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Cherry county needs a Court House.

The Meridian, (Idaho) Sun and Springfield Herald are indulging in a fight at long range.

The Chadron Signal-Recorder shows a marked deterioration in both quantity and quality of news and editorial matter during A. E. Sheldon's absence at Lincoln.

A bill has been introduced in the state legislature raising the "age of consent" from 16 to 18 years. This will be welcome news to all lovers of morality, and the bill should pass and become a law.

Americans are longer lived than any other persons. The last census revealed the fact that in the United States there were 3,981 persons over 100 years of age, and of these 2,588 were women. France had only 293 centenarians.

A man died in New Jersey recently at the age of 109 years. This should be a terrible warning to users of the weed, because the man used tobacco for both chewing and smoking purposes. If he hadn't, he might have lived to be 150 years old.

Now the "National" party, the seceding wing of the prohibitionists, is in a quandary, a vote is being taken as to what name shall be given them. "National" is not explicit enough, and the party will henceforth sail under the name of "National Liberty."

Milwaukee parties have applied for space for a large palm garden and a Chicago man proposes an oriental section to contain many novel features. The owner of the Wind Cave in the Black Hills offers to construct a miniature Wind Cave on the Transmississippi exposition grounds.

The sneak thief who stole the money from this office Wednesday, had better return same if he doesn't care to have his name published. We know who took it and we mean what we say.—*Ansborough Home Rule.*

This is a sign of prosperity, surely. THE DEMOCRAT offers a reward of five years' subscription to the person who will find any money in this office to steal.

The present tariff law has been the best protector of American industries ever devised in this country, for it has enabled Americans to sell more goods and product abroad than ever before, but this is not what the millionaire manufacturers want. What they actually mean by protection is a measure that will so choke off foreign competition that they can sell their goods to their own people at two or three times their value.

Secretary of Agriculture Morton has notified the various transportation companies that a contagious disease known as splenic or southern fever exists among cattle south of the federal quarantine line which runs in an irregular direction from the north-west corner of California to where Virginia joins the Maryland line at the Atlantic ocean. No cattle can be transported from south of this line except for immediate slaughter.

That our SPRING STOCK which is now arriving is a DAISY CALL AND SEE IT Big invoice of men's shirts and furnishing goods just received

T. C. HORNBY

PASS IT ALONG.

It is said by one who is supposed to know that a Rushville girl is so modest that she will not go to bed while the Christian Observer is in the room. A Gordon maiden refuses to wear a chataleine watch chain attached to her person because the watch has hands, while a Hay Springs girl locks herself in a room when she hears a brass band approaching and vows she will never look at a drum major when he parades in his bear skin. Crawford has a young lady so bashful she refused to eat at a table where lettuce was served undressed, but Chadron breaks the record with a sly damsel who has to go to her room by herself to change her mind.—*Chadron Signal-Recorder.*

Ainsworth has a number of charming young ladies who might have asked any of the promising young men of this place to marry them last year, but they didn't. They are not like the Valentine girls—they are too timid.—*Star-Journal.*

Yes, we are aware of that fact. It is authoritatively reported that the Ainsworth girls are so timid that they won't be seen on the street with even a feather boa, much less a young man, while a young lady in Longpine is so careful of her appearance that she won't make Saratoga chips unless she is dressed for a party, because the potatoes have eyes.

BEEF SUGAR FIGURES.

From a special to the Omaha Bee we learn that when the Norfolk beef sugar factory on January 28 shut down its plant for the season it was after the longest run yet had in the state. The factory began receiving beets some days before September 24, and on that day commenced operations and continued day and night until January 28. During this time 36,374 tons of beets were received into the factory and the total output has been 6,822,200 pounds of granulated sugar. It paid out over \$144,000 for beets and \$35,000 for labor, in addition to large sums for fuel, oil, stone, coke and other supplies.

It is especially to be noticed that all of the material used in and about the factory, with the exception of the fuel, is Nebraska's product. Farmers' contracts so far for the present year have come in freely, although the books have not usually been opened so early as this year and the outlook for the coming season from the farmers' point of view is quite encouraging.

