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One office will be in attendance at each term of the District Court, of the several counties in the Republican Valley. 2-1

**A. H. BOWEN, JAS. LAIRD**  
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Will buy and sell Real Estate on Commission, and pay taxes for non-residents. Special attention given to collections. Correspondence solicited. A list of property for sale is constantly on hand.  
RED CLOUD, - - - NEB.

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Buys and sells Western Securities.  
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**BUSBY & PLESSON,**  
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Have on hand for sale a large quantity of choice lands in Southern Nebraska, also all well improved farms on Commission and for cash to be made at once.

**W. E. THORNE,**  
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Is always ready to do work in his line at any time. Call on or address him at Wells P. O., Webster county, Nebraska.

**La Ciede House,**  
Red Cloud, Nebraska.  
H. O'NEILL, Proprietor.  
Good table in connection with the house.

This hotel has been refitted and furnished throughout. Comfortable Beds, Railroad Men and all parties wanting Red Cloud, will find extensive accommodations at this hotel.

**Red Cloud Mills!**  
We are prepared to do custom work.  
**Flour Feed and Corn Meal for Sale.**  
Satisfaction guaranteed in quality of flour, meal, and custom work. Farmers should be particular to secure the best of seed wheat.

**Potter & Frisbie!**  
**BARBER Shop.**  
BY  
**A. B. HAYNER,**  
at the Billiard Hall, Red Cloud, Neb.  
Shaving, Shampooing and Hair-cutting in the highest style of the art.

**City Meat Market.**  
**JOHN BARBER.**  
Has just opened a Meat Market on Webster Street, next door south of Park's Shop, where he will keep and sell fresh meats of all kinds.

**HIGHEST MARKET PRICE PAID FOR BEEF CATTLE, HOGS, AND HIDES.**  
Red Cloud, - - - Neb.  
**GEORGE ZEISS,**  
DEALER IN  
**Wines & Liquors**  
**CIGARS,**  
Chewing, Smoking, Tobacco  
**CANNED FRUITS**  
OF ALL KINDS,  
AND  
**CONFECTIONERIES,**  
A Specialty.  
Fresh Lager Beer from "Antelope" Brewery, constantly on hand.  
RED CLOUD, NEB.

**I. W. TULLEY,**  
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Office 3d door South of Court House.  
Residence One Mile East of Red Cloud.

**R. R. SHERER,**  
**Family Physician.**  
Office in City Drug Store.  
RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA.

**Republican River**  
**STAGE LINE.**  
T. T. WEBB, Proprietor.  
Regular trips will be made between  
**HASTINGS and RED CLOUD.**  
I shall be pleased to carry passenger upon the days mentioned, leaving Red Cloud at 6 A. M. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Leaving Hastings at 6 A. M. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.  
Fare reasonable.

**Half Fare Rates**  
IN THE  
**Republican Valley.**  
H. E. HOLMES, Proprietor.  
This Stage Line running from Bloomington to Guide Rock connects with the line from the north, also the one coming from the south.  
Arrives at Red Cloud (from the west) Mondays and Thursdays, and returns Tuesdays and Fridays.  
Good time; sober drivers and comfortable wagons.

**HAMPTON & RALSTON,**  
**Red Cloud.**  
Having leased the Wagon and Blacksmith shop, lately occupied by Ira Sleeper, are now prepared to do every thing in the line of  
**WAGON-MAKING**  
AND  
**BLACKSMITHING.**  
WAGONS, BUGGIES, AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS  
Repaired on short notice and in a Workman-like manner.  
WAGONS AND BUGGIES MADE TO ORDER.  
**HAMPTON & RALSTON,**  
RIVERTON ADVERTISEMENTS.  
**J. D. WOODS,**  
**Physician & Surgeon**  
Will devote his whole time exclusively to the practice of medicine.  
Office at Riverton House.  
RIVERTON, NEB.

