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A man may run his party's paper without expense to the party for years and put each candidate on the back that the party wants to foist onto the people, and rack your brain to say a great many good things about this or that candidate for office, saying perhaps that there never was such good timber whittled out for an office as is found in such a person, and then learn that he has all the while been secretly standing in with the other fellow. You can fool all of them once but you can't fool some of them twice. Too bad you can't be everybody's friend.

The Government's Libel Suit.

(American Press.)

It may not be true, as Senator Rayner believes, that the suit of the government against the New York World for libel is an attempt to revive the hateful sedition law enacted in 1798 and repealed three years later. Be that as it may, it is a matter of grave concern not only to every publisher of a newspaper, but to every American who loves his country and cherishes its institutions.

Regardless of the truth or falsity of the charges made by the World it is the imperative duty of every newspaper, whatever its political affiliation, to sound in trumpet tones the warning against this new danger. The principle involved is much bigger than the mere question of a newspaper libeling the government, or, as President Roosevelt has put it, the whole American people.

As long as we assent to the proposition that our government derives its powers from the people we must admit that the people have a right to express their opinion of the acts of those persons chosen to execute its will. The press is the voice of the people. They have no other medium half so prompt and effective for making known their approval or condemnation of official acts.

The World reflects the views of that part of the public who support it, who make its existence possible by buying and reading it. It is fair to assume that it is just as loyal to the country as the party, without regard to politics, which happens to be in power.

Individuals may properly sue for libel, though it seldom affords much satisfaction, but the government is too big for that sort of business. The New York Evening Mail, a paper of the president's own party, aptly says in an editorial reproduced in another column: "Burke has said that you cannot indict a whole people. Similarly we do not believe you can libel actionally an entire government or any department of government in its official capacity."

Truth is always the best vindication of anyone libeled. Has it not been entirely possible for the government at any time to publish every detail of the Panama deal? Every newspaper in the country would have been glad to publish it. To have convicted the World at the bar of public opinion of deliberate libel would have been a greater punishment than any other

that could be inflicted.

And you may have noticed that the newspapers are generally quite ready to publish the truth when one of their number has been caught lying. Newspapers are the best friends of representative government and ought to be so regarded by those who happen for the time to be invested with authority. We fear the president—and we say without political bias what thousands of papers of his own party will say before the suit is ended—has acted unwisely. Government censorship of the press has been tried once and abandoned. We commend to the powers that be the following:

"The sedition law was a stringent act against seditious conspiracy and libel, chiefly aimed at obstructive opposition to the proceedings of government and libelous or seditious publications in regard to them. These laws had little effect besides that of overthrowing the Federal party, which was held responsible for them.—Century Dictionary.

Commits Suicide.

Mrs. Albert Fairchild committed suicide last Friday morning at the home near Red Deer lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild came here about two years ago and rented a house in the south part of town where the family lived until Mr. Fairchild could build a house on the homestead where the family moved in the spring. Mrs. Fairchild disliked living out in the country and wanted to come back to town to send the children to school in the winter, and in this she was encouraged by her mother and sisters, and Mr. Fairchild having a bunch of cattle to take care of and not being able to employ a man to stay on the ranch and take care of them, he stayed there himself and took care of them. It was a lonely life for him to stay there alone, do his own cooking and live away from his family three-fourths of the year, and at different times appealed to his wife to come back to the ranch and live with him, but she didn't like the ranch and told him to sell his stock and come to town. This he could not do.

Finally, the family was quarantined with scarlet fever and the anxiety for Mr. Fairchild was greater than ever, and when they were out of quarantine he appealed again to his wife to come out on the ranch. She refused. A couple of weeks later he came to get his family and induced his wife to go back with him which she did very reluctantly and complained considerably about it on the way home. The following morning about daylight she arose from bed after a few words complaining and threatened to kill herself, but as she had made similar threats before Mr. Fairchild thought it was a bluff or angry talk. She left the house and the children having been awakened began to cry and one of the little girls started after her mother, but hearing her bare foot out doors returned. Mr. Fairchild arose and started to build a fire, thinking his wife would soon return and would be cold, but thinking later that he had best go and bring her in started out and looked around the house, then at the chicken house where he discovered

that the barn door was open. He went to the barn and saw his wife, as he supposed, standing near the manger. It was not very light in the barn in the early morning and he walked up to her saying: "Mother, you'd better come back to the house, it's cold out here," and put his arm about her when he felt her body swing and he discovered that she was hanging by the neck nearly touching the ground.

She had tied the rope around a rafter and then about her neck, standing on the manger and jumped off and was strangled to death in a short time. Mr. Fairchild cut the rope and layed her down on the ground. Only a gasp and she was dead. Whether she did this act in a fit of anger, despondency or temporary insanity no one can tell.

Dr. Lewis called a coroner's jury and their decision was that she came to her death by strangling and gave temporary insanity as the cause. Perhaps she forgot her six children in her own misery. Perhaps she was weak and tired, but we wouldn't encourage other mothers to do likewise. There are other thoughts to think, there are other walks to travel. A mother's duty to a family of six children ought to make her forget unpleasant conditions. Other mothers have lived in the sand hills or on the farm and raised families and endured hardships and taught her own children, and this woman's lot could not have been worse than many others.

