

Comparatively speaking, a genuine case of blackmail is as rare as hen's teeth. The term seems to have been invented for the protection of silly, rich old men when they make advances without the necessary selfish precautions. A great many addle pates think they can commit and deprecation, and it is alright if it is not told. But if the woman gives them away, they defend themselves by the blackmail theory, and men, unlike women, all try to help the deprecator out of his difficulty.—Stuart Ledger.

One week from to-morrow, June 3rd, the 9th annual meeting of the Elkhorn Valley Editorial Association will be held in Rushville. Between 40 and 50 guests have signified their intention to be present, and there is every indication of a profitable and pleasant time being spent. Good music has been promised and the various committees are working harmoniously to perfect the arrangements for entertaining our guests. The day will commence with a morning session at 9 a. m. in the Methodist church, where music, the invocation by Rev. Wallace and an address of Welcome by Mayor De F. Van Vleck, responded to by Pres. Miles, will form the chief feature. At 11:30 a public reception will be held, after which they will adjourn for dinner. The music will be furnished by the Rushville band. The afternoon session will be devoted to various papers, discussions and matters of interest affecting the craft, concluding with the business session and election of officers. The music will be furnished by the Rushville orchestra. In the evening the Rushville band will give a grand open air concert from 6:45 to 7:30, after which the leading citizens of the town will sit with the editors at the banqueting board in the opera house, where supper will be served, music, toasts and speeches filling out the evening. At 5:12 Sunday morning, the visitors will board the west-bound passenger, where a trip to the Black Hills will complete their outing.—Rushville Recorder.

Talk Only.

The members of the Brooklyn Bar Association recently greeted with applause the following statement made in an address by Father Edward W. McCarty: "Aggregations of capital have fastened themselves like filthy toads upon the handsome face of our glorious country. They threaten the manhood of America, and when we can say with truth that corporate interests can throttle legislation, both in state and nation, then is the future of America in peril. Even today, in trying to shake off its poisonous pests from the nation's face, we can see indications of the centralization that looks like empire. After all, if we have to make a choice between Caesar and Washington and corporations here and there over the land, is it not better that we have Caesar, especially if there be red blood in his veins, which is not true of corporations? But we want neither Caesar nor the corporations, and we appeal to your profession, gentleman, to save us from both."

Judge Brewer, any number of other judges, preachers without limit in numbers, politicians, private people of prominence, honorable and intelligent men everywhere endorse every word uttered by Father McCarty; and yet all these people vote the republican ticket and endorse the party that originated and continues to support these crimes against society and civilization.—Manhattan (Kan.) Mercury.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Solomon L. Ellis, of Simeon, was struck by lightning yesterday afternoon, May 31, and died instantly. The Hobbs brothers were with him surveying for a division fence between them, two miles west of Simeon, and were shocked. Harve and Charley quite severely. Mr. Ellis' oldest boy Willard was with them horseback but was not hurt.

Dr. Compton was phoned for and with W. S. Jackson hurriedly drove out there.

Mr. Ellis and Harve Hobbs were carrying the chain when the lightning struck. Both bounded into the air and fell limp. The soft grey hat worn by Ellis was torn to shreds, his hair signed and head scarred. The lightning went zigzag across his body from the right side of his head to his heart and watch which was partly melted and stopped at 2:17. One shoe was torn to pieces.

Harve Hobbs' hand, hip and leg were burnt and he was helpless for 15 to 20 minutes after the shock. He seems all right today.

Charley Hobbs was sitting in the hind end of the wagon and was unconscious at 5 a. m. today, though recovering enough to speak just previous, but lapsed into unconsciousness again.

Ed and Will Hobbs, one driving and the other horseback, were shocked, two of the horses being knocked down.

Coroner Lewis went out yesterday evening to hold an inquest over the body of Mr. Ellis which was taken home, Dr. Compton and W. S. Jackson arriving in time to help carry him in.

Relatives were wired shortly after the shock.

Funeral will be held at Simeon at 11:00 a. m. Friday.

The deceased leaves a wife and five boys, the youngest being one year old and the eldest nearly 12.

Commencement Exercises.

The graduating exercises of the Valentine high school was attended by nearly 400 people last Friday evening. The M. E. church was crowded, a large number being obliged to stand throughout the exercises. Without going into detail, reporting the program, we will simply express the sentiment of everyone who was present that the class did justice to itself and credit to each individual.

The Graduates.

Charles H. Brown has worked for his board, while attending school and the past two winters has lived with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sparks.

