

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT JUDGE W. R. TOWNE PASSES AWAY.

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OUR BIRTHDAY.

Seven years ago last week we took charge of The Valentine Democrat and each year have added to the equipment of the plant. New type, better machinery and skillful work have been factors of our success and we greet you with brighter prospects for a continued increase of business.

Our patrons have shared in our prosperity and enjoyed increased business success. We invite old patrons to make greater use of our printer's ink and increase their profits in business derived from it and to others we suggest that they try a more liberal means of increasing their business and if not afraid of helping others they might greatly increase their own by a liberal use of printers ink. The Democrat is now read in nearly every home in the east half of Cherry county and we ask our friends to suggest to their friends to hand us a dollar for the Democrat. Those who have news should send to us and help us to publish a better paper. We want weekly correspondents from all the leading news centers or from each locality where a column of news can be obtained.

If we have no correspondent in your locality please send in the news and get our special rates to correspondents.

We want all the news. If you have friends visiting you or if you are going away on a visit send us notice of it to be published. We cannot meet every train nor are we mind readers, nor can we notice if every man, woman or child are in their accustomed place each week. Tell us the news. That's the way we get it. Everyone should help and take some interest in having their locality represented when there is news to tell. Your friends want to hear from you; you want to hear what your friends are doing. Tell us about it. If we do not get around where you are, come and see us. We'd hunt you up if we knew you had news to tell but we'll be glad if you will hunt us up. Our office is open. Hand in the news.

Our experience has taught us that a country newspaper should print the news and leave other fields to papers of their class. This will bear out more strictly in the future.

If we were selling coal we'd sell to any one who had money to buy and likewise other articles of merchandise. Any legitimate business may also use our advertising space, respectfully advertising their wares for sale. We are here for business just the same as you are and there's no disguising that fact.

Come all ye and let us work harmoniously together for prosperity. THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT will tell it.

At the coming State Fair, the first week in September, there will be a new classification for County Collective Exhibits. The state been divided into three districts, the Eastern being the counties lying east of the west line of Knox, Pierce, Madison, Colfax, Butler, Seward, Saline, and Jefferson counties, The Central being the counties lying west of said line and east of the west line of Boyd, Holt, Garfield, Carter, Dawson, Frontier and Red Willow counties

and the Western being all the counties lying west of said lines.

Twenty-five hundred dollars is set apart for premiums. All exhibits to participate in the premium money must score sixty per cent of the highest score in their particular district, by Ream Score Card. All exhibits scoring above sixty per cent will participate equally in \$1,410.00 (being 60 per cent of \$2,350.00), and in \$940 pro rata, according to the number of points above the minimum.

In addition to the above \$50.00 will be awarded to each exhibit scoring the highest in its district. Lancaster county is allowed to exhibit under a handicap of 100 points. William James of Dorchester is Superintendent of this department.

Cherry county needs a High school for the children that are growing up and are constantly being sent away to some school hundreds of miles away. Under the new law counties may establish high schools where the children may attend free of charge from the 8th grade to the 12th and such branches are to be taught as will give students a splendid education at home or close to home. There is considerable expense in sending children away to Fremont, Lincoln, Bellevue or Peru and not many will ever be sent to these schools. The home county high school will place within the reach of all, the advantages of a high school. This will have to be done at a special election. The expense of maintaining the high school will be paid by the county, but each school district will lighten their burden by throwing the higher training onto the high school and will be relieved of all the special training which will be similar to the agricultural training at Lincoln in the 9th and 10th grades and the 11th and 12th will be normal training. A student wishing to complete his education may attend college and graduate in a three years course instead of a four or five years course as at present. However, there will be little need for additional schooling beyond the high school.

Educational Notes.

