

Closing Out Sale

OUR trade has been large so far for the Holiday Season but we are going to make a clean sweep of Holiday Goods this year especially

**Toys - Games - Dolls
Chinaware - Etc.**

We are slashing prices on a lot of these goods and it will pay you to see our stock before you make your Christmas purchases.

CHAS. L. COTTING
—THE DRUGGIST—

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THE ONLY DEMOCRATIC PAPER IN WEBSTER COUNTY

Du bist wie eine Blume
So hold und schoen und rein;
Ich schau' dich an, und Wehmuth
Schleicht mir ins Herz hinein.

—Heine.

Full knee-deep lies the winter snow,
And the winter winds are wearily
sighing:

Toll ye the church bell sad and slow
And tread softly and speak low,
For the old year lies a-dying.
Old year, you must not die;
You can't us so readily,
You lived with us so steadily,
Old year, you shall not die.

He lieth still; he doth not move;
He will not see the dawn of day.
He hath no other life above.
He gave me a friend, and a true true-
love,

And the New-year will take 'em away.
(Old year, you must not go!
So long as you have been with us,
Such joy as you have seen with us.
Old year, you shall not go.

—Tennyson.

Editor Spence of the Bladen Enterprise is celebrating the advent of the twentieth year of his paper's existence. He has been associated with the paper from its inception and has during all those years kept his columns free from bitter attacks and destructive criticism. His paper is optimistic and is always booming the town of Bladen. Judging from his advertising columns the good people in his home town appreciate the efforts that he is making.

Good-bye, old year. After all we are loath to part. Many precious memories as well as many sad things to remember will be forever linked with thee. But time bids us part and however severely thou hast chastened us, yet we find our hardened feelings relenting and a spirit of charity prevades our being. We forgive as we hope to be forgiven. In humility and love we bow our adieu and welcome the New

DR. PRICE'S Cream BAKING POWDER

IS ABSOLUTELY HEALTHFUL

Its active principle solely grape acid and baking soda. It makes the food more delicious and wholesome.

The low priced, low grade powders put alum or lime phosphates in the food.

Ask Your Doctor About That

NEW RAILROAD INCORPORATED Canada to Gulf Line May Pass Through Adams County

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 20—Articles of incorporation have been filed in the secretary of state's office for the Midland Continental railroad company, with headquarters at Omaha. Those named in the filing are H. S. Duncombe, S. Y. Flansburg, E. G. McClinton, E. E. Haines and S. W. Smith. Duncombe is a Chicago man and is president of the company. The authorized capital stock is \$200,000.

The project in view is a north and south line of railroad from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. Through Nebraska, the proposed line is to traverse Boyd and Holt counties and run southward as follows:

Through Garfield, Wheeler or Greeley; Sherman or Howard; Buffalo or Hall; Kearney or Adams; Franklin or Webster.

The line is to connect up at Smith Center, Kas., with one built through that state.

The Continental Midland railway is one of several north and south railroad projects proposed since the beginning of the Panama canal. Nothing is known here of the Midland's plans further than that given in the foregoing message, but some people believe that the company is connected with the Anthony & Northern railway company, recently chartered in Kansas to build a railroad with a terminal at Anthony, Kas., and this city. The routes proposed by the two companies form practically a straight north and south line through the two states. As laid out on paper they would parallel each other between Hastings and the Kansas state line, but if there is any connection between the two companies the line could be changed to join somewhere in the vicinity of Red Cloud or Bloomington.

If all the proposed north and south roads should be built they would probably outnumber the east and west lines through Nebraska and Kansas and such a condition is not to be expected. The rail road building in the next few years, however, may be chiefly in the direction of the gulf and it is not beyond the range of the possible that Hastings may be included in another system in the next few years. In the meantime, however, the Anthony & Midland projects are causing no excitement here and people in this section will wait for something more tangible before resolving their hopes in the building of the proposed lines.

There is some significance perhaps in the pairing of counties in the Midland's incorporation papers, for if the company should ask for public aid there would be the incentive of competition between adjoining counties to get the new road, as for instance between Adams and Kearney county.—Friday's Hastings Tribune.

