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COLLEGE OPENED.

Formal Opening of New Educational Institution.

The Red Cloud Business College held its opening reception and exercises Tuesday morning. The ceremonies were appropriate to the occasion and were well received by those present. There was a disappointingly small attendance of business men, owing to the usual extra work following the New Year holiday.

The audience was assembled in the large study room and the exercises were opened with a song, "Speed Away," by a male quartet composed of Messrs. Albright, Cotting, Argabright and Albright.

Elder C. E. Davis of the Christian church read from the fifth chapter of Matthew, following which he offered up a short prayer.

Immediately following the opening prayer the quartet sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Rev. W. L. Austin, pastor of the M. E. church, delivered the principal address, and spoke very pointedly of the objects and aims of acquiring an education. His address occupied about a half hour and was listened to with the closest attention by the students and others present.

Attorney E. U. Overman delivered a few brief remarks, the main point of which was to show the young men that there were other and higher aims in life than the acquiring of great wealth or political power, one of which was to make "some good woman and about six children happy."

Councilman C. F. Cather was the last speaker on the program, and pleased his hearers with some very complimentary remarks about the founders of the school and a prediction that the institution would be a success and a credit to its founders and the city.

THE SCHOOL.

The school is located in the Damerell block, in what is known as Damerell's hall, with four adjoining rooms. As the demand grows, more rooms will be added. The main study room is the large hall on the north over Albright's furniture store, in which are a dozen or more large tables at each of which four or even more students can comfortably work, as well as elevated desks inclosed by railings, for book-keeping work.

The two small rooms on the south west are fitted up for stenography and typewriting work, while the center room on the south has sufficient seating capacity to be used for a lecture room.

The large southeast room is supplied with tables containing reading matter, desks, telephone, etc., and will be used for the office and reception room.

The enrollment this week is about twenty, with a large number in contemplation. The prospects for a successful school are very bright, and there is no reason why the young men and women of Red Cloud and adjoining towns should in future go to Lincoln, Omaha, Grand Island or other towns to acquire a business education when they can get as good instruction for less money at home, and at the same time help build up an institution which will be a benefit to the city.

The corps of instructors of the new institution as follows:

Paul S. Dietrick, principal; Mrs. Dietrick, Miss Lewis of Hutchinson, Kan., and John J. Garber of this city, who is acting as instructor in penmanship.

SUSPENSION BRIDGES.

Used by Man Hundreds of Years Ago For Crossing Streams.

The towline is doubtless the earliest, as it is still the simplest, application of a rope for the removal of material. Hitched to a floating log, the genesis of all water craft, canoe or sledge, it was used before history learned the art of writing or mankind the art of reading.

The towline was combined with the suspension cable as a means of crossing streams in the mountains of Hindustan at a very remote period. The suspension cable, often several hundred feet in length, was made of twisted fibers or slender stalks of climbing vines. This was solidly secured to large trees or masses of rocks on the banks of the chasms to be crossed. On this cable a wooden block, grooved underneath, was placed, suspended from which was a small rude platform or at times a simple loop of rope for the passenger or baggage. The wooden block, with its attached load, was pulled across the chasm in either direction by a towline attached to the block. This rude contrivance is the genesis of the most refined aerial ropeways of the present day and of the suspension bridge also, which is, of a crude form, of very great antiquity.

When the Spaniards first visited Peru they found suspension bridges which could be traversed by men and burdened animals. Some of these bridges were of over 200 feet span and were formed of half a dozen cables of twisted osiers stretched from bank to bank and passed over wooden supports. These cables were bound together by smaller ropes and were covered with a layer of bamboo, which formed a support for the roadway.

THE SOMALI.

They Are Habitually Idle and Always Merry—Their Peculiar Headdress.

By nature Somali are alternately docile and savage, nearly always merry and habitually idle. Even in busy Aden they work as little as possible and then do no manual work, for their inherent pride forbids that. Cab driving, boat manning and grooming are the general crafts of the Aden Somali. In the interior of his own country his principal occupations are plundering and cattle lifting, at which latter pursuit he is said to be unparalleled in skill. In religion they are all Mohammedans.

