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OUR MOTTO

No Question is ever Settled Until it is Settled Right.

The indications are that five or six presidential tickets will be in the field this year. Yet the real battle will be waged between the armies led by McKinley and Bryan and on the issues of money, trusts and imperialism. Those who favor overriding the constitution, making the rich richer and the poor poorer, adopting a colonial policy, and tearing away the foundations of a free government, will vote for McKinley. Those who believe that the declaration of independence and the constitution are documents indispensible to the perpetuation of our republic, that no man is good enough to govern another without the other's consent, and in financial, commercial and industrial freedom, will vote for Bryan. And a few, who have really excellent ideas on important questions, will refuse to see the paramount issues, and will foolishly waste their votes championing questions which have not attained the dignity of real issues.—Press Letter.

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"It is time that true men should stand firmly on both feet and resist this evil with all their might. I know people don't like to hear this subject talked about, but it is time to 'cry aloud and spare not.'

"What good does it do a man to get a college education if at the same time he gets the drink habit? What good is the education in his head if he goes out with the grip of the liquor demon on his throat? None of you young men expect to fill drunkards' graves, no man ever eupected to; but look at the college men all over the country who are drunkards. 'Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.' If you want to be safe, then you must have nothing to do with this curse."—Dwight L. Moody.

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All who use Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism are delighted with the quick relief from pain which it affords. When speaking of this Mr. D. N. Sinks, of Troy, Ohio, says: "Some time ago I had a severe attack of rheumatism in my arm and shoulder. I tried numerous remedies but got no relief until I was recommended by Messrs. Geo. F. Parsons & Co., druggists of this place, to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. They recommended it so highly that I bought a bottle. I was soon relieved of all pain. I have since recommended this liniment to many of my friends, who agree with me that it is the best remedy for muscular rheumatism in the market." For sale by Quigley & Chapman, druggists. 2

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Hundreds are killed in war, but hundreds of thousands are killed by consumption. There would be no deaths at all caused by this terrible disease, if people could be made to understand that Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure is a sure remedy if taken in the early stages. 25 cts., 50 cts. and $1.00 a bottle. Druggists will refund the money if a cure is not affected. s

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Mr. Rice informs us that he will change the name of the paper to that which it formerly bore, "The Valentine Democrat."

In order to get things all straightened out a page of brands is omitted from this issue. They will appear in next week's paper.

Folks & Sons have closed their general merchandise store in this city, and the boys will go to clerking again. Harry has a situation with Jordan at Rosebud.

There will be several changes in this paper for next week's issue and you should not miss the opportunity of putting in a catchy local calling attention to what you have for sale.

I. M. RICE.

Mrs. L. Bowser is in town today in the interest of a magazine club. Mrs. Bowser was the editor's first boss on the Newport Advocate, nine years ago, and used to be considered one of the best politicians in the state, for the pops.

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COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Valentine, Nebr., April 20, 1900.

Board met as per adjournment.

Present: Chairman T. P. Spratt, R. Hanchette and Alexander Burr.

On motion the following official bonds were approved:

William H Hughes, justice Sparks precinct.
F H Higgin, do Schlagel precinct.
C C Thompson, road overseer Dist. 26.

The board then took up the hearing of the remonstrance to the petition of Hershey & Stetter to sell liquor in Woodlake and continued in that business during the day and adjourned to April 21.

April 21, 1900.

Board met as per adjournment. Members all present.

On motion the following claims were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on county bridge fund:

Wrought Iron Bridge Co., Borman bridge $1230

On County Road Fund:

John Borman, labor and material for approaches	$50 34
L Smith, labor for approaches	9 00
Chas Shromzferger labor on approaches	11 25
M G House do do	12 00
H Uelrick do do	15 00
T P Spratt viewing and receiving approaches	7 20
D G Grooms, saving bridge material	1 25
C Grooms do do	75
Wm Grooms do do	1 25
D S Ludwig, lumber for bridge	60 83
J J Owen do do	12 50
J A Brewer, saving bridge material	17 00

On motion the board entered into a contract with J. E. Nye to move and rebuild the Woodson bridge across the Niobrara river near Andrew Bruce's for $400.

On motion bids for furnishing road scrapers for county were opened and found as follows:

D S Ludwig	$81 84
Geo H Hornby	85 00
J W Yeast	92 28

Whereupon D. S. Ludwig was awarded contract for 12 No. 2 scrapers for $81.84.

The board then took up the hearing of remonstrance to Hershey & Stetter's petition. Continued in that business during the day and adjourned to April 23.