It should be remembered that the poverty and distress now existing and that has existed for the past few years is not the result of a democratic administration, but is the direct result of the high protective policy of former republican administrations. Nothing else has imbued the popular mind with socialist ideas, for it is human nature for people to believe that if the government can enrich one, of one set of people, it has the right to enrich all by the same process. The Wilson law does not provide sufficient resources to meet all the useless and extravagant appropriations. That is all, and nothing more.

The Keya Paha Call made its appearance at Springview last week, with the name of G. W. Fritz at the masthead as editor and publisher. The Call is a 6-column folio, and resembles the old Brownlee Hornet. Bro. Fritz is sharp and does not give his politics away, as he says in his salutory: "Our politics can best be learned by reading our editorial columns." If the Call is kept up to the standard set by the first issue, it will undoubtedly meet with success.

According to the statement, based on the records, made by Mr. Dockery, the average annual increase of expenditures for the past eight years has been \$80,573,785, or an average of \$724,590,280 for the entire period of \$724,590,280. Comparing the fiscal year 1886 with that of 1896, the excess of the expenditures for the latter over the former was \$109,686,307. In other words, the ordinary annual expenses of maintaining the Government increased within a decade over \$100,000,000.

Valentine business men do more for the town and county of Cherry than all others combined. Do not pass their doors to be skinned by strangers.

Mrs. Lieut Clark, of Fort Niobrara, has returned from her visit to Boston.

Owing to lack of space an account of the party Tuesday evening is left out of this week's paper.

A marriage license was issued Tuesday, February 9th to Marion Kemp and Cora Sixler, both of Merriman.

Rev. J. M. Bates conducted services at the Episcopal church Sunday morning and evening and Tuesday went to Cody.

Mrs. Col. Vroom, who had been visiting at Fort Niobrara with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Wood, in company with her brother Will returned to Chicago Sunday.

Mrs. Longcourt of Chadron, visited here Tuesday and Wednesday with the family of her brother, C. R. Glover, while on her way home from Aurora, where she had been visiting with her mother.

Miss Annie Angel, of Leavenworth, and Miss Nellie Mosher, of Kansas City, are visiting Lieut. and Mrs. Barth at Fort Niobrara this week. Miss Blanche McGonigle, of Leavenworth, is a guest of Capt. and Mrs. Craigie.

John H. Neiss, Frank Mullen and John Brown returned from the Black Hills Monday morning. They brought several jars of fine specimens from Wind Cave home with them, which are beauties. One of the jars is on exhibition at Watson's drug store.

Bennett Irwin and wife left last Tuesday night for San Antonio, Tex., where they will visit friends and relatives for the next two months. Bennett will probably return by way of Oregon and Nevada and bring back a few car loads of cattle.—*Gordon Journal.*

McKinley has about completed his cabinet. It will be a beautiful piece of furniture.—*Atkinson Graphic.*

Bro. Jenness was probably in a sarcastic mood when he wrote the above. As constituted last week the cabinet was a beautiful piece of furniture. Alger, Sherman! One with a rotten war record, the other a rotten record all around.

A case for \$525 damages for assault brought by Mary Jirek against Joseph Voca was tried before Judge Breesee. The jury after having been out all night agreed on a verdict Tuesday forenoon that was somewhat peculiar in that it found that no one was entitled to damages and that the cost of suit be paid half by the plaintiff and half by the defendant.—*Rushville Recorder.*

Farmers Should Attend.

Saturday, February 13, is the date set for the meeting of the farmers, and all interested even in the remotest degree, in the upbuilding of our farming community, should not fail to be present. Everybody turn out and have a rousing good meeting.

Are the Stories True?

It is currently reported that a certain minister or priest in this city shut himself up in his private room last week in order to escape being called upon to administer the last rites of the church to one of his parishioners. Evidence in support of this story is strong, and if it is found to be true the holy(?) man should at least be removed from this charge, if not still more severely dealt with. There may be some mistake in these rumors, which are stated as facts, and if so THE DEMOCRAT is willing to do justice to the accused party, by publishing the explanation of his action.

Surveying the Reservoir.

