

Get Ready for Christmas

Our full line of Holiday Goods is now here ready for your inspection. Seeing it while it is complete will suggest suitable gifts for everyone on your list. We urge you to come as soon as possible and as often thereafter as your time will permit.

Chas. L. Cotting DRUGGIST

Red Cloud - - Nebraska

A California Letter.

Willowbrook, Cal., Nov. 18, 1907.

Dear Chief:— I want to tell you a little more about southern California. We are having very pleasant weather. There were some rains in October and the grass is quite green now. The roses and geraniums and many other flowers are in bloom. We have had no frost and everything is lovely.

We drove to Long Beach one day last week. There are four large warships anchored there not far from the pier. They are lately from the Philippines. There were sailors everywhere in the city. They have some of the Philippines with them. The ships are the armored cruisers West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Colorado. We stayed in the evening to see the electrical display. The auditorium and the arch on the pier were entirely outlined with what looked like large gold beads, also the large bath house, the band stand and some other buildings, and the ships at sea were lighted up. It was a grand sight. Long Beach is a very interesting place, a good place to live if a person has plenty of money or paying business.

This is a great country for automobiles. The roads are good. On our way home twenty-four automobiles passed us, besides as many motorcycles. They have a very pleasant custom here in Compton of entertaining the old people at what they call a "sunset social." A committee is appointed of the younger women of the churches to make the preparations and all the men and women in the town and vicinity that are seventy or upward are invited. That just took me in last November and again this month. All the pastors and their wives were present. We met in the Bible class room of the Methodist church. After visiting awhile, we were called out on the steps to have our picture taken. In the front room were Mr. and Mrs. Seely, formerly residents of Red Cloud. His age is ninety-two and hers eighty-one. There was one old lady in that room who was ninety-three, and one who was eighty-five, and a gentleman of eighty-nine. The others were of all ages down to seventy, except one lady who said she was sixty-eight, but she came to bring her husband, who was much older. There were thirty-three of the old people, none of them native Californians, but people take a new lease of life when they come here to live. After a beautiful dinner a good program was well rendered and the farwells were spoken, all hoping to be present at the meeting next year. We all enjoy life very much here. There are no cold snowy days to dread in the winter, and no hot days and nights in the summer.

E. M. KNIGHT.

"Pickings From Puck."

"Pickings from Puck," Dubinsky Brothers' big spectacular production, which ran for nearly a whole season in New York and has had big engagements in other cities, comes to Red Cloud opera house Friday, December 13th. "Pickings from Puck" is said to be one of the most gorgeous and elaborate presentations of this class of entertainment ever exploited in America. The opera house management personally guarantees this to be the original company and will be presented here with the same cast and completeness as when seen recently in New York and Chicago.

Deaths and Funerals.

George Heaton.

George Heaton was born in Radcliff, Lancashire, England, May 30, 1838 and died of cancer at his home in Walnut Creek township, Webster county, Nebraska, Dec. 1st, 1907. Funeral services were held at the late home, conducted by Rev. Mahlon Points of the United Brethren church and interment was in the Walnut Creek cemetery. At the grave Mr. Cooper, an old neighbor, made a short talk in which he told of some of the many kind deeds performed by the deceased.

Mr. Heaton came to America in 1854 with his parents, who first settled in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. There were in all ten boys in this family, of whom only two survive him—James, living in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, and Samuel, living three miles east of Red Cloud. He was married to Miss Anna Easton November 7, 1859, in Torrington, Pa. In 1865 he moved with his family to Illinois and in 1871 to what is now Webster county.

Real Estate Transfers.

For the week ending Tuesday, Dec. 3, furnished by the Fort Abstract Co., L. H. Fort, Manager.

George S. Ewalt to Jennie S. Ewalt, wd. pt ne 27 pt ne se 28-1-17	8
George Heaton to William Heaton et al, wd, s sw 26-1-17	1
Annie Heaton to Aaron Heaton et al, wd, s se ne 35-1-17	1
Annie Heaton to William Heaton et al, wd, nw 25 se 37-1-17	1
L. A. Matthies to August Pfingston, wd, l l b l Buschow's add. Blue Hill	125
State of Nebraska to George W. King, wd, nw ne 21-1-10	250
State of Nebraska to George W. King, wd, n nw 21-1-10	500
Sarah M. Potter to Edward Hanson, wd, ls 10-12 b 13 R. C.	1000
L. H. Rust to Albert E. Smith, wd, ls 21-22 b 8 R. R. add. R. C.	25
Albert E. Smith to Silas A. Fincher, wd, same	50
George L. Columbia to Frances M. Clark, wd, sw se 28-1-9	2400
Laurence L. Boren to William E. White, wd, nw sw 10-2-10	2000
Lee Columbia to Omer Crowell, wd, ls 9-10 in 12-1-10	3500
Rosa L. Chambers et al to L. E. Tait, wd, ls 17-18 b 15 Smith & Moore's add. R. C.	500
Abram Kaley to David Watson, wd, ls 10-12, same	500
H. K. Brubaker to Charles S. Norris et al, wd, pt nw 23-2-10	1000
	\$17033
Mortgages filed, \$5104.	
Mortgages released, \$2830.	

