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We wish our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

District Court.

District court is in session this week with Judge Westover on the bench and Jerry Scott as court reporter. Several cases came up Monday for the court's hearing.

Divorces were granted Wm. H. Benson from Sarah L. Benson; Hattie F. Thayer from Albert D. Thayer; Mabel Pinneo from Leroy Pinneo; Gorda B. Young from Leonard M. Young; Amanda M. Piester from B. F. Piester. Mrs. Piester was awarded \$1400 alimony. This couple had lived together 34 years and had nine grown up children and some grand-children. They had lived through hardships of early frontier life when the wolf was often hovering round their door and Mr. Piester gathered bones from the prairies and sold for the necessities of life and received occasional contributions from home which he used to support the family, feeding the many hungry mouths. Finally, about three years ago the wife's father died, leaving her as a share of his estate about \$3,000, and she went back east in 1907 and got the money. Mr. Piester was in need of some money and she loaned him \$600, taking a mortgage on some stock. This was her money. Note the difference. He must pay interest to her and give her a mortgage.

State vs Medill Swigert, cattle stealing, dismissed.

State vs Solomon Marshall, dismissed.

Rodney E. Drake vs Chas. G. Mc. Donald, adm., equity; taken under advisement.

A. E. Spall vs Ella Ellis et al, equity, decree granted.

D. A. Hancock vs Lillie Beyner, confirmed, sale ordered.

P. Flor Digmann vs Herleann Johnson et al, equity; decree.

W. B. Hunt vs R. H. Hollenbeck, attachment of real estate; confirmed, sale ordered.

Hamer & Hamer vs Caroline P. Capwell, sale confirmed, deed ordered.

As we go to press the case of the state vs George Loomis and Homer Crane, charged with receiving stolen horses, is on trial.

NON-RESIDENT ATTORNEYS:
C Patterson Allen Fisher
A F Mullen H M Sullivan
M F Harrington F G Hamer
P H O'Rourke W C Brown
D M Vinsonhaler

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John Chaloud

Grand prize masquerade ball at Woodlake opera house New Year Eve, Friday, Dec. 31st.

Miss Addie Harvey is spending the Xmas holidays in Ainsworth this week visiting friends.

Miss Georgie Slonecker is spending the Xmas holidays in Ainsworth this week visiting relatives.

W. D. Clark has begun to put ice this week. It is his intention to cut twice this year.

M. V. Nicholson and family left for Lincoln last night to spend the holidays with their daughter Estelle.

Church's opera house, January 3, the high class comedy drama, "Repentance" by home talent under the direction of David Muddock.

The musicale, given by the high school Friday evening, Dec. 17th, in the M. E. church, was attended by a large crowd, the musical itself being excellent.

One house for rent in town, 4 rooms and city water.

Two houses for sale.
Several farms and ranches for sale in tracts of 80, 120, 160, 480 and 2480 acres. I. M. Rice, Valentine Nebr.

ARRAIGNMENT OF PROHIBITION

(Portland Oregonian, Oct. 30, 1909.)
The Oregonian stands for strict regulation of the liquor trade, and for strict enforcement of the regulations. It opposes prohibition because it does not consider prohibition reasonable or just; because it authorizes and provides unnecessary restrictions upon personal conduct and private right; because it forces a secret trade that is more injurious than the open trade under regulation; because it strikes a blow at many useful and important industries; because its enactment by any state is a sign of narrow provincialism, and Oregon ought to be kept out of this class of states. To enter it would be hurtful in many ways to her reputation for sanity, and in many ways hurtful to her business and industry. A prohibition state is a small, wrangling community. Washington and California will not be prohibition states. Should we adopt prohibition it would be one of many other proofs that we were falling behind in the race of progress; that the "dry rot" had not only struck us, but had sunk deep. No pun intended in the phrase about "dry rot."

On this subject, now a year in advance of the time when the vote on state prohibition is to be taken, The Oregonian uses the opportunity to declare its position. It knows it must declare its position frankly on the subject; and it cannot shirk the duty. It knows, moreover, that its readers who consider this subject from a reasonable point of view will agree with it; that others, who simply consider the subject from the standpoint of their opposition to a trade that in irresponsible hands becomes an instrument of abuse and must be subjected to correction of law, statutory and moral, will not agree with it. The appeal is to the larger and wider judgment. The appeal is to those who understand the expression of the moral poet of two thousand years ago, who exclaimed, "What can laws avail when the customs of the people, their social conditions and wants, the various requirements of their business and industry, do not call for the legal enactments?" In such cases laws are not only vain—empty, that is to say—but in many ways may be positively hurtful. Morality is not based on law, but law on morality. They who desire to prohibit in their own localities have the opportunity now—in local option.

