

EXECUTOR'S SALE

The undersigned will sell at public auction the personal property and effects of the late Lewis H. Smith, at the residence of Matthew G. House, four miles west of Valentine, on

Thursday, Feb. 25, 1909,

Beginning at 1 p. m., sharp,

Consisting of the following:

Horses and Mules

One mare, 4 years old, weight, 1,300 lbs.
One mare, 8 years old, weight, 1,250 lbs.
Two Geldings, 4 years old, weight 1,100 pounds each.
One 3-year-old mule, weight 1,100 lbs.
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One 3-year-old mule, weight 1,000 lbs.
Two 2-year-old geldings, weight 1,050 pounds each.
One 3-year-old gelding, weight 1,100 lbs.

Cows

Five milch cows, two fresh; one yearling heifer—Jerseys.

Wagons, Buggy, Etc.

Four Wagons.
One Buggy.
Five sets Harness.

Implements

One Lister.
One Corn Binder.
One Small Grain Binder.
One Double Row Corn Cultivator.
Cultivators, Plows and other Farm Implements too numerous to mention.

Grain

475 bushels oats.
144 bushels spelts.
1,958 bushels corn.

Free Lunch at Noon

TERMS—On purchases less than \$10.00, cash. Over \$10.00 nine months time at 10 per cent interest, or 5 per cent off for cash (with the exception of grain, and we reserve the right to accept or reject all bids on grain.)

A. C. Nellor and C. H. Cornell, Executors.

G. E. TRACEWELL, Auctioneer.

W. E. HALEY, Clerk.

Our Lincoln Letter.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 13, (Special Correspondence)—Last week the house managed to get action on the woman suffrage bill before the senate got to it. As a result the senate was compelled to defeat the proposition that an amendment to the constitution be submitted permitting the women to vote. The senate performed the task with neatness and dispatch.

Several members, representing both parties, have expressed the fear that franchising women would speedily lead to prohibition. A little investigation of this question reveals the startling fact that in every prohibition state the women are disfranchised, while in no state where the women vote is there state wide prohibition.

The same old howl about "hungry for pie" is being sent out by the g. o. p. organs. After creating a lot of offices for the purpose of taking care of hungry patriots, the republicans are now complaining because the democrats insist on taking their turn at the counter. The latest complaint is that the democrats are now figuring on securing the appointment of a clerk of the printing board. The board consists of the secretary of the state, the auditor and the treasurer. It is now proposed to make the governor a member in place of the treasurer and give him the appointment of the secretary. And the wail of despair sent up by the republicans can be heard from Dan to Beer-Sheba.

The bank guarantee bill is now before the legisla-

ture, and it will be passed in a form that will redeem the party's pledge on that point. It was drawn with infinite care and patience and will safeguard the interests of the public as well as the interests of the bankers. Right here is another interesting parallel. The republican papers make much of the fact that the banking committee employed Judge Alberts at a stipend of \$300 to look after the legal phases of the banking bill. This was pointed to as a sample of "democratic inefficiency" and an example of "democratic extravagance." But it was just \$9,700 less than a republican legislature appropriated to employ John L. Webster to help the attorney general fight for the freight law enacted by the legislature of 1893. And the freight rate case was lost by the state, too.

There was a merry little fight in the house and senate Thursday, and in both instances the soldiers' homes at Milford and Grand Island were the cause thereof. Reports submitted showed grave irregularities in the management of both these institutions. It was charged that one inmate of the Milford home was discharged because he wrote a campaign letter to the World-Herald. Gross neglect of the farm interests at Grand Island was charged. After the reports had been read the republican members of the committee realized that they would not make good campaign material, so they insisted upon their withdrawal. This was agreed to, but the facts will doubtless be brought out officially at an early date.

In order to bolster up its charge of "riotous extravagance" the Omaha Bee prints a list of the appropriations asked for, and taking it for granted that every appropriation asked for will be granted it shows that the total appropriations will be about a million larger than usual. The trouble with the Bee's estimate is that the appropriations asked for will be cut down about 35 or 40 per cent, as usual. Naturally the appropriations will be larger than usual because Nebraska is a growing state and a growing business always means a growing expense account. One big item in the forthcoming appropriation bills will be deficiencies caused by the last republican administration. It has been necessary to make up several thousand dollars of deficiencies in state institutions already, one of \$15,000 for the penitentiary being a case in point.

The Talcott bill, No. 288, is aimed at the destruction of what has become about the smoothest republican machine in the state—the state superintendent's office. The state superintendent today has the appointment of more people and the expending of more money than any other state official, the governor alone excepted in the matter of appointments. The Talcott bill provides that all the army of appointees in the public school and normal school service shall be made by the educational board instead of by the state superintendent. This board is appointed by the governor and is by-partisan. J. L. McBrien, ex-state superintendent, who is about as smooth politically as they

make 'em, organized the machine and it is a wonder worker. The Talcott bill, if it becomes a law, will put a plug in the aforesaid machine and take the normal and junior normals out of politics.

