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Have Our Merchants Degenerated?
 This is a question which it seems to us could be answered by the word "yes." Several years ago this city drew trade from a radius of forty or fifty miles and the firm name of some of the merchants were a by-word forty miles down in Kansas as well as in Nebraska. It is not that way today and it is getting worse instead of better. What is the reason for this? We have a number of the same merchants; they carry just as good stocks of goods; sell just as low and of course lower in accordance with the times than they did then. The fact of the case is this. The merchants have degenerated and have fallen into back-cast ways; they have got to be moss-backs. They wait for trade to come to their doors and do not seek for it as they did in times past. Five or six years ago most men in business who pretended to be merchants advertised; the columns of the home papers were filled with announcements and prices. People read these announcements and were drawn to Red Cloud to do their trading. Then it was hard for the papers to find room for all the advertising the merchants wanted to place in their columns but now a newspaper man has to get on his knees to even get a little bit. The merchants have declined in business push and are penny wise and pound foolish. Leaving out the fact that trade is gained by advertising there is nothing which speaks so well away from home for a thrifty city than the advertising that is seen in the local paper. You may be away from home and some friend will receive a paper and if it is well filled with advertisements of the home merchants you will hear him remark that the town must be a live one for the reason that the papers are well patronized. If they are lacking in this respect he will say that the town don't amount to much. Ponder over this and if you cannot place a ten dollar advertisement in the paper put in a one dollar one.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall Family Pills are the best.

New Sidewalks.
 A topic of conversation for a long time has been about the deplorable condition of our sidewalks and lately we understand property owners have had notice served upon them to either fix up their walks, build new ones, or the city will build them and assess the same up to the owners. We believe in new sidewalks just the same as we do in anything which will be an improvement to the city, but don't believe in repairing the old ones with stone box wood, nor, in fact, do we believe in building walks with wood at all. Some new sections of sidewalk were built before the late rains and were washed out in good shape by the deluge of water. If a wooden sidewalk is put in this month by next spring it will be delapidated by people breaking the boards and carrying them off for kindling. This has been done in the past and will be done in the future. We have boys here who are called by names resembling those borne by some of the best men we have in the city, who have been observed to deliberately stand and stamp on sidewalks until boards are broken. Our new mayor is

a great and mighty man perhaps, and there have probably been others who could be classed as nearly as great and mighty, and still the sidewalks have been broken and delapidated by these young vandals. We believe that the only way out of this dilemma is to figure out some kind of walk, either brick, stone or cement—something that will not burn. We do not believe that a brick pavement will cost considerably more than the wood walk taking into consideration its lasting qualities. Whether brick suitable for this purpose can be obtained in this city we do not know. Of course we believe in using home product if it be up to the right standard, otherwise we believe an outside product should be used. The city council should make an ordinance requiring the building of brick sidewalks at least in front of the business houses as the old ones need rebuilding. Wymore and several other cities near the size of Red Cloud have considerable stretches of good brick paving and this city should not be behind her sister cities.

Reasons Why Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is the best.
 1. Because it affords almost instant relief in case of pain in the stomach, colic and cholera morbus.
 2. Because it is the only remedy that never fails in the most severe cases of dysentery and diarrhoea.
 3. Because it is the only remedy that will cure chronic diarrhoea.
 4. Because it is the only remedy that will prevent bilious colic.
 5. Because it is the only remedy that will prevent epidemical dysentery.
 6. Because it is the only remedy that can always be depended upon in cases of cholera infantum.
 7. Because it is the most prompt and most reliable medicine in use for bowel complaint.
 8. Because it produces no bad results.
 9. Because it is pleasant and safe to take.
 10. Because it has saved the lives of more people than any other remedy in the world.
 The 25 and 50c sizes for sale by H. E. Grice, Druggist.

