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**In the District Court of Cherry County,
 Nebraska**
 In the matter of the applica-
 tion of William E. Haley,
 guardian of the estate of
 Amelia Hoffman, an insane
 person, for the sale of real
 estate:
 On reading and filing the petition duly
 verified of William E. Haley, guardian of
 the estate of Amelia Hoffman, and insane
 person, for license to sell the following de-
 scribed real estate, to-wit: Northwest
 quarter (nw1/4), section 20, township 20N,
 range 33E, north, range thirty (30),
 Cherry county, Nebraska, for the purpose of
 raising funds for the payment of taxes and
 debts against said estate and for the pur-
 pose of investing to the use and benefit
 of the said Amelia Hoffman, and it appear-
 ing to the Court from said petition that said
 real estate consists of unimproved wild
 prairie land in Cherry county, Nebraska,
 and that the income from said land is in-
 sufficient to pay said taxes and debts.
 It is, therefore, ordered and adjudged that
 the next of kin of said Amelia Hoffman and
 all persons interested in said estate appear
 before me at Chambers in the Court House
 in the City of Valentine, Sheridan county,
 Nebraska, on the 23rd day of January, 1911,
 at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any
 there be, why license should not be granted
 to the said William E. Haley, guardian, to
 sell said real estate for the purposes above
 set forth.
 And it is further ordered that a copy of this
 order be personally served on all persons
 interested in said estate as required by
 law and that a copy of this notice be pub-
 lished once each week for three successive
 weeks in The Valentine Democrat, a news-
 paper printed and published in said county
 of Cherry.
 Dated at Valentine, Nebraska, this 22nd
 day of January, 1911. W. H. WESTOVER,
 3-3 Judge of the District Court.

Contest Notice.
 U. S. Land Office, Broken Bow, Nebraska,
 January 14, 1911.
 A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed
 in this office by Charles W. Binko, contestant,
 against homestead entry serial No. 62339,
 made July 5, 1907, for claim to section 14, nw1/4,
 w1/2nw1/4, section 13, Township 25, Range 34,
 34th Principal Meridian, by Denis P. Sullivan,
 contestant, in which it is alleged that Denis
 P. Sullivan has never made an actual and bona
 fide residence upon said tract, and has never
 improved or cultivated the same as the law re-
 quires, and has abandoned the same and divid-
 ed elsewhere for more than six months last past,
 and that said defects exist at the present time.
 Said parties are hereby notified to appear
 and offer evidence touching said allega-
 tion at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 27, 1911, be-
 fore the register and receiver at the United
 States Land Office in Broken Bow, Nebraska.
 The said contestant having, in a proper
 affidavit filed Jan. 14, 1911, set forth facts which
 show that after due diligence personal service
 of this notice can not be made, it is hereby or-
 dered and directed that such notice be given by due
 and proper publication.
 3-4 H. Dorius M. Amshover, Receiver.
 Record address: C. Entrymann Mullen, Neb.

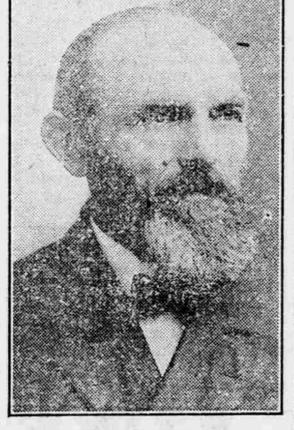
Notice to Creditors.
 THE STATE OF NEBRASKA ss In the County
 of CHERRY COUNTY, ss In the County
 Court.
 In the matter of the estate of George W.
 Monnie, deceased:
 To the Creditors of said Estate:
 You are hereby notified that I will sit in the
 County Court Room in Valentine in said county
 on the 15th day of February, 1911,
 to receive and examine all claims against
 said estate with a view to their admission and
 allowance. The time limited for the presenta-
 tion of claims against said estate is six months
 from the 15th day of August, A. D. 1910, and the
 time limited for payment of debts is one year
 from said 15th day of August, 1911.
 Witness my hand and seal of said county court
 this 29th day of January, A. D. 1911.
 SEAL 3-4 JAMES C. QUIGLEY,
 County Judge.

