

Xmas will soon be here.

Will not a gun, rifle, carving set, velocipede, rocking-horse, express wagon, pair of skates, set of knives and forks, air rifle, etc., make a good present?

For Sale by P. O. REED.

THE NORTHWESTERN

THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 1904.

Local News.

Phone the news to us.
It pays to trade at Cooper's.
See D. C. Grow for Best Flour.
We want a load of cobs, cobs, cobs.
Heating and Cook Stoves at P. O. Reed's.

G. W. Marvel was up from Ashton Monday.
A fine line of Xmas Candies at Odendahl Bros.
Sheridan lump and nut coal for sale at Taylor's Elevator.

Box goods in Chocolates, Bon Bons, etc., at Odendahl Bros.
Copper Galvanized or Tin Wash Boilers at P. O. Reed's.

Souvenir Spoons, a fine line, at Fredrick's, the New Jeweler.
Elliott Antirust Tinware, guaranteed not to rust, at P. O. Reed's.

Trade at C. C. Cooper's, the place to get good goods at right prices.
Joe Cording returned from Omaha last Saturday, for the holidays.

Overcoats at any price at Johnson, Lorentz & Co's. They are dandies.
Miss Leola Chase is expected home this week for the holidays.

Every housekeeper wants best flour in the market. D. C. Grow keeps it.
Emery Knight left for Strawberry Point, Iowa, Wednesday morning.

You ought to see the new line of fine cut-glass at Fredrick's, the Jeweler.
Miss Kate Wharton was quite ill last week, but is reported on the mend.

W. D. Hover, Embalmer and Funeral Director. Ready day or night.
For Sale.—A registered Poland China boar, aged one year last March.

Archie and Beth Zimmerman returned home from school last Friday for the holidays.
Aztec lump, Nigger Head lump, also nut coal always on hand at the Taylor Elevator.

Bargains in Chinaware, Toilet Sets, Handkerchiefs and Glove boxes at Odendahl Bros.
Do you need a fountain pen? See Fredrick, the New Jeweler. Every pen guaranteed.

Mr. Becker, the Grand Island music man, was in town a few days last week, looking after business.
Christmas is coming. See Fredrick, the Jeweler, for what you want. If he has not got it, he will get it for you.

Have you any poultry to sell? If so, see C. C. Cooper. He pays the highest market price for all kinds of poultry.
Miss Henry Young was suffering an attack of la grippe, Sunday, but was able to attend to her school duties Monday.

The Ravenna Creamery Company guarantees 20 cents for butter fat delivered at the Creamery for the first half of December.
J. S. Pedler returned from his trip to Colorado, last Thursday evening. He left his daughter, Miss Sadie, much improved in health.

Reports of cornstalk disease in and around Ansley are to the effect that many of the farmers are suffering severe losses to their herds.
Anyone can get good corn fed beef by the quarter at Reynold's Meat Market. Front quarters, 5c per pound, and hind quarters at 6c per pound.

Mrs. Elsner and son Henry returned home from Omaha, last Thursday evening. It is reported that Mr. Elsner got tired of baching and used the long distance telephone to good effect.
For Sale.—A few Thoroughbred Poland China and Duroc Jersey male pigs at farmers' prices. Ages, six months to one year. Apply to H. B. Musser, on the old Carsten Truelsen place. 48ft

John Hehenke of Rockyville township was in town Monday and renewed for THE NORTHWESTERN another year. He says this week will close corn husking in his section, if weather holds good.
Wash Peters was in from Elm township, Monday, reporting everything in readiness for Christmas in his neck of the woods, thanks to good crops and clear conscience of good people there. Wash also helped our Christmas a dollar's worth. Thanks.

Those who have not paid their account with me, will please not neglect making settlement before Jan. 1st, 1905. Respectfully yours, P. O. REED.

Drs. Davis & Farnsworth of Grand Island, Neb., are prepared to treat all forms of chronic diseases, such as Rheumatism, Stomach disorders, Tumors, Cancers, Paralysis, Kidney diseases, etc. The doctors use, besides me line and surgery, the x-ray, hot air baths, electricity and massage.

See Cooper's store window.
Overcoats \$2.50 to \$35. See Lorentz.
Choice Buckwheat Flour for sale by D. S. Grow.

Preaching at Wiggle Creek Sunday, at 2:30 p. m.
Guarantee and O. K. Wash Machines at P. O. Reed's.