The surveying party for the Golden Irrigation Ditch is now busy at work on the sight of the proposed reservoir 35 miles south of town. When completed the reservoir will have a water surface of about 16 square miles, dotted with numerous little islands which are now sand hills. The reservoir will cover several deeded farms and will be formed by connecting Dewey's, Pelican, and other lakes in the vicinity, and flooding the surrounding country with water from the Niobrara, Snake and Gordon rivers. Donald Campbell, the expert engineer in charge of the work, was expected at Wood Lake Tuesday night.

WOOD LAKE DEPARTMENT

By "KELLY."

February 9, 1897.

The cold snap still continues. Ed Brühmstadt was in from Hanna's ranch Sunday.

Miss Mamie Stevenson is visiting in town this week. C. W. Kilgore spent Saturday and Sunday in Arabia.

Mrs. Wilson, of Longpine, is visiting her brother A. Bailey, this week. Chas. Barnes made a trip to Johnston last Wednesday on business.

Billy Ballard spent several days in town last week returning to the ranch Sunday.

W. G. Ballard left for Iowa Saturday morning stopping at Ainsworth on business one day.

Rev. J. Burleigh, of Ainsworth, preached to a good sized audience here last Sunday afternoon.

Revival meetings began Monday evening conducted by Rev. Campbell, of Johnston, and Rev. Taylor, of Newport.

Miss Kirk Porter and Orion Porter of Fairfax, So. Dak. are visiting a few days this week with their brothers Pearl and Alton at their place south of town.

Our young people enjoyed themselves last Saturday evening at the birthday party of Miss Sadie Dewey. Quite a number of nice presents were presented and all departed having had a good time.

Clarence Walcott is in town today and reports having lost a valuable horse on his way home from town last Friday. The animal dropped dead in the harness while within a quarter of a mile from home.

Wood Lake, No. 2.

February 9, 1897.

Mr. Cunningham is on the sick list this week. Mell Hanna was seen in town one day last week.

H. E. and C. W. Dewey went to Valentine on Monday.

There is talk of a wedding before long. Hope we get a bid.

Bertha Wyman visited with Sadie Dewey on Friday and Saturday.

Miss Ollie Dewey has been sick for several days with the chickenpox.

Wash Honey and wife returned from Omaha Friday. Their daughter Hope came with them.

Mrs. H. E. Dewey is improving. Hope to hear that she will be able to be out before long.

Boys and girls, next Sunday is Valentine Day. Remember your best girl and your beau.

Quarterly meeting was held on Sunday. Therevival meetings will be held this week. We hope to have great success this winter.

Miss Sadie Dewey gave a party on her 21st birthday Saturday evening. There was not a very large crowd, but a good time is reported.

Pearl Porter returned from Ainsworth Monday where he has been visiting relatives and friends. His sister and brother from Fairfax accompanied him.

We beg pardon for not writing as we were out of town and we learn that Kelly had very poor health so we both failed to write. But we all hope that Kelly is better by this time.

KELLY'S AUNT.

Lavaca News.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Voltantine are both on the sick list.

Mrs. DeFrance is visiting with her daughter at the Overton ranch.

Miss Pearl Tull has been confined to her bed for the past three weeks at Mr. Tice's is now able to be up.

Pole Creek school, which has been under the instruction of Frank Hewlett for the past three months, closes next Friday. Frank has rented a farm and contemplates farming this year.

The young folks of Pole creek had quite an enjoyable time at Joe Fairhead's Tuesday night in the form of an oyster supper which was intended to be a skating party but the rain changed the programme.

Our spell of winter which has been with us some time seems to be broken up and ice hauling has come to a stop. The ground seems to be thoroughly soaked and the farmers are looking after the farm implements and preparing for the future crop.

School Report.

For school district No. 48 for month beginning Jan. 11, 1897 and ending Feb 5th.

Total No. days taught 20
Total No. pupils enrolled 18.
Total No. days attended by all 316
Average daily attendance 16
Average tardiness 23.
Average age 10.

Those pupils who were either absent or tardy during the month are Orrwein, and Peter Carey and Zetta Sauerella.

