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BLAKESLEE & KALEY.

BRIEF MENTION.

J. C. Warner is in Kearney this week. James Peterson returned from Omaha Wednesday.
 Henry Kohler of Blue Hill was in the city this week.
 Chas. Schaffnit was in Guide Rock Wednesday.
 Mrs. J. C. Warner is visiting in Hastings this week.
 A. H. Kaley is seriously afflicted with the pink eye so he says.
 Our continued story got a little mashed this week by an accident.
 Curt Evans lost a valuable watch while getting out ice last week.
 F. P. Hadley is now better prepared than ever to do anything in his line.
 Joe McClelland has recovered from the gripe sufficiently to be about town.
 The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Wm. Gates during the month of February.
 Mrs. S. Garling of Beaver City was visiting in the city this week the guest of Mrs. J. H. Smith.
 Miss Alta Peterson, employed at the B. & M. eating house, is visiting with friends in Howells.
 Mrs. Rich, the milliner, was visited by her daughter Mrs. Harmon Postmistress at Bloomington, and Mrs. Holmes of that place last Wednesday.
 Mrs. M. P. Camp who has been visiting for two months with the family of Wm. Gates returned to her home in Canton, Iowa, last Saturday.
 Anyone needing painting, kalsomining or hanging will save money by calling on F. P. Hadley, Red Cloud, N. D., Shop first door west of Miner's store.
 Miss Laura Boyd entertained a number of the Junior League of the Congregational church Monday night. The juveniles enjoyed themselves immensely.
 Mr. Chance, living in Line precinct, captured a genuine, live, American eagle last week and presented the same to W. N. Richardson. The bird measures 7 1/2 feet from tip to tip.
 The ice men are securing an abundant quantity of clear ice about a foot thick and are storing it away. Geo. Lindsey is storing 200 tons of ice in his ice-house in the meat market.
 Mr. E. M. Reid preserves the good name of the elegant lunch-room formerly run by Earnest Welsh. Mrs. Reid by her many courtesies is assisting in making it popular with the traveling fraternity.
 Attorney Chaffin grieves over the loss of his fine, large dog, which was crippled by a fall through the sidewalk, and had to be shot. If this would have resulted in the death of some person it would have cost the city enough to make walks all over the town.
 There is a great amount of kicking about the inconvenience experienced in sending telegrams with the telegraph office three-fourths of a mile away. Now we want the Western Union Telegraph company to establish an office up town right away. This is no joke.
 On last Tuesday evening a very interesting debate on the Hawaiian question took place at the A. O. U. W., lodge in which Hon. J. S. Gilham and Judge Wilcox were the principals assisted by T. J. Ward, D. F. McFarland and others. The boys enjoyed the debate very much.
 A report gained currency this week that Jim Strange formerly of this place was lynched at his home in Rich Hill, Missouri for cruelly beating his wife which caused her death sometime since. The rumor is not confirmed however and we are not able just at present to determine its authenticity.
 Col. Winfrey, Red Cloud's popular auctioneer, is having his hands full of sales these times. He cries one for E. Rife on the 10th, another on the 15th for W. A. Akers, eight miles north-west of Red Cloud, and still another, for J. G. Ferguson in Garfield township on the 13th, and still more coming. He always gives satisfaction.
 Mr. E. E. Cox, of Bloomingdale, Indiana, has taken a position in the Golden Eagle clothing store of C. Weiner, in the vacancy of Frank Cowden. Personally Mr. Cox is an affable gentleman and comes to this city highly recommended, he has been connected with clothing establishments all his life and is thoroughly conversant with all its varied details.

LOCAL NEWS.

