

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF

A. C. HOESMER, - - Proprietor

FRIDAY, NOV. 21, 1884

Special Notice.

I am now permanently located in my new quarters three doors south of Dr. Sherer's drug store, and having a complete assortment in my line, am prepared to sell you goods as cheap as small dealers can buy them. If you wish holiday presents come and look over my stock while it is complete and get the first choice. In plated ware I have the very best goods on the market...

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

By the Governor of the State of Nebraska. The year now drawing to a close has been freighted with blessings in abundant measure to the people of Nebraska. The conditions that move the human heart to thankfulness surround us on every hand. The glad songs of peace and plenty go up from the happy homes of prosperous and contented people.

Teachers Wanted.

There will be a special examination of teachers at my office in Red Cloud on Friday, Nov. 28, 1884.

CITY BREVITIES

M. BIRNEY and wife were in Crete this week. A POLAR WAVE visited this section of country the first of the week. J. W. PAGO is a happy father. It is a boy, and arrived last Friday. MR. CHAPMAN, of Lincoln, is visiting his son-in-law, W. N. Richardson. Mrs. FIXER delivered a temperance lecture at the Baptist church on Monday evening. The Gardner House will soon have a new bus. The Red Cloud carriage works are building it. REV. NEWCOMB delivered several sermons at the German Lutheran church during the week. RED CLOUD has been supplied with plenty of theme for conversation for the last two or three weeks. J. C. BIRNEY and wife, parents of our fellow townsman, Mr. M. Birney, were in the city last week visiting. ANDY MEANS is too happy for any use. It is a little joker and Andy thinks it is the finest boy in America. THE RED CLOUD Creamery is running in good shape, and is still making a large quantity of butter daily. WILL SMITH, of Minden, vice-president of the Nebraska Lumber Company, was in the city this week. MR. LEW ALBRIGHT, of Ainsworth, is in the city. He reports business in a prosperous condition in that locality. JAMES HURBLE and other democrats went to Fairbury, Thursday, to jollify over Cleveland's election to the presidency. WILL BAILLAND, of Chariton, Iowa, is in Red Cloud. He will take a position with L. H. Wallace, the post-office jeweler. THERE will be skating all day at the rink on Thanksgiving. On the 28th Mr. & Mrs. Pettibone will give their fancy skating entertainment. On Monday the natives were greatly surprised to see the beautiful snow appear. The snow clad hills put one in mind of the fact that winter in all its magnitude would soon be upon us. N. B. DOWNEY has made all of the necessary arrangements to start a cheese factory at Guide Rock. Mr. D. is an expert cheese maker and will make the business a success. THE CHIEF wishes him prosperity. RUDROW & MILLER will be the name of the firm who will hereafter run the livery stable north of the Holland House formerly owned by E. V. Rudrow. The firm will start out with good prospects. They have one of the largest stables west of Lincoln. Red Cloud now has two as finely equipped livery stables as there are in the state. LAW GINGER's entertainment, which was to have taken place at the rink on last Friday evening, was postponed by the troupe through respect for Mr. Strohm, whose funeral took place on that day. Mr. Ginger intends paying Red Cloud another visit in the near future, probably under the auspices of the G. A. R. We hear the troupe spoken of throughout the state as well worthy of patronage.

