

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

I. M. Rice, Editor and Prop.

Thursday, April 1, 1909.

Judge Westover held a special term of court Wednesday evening and sentenced Samuel Lawrence Story to life imprisonment for the murder of Fred Smith. When arraigned before the bar of justice he pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree and accepted the sentence without a murmur, though he shifted uneasily from one foot to the other.

Our people do not believe Story's confession of a scuffle and a fight, as it would have been impossible for him to have shot Fred Smith in the head in such a scuffle as he describes.

Further, it is evident that Story deliberately planned to murder in shooting Smith in the head, either while walking behind or while Fred lay on the ground asleep.

Sheriff Rosseter and Webb Hilsinger took Story to the pen today.

Next Tuesday we will vote for three village trustees. We believe that W. S. Jackson, E. C. Davenport and George Elliott, the nominees of the citizen's ticket, will be the choice of our people by a large majority. They stand for a liberal policy and city improvements. They are in favor of high license, and our town will be run on business principles. Let us show our good business judgment in giving them loyal support next Tuesday.

OUR LINCOLN LETTER.

(Special Correspondence.)

Lincoln, Nebr., March 30.—Republican newspapers have been unable to point to one single law placed on the statute book by this legislature that any fault can be found with. That is the serious trouble with these fellows. This is evidenced by the fact that the Omaha Bee a few days ago attempted to twist the legislature because they had not passed an anti-injunction measure, when every thinking person knows that this is not of consequence so far as the state government is concerned. Our republican brethren are pretty hard up for thunder when they resort to inconsequential matters of this kind. The law makers have fulfilled every pledge made to the people and the record will bear the closest investigation.

Gov. Shallenberger has vetoed the bill which would have permitted the licensing of a saloon at Ft. Crook. There has been a wide difference of opinion as to the merits of this measure, and many of the legislators voted for it because of the fact that the colonel in command of the fort favored it. The governor's action in refusing his sanction to the law is being generally commended.

The passage of the new oil law is one of the best things done by this legislature. This bill was prepared and introduced after consultation with the state oil inspector and his department. Heretofore under the old law Kansas oil has been excluded from this state and this fact has rebounded to the interest of the Standard Oil people. The new law admits this oil and it is conceded now that the measure will save to the people of this state a quarter of a million dollars the first year. Several changes have been made. Under the old system oil was inspected only with reference to its inflammability and without reference to its quality. A good deal of complaint has been heard from this. Kerosene oil has been placed upon the market that stood the flash test, but admittedly of the poorest grade. It will now be one of the duties of the oil inspector's office to test oil both as to its quality and inflammability. Considerable credit is due to Inspector Mullen for the consummation of efforts that should have been made into law years ago.

The Ollis warehouse bill has passed both branches of the legislature and will be the law. This is a measure of far-reaching importance, and is one of the wisest laws placed upon the statute books. It provides for the establishment of warehouses in the state for the storage of grain. Certificates will be issued by these bonded warehouses and these will at once become negotiable. It is conceded that the price of grain in this state has always been pounded down by manipulators of the market just at the time that the great bulk of it was ready for market. There is always a class of fellows who have to sell and thus prevent any organized opposition to cutting down the price. This new law will prevent all this. Grain may be stored at very little cost and held until prices adjust themselves, and the man who stores it can realize upon his certificates, thus preventing the necessity of selling at any price that

may be offered. Several of the southern states have enacted this principle into law and thereby enabled the cotton raisers to resist the efforts of the cotton manipulators to get the commodity at their own prices.

For the first time in the history of the state a law has been passed fixing the salary of the clerk of the supreme court and his assistants. Nobody knows how high the revenues of this office have run, but it is known that they have been enormous, and that this office was one of the juiciest from a financial standpoint in the state. It is generally conceded that the enactment of the new law will increase the revenues of the state at least \$10,000 a year, enough to pay off in six years the accumulated wolf bounty claims. The old method of running this office is a relic of the spoils system of politics, and the legislature is to be commended for its reform in this direction.

Another bill passed by the law makers at Lincoln is one that will receive the endorsement of every thinking citizen. This is the law that prevents the collection of campaign contributions from officeholders. It has been the custom in the past for the committee in charge of the campaign to assess every holder of republican proclivities. Postmasters, revenue officers, court reporters, everybody that drew a salary, was notified to come across with the sum named by the committee or run the risk of having his political head decapitated. Under the wise provision of the new law this will be prevented and heavy penalties exacted from offenders.

Gov. Shallenberger sent a special message to the legislature requesting the passage of a bill with which he accompanied his message providing that public service corporations shall be under the control of the railroad commission and that they shall not be permitted to issue new notes, bonds or stocks without the permission of the commission after an investigation by that body, and then only when the new issue is for money needed in improvements. The governor has taken an advanced stand on all questions relating to the control of corporations. In his speech at the Bryan banquet and again in his message to the legislature enclosing the new bill he vigorously demanded the passage of the bill providing for the physical valuation of railroads. He contends that it is the only proper method upon which to base rates. With reference to the law asked for by him he says that no reasonable mind can object to the passage of the law, and that no corporation wishing to do business on the square could find fault with its provisions. It has been the custom in the past for public service corporations to issue stocks and bonds largely in excess of the value of their property, thus compelling the payment of exorbitant rates in order to pay interest on these bonds, and at the same time deceiving the investing public. Under the proposed law the public would be protected in the purchase of stocks and bonds because the sanction of the railway commission had been given, and the law making power would know the exact valuation of corporations when they attempted to fix rates.