Sheriff Runchey is in Blue Hill to-day. A fine biscuit flour at McNitt's, 70 cents a sack.
 Wright keeps the best gasoline stove in the market.
 Charley Smelser of Riverton was in Red Cloud this week.
 Get your photos at Wegman's gallery and they will please you.
 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.
 Saw filing neatly and quickly done at Jno. Wright's furniture store.
 Treasurer White was on the sick list this week, but is better at this writing.
 Col. Daggett of the Riverton Guard was in the city this week on business.
 The city will soon be in the turmoil of a political war. We sniff the battle afar.
 Remember J. O. Lindley & Son keep on hand the best fresh lard and smoked hams.
 A slight change in the time card brings No. 15 from Kansas City due at 5:45 p. m.
 Mr. Elera Rolph, a Jewel county farmer, was in this week and renewed for THE CHIEF.
 Wm. Sterner and family have moved in the Buckbee property just vacated by James Ford.
 The ladies of the Christian church gave a supper in Spokosfield's store last Tuesday night.
 Dr. Beck and Wm. Gates, had a serious runaway on their return from Riverton Saturday.
 If needing spectacles, see Dr. Cullimore, January 29th and 30th, 1894, with Dr. McKeeby, Red Cloud.
 We meet all competition on hardware etc., and sell you better goods—Wright the hardware man, Red Cloud.
 Sam Temple, while loading hogs the other day, strained himself, and he was compelled to lay up for a day or two.
 We will pay you 27 cents for corn and sell you goods cheaper than any merchant dare sell you—Chicago Clothing Co.
 There will take place this afternoon a very interesting discussion on the proposed income tax by the scholars of the high school.
 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.
 The ladies of the M. E. church gave a very pleasant social at the residence of Mrs. G. W. Lindsey's last evening. A large company was present.
 The Plattsmouth Herald, owned by Blanchard & Potter, was totally destroyed by fire last Sunday night at that place. The loss falls heavily on the firm inasmuch as the insurance was mostly in the hands of the man who held a large mortgage on the plant.
 Another public sale on the farm of J. G. Ferguson 7 miles southwest of Guide Rock and 10 miles southeast of Red Cloud on Thursday, February 13, 1894. Horses, mules, cattle, hogs, machinery, hay and other things to numerous to mention are on the bill. Terms of sale—A credit of 8 months, the purchaser giving approved security.
 The Congregational church ladies will give a pantomime sociable at the residence of C. L. Cotting on Tuesday evening, February 6th. The entertainment will consist of a pantomime exhibition of "The Babes in the Woods," also music, select reading (comic), games, etc. Come all and have a good time. Admission 10cts.
 On last Friday evening Mrs. M. R. Bentley, assisted by her sisters, Mrs. Neulander and Miss Sylvia Cook, entertained the public with a fine supper, the proceeds of which were devoted to the Congregational church. Nearly 200 people took advantage of the occasion. Mrs. Bentley went to the expense and labor and then donated the proceeds to the church, which shows a very generous spirit.

CITY NEWS.

Mrs. S. F. Spokesfield has returned home.
 Mrs. John Tomlinson, who is in Chicago receiving treatment, is much better.
 Rev. A. P. Hull preached in Superior last Friday night to a large congregation of Methodists.
 John Myers and Grant Usher's goods have arrived and they are being put in shape for business.
 James Ford has rented D. L. Groat's brick house in the south ward and has moved into the same.
 Mrs. Nancy Hilton says she could not keep house without THE CHIEF, and consequently says keep it a coming.
 John Wilson, a Kansas gentleman, was in Red Cloud this week doing business and came in and renewed for THE CHIEF.
 Rob't. Harris will read THE CHIEF for '94. Also, Joseph Laporte of Campbell and John Hodgson of Cowles, Thanks-gents.
 A grand skating party, took place at Roub's pond, last Saturday night. A host of our young folks attended the same and report a fine time.
 Mr. Kramer, at one time a cashier of the State bank of Lawrence, Nebraska, committed suicide at Lawrence, Kansas, the other day. He was well known in Red Cloud.
 A mush and milk social will be given by the ladies of the G. A. R. at the residence of David Keeler, for the benefit of the relief fund, on Saturday evening February 3, 1894. All are cordially invited.
 A party of young folks, consisting of the Christian church choir and others, enjoyed a pleasant time at H. C. Cutter's Saturday night. At a seasonable time lunch was served and a pleasant social time was enjoyed by all present.
 On February 15th, at 10 o'clock a. m. there will be held a public sale at Boynton's ranch, 8 miles northwest of Red Cloud. Mr. Akers has the sale and intends to dispose of a great deal of stock, farm implements, etc. Col. Winfrey cries the sale.
 There has been some talk of a change of time on the Burlington. A change for the better would be consummation devoutly to be wished. The trains do not run satisfactorily, as they bring the mail in late at night and makes it quite inconvenient.
 Sometime ago, a lady acquaintance of ours, whose husband was about to do the chores inquired of him in an absent minded moment, "if he wanted to have his supper before he ate?" And she really got provoked when they laughed at her until the joke was explained.
 We have sent out a large number of bills this week to delinquent subscribers, amounting to many hundred dollars, and we must ask those who owe us to remit at once as we can not afford to carry so much on our books. Our subscribers will therefore take notice and remit promptly.
 Ed Kellogg is home again. He has been in England twice lately, and says, after all old Nebraska is the place to live, as destitution is steadily on the increase in the old world. He does not think that free trade is a very good thing for a country, and consequently is not as much of a democrat as he used to be. A trip to the old world will cure meet any one of the democratic free trade fever.
A Poor Man's soliloquy.
 If I was only out of debt,
 And had good clothes to wear,
 And did not have to stew and fret,
 And fill myself with air,
 I'm sure I would be a blessing
 Which I could well endure,
 For then I'd stop fussing,
 My friends and neighbors sure,
 I'd invite my wife's dear mother
 To come and live with me,
 And treat her like a brother,
 And be as good as I could be,
 I'd feed her on spring chicken,
 And other viands rare,
 She could give my kids a tuck'n'
 Any time and any where,
 I'd buy the best of meat,
 And coal, and flour, and other;
 I'd take the bun from off the street,
 And help him point his nose,
 I'd give the preacher's "stuff,"
 "I would keep his 'prayer wheel' oiled,
 Then maybe he could pray enough,
 To save me being boiled,
 Or roasted, which is four times worse,
 And hotter, too. My lord,
 But then one does not need a nurse
 To take him from catching cold,
 But then I haven't got the means
 To follow my desires,
 My aspirations always lean
 To something pure and higher,
 Than ever I expect to reach,
 So I'll content myself in fate,
 And leave my roomer's study beach,
 For sterner reality,
 And go and split some wood.
 —Italia.

