hans was convicted once and sentenced to the penitentiary. Why does not the Star-Journal condemn the supreme court for granting him a new trial or Hans' attorney for pleading his case if it is the enormous expense feared, instead of making these desperate jobs at Judge Harrington?

### Newspaper Law.

The following is a synopsis of a ruling of the United States supreme court in important cases regarding newspaper subscriptions:

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered as wishing to renew their subscriptions.
2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their periodicals, the publisher may continue to send them until arrearages are paid.
3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their periodicals from the postoffice to which they are directed they are responsible until after they have settled their bills and ordered the paper discontinued.
4. If subscribers move to other places without informing the publisher and the papers are sent to the former address, subscribers are held responsible.
5. The courts have decided that refusing to take periodicals from the office or removing and leaving them uncalled for is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud.
6. If subscribers pay in advance they are bound to give notice at the end of the time if they do not wish to continue taking it, otherwise the publisher is authorized to send it and the subscriber be responsible until an express notice with payment of all arrearages are sent to the publisher.
7. The latest postal laws are such that a newspaper publisher can arrest anyone for fraud who takes a paper and refuses to pay for it. Under the law a man who shows his subscription to run

along for some time unpaid and then orders it discontinued; or orders the postmaster to mark it "refused" and have a postal card sent notifying the publisher, leaves himself liable to arrest and fine the same as for theft.—The Settler.

### Running A Newspaper.

People think it easy to "run" a newspaper. One week's experience would change the opinion of most people on the subject. Did you ever count the words in a column of ordinary newspaper print? There are about a thousand words in a column. Suppose you sit down and write a thousand words on some subject and then another until you have written eight or ten thousand. Try it and see if it is right easy. Keep that gait up for a month, a year, and see if it is easy. Then chase a local item all over town, and after you have gotten the facts all right, condense them into a few lines—an hour's work that can be read in a few seconds. Do this for a dozen items that seem insignificant after they are printed, but which you know are important; then have the items criticised and inaccuracies pointed out to you when it is too late to correct them. Oh, yes, it's easy to "run" a newspaper.—Whitewood Plaindealer.

### Bailey Briefs.

T. Pollard built a house on his claim recently.

Fred Richardson is breaking horses for George Seager.

Walter and Lillian Goodin are visiting relatives south of Valentine.

John Seager is working for H. Sears. He returned from Illinois last week.

James Goodfellow shipped some cattle down to his ranch farther east to put them on better feed.

Ballard Bros. have leased their ranch to Gene Morrison. The above mentioned will move to Missouri in the spring.

There have been several gray wolves seen in this vicinity. Heath Bros. run one down and shot him. They have killed a cow and calf of Heath's, a colt of Dan Truax's and one cow of Rosseter's.

GUESS WHO I AM.

### Penbrook Quills.

Henry Grooms went to Valentine Wednesday.

Gus Kuskie caught a coyote Monday morning.

Dave Hancock was on the north side of the river Monday.

Frank Grooms took a load of chickens to town Wednesday for Mr. Hittle.

Frank Burdick had a runaway recently and lost about ten bushels of shelled corn.

Charles Billings, of Norden, was in this locality Monday of this week on business.

Jay Porter of Norden came up Monday and commenced shelling corn at I. O. Jones.

Grooms and Kuskie Bros. were out hunting Saturday. Results: 3 rabbits, one coyote.

One way to make a man pay his debts is to shed your linen and see him shell out the coin.

Porcupine came home as commented by Kant T—I with an apple on every quill and some in his pocket. Come down and get one.

A grand box social at Highland school house Friday night Jan. 20. Everybody invited, the proceeds to buy a new dictionary for the school.

### PORCUPINE.

STRAYED from Stinard's ranch two miles east of Fort Niobrara, one cow or heifer branded X on left hip. Reasonable reward for recovery. R. A. McQUADE, Valentine, Neb.

### ROSEBUD NEWS.

From the New Era.

Samuel R. Criswell was duly installed as stenographer at this agency Saturday morning.

After several days visit at home Mary McChesney left Saturday for Davenport, Ia., where she is attending school.

Mrs. May Longenbaugh, assistant clerk at this agency, has been transferred to the pension office at Washington, D. C., as copyist.

Fred Doville died at He Dog's camp last Tuesday. Dr. Streep was called to see the boy but he was dead when the physician got there.

Frank Mullen, former chief clerk at Rosebud agency, who resigned some time ago, has been reinstated and appointed copyist in the Indian office at Washington, D. C.

Clark Little Thunder, of Cut Meat, met with a painful accident Tuesday. While cleaning a revolver, which was loaded, it was discharged, shooting off four fingers of his left hand.

The home of Leading Charger was visited for a brief space by an interesting quartet of very little people. They were a boy and three little girls, born Jan 8, each weighing, probably, about two pounds. Field Matron Mrs. Bennett visited them on Manday and found three dead and the fourth almost gone. We learn that Rev. A. B. Clark visited them Monday morning and baptized the two then living. Dr. Harrison and J. Anderson also called the same day.

### ST. FRANCIS MISSION NEWS.

Work on the new laundry has been brought to a standstill by the cold weather. We expect to go to work at it as soon as the weather thaws a little.

The smaller children have been gathered together in a kindergarten in the new building and Miss Jeanette Muldom has been appointed teacher.

Charley Guerie, a pupil of St. Francis up to Xmas, died shortly before New Years at his home on Spring Creek. He had been suffering a couple of weeks from an attack of pneumonia.

Fred Doville, a pupil of St. Francis Mission, died at his grandmother's home in Cut Meat Tuesday. With a few other boys he had run away from school about two weeks before New Years.

There was a lawsuit before Judge Towne Tuesday between the Standard Cattle company and John Sullivan of Steene precinct. Several witnesses were present for each side. It seems that Mr. Sullivan had taken up some cattle belonging to the Standard Cattle company some time ago and held them for damage. Mr. Stewart, the manager or foreman of the Standard Cattle company, replevined the cattle and upon the appearance of Mr. Sullivan in court in December the case was put off for 30 days upon the request of the plaintiff. Upon a showing made by Mr. Sullivan's lawyers, Clark & Easley, the case was dismissed because of the appraisal of the cattle being done and service upon Mr. Sullivan being made by a person not legally qualified to serve papers. The Standard Cattle company in taking the cattle upon the writ of replevin, took also a yearling which Mr. Sullivan claimed and purchased from Wm. LeLaCheur. The foreman of the Standard Cattle company claimed the calf as belonging to them and claiming that they could show their brand upon the hide of the calf which was killed and skinned to prove the brand. After the replevin case was dismissed, Mr. Stewart had Wm. LeLaCheur arrested, charged with theft, but the case will likely be dropped. Judge Walcott and J. M. Tucker acted as attorneys for the Standard Cattle company.

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