JOHN SHIREY went to York Tuesday. JAMES MCNEERY was up the valley this week. BUCKWHEAT cakes and 'lasses' at Hacker's. MISS SHIELDS is the guest of Mr. I. N. Taylor and family. Mrs. DR. DAMERELL has been on the sick list for several days past. M. L. THOMAS is again able to be around after a few days of illness. Mrs. MARSH, from Beatrice, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Marsh. THE Ladies' Aid Society, of the M. E. church will meet Friday, Nov. 21, at Mrs. Herrick's. SEVERAL of our citizens went to Blue Hill on Monday to be present at Cook's preliminary trial. T. J. WRIGHT got a pretty severe fall the other day while on a hay rack. He came near getting his ribs broken. THE county commissioners were in Guide Rock on Monday, turning over the material for the bridge at that place to the contractors. THE schools in Webster county we are glad to learn are all prospering finely, and are doing well. We shall be glad to have all school teachers send us reports of their schools in brief form. On Thanksgiving night the Red Cloud Quartet will give their third entertainment at the rink. The R. C. Q. have justly gained a reputation for giving the most pleasant entertainments of the season. THE leaders of the Blue Hill mob of last Monday, will probably have a chance to talk business with Judge Gaslin on the subject of mob law. The penalty for such actions is said to be fifteen years in the state prison. REV. J. K. HARRIS and daughter, Mayday, started for Scotia, Greeley, county, on Thursday, which place they expect to make their future home. Mrs. H. will remain in Red Cloud for a month, on account of the illness of Mrs. Moore. REV. GEO. H. BROWN, pastor of the First Baptist church, has for several weeks past been entertaining his audience with a series of sermons entitled "The Gospel Railroad." Mr. B. is a fine pulpit orator and an interesting speaker. DURING this week the firm of Spanogle & Funk has been dissolved, and henceforth will be no more. The firm will from this on be Spanogle & Son, Frank Spanogle having become a partner with his father in the business. THE CHIEF wishes the new firm prosperity. WHEN a man once gets office he will always find hosts of fellows who are willing to sacrifice themselves for some good fat office. Such is the case now, and a great many applications are being sent in to our members of the legislature recently elected, for all kinds of favors in that direction. It looks very much like the proposed U. P. railway was no small matter. The head officials of that line with their special coach were in this city for three or four days last week, looking the country over, and we would not be surprised to hear that grading for the recently surveyed road had commenced. We hope it will. A GREAT many complaints have been made, and our attention has been called several times to a bad sewer which is in close proximity to the depot. It is said that the stench is perfectly awful at times. The proper authorities should see that it is fixed. Such places are regular breeders of disease. We would like to see some town that has two finer banking houses than Red Cloud. The Red Cloud National and the First National bank buildings would do credit to many cities five times as large as Red Cloud. THE CHIEF takes pride in the advancement of all institutions that lead toward the growth of the metropolis of Webster county. What is the reason that we cannot have some such institution as a canning factory, a sugar refinery, a foundry, chair, or wagon factory, or something of the kind. We have the best water power in the west, besides other advantageous surroundings for any of the above named institutions. Let someone make a start. Don't let everything fall through. Now is the time. THANKSGIVING will take place one week from last Thursday. If any people in the world have reason to be thankful it is the people of Nebraska, for on every hand prosperity and success have crowned the efforts of the citizens of the entire state. Crops of all kinds have been more abundant than at any time for years, and in the words of some illustrious contemporary we exclaim "we have much to be thankful for." ONE week ago, Joe Cook, the alleged murderer of Leonard Rall, did not have a friend in Webster county, but the brutal treatment he received at Blue Hill the other day has made him many. The proper thing for the people to have done, would have been to give him a fair trial in the district court, and then if the law did not do justice, it would be time for the people to act. If the law is lame the people of Nebraska are to blame for it. THE head officers of the B. & M. were in Red Cloud during the latter part of the week. It is said that surveyors have been working for six weeks on a line between this city and Burr Oak, but how true this story is we cannot say. We only hope that there is more truth in it than fiction. One thing is certain, that railroad magnates can not help seeing that Red Cloud is a splendid point for a railroad centre, and we believe they do.