Cigars in Xmas packages, 12 in a box, at Odendahl Bros.
Who will bring us a load of cobs right away quick?

If you want a useful present, go to Hoyer's Furniture Store.
Get prices on Toys, Sleds, and Doll Cabs at Odendahl Bros.

Northern Milling Co.'s mill stuffs on sale by D. C. Grow. Try them.
See notice of Hans Brodersen's sale near Rockyville, in another column.

Call and see Cooper about his Premium Chinaware. This is no lottery.
Go and see those fine fur coats at Johnson, Lorentz & Co's. \$12 to \$35.

Art Elsner is figuring on being home some time next week for the holidays.
Horse Blankets, Lap Robes, Husking Mitts, etc., at the Draper Saddlery Co's.

Fredrick, the New Jeweler, has purchased the Odendahl stock of Jewelry.
Protracted meetings closed at Wiggle Creek church last Saturday night.

Fancy New York Apples, Oranges, Spanish Grapes, Pears and Lemons at Odendahl Bros.
Robert Mathew will be home Friday evening from the State University for the holiday vacation.

For fine watch and jewelry repairing go to Fredrick, the New Jeweler. He guarantees all work.
The many friends of Dr. Kearns will be glad to hear that he is improving nicely from day to day.

Watches from \$1 up, guaranteed to keep good time for one year, at Fredrick's, the New Jeweler.
F. J. Maciejewski of Ashton has our thanks for another year's subscription to THE NORTHWESTERN.

Dr. Sumner Davis, Grand Island, Neb., specialist in disease of eye and ear. Examination for glasses.
Will Odendahl come home from Drake University, Des Moines, Tuesday evening, for the holidays.

Place your orders for storm sash early and avoid the delay in the busy season. LEININGER LUMBER CO.
W. D. Hover & Co. take this opportunity of informing their patrons that their holiday line of Rockers are here.

For Sale.—Poland China pigs. Call on or address Thos. Burton, six miles southwest of Loup City, on Cob Creek.
Wilber Waite knew Christmas was coming to the editor, as well as to other people, and this week did the grand act. Thanks.

Hon. H. Smelser was a pleasant caller Monday, while taking one of his farewell visits before going to Lincoln on his law making sledge.
Subject at the Methodist church, Christmas day: Morning, "The King and His Kingdom;" evening, "The First Christmas Gift."

For Sale.—Eight pedigreed Shorthorn bull calves and one 4-year-old registered Shorthorn bull.
Truelsen & Johansen, Half mile east of Loup City.

Mrs. Judge Wall has been quite ill for a week past, with threatening symptoms of typhoid fever, but is better at present writing.
J. C. Douglas and wife leave for Viola, Iowa, this coming Saturday to spend the holidays. Mr. Douglas informs us that he will remain there if he strikes any position to suit.

Wouldn't you hate to give a friend a cheap looking picture of yourself made by an inferior artist, and receive in return a beautiful picture of your friend, that Draper had made? Wouldn't your friend size you up as a cheap guy?
Reports this week give the good news that little Albert Gue, who was so badly injured by the kick of a horse, is continuing to improve. His eye near the injured temple is still bad, but the doctor thinks the sight will be all right as the wound heals.

C. H. Brown of Batavia, Ills., a brother of W. O. and Editor Brown, has been re-appointed postmaster of his town, a nice plum from Teddy, and together with the fact that he is a rock-rooted republican and reader of this paper, thanks to W. O. Brown, gives him a trio of blessings.
District court, with Judge Hostetter presiding, convened in special session Tuesday morning, and as we go to press is still grinding away. The docket is very light, and would likely have been finished the first day had it not been for a Polish divorce case, which occupied the court's attention most of Tuesday and Wednesday, resulting in the divorce being refused by the court. However today will probably finish the session, and next week we will give a resume of the court's work.

We understand Frank Foster will return from Idaho in a few days and intends opening a barber shop in the new bank building at an early date.
Peter Lorentz of Ashton was an interested spectator at court Tuesday, and while in town sent his subscription to this paper ahead another year.

Capt. Winkelman has been bailiff of the Sherman county district court for twenty-three years, and is still at it. We'll wager not another county in the state can beat the captain's record.
Ray Emery, living seven miles south of Loup City, was last Thursday severely kicked on the right leg between the knee and thigh, by a horse, and while no bones were broken he will be compelled to use crutches for some time.