**RIVERTON HOUSE.**  
W. C. THOMPSON, Prop.  
Will entertain his guests in the most gentleman-like manner, with as good fare as the market affords.  
To the traveling public we would say give him a call.  
RIVERTON, - - - NEBRASKA.

**M. O'SULLIVAN,**  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,  
NOTARY PUBLIC AND REAL ESTATE AGENT.  
Riverton Franklin County Nebraska.  
Claims for sale and tailoring done in the best style.

**DO YOU KNOW**  
THERE IS A  
**DRUG STORE**  
IN RIVERTON  
Where you can get anything you want in the line of Pure Drugs, Medicines, and in fact all articles usually kept in a first-class Drug Store.  
**Pure Wines and Liquors**  
for medicinal use.  
Physicians prescriptions carefully compounded day or night.  
Customers treated with respect and an occasional cigar.  
**GIVE HIM A CALL.**  
**E. M. RAZEE,**  
RIVERTON, - - - NEBRASKA.  
Notice to Teachers.  
Notice is hereby given, that I will examine all persons who may desire to offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the primary or common schools of the county, at my office in Red Cloud, on the first Saturday of August, November, February and May.  
H. S. KALEY,  
Co. Superintendent.

**Can**  
VASSER'S wanted for the work of a first-class "Little Runaway" and "Pet". These prizes are worth a place in every home and are wanted for the simplest, reliable and most useful purpose. We guarantee every article sold, and quick return. Any article sold, who will take hold can make a big money business. Send for our best terms at once.  
J. B. FORD & CO.,  
144 Monroe St., Chicago.

**THE RED CLOUD CHIEF**  
RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA.  
LOCAL MATTERS.

*Notice in this Column 10 Cents a Line*

**Arrival and Departure of Mails from the Red Cloud P. O.**

**JUNIATA** Leaves Monday's Wednesday's and Friday's 7 a. m. Mail closed 9 p. m. Arrives Tuesday Thursday and Saturday's 7 p. m.

**HARVARD** Leaves Tuesday's and Friday's 6 p. m. Arrives Tuesday's and Friday's 5 p. m. Mail closed 5 p. m.

**FRANKLIN** going east, Monday's and Thursday's 2 p. m. Going west Tuesday's and Friday's 10 a. m.

**PLEASANT HILL** leaves Thursday's 6 a. m. Arrives Wednesday's 4 p. m. Mail closed 9 p. m.

**JEWELL** Kansas, arrives Friday's 12 m. Leaves Friday 1 p. m.

**RUSSELL** Kansas, arrives Thursday's 12 a. m. Leaves Thursday 1 p. m. Office open from 4 until 6 p. m. Sundays.

All registered matter must be in the evening before the mails leave.  
M. B. McNEIT, P. M.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY.**

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**  
Services every first and third Sabbath of each month at Red Cloud and leave. 7 1/2 o'clock P. M. at Red Cloud. 2 o'clock P. M. at In-savle. Every second and fourth Sabbath at Riverton and Harmony Precincts. REV. A. MAXWELL, Pastor.

**BAPTIST CHURCH.**—REV. THOS. MUXLOW, Pastor. Services every fourth Sabbath at 7 1/2 P. M.

**SABATH SCHOOL** every Sabbath morning at 10 A. M.  
J. Q. POTTER, Supt.

**NOTICE.**  
U. S. LAND OFFICE,  
Bloomington, Neb.,  
October 29th, 1875.

Complaint having been entered at this office by James H. Milner, for abandoning his homestead entry, No. 1733, dated Dec. 6th, 1875, upon the northeast quarter, Sec. 30, township 4, range 10 west, in Webster county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 6th day of December, 1875, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

WESTER EATON, Register.  
E. V. WORTHING, Receiver.