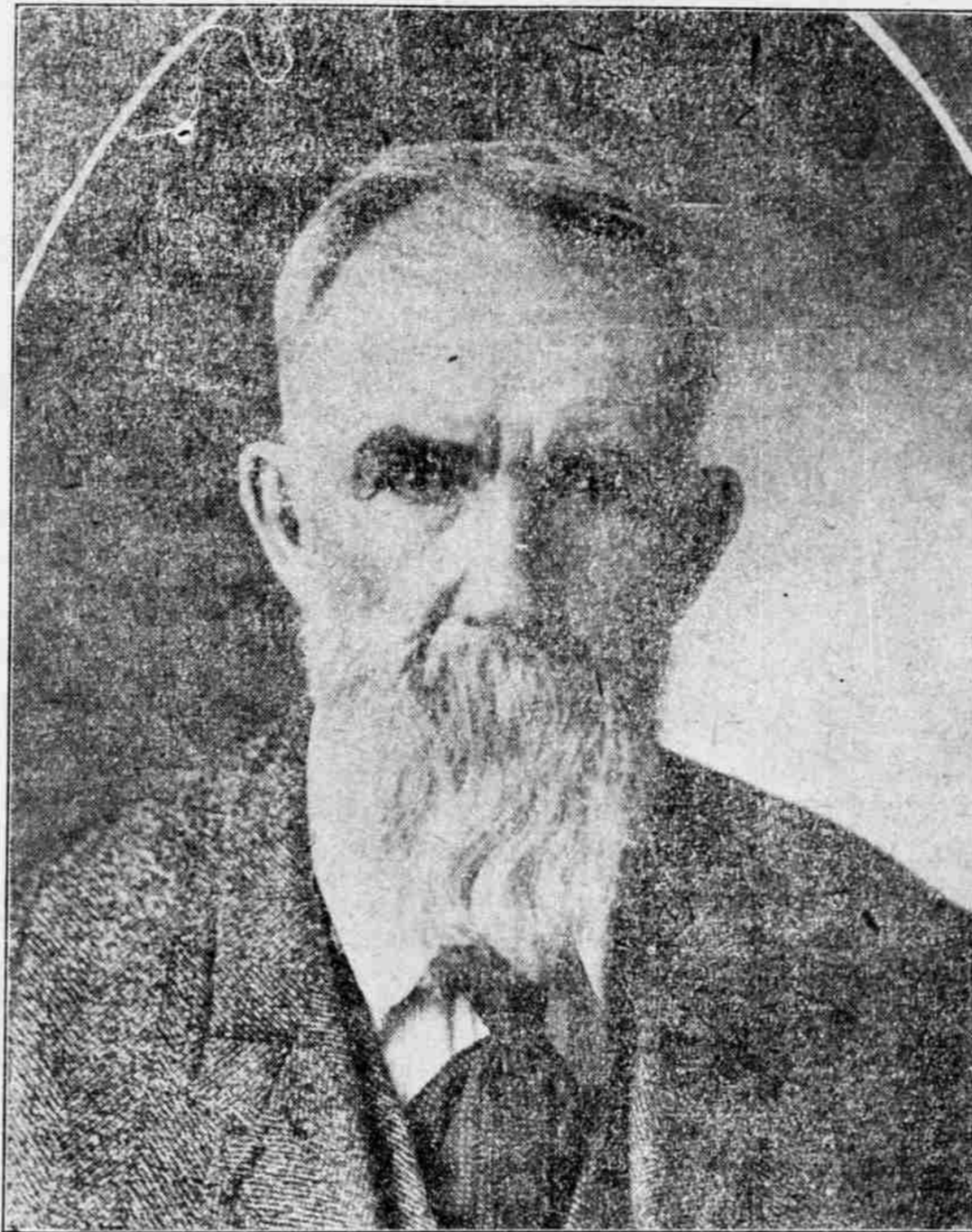
Mr. McCrear has rigged up a barrel on a wheel-barrow for the purpose of watering such trees as his hose would not reach on the school ground.

Nellie Collett of the class of 1904 has recently been elected to a position in the Wahoo schools for next year. This puts her in line for a position in the city schools of Lincoln, as Lincoln has taken at least a half dozen teachers from the Wahoo schools within the past year.

