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## UNKNOWN AUTHORS.

The writers of ancient times were thought to be especially gifted and the intellectual giants as we now think of them, compared with the ordinary man, or with the men of today were in some instances perhaps real ingenious writers but the incomplete records and want of general publicity of great thinkers or writers made it possible for a good self advertiser to copy from others and take credit for the writings and sayings of wise men of more modest pretensions. Many crude thoughts, studied out and given expression by industrious and intelligent people, have been lost to the author as some of the best inventions have been lost to the inventor, stolen by a better self advertiser who is accredited with that which his brain did not produce.

The editor of THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT is unwilling to believe that knowledge began with the accredited sages as given in history, but rather that they coined much material that others had brought together and took credit for it.

Columbus was not the first man to advance the theory that our world was round. It had been talked for hundreds of years and numerous adventurous sailors had steadfastly believed in it and were willing to risk a voyage, many of them never returning. Eric, the Red, and other noted sailors, and some less noted, several centuries before had sailed out across the waters to unknown lands, and for want of the astrolabe, which was later invented, some were unable to find their way back home to tell of their discoveries.

G. Bernard Shaw and Hall Caine, who are now arguing that Wm. Shakespeare is not entitled to the credit for sayings and things accredited to him, may be nearer right than many are willing to believe, though he may have taken credit for many sayings that people of the present age are unable to dispute. So might it be said of many other ancient sages, philosophers and wise men. Even Solomon of old gathered his knowledge and inspiration from his people and really was the spokesman for his people, exhibiting the knowledge individually that existed collectively to which was added his versatile expression.

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Max E. Viertel of Crookston was in town yesterday on business.

Mass will be said at St. Nicholas church on Christmas Day at 7 and 7:30 a. m. by Rev. T. Spauge of St. Francis Mission.

Thomas Hassey, a brother-in-law of Fred Brayton, has been visiting friends here and at Crookston the past week. He lives at Pearl, Mont.

Irwin Query was in town last Saturday. He has a 640-acre homestead and is starting a herd while holding a position with A. Benson of Arabia.

The house warming or dedication of Wm. Erickson's new house out near Kennedy was well attended by all the neighbors for miles around and everybody had a good time. They danced until Saturday morning, running two sets the whole night. There was plenty to eat and drink of all that people wanted, and about 100 people or more enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Erickson's hospitality.

Geo. Cyphers came down from the Rosebud school yesterday to get supplies and Christmas delicacies for the school and employees. Sam Bordeaux, the printer on the New Era, came along also to take a view of Valentine during the holidays. There are three teachers and a number of employees at the school beside the principal, F. A. Warner, who, we understand, has resigned, and about the first of the year goes to Florida to spend the winter.

Did you know that our

## Coffees and Teas

are the FINEST in town?

'Nuff Said.

T. C. Hornby.

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

An Apple, a Potato and a Penny.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will hold its Christmas Festival on Christmas Eve at 7:30 o'clock in the church. All interested are cordially invited to be present. Also, to bring an apple, a potato and a penny, the former to be given to the needy in town; the latter to send the Story of the Baby of Bethlehem to those who know it not. Barton Dailey will receive contributions of clothing for the children of the Child Saving Institute in Omaha.

The following program will be offered:

Hymn, Joy to the World.... Congregation  
Invocation..... Rev. J. R. Beale  
Anthem..... Quartette  
Concert Reading, Psalm.  
Hymn, Hail Happy Morn..... School  
Welcome..... Miss Clarkson  
Solo..... Miss Quigley  
Recitation.... Miss Bertha Helzer  
Solo..... Miss Ruth Quigley  
Recitation..... Arthur Tracewell  
Hymn, Hark! What Mean These Holy Voices.....  
Exercise, For Christ and the Church..... Twenty Children  
Solo..... Mrs. Bivens  
Gifts received from Congregation  
Solo..... Miss Faddis  
Distribution of candy from tree.  
Hymn and Benediction.

