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BLAKESLEE & KALEY.

BRIEF MENTION.

Judge Duffy was in Guide Rock Sunday. John Runchey was in Blue Hill Saturday. Judge Wilcox was in Guide Rock Saturday. Attorney Chaffin was in Guide Rock Saturday. Robt. Banks of Riverton was in the city this week. W. N. Richardson was in Dubuque, Iowa, last week. A. H. Kaley is recovering from a bad dose of the la grippe. Mrs. T. E. Penman was visiting her parents in Cowles last week. Dr. Chamberlain made his usual business trip to Bladen this week. Madison Finch returned Sunday night from a visit with friends in Iowa. Archie Potter, employed on the Plattsmouth Herald, is home on a visit. F. P. Hadley is now better prepared than ever to do any thing in his line. Earl Burwell, who has been assisting Dr. Chamberlain, has been having sore throat.

LOCAL NEWS.

Engineer Bidwell is in the city. C. M. Calmes is home from the east. See Dr. Cullimore's dates in Red Cloud. Harry Pond has been on the sick list this week. Frank Quigley is now located at Oberlin, Kansas. J. A. Boyd is in Minden. He will be home this week. We are indebted to Mrs. J. Harris for an English paper. Ed Brown is talking of having an addition to his house. Mrs. H. D. Ranney was visiting in Blue Hill this week. Our streets were literally crowded Saturday with people. Chas. Schaffnit, insurance agency, office over Miser's store. The fire boys are home from Beatrice, and report a royal time. Mrs. M. A. Feller renewed this week for the Great Family Weekly. Rev. A. P. Hull expects to hold revivals during the month of February. Lew Olmstead is not in love with California. Read his California letter in another column. E. McFarland, the veteran groceryman of Red Cloud has had the interior of his store nicely papered. There is a slight change in our serial story, the story is "A Study in Scarlet" and each issue grows more interesting. Will Yeuser of chicken fame, has sold his henery to Mr. Bayless, and Will is now clinking gold dollars in his pocket. I. R. Branson and wife sailed Wednesday for a tour of Europe. They are relatives of W. J. Cozad and wife of this city. A number of ladies belonging to the W. C. T. U. visited their sisters in Inavale, and were entertained by Mrs. G. W. Knight. Samuel Fuller is back from Oklahoma. He says he could not find any money in that country and was mighty glad to get back. If your Eyes and Ears need attending see Dr. Cullimore, Red Cloud, with Dr. McKeeby, January 29th and 30th, 1894, Monday and Tuesday. The state agent, Mr. Blank and local agent Dick Gray, went over to Charley Arnold's this week and settled Charley's loss recently sustained by fire. A piece of scantling fell off the Moon block Saturday, and just missed Lew Albright. It would have lamed him sore for some time had it struck him. In another place will be found the program of the band concert to be given at the opera house February 13th. This is a splendid program, and will certainly be a grand success. It is rumored that Frank Potter of the Plattsmouth Herald and his brother Archie have bought the newspaper plant now occupied by the Belt and will soon assume charge of the same. There is a probability that Red Cloud's new postmaster will be appointed by the end of next week. There seems to be a little row on hand among the "dems" on the subject, and we are mighty glad that it is not our fight. Eli Perkins' lecture was, in part, a fine republican speech and hit the nail on the head. He showed up the difference between the American and the poor heathen Chinese to the perfect satisfaction of all. He was loudly applauded. This paper is under many obligations to W. J. Cozad for a handsome little "Finger Testament." It is a beauty, and no book agent on earth can tell you its intrinsic value so easily and so well, and in so few (?) words as our good brother, W. J. Cozad, 9216 Bowling Green Avenue, Red Cloud, Nebraska, U.S.A. We tender our solicitude. A certain gentleman who owes three or four dollars on THE CHIEF recently refused the paper at the Red Cloud post office. If the said gentleman does not come in and pay the same, we shall take great pleasure in running his name and account in the paper. We do not have any objection to people stopping the paper if they do not want it, but when they owe for it and don't even offer to pay for it, that is a horse of another color.

THOSE TAXES.—The very esteemed editor of our upstairs contemporary, says our little article in reference to the collection of delinquent taxes, "was out of place." THE CHIEF, in reply to the article fully understands the subject in discussion, and believes that the article was not only in place but perfectly proper. There is no sense in putting men to extra expense of three or four dollars costs to collect a few dollars, when the same could have been as easily collected for a two cent postage stamp. We know of men who aver that they went to the office to pay their taxes, and had the money to do so, but were afterwards distressed for the same, and out of pure cussedness as they claim THE CHIEF believes in men paying their taxes, but it does not believe in distressing people and adding costs, when a notice would have done the work, no matter whether the man was provident or improvident and especially does it work a great hardship where a man is poor and unable to pay. Numerous complaints were brought to our office in regard to the matter, but we had no particular desire to discuss the subject, as the treasurer and board of supervisors were not of our political faith. There is no doubt but what there was a considerable amount of unnecessary hardship worked by distressing many who were unable to pay without taking the necessities of life from their families. If a man has his home in Webster county and intends to live here, there should be no particular wish to force him to pay his taxes at the point of a distress warrant. THE CHIEF does not believe that there was actually 25 cases in Webster county where it was necessary to force people to pay, had they been properly notified. Ex-treasurer Fassler was not altogether to blame in the premises, as he was compelled to force the collections by order of the board of supervisors, but there should have been some extenuating circumstances we imagine where people were not prepared to do so.

OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.—It is generally acceded by all intelligent and deep thinking citizens interested in county affairs, that the board of supervisors are the stuff, and that our county was never better administered than at the present time. In fact, the present board is comprised wholly of a discreet and judicious body of prosperous farmers, entirely conversant with the requirements of their respective precincts, and with the county affairs generally. At the same time, they act in perfect harmony, and believe in dispensing justice and equity regardless of all consequences. There is very little school-boy style about the members of the board, but if anyone imagines they are unable to smile and look pleasant, or have a good time, they should watch their proceedings when off duty. At the Gardner house, during the evenings, they discuss the political issues, swap true stories, play whist and prepare for the next day's work. Each man can see more good features in his own precinct than any other, and all claim the best land, the purest water and the best society. Take them generally, and it would be hard to scare up a more jolly, and yet a business crew than the present board of supervisors.

FRATERNALLY.—On last Monday night S. B. Pierce, Supreme Commander of the Fraternal Order of Protectors, on behalf of the Red Cloud membership, re-organized Valley lodge No. 5, which had previously gone into innocuous desuetude. The ritual of the order has been wonderfully changed, until it has now one of the finest ritualistic services that we have ever seen, and we are somewhat of a "jiner" ourselves. The work is entirely new and has many attractive features that are not introduced in any other societies. It is sublimely beautiful and all of the old members should return to its folds. The lodge is now conducted on business principles from the supreme lodge down to the subordinate, and only eight assessments are made in any one year, and they are paid quarterly. The lodge now starts out with prospects that are brighter than ever, and with every evidence of a fine lodge membership before the year rolls by. Success to it. The grand officers will be here again on next Monday evening Providence permitting.

AN INDIAN PAPER.—It is not often that one has the pleasure to read a paper published over 10,000 miles away, but this week our friend Mr. Patrick Gilroy of Inavale, handed us the Pioneer published at Allahabad, British India. It is printed in English, and is 196 years old. It is well patronized and has some curious advertisements of which the following is a sample: Wanted.—Peacock skins, Monauls, Parrots and Bristles. Apply to JADUB CHUNDER, BISWAS, 13, Soorah, Calcutta.

Mr. Gilroy's brother is located there and is in the employ of the government railway as round-house foreman. We are under many obligations to Mr. Gilroy for the favor and will be pleased to have more.

The tortures of dyspepsia, the suffering of scrofula, the agonizing itch and pain of salt rheum, the disagreeable symptoms of catarrh, are removed by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, assist digestion, prevent constipation.

ELI PERKINS.—It is seldom that Red Cloud is accorded the honor of a visit by such a distinguished lecturer as Eli Perkins, (Melville D. Landon) and when that renowned humorist arrived in the city, our reporter sought an interview and found him at the Holland house, peacefully reclined on a comfortable sofa, no doubt, resting, preparatory to his lecture Thursday night. The reporter was very cordially received, and hardly realized that he was in the presence of one who had captivated the most aristocratic audiences in the world. In appearance, Mr. Landon would compare favorably with a jolly drummer, rather than a theologian. He is of medium height, compactly built, with dark hair, sprinkled with gray, very piercing gray eyes, and animated nature. He has an excellent command of language and seems overflowing with wit. He spoke rapidly and fluently on various subjects, touching politics, funny and ludicrous experiences incident to his varied travels in Japan and other parts of the world. When asked what he thought of the democratic times, he readily attributed the same to reckless legislation, and said the south were feeling its effects as severely as anyone.

"The democrats," Mr. Landon said, "seem so obstinate. If we would adopt a plank in our platform saying: 'God is Great,' the democrats would immediately draft resolutions signifying 'God is not Great.'"

"How long do you think the present state of national affairs will exist?"

Mr. L.—"I think not long, at least, from McKinley's attitude now." I suppose said the reporter that you have a great aversion to pugilism. "No," said he, I take considerable notice of pugilistic events, and will watch the results of the Corbett-Mitchell fight with interest. I have witnessed several great fights, have seen Sullivan fight three times and witnessed the great contest between him and Cardiff, when Sullivan's arm was broken. At this fight, I sat with Roscoe Conkling and Chas. A. Dana within eight feet of the pugilists. In one sense I think pugilists show a great temperance lesson, because, during their training, they never touch a drop of liquor, and it establishes the truth, that if one is to be a perfect specimen of health, he must abstain from all intoxicants."

Here dinner was called, terminating a very pleasant interview, and, after accepting a very kind invitation to attend the lecture that night, the reporter withdrew with an exalted opinion of Eli Perkins.