WILL JACKSON is in the city. FULL line of Groceries at Hacker's. FLOUR, bran and chop feed at Hacker's. THE aid society's pumpkin social was a grand success last Friday night. J. S. NOLL has gone to Iowa. His father is very sick and not expected to live. THE funeral of Mr. W. H. Strohm was very largely attended on last Friday. PRESIDING ELDER GALLAGHER was in the city Sunday, attending quarterly services. DR. MOSENA went west this week. His future home will be Salmon City, Idaho. GEO. VALENTINE's familiar countenance was seen upon our streets one day this week. WOOLEN scarfs, mufflers in silk, wool and cashmere, over 25 styles of silk handkerchiefs at the Golden Eagle. Don't forget the Golden Eagle gives you a chance to win \$20, \$10 and \$5 in goods as an extra inducement to buy there. Who will be our next postmaster, now that Cleveland has got the bulge on the presidency? Echo answers, "Who?" THE Bedient family living near the depot are in very distressed circumstances, and should receive the sympathies of the people. THE city water works i. e. the town pumps, which have been in a very dilapidated condition for some time past have at last been partially repaired. A FIRE broke out last Friday morning in the implement store of Prentiss Bros. at Alma, destroying the whole building. No clue to the origin. Loss estimated at \$8000. S. H. H. CLARK with his special car arrived in Red Cloud on the 13th, and he and his companions, among whom was J. M. Eddy, spent a few days hunting in this neighborhood. THE highway between Red Cloud and Amboy has been repaired. The fence that closed up the road has been taken away and people can now come and go without fear of accidents. MR. JOHN TOMLINSON is the happy recipient of a \$400 team of horses as a gift from Walter Harris. Wm. Parkes is also to make a pair of \$11 boots for Dr. Elliott. "Twas Cleveland did it." FRIDAY MORNING Mr. G. W. Holdredge, Assistant General Manager of the B. & M., accompanied by Superintendent of Telegraph, C. E. Yates, arrived, and their car was at once run to Iola where they spent the day hunting. THERE is a rumor that there are to be some changes made in the depot at this point. There are several needed, for instance, a room for conductors to leave their things and make out reports, also a waiting room for ladies and other conveniences. The travel is very heavy on the road now and there are a good many passengers transferred from different trains causing considerable waiting on their part and better accommodations are required. Let us hope it will soon be done. At a regular convention of Calantha Lodge U. D. K. of P., on Tuesday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: P. C. - R. V. Shirey, C. C. - J. L. Miller, V. C. - H. C. Scott, Prelate - J. A. Tulleys, M. E. - C. Wiener, M. F. - F. D. Hummel, K. R. S. - W. H. Parkes, M. A. - John R. Shirey, I. G. - M. W. Dickerson. Mrs. ALMIRA D. YEISER wife of Rev. Geo. Yeiser, died at her home in this city on Sunday morning, November 16. Mrs. Yeiser was the daughter of Rev. R. T. Dillard, D. D., and was born in Fayette county, Kentucky, February 23d, 1833, married May 3, 1859, and with her husband and family came to Red Cloud in the winter of 1876, where she has since resided. She was an earnest Christian and a member of the Baptist Church. By her death this community loses one of its most estimable members, her husband a fond and loving wife, and her children a true and devoted mother. The remains were conveyed to their final resting place on Wednesday afternoon by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. "What Shall The Harvest Be?" "At last the proud waves lash the shore," and the republican party has been engaged in the democratic whirlpool. Therefore our register is too sick to duty, and will not be able to do crowd much for four years to come, except on state occasions. His name is 'Dennis,' and he is no good. Poor fellow, it will take a little soothing syrup to quiet his sufferings. "Salt River" will have a great many visitors this season—mostly republicans we fear. Alas! how soon fond hopes vanish, and are no more. Cupid's Dart. Again Cupid has entered our domain and claimed two victims. This time the happy couple are no less persons than our well known citizens, Mr. I. Frisbie, of Frisbie & Skeen, millers, and Mrs. Ann Mitchell. The nuptials were solemnized on last Thursday evening at Mrs. Mitchell's residence in the north end of town, by the Rev. C. B. Lenfest, of the Methodist church, in the presence of a few intimate friends. The high contracting parties took the evening train for the west, where they remained a few days spending their honeymoon. THE CHIEF wishes them much joy, and at the same time returns thanks for some wedding cake. May their joy never grow less.