It doesn't take much to make the disappointed and displaced republicans "holer." They are now putting up a great cry over the proposition to provide for another district oil inspector. There are now five. The proposition is to appoint another one so as to have one in each congressional district and leave the chief oil inspector free to attend to the duties of the office. As the oil inspection department does not cost the taxpayers a penny the g. o. p. cry of extravagance is no better founded in this case than in the rest of them.

Observing farmers will note that chief among the appropriations asked for, and chief among those already granted, are for the establishment of experimental farms in different parts of the state. This sort of "extravagance" will not hurt the feelings of the men who have dared the frontier and are now interested in learning how best to adapt themselves to the soil of their localities. Dollars spent in this way will be returned manifold in the near future.

Thursday of last week closed the thirtieth day of the session as far as the house was concerned. From now on the work will be hastened. Many of the members are farmers, and as soon as they feel the spring winds and feel the tang of "plowing weather" they will be anxious to get home. Then will be the time when pet bills will be ruthlessly slaughtered. J. A. L.

School Notes

Supt. Watson is to go to Chadron on Saturday February 20 to act as one of the judges of the debate between the Chadron and Crawford high schools.

Prof. Fogg of Lincoln who was to cast lots to decide whether Atkinson or Valentine should have the affirmative of the question soon to be debated has reported that Valentine lost and that we are now to take the negative and to meet the Atkinson people in their own town. Charles Helzer, Edith Adamson, Marie Christensen and Mary Easley will go to Atkinson about the last of the month to prove to the Atkinson folks that there is no call for a compulsory board of arbitration in the railroad business. We believe that they can prove this just as conclusively to Atkinson as they proved to Ainsworth that there is a need for such a board.

It is a surprise and a wonder to any one who will compare seriously the way little folks think and express their thoughts to day with the work we were capable of doing when we were children. The following sentences written by Elmo Olson, of the first grade, one day recently when he had finished his number work and was waiting for the time for his class to recite, are certainly worthy of notice.

Valentine, Neb., Feb. 10, 1909.
I will write a letter about Lincoln this morning.
Lincoln was a very good man. I love him.
Mamma and papa love him, too.
Would you like him for a papa? I would.
He was in a war one day. Would you like to fight like he did? He

was in the Black Hawk war.

He kept a store once.

Then he was our 16th president.

Lincoln's birthday will be here soon. His birthday is the 12th of February.

He said: "All I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother."

ELMO OLSON.

Theodore Van handled his books to Prin. Mohlman Monday and said he was going home. Theodore assigned no reason for quitting school and we are sorry to have him go for we still cherished a hope that he would get down to earnest work and make us a strong student.

Notice to Owners of Town Cows.

I am going to run the town herd again this season and the price will be the same as last year.

5 3 JOE MARSHALL.

Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court within and for Cherry County, Nebraska.
In the matter of the estate of Levi N. Kim, deceased.
To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified, That I will sit at the County Court Room in Valentine on the 25th 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 25th day of August A. D. 1908 and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 25th day of August 1908.
Witness my hand and seal of said County Court, this 25th day of February, 1909.
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, ss.
Cherry County, ss.
To the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of Fred Kudelke, deceased.
On reading the petition of Joseph Kudelke praying a final settlement and allowance of his account in this court, on the 25th day of February, 1909, and for his discharge as administrator of said estate.
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 25th day of March, 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 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 four successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.
JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

Notice to Creditors.

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss. In the County Court, Cherry County.
In the matter of the estate of Fred Kudelke, deceased.
To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified, That I will sit at the County Court Room in Valentine on the 25th 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 25th day of August A. D. 1908 and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 25th day of August 1908.
Witness my hand and seal of said County Court, this 25th day of February, 1909.
JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph P. Fols, deceased. ORDER
State of Nebraska, ss.
Cherry County, ss.
Whereas, Theodore W. Fols has filed in my office a petition asking that the regular administration of said estate be dispensed with and that the matter be given to a part of said estate, to be received and examined, 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 25th day of August A. D. 1908 and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 25th day of August 1908.
It is therefore ordered by the court that the same be set down for hearing before said court on the 25th day of February, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and show cause, if any there be, why said petition should not be allowed as prayed for, and the service thereof be laid upon all persons interested in said estate prior to said time of hearing by publication of said notice once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Valentine Democrat, a weekly newspaper printed and of general circulation in said Cherry County, Nebraska.
Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in Valentine, Cherry County, Nebraska, this 25th day of February, 1909.
JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