The great peculiarity of the Somali is, however, his hair, for, contrary to the custom of most races professing Islam, he does not shave his head, but allows his locks to run wild. Nor is his hair the wool of the negro, for instead of growing in one dense cluster all over his head, as is the case of the Galla, for instance, it tangles into long cords, not unlike those of a poodle, which, parted over his forehead, hangs down on both cheeks, often projecting almost as far as his shoulders.

Not content with the show of hair that nature and neglect insure him, he plasters his head with a peculiar light clay, which has the effect of bleaching its blackness to a light reddish hue, and a Somali in a new tobe, as their winding sheet of a garment is called, and a freshly clayed head is the very acme of dandyism.—Blackwood's Magazine.

A WAGNER ANECDOTE.

How He Showed His Joy at a "Parsifal" Rehearsal.

The following anecdote of Wagner is told by Alfred Reisenauer, the pianist, who, as a pupil of Liszt, knew the composer of "Parsifal" personally.

"Wagner was always more or less self-conscious," says Reisenauer, "and only at rare intervals did his friends see him in moods that could be called anything but premeditated. In Baireuth I saw him in a highly characteristic situation, and I never shall forget it. It was at a rehearsal of 'Parsifal.' The garden scene had just been admirably sung and danced, whereupon Wagner, in his exuberant joy, hugged and kissed the artists, and then, quite beside himself, got down on all fours and barked like a dog, concluding his exhibition by throwing his legs in the air and balancing himself on his head.

"At this interesting moment Liszt and several of his pupils, including myself, walked on the stage. Quick as a flash, Liszt, who always played the role of Wagner's self-constituted defender, said grimly, 'Well, if that's a pose, it's the hardest one in the world to hold, by thunder!' For the sake of themeister we tried to restrain our mirth, but the effort was not wholly successful. I firmly believe, however, that Wagner himself was secretly pleased at the sensation for which he was responsible."—Harper's Weekly.

EFFECT OF IMAGINATION.

Man Bitten by Harmless Snake Believed He Was Dying.

An English physician in India once told of an extraordinary case of the effect of imagination on the physical system. He says:

"Some time ago on visiting the hospital one morning I was told that a man had been admitted during the night suffering from a snake bite and that he was very low. I found him in a state of severe prostration; he was

hardly able to speak and seemed to be in a state of great depression. He and his friends said that during the night in going into his hut a snake bit him on the foot; that he was much alarmed and rapidly passed into a state of insensibility, when they brought him to the hospital. They and he considered that he was dying and evidently regarded his condition as hopeless.

"On being asked for a description of the snake, they said they had caught it and brought it with them in a bottle. The bottle was produced, and the snake turned out to be a small, innocent lycodon. It was alive, though somewhat injured by the treatment it had received.

"On explaining to the man and his friends that it was harmless, and with some difficulty making them believe it, the symptoms of poisoning rapidly disappeared, and he left the hospital as well as he ever was in his life in a few hours."

DOLL AVERTED WAR.

Kindness to Apache Child Prevented Trouble With the Indians.

A doll once averted a war with redskins. An American general was trying to put a band of Apaches back on their own territory, from which they had persisted in breaking out, but could not catch them without killing them, and that he did not wish to do.

His men captured a little Indian girl and took her to the fort. She was quiet all day, but her beady black eyes watched everything. When night came, however, she broke down, just as any white child would have done. The men tried in vain to comfort her, but finally the agent borrowed a beautiful doll from an officer's wife, which had belonged to her little daughter, and promised the Apache girl that she could have it if her sobs ceased. She then fell asleep.

When morning came the doll was clasped in her arms. Eventually the little Apache girl, with her doll, was sent back to her people. When the child reached the Indians with the doll in her chubby hands it made a great sensation among them, and the next day the mother came with the child to the post. She was hospitably received, and through her the tribe was persuaded to move back to its own territory.—New York Herald.