JOSEPH COOK, He is Arrested at St. Joseph, Mo. And is in Custody Charged With Murder. Mrs. Rall Identifies Him As The Hired Man Who Was Last Seen With Her Husband. At Blue Hill Cook is Mobbed and Lynched by The Infuriated Citizens. After Hanging Ten Minutes He is Cut Down by Sheriff Warren And Brought to Life. On last Friday quite an excitement was caused in this city over the announcement that sheriff Warren had arrested and was bringing Joseph Cook, the alleged murderer of Leonard Rall to the city, and would reach here that morning at 9:25. In consequence a large crowd was at the depot anxious to see the man who could commit such a crime. Finally the train came in and the prisoner was taken to the Gardner house, strongly guarded. All day long the streets of Red Cloud were literally swarming with people from Blue Hill and vicinity, who were extremely anxious to avenge the death of Rall by lynching Cook, and had it not been for the influence of our prominent citizens, we dare say that Cook would have been in his grave, as the people were bent on having blood. Here and there could be seen small crowds of excited men discussing the crime and the man who committed the deed. It could be plainly observed what was passing through their minds. Excitement run high, but the better counsels of our citizens prevailed and the lynchers decided that it was only fair to give him a trial, and along toward night began dispersing for their various homes. But we suppose the more intense became their feelings on subject. However the sheriff was prepared to quell any outbreak that might have occurred in this city. Later in the day Charley Winfrey came in with the team and wagon which Rall was riding in when murdered. They were found in or near White Rock, Kansas, where Cook had traded them to a farmer for a black team and something to boot. Many people visited the wagon and team out of curiosity during the day. It seems from what could be learned, and Cook's own story, that he must have had a confederate and after the crime had been committed, they took to a southeasterly course for the Kansas line crossing the Republican river at Saperior, and from there to St. Joe where he was arrested later on by the Sheriff. One thing is certain, as a criminal Cook did not show good judgement, for at nearly every corner he would enquire for the road and by this means Sheriff Warren was easily able to track him with a certainty that would lead to his arrest at no late date. Once upon his track Sheriff Warren followed the trail with all possible haste to St. Joe, where the arrest was made. "Murder will out" and a man who dabbles in human blood is sure to reap the consequence sooner or later. When arrested Cook DENIED THE MURDER, but admitted that he had worked for Rall, but did not know that he was dead, and to this story he still clings with great tenacity. However, since coming to Nebraska, he admits to taking the team, and was identified as the man by Mr. Casson, of White Rock, who traded horses with him, and who came to Red Cloud on purpose to identify him. A gentleman by the name of Richard Meyers had the wagon when found. We presume that Cook thought he would destroy all trace of himself by disposing of his booty at White Rock but his persistent enquiry for St. Joe and other points along the line wore the web around him which was to be the means that would ultimately ensnare him. THE CHIEF believes that Cook should be given a fair trial by the courts, and if found guilty, should receive the extreme penalty of the law, but deprecates the false idea now prevalent that the people should take the case into their own hands, as it is not right. Mob law is now, as well as in times past, the instrument that destroys the very bulwark of well organized judicial institutions. The stern arm of the law should be able to reverse such crimes and protect the people. No law abiding people should listen or give their influence to motives which cause people to take the law into their own hands. Once at Blue Hill the excitement grew intense, although it did not appear in visible form until about train time, when it became evident that something was up, as nearly every man had a revolver or fire arms of some kind, which would lead one to believe that they did not propose to live up to the part of the contract they had made with Sheriff Warren, namely, to give the prisoner a chance for trial. And right here we must say that Sheriff Warren and his deputies did their best to protect the prisoner, but being outnumbered had no earthly show to cope with those who had decided to take the law into their own hands. The following are the facts gained by our reporter in regard to the mobbing at Blue Hill: THE LATEST. All day Friday the streets were thronged with an excited crowd, eager to get a glimpse of the prisoner. One individual whose curiosity got the better of his sense, attempted to force his way into the prisoner's room, but got unceremoniously bounced into the street for his trouble. The Blue Hill