Frank Fischer, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fischer.

Harrison Davenport, youngest son of Mrs. Margaret Davenport.

Oliver Walcott, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Walcott.

Frank D. West, nephew of Attorney E. D. Clark.

Miss Lena Alberta O'Kane, niece of Mrs. R. H. Watson.

Miss Bertha Harvey, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey.

Miss Mabel Helzer, daughter of Mrs. Bertha Hendricks.

Oliver Bliss, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Bliss.

All of the above of this city.

Fred A. Jones, son of Frank Jones of Cody.

Miss Bernice Kief, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kief of Woodlake.

Misses Ora V. and Vannie B. Hooper, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hooper of north table.

Miss Annie M. Hahn, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hahn of north table.

Miss Grace V. Hobson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hobson, of north table.

Parents of the class of 1905 have a right to feel proud of their children who have done honor to themselves and reflected the parental ambitions which are worthy of commendation.

The class of 1905 are just beginning their career. They are building for themselves. The same watchful care that has hovered over them in the past to guide their future destinies is yet with them. Their lives are well begun.

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT wishes each one a happy and prosperous life and gives this parting admonition to take up a congenial employment, remembering that this world is full of people who only partly do their work. A good workman is always in demand at a fair remuneration, whether working for yourself or for someone else.

WANTED—Farm hand \$25 per month. 18 MARK D. CYPHERS.

Buster Brown Belt for children at Mrs. Elmore's. 12

A friend of the home—
A foe of the Trust

Calumet Baking Powder

Complies with the Pure Food Laws of all States.

FOR SALE; City Hotel, lot and building. Price \$1000. 18 C. H. CORNELL, Agent.

Sparks Quills.

Aetna Breachbill was in Sparks Monday... Wm. Grooms went to Valentine Wed... The Porcupine planted an acre of cain and the girls are already asking for a taffy pulling... The amount of rain this spring makes sod plowing fine... Mrs. Brindia went to town Tuesday... Frank Grooms and Clyde Kuskie went to town to the graduating exercises... H. Newland and Mr. Meyers was in Sparks recently... Ray Sharp and sister Blanche were on the road to town last week... Dick Grooms has put in a blacksmith shop... Miss Della Osborne returned home Sunday after nine months in Valentine attending school... Frank Grooms went over to the Rake ranch first of the week... J. F. Swain went down to Penbrook the first of the week... Frank Ashburn was in Sparks Monday evening. Well, that's alright Frank, mighty nice girl... There was a large crowd out at Sparks Tuesday afternoon and the Sparks cemetery looks greatly improved. Everybody lent a helping hand and by evening every grave had been looked after and all the old grass and trash was cleaned away, and many thanks to the two young people who aroused the community to do this work which has long been neglected. PORCUPINE.

We have just received a full line of the celebrated

JOHN DEERE

Farm Implements,

consisting of

- Plows, both riding and walking
- Listers " " " "
- Cultivators " " " "
- Harrows, Disks, etc, etc.

We have three different makes of riding Cultivators and also carry in stock Lister Carriages suitable for converting any steel beam walking lister or plow into a riding lister or a riding plow.

Experience has proven that the JOHN DEERE goods are the best in the market, and by buying two car loads we are enabled to make you very close prices. Our friends are invited to call and inspect the goods.

The Ludwig Lumber Co.

AUCTION SALE

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1905,

The Standard Cattle Co.

WILL SELL AT

MULLEN, NEBR.,

at 10:30 A. M., at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash, approximately the following

300 HORSES AND MARES,

including the Company's best haying teams for mowers, sweeps and rakes,

SADDLE HORSES and some MARES with colts by young MARES their sides.

This number will also include about 60 head of young native mares and geldings (by pure bred Percheron stallion) raised on the company's ranch, and running from yearlings upward.

ALSO THEIR BEST

WAGONS, MOWERS, HARNESS and a large assortment of various kinds of FARM MACHINERY

In addition to the above auction sale

The Standard Cattle Company

will hold the following sales:

- At Pass Ranch, FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1905
- At Big Creek Ranch, MONDAY, " 10, 1905
- At Carver Ranch, WEDNESDAY, " 12, 1905

At these sales they will offer for cash to the highest bidder:

All their haying and farm machinery not included in the Mullen sale. Sale at each ranch will commence at 10:30 a. m. on dates mentioned.

W. E. Hite assisted by G. E. Tracewell, will conduct the Mullen sale, and G. E. Tracewell the other three sales on the 7th, 10th and 12th of July.