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April 23, 1900.

Board met as per adjournment.

Members all present.

On motion the following claims were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on county general fund:

L N Layport	fees in Thompson case		$8 25
do	do	McLester case	4 75
do	do	London case	6 45
do	do	London case	2 95
do	do	Serickland case	2 00
do	do	Thompson case	2 10
D S Ludwig, coal for jail			9 60
J M Clarkson, fees Thompson case			4 00
Hiram Cornell, rent Jan Feb and Mch, 1900			200 00
Folks & Sons, goods for poor			7 95
do	do	do	2 90
Geo Tracewell, wood for poor			4 00
Etta Brown, typewriting bond			2 00
J A Hooton, witness inquest London case			1 45
C V Holsclaw	do	do	1 45
C H Thompson	do	do	1 45
Wm Taylor	do	do	1 45
Nat King	do	do	1 45
Fred Vincent	do	do	1 45
C R Walcott	do	do	1 55
A H Millaman	do	do	1 00
C F Wertenbaker	do	do	1 00
Emily A Bishop	do	do	1 00
Alfred Dennison, nursing Geo Wiltse			20 00
A N Compton, coroner's inquest London case			11 80
J A Hooton, caring for poor			21 50
D Stinard	juror London inquest		1 45
J H Yeast	do	do	1 45
M V Nicholson	do	do	1 45
C M Sageser	do	do	1 45
T C Hornby	do	do	1 45
E J Davenport	do	do	1 45

On motion the following amounts were deducted from the above allowed claims and applied upon delinquent personal taxes:

G E Tracewell	$4 00
Folkf & Sons	10 85
H Uelrich	12 27
M G House	12 00

Board then took up the hearing of the remonstrance against the petition of Hershey & Stetter. Continued in that business during the day and adjourned to April 24th.

April 24, 1900.

Board met as per adjournment.

Members all present. On motion the following claims were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on county general fund:

L N Layport, subpoenaing jurors March term, 1900	$56 00
L N Layport, fees in Gartside case	5 75
do do do	6 25
do do Hale case	11 70
do wood for county	7 00
do fees Thompson case	5 75
T C Hornby, goods for poor	10 00
do do	13 63

On motion $25 was held out of the claim of Dr. C. V. Holsclaw's quarterly salary in lieu of claim of $25 paid him for performing surgical operation on Mrs. Gibson, and warrant ordered drawn for balance. On motion the following claims were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on county general fund:

Ft. Niobrara Hospital keeping Frank Dillon	$17 00
State Journal Co., supplies	158 13
A M Morrissey, salary 1st qr, 1900	162 50
J W Daniels, sal and expense 1st qr, 1900	123 15

On County Road Fund:

J R Lee, road overseer, claimed $32 65, allowed	$29 65

Before the County Commissioners of Cherry County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the application of George N. Hershey and John G. Stetter for license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors in Wood Lake, Cherry County, Nebraska. Now on this 24th day of April, 1900, this cause came on upon the petition praying for license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors, and the remonstrance, and the evidence, and the commissioners being fully advised in the premises do find that the petitioners have a majority of the resident free holders signed on the petition. Wherefore the commissioners do hereby grant the petitioners a license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors in Woodlake, Nebr., and the commissioners order and adjudge that a license issue as prayed. T. P. SPRATT.
ALEX BURR.

Commissioner Hanchette dissenting.

To which ruling, finding, decision and judgment of the court the remonstrators then and there duly excepted, and gives notice of an appeal to the District court.

On motion the petition of Jefferson Winship et al asking that the voting place of Irwin precinct be changed from the store at Cooper to the store of W. P. Connolly at Irwin was granted.

On motion the road petition of A. B. Overman et al, was granted, provided that bridge be built without cost to the county.

On motion the official bond of Lewis Adams as road overseer in District No. 15 was approved.

On motion the following claims were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on county general fund:

T P Spratt, commissioners fees	$13 20
R Hanchette do do	26 50
Alex Burr do do	29 50

On motion Commissioner Spratt was authorized to inspect bridges on the Niobrara river and sites for proposed bridges on the Loup river. Commissioner Burr to assist in locating bridges on the Loup river.

Whereupon the board adjourned sine die.

Attest. J. W. DANIELS,
County Clerk.

Is This Plain Enough?

If you have a nagging cough and are losing flesh, go to a drug store and get a bottle of Shiloh's Consumption Cure. Take two-thirds of it, and then, if you are not benefitted, return the bottle to the druggist and he will return your money. Isn't that fair? No one could ask more. 25 cts., 50 cts. and $1.00 a bottle. s

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SOME AWFUL DEATHS.