The governor has signed Mr. Kuhl's bill which provides that the state conventions shall be held the last week in July, so as to have the platforms adopted prior to the holding of the primary.

The bill requiring that all campaign contributions must be published before the election has passed both branches of the legislature and is now a law.

The house has passed the bill providing for the appointment of a beer inspector, whose duties will be the inspection of all beer made in the state. The cost of this falls upon the brewers and it is admitted that the law will have the effect of netting the state treasury about \$150,000 per year.

Many items were necessarily left out this week to give Story's confession.

The stock sales held yesterday and today were well attended and a pronounced success.

Tony Maule pleaded guilty to horse stealing and got two years, at the special term of court.

For Sale or Trade.
One bicycle, nearly new. Inquire of Oscar Elkinton, Crookston, Neb.

Estray Notice.
Valentine, Nebraska, March 23, 1909. Taken up by the undersigned at my place 13 miles northeast of Valentine, Nebraska, in section 2, township 33, range 26, the following: One bay horse, weight 650 pounds, branded 3C on the right flank.

Just wait until you see what a shine will do for you? A strange, new discovery. Coming soon.

Try Kazda's barber shop. tf

School Notes

By R. H. WATSON

Misses Ina Spratt and Grace Grooms made a pleasant visit at our home last Saturday to talk over old time school days and various plans for the future.

Miss Laura Pettijohn writes that she is having a pleasant and profitable year in the state university, but that if a good high school position opens up for her she will drop out and teach next year.

Miss Geraldine Tracewell visited over Saturday and Sunday at her home in Valentine. Geraldine has made good at Cody and has been elected for another year. She made us a brief call Sunday afternoon and talked over plans for future work.

We have just received a long and interesting letter from Everett Harvey in which he thanks us for being so patient in trying to get good work out of him while he was in the Valentine school. He says he sometimes thought we had it in for him, but now he knows we were doing the very best we could for him. He is doing nicely in his work in York Business College and securing high grades.

Mrs. Watson received an interesting letter a few days ago from Miss Eleanor Lally, who was with us several years in the Valentine junior normal. Miss Lally says that of all the different normals and institutes she has worked in she has more pleasant memories of Valentine than of any other one place. She says she had a most enjoyable and profitable time while in England last autumn, inspecting the school system there.

Earl Pettycrew of the class '98 took dinner with us last Saturday. Earl is looking fairly well after his severe illness and is planning to do a lot of farming the coming season. He makes good use of the knowledge gained from his course in the agricultural school at Lincoln. He was popular with his professors at Lincoln and will no doubt be in close touch with the experimental station, which we hope to see established at Valentine soon.

Last Friday marked the 17th anniversary of Eugene Taylor's birthday, and Saturday did the same for the birthday of Hazel Graham; and the students of the high school planned a surprise for these young people at the home of Mrs. Taylor. Miss Tennant, Mr. Mohlmann and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Watson enjoyed the evening with the pupils.

The evening was spent in games of various kinds, after which refreshments were served. Both Hazel and Eugene received beautiful gold rings as marks of the esteem in which they are held by their classmates.

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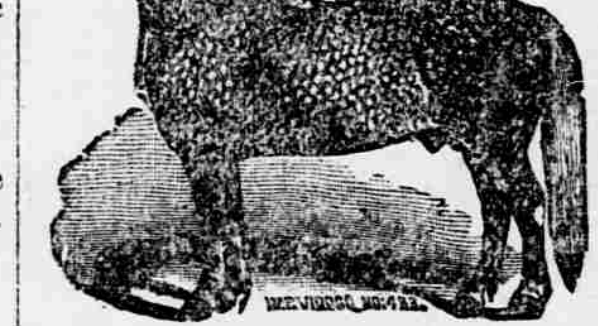
In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph Winslow, deceased.
A duly verified petition having been filed in my office praying for the probate of the estate of Joseph Winslow, deceased, without administration, and it satisfactorily appearing to me that the statements made in said petition are true:

It is hereby ordered that a hearing on said petition be had on the 3rd day of April, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., at my office in Valentine, Cherry county, Nebraska, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and show cause, if any there be, why said petition should not be granted.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 15th day of March, 1909.

JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.



For Sale.

One high grade Percheron stallion, 3 years old last June, weight 1600 pounds.

Also one Cleveland Bay horse, 5 years old, weight 1250 pounds. For further information see or address me at Crookston, Neb.

L. H. OVERMAN.

Notice of Village Election.

Notice is hereby given that on April 4, 1909, there will be held at the District Court Room, in the Court House, within and for the Village of Valentine, Nebraska, an election for said village. At said election there shall be elected three trustees for said village to serve for the term of two years each. Dated this 22nd day of March, 1909.