## STRONG EVIDENCE IS LACKING

One of the most important moments in the Nebraska land fraud cases has been reached for Richards, Comstock and Jameson.

This is the result of the motion made on Monday afternoon by the attorneys for the defendants that there was no evidence on which to hold the defendants.

The motion was sustained in the case of F. M. Walcott, who acted as attorney for the Nebraska Land and Feed company. Only one witness gave testimony which connected him with the case. This appeared in the testimony of Samuel M. Mann, a pension agent of Quincy, Ill., who had three soldiers go to Attorney Walcott's office in connection with the declaratory papers. Attorney Walcott returned to the soldiers the amount of their entry fees.

The defense held that the government has brought out no testimony proving fraud or conspiracy, and that it has simply multiplied the same act by such evidence as it has brought out.

The court held that each act may constitute a renewal of the same conspiracy. It also held that in case of conviction, the defendants could not be punished more than once for the same act.

Attorney Crites admitted the fact that money has been advanced to pay for entry fees and improvements, but read opinions showing that this is no crime. He held that the entryman's right to lease the land begins from the moment he takes up the entry.

Prosecutor Rush held that there was no title in these cases. There had been no time to acquire a title. The defendants, he held, had entered into a conspiracy to secure false titles.

"We contend," he said, "that if the practices were fraudulent, it was to deprive the government of the land. They were looking for the final proof and provided the expenses for every transaction."

An adjournment was taken to enable the court to take up the motions under consideration.—Omaha Daily News.

## School Notes.

Misses Sidie Thackrey and Frances Harden have closed their schools in the country and are in Valentine for a short time. They both visited the Valentine schools on Tuesday of this week.

School will close on Friday of this week for two weeks Xmas vacation. Misses Schaper, McKercher, Carlson and Gordon, and R. H. Walsen will attend the state teachers' association at Lincoln. Miss Pettijohn will spend the holidays with her parents at Longpine. Miss Driscoll will spend her vacation in Valentine.

One need only to glance into any room below the high school this week to be convinced of the truth that Jack is rendered less dull by having a little play along with his work. We wish every parent in Valentine could be at the school at three o'clock Friday to see the work done by the children during the past two weeks.

## MEDITATION

Though our influence be great or small,  
We should do the best we know how;  
There is always something we can do,  
And the time to begin is right now.  
As we walk through the paths of life,  
Mapped out by the hand above;  
By a kindly word or a pleasant smile  
We can show to Him our love.  
Sometimes we think we're inferior,  
And the things we say do not count;  
We should ever strive to do better,  
As life's ladder we daily mount.  
For how do we know but some hearer,  
Who through evil has gone astray;  
By a kindly act from someone  
May be started on the better way?  
—Gertrude Tracewell.

## U. S. Weather Bureau Report for week ending Dec. 19.

The daily mean temperature for this week shows the greatest discrepancy of the season, being 11° below the normal, being respectively 20° and 31°.  
The highest was 45° and the lowest 5°.  
The precipitation was .05 of an inch of melted snow, giving a total of 26.44 for the year to date.

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## OFFICERS OF THE 25TH TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14—On recommendation of the general staff the secretary of war has ordered the trial by court-martial of Major Charles W. Penrose and Captain Edgar A. Macklin of company C, First battalion, Twenty-fifth infantry, under the sixty-second article of war, for "conduct in the prejudice of good order and discipline" in failing in their duty in preventing and suppressing the riot at Brownsville, Tex., last August.

The specifications will include among other things the charge that the two officers named failed to exercise due diligence in preventing the occurrence when the condition of affairs at Brownsville made it necessary that all proper precautions should have been taken to prevent a clash between the troops and citizens; and also that they did not examine the rifles of the men until daylight although they learned of the true state of affairs by 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning.

The details of the membership of the court and the place where the trial will be held have been left to the discretion of the commanding officer of the department of Texas.—World-Herald.

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