**NOTICE.**  
U. S. LAND OFFICE,  
Bloomington, Neb.,  
October 9th, 1875.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Joseph Weingarten against John D. Moore for abandoning his homestead entry, No. 538, dated May 23d, 1874, upon the northeast quarter, section 34, township 4, (4th range nine (9) west, in Webster county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 22d day of November 1875, at 1 o'clock p. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

WESTER EATON, Register.  
E. V. WORTHING, Receiver.

**NOTICE.**  
Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Clerk of Webster County Nebraska, for furnishing twelve cords of dry wood, said wood to be full length of four feet and to be delivered on or before November 15th 1875. Proposals received up to October 29th.

By order of the Board of Commissioners.  
J. A. Tulley, Clerk.  
Red Cloud Oct. 5th. 1875. 9-3t

**NOTICE.**  
Is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Webster County Nebraska will on the 29th day of October 1875 at 10 o'clock A. M. receive proposals for the construction of a bridge across Elm Creek on the Juniata Road. Specifications will be given on said day before receiving bids.

By order of the Board.  
J. A. Tulley, Clerk.  
Red Cloud Oct. 5th. 1875.

**LEGAL NOTICE.**  
James Murphy } Probate Court,  
against }  
John Conolly } Webster Co., Neb.  
Defendant will take notice that an order of attachment was issued in the above cause by I. W. Tulley, Probate Judge, on Oct. 21st, 1875, for the sum of forty (40) dollars and costs.

WILCOX & GILHAM,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE.**  
FORFEITURE OF MECHANIC'S LIEN.  
To E. E. Covey and Leroy S. Estell: You will take notice that on the 25th day of October, 1875, William L. Van Alstyne, and John D. Leach, filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the 1st Judicial District in Nebraska, in and for Webster County, a petition for a judgment of two hundred and fifty dollars and ninety-one cents, and an order of sale of lot No. 4, in block No. 3, in Ladd's addition to the town of Red Cloud, Nebraska, to pay said judgment on mechanic's lien, and the said E. E. Covey and Leroy S. Estell are hereby notified that they are required to appear and answer said petition on or before the 13th day of November, 1875.

Dated October 25th, 1875.  
WILLIAM L. VAN ALSTYNE,  
JOHN D. LEACH,  
per E. F. SMITH,  
Attorney for Petitioner.  
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W. N. Richardson of this place is feeding 52 head of cattle and over 40 head of hogs.

Let. The road scraper belonging to Dist. No 2 disappeared from near Garber's store, any person having said scraper will please return the same as the Supervisor wants it to use immediately in repairing the roads.

—The Commissioners were in town Monday looking for O. P. McKinley the contractor for the repair of the Smith Centre road. The contract it seems had been performed unsatisfactorily but had been accepted by the Commissioners who are now trying to compromise the difficulty.

—George Zeiss has we understand concluded not to take out a license again, but proposes to keep a drug store and take his chances with the rest.

—There are two large corn cribs in process of construction in town. Messrs Garber and Baum are each building one. This is good for the Farmers who have corn to sell.

—Our Photographer was around taking pictures of the different business houses last Monday much to the delight of some of the boys who followed him around in hopes of getting a cigar from the different proprietors.

—The Evening Twinkler once more glimmers in our Sanctum. It is a welcome visitor.

—Last week we received the first number of the Inter Ocean published at Nelson Nuckols Co. Neb. and a very creditable sheet it is. Nuckols Co must contain an enterprising set of people to support two papers when Webster Co. does not more than half support one.

—The epizootic is appearing in different parts of the State. It would be for the farmers of this county to prepare for it by getting their horses in good condition to meet the disease. A good warm stable is one thing essential in treating this disease.

—Well that Sceptic was here, we did not see him but heard of him. He came but did not remember the poor printer, not that we cared particularly, but it is an axiom wise that no one succeeds unless they advertise, and this man came and failed.

—The Photographer who has been with us for some time past, left with family for the east last Tuesday morning.