The Petersen Sisters, assisted by Mr. Sidney Landon, impersonator, gave a very enjoyable entertainment last night at the opera house. As a musical combination, both vocal and instrumental, the sisters are excellent, while Mr. Landon is a whole show in himself, and was repeatedly called back with a whirlwind of enthusiasm. It was splendid throughout.

Wm. Hancock, living three miles south of town, lost his house and contents by fire about 3 o'clock last Thursday morning. The fire started near the chimney, and had such headway when discovered that nothing was saved and the family barely escaped in their night clothes. A subscription paper circulated raised some three hundred dollars for Mr. Hancock from our generous-hearted citizens, and he at once started to rebuild. We understand there was no insurance on either house or contents.

The Mystic Legion had a merry time at the hall Tuesday night of this week. Through the untiring efforts of Deputy Dubry, fifteen new members were led thro' the mysteries, after which came the election of officers, selecting a good corps of officers, with R. D. Hendrickson as worthy counselor. Following this came a most enjoyable dance. Oysters were served as refreshments. Deputy Dubry will give a free dance at the next regular meeting night, Jan. 2d, to all companions, and another great time is anticipated.

The fair and supper given by the ladies of the M. E. church, last Saturday evening, was a grand success, as all their entertainments are, but this one seems to have taken precedence over any within our knowledge, the opera house scarcely being able to have room sufficient to accommodate the great numbers of people who wished to attend and partake of the elegant feast of good things provided and to purchase the thousand and one things offered for sale in their bazaar booths. The receipts, we understand, amounted to \$187.15, while the expenses will probably not exceed \$15, netting upwards of \$175 to the ladies for their work. That's what we call pretty good.

We received a pleasant call, Tuesday, from our good friend, Carl de la Motte of Hazard township. He was accompanied by Mr. J. Pirung, a wholesale furniture dealer of Chicago, who is out here gathering up an exhibit of grains grown in this section, and incidentally taking a number of snap shots of the scenery hereabout, from which he expects to make a fine collection of pictures, showing up Nebraska. A few years ago, Mr. Pirung had a poor opinion of Nebraska, but that was before he had seen the country, but he owns quite a good deal of land in these parts, and will buy more, if he can get hold of it at figures to suit. He is an enthusiast over the bright future sure to Nebraska's own.

One of the neatest and best kept meat markets to be found anywhere in the west is the Pioneer Market, presided over by that prince of carvers, S. F. Reynolds. At this market you can get the choicest meats, and in any quantity from a pound of the richest, juiciest cut, up to a whole corn fed young beef or a half dozen of them. You can take the whole hog or less. And veal, mutton, cured meats, hams, butchers, sausages, lard, and anything and everything in the meat line Friend Reynolds can suit you with. His market is a model of neatness. His meats are nicely carved to any thickness desired, you are always greeted with a pleasant word, smile and utmost courtesy, his prices are very reasonable and you get good, big weight for your money every time. We know, for we've tried him to our best satisfaction.

Victor Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Johnson of this city was married last Friday evening to Miss Alice McLaughlin of Loup City, at the residence of the bride's parents. Victor is well and favorably known to all Aurora citizens who join in wishing himself and bride abundance of success and happiness through future years. The bride with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McLaughlin, at one time lived in this county, moving to Sherman county a couple years ago, and a young lady much admired by those who enjoyed her acquaintance. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make their home in Loup City, where Victor is now permanently established in the tailoring business and as a clerk in the clothing store of Johnson, Lorentz & Co.—Aurora, Sun.

John and Miss Gladys O'Brien are home for the holidays.
Mesdams Arthur and Conhiser have returned home from Colorado.
Pastor Wold will preach next Sunday morning on "The Blessed Rock," and evening on "The Exalted Name."

Claus Johnson and Hans Brodersen substantial farmers from near Rockyville, were guests of Jolly Jake Albers, Tuesday.
Christmas exercises by the Methodist Sunday school, Saturday night, in the opera house. Fine program Everybody come.

Editor Brown expects to move his print shop into its new quarters in the bank buildings in the course of a couple of weeks.
Talking of turkeys, S. F. Reynolds has the nicest lot of the birds we have seen in a coon's age. He has made big preparations for the holidays in this specialty and as Christmas without turkeys and cranberry sauce wouldn't seem like real Christmas, Reynolds has provided enough for all.