Will Exhibit Grain.
 We expect to make exhibits at several county fairs in Illinois this fall of the farm products of Webster county and to this end the B. & M. E. R. company have agreed to transport free of charge a carload to such places as we may select. To do this will require the co-operation of the farmers of this county. We will want several sheaves of the best of each kind of grain raised by a number of farmers, also bundles of all of the best grasses. The grain and grass should be pulled up by the roots or cut close to the ground so as to get the full length and be cured in the shade, and if hung up should be hung with the heads down and thoroughly cured. The bundles should be about eighteen inches in diameter. We want especially bundles of three cuttings of alfalfa from same field and later on we want the finest grain, well cleaned, one-half bushel of each kind, with yield, etc. We want all these from as many farmers as possible and each article will be marked with the name and postoffice address of the party who raised it. Do not be afraid of getting too much, we want a large sample of every kind of grain and grass that grow here. Also all kinds of fruit and vegetables. Everything should be cut at exactly the right time and well cured. This is the year to make a special effort to advertise the resources of this county. All articles for exhibition may be delivered to either C. W. Kaley, D. J. Myers, D. B. Spanogle or any Red Cloud real estate office.

"Last summer one of our grandchildren was sick with a severe bowel trouble," says Mrs. E. G. Gregory, of Frederickson, Mo. "Our doctor's remedy had failed, then we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which gave very speedy relief. For sale by H. E. Grice, Druggist.

County Institute.
 The teachers of Webster county assembled at the high school Monday in their sixteenth annual session and the institute is now running in full blast. Roll call was the order Monday afternoon and it was really surprising to see so many teachers present responding so quickly to the superintendent's call. We believe that the teacher who attends the institute during this hot weather ought to receive five dollars extra per month.

Monday evening the first social was given and from the ripples of laughter and the bright happy expressions plainly visible upon every countenance it would not be difficult for any one to see that the school marm and masters were having a huge time.

Tuesday evening Lieut-Governor Harris gave a lecture in the Christian church to a goodly number and placed the teacher's profession second to no calling on earth. The lecture was pregnant with interest and offered much matter for after consideration. Thursday morning the regular work began and everyone settled down to work. The teachers this year exhibit an unusual amount of vim and determination. They are taking the matter up in a systematic manner and are to be commended for their diligence and their evident desire of becoming more proficient in their line.

We heartily condemn such vilifying and altogether unreasonable articles as appeared in the Nation this week and openly assert that anyone guilty of publishing such an outlandish tirade against the faithful overworked teachers is a menace to good society and ought to be ignored by all intelligent people. 'Twas ever thus. A pop would loudly lament his fortune if his neighbor should find a gold mine and leave him in the cold. This misguided person thinks he is called upon to administer a vigorous "kick" even if done at the expense of the most elevating portion of our community.

From the work done this first week there is no doubt but what the teachers will receive excellent benefit from this the best of summer normals held in this county for many years.

Good Reading for July.
 With the exception of the noted world's fair number of The Cosmopolitan, which reached a price of five dollars a copy after the last edition had been exhausted, no stronger number of this magazine has ever been issued than that for July, 1897. The report of Julian Hawthorne, the special commissioner sent by The Cosmopolitan to India to investigate the horrors of the plague and famine, is of an extraordinary character, and will open the eyes of the world to conditions which were scarcely suspected. The same number contains what is probably the greatest poem of this quarter of the nineteenth century. This new rendering of Omar Khayyam's Rubaiyat, which departs entirely from Fitzgerald's, occupies four pages. Amelie Rives reappears as a story-teller for the first time since her marriage with Prince Troubetzkoy. One of the cleverest stories yet from the pen of Robert W. Chambers is given. The remarkable story of the war of the Maritans, by Wells, which is attracting the attention both of the scientific and non-scientific good-story-loving public, is continued, and there is a fourth story by a "Becket," elaborately illustrated by the humor of Peter Newell. The educational discussion—this time by Professor Peck, of Columbia—the story of "The Every-Day Life of a Sister of Charity," elaborately illustrated: "The Genesis of a Comic Opera," given by Reginald de Koven; President Gilham, of the Johns Hopkins University, on "The Bankruptcy of Science," and an interesting story by the Greek who conceived and brought into existence "The Streets of Cairo at the World's Fair"—these are some of the contents of this ten-cent magazine.