Year with naught but good resolves and high aspirations that each coming day will see our lives better, purer and nobler in every act and purpose.

We are too often forgetful of what we owe to the poetic thought of the world. In all times, in all countries, the poets have been the real inspiration of the people. They are the ones who have interpreted the deepest emotions of humanity, the sublimest conceptions of the infinite. They have made life sweeter, grander and nobler by their exalted intellectual and spiritual thoughts. The real true things of life are best expressed in poetic language. In fact methodical prose is inadequate to convey any idea of the deeper sentiments of life.

Band Concert.

The Red Cloud Concert Band will give their concert and musical at the Opera House on Thursday evening, January 2nd, instead of January 10th, as previously announced.

The concert will consist of Marches, Overtures, Selections, Balores, Piano and Vocal Solos and Cornet Duets. Master Carl Hohensee, of Hebron, the boy wonder pianist, will be here again, as will also the entire reed section consisting of Clarinets and Saxophones, which number eleven.

Reserved seats at Cook's Drug Store, one price to all, 25 cents. Doors open at 7:30.

Organizations Indorse Development Commission

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 23d.—The Farmers Congress and the Nebraska Co-operative Live Stock and Shipping Associations indorsed by resolution and instructed their legislative committees to use every honorable means to secure the passage of the bill creating the Nebraska Development and Public Welfare Commission. A tentative draft of a bill as proposed by committees from the State Association of Commercial Clubs and the State Editorial Association was explained, after which the Commission was approved.

The Commission has for its purpose the publication of useful facts relative to Nebraska and the prevention of the publication of statements which reflect on the state.

Some New Year Resolutions

Resolves:

That you will keep so busy boosting that you won't have time to knock.

That you will vote, talk and work for a bigger better, brighter town.

That you will help to make this a good town so the town can make good.

That you will increase the value of your property by improving its appearance.

That you will say something good about this town every time you write a letter.

That you will invest your money here where you made it and where you can watch it.

That you will not point out the town's defects to a stranger or fall to point them out to a neighbor.

That you keep your premises picked up and your buildings repaired as a matter of both pride and profit.

That you will never buy a thing outside of town until the local merchants have been given a chance to sell it to you.

That you will take half a day right now to pick up the odds and ends around the place and turn them into either use, money or ashes.

That you will contribute as much money as you can afford, and as much enthusiasm as anybody, to any movement to develop the town's resources.

That you will join the movement to induce the people in this town to do their buying at home or, there is no such movement, that you will start one.

That you will make friends with the farmers, if a town man, or with the town folks, if a farmer, and help work together for the good of the community of which this town is the center.

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OF A

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND THE HAPPIEST KIND

OF A

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THE CHIEF's big auto contest opens with this issue of the paper. Read the big ad on the last page.

Farmers Hold Best Convention in History

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 23d.—More than 800 farmers of the state attended the Third Annual Country Life Congress, which held its sessions in Omaha on December 16 to 19. The Co-operative Shipping Association had the first two days of the program, the other organizations taking the last.

The meeting is said to have been the best farmer's gathering that has ever been held in the State. Questions of vital interest were discussed and resolutions adopted, looking to the securing of legislation which will solve the problems which confront the farmers of the state.

The Commercial Club of Omaha pledged its efforts to aid in every legitimate way, efforts which the farmers think will secure them the recognition

they desire.

The Farmers Congress pledged itself to an amendment to the constitution to permit reform in the present method of taxation; to an appropriation to make experiments in road construction and maintenance; to a law to prevent Blue Sky investment companies from operating in the state; to a law to permit the creation of a live stock sanitary commission with power to employ a state veterinarian and to enforce laws for the control of animal diseases; and an appropriation to send two farmers to Europe to study farming methods there.

A tentative plan for the formation of a federation to include all state agricultural organizations was approved.

George W. Coupland of Elgin, member of the Board of Regents, was elected president. Both associations voted to hold their 1918 meetings in Omaha after invitations had been extended by the Publicity Bureau.



FIRE

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