

# THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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### SIGNS OF CRAFT

**Nebraska Land Offices Under Investigation.**

**MORE WORK FOR GRAND JURY**

**Secretary Hitchcock Has His Snickersnee Ready.**

**MEN AT VALENTINE INVOLVED**

**Charges Made Against Register Pettijohn.**

Accused of Illegally Acquiring Government Property—Complaint of Inattention to Duty by Receiver Towle.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Special agents of the interior department have unearthed a mass of evidence of a startling character in relation to fraudulent appropriations of public land in Nebraska by perjury and subornation of perjury. The secretary of the interior is determined to let no guilty man escape, and it is believed there will be a rattling of dry bones when the facts already discovered are brought before the grand jury at Omaha.

Many thousands of acres in the state, it is said, will be thrown open again for homesteaders when the investigations are completed. Even the officials of the seven land offices in Nebraska are under serious investigation.

**Valentine Officials Involved.**

A sensation was sprung today when the story leaked out at the interior department that the two officials of the landoffice at Valentine were declared involved. It is charged that Register James C. Pettijohn has made himself liable by illegally acquiring a lot of government land in his district. Evidence submitted against Receiver Albert L. Towle is intended to show that he has not only been inactive in the discharge of the duties of his office, but that he has failed to take official cognizance of certain irregularities passing through the hands of the register and himself as receiver.

The report of the investigation of these two officials are now in the hands of Secretary Hitchcock, and as soon as he finds time to give the matter his personal attention, definite action will be taken. It was stated upon high authority that both Pettijohn and Towle would be dismissed from the service. The secretary has not reached a decision as to whether or not Register Pettijohn will be prosecuted for his alleged irregularities in office. —State Journal.

### CODY A GAMBLING RESORT

**Open Violations of the Law for Years.**

The gambling proposition is being agitated at Cody, Neb., by the better class of citizens. Numerous attempts have been made to put a stop to the wholesale robbery of people who are enticed into games while under the influence of drink and lose heavily. Cody has long run wide-open every day in the week, and every effort has failed to stop the gambling, roulette wheels, slot machines and other nefarious schemes to get money from the people who are conjured into believing that they can win a stake.

Many people have spent their hard earned cash in these dives, that should have gone towards buying clothing, food and fuel for their families. It is time something was done to stop it. The keepers of these dives should be made to return every dollar extracted from people on a gambling

scheme. Under recent decisions of the supreme courts, a man losing money at a gambling place can recover from the owner of the property where such money was lost.

The county attorney's attention is hereby called to the violations of the law at Cody, and it is his duty to proceed to prosecute the violators.

### JUDGE WESTOVER'S ORDER

**Issued at Last Term of the District Court.**

It having come to my knowledge during the trial of criminal cases at this term of court that some four or five houses of prostitution are and have been time for a long time maintained within the vicinity of Valentine, but outside the corporate limits thereof, at which resorts intoxicating liquors are kept for sale, and are sold without the proprietors of said houses having obtained a license therefor as required by law, and also that various gambling tables and devices have been set up and maintained and are now set up and being maintained at said houses in violation of the laws of this state, and it further appearing to me that much of the crime which has been committed as shown by the evidence during this term of court, is chargeable directly or indirectly to the gambling and sale of liquor at these resorts.

Now, therefore it is ordered and directed by the court, that the county attorney of Cherry county proceed without delay to file complaints against the proprietors, owners and managers of these various resorts, charging them with the violation of Section 215 of the Criminal Code of Nebraska, and also Section 11 of Chapter 50 of the statutes of Nebraska, with the view of binding said violators of law over to the district court for trial and proper punishment. And the county attorney is further directed that whenever information is received by him that either of these sections is being violated at any of these houses, or other houses of similar character, that he shall immediately file complaint and prosecute them to the full extent of the law.

It is further ordered and directed by the court that the sheriff of said county proceed without delay to take possession of all gambling devices, tables, wheels, and other paraphernalia which may be found by him in any of these before-mentioned resorts, and that he safely keep all such tables, wheels, and other gambling devices so taken by him until the further order of this court.

Dated this 25th day of November, 1905.

Judge of the District Court.

Editors of country papers have been surprised lately at receiving from some source a proposition to furnish them supplements of good reading matter free of charge, they only agree to run a supplement as a part of their papers. A few accepted the offer. The first supplement contained hidden in the reading matter an attack on the parcels post, which the express companies are fighting with might and main. The second contains a veiled attack on President Roosevelt's railroad policy.—Hawarden (Iowa) Chronicle.

But few of the Nebraska editors were chumps enough to bite on these hand-me-down "Magazine Supplements."—Bancroft (Neb.) News.

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