Contest Notice.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebraska, February 10, 1909.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Edward R. A. Noel, a man, a resident of Valentine, Nebraska, against the entry No. 1876-01573, made June 27, 1907, for N. 34 section 26, and S. 34 section 27, Township 29, Range 25, by Rufus E. Day, contestant, in which it is alleged that Rufus E. Day has who is a resident of said section 26, changed his residence therefrom for more than six months last past; that the land is not settled upon nor cultivated in good faith and entry ought not to be established thereon and that he has filed to cure his alleged defects to this date.
Said parties are hereby notified to appear, personally or by duly authorized attorney, at 10 o'clock a. m. on March 2nd, 1909, before the register and receiver at the United States Land Office in Valentine, Nebraska.
The said contest having in a proper affidavit filed February 20, 1909, 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.
JAMES C. QUIGLEY, Receiver.

Contest Notice.

U. S. Land Office, Broken Bow, Nebraska, January 25, 1909.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Frank O. Petrick, contestant, against the entry No. 2754, made June 29, 1904, for all of section 21, Township 25, Range 35 6th P. M., by Herman C. Gambricht, contestee, in which it is alleged that said contestee has who is a resident of said section 21, changed his residence therefrom for more than six months last past; that he has never resided upon, cultivated or improved said tract as required by law; that the said land is in its wild and native state wholly uncultivated; that all the alleged defects exist at this date and have not been cured.
Said parties are hereby notified to appear, personally or by duly authorized attorney, at 10 o'clock a. m. on March 12, 1909, before J. H. Welton, U. S. Commissioner, Broken Bow, Nebraska, and that the final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on March 16, 1909, before the register and receiver at the United States Land Office in Broken Bow, Nebraska.
The said contest having in a proper affidavit filed January 18, 1909, 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.
JAMES C. QUIGLEY, Receiver.

Pat Peiper.
Simon N. S.
U. N.

Joe Bristol.
Valentine, Neb.
Range on Nio-
brara river four
miles east of Ft.
Vernon.
Horses and
cattle branded
with connected in
left hip or side as
shown in cut.

R. M. Faddis & Co.
Postoffice address—Valentine or Kennedy.
Some branded
on left
thigh.
Horses branded
on left
shoulder
or thigh.
Some branded
on left
thigh or
shoulder
or thigh.

P. H. Young.
Simon, Neb.
Cattle branded
as cut on left side
Some A on left
side
on left jaw of
V horses.

Albert Whipple & Sons.
Cattle branded
SOS on left side
SOS on right side
Some cattle also
have a + on neck
Some with A on
left shoulder and
some branded
with two bars
across hind quar-
ters. Some Texas
cattle branded SOS
on left side and some
on left side.
Horses branded SOS on left hip. Some cattle
branded AW on connected on both sides and
left hip of horses.

N. S. Rowley.
Horses and
cattle branded
SOS on left side
SOS on right side
Some cattle also
have a + on neck
Some with A on
left shoulder and
some branded
with two bars
across hind quar-
ters. Some Texas
cattle branded SOS
on left side and some
on left side.
Horses branded SOS on left hip. Some cattle
branded AW on connected on both sides and
left hip of horses.

C. P. Jordan.
Horse and cattle
branded SD
same as cut, also
CJ BR LJ on right
hip.
Range on Oak and
Butte creeks.
A liberal reward
for information
leading to detection
of rustlers of stock
bearing any of these brands.

Kohl & Terrill.
Brownlee, Neb.
Cattle branded as
in cut on left
side. Some
branded H T Y
on left hip. Range
on North Loup
river two miles
west of Brownlee.

J. A. Yaryan.
Pulman, Neb.
Cattle branded JY
on right shoulder.
Horses branded JY
on right shoulder.
Reasonable reward
for any information
leading to the re-
covery of cattle
strayed from my
range.

D. M. Sears.
Kennedy, Neb.
Cattle branded
as cut on left
side. Some
branded S
on left hip. Range
on North Loup
river two miles
west of Brownlee.

Roan Bros.
Woodlake, Neb.
Range on Long
Lake and Crook-
ed Lake.

John Kills Plenty.
St. Francis, Mis-
souri, Rosebud,
S. D.
Cattle branded
as in cut; horses
same as cut, also
H T Y on left
thigh. Range be-
tween Spring Creek
and Little White
river.

Metzger Bros.
Rolf, Neb.
Cattle branded
anywhere on left
side.
Barnard, square
crop right ear.
Horses have
same brand on
left thigh.
Range on Gordon and Snake Creeks.
A reward of \$250 will be paid to any person for
information leading to the arrest and final
conviction of any person or persons stealing
cattle with above brand.