THE LECTURE. All who had the pleasure of attending the lecture, were highly gratified with the speaker's interesting and funny incidents. His descriptions of the distinction between wit, humor, satire, ridicule, pathos and illustrations of deformed grammar, rhetoric, spelling etc., were well received. In fact the audience was either so quiet as to hear a pin drop, or literally convulsed with hearty laughter during the entire lecture which lasted two hours and 20 minutes. Eli Perkins has certainly a clearer conception of fun and more tact to produce laughter than any humorist who ever visited this country.

CORBETT WINNER.—The great Corbett and Mitchell fight came off at 2:30 Thursday afternoon, in the arena prepared for them at Jacksonville, Florida; in the presence of the militia, who were unarmed and quiet. The fight lasted just 9 minutes. In the first round Mitchell got in some very hot work on Jim, but in the second he was knocked down five times! In the third round Corbett knocked Mitchell down as fast as he could get up and the latter was finally carried from the ring, insensible. Again Corbett is king, and well deserves the fame of being the greatest fighter in the world.

Mr. Dilley, clerk at the B. & M. eating house, served a lunch to five suspicious characters last Thursday night at 11 o'clock. All were mounted on horses and while one held the steeds, four of them came in and ate. After lunch and many curious questions they quietly withdrew, and from their many curious advances Mr. Dilley reported their actions to Agent Conover, who dispatched the same to various parts of the country.

Nebraska blizzard! Look at'er snow! ain't it cold? Go whiz! how it blows! Whoopie! Gosh! where's my heavy overcoat? etc. were the usual greetings Tuesday. Wednesday morning the mercury danced around below 20°. Some damage to stock is depaired of. Heavy storms are reported in various parts of the United States. In this locality however the weather has moderated very much since Wednesday.

W. J. Morlan with his family, including "Bones" the famous dancer, boot-black, and hotel man, left this week for Arkansas City, Arkansas. Mr. Morlan was an amiable and prominent fruit tree man in this place and will probably engage in a like business there.

Go and see Wright's. They have the finest line of heating stoves that have ever been brought to Red Cloud before. See them before buy.

Special Notice. The grand concert under the auspice of the S. V. cornet band will be February 13th, instead of February 14th as was announced last week.

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CITY NEWS.

E. J. Overing goes to Cambridge this week. J. L. Miller has been on the sick list this week. A fine biscuit flour at McNitt's, 70 cents a sack. Wright keeps the best gasoline stove in the market. Mrs. Mollie Neelander is home from the north part of the state. For choice smoked ham and fresh lard call on J. O. Lindley & son. Go to Wrights for school-house heating stoves. Best in Red Cloud. Remember J. O. Lindley & Son keep on hand the best fresh lard and smoked hams. If needing spectacles, see Dr. Cullimore, January 29th and 30th, 1894, with Dr. McKeeby, Red Cloud. More goods are being sold for a dollar at the Chicago Clothing Store than any where else in this country. We meet all competition on hardware etc., and sell you better goods—Wright the hardware man, Red Cloud. We will pay you 27 cents for corn and sell you goods cheaper than any merchant dare sell you—Chicago Clothing Co. This evening Mrs. M. R. Bentley gives a dime tea for the benefit of the ladies aid society of the Congregational church. The board of supervisors have completed their settlement with the outgoing treasurer, Chris Fassler, and have found everything correct. Ed Metcalf came sauntering into our office this week and rolled out a big dollar and says "send her on," and we jotted him down for '94. Monthly report of the Reading Room: On hand December 1, 1883.....\$ 95 Received in December..... 15 75 Paid in December..... 95 13 Bal. on hand January 1, 1894..... 75

The ice crop is here in abundance. Jas. McNony left for Lincoln Thursday night. Morris Sterns and wife returned last night from Philadelphia. Get your photos at Wegman's gallery and they will please you. Miss Margaret Miner is quite sick this week and unable to attend school. Mr. Musser living south of the city was on business in Omaha this week. Rev. Ely was in Franklin where he delivered two addresses before the Academy. WANTED.—To swap town property for horses, cattle, hogs, etc.—Fred Peterson, Red Cloud. Miss Emma Leigh who has been at Great Bend, Kansas, for some time, is home again. It is reported that John Tulleys has given up his school in Harmony, and Miss Lulu Potter has applied for that position. N. H. Bowman, of Orkland, Iowa, an old friend of County Treasurer White, is in the city this week looking up a location in the county. Photos did you say? Well then go to Wegman's gallery Red Cloud, Nebr. where he can supply you with any thing in that line. WANTED.—Seventy-five boys and girls to have their pictures taken at my gallery on Saturday next.—J. A. WEGMANN, Photographer. Conductor A. D. Green was in the city this week. He has changed runs and is now running from Republican City on the St. Francis route. Rev. Ely received a telegram from Concordia, Kansas this morning announcing the death of Mrs. J. R. Hallenbach, a former resident of this place.

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