The first issue of the Nebraska and Kansas Farmer appeared Thursday. Despite the many adversities incurred in its production it is editorially and typographically neat and well arranged. Henceforth it will be a sixteen page journal, issued monthly and all printed at home. The paper is printed at the Belt office and the editorial rooms are over the postoffice. Its editors are J. D. Myers and Prof. G. R. McCrary, both gentlemen of deep erudition, and well known as men of high integrity, and good business qualifications. Their salutatory should receive the careful consideration of everyone interested in agriculture, or anything pertaining thereto, and THE CHIEF well knowing the inestimable value of such a journal predicts the day not far distant when the Farmer will be recognized authority on the subjects of which it treats, in every state in the union. We wish the projectors unbounded success.

Low Rates to the South.
 On February 12th, Burlington Route agents will sell round-trip tickets at the one-way rate, to all points in Texas and the south. Ask the nearest ticket agent for information about routes, stop-over, etc., or write to J. Francis, G. P. & T. A., Burlington Route, Omaha, Neb.

DEBATING CONTEST.

Last Friday night the wheels of a comical vehicle were heard rumbling toward the suburban village of Amboy, containing a jolly coterie of young people composed of Messrs. Ed Overing, Edgar Cotting, Alva Sellers of the Nation and Homer Kinsel, Misses Bianche Sellars, Flossie Ranney, Bertha Talbot and Cora Kinsel. Others from Red Cloud whose names the report er failed to learn went to the Amboy school house that night to be present at which proved to be one of the most animated and profitable discussions of the season. The question was: Resolved "that more knowledge is derived from observation than by reading." The honorable judges consisted of John Esmee of Amboy, Mr. Johnson and E. H. Fox of Cowles, Miss Mamie Beal and Vic Fulton of Red Cloud. Prof. Caster of this city opened the scene of action supported by Ed Overing, Ralph Pope, Edgar Cotting, Mac and Alvin Pope. D. F. Trunkney first faced the sea of human countenances with the leading negative points, with the support of Frank Frisbie, Geo. Laws and Wm. Clee. The house was filled to satiety, and the contest was extremely interesting and instructive throughout. Prof. Caster's speech was characterized by clearness, his statements being principally, practical illustrations. Alvin Pope was lauded praises for his wit and astuteness, while Ed Overing and Edgar Cotting displayed familiarity with the subject, and much oratorical talent. Ralph and Mac Pope acquitted themselves also admirably. Att. Trunkney did things up in style, and Messrs. Frisbie, Cox and Laws deserve much credit for statistical points and good sound argument. Nelson and Clee spoke fluently and to the point. The affirmative secured the discussion and the crowd dispersed fully realizing a mutual enjoyment and benefit from the event. There should be more such debates.

A PUGILISTIC EVENT.—Red Cloud has its sensations and last Saturday afternoon for a time things seemed riotous indeed. It appears that Dennis Finn presented a bill for payment to Hugh Gulliford, whereupon that gentleman became highly indignant and refused to liquidate. One word brought on another and Gulliford called Dennis some name he had not learned at Sunday school, at the same time threateningly displaying ostensibly a roll of paper, which subsequently proved to conceal a short piece of gaspise. This pugnaeous demonstration provoked the wrath of Dennis, and with the triumph of Corbett vividly portrayed in his imagination, he prepared for a personal encounter which appeared the inevitable result of the discussion. In the first round Gulliford assumed the aggressive and landed heavily on Dennis's cranium with said piece of gaspise, at the same time artfully evading a vicious counter from Dennis' left. Dennis maintained his equilibrium with admirable tenacity, and landed on the face of his opponent with a powerful right hand swing. This occurred in an instant and referees Pap Rust and Tuft Sutton declared the gaspise blow to be a foul, but the combatants clinched and a terrific struggle ensued, for a few seconds in which Gulliford's facial anatomy was badly disfigured. There was a lull in the contest, and without the sound of bell or gong, or a word from time keepers they began again, this time Gulliford using Mitchell's tactics of retreating, Dennis following closely, landing effectively on the head and neck, until both fell down in one promiscuous pile. Gulliford came up groggy, and reached for a stick of glove wood. Dennis did the same, when again the former retreated, this time running in Longton's saloon, thus practically ending the battle without extremely serious results. We are not well enough acquainted with the origin of the battle to judge just who is in the blame, but it seems that Dennis is a peaceable fellow, and we cannot blame him for not wanting to be hammered with gaspise.

