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I. M. RICE - Editor and Prop.
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Thursday, November 25, 1909.

Send the Children to School.

Upon the complaint of John L. Roseberry of Buffalo Lake precinct Thomas Dowell was brought up to the county seat last week to answer to the charge of rearing his family of children in ignorance, failing to send them to any school. The said Thomas Dowell is a ranchman and fairly well to do but has thus far neglected to educate his children. There is a compulsory school law in this state requiring parents to send their children to school. The law has been overlooked and many children have failed to attend school according to its provision in the past. Parents are responsible for this but officers of the community are guilty of contributory delinquency and when their duty is neglected any person who may know of the violation of the law is also guilty of contributory delinquency. This law should be enforced and let's begin at home.

We see children frequently out of school and we wonder what for. Those children are most likely to grow up and become county wards or become vagabonds, thieves or at the best dependent upon the community for support and assistance through life. Of course not all uneducated persons are thus. We know of many who are good honest people but they would have been much better off had they attended school when young and received only a little education. Judge Quigley issued the following order in this case brought before him:

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CHERRY COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

In the matter of the petition of John M. Tucker for an inquiry into the condition of Cyrus Dowell, Byron Dowell, Eva Dowell, Retty Dowell, Nettie Dowell, Lily Dowell, Flora Dowell the minor children of Thomas Dowell and Mariette Dowell.

DECREE.

And now on the 20th day of November, 1909, this cause came on for hearing and comes now the said John M. Tucker, petitioner and comes also the said Thomas Dowell in person into open court and the cause coming on for hearing the evidence finds that the said Cyrus Dowell is a male child ten years of age; that the said Byron Dowell is a male child eight years of age; that Eva Dowell is a female child six years of age; that Retty Dowell is a female child five years of age and that Nettie Dowell is a female child five years of age; and that the said Thomas Dowell is able to send the said minor children to school. The court further finds that the statements and allegations in said petition are true.

The order of the court therefore is that the said Cyrus Dowell, Byron Dowell, Eva Dowell, Retty Dowell and Nettie Dowell be at once taken by the said Thomas Dowell and his wife Marietta Dowell or either of them or some person in their employ to some school in the state of Nebraska that maintains at least six months school in the year in said state, and there had to attend during said school term and the said Thomas Dowell and Marietta Dowell are also ordered to send the name of the principal teacher in the school that said children are taken to. And the order of the court is further that if said school at which said children attend maintains more than six months school, said children are to attend the full term given at the said school.

By the court.
James C. Quigley
(seal) County Judge.

Congressman De Armond of the Sixth district of Missouri was burned to death in his home, which burned to the ground Nov. 23. His grandson perished with him. Eighteen years of active service since 1891 in congress, establishing a record as a fighter for the common people and their rights will make his name memorable.

The circuit court of the United States has rendered a decision that the Standard Oil company is an illegal corporation and orders it dissolved. This looks serious for the Standard Oil concern upon the face of the order but an appeal was taken and we suppose it is only a little more bluff on the part of the administration that was backed so loyally by the Rockefeller interests.

Thanksgiving Day today, and we wish to thank all of our friends and patrons for their past liberal support, which we trust has been mutually profitable to us and them.

Our supreme courts, circuit courts and all the other courts in this, our country, than congress and the president. They can as promptly void any law or order that comes before them as they are brought, or they can declare them constitutional and decide a case accordingly, only to be annulled by some higher court, and "there you are."

Spend your money with the doctor. What's the use of good food and warm clothing? A little cough syrup will cure a cold and its cheaper than shoes, overshoes, woolen underwear and good warm wholesome food to go into the stomach. Then too, its popular to be ill and have the neighbors making a fuss over you and sittin' up o' nights and the doctor runnin' his legs off to get around. Then if you ever get up again you can have a story to tell of your miraculous escape—from what? Well there's the rub. You may be on the wrong path. "Better try the other one."

Ed Bell shot and killed Oscar McArthur.

They were working together, rooming together, sleeping together down at the railroad camp near the river. They lived together for three months or more. There was trouble between them. One or the other or both were to blame for that trouble. They quarreled and fought over some trivial matter because of wrong living either in one or the other, perhaps both. One was aggressive, and perhaps the other was stubborn, willful and selfish. Perhaps both would answer this description to some extent.

One man lies dead.

The other is in jail.

Was there a provocation that caused McArthur to attempt murder for his rights?

If there was, then the accused should be held for murder, though the courts may clear him through failure to go into the previous circumstances which led to the attack and to the shooting, but the man whose hands are stained with the blood of Oscar McArthur is guilty of murder. He fired the fatal shot which ended a life, and if there was a provocation for the attack he is not clear who then shoots as a pretext of saving his own life.

A thorough investigation is none too much to ask in such a case. A crime has been committed. The man who attacked felt wronged and sought redress. His methods may not have the approval of law-abiding citizens, but he was murdered for taking the wrong course by the man with whom he quarreled.

One life is gone.

It may not be too much to ask that suitable punishment be inflicted upon the other. It is meet that atonement and expiation be suffered for his crime. He may apparently have shot in self defense, but behind it all there was something else. Let the law take its course. The citizens of Valentine will suffer through neglect to inflict punishment for crime. Too often has this occurred, and until every man who commits a murder is punished the town will continue to receive the wild and woolly element with extended arms.

We know not the past record nor life of either party but both were apparently armed to kill. Their thoughts must have been upon murder if they thought at all. Again we repeat let the law take its course and stop this crime.

M. W. A. Attention.

Your presence is desired at our meeting next Wednesday night, Dec. 1st, 1909, at which time the annual election of officers occurs. There is also other important business to transact and every member who can attend should be present.

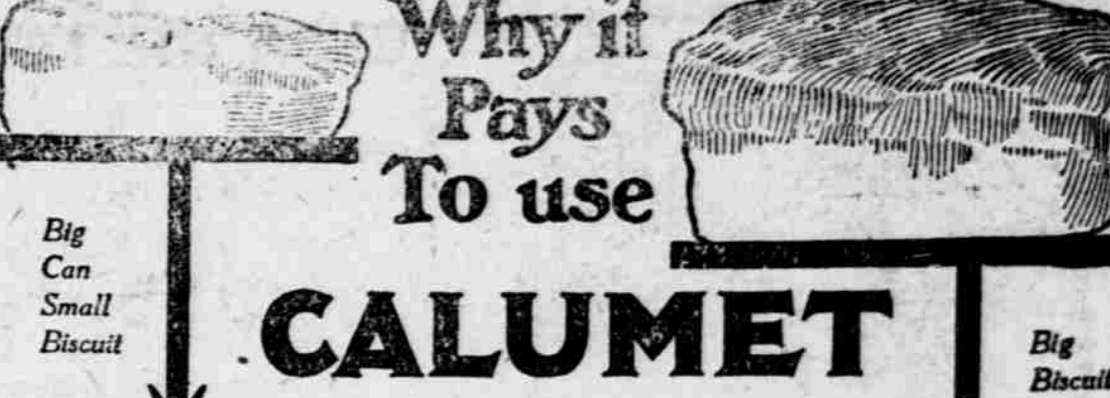
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Order of Hearing and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account.

In the County Court of Cherry county, Nebraska.
STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss
Cherry County.
To the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of Edward R. Richards, deceased:
On reading the petition of Elma Richards praying a final settlement and allowance of her account filed in this court on the 19th day of November, 1909, and for a decree of final distribution.
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 11th day of December, A. D. 1909, at 1 o'clock p. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petition 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,
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