Those who were not absent but were tardy during the month are Anna Brown, Helen and Frank Swartz.

Our school is progressing very nicely.

F. F. GORDON,
Teacher.

Miss Mae O'Sullivan, our genial and accommodating assistant postmaster, was quite ill several days during the past week, but is at her post of duty once more.

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS GREETING:

Our new store is finished, after six months of hard work, and we are now installed therein and are ready to give you more and better bargains than ever before. Our stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, —especially Shoes—and furnishings is complete. Call and see us.

RED FRONT

Peculiar Snow Storm.

Monday evening when the good citizens retired to their couches for slumber, and even when some of the night-owls were wending their way homeward, the sky was clear and the weather fine. Tuesday morning when the early birds arose about 5:30 or 6 o'clock Mother Earth was covered with a blanket of fine, white, dry snow, about 10 inches in thickness, and the air was filled with the congealed moisture. The snow continued falling until about 10 o'clock, by which time it had reached a depth of 11 inches, government measure. The queer thing about the storm is the small area it covered. West of town four miles there was but very little snow, and east as near as Wood Lake only half an inch fell. At Rosebud reservation but a slight fall was had. Reports from the south have not yet been received. Tuesday afternoon the sun shone bright and warmly. The general impression is that the snow came as a reward to Valentine and vicinity, for general goodness.

T. Berry, Donald Campbell's chief engineer, arrived in Longpine Monday evening from Denver, Colo. and in conversation with him we learn that the surveying party will consist of eleven men and will strike the trail on Thursday morning the weather permitting. Mr. Berry says they will begin to survey at the point designated as the reservoir site, for the purpose of first demonstrating the actual capacity of the same and while this is being done he expects to put in meters into both the Snake and Niobrara rivers to test definitely the capacity of these streams with reference to the supply of water from which to draw.—*Republican Journal.*

Rosebud Indian agent Chas. E. Chesney, returned from Washington, D. C. Monday night, and went over to Rosebud Tuesday.

High Prices for Feed.

Bran, bulk 40c per cwt \$7.00 ton
Shorts bulk 50c per cwt \$9.00 ton
Screenings 35c " " \$5.00 " "
Chop Feed 70c " " \$13.00 " "
Corn 50c " " " "
Oats 65c " " " "

Notice to Non-Resident.

To Eliza Columbus, non-resident defendant: You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of February, 1897, Augustus Columbus filed a petition in the District Court of Cherry County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from you on the grounds that you have willfully abandoned the plaintiff without cause for the term of two years last past. You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday the 22nd day of May, 1897. AUGUSTUS COLUMBUS, Plaintiff, by F. M. Walcott, his attorney.

Probate Notice.

State of Nebraska, Cherry County, ss. To all persons concerned in the estate of Samuel G. Barnes deceased. Whereas Elizabeth Barnes of said county has filed in my office an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Samuel G. Barnes, deceased late of said county, and a petition praying to have the same admitted to probate, which will relates to both real and personal estate whereupon I have appointed Saturday the 20th day of February 1897 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at my office in Valentine in said county as the time and place of proving said will at which time and place you and all concerned may appear and contest the probate of the same. It is further ordered that petitioner give notice to all persons interested in said estate of the pendency of the petition and the time and place set for hearing the same by causing a copy of said order to be published in THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT, a paper published in the said county of Cherry for three weeks successively previous to the day set for said hearing.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 24 day of SEAL February, 1897. W. R. TOWNE, County Judge.

Notice for the Appointment of Administrator.

In the County Court of Cherry county Nebraska, Margaret McQuary having filed in my office a petition praying for the appointment of herself as administratrix of the estate of William Corcoran, deceased, all persons interested in said estate will take notice that I have fixed Saturday, February the 27th, 1897, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon as the time, and my office in Valentine, Cherry county Nebraska as the place for the hearing of the petition for the appointment of such administratrix. Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court this 13th day of January, 1897. W. R. TOWNE, County Judge.

FINAL PROOF NOTICES.

