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THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1907.

## YES, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?

That Letter. What do you think of it?

We suppose that everyone who read the county attorney's letter to Mr. Wakefield, regarding the quarantining of his family, formed an opinion. That was only a natural thing for them to do. Further comment was not necessary.

The Republican took up the defense of the county attorney's action automatically, which was a natural thing for that paper to do.

We were not surprised that some defense would be attempted, but we did not think the Republican would claim that the county attorney had prosecuted every case and every violation of the law to which his attention had been called. But that is not a surprise either.

We would suggest for the enlightenment of our esteemed contemporary, if he should not happen to know, that he may inquire of people near Thacher regarding complaints made against two people living in open violation of the law. Did the county attorney prosecute them?

Did he prosecute anybody at Woodlake for selling intoxicating liquors in open violation of the law?

Perhaps our local contemporary is aware of other similar cases that he thinks the people are not aware of.

"O, Lord, help us to inflict punishment upon our enemies who are transgressors and to shield our friends," is too much the policy of those clothed in a little brief authority.

## HANNA VOTED NO!

On the last day of February the 2-cent fare bill was passed with the proviso that no railroad shall be required to sell any ticket for less than 5 cents and was sent to Gov. Sheldon for his approval which he has seen fit to withhold. The bill was passed by the senate in a vote of 27 for, and 4 against, one of the four being Senator Hanna of Cherry county.

The senate amendment was concurred in by the house in a vote of 91 for and 1 against.

The four senators who voted against the bill were:

Burns of Lancaster.  
Glover of Custer.  
Gould of Greeley.  
Hanna of Cherry.

Our own David Hanna, whom Cherry county supported so loyal-

ly, has now explained his vote of two years ago as representative on the 100-pound rate stock shipping bill which, people were told was to their interests and advantage.

[People will no longer doubt that Mr. Hanna's motives were wholly with the stockmen whom he did not wish to get the worst of it in crowding their cattle into a car, nor to endanger their lives by being encouraged to ride too frequently on the railroad cars.]

The 2-cent passenger traffic will go into effect from today (Thursday) in the state of Nebraska.

Our representative, Albert H. Metzger has stood for the measures that Cherry county people needed and have long wanted, and it seems that the majority of the legislature this year forgot partisanship and worked for the interests of the people generally, but David Hanna and a few others will have to explain before we can understand the wisdom of his records in the legislature.

We could not oppose him strongly in the last campaign because he was a stockman and we thought he would be interested in lower freight and passenger rates and other things in common with our people. We are sorry to learn different. David Hanna has run his race in Cherry county politics. Not because he has voted against the people's interest in this one case, but because of such a tendency to forget the interests of his constituents.

## SHELDON WOULDN'T SIGN.

Gov. Sheldon has won the disapproval of Nebraska people generally in his refusal to sign the 2-cent fare bill which so unanimously passed the senate and house last week. His refusal to sign the bill amounts to a veto as far as willingness goes to do something for the people, and lines him up with the railroads, along with Speaker Nettleton, David Hanna and a few others who have proved traitorous to their trust and who are only held back by the wholesale majority against them from doing more for the railroads under cover of "the best we could do."

It appears that Gov. Sheldon was expecting the legislature to fail to pass the 2-cent fare bill in effective manner and that he expected to become a "big man" for the people ostentatiously while playing into the hands of the railroads by effecting a 2c rate compromise to supplant the dis-

pair of the 2-cent rate for which he would receive credit from both the people and the railroads.

It would have the semblance of placing him as an apparent victor over railway domination, with the people.

Whatever may be Gov. Sheldon's motive, it will be hard for him to explain satisfactorily to the people that he is other than a railroad sympathizer and not in sympathy with the over-burdened tax paying farmers who have more than their share of Nebraska's expense. It is plain to be seen that the governor wants to remain non-committal, perhaps for political effect.

How would the 2-cent rate bill have fared at the hands of Gov. Sheldon if it had passed with a meagre majority, with no hopes of two-thirds majority over a veto by the governor?

We are inclined to the belief that the bill would have been vetoed and killed had such been the case.

Why didn't the people vote for Shallenberger who came out flat-footed in his campaign for the 2-cent rate and get the man who would have been in harmony with the people and their legislature?

It was partisan politics, dominated by railroad influence, that defeated Mr. Shallenberger.

The people see their mistake now when it is too late, but will they take heed and vote different next time, or will they continue to be humbugged as in the past?

Some are beginning to get their eyes opened and we hope there will be careful and thoughtful voting and thinking after this experience, which by reason of honest legislators exposed the traitorous element.

## THE RAILROAD ATTITUDE.

"Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad." This quotation applies to the railroad management hereabouts.

The policy of railroads is an excellent specimen of business folly. It was such when they undertook to fight their taxes in the most offensive way. They sowed the wind and they are reaping the whirlwind in a thoroughly aroused public resentment.

Nevertheless they are not satisfied. They now announce that they will fight the 2-cent passenger rate legislation of Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and other states. They will be beaten, but even if they were sure to win the result would only be to fan the flame of public resentment and in the end to produce more extreme measures of control.