A Venomous Retort.

"Don't take it so hard, Mr. Playman," said the young woman mockingly. "There are other girls, you know. There's Lil Gumpkins, Sallie Plimbom, Kate Isnoggles and Fan Billwink. Any one of them would make a better wife for you than I would."

"I know it," he said, swallowing a lump in his throat and turning to go. "If any one of those four girls had said yes, do you suppose I would ever have thought of coming here for a wife?"—Chicago Tribune.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS AT KANSAS CITY.

THE WEEK'S TRADE REPORTED BY CLAY, ROBINSON & COMPANY, LIVE STOCK COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

OFFICES AT CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, OMAHA, SIOUX CITY, ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 2.—Receipts of cattle Monday were 5000. For beef steers trade was active with prices 10 to 25 cents higher than the preceding's finish. Cows and heifers gained 10 to 15 cents while stockers and feeders sold strong to 10 cents higher. Receipts today were 11,000 and all kinds sold at firm rates.

The following table gives prices now ruling.

Extra prime corn-fed steers	.. \$5 00-5 75
Good corn fed steers	.. 4 00-5 00
Ordinary corn fed steers	.. 3 60-4 40
Choice corn fed heifers	.. 4 00-4 75
Good corn fed heifers	.. 3 50-4 40
Medium corn fed heifers	.. 2 50-3 50
Choice corn fed cows	.. 3 50-4 00
Good	.. 2 75-3 25
Medium	.. 2 25-2 75
Canners	.. 1 50-2 35
Choice steers	.. 4 00-4 25
Choice fed bulls	.. 3 25-3 75
Good	.. 2 50-3 00
Bologna bulls	.. 1 75-2 25
Veal calves	.. 5 00-6 00
Good to choice native or western stockers	.. 3 25-3 75
Fair	.. 2 85-3 25
Common	.. 2 25-2 85
Good to choice heavy native feeders	.. 3 60-4 00
Fair	.. 3 00-3 60
Good to choice heavy brand ed horned feeders	.. 3 25-3 50
Fair	.. 3 00-3 25
Common	.. 2 50-3 00
Good to choice stock heifers	.. 2 50-3 00
Fair	.. 2 25-2 50
Good to choice stock calves, steers	.. 3 50-4 00
Fair	.. 3 50-4 00
Good to choice stock calves, heifers	.. 3 00-3 50
Fair	.. 2 50-3 00
Choice wintered grass steers	.. 3 50-4 00
Good	.. 3 25-3 50
Fair	.. 3 00-3 25
Choice grass cows	.. 2 75-3 25
Good	.. 2 50-2 75
Common	.. 2 00-2 50

Receipts of hogs Monday were 3500

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prices advanced fully 5 cents but trade closed weak. Receipts today were 13,000 and the market steady to 5 cents lower; bulk of sales were from \$5.00 to 5.17½; top \$5.20. Receipts of sheep Monday were 4500; market steady. Receipts today were 4500 and the market firm to 10 cents higher. We quote—choice lambs, \$7.95 to 7.50; choice yearlings, \$6.25 to 6.50; choice wethers, \$5.50 to 5.75; choice ewes, \$5.00 to 5.25.

Farms! Farms!

The fact that agents for loan companies advertise lower rates than their neighbors proves nothing. A loan company that has done business steadily in a community for 28 years, making loans to farmers every business day in the year to the entire satisfaction of borrowers, is a safe company to entrust with your business.

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Burlington Bulletin.

Special homeseekers' rates—greatly reduced round trip rates to the North Platte Valley and the Big Horn Basin. November 21, December 5 and 19. This is an unusually good chance for you to look at lands in these new regions, which offer a big profit to those who secure them early.

Home visitors' excursion—visit the old home when you have cleared up the season's work. Cheap excursion rates to various sections of the east. The only excursion, November 27, limit twenty-one days. Winter sunshine in the mountains—daily low excursion rates to Colorado.

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