Money to Loan.
 In any amount at 5 per cent for 5 years on western town and farm property.—H. C. WELCH & CO., Bankers and Brokers, 255 Broadway, New York City.

WILLOW CREEK.
 Joe Brubaker returned home last Thursday accompanied by his sister Mrs. Ball of Valley county this state.

The "big four" took a special for Red Cloud Wednesday to attend the Greenlee-Nau wedding.

The heaviest rain for fifteen years visited this creek the 26th.

Everybody is getting ready for the largest harvest ever done in Webster county.

Every man and boy on the creek reset posts and fixed wire fences Sunday and run stock back in their pastures, all caused by the big rain Saturday.

Miss Maud Dagget of Red Cloud is visiting Bessie Wilder this week.

Four inches of rain fell last Friday night and Saturday forenoon.

Lightning killed a cow for Mr. Thompson and struck three horses belonging to Charley Brubaker, but only stunned them.

Bud Norris had two cows killed by lightning Saturday.

Mr. Moushang has two hired men now, the extra good crops giving work for three men on 320 acres of land.

Mrs. Charley Jackson is very ill and also two of her children with some kind of head trouble.

GAZELLE.
 There is a time for everything; and the time to attend to a cold is when it starts. Don't wait until you have consumption but prevent it by using One Minute's Cough Cure, the great remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles. C. L. Cotting.

LESTER.
 Harvesting is at a standstill on account of the wet weather.

Worst flood in this section ever known. Several bridges out and the road in bad condition.

Jessie Cockrell is visiting near Blue Hill.

Mr. Besse of Red Cloud was here Tuesday.

The Sunday school rally conducted by Dr. Hall of Cowles was well attended from different schools.

Miss Daisy Frisbie is attending the institute this week.

Dot Saladen sold a load of hogs this week to the Amboy Milling Co.

John Emich and family was visiting T. Barns Sunday.

John Saladen and wife were in Red Cloud Sunday.

Several hundred feet of the B. & M. track was washed out Saturday between here and Guide Rock.

What the Shakers of Mount Lebanon know more about than anybody else, is the use of herbs and how to be healthy.

They have studied the power of food. They nearly all live to a ripe old age.

The Shaker Digestive Cordial is prepared by the Shakers from herbs and plants with a special tonic power over the stomach. It helps the stomach digest its food, and digested food is the strength-maker.

Strong muscles, strong body, strong brain, all come from properly digested food.

A sick stomach can be cured and digestion made easy by Shaker Digestive Cordial.

It cures the nausea, loss of appetite, pain in the stomach, headache, giddiness, weakness and all other symptoms of indigestion, certainly and permanently.

Abstract of Assessment.
 In Webster county, Nebraska for the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.	NUMBER.	VALUE.	AVERAGE.
Horses of all ages	7756	45298 00	5 97
Cattle of all ages	15438	61083 00	3 96
Mules and asses of all ages	712	4064 00	6 55
Swine of all ages	7071	146 00	24
Steam engines, including boilers	31688	20395 00	67
Fire and burglar proof safes	24	544 00	25 08
Billiard, pigeon hole, bagatell or other similar tables	92	276 00	4 45
Carriages and wagons	0	50 00	8 33
Watches and clocks	2682	9857 00	3 68
Sewing and knitting machines	2100	2728 00	1 30
Pianofortes	1168	3083 00	2 64
Melodeons and organs	73	1289 00	16 97
Bicycles	416	2037 00	4 90
Merchandise on hand	48	873 00	7 77
Material and manufactured articles		14 00	
Manufacturer's tools, implements and machinery, (other than boilers and engines)		734 00	
Agricultural tools, implements and machinery		11283 00	
Gold and silver plate and plated ware		17 00	
Diamonds and jewelry		110 00	
Moneys of bank, banker, broker or stock jobber		216 00	
Moneys of bank, banker, broker or stock jobber, other than in bank, broker or stock jobber		616 00	
Credits other than of bank, banker, broker or stock jobber		7108 00	
Bonds, stocks, and state, county, city, village, or school district warrants and municipal securities of any kind whatever		1402 00	
Property of companies and corporations other than property hereinafter enumerated		10849 00	
Property of saloons and eating houses		245 00	
Household or office furniture and property		12428 00	
Investments in real estate and improvements thereon		11280 00	
Amount of railroad property		287206 00	
All other property required to be listed		28987 00	
Total value of personal property		\$ 560110 00	