Notice of Probate of Will.
 In the county court of Cherry county, Ne-
 braska.
 State of Nebraska, ss
 To all persons interested in the estate of
 Carl Beckman, deceased.
 On reading the petition of Paul H. Danofsky
 praying that the instrument filed in this
 court on the 15th day of January, 1911, and
 purporting to be the last will and testament
 of the said deceased, may be proved and al-
 lowed and recorded as the last will and
 testament of said deceased; that said instru-
 ment be admitted to probate, and the ad-
 ministration of said estate be granted to El-
 len G. Danofsky as executrix.
 It is hereby ordered that all persons inter-
 ested in said matter, may and do appear at
 the county court to be held in and for said
 county, on the 15th day of February, A. D.
 1911, 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 hear-
 ing 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 court.
 [SEAL] this 29th day of January, A. D. 1911.
 3-3 JAMES C. QUIGLEY, County Judge.

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 Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets remedy
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 Tablets are and what they will do.
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 estion and dyspepsia. If they
 fail we will refund your money.
 Three sizes; 25 cents, 50 cents and
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 Rexall Remedies only at the Rexall
 Store, Chapman, The Druggist.

**COUNTY OPTION
 CENTER OF FIGHT**
 Predicted That Legislature Will
 Fail to Pass Measure.

REFERENDUM ALSO IN TROUBLE
 Lincoln, Jan. 24.—Probably the most
 important action of the legislators last
 week was an agreement of the county
 optionists in conference on the form
 of a county option bill to be intro-
 duced. This bill promises to be an
 all absorbing subject with the legis-
 lature and friends of the measure de-
 sired to agree on a bill and to avoid
 the introduction of a multiplicity on
 the same subject. The drys, in an in-
 formal caucus which was not binding
 upon any one, agreed to a short form
 of a bill, one that will merely amend
 two sections of the Slocumb law so
 that county board and towns may
 grant licenses only when the people of
 a county by a vote permit the granting
 of licenses. Twenty per cent of the
 voters is required on a petition to sub-



HENRY SCHEELE.

mit the question of licensing saloons
 in a county and the proposition must
 be at a special election. The propo-
 sition cannot be voted on oftener than
 once in three years.
 Senator Bartling of Otoe, who has
 the deciding vote in the senate on
 county option, according to the way
 the members are now said to stand, at-
 tended the dry conference and re-
 mained throughout the proceedings on
 the subject, but it was announced for
 his benefit that the action of the
 meeting was not binding upon those
 present. He announced that he was in
 a peculiar position, that he was elect-
 ed on the Republican ticket, but that
 the Republican county convention,
 which amounts to a convention of his
 district, was silent on the question,
 yet the county was carried by Dahlgren
 by a majority of 420. The Republican
 state platform declares for county op-
 tion. It is predicted in many quarters
 that Senator Bartling will vote against
 county option when the test comes. It
 is also said the house will probably
 fail to pass such a bill, although a few
 members in that body have not made
 their position known. The hottest
 fight of the session is expected on
 county option, and next in importance
 comes a bill to amend the constitution
 to provide for the making of laws and
 adoption of constitutional amendments
 by the initiative and referendum.

Referendum in Trouble.
 Friends of the referendum contend
 that some members who pretend to
 favor such a bill, at heart desire a
 bill that will make it difficult to amend
 new laws and constitutional amend-
 ments by the referendum. Those so
 accused reply that they desire to pre-
 vent the passage of a bill that will in-
 flict upon the voters a ballot seven
 feet long and a multiplicity of propo-
 sitions at any one election, such as was
 complained of in South Dakota last fall.
 The average percentage of voters
 necessary to submit a proposition in
 most states where the referendum is
 in force is 8 per cent. Albert of Platte,
 the leading Democrat of the senate,
 proposes to require 30 or 40 per cent,
 or to leave all of the details of the
 initiative and referendum system,
 after it is engrafted upon the constitu-
 tion, to future legislature to determine
 by enactments.
 It is admitted that some sort of an
 initiative and referendum bill must be
 passed at this session of the legisla-
 ture, because both political parties are
 pledged in favor of it.
Sunday Baseball.
 The indications are favorable for
 the passage of a bill to permit cities
 and towns to regulate and to prohibit
 or permit the playing of lawn tennis,
 golf or baseball in city limits. The
 Bartling bill, S. F. 36, was discussed
 in the senate and referred back to the
 judiciary committee for some slight
 changes. It was surmised that some
 senator might want to amend the bill
 and spoil it entirely by moving to in-
 clude seven-up or croquet or some other
 game. There is talk of the drys sup-
 porting a Sunday baseball bill if they
 can get in return any votes for a
 county option bill. Two years ago
 Representative Scheele of Seward, the
 advocate of "sunshine and liberty,"
 came very near going home with a
 Sunday baseball bill hanging to his
 belt, but he did not.
 While little has been accomplished