Dick O'Brien Injured.
While Dick O'Brien, who is breaking on the U. P. between Kearney and North Platte, had his train sidetracked at Elm Creek Wednesday, and led the fast mail train go by, and was standing by his caboose, the mail agent threw off a mail sack, with the train going sixty miles an hour, striking Dick squarely on the head, knocking him senseless and cutting a frightful gash several inches long in the scalp, to the bone. Fortunately the accident is not of a dangerous nature, and Dick arrived home today, doing well, but with his cranium bandaged like a mummy. It is a mighty poor way of securing a lay-off.

School Affairs in Sherman Co.
Concluded from first page.
Average daily attendance for that year was 178,680. The average daily absence, based on the enrollment and average daily attendance, was 101,971. In other words, nearly 40 per cent of the public enrolled in our public schools were absent each and every half day during the school year 1903-4. The school census of the state for the same year was 378,983. This number minus the enrollment shows that there were 98,317 children of school age not enrolled in the public schools. Suppose we say that a part of these not enrolled, about 90,000, had finished the rural and city school courses; of study, and that 20,000 others were in private and parochial schools and the university, and that 20,000 others are between the ages of five and seven years, and for their non-enrollment in any school we make no serious objections on account of age. Say, too, that 3,217 were absent for reasonable causes. This still leaves 30,000 boys and girls for whom we find it hard to imagine any excuse for not being enrolled in some school, public, private or parochial. Some ran the street in idleness and have gone to the bad. Some were forced to work on the farm, in the store and in the shop by selfish parents.

These figures present to me so appalling a situation. It is evident that nearly 50 per cent of the children of school age who should have been in attendance at school were absent therefrom. Let these figures be sufficient to arouse school officers, parents, and teachers to a united effort in a proper enforcement of our compulsory attendance law.
Let it be understood that Sherman county contributed its share to these daily absences from school. The school census of Sherman county for the school year 1903-4 was 2784. There were enrolled in her schools for that school year 2049 pupils. The average daily attendance was 1153, making the average daily absence, based upon the enrollment and the average daily attendance, 894 Loup City and Litchfield both contributed a considerable percentage to the daily absence in the county. The school census for Loup City for the school year 1903-4 was 312. There were enrolled in the Loup City schools for that year 230. The average daily attendance was 209, making the average daily absence 59 of those actually enrolled. The school census for Litchfield for the same year was 128. There were enrolled there 118. The average daily attendance was 75, showing that the average daily absence was 48 of those actually enrolled. We shall hope for a better record on attendance at school for the school year 1904-5, not only in Sherman county but throughout the state.

Again, we appeal to fathers and mothers to be willing to endure privations for the sake of their children. A mother's toil, a sister's sacrifice, a father's self-denial, all this was the price paid for the education of William McKinley. His mother helped out the narrow income of the family by taking boarders and herself did the cooking with the help of the girls in order that William might attend school. The father was frugal, industrious and self-denying, but he had a large family to provide for and his earnings were small. William did what he could to help out the family in some one sort of work or another in vacation times. At one time it was almost decided that the plan for his education must be abandoned, but his elder sister Annie came to the rescue with the money she had saved as a school teacher.
Yours for the success of popular education in Sherman county.
J. L. McBRIDE
Deputy State Superintendent.

Looking for Men
That are losing cattle with cornstalk disease, and those who are not losing cattle. I want to stop your loss and protect those who haven't lost any by using Muir's National Cornstalk Remedy, a sure preventive. Your neighbors are using it and being convinced every day. Do not lose any more cattle. Call on or address, B. L. GOODELL, Sole Agent, Loup City, Neb.
On Sale at P. O. Reed's Hardware 5-4t

Auction Sale.
I will offer at public sale at the farm of Pete Janssen, 3 miles northeast of Rockyville, Neb., on Tuesday Jan. 3, 1905, commencing at 10 a. m., the following property to-wit: Thirty seven head of cattle, consisting of 10 milk cows, coming fresh soon, 11 two and three year old steers, 6 heifers coming two years old, and ten spring calves; 15 shoats; one span of horses; one mule; farm machinery and household goods too numerous to mention. Terms of sale, all sums of \$10 and under cash; on all sums over \$10, ten months' time will be given by purchaser giving bankable note drawing ten per cent interest; five per cent off for cash on all sums over \$10. Free lunch at noon. Should a big snow storm occur, sale will be postponed until Jan. 5th.
HANS H. BRODERSEN, OWNER.
JAKE ALBERS, J. S. PEDLER, Auctioneer. Clerk.