The opportunity has been abused as The Oregonian foretold it would be, by enabling the rural districts to force prohibition on the county towns that didn't want it. This forcing process is now to be attempted on all Oregon—on all protesting towns and cities and communities in the state of Oregon. It is the opinion of The Oregonian that it will not succeed; but should it succeed the consequence will be injurious to the state in many ways—in a multitude of ways—materially, industrially and morally—by giving the state an undesirable reputation, in company with the narrowness of Maine and Kansas; by keeping people out of our borders who have breadth of view and want reasonable freedom of action; by generating a secret traffic and setting the meanest among us to spy upon their neighbors; by weakening personal and moral responsibility among those whom the state would undertake to coddle and to protect (or kill) with kindness. Character, neither for individuals nor for states, is made in this way. Personal responsibility is basis of all. There are other features of the argument which, perhaps, may be developed later—particularly as to the offensive intrusion of clericals and priests, who use their argument as an instrument for holding the ascendancy of dogmatic pretension over the general mind.

Dry Only in Name.

(Portland Daily Argus.)
That an increase in "dry" territory, so-called, does not indicate a corresponding advance in temperance, has been demonstrated again and again. Missouri furnishes the latest illustration of this fact. In that state this year more than half the counties are without licensed saloons, but according to a report just filed with Governor Hadley by the state beer inspector, the collections under the beer stamp law are nearly \$19,000 greater this year than last, when the area of "wet" territory was much larger. This report covers a period of ten months, including October and the increased sales indicated by it, as the Boston Transcript points out, must have been of beer consumed in the state, because that made for sale outside of it is not subject to the tax.

Infringes a Sacred Right.

(Press Dispatch.)
Mobile, Ala., Sept. 21.—In the inferior criminal court this morning in the trial of alleged violators of the Fuller prohibition law, Judge Jules Alford bound the defendants over to the city court, declaring that the law was unconstitutional in that it denied the right of trial by jury. This afternoon County Solicitor Stallworth filed with Judge O. J. Semmes of the city court a petition for the issuance of a mandamus to compel Judge Alford to try the cases.

Juvenile Crime in Kansas.

Pittsburg Kansas.
The reign of lawlessness among boys seems to be fairly inaugurated. Petty thieving and holdups by boys is an everyday occurrence and Pittsburg has more than a fair share of these young offenders.

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U. S. Weather Bureau Report.
WEEK ENDING DEC. 23, 1909.
Daily mean temperature 47°.
Normal temperature 21°.
Highest temperature 36°.
Lowest temperature -15°.
Range of temperature 51°.
Precipitation for week .02 of an inch.
Average for 21 years 0.14 of an inch.
Precipitation March 1st to date 18.96 inches.
Average for 21 years 21.16 of an inches.
JOHN J. McLEAN, Observer.

Business Locals.

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49 4 IRWIN C. QUERY.

Taken up by the undersigned, at my place, 6 miles northeast of Crookston, one black stock hog, weight about 350 pounds. Owner can have same by paying damages and for this notice.
504 FRED BOHMAN.

In the District Court of Cherry County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the application of Ella L. Ellis, guardian of the estate of Willard T. Ellis, Frank R. Ellis, Fred D. Ellis, Linville Ellis and Walter Ellis, minor heirs of Solomon L. Ellis, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition duly verified of Ella L. Ellis, guardian of the person and estate of Willard T. Ellis, Frank R. Ellis, Fred D. Ellis, Linville Ellis and Walter Ellis, minor heirs of Solomon L. Ellis, deceased, to sell the following described real estate, to-wit: Northwest quarter of southeast quarter, southwest quarter of northeast quarter, section 7, township 21 n. range 28 w. Cherry county, Nebraska, for the purpose of raising funds for the education and maintenance of said minors and for the investment of any residue that may remain in the hands of said guardian, and it appearing from said petition that said real estate consists of unimproved range, pasture and meadow land in Cherry county, Nebraska, and that it would be for the best interest 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 thereof in approved real estate securities.

It is, therefore, considered that the next of kin of the said minors and all persons interested in said real estate should appear before the court as members in the court house at Rushville, Sheridan county, Nebraska, on the 22nd day of January, 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m. to show cause, if any there be, why license should not be granted to the said Ella L. Ellis to sell said real estate for the purposes above set forth.
It is further considered 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 legal newspaper printed and published in Cherry county, Nebraska.
Dated at this, the regular October term of the district court of Cherry county, Nebraska, to-wit: December 23, 1909.
W. H. WESTOVER, Judge.
Walcott & Morrissey, attorneys for petitioner.

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