delegation were here in force, thirsting for gore, but probably owing to a lack of organization and leadership no attempt was made to capture the prisoner from the strong guard by which he was surrounded. It is difficult to imagine what the result of such an attempt might have been, as the sheriff had a large force of resolute men at his command, and the mob would doubtless have met with a warm reception. After considerable parleying it was finally arranged that Cook should be taken to Blue Hill on Monday for a preliminary examination, the Blue Hill parties, including several of the most prominent and influential citizens of that place pledging their word that if this was done no violence would be attempted, and the law allowed to take its course. This pledge on the part of the citizens was grossly violated as the following account of THE LYNCHING will show. On Monday morning Sheriff Warren, accompanied by several deputies started for Blue Hill with the prisoner, arriving there he was taken before Justice Frank Baschow, where he was identified by Mrs. Rall, the wife of the murdered man, as the person who left their home on the night of the murder, in company with her husband. Other evidence was also adduced. At the close of the examination the prisoner was committed for trial on the charge of murder, and remanded into the hands of the sheriff. There being no jail in Webster county it was necessary to take him to Lincoln for safe keeping until the next session of the district court which commences December 9. Sheriff Warren had made arrangements with the railway officials for a special train to take himself and party to Hastings, and by a pre-arranged signal agreed upon with the train men, started with his man and three special deputies to board the train, but through the treachery of one or two of Blue Hill's citizens the mob who had already congregated in the streets were apprised of the move. Hundreds of men, women, and children were to be seen howling wildly and jostling each other in every direction. Curses and cries of "hang the son of a b—h" rent the air. There were also a number of special deputies appointed at Blue Hill but for some cause unknown they failed to be present when needed most. PANDEMONIUM seemed to be literally turned loose. Some 50 or 60 men made a bold dash for the prisoner and by the most violent efforts, a grand flourishing of revolvers, and a severe tussle succeeded in wresting him from the hands of the officers, and chucked him into a coal wagon, from which Deputy Sheriff Geo. Rall succeeded in pulling him out, but was again recaptured by the mob and again thrown into the wagon which was then driven rapidly out of town, halting at a windmill on the farm of Sol Mandellbaum, about one mile from town. During the melee on the streets deputies Geo. Dodd and M. W. Dickerson, of this city, attempted to pull a man off from the prisoner, but only succeeded in pulling off his coat in the pocket of which a rope was found. This rope being missed at the windmill a halter was taken off from one of the horses, but this proving too short for the purposes of the mob, a clothes line was stolen and placed around the neck of Cook. On being asked if he had anything to say he replied that he had said all he had to say. Again on being told that if he had anything to say he wanted to say it—d— quick, he merely replied that he had nothing to say. The rope was thrown over a beam or cross-piece and the victim hauled up some eight or ten inches off the ground, where he hung about ten minutes. Deputy Rall followed the mob and on his arrival at the mill attempted to cut the rope but was prevented from doing so. Sheriff Warren arrived a few moments later and cut the rope, amidst the cries of "don't cut him down, let him hang, the mob supposing their victim to already be dead, made no forcible resistance. Cook was taken back to town more dead than alive, where he was bled, and other means used for his resuscitation. During the night it took four men to hold him, the frightful contortions and convulsions through which he passed being indescribably horrible. On Tuesday morning he was brought to Red Cloud and again taken to the Gardner House where he is still lying in a pitiable condition, and has not as yet recovered the use of his reasoning faculties. If he recovers he will be tried for murder; if convicted and again hanged he will then have passed through the terrible ordeal of two executions for his crime. THE CHIEF regrets that the order loving and law abiding citizens of Blue Hill were unable to prevent the perpetration of so shameful and horrible an outrage as the one that took place in their midst on Monday. Mob law, the whipping post, and the guillotine ought to be consigned to one common grave and buried as relics of the darker ages. While Cook was in St. Joe, a reporter held the following interview which we give to our readers verbatim: THE INTERVIEW. "What were you arrested for?" queried the reporter. "For larceny, they tell me." "By whom?" "Deputy Sheriff Blagg, of Nodaway county." "Where did you come from to St. Joseph?" "From Cameron." "Have you been in Nebraska lately?"