—Persons desiring to take The Inter-Ocean or State Journal can get the same by sending through us together with the Chief as follows:

Weekly Inter-Ocean & Chief \$ 3.15  
Semi " " " " \$ 4.50  
Daily " State Journal " \$ 3.00  
Daily " Chief " " \$ 10.00

—There will be a Quarterly Meeting of the M. E. Church held at Red Cloud on the 20th and 21st of Nov. Rev White will preside over the meeting. All are cordially invited to attend.

**FROM RIVERTON.**

RIVERTON, Franklin Co., Neb. Pioneer Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 45. There will be a meeting for work in the Rebekah Degree, on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 4 p. m. All brethren in good standing are cordially invited to bring their wives and participate in the exercises, which will close with a collation under the auspices of the Daughters of Rebekah. F. L. & T.

—The people of Red Cloud enjoyed a very happy occasion last Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Potter celebrated their tin wedding, having lived under the genial bonds of Hymen for the allotted number of years. The roomy and spacious dwelling of Mr. and Mrs. Potter could not begin to contain their numerous friends and well-wishers. But all that could be accommodated were there, and laden with presents. The new shining tin-ware gleamed and glittered from every hook and shelf, while the table was ablaze with the glittering splendor. The brightness of the polished metal was reflected from the smiling faces of all present. Mrs. Potter possesses the happy faculty of making her guests feel thoroughly at home. The marriage ceremony was performed in a graceful and felicitous manner by the Hon. H. S. Kaley. Then everybody acted as if they had been married or some other great joy had befallen them, and then came the refreshments and wedding cake which made all the men envy the bridegroom. And then we came away and filled our sanctum with tobacco smoke as we reminisced over the questionable felicity of single blessedness.

Items from our Wanderer's Note Book.

**PERSONALS.**  
Hon. H. G. Bill and lady from Jones Co., Iowa, are stopping at the La Ciede House.

Judge Warner who has for the past few weeks been making his home at the Valley House in this city departed last Thursday. During his short residence among us the Judge made many friends by his genial and cordial manners.

Gen. Barber and lady from Nevada, are stopping at the LaCiede House. The General is a bluff, outspoken gentleman of the old school, and his lady is one of rare personal beauty and social and modern culture. The General expresses his satisfaction with the country in the highest terms, and has already invested largely in city and suburban property.

Commodore I. Baum, one of Chicago's merchant princes is stopping at the Valley House. Mr. Baum has we are informed, concluded to establish a branch wholesale and retail store in this city, and has already commenced building on a large scale.

The world renowned showman, Mine Herr Webber has concluded to establish himself permanently in the city. He has already made extensive preparations for building a mammoth museum fronting LaFayette Park.

Col. Weldon of Salem, Kansas, the celebrated stone contractor, has been in the city the past week, examining the stone of this vicinity with reference to its adaptability for building purposes. The Col is unbounded in the expression of his delight with our stone and has already filled several large orders to be furnished by the Ludlow Bros, the leading stone men of the city.

Mr. J. A. Tomlinson, Pres. of the T. K. N. & R. H. railroad passed up the valley a few days since to determine upon the advisability of beginning work immediately on the proposed extension of the Junction City and Kearney through this place.

**CRIMES AND CRIMINALS.**

Justice Warner ascended his rostrum and seated himself in his capacious chair with the air of a man who has at last found his vocation. After glancing with an expression of complacency on his fair round abdomen. He leisurely drew his tooth-pick from his breeches pocket, blew off the tobacco dust which had gathered upon it and summoned his faithful attendant, with the remark "Jim, Post up the prisoners and let's clear the docket as soon as possible, for to day is the old woman's churning day, and that really little devil that I have been keeping in clothes and board has played off on me." "All right your Honor," and the obsequious Jim posted off to the cellar after the prisoners.