Sears, Roebuck & Co. Indicted for Fraud.

The United States courts have indicted Sears, Roebuck & Co., the large mail order house, for using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes. They must now answer in court same as any criminal. Uncle Sam is now busy protecting the public from deception and fraud through the advertising of such concerns. Sears, Roebuck & Co. have been indicted on three counts, but this does not mean that they are not guilty in many other instances. Much more evidence is already in the hands of the government officials.

A married woman applying for life insurance in a paternal benefit society that issues policies on the lives of married women is held in Merriman v. Grand Lodge D. of H. (Neb.) 8 L. R. A. (N. S.) 983, not to be required to inform the society of evidence of pregnancy discovered subsequently to her application and physical examination.

A Denver bank recently received the following note signed by one of their lady patrons whose birthplace was the emerald isle: "Mr. Cashier:—Please stop payment on the check I wrote out today as I accidentally burned it up. It was made payable to myself and had been endorsed by me."—EX.

Business College Notes

L. M. STEWARD, PRESIDENT. The normal department opened up in nice shape Monday morning.

Prof. C. M. Wright spent Thanksgiving with one of the students.

D. A. Bunnel of Lawrence Nebr. entered the Business department this morning.

Music students should hurry and enroll. Mme. Hunderup, principal music department.

Notice to Bidders.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the County Clerk of Webster County for furnishing supplies to said County during the year 1908, to-wit: CLASS A. BLANK BOOKS.

- Squire Plain Records, medium per book
- printed head records
- printed page records
- tax lists, double-duty
- double-cap
- Patent books, per book.
- Canvas covers, per book.

All records to be made of Byron Weston's best Linen Ledger paper, extra bound.

- Tax Receipts for 1908.
- Tax Receipts for 1908 for carbon.
- Extra for printing year in red.
- Chattel mortgage files.
- Assessors' schedules, per 1000.
- Assessors' schedule files.
- Lithographed warrants, per 1000.
- Reversible document envelopes, per 100.

- CLASS B. LEGAL BLANKS.
- Whole sheet cap blanks, per 100.
- Half sheet cap blanks, per 100.
- Quarter sheet cap blanks, per 100.
- Eighth sheet cap blanks, per 100.

- CLASS C. OFFICE STATIONERY.
- Ink, Diamond, Carter's, Staffords or equal, per quart.
- Pens, Glucineum Spencerian, per gross.
- M. V. Ground Point Pens, per gross.
- Esterbrook's or Gillette's, per gross.
- Pencils, Perfection Nos. 2 to 4, per gross.
- Faber Nos. 2 to 4, per gross.
- Hardtmuth Koh-i-noor, per dozen.
- Hardtmuth Koh-i-noor copying, per dozen.
- Hardtmuth Mephisto copying, per dozen.

- Penholders, Tower's Bank No. 300, per dozen.
- Faber's cork-tipped, per dozen.
- plain polished cedar (swell) per gross.
- Erasers, Rubber No. 102, per dozen.
- Rubber No. 104, per dozen.

- CLASS D. LETTERHEADS, ETC.
- Letterheads, 12-1b, Franklin or equal, per 1000; noteheads, 7-1b Franklin or equal, per 100; envelopes, No. 6, No. 1 rag, per 1000; envelopes, No. 10 No. 1 rag, per 1000.

All of said supplies to be first-class in every respect and to be furnished in accordance with the requirements of the various county officers. Said bid and bond, in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, must be filed with the County Clerk on or before 12 o'clock, noon, on the 31st day of December, 1907.

Dated Red Cloud, Nebr., December 2d, 1907. LEE DE TOUR, County Clerk.

Notice to Bidders.

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of County Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, will on January 15, 1908, open bids for the building and repairing all wood and steel bridges required, for the period of one year.

All bids must be made according to plans and specifications on file in the county clerk's office and shall specify separately, the sum bid for superstructure per linear foot; piling and tubular piers per linear foot; lumber in caps, sways and bricking per thousand in place; all other steel in substructure pound price in place. Bids for repairing work to be bid per unit quantity in place.