Dr. Fred Morrow Fling of the State University will deliver the commencement address on Saturday evening, May 25. State Supt. McBrien says of Dr. Fling's address "Imperial Europe" that it is a master piece of oratory. The subject of the address which Dr. Fling is to deliver in Valentine is a "World Crisis" and we feel sure he will give a fine address. We could not secure a speaker for Friday evening May 24th, therefore we arranged for Saturday evening,

Tuesday, May 7, 1907, about 11 o'clock Judge W. R. Towne passed to the great beyond. He had been in better health the past winter than two years ago and was able to be up and attending to the duties of his office until ten days before his death. His last illness was apparently fatal from the first and he gradually sank from the 27th of April, when his stomach began to distress him. Judge Towne had long been a sufferer from stomach trouble and his enfeebled health many times brought him very low, but his iron-like constitution held him up and his recovery was always rapid until at last, when his life work seemed to be at an end and he was ready to depart this world, he rapidly sank and all efforts failed to bring about a change.

Judge Towne has been getting his work closed up for some months past and his one purpose during the past year seemed to have been to close up his work. He



HON. JUDGE W. R. TOWNE.

was a pioneer in Cherry county and better known than any one by the old timers.

He leaves a wife, three daughters and a son: George Towne, the oldest, was in Iowa when last heard from. Mrs. Nella Williamson, the oldest daughter, has been staying here with her parents the past year. Her home is in St. Louis. Mrs. Maud Fritz lives in Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. Mabel Caton lives near Cavite, S. D. Two daughters and a son died in infancy.

Two brothers and a sister survive the Judge: Ephraim at Shell Rock, Ia., Almon at Santa Cruz, Cal., and Mrs. Jane C. Welch at Enosburg Falls, Vt.

The funeral was held at the home, conducted by the Rev. Wells of the Episcopal church, and the remains laid to rest in Mt. Hope cemetery. A large number of friends of the Judge congregated from different parts of the county to pay their last tribute to the departed old soldier and county Judge for nearly eleven years.

On the last page of this paper will be found a partial life history of the Judge.

May 25th.

Callie Faddis did not have her poem ready when the others were published so we give a place to her's this week. Callie says she got it all right by herself except one line. Her papa had to help her on that line. We wonder whether any one can tell which line of the poem Callie's papa is responsible for.

SPRING.

The grass is getting very green
The pussy willows are being seen.
The birds are beginning to sing.
Oh, now it is spring.

The flowers are coming up,
The daisy and the buttercup.
The south wind is gently blowing.
And the brooklet is flowing.

Now the crocus lifts its head,
To let us know it is not dead,
And the blue bird now is singing,
In its leafy bower 'tis swinging—
Callie Faddis, IV grade.

Morrissey & Brown had a fire at their place west of Crookston last Saturday week which burned up a milk and store room 16x30 and the contents. They were all covered by insurance and the inconvenience is the only damage they sustain. It is a proper thing to do to insure your property.

Mayor Brown of of Lincoln was re-elected Tuesday. Lincoln is a republican town and had the advantage of three republican daily papers to assist their candidate. Mayor Brown was a businessman's candidate and was a straight, honest, free from graft sort of man. The hard fight put up against him because he was a democrat failed to knock him out.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to assure the people of Valentine that their kindness during our trials shall ever be held in loving remembrance.
Mrs. W. R. TOWNE and FAMILY.

U. S. Weather Bureau Report for week ending May 8.

The daily mean temperature was 41° the normal 53°. The highest temperature 72°, the lowest 24°.

The precipitation for the week was 0.11 of an inch and the total for the season to date 2.38 inches and the normal for the same period is 5.67 inches.

Another killing frost is predicted for the next weather experience.
McLEAN.

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We desire the PUBLIC TO KNOW that we are neither BLENDERS, COMPOUNDERS NOR RECTIFIERS; also that we use the utmost care to purchase our goods from the most reliable houses in America, and just as we get them, they pass into the hands of our customers. NO SPURIOUS IMITATIONS OR IMPURE LIQUORS OFFERED FOR SALE. WE HAVE THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT IN TOWN.

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The Rise of Jimmie Johnson.

X.—"HOW'D YE DO IT, JIMMIE?"

Shortly Mr. Johnson was a multimillionaire. Cronics read about him, saying, "Well, I do declare!" One who knew him early said: "You wuz as pore as mo. How'd you do it, Jimmie?" "Oh, I ADVERTISED," said he.

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