W. S. BARBER, Chairman.

In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Benton B. Teeters, deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING.
Wilson J. Teeters having filed in my office, a duly verified petition praying for the probate of the estate of Benton B. Teeters, deceased, without administration, all persons interested in said estate will take notice that I have fixed April 3rd, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., as the time, and my office in Valentine, Cherry county, Nebraska, as the place for the hearing of said petition, at which time and place all persons interested in said estate may appear and show cause, if any there be, why said estate should not be probated without administration.

Witness my hand and the seal of the county court this 15th day of March, 1909.

JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

In the County Court within and for Cherry County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Levi N. Layport, 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 15th day of April, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their admission and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months from the 15th day of October A. D. 1908 and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 15th day of October, 1908.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county court this 15th day of March, 1909.

JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of James M. Camm, deceased.

ORDER OF HEARING.
George A. Camm having filed in my office a duly verified petition praying for the probate of the estate of James M. Camm, deceased, without administration, all persons interested in said estate will take notice that I have fixed April 17, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., as the time, and my office in Valentine, Cherry county, Nebraska, as the place for the hearing of said petition, at which time and place all persons interested in said estate may appear and show cause, if any there be, why said estate should not be probated without administration.

Witness my hand and the seal of the county court this 15th day of March, 1909.

JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

Contest Notice.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebraska.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Laura N. Hudson, contestant against Homestead entry No. 102, made September 6, 1904, for NW 1/4, SW 1/4, SW 1/4, NW 1/4, and E 1/2 of section 17, NW 1/4, and SW 1/4, NW 1/4 of section 18, in township 37, range 27, by John Wells, contestee, in which it is alleged that said John Wells has wholly abandoned said land; that he has changed his residence therefrom for more than six months last past; that said land is not settled upon and cultivated by said party as by law required, and he has failed to cure his land of weeds and brush.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear and answer and offer evidence touching said allegations at 10 o'clock a. m. on April 17, 1909, before the register and receiver at the United States Land Office, Valentine, Nebraska.

The said contest having, in a proper affidavit, filed Feb. 13, 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.

M 104 F. OLSON, Register.

Notice to Non-Resident Defendants.

To Joe Sutton and Mrs. Sutton, first and true name unknown, wife of Joe Sutton, non-residents:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that on the 12th day of December, 1908, Herbert Thompson and Albert Thompson, minor heirs of Mary Thompson, deceased, by Andrew Thompson, their next friend, filed their petition in the district court of Cherry county, Nebraska, against you and each of you, impleaded with John Marty, Jr., as defendants. That the object and prayer of said petition is to have a certain tract of conveyance, alleged to have been made and executed by Mary Thompson, the mother of these plaintiffs, on March 22, 1888, and purporting to convey the south half of the southwest quarter of section 5, and the southeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 6, and the northwest quarter of northwest quarter of section 8, township 32, range 29, in Cherry county, Nebraska, and which is recorded in Book 17 of Deeds at Page 417 of the records of Cherry county, Nebraska, declared and adjudged to be a forgery and to be null and void, and to have the same canceled, and that said defendants and each and all of them, and each and every person claiming by, through, or under them, or any of them, be forever barred and excluded from any right, title and interest in and to said land, and to have the right and title of the plaintiffs in and to the above described land forever quieted and established in fee simple, and for all other and further orders and judgments shall appear to the court to be just, right and proper.

You are required to answer said petition on or before April 19, 1909.

HERBERT THOMPSON and ALBERT THOMPSON, minor heirs of Mary Thompson, deceased, by Andrew Thompson, their next friend, Plaintiffs.

In the District Court of Cherry County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Elma C. Richards.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.
Elma C. Richards, guardian of the person and estate of Evelyn J. Richards, Gladys L. Richards, Robert E. Richards and John M. Richards, minors, for license to sell the following described real estate to-wit:

The South Half of the Northwest Quarter, Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter, Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of section 26, South Half of the Southwest Quarter, West Half of Southeast Quarter of section 23, township 30, range 30, and Lots Three and Four, section 19, township 30, range 29, Cherry county, Nebraska, for the maintenance of said minors, and for the interest of any reduced or unimproved pasture land in Cherry county, Nebraska, and that it would be for the best interests of said minors that said real estate be sold and the proceeds thereof used for the purpose of educating and maintaining said minors and investing any residue in approved real estate securities, it is therefore ordered that the next of kin of the said minors and all persons interested in said estate appear before me at the regular April 1909 term of the district court of Cherry county, Nebraska, to-wit on the 19th day of April 1909 at the court house in the city of Valentine, Cherry county, Nebraska, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause if any there be, why a license should not be granted to the said Elma C. Richards to sell said real estate for the purpose above set forth.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be served on all persons interested in said estate by publication for three successive weeks in the Valentine Democrat, a newspaper printed and published in said county of Cherry and State of Nebraska.

Dated at Chambers in the city of O'Neill, County of Holt and State of Nebraska, this 13th day of March, 1909.

J. J. HARRINGTON, Judge of the District Court.

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