During the preceding weeks of the leg-
 islation, less may be accomplished this
 week. This is sure to prove true in
 the senate on account of the absence
 of the public lands and buildings com-
 mittee on a tour of the state to visit
 state institutions. The senate com-
 mittee comprises, Reagan, Kohl, Voipp,
 Tibbets, Banning, Wilcox, McGrew,
 Bartling and Varner. The committee
 left Lincoln today and will return
 Friday afternoon after visiting state
 institutions at Omaha, Wayne, Nor-
 folk, Grand Island, Kearney and Hast-
 ings. Each institution where the
 committee visits is supposed to fur-
 nish plenty of fried chicken and other
 refreshments suitable to a legislator.
Governor is Busy.
 Governor Aldrich sent messages
 on two minor matters which
 he wants taken up, one for an extra
 road inspection appropriation and the
 other for a memorial to be sent to
 congress on the founding of a na-
 tional park in Gage county.
 The park is to be established as a
 monument to Galusha A. Grow and
 will be on the site of the Daniel Free-
 man homestead, the first homestead
 ever taken out under the national
 homestead law. The bill for it was
 introduced in congress by Representa-
 tive Hinshaw.
 The governor advised the appoint-
 ment of either B. H. Begele or R. J.
 Kilpatrick of Beatrice to take the
 message to congress.
 When the messages were presented
 to the senate, Jansen of Gage moved
 that the wishes of the governor be
 carried out as soon as possible and
 that a member be appointed to present
 the petition in Washington.
Bartos or Blackstone.
 Senator Bartos of Saline, who is
 something of a scrapper, began kick-
 ing when he was a young man in the
 law school of the university of Nebr-
 aska and has kept it up ever since. He
 was known in school as the youth who
 stabbed Blackstone when Blackstone
 was absent and could not defend him-
 self. The other day Mr. Bartos met
 Chief Justice Reese, who was dean of
 the law college when Bartos was a
 student. They talked over old times
 and particularly one incident.
 One morning after Mr. Bartos had
 just returned from Wilber, where he
 had attended a dance given by the St.
 James club, he was about to fall to
 sleep in the class room.
 "Mr. Bartos," said Dean Reese,
 "please tell the class what municipal
 law is as defined by Blackstone."
 "Municipal law," he said, "is a rule of
 civil conduct as prescribed by the su-
 preme power of the state."
 "Very good as far as you have
 gone," said the dean. He then called
 on another young man to give the definition.
 The answer was: "Municipal
 law is a rule of civil conduct as pre-
 scribed by the supreme power of the
 state, commanding that which is right
 and prohibiting that which is wrong."
 "I do not think that definition is
 good," exclaimed Bartos. Dean Reese
 slapped his open book shut, folded his
 arms and looked over the class. "We
 will leave that definition of Black-
 stone's which has stood the test of
 centuries," he said, "now being stabbed
 in the heart by Bartos, until tomorrow
 morning and then let the class decide
 whether Bartos is right or Blackstone
 is wrong."
 The next morning in the class Bar-
 tos came loaded to the guard to put
 Blackstone out of business, and those
 present say he came very near doing
 it. He was proud of his knowledge of
 Latin and he recited in that tongue the
 definition given by Cicero, which cor-
 responded with his own. "You farm-
 ers," he said, turning to the young
 men in the class, "do not know what
 that means, but pretty soon I will give
 it to you in English. He did so, and
 also quoted from other authorities that
 had criticized the Blackstone defini-
 tion. To this day, Bartos and Black-
 stone are standard authorities in the
 university law college of Nebraska.
Thirteen New Bills in.
 Thirteen new bills were introduced
 in the house and there was a short
 session of the committee of the whole
 with Gerdes as chairman. The pur-
 chase of Cobby's statutes became
 again a point of controversy and after
 the committee of the whole had rec-
 ommended that the bill pass which
 provides for their purchase, several
 members tried to get a reconsideration.
 The new bills in the house included
 the new charter for South Omaha,
 which was introduced by Bulla; two
 measures to prevent throwing of sharp
 objects in the roads to injure automo-
 bile tires, and two redistricting bills.
 Bushee of Kimball introduced the
 Hoagland bill in the house, and Matrau
 of Madison brought up an independent
 measure.
 In the senate several new bills were
 introduced and the absence of nine
 members did not prevent the passage
 of important measures. Among these
 were H. R. 91 and 92 (the appropriation
 bills), S. F. 26, Skiles' bill raising
 the wages of jurors from \$2 to \$3 per
 day; S. F. 3, giving unincorporated
 religious bodies the right to sell real
 estate, and S. F. 24, which amends
 the code to allow an appeal from a
 decision in which the awarded dam-
 ages are only \$1, and S. F. 9, which is
 a bill to ratify the constitutional
 amendment for a federal income tax.
 The relative merits of San Francisco
 and New Orleans were thrashed out
 before the committee of the house on
 this question at the Royal hotel last
 night. Representatives of the two ex-
 positions are on the ground. The com-
 mittee voted to postpone indefinitely.
 Other committees are preparing re-
 ports, which will get a few of the 200
 bills on their way to their final dispo-
 sition.