So far as known the following bridges will be built: One steel span bridge 30 ft. long, across Willow Creek and others as may be determined by the County Board at contract price for the year 1908, and such other business as may be ordered by the Board.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for \$500 and filed with the County Clerk by 12 o'clock, noon,

December 27th, 1907; said check to be forfeited to Webster County in case successful bidders fail to sign contract within ten (10) days from date of awarding said contract. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

LEE DE TOUR, County Clerk.

School Notes

Miss McCutchen the high school principal spent her Thanksgiving vacation in Hastings.

A State Normal instructor visited the high school last Monday and gave a very interesting talk to the scholars.

Carl Jernberg who was accidentally shot in the right leg while out hunting Wednesday afternoon of last week, recovered to such an extent that he is again able to attend school.

Professor Moritz has borrowed Mr. Ovinger's surveying instrument and is giving the Trigonometry class lessons in practical surveying. He is teaching them how to use the instrument and take observations, also how to compute results after the observations are taken.

New Postal Bulletin.

The following regulations have been issued by the third assistant postmaster general:

Post cards and postal cards mailed under cover of sealed envelopes (transparent or otherwise) are chargeable with postage at the first class rate—two cents an ounce or fraction thereof. If enclosed in unsealed envelopes, they are subject to postage according to the character of the message—at the first class rates if wholly or partly in writing, or the third class rate—one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof, if entirely in print, and the postage should be affixed to the envelopes covering the same.

Postage stamps affixed to such cards inclosed in envelopes having an opening exposing the stamps cannot be recognized in payment of postage thereon. However, when such cards, properly addressed and prepaid, bearing no matter rendering them unmaillable under postmaster general's orders Nos. 146, paragraph 5, and 539, paragraph 4, when sent openly in the mails, are inclosed in envelopes, it will be assumed that they were inadvertently placed under cover, and they may be removed therefrom and dispatched without additional payment of postage.

AMERICA AT SEA

A Series of Articles Describing Life in the U. S. Navy

No. 3

PAUL P. BLACKBURN, Ensign, U. S. Navy.

The American Man-o'-Warsman at Work

That the American navy is intent to do serious tasks when the occasion arises is evident to the visitor aboard one of our men of war during working hours.

At 5 o'clock in the morning the bugler blows the "royal" and "all hands" turn out of their hammocks. Coffee is served and there is time for a smoke before the boat-swan's mutes pipe "turn to." The salt water for scrubbing down decks is turned on, and with trousers rolled up and scrubbing brushes in hand, the deck force proceeds to clean up the ship. At 7 o'clock (by which time they have worked up a good appetite) the decks are dry, and at 7:30 the workers go to breakfast. At 8:15 the call to shine bright-work is sounded. All the brass work gets its morning polish, the decks are swept and everything is made tidy for inspection. At 8:30 "sick call" is sounded and the sick, lame and lazy report to the doctor for treatment. Then at 9:15 the whole ship's company musters at quarters for inspection. For the next hour one of the general drills, such as "fire quarters," "general quarters," "collision drill," "abandon ship drill," etc., will take up the time. From 10:30 till 11:30 there will be gun drill, "ping-pong" or "Morris tube" practice, loading and sighting drill. At 11:30 work ceases, the decks are swept and the men prepare for dinner. At noon there is an hour for dinner and then more drill till 3:30. With fifteen minutes for quarters and setting up drill in the late afternoon, the regular day's work is completed. Supper is served at 6:00 p. m., and "taps" is sounded at 9:00 p. m.

The drills are varied so there will be no monotonous repetition of the same exercises. Wednesday is "rope yarn Sunday" and the men devote the drill period in the afternoon to repairing and putting in order their clothing. Saturday the ship is cleaned from truck to keel in the forenoon and the afternoon is a holiday. Sunday no unnecessary work is done. The captain inspects the ship and where there is a chaplain divine service is held. Not content with the regular work, the ambitious members of the crew devote their leisure hours to study and thus fit themselves for promotion to higher rank.

A Concordia man who had \$750 in a local bank in that city roared so much that the banker finally gave him his money, but paid him silver. He had to get a wheelbarrow to take it home, and now he has to lie awake nights for fear that someone may carry it off while he sleeps.—Exchange.

DR. PRICE'S

CREAM

BAKING POWDER

A Pure, Wholesome, Reliable
Cream of Tartar Baking Powder

The cream of tartar used in Dr. Price's Baking Powder is derived from grapes in the exact form and composition in which it occurs in that luscious, healthful fruit

Improves the Flavor and Adds
To the Healthfulness of the Food

Its Use a Protection and
a Guarantee Against
Alum Food