A mivelling with a strong smell of onions and last week's dishcloth soon caused the Judge to sniff and look over the rims of his spectacles at the new comer. "Abigail Jones, this is the second time you have been summoned before the awful and sacred majesty of justice," (and the Justice took out his pouch and inserted a fresh quid.) "You are charged this time with the enormous offense of slandering your neighbor. Abigail, slander is a serious crime; it is like the deadly plague which suites down his victim ere he is aware. Answer me, Abigail, are you guilty or not guilty," and the Justice discharged the tobacco juice which had accumulated in his mouth with an ominous splash on the floor. Abigail, your silence bespeaks your guilt. Saucet cake and pies shall cease to tickle your palate. Green tea shall no longer stimulate your shagreened tongue. Bread and water shall be thy portion henceforth, for the space of thirty days. Officer trot out the next one." See Chief Supplement.

—The Red Cloud Base Ball Club is going to Burr Oak, Neb., to play a watched game of ball next Saturday. This will undoubtedly be the last game of the season, and a good time is anticipated.

**WANTED**—Spring calves for which I will pay the highest cash price at Red Cloud.  
Peter McNitt.

—Remember when in Hastings to call and see Zebrung & Co. 11-2w

—Just see how easy it is to pay for your paper. If you haven't the money you can pay for it with any of the following articles.

Wheat. Oats. Barley. Corn. Rye. Buckwheat. Flour. Meal. Potatoes. Cabbage. Squash. Barley. Beans. Pumpkins. Wood. Pork. Beef. Chickens. Butter. Eggs. And we were never yet known to refuse money.

—Zebrung & Co., keep a neat drug store and sell cheap. 11-2w

—It will pay you when in Hastings to call on Zebrung & Co., for Drugs, Notions, Oils, Stationary, School Books, &c., &c. 11-2

**TAKE NOTICE.**  
Red Cloud Nov. 3d. 1875.  
Nancy E. King left my bed and board on the 3d. of October without just cause or provocation. Any person or persons are forbidden harboring or trusting her on my account for I will pay no debts of hers or her families contracting whatever.  
John S. King.

List of uncanceled letters remaining in the Red Cloud Post Office Nov. 2d. D. Emel.  
Anthony Early.  
Wise Goudwin.  
T. O. Howe.  
Mrs. Rachel Halstead.  
Clark Johnson, 2  
James Murthy.  
Peter Newburgh.  
William W. Stoddard.

**Red Cloud Retail Market.**  
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY L. BAUM.  
C. Coffee sugar For \$1. .... 7 1/2  
Yellow Coffee Sugar ..... 8  
Choice Rio Coffee ..... 3 1/2 lbs. for \$1.00  
Rice 3 lbs. .... 1.00  
Tea per lb. .... 75¢ @ \$1.00  
Butter per lb. .... 18¢ @ 20¢  
Eggs per dozen ..... 30¢ @ 25¢  
Peanuts per yard ..... 30¢ @ 25¢  
Brown Shirting per yard ..... 7¢ @ 15¢  
Prints ..... 10¢  
Brown Drilling ..... 16¢ @ 33¢  
Heavy Brown Drilling ..... 33¢  
Boots (mens) per pair ..... \$4.50 @ 5.50  
Womens Shoes per pair ..... 1.75 @ 2.50

**WELLS! WELLS!**  
All wanting wells bored will do well to call upon W. W. HARVEY, Inavale, Webster Co., Neb. Good notes taken if desired.