And now, here in Omaha, we are told that the Union Pacific will abandon its headquarters enterprise and the Northwestern will curtail its freight terminal plans.

In other words, the railroad management proposes to bite off his nose to spite his face.

Go on, gentlemen. The public can stand it if you can. The day of reckoning will come. The forces of regulation and control now slowly getting into action are gathering strength day by day, and every spiteful act of railroad resentment only hastens the culmination.—World-Herald.

## FOR SALE

Fruit and shade trees of all kinds, and small fruit, shrubs and flowers. Send in your orders or see me at the cellar in Valentine. Trees will be ready for delivery about middle of April. 5 JOHN FERSTL.

## MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN

The average man comes very near being an idiot in taking care of himself. You have seen him wearing a fur cap on his head while his shoes let in the snow and water. He wears an overcoat on his back and nothing but a thin shirt over his chest. He is mighty scared about freezing his fingers while his throat is exposed to the winds and he is often sitting on a bench and shivering. He thinks he is taking his herb tea, root tonics, Peter's pills, Paul's pine cordials or plasters and cures, until the balance wheel in the machine comes to a stop. Nature wants to keep going, but she can't. He drinks whiskey and that clogs the valves; he pours down lemon-ade, ginger ale, buttermilk, ice water, tea coffee, and what not, and then wonders why the fire under the boiler do not burn. If you should take an ox and put him through a like performance he'd be dead in a year. The simplest and plainest laws of health are outraged every hour of the day by the average man. Did Adam smoke? Did Eve wear corsets? Did Solomon chew tobacco? Did Ruth chew gum? Did the children of Israel make for a beer garden after crossing the Red sea? Did Rebecca eat gum drops and ice cream and call for soda water? Adam was the first and was made perfect from head to heel. How long would he remain so after eating a mince pie before going to bed? Suppose he had slept in a bedroom 5x7 with the windows down, the door shut and two dogs under the bed? Suppose Eve had laced herself up in a corset, put on tight shoes, sat up all hours of the night eating her fill of trash and sizzled her hair. When you come to look at the way a man misbehaves himself you can only wonder he ever lived to get there.—Cherokee (Okla.) Messenger.

## Table Items.

Otis Hahn, Jr., has been nursing the numps.

We hear John Granger has been selling some fine colts to Jim Petyrew.

Was glad to see the rest room patronized. That is a good thing for Valentine.

Mrs. Mary Fowler will return this month after the wedding of her niece at Pomeroy, Iowa.

Lots of folks from the table took in the silver medal contest. Gertrude Shelbourn won the first prize and Edna Hobson the second. Good for the table girls.

Wonder if the city board could not pass a law against spitting upon the sidewalks. At a recent visit to the city it was next to impossible for ladies to step along the Main street walks without stepping in puddles of spit or their skirts dipping into the filth from the mouths or throats of those bipeds who think it manly to expectorate largely upon the sidewalks. Some of our large cities impose a fine for such, and it is not a dead law either as many have found to their cost.

Say, what are you editors doing now? Getting ready for the spring municipal election we suppose by the mud that has been thrown about the Wakefield's. We read the letter in THE DEMOCRAT and saw nothing to criticize, except that by the time they received the letter from the county attorney they might all have been dead. Why did he not take a team and a doctor and go out and investigate the truth of the charge, or phone out or send out a physician. We understand there is a doctor employed by the county and therefore is a health officer. If all cases of diphtheria, measles, (scarlet fever, scarlet rash or scarletina, all the same disease in a slightly different form) were quarantined by the families, how soon would there be an end to epidemics so often fatal. Please dish up our hash without a mixture of county or city mud.

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### Teachers' Association, Feb., 9

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Report from superintendent's section, N. E. A. Chapters 7, 8 and 9 Putnam's Psychology. . . . . Miss Kortz.

Poems and Memory Gems in the Rural School. . . . . Effie Starr.

Essentials of Good Teaching. . . . . Cora Thackrey.

School-room Decorations. . . . . Frances Harden.

Essentials of Teaching Reading. Chaps. 8, 9, 10. Prof. Watson.

### Card of Thanks.

We desire in this way to express our sincere thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors who assisted us in our recent bereavement.

MR. AND MRS. GEO. CANN AND FAMILY.

Four room house to rent; also, 3 rooms over the Democrat Office for rent as an office or light house-keeping.

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### Contest Notice.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebraska, March 2, 1907.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Charles E. Meehan, contestee, against homestead entry No. 17551 made March 24, 1905 for section 12, township 22, range 33 by Jolin Sheets, co. L. Stee, in which it is alleged said land and changes his residence to a place more than six months last past; that the said Jolin Sheets has wholly abandoned the land as the law requires, and entryman has never established his residence upon the land as the law requires, and he has failed to cure same was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged; and other evidence tending to show that the said contestee is hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said affidavit at 10 o'clock a. m. on April 17, 1907 before the register and receiver at the United States Land Office, Valentine, Nebraska.

The said contestee has in a proper affidavit filed March 2, 1907 set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

E. OLSON, Receiver.

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