The relatives gathered sorrowfully around to attend the funeral held Sunday in Valentine in the M. E. church. A large crowd was there. The church was filled with sorrowing people and the most impressive part of the services was the wailing of six motherless children. But she has gone, given up her life, and none of us may know her trials that brought on her temporary insanity or extreme anger.

If there were influences of relatives or friends against her living out on the ranch they have their sorrow now and perhaps it is better that each family attend to their duties without hearing adverse comments of what they should or should not do.

For Sale

Six-room house, stable for seven head of horses, granary and hay stable;

One 4-room house, corn crib and stable, city water in both houses. Must be sold soon, part time, part cash, or will take young heavy team as part payment. P. F. Simons, Sparks, Neb., or I. M. Rice, Valentine, Neb. 1

Talk of Oasis.

W. G. Ballard is back from his trip east.

Bob and Clyde are batching on Watt's lake.

Fred Bell is staying at his mother-in-law's.

Alek McAlvey had bad luck feeling. He broke a wheel and ran the tongue into the ground.

Daddy Long Legs was seen at Oasis. He ran a sliver in his horse's leg and the horse got excited and ran for home.

Our Chicago friend accidentally burned some water the other night.

Dave goes to Kennedy, Earl goes to Barge, but the old folks stay at home.

We see Carrie Nation is back again and she's batching. Some of these old bachelors ought to take pity on her.

We were sorry to hear of Mrs. Fairchild's suicide.

THE WOLF.

Estrayed from my range near Kennedy one roan steer 4 years old, branded S on left side. Was last seen in October, 1907, on Diamond Bar range. \$5 reward for information of his whereabouts. 3-3 D. M. SEARS, Kennedy, Neb.

Report comes to us of the marriage of John Maxwell at Fort Russell, Wyo.

Dave George is able to get around now with a cane and is writing accident insurance.

W. G. Ballard and sons, Len and Ed, and D. A. Hancock were in town Monday on business.

S. B. Weston went up the road the first of the week and took an inventory of the stock on hand and tools for section men of the whole Black Hills division.

M. E. Church Notes.

Morning subject—"The Scattered Seed."

Evening subject—"A Mother and Daughter."

Taken Up

at my place, 8 miles south of Valentine, Nebr., on Tuesday, January 19, 1909, one white face steer, 3 or four years old, no visible brand, ears under cropped, broad horns, left hind foot bruised.

F. D. BEAMAN,

2-5 Valentine, Neb.

Estray Notice.

I have taken up as estrays two red white face yearling steers. No brands, one has left ear either cropped off or end frozen off. No other marks I am able to find. They are at my ranch on sec 33, tp. 33, r. 25, Cherry Co., Nebr.

1-5 D. A. HANCOCK.

Are You a Writer?

We want some young lady or young man to take up the work of city editor on THE DEMOCRAT and learn other work connected with the office. To the one who can gather the news and tell it in a readable style and help with other work when not so engaged we offer a place on our staff. Wages will be paid according to the value of the services. We want a capable person of good education and a talent for newspaper work.

Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court within and for Cherry county, Nebraska.
In the matter of the estate of Levi N. Kime, deceased.
To the creditors of said estate:
You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the County Court Room in Valentine in said county on the 20th day of February, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months from the 20th day of August A. D. 1908 and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 20th day of August, 1908.
Witness my hand and seal of said County Court on the 25th day of January, 1909.
JAMES C. QUIGLEY,
County Judge.

Notice of Probate of Will.

In the county court of Cherry county, Nebraska.
STATE OF NEBRASKA,
COUNTY OF CHERRY.
To all persons interested in the estate of John Ford, deceased:
On reading the petition of Bennett W. Smith, praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 8th day of January, 1909, and purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, may be proved and allowed, and recorded as the last will and testament of said deceased; that said instrument be admitted to probate, and the administration of said estate be granted to Victoria E. Smith and Bennett W. Smith, as executors.
It is hereby ordered that all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the county court to be held in and for said county, on the 12th day of February, A. D. 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Valentine Democrat, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing. Witness my hand and seal of said County Court on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1909, 3-3 JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

Order of Hearing and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account

In the county court of Cherry county, Nebraska.
State of Nebraska,
Cherry County.
To the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of Willie H. Archer, deceased.
On reading the petition of Emma Archer praying a final settlement and allowance of her account filed in this court on the 10th day of January, 1909, and for her discharge as administratrix.
It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the county court to be held in and for said county, on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1909, at 2 o'clock p. m. to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Valentine Democrat, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.
Witness my hand and seal of said County Court on the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1909.
JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

Notice of Probate of Will.

In the county court of Cherry county, Nebraska.
State of Nebraska,
County of Cherry.
To all persons interested in the estate of Lewis H. Smith, deceased.
On reading the petition of A. C. Nellor, praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 22nd day of January, 1909, and purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, may be proved and allowed, and recorded as the last will and testament of said deceased; that said instrument be admitted to probate, and the administration of said estate be granted to A. C. Nellor and C. H. Cornell, as executors.
It is hereby ordered that all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the county court to be held in and for said county, on the 13th day of February, A. D. 1909, at 2 o'clock p. m. to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Valentine Democrat, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing. Witness my hand and seal of said County Court on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1909.
JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

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