**ONE HUNDRED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS**  
AND HOW TO MAKE THEM.  
The December Number of ST NICHOLAS will contain an admirable article entitled: "One Hundred Christmas Presents and How to Make Them."  
This article is full of practical descriptions, by the aid of which girls of all ages, and boys, too, for that matter, can make beautiful and useful Christmas Presents for all their friends and relations.  
IT WILL BE READY NOVEMBER 20th

**\$25. DAY!** **\$25. DAY!**

**WELL AUGER!**  
Having obtained the agency for the State of Nebraska for  
**OWEN'S CELEBRATED WELL BORING MACHINERY.**  
And provided ourselves with first-class machinery for making Wells, we take this method of soliciting orders from all who seek water supply.  
We are prepared to sink wells with the utmost speed and in a satisfactory manner.  
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Being the duly authorized agents for this State, we offer County, Township, and individual rights for sale.  
**SPLENDID BUSINESS FOR A SMALL CAPITAL.**

**\$25 a Day Guaranteed using this Well Auger.**  
**OWEN & MONTGOMERY,**  
**Guide Rock, - - Neb.,**  
**S. GARBER & Co.**  
DEALERS IN  
**Dry Goods and Groceries.**  
**BOOTS and SHOES**  
**Hats, Caps, &**  
**Ready Made Clothing!**  
**We have the Largest Stock in the Valley and will not be undersold.**  
**GIVE US A CALL, ONE & ALL**  
**S. Carber & Co.**  
Red Cloud, Neb.  
**THE ONLY PAPER IN WEBSTER CO.**  
AND THE  
**LARGEST PAPER**  
IN THE  
**REPUBLICAN VALLEY.**  
**THE CHIEF,**  
The interests of Immigration will be looked after, and the publisher desires the co-operation of all who desire to see Southwest Nebraska settled with live and enterprising pioneers. To this end furnish accounts of the resources and capabilities of the soil, the best locations still vacant, and, in fact, everything that will tend to induce immigration to the valley.  
All who are interested in having a wide-awake, lively, local newspaper published in the Republican Valley are invited to examine THE CHIEF and become subscribers.  
**MARK H. WARNER,**  
Editor & Proprietor.

**MARTIN PUPKA.** **JOHN BERNHARDT.**  
PROPRIETORS OF THE  
**RED CLOUD BREWERY.**  
**J. BERENZEN & CO.,**  
Webster Street, No. 105.  
A GOOD PURE ARTICLE OF LAGER BEER CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

**VALLEY HOUSE.**  
**J. C. WARNER, Prop.**  
Is always ready to attend to and make comfortable his patrons. This Hotel is entirely new, having been fitted up for the express purpose of the traveling public.

**STAGE LEAVES FOR THE RAILROAD ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, & FRIDAY OF EACH WEEK AT 7 O'CLOCK A. M.**

**I Claim to Have the BEST STABLE West of Lincoln.**  
Always keeping on hand a good supply of

**HAY AND GRAIN,**  
Also a good conveyance for the purpose of conveying passengers from this place to any other at reasonable rates.

**Red Cloud, Nebraska**

**O. L. BATTLES & SON.**  
—DEALERS IN—  
**SHELF & HEAVY HARDWARE,**  
And all FARMING MACHINERY at Grange Prices.  
**AULTMAN & TAYLOR**  
**THRASHING MACHINES,**  
  
**"MOUNTED" and "DOWN" HORSE-POWERS.**  
  
A good assortment of  
**NAILS, RAKES, BOLTS, CORN PLANTERS, SHOVELS, SPADES, FORKS, CARPENTERS' AND MASONS' TOOLS, PAINTS, OILS, NEWTON WAGONS, GLASS, TINWARE, GRAND DETOUR PLOWS,**  
with Wood or Iron Beams. with Wood and Iron Beams.  
And Everything needed by the Farmer or Mechanic.  
Fine Table and Pocket Cutlery.  
**O. L. BATTLES & SON,**  
**Guide Rock, - - - Nebraska.**

**W. L. VANALSTYNE**  
**RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA.**  
DEALER IN  
**PINE LUMBER, LATH SHINGLES**  
**Doors, Blinds,**  
**Sash, Mouldings**  
**Lime, Tarred Paper, Etc.**  
And every Article usually kept in a First Class Lumber Yard.  
**I GUARANTEE TO DUPLICATE ANY BILL THAT CAN BE GOT AT JUNIATA OR HASTINGS.**