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EDITORIAL

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

It had been the intention of the Board of School Directors of Precinct No. 3 here in Cimarron to at once advertise for bids for a new $10,000.00 building, for which bonds have been voted. But this matter has been delayed for a number of reasons. In the first place land has not been obtained, and in the second place, bonds have not been sold.

Under the law, the issue of bonds, is something that requires time, because no school district can go into debt of any sort over a certain per cent of the assessed valuation of the property in that district. The amount of the bonds that can be issued, in other words, depends entirely on the valuation placed by the assessor on the property in that school district which issues the bonds. County Superintendent C. O. Fisher tells us that the assessment for this year is not as yet returned to the County Treasurer, and that therefore, the amount of indebtedness which this district may assume is still uncertain. The fact that this district will have to go very near the upper limit of indebtedness in order to build a school house such as is contemplated, and such as is necessary for the growing need of the District, makes it imperative that the letting of bids for the work be postponed until the Directors have some definite information upon which to base their actions. This is nothing more or less than good common horse sense, and those composing the school board would be at fault should they do otherwise than to delay the letting of bids until such time as they may be able to do so with their eyes open.

But Cimarron is going to have a school building that will be a great credit to it and to the district. It is estimated that the assessmen will show such a valuation as will allow the spending of near $10,000.00, probably more, but still possibly less. But in any case, it will be in the neighborhood of $10,000.00, and such a building as is contemplated will be a great credit. The District has long needed a building of ample size to accommodate the increasing number of pupils that are now attending schools.

The quarters in the past have been inconvenient, and over-crowded. The different grades have been separated by too long distances, and the building of the new school house, wherever it may be located, is something that is, or should be, one of the greatest desires of all residents of the District.

HERD LAWS.

Some time ago the Citizen advocated the rigid enforcement of the herd laws here in Cimarron, and not merely because it wanted to have something to say, nor because it wanted to inconvenience or trouble any owners of stock that had been allowing their animals to run at large, but because it believed, and still believes, that the keeping of the stock up is for the best interests of Cimarron. One stock owner held out the following sort of argument to the writer, and he really believed that he was a greatly aggrieved man because he was not allowed to allow his stock to run at large and trespass on the property of others.

The substance of what he said was This: "How can a poor man keep a cow here in Cimarron? I have to have a cow, but if I have to keep her pened up and not allow her to run around on the streets, I can't afford to keep her. She has to have exercise, and while there is very little grass she can pick up on the streets, still it helps some. She can't range anywhere except on the streets, because all the pastures that are for rent, are so far out of town that I can't walk out there with her and after her every morning and night. If the property owners want to plant trees or gardens, then let them build a fence."

The Citizen is in sympathy with the poor man, the Editor belongs to that class, and it is extremely sorry that the herd law is an inconvenience to any one. But inconvenience and sympathy are not the question. There are the rights of others that have to be considered. This man, being too poor to keep a cow up and feed her, feels agrieved because he is restricted in a self-taken privilege of forcing the public and some private individuals to support that cow for him. In other words he is hurt because charity is not extended to him. There might be no demur on the part of the property owner to extending the proper kind of charity to the proper man, but the giver of alms usually wants the privilege of saying what those alms shall be. In this case, the cattle destroy trees, grass and gardens. The owners would far rather have given cash in each and every instance, than to have had the injury done. Take the case of a tree for instance. It is carefully watched and watered. There was some expense to the planting of it, but more time and labor. The owner would not have the tree destroyed for any amount of money, because he wants shade and the killing of the tree destroys probably the labor of two or three years. Money won't pay for the damage done.

The stock owner then advances the theory that the property owner should fence his property. Well, this is all right as far as it goes. It is true that he can fence his property if he so wishes, and possibly it would be better. But here we arrive at the same conclusion reached before. Charity again. The property owner is forced to make an outlay of no small amount in order to do this, an outlay that he would not have to make if the stock owners were considerate of the rights given him under the law. The law says that no stock shall be allowed to run at large during the months of March to November, inclusive. During these months is the only time that the property owner would have anything growing that the stock would damage. The rest of the year, it does not make much difference to him if the stock does trespass on his property here in Cimarron. So when he has to build a fence to protect his trees, etc., he is forced to an outlay to protect rights which the herd law was enacted to protect. In other words he has to contribute the price of the fence toward keeping the stock of some one else. Stock from which he gets no benefit. Did you ever see a city or town, that made any pretense at all, allowing stock to run around on its streets? No, I think not. Did you ever see a community, where the rights of all were not respected, that prospered? No, again. Did you ever see a new town that amounted to a pinch of snuff, where each was pulling one way and the rest other ways, where each was going to have his own way regardless of the rights and wishes of others? No, again. We have got to get together and look at this thing fairly. The itizen firmly believes that the general good to the public demands that the stock be kept up. Of course it will inconvenience some, but the inconvenience will not be as great as it might be.