Farm loans.
 I have a few thousand dollars of private money to loan on first class farms on five years time or less.
 GEO. W. BARBER.

Public auction February 10, 1894, at 1 p. m., at my residence 1/2 block west and 1 block north of post-office in Red Cloud, Nebraska. 1 Norman mare 5 years old this spring; 1 1/2 Hamiltonian horse 5 years old; 1 last spring's colt; 3 coming three years old; 1 registered Jersey bull 3 years old; 1 full blood Jersey cow giving milk and coming in, three years old; 1 coming one year old full blood Jersey Heifer; 1 large cow coming in combined; 1 coming one year old full blood Jersey Heifer; 1 large cow coming in combined; 1 disc and seeder press-drum in good. Terms of sale ten months from date with ten per cent interest from date until paid, purchaser giving note with approved security. Col. C. L. Winfrey, auctioneer.—E. RIFE.

Notice.
 The Webster County Mutual Protection and Anti Horse Thief association meets in Cowles, the last Saturday of each month, at 2 p. m.
 THOS. HODGSON, Sec.

THE G. H.—For many years back, in the dim vistas of time, His Lordship, the Ground Hog, has held full sway, in matters pertaining to weather prophecy, especially with the Sun worshippers, bush-wackers, and other ancient tropics, of which we have lost the records, or perhaps, if any records, they have been filed away in the archives of some European dynasty, and now lie mouldering in mildew, sub rosa, ad libitum, ad literam, de bono non, at a mode, etc., where even the foot prints of time have been obliterated, and the Whang Doodle mourneth for them with an aching auri-cle. To-day, we have the ground hog with us, not the ground hog that roamed the wilds of ancient and forgotten jungles, but one of his "ancestors" so to speak, who emigrated from the old world to the new—of course on the Mayflower. But whether he came over with the consent of Columbus, or some other bus, history is silent, but at any rate, the present hog is with us, and having seen his shadow, in miniature, we presume like some awful, and blooming glances of an outraged community who desire fine weather more than riches, and therefore the prosecution moves a continuance for 60 days to give the weather clerk a chance to prepare his side of the question.

RED CLOUD'S MARBLE WORKS.—While the majority of the enterprises are very dull at present, the Red Cloud Marble and Granite Works, do an immense amount of business considering the very bad democratic depression. We cannot fail to observe their competition with Lincoln and Omaha marble men, when in many cases orders come from near those places, and from all parts of the state. This week Mrs. Wm. Ducker gave them an order for one of the most expensive and probably the most elaborate monuments which ever graced the cemetery at this place. It is unique in structure, and novel in finish inasmuch as the stone is genuine granite, taken as it naturally comes from the quarry. It is six feet high and the die rests on a base two feet square. On the die is engraved in sunken letters, the dates of the birth and demise of Wm. Ducker 1825-93. The large base at the bottom bears the autograph Wm. Ducker in large raised letters. When it is understood that granite is the most expensive and difficult to work it will be seen that this monument will be most beautiful indeed.

COWLES P. O. ROBBER.—On last Friday the postoffice at Cowles which is located in postmaster John Storey's drug store, was burglarized and some \$81 taken therefrom. The plunder consisted however, mostly of ten, four and two cent stamps and three or four dollars in money. An entrance was effected from the front, and once in the thieves broke open the drawers containing the stamps and cash, and after securing all they could see in the drawer, helped themselves to cigars, and little trinkets they could find. The lucky part of the deal was that in the extreme back of the drawer was \$150 in bills which the burglars would have had if they would have pulled the drawer out three inches further. Suffice to say they secured their trivial booty and left suddenly, and nothing has been heard from them yet.

ANOTHER GROCERY.—The new firm of Myers & Usher are now nicely located in the opera house block with a fine line of choice groceries and dry goods. The proprietors require no introduction to the people, as both are well known to be substantial and honest. They have a nice location and a nice stock. The store will be graced with the presence of a refined and courteous lady, who will keep books and assist in the many intricate duties involved, Miss Bees Sellers acting in that capacity. THE CHIEF has no doubt, but that the new firm will flourish like a big sunflower.

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