REAL ESTATE.	NUMBER.	VALUE.	AVERAGE.
Lands—			
Number of acres of improved land	293596 50	578445 00	2 00
Number of acres of unimproved land	108310 15	214155 00	1 98
Total number of acres of all Lands	401906 65	792600 00	2 40
Lots—			
Number of improved village or city lots	2006	148906 00	73 97
Number of unimproved village or city lots	3259	19172 00	5 88
Total number of lots	5265	167978 00	31 82
TOTAL VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY		\$1529250 00	

Number of acres in cultivation in wheat	12,240
Number of acres in cultivation in corn	127,029
Number of acres in cultivation in oats	13,276
Number of acres in cultivation in barley	380
Number of acres in cultivation in meadow	10,755
Number of acres in cultivation in alfalfa	14
Number of acres in cultivation in sorghum	109
Number of acres in cultivation in millet	200
Number of acres in cultivation in potatoes	70
Number of acres in cultivation in rye	754
Number of fruit trees	61,324
Number of forest trees	844,717
Number of grape vines	9,505

To the Auditor of Public Accounts:
 I hereby certify that the above is a correct abstract of the assessment books made and filed in my office by assessors for Webster county, State of Nebraska, the values given being the valuation assessed by said assessors, and equalized and corrected by the county board of equalization.
 Witness my official signature and the seal of said county this 29th day of June, A. D. 1897.
 L. H. FORT,
 Clerk of Webster County, Nebraska.

Notice to Builders.
 Notice is hereby given that the board of county commissioners of Webster county, Nebraska, will receive bids for the building of a Poor House on the Poor Farm in Section 5, Town 2, Range 11, in Webster county, Nebraska, according to plans and specifications on file in the county clerk's office. Said bids to be filed in the office of the County Clerk on or before the 19th day of July, 1897, said bid to be accompanied by a good and sufficient bond. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
 Dated at Red Cloud, Nebraska, June 22d, 1897.
 L. H. FORT, County Clerk.

BERWYN, Neb., June 2, 1897.—I suffered for many years with sick headache and nervousness. After taking a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla, I was completely cured and I recommend it to every one.—Annie Thomas.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. 25c.

BACKACHE
 makes the young feel old, and the old feel that life is not worth the living. It's a danger signal of Kidney Disease—the unerring evidence of weak, inactive and sore kidneys. Any person cured of Kidney weakness will tell you that when the back ceased to ache, all troubles ended. Neither liniments, nor plasters, nor electricity can cure it. The seat of the trouble is not in the skin, back or muscles. It's in the Kidneys.
IT CAN BE CURED

I am glad to say that Dr. Hobbs' Sarsaparil Kidney Pills have had a satisfactory effect in my case. They have done all that I could expect and what you claim they do. They cured me of a terrible backache which I had for several months and after I had used two boxes I was well.
 AUGUST STYARKET,
 Cedar Rapids, Neb.

HOBBS' Sarsaparil Kidney Pills.
 SOLEMEN REMEDY CO., Proprietors, Omaha, Neb. Hobbs' Pills For Sale in RED CLOUD, NEB., by C. L. COTTING, Druggist.

DeWitt's Colic & Cholera Cure, Quality guaranteed and Standard.