"Yes." "Were you near Blue Hill in that state?" "Yes, sir." "Were you acquainted with a man named Leonard Rall, who lived near Blue Hill?" "Yes, I worked for him five days." "Did you have any trouble with him before you left?" "None in the world." "Are you aware that he is dead?" "No when did he die?" Up to this stage of the conversation the prisoner had answered the reporter's questions without hesitation and not once did he exhibit the least nervousness. When informed by the reporter that he had been murdered, however, that Rall was murdered on Saturday, the day on which he (the prisoner) claimed to have left Blue Hill, Cook raised further up in bed and seemed greatly interested. "Who murdered him?" was the first question he propounded to the reporter, and being informed that he (Cook) was suspected of the crime, he quietly remarked that he was not afraid to meet his accusers. He then related the following story and says he can corroborate it in every particular. "My parents, two brothers and four sisters reside at Guilford, Nodaway county, in this state. I left home three weeks ago to-day and went to Nebraska with the intention of going to work on the B. & M. road. I proceeded to Blue Hill and secured a situation, but a week ago last Sunday was informed that Leonard Rall, living a mile from Blue Hill, wanted a farm hand. I met Rall and he engaged me to work for him, saying that he liked my appearance better than he did that of two other men who had been after him for employment. I remained with him until the following Saturday, when I quit work. I remained on the farm until evening when I bade Rall good bye and went to Blue Hill, where I boarded a train and proceeded to Lincoln. I next went to Omaha, and from there here, thence to Cameron. I returned here to-day and intended going home to-night, but was prevented by Blagg arresting me. I had no quarrel with Rall, and when I left him Saturday evening he was in his usual good health." "How old are you, Cook?" asked the reporter. "I will be 21 years of age the 25th day of this month." "Were you acquainted with Blagg?" "Yes, I know him well, and he is acquainted with all of my people. I thought it rather strange that he should put shackles on me on the simple charge of larceny. When arrested he had on his person between \$10 and \$12 in cash and a revolver, but nothing else of value." REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS For the week ending November 15, 1884, furnished by J. G. Dodd, Abstractor. A M. Dorr and wife to Clara Sellers, wd, con lot 19, blk 23, \$500, Red Cloud. E. B. Smith and wife to D. M. Platt, wd, con lots 18, 19 and 20, blk 8, \$150 Smith and Moore's addition. D. M. Platt and wife to B. T. Reed, wd, con lots 18, 19 and 20, blk 8, \$250, Smith and Moore's addition. F. A. Swezey and wife to C. L. Dawson, wd, con lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, blk 3, \$275 Swezey's addition to Blue Hill. Emma Grasel and husband to Charlotte Simpson, wd, con lot 3, blk 6, \$50 Grasel's addition to Blue Hill. W. J. Vance, single to A. Arison, lot 6, blk 11, wd, con \$20, Inavale. C. B. & Q. R. R. Co to M. Malony, deed, con \$719, ne qr sec 31, tp 1, r 10. J. L. Kaley and wife to Sae McCartland wd, con \$600, se qr sec 3 tp 2 r 11. C. B. & Q. R. R. Co to M. Malony, deed, con \$666, w hf sec 31, tp 1, r 10. C. B. & Q. R. R. De to Thomas Finney, deed, con \$561, ne qr sec 27, tp 3, r 9. C. B. & Q. R. R. Co to C. C. Stout, deed, con nw qr sec 11, tp 4, r 12. D. E. Buck to Catharine C. Buck, wd, con \$1,000, w hf ne and w hf se, sec 22, tp 2, r 12. THE following is the report of the Gardner school for the month ending Nov. 14. Number enrolled 18; tardy 7. Branches of study, orthography, reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, grammar, history, and physiology. Those who are above 95 in department are Madie Street, Maggie Houchin, Ella Street, Grace Judd, Ralph Pope, and Lenard Munger. From 90 to 95, Mary Pope, Alma Street, Angie Gillard, and George Houchin. Those over 90 in their studies, Madie Street, Lewis Culey, Grace Judd, Lenard Munger, Ralph Pope, Alma Street, Mary Pope, Angie Gillard, Ella Street, Carroll Pope. ANGIE BRAY, Teacher.

SAY EVERYBODY Now is the time to get your HOLIDAY GIFTS! G. S. ALBRIGHT THE LEADING Jeweler OF RED CLOUD. Is now receiving his Holiday Stock which for variety and excellence in every respect beats any line of Jewelry ever brought to this city, embraces complete line of WATCHES, Clocks, Neckchains, Bracelets, Castors, Cake baskets, Pickle dishes, Toilet sets, Knives, Forks, Spoons, &c. And if you desire to purchase a fine present, or any kind of a memento for your friend, mother, father, sister or sweetheart, now is the time to do so while my stock is large and a great variety of all manner of things to select from. He keeps every thing the could wish or the heart desire, from a \$1 clock to the finest gold watches. Be sure to call and I will open your eyes on LOW PRICES. DON'T FORGET THE PLACE ONE DOOR WEST OF THE GARDNER HOUSE.