U. S. Land Office at Valentine, Neb., Jan. 18, 1897. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on March 23rd, 1897, viz:

John P. Jones, of Valentine, Neb. H. E. 3575 for the w3/4nw3/4 & w3/4nw3/4 Sec 24 Tp 24 N R 25 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Hiram Ferguson, Charles Massingale, John Hofmann of Valentine, and Joseph McClood of Simeon, Nebraska. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office at Valentine, Neb., Jan. 25th, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before the Register or Receiver at their office in Valentine, Neb., on Tuesday the 23rd day of March 1897, on timber culture application No. 7823 for the n3/4e3/4 & n3/4e3/4 Sec 26 Tp 23 N R 33 W. He names as witnesses: Stuart E. Tait of Brownlee, Neb., William Steadman, Robert M. Faddis and Charles H. Tait of Pawnee, Neb. Testimony of claimant will be taken before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Pawnee county at his office in Pawnee City, Nebraska on March 23rd 1897. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

Land Office Valentine, Neb., Feb. 2nd, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver at Valentine, Nebraska, on March 23 1897, viz:

James E. Jordan, of Arabia, Neb. H. E. 9182 for the n3/4nw3/4 & n3/4nw3/4 Sec 17 Tp 22 R 26. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Henry J. Vansteens, Joseph P. Kreyek, John T. Kief and Andrew Benson all of Arabia Nebraska. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Valentine, Neb., Feb. 5, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Valentine, Nebraska, on March 23d, 1897, viz:

Robert Johns, of Brownlee, Neb. H. E. No. 16314 for the s3/4nw3/4 ne3/4nw3/4 Sec 21 & s3/4nw3/4 Sec 22 Tp 24 N R 25 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence on and cultivation of, said land, viz: Frank T. Lee, William Wallace, Waldo K. Grant and Edward Reiser all of Brownlee Neb. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebraska, Feb. 3th, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that John V. Axtell, of Pontiac, Ill., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register and Receiver at their office in Valentine, Neb., on Wednesday the 24 day of March, 1897, on timber culture application No. 7295, for the Lot 4, s3/4nw3/4 & s3/4nw3/4 section No 7 Tp 27 N R 27 W. He names as witnesses: Samuel D. Montgomery, Lewis K. Belding and Erans E. Vandercamp, of Brownlee, Neb., and Oran L. Axtell, of Elk Creek, Neb. Testimony of claimant will be taken before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Livingston county at his office in Pontiac, Illinois March 24, 1897. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

Land Office at Valentine, Neb., Feb 10 1897.

Notice is also hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Valentine, Neb., on March 27th 1897, viz:

Amos Strong, of Valentine, Neb. H. E. 9233 for the s3/4nw3/4 nw3/4nw3/4 & s3/4nw3/4 Sec 21 Tp 31 N R 28 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Willard D. Morgaridge, John B. Lord, Charles W. Bennett and Clarence F. Carson all of Simeon Nebraska. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

Public Land Sale.

U. S. Land Office Valentine, Neb., Jan. 26, 1897. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under authority vested in him by section 3465, U. S. Rev. Stat., as amended by the act of Congress approved February 26, 1885, we will proceed to offer at public sale on the 10th day of March next, at this office, the following tract of land, to-wit: the s3/4nw3/4 Sec. 25 Tp 25 N R 24. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited. C. R. GLOVER, Register.

Notice—Timber Culture.

Land Office at Valentine Nebraska, Jan. 26 1897. Complaint having been entered at the by Gerould O. Fairhead against John C. Potter for failure to comply with law as to Timber Culture Entry No. 2743 filed September 30 1894 upon the s3/4nw3/4 & s3/4nw3/4 Sec 12 Tp. 34 N R 37 W. in Cherry County Nebraska with a view to the cancellation of said entry, containing the name of the said John C. Potter has failed to break or cause to be broken any of said described tract at any time, and has failed at any time to cultivate any of said tract, and has failed to plant or cause to be planted, any trees, tree seeds or cuttings on said tract at any time the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 17 day of March 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. Testimony of witnesses to be taken before Robert Jones T. S. C. C. at Merriman Nebraska March 17th 1897 at one o'clock p. m. C. R. GLOVER, Register.