What called this article forth is the fact that the herd law has not been enforced here for the past month as it should be. Last Thursday, six hogs had to be chased out of the park that we are all working so hard to make a thing of beauty. Three cows and a horse were also at large on the newly cultivated and grass planted park. What do you think of that? The fence is being built now, but that does not repair the damage that was done to the park. Let us keep our stock up and not be forced to do so.

MILKS COW WITH THE CRUMPLED HORN GETS JOB AS ACTRESS

New York, June 1.—It may true that the girl who asked which cow gave the buttermilk came from New York, but a glance at West Forty-Third street, near Hammerstein'e paradise roof garden, today would have disillusioned any one who has been under the imperssion that all the young women in our fair city are in that class.

Nearly 300 girls of varying shapes and ages, some of them with gigantic "lids," some in sunbonnets, some in princess frocks, some in gingham and some in silken gowns, stretched in a long line from the stage door to Eighth avenue, all eager for the job of milkmaid which William, son of Oscar, advertised yesterday.

The first was Miss Ada Rehan, a beautiful young vision, wearing a hat forty-eight inches in diameter and high heeled slippers.

"You're a bit frail," said William, "and I want a blonde."

"I ain't as frail as I look—take it from me, kid," she said, shifting her gum cud. "And as for the blond stuff, don't let that worry you. If I get the job I won't be a brunette tomorrow."

But her demonstration was too slow, so she will probably remain a brunette.

It was after six or eight girls had shown their prowess that the cow showed signs of weakening.

"We'll have to decide pretty quick or there won't be any more milk to try these girls with," said Mr. Francis, and the very next girl won. She is Miss Ada Baxter, and she came from Haverstraw, bringing her milking stool with her. She is pretty and blond, willing to wear overalls, and is a rapid manipulator.

KILLS HIS FRIEND BY ACCIDENTAL SHOT

Trinidad, Colo., (Special) June, 3—"Tuck" Lee, an employe of the Wheatcroft mill at Weston, was accidentally shot and almost instantly killed Saturday night by David Stumbo, his closest friend. Stumbo, who is in the county jail pending an investigation, is prostrated over the affair, which appears to have been purely accidental.

An investigation yesterday by Coroner Guilfoil revealed the fact that Lee made an ante mortem statement fully exonerating Stumbo. The men were returning from a dance in a large carriage when Lee, who carried the gun, jumped out and began shooting at a bottle by the roadside. Stumbo, noticing his action, pulled a revolver from the pocket of the driver and also leaped out. "You're no shot," he said, cocking the weapon preparatory to trying his skill. The gun was discharged, the bullet striking Lee in the abdomen. He died two hours later. He was 32 years of age and unmarried. Stumbo has a wife and children. An inquest will probably be held today and it is thought that Stumbo will be released.

BLAZE IN BAKERY

Fire in Mixing Room of Diremer Place Causes Slight Damage

Trinidad, Colo., (Special) June, 3—Fire broke out at 10 o'clock last night in the mixing room of the Frank Diemer bakery at 355 University street, causing a property loss of about $100. A pile of wood, which caught fire near the room, made the blaze appear rather spectacular and much worse than it really was. Being on a direct line with Central park, a number of people thought that the park buildings were afire and no little alarm was caused.

The family had retired for the night and the origin of the fire is not known. The department made a quick run and soon had the blaze under control. The fire wagon met with a slight accident by colliding with a bunch of cement sidewalk tools, including a mixing box and other paraphernalia. Fortunately, none of the boys were injured.

The accident would not have occurred had signal lights been placed about the tools, which should have been done.

Trinidad, Colo., (Special) June, 3—John Jeager of Cimarron, formerly of this city, visited here Sunday on his way home from New Jersey, where he was called by the death of his father. He is connected with the Continental Tie & Lumber company.

TAKEN TO HIS OLD HOME

Trinidad, Colo., (Special) June, 3—George Haury, brother of Mrs. R. H. Gore, who came to Trinidad recently from Owensboro, Ky., and who was taken ill soon after his arrival, was yesterday sent to his old home. He was unable to be taken from a stretcher and was placed in the baggage coach until Pueblo was reached, where he was placed in a Pullman. He was accompanied as far as Pueblo by Mr. Gore. Mr. Haury is suffering with tuberculosis of the bone, which necessitated the amputation of his foot after his arrival here.

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