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THE FIRST ALARM.

Visit Red Cloud Sunday Morning at 3 o'clock.—The F. & M. Bank Burned.

Sunday morning at about 2 o'clock while Red Cloud people were wrapt in sweet repose, the silvery notes of the fire alarm came floating through the air with quick rapidity, bringing out people out of bed hastily, to discover, that the recently erected Farmers & Merchant's banking house was on fire. Only a few minutes passed before the fire company was on the ground and the boys had three streams playing on the fire in much less time than it would take to tell it. But the fire had got a good hold and before it could be gotten under control the inside was almost gutted. The fire seems to have caught in the first or second story and smouldered along undiscovered until it got a stubborn hold and then burst forth in all its fury. The building was only finished during the spring at a cost of $14,000, and the loss will not be far from $5,000. It was fully insured we understand. The origin of the fire seems to be a complete mystery, and the reasons so far assigned are spontaneous combustion or from the electric light wires. At one time it was thought the whole block would go, but the fire boys with great energy and commendable skill succeeded in confining the elements to the building altogether. The bank was surrounded for two blocks with frame buildings. The fire department are deserving of great praise for the successful manner in which they handled the flames and no doubt saved the insurance companies thousands of dollars by their promptness. Our city water works were fully tested and and if our people never appreciated the system before, they certainly do now. The minute the fire alarm was rung Engineer Vincent was signaled for direct pressure and in a few minutes he had steam on and the pump at work at full capacity. The way the fire was handled certainly shows the efficiency of our fire department and the ability of our water works to cope with a good sized conflagration.

The water works have certainly saved the city more than the cost of construction in averting the conquest of the fire Sunday morning. The bank will be rebuilt at once, and carpenters are now at work on the same. The F. & M. fire was the first of any one Red Cloud has had in the business center and as a consequence a large number of visitors visited the scene and looked at the destruction that the fire occasioned in so short a time.

Don Mr. McKeighan to Answer.

RED CLOUD.—As W. A. McKeighan has advocated free trade as the means to solve the problem for the farmer, I wish to ask him a few questions through the columns of your paper.

1. Did not the reduction of the duty on wool injure both the sheep and cattle industry?

2. Did not the putting of cattle products on the free list also injure the cattle industry.

3. If by h ering the duty or putting of the products of sheep and cattle on the free list injures these industries, does it not also injure the farmer that raises grain to sell?

4. How much cheaper are harness and boots today than they were eight or ten years ago.

5. If England is the model that we should follow why did the English capitalists that own the tin deposits in the Black Hills send their agent before the ways and means committee asking that a protective duty be put on the raw product.

6. Is not the present question in grain, meats and stocks more important to the producer than the present freight rates, and a more important question for the farmer to solve than the tariff issue?

7. Are not the laborers in this country better fed and clothed and in a better condition generally than the laborers of free trade England?

8. Has England abandoned free trade?

9. Has not the adoption of free trade always been followed by financial depression and a return to protective policy been demanded by the people through the ballot box electing protectionists to office?

10. By what means do you propose to raise the necessary revenue to meet the government expenses if we should adopt free trade?

The transportation question is a question that cannot be ignored. I see that Governor Larrabee of Iowa recommends a two cent passenger fare. I think that it would be more to the producer and the country as a whole to increase the passenger fare thirty-three and one third per cent and reduce the freight rates fifty per cent.

R. GRANGER.

General Sanderson got on a tantrum the other day and proceeded to do up his better half in the most approved "Marquis of Queensbury" fashion. She swore out a warrant for his arrest and Judge Tranbey assessed a fine of $10 and costs for his sport, and gave him 15 days to pay it in or go to the cooler of our recently erected bastile. Good.

M. L. Hill and family have moved to Red Cloud. They come from Indiana and are located on the Umphenover farm. THE CHIEF welcomes them to Red Cloud.

Another wonderful discovery has been made and this time it is a lady in this county. Hannah Hancock by name when spoke her and the spirit power she evidenced in spoken word, but by vital organs were condemned and death seemed imminent. For days months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She tried all a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and one or two bottles proved so relieving that she took a dozen and now she is well and hearty. Her name is Mrs. Lindsey Lane. Also Mrs. W. C. Hamphill & Son of Shelby, Ia.—Get a free trial bottle at Henry Cook's Drug Store.

Notice is hereby given that I will examine all persons who may desire to offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the public schools of this county, at Red Cloud, on the third Saturday of each month.

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