Burlington Excursion Rates
Landseekers, half rates Dec. 20, Jan. 3 and 17 to Oklahoma, Texas and South-west.
Low one way settlers' rates, Dec. 2 to southeast, beyond Ohio river.
Christmas and New Year greatly reduced rates between Rockies and Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis.
Live Stock convention, Denver; one fare plus \$2. round trip, Jan. 7 to 9.

LOW RATES
Via
UNION PACIFIC.
Omaha and return, \$6.15. Tickets on sale Dec. 26 to 28 inclusively; good returning Jan. 2, 1905.
Denver, Col., and return, \$16.80. Tickets on sale Jan. 7 to 9 inclusive, good returning Jan. 31, 1905.
Round trip tickets, via U. P., Nov. 1 to April 30, Denver, \$23.70; Colorado Springs, \$27.70; Pueblo, \$29.95.
Low one way settler rates to Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia. Tickets on sale Dec. 20th, only.
Holiday rates, one fare plus 50c for round trip. Sale days Dec. 24-5-6-31, Jan. 1-2, good returning to and including Jan. 4.

Notice to Bidders.
I, Geo. H. Gibson, County Clerk of Sherman county, Nebraska, estimate that the following books, blanks and stationery will be required for the use of the county officers for the coming year:
LOT ONE.—Three gross lead pencils, best grade; one gross penholders; twelve quarts Arnold's writing fluid; twelve gross steel pens five hundred blotters; twenty-four gross assorted rubber bands; two dozen sponge-top muclage; two reams Columbia legal cap; one gross indelible election pencils; three dozen election ink cones; eight-quire record books (four plain and four printed forms); patent flexible black flap opening best linen paper; 3,000 triplicate tax receipts, blocked; 3,000 tax receipts in triplicate, bound and perforated, 30 in book for county treasurer, to fold for use with carbon paper; thirteen sets of poll books and envelopes; six chattel mortgage files, 300 in the file; one gross, one inch by ten inches, Globe Congress the envelopes.
LOT TWO.—1,000 1-8 sheet blanks; 5,000 1-4 sheet blanks; 3,000 1-2 sheet blanks; 1,000 full sheet blanks; all blanks to be good heavy paper; 3,000 note heads; 6,000 letter heads; note and letter heads to be of good heavy paper; 4,000 6-1/2 inch xxx envelopes; 2,000 10 inch xxx envelopes.
LOT THREE.—Court dockets, one case to page, indexed, with rules of court, list of jurors, court officers and resident attorneys, on flat cap paper, in lots of forty; 6,000 election ballots.

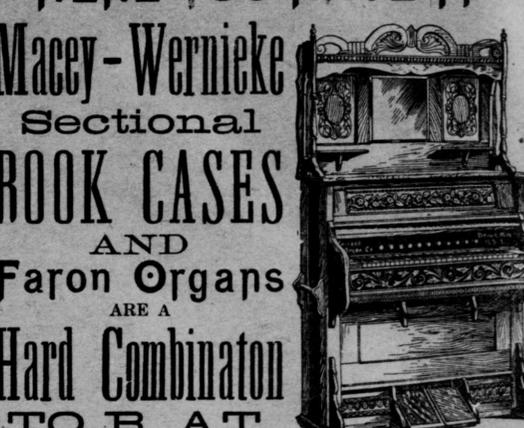
Sealed bids for each or any of the above three lots of supplies must be filed with the county clerk at his office in Loup City, Nebraska, on or before the first day of January, 1905.
Sealed bids will also be received and must be filed in the county clerk's office on or before January 1st, 1905, for the following: Publishing delinquent tax list; publishing county treasurer's financial statement; publishing road and bridge notices, and other notices required by the county.
The county board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Dated at Loup City, Nebraska, this 1st day of December, 1904. GEO. H. GIBSON, County Clerk.
(SEAL) Last pub. Dec. 29.

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Legal Notice.

Notice to Whom It May Concern, and Lot No. 15, Block 6, Original Village of Ashton, Nebraska:

You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of April, 1903, I purchased at private tax sale of S. N. Sweetland, County Treasurer of Sherman county, Nebraska, lot fifteen (15), in block six (6), Village of Ashton, Sherman county, Nebraska, for the taxes for the years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903, which was assessed in the name of A. P. Culley, and that the time of redemption of said real estate from said tax sale will expire on the 18th day of April, 1905.

H. SMELSER, Owner.
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