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 Some branded on right shoulder or thigh
 Some branded on left shoulder or thigh
 Some branded on right hip or shoulder.

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 Rosebud S. D.
 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 quarters. Some Texas cattle branded is O on left side and some on left side.
 Horses branded SOS on left hip. Some cattle branded A W bar connected on both sides and left hip of horses

P. H. Young.
 Simeon, Nebr.
 Cattle branded as cut on left side
 Some on left side
 V on left jaw of horses.
 Range on Gordon Creek north of Simeon.

D. M. Sears.
 Kennedy, Nebr.
 Cattle branded as on cut, left side
 Some on left hip.
 Horses same on left shoulder.
 Range—Square Lake.

N. S. Rowley.
 Kennedy, Nebraska.
 Same as cut on left side and hip, and on left shoulder of horses. Also on left side of hip.
 V on left hip of horses.
 N on left jaw of horses.

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 Bartlett Richards Bros. Will G. Comstock, V. P.
 Chas C Jamison Sec'y Treas.
 Cattle branded on any part of animal; also the following brands:
 Range between Gordon on the F. E. & M. V., R. R. and Hyannis on F. & M. R. R. in Northwestern Nebr. BARTLETT RICHARDS, Edinworth, Nebr.

C. P. Jordan.
 Rosebud, SD
 Horses and cattle same as cut. Also CJB JE JJ 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.

Sawyer Bros.
 Oasis, Nebr
 G. K. Sawyer has charge of these cattle. H. Res on left shoulder. Some on left side.
 Horses same left thigh. Range on Snake river.

R. M. Terrill, Propr.
 Brownlee, Nea.
 Cattle branded as in cut on left side. Some branded R. T. W. on left hip. Range on North Loop river, two miles west of Brownlee

Metzger Bros.
 Koife Nebr.
 Cattle branded anywhere on left side.
 Earmark, 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.

John Kills Plenty.
 St. Francis Mission, Rosebud, S. D.
 Cattle branded as in cut; horses same or JKP on left thigh. Range between Spring Creek and Little White river.

J. A. Yaryan.
 Pullman, Nebr
 Cattle branded JY on right side
 Horses branded JY on right shoulder
 Reasonable reward for any information leading to the recovery of cattle strayed from my range.

Life Sentence for Double Murder.
 Anderson, Ind., Jan. 25.—Frank Ricketts, aged twenty-nine years, pleaded guilty to the murder of two women, one of whom was his wife, and was sentenced to prison for life. Last Thanksgiving day Ricketts went to the rooms of Mrs. Nettie Britton, with whom his wife had been staying since their separation, and killed both women. It was his plea that the women threatened to shoot him when he attempted to bring about a reconciliation with his wife.

Warren Refuses to Petition for Pardon
 Fort Scott, Kan., Jan. 25.—Fred Warren, editor of a socialist paper in Grand, Kan., under sentence to a year in jail for improper use of the mails, refused to indorse a petition to President Taft for a pardon prepared by Congressman Campbell.
Pentecost is Promoted.
 Chicago, Jan. 25.—At the offices of the Chicago, Rock Island and Gulf railway the announcement was made of the appointment of George S. Pentecost to be general passenger agent with headquarters at Fort Worth.

Plague Drives Many From Hankow.
 Peking, Jan. 25.—The weekly express from Hankow was crowded with refugees. These included college professors, military officers, the Italian minister, minor diplomats and persons of means. The bubonic plague is the primary cause of the exodus.

Ketchum Chairman.
 Des Moines, Jan. 25.—The state railroad commission elected N. S. Ketchum to be chairman for the present year and continued the present office. The new member, Clifford Thorne, took charge of his part of the work.