FEARFUL FORMS IN WHICH THE GRIM DESTROYER CALLS.

The Venom of a South Australian Spider and the Frightful Agony It Causes—A Grain That Makes Its Victim a Raving Maniac.

What is the most awful shape in which death may come to mortal man? Not by fire, nor by water, nor by gunshot. These are mere pleasures to some of the deaths by which you may die.

The most agonizing of all is caused by an insect half the size of a pea—a small black spider. It lives in Peru and South Australia, but a few specimens have reached Europe and America in shiploads of timber. Not long ago a dock laborer was unlucky enough to come upon one in the Victoria docks while unloading a bark. The tiny death dealer dropped upon the back of his hand and dug its fangs into his flesh. The bite itself was nothing, but as soon as the poison began to work the man fainted with pain. Soon afterward he came to and lived three days before the end came.

This spider's venom scorches up the blood vessels and spreads through all the tissues, causing the most fearful agony a human being can have to bear. The worst of it is that the victim lives at least two days, enduring unthinkable anguish the whole time. This spider is luckily not common. It is known as the "specky," and when a man who knows what the bite means is bitten he generally blows out his brains.

Another fearful death is caused by eating a grain called "bhat." This sometimes gets mixed with rice, which it resembles. The plant grows in the east, and a few grains of it will drive one into a state of violent mania. The victim becomes drowsy at first and afterward hilarious, then he goes stark, staring mad and tears himself literally to pieces with his fingers, biting mouthfuls out of his limbs. It is bad enough to see such a case, but as for experiencing it—

This grain is only found in remote parts of the east, but both white men and natives are killed by it occasionally in the east, for the plant grows in with the rice crops and can scarcely be told apart, but that the dried grain is of a reddish color.

Of course falling into a vat of boiling metal, as unfortunate workmen sometimes do, sounds bad enough, but it is mercifully quick. There is a South American vine called the "knotter," which is far worse. It twines around any living thing that comes within reach, twisting its long tentacles about a man as a devilfish might. These tentacles sear and burn into the flesh like white hot wires, and the victim is dragged into the heart of the foliage and his juices slowly drained, as a spider sucks the blood of a fly.

All say that the pain is worse than they could have believed it possible for a man to feel. The "knotter" is well known to scientists and is, in fact, a sort of huge flytrap plant. Those who have strong instincts of cruelty, coupled with curiosity, sometimes force a dog into the grip of the "knotter" to watch the effects, which are too horrible to describe in detail.

Again, there is nothing very much worse than hydrophobia, when genuine. The patient often lives for days in the acute stage and in his last hours is simply tied up in knots and bent backward and forward like a bow. It is a very rare disease with human beings, for most people bitten by rabid dogs, a small number at most, escape it. In extreme cases the patient actually snarls and bays like any hound, and, next to experiencing it, the worst thing is to watch a case. It is as distressing a spectacle as any man could witness.

There is a snake called the "lancer," which lives in South America, and is very ready with its fangs. It is a small, brown, insignificant beast, but its bite induces a sort of imaginary swelling all over the victim's body. He feels as if every inch of him were being strained to breaking point, and the agony which results is too awful for words. Generally, however, the excess of pain drives the bitten man mad before very long, and in four hours he dies—a senseless imbecile.

But, all said and done, perhaps there is no death much worse than by the common disease of cancer, which gnaws at the patient's vitals through month after month of unceasing agony and slays its victim at last through sheer exhaustion.—London Spectator.

His Little Contribution.

One of the many stories told of the late Dr. Wallace, M. P., is to the effect that when the editor of a local paper in the north asked him "if he would kindly furnish an article on 'a light theological topic'" Wallace responded with one bearing the title "The Relations Between the Presbyterian Church and Modern Thought." When set up the article made 40 columns, and it became a puzzle to editor and printer how to get rid of it. They began by using it in pieces, and whenever the printer said to the editor, "We've got no leader," the reply was, "Eh, mon, just sneck off about a column and a quarter o' Wallace." In this way the contribution was used, first working down from the beginning, then upward from the end.—London Academy.

Touched.

"I suppose you were touched when your wife gave you that $50 easy chair?"

"Of course! How else do you imagine my wife could come by $50?"—Detroit Journal.

In Belgium at 6 o'clock, evening, you hear from every cottage the voices of father, mother and children and servants saying their prayers, and it is much the same at noon.