

## LOCALETTES

Buckwheat Ben at Fulton's.

Maurice Groat went to Edison, Neb., Monday.

Brakeman John Annis was in Atwood Sunday.

Ernest Redden came home Saturday from Hyron, Neb.

Miss Riah Olmsted is spending the holidays at Inavale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Amick left Sunday for a visit in Missouri.

County Attorney Blackledge was in Lincoln the first of the week.

A. Fringer and Frank Yetter were up from Guide Rock Tuesday.

FARM FOR RENT—200 acres on sec. 31-2-12. Inquire W. V. Law. 2t

Arthur Myers came over from Lebanon Monday to spend Christmas.

Miss Mary Temple of Kansas City is visiting with friends in Red Cloud.

Mrs. Perry Karg went to Oxford to spend Christmas with her parents.

Henry Phares went to Topeka, Kan., Tuesday morning to visit with friends.

Rev. J. M. Bates will hold services at Grace church the next three Sundays.

Chris Starke arrived home Tuesday from a visit with relatives in Milwaukee, Wis.

Mrs. Pearl Parker of Alva, Oklahoma, is visiting with her father, S. A. Fincher.

Mrs. G. H. Hollister and daughter Marie are spending the holidays in Lincoln.

C. W. Frink left Monday morning for Bloomington, Ill., to spend the holidays.

Dr. O. A. Nelson and wife went to Kensington, Kan., Sunday evening, to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hurd of Cowles left Monday for Wilsonville for a visit with Mrs. Hurd's parents.

George Van Camp returned to Brush, Colo., Monday morning after a brief visit with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Etherton came up Tuesday from Wymore to spend Christmas with home folks.

Miss Grace Frisbie came home Friday from Lincoln, where she is attending the Nebraska Wesleyan university.

Stickney Coombs departed Monday for a visit with relatives in Omaha and Grand Island during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Fölker of Topeka, Kan., are visiting with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Flencher.

Miss Flo Palmer, formerly a compositor in this office, arrived Sunday morning from Denver for a week's visit with relatives.

Ira Waggoner who has been singing in the quartet at the Brethren church went to North Branch Saturday.

where he expected to preach on Sunday, but suffered an attack of pneumonia and is reported to be in a very critical condition.

Cranberries for Christmas at Fulton's.

Mrs. Edith Hays is visiting with her parents Dr. and Mrs. Bomford.

Wm. Overman and sister Helen returned home this week from Lincoln.

Miss Stella Ducker of the Superior high school faculty is home for the holidays.

Mr. Howard Disley of Inavale and daughter Mrs. Wilson leave Sunday for Pennsylvania.

Charlie Dow and family of Newcastle Wyo., are visiting Mrs. Fannie Dow, mother of Mr. Dow.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tulleys and children of Salina, Kans., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Anna Tulleys.

Tom Chenny of Mc Cook is holding down the switch trick for Jim Annick while the latter is on his vacation.

Miss Gertrude Coon, one of the teachers in the Plattsmouth schools, is visiting with home folks and friends.

Drs. W. Irick & Riddle, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists. Glasses fitted. Over German National Bank, Hastings, Nebr.

A. B. C. coffee's as good as the best, at Fulton's.

Miss Anna Fulton, who is attending school at Concordia, Kan., came home to spend the holidays with her father, Willis Fulton.

Three of the Red Cloud churches that have small congregations were each presented with a ton of coal by Saunders Bros. this week.

See L. A. Haskins for fine potatoes. Newhouse Bros. carry the complete list of Edison Phonograph records.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kaley and son Charles went to Beatrice Tuesday morning to spend Christmas with relatives.

The icy condition of the sidewalks caused Mrs. Lavina Norton to fall Wednesday evening, breaking her arm.

Miss Mary Damerell has returned home from Washington, D. C., where she made quite an extended visit with her mother.

M. A. Mercer went to Gibbon, Neb., Tuesday noon, and assisted the orchestra at that place in the furnishing of music for a dance Christmas night.

Dresser scarfs and table covers in Austrian fillet work at F. Newhouse's.

"Swede" Clauson went out to Oxford the first of the week to spend Christmas with his brother-in-law, Jesse Ray, and incidentally to get acquainted with his new nephew.

Ladies' all wool underwear at F. Newhouse's. Now is the time to buy.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schultz went to Bladen Tuesday to eat Christmas dinner with Mrs. Schultz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Frazier came down Saturday from Marquette, Neb., to spend the holidays. Mr. Frazier is principal of the schools there.

A handsome line of Mexican linen drawnwork at reasonable prices. F. Newhouse.

Miss Winnie Sherman is home from Holdredge, and Miss Winnie Perkins, who is teaching at Minden this year, is here as her guest.

Lloyd Bradbrook, who went to Long Island, Kansas, some weeks ago to work in a lumber yard spent Christmas here with his mother.

Rev. J. R. Gettys, field secretary of Nebraska Wesleyan university, will preach at the M. E. church next Sunday, both morning and evening.

The term of the district court for the year 1908, set by Judge Dungan are as follows: February 30, equity; April 13, jury; September 24, equity; November 16, jury

A farewell party was given at the home of A. L. Hews four miles south of town, Friday evening. Mr. Hews and family expect to remove to Missouri in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Trueblood returned Tuesday morning from McDonald, Kan., where they had been called by a telegram announcing the illness of Mr. Trueblood's father. The elder Mr. Trueblood died last Thursday.

There will be a union temperance mass meeting at the Christian church on the evening of December 29, in which all churches are cordially invited to take part. There will be special music for the occasion, and the address will be delivered by Rev. A. A. Cressman. The meeting will be in charge of the ladies of the W. C. T. U. who will act as ushers, take up the collection, etc.

Always the Same



Charley Fort is visiting here this week.

Owen Whitely of Nelson spent Christmas here with relatives.

Prof. Moritz wife and children spent the holidays in Hastings.

Miss Perkins of Omaha is spending the holidays in the city.

C. D. Robinson has been somewhat under the weather this week.

L. B. Marsh of Bladen spent a few days this week visiting friends.

Ray Gard of North Branch, Kansas, spent Christmas in the city.

The board of county commissioners will meet in regular session January 6.

Miss Bessie Abbott of Sheridan, Ill., is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carey.

Miss Cora Garber of Lincoln spent the holidays with relatives and friends.

J. C. Saylor and wife spent Christmas in Kearney with Mrs. Saylor's parents.

Mrs. George Newhouse and children flet today for Campbell to make a visit with relatives.

Richard Bowen is home from Beatrice after a few weeks visit with friends.

Mrs. Anna Gillard and baby of Napoleon came to Red Cloud for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Whitaker and children are in the city visiting with home folks and friends.

Rev. Cressman will preach next Sunday morning upon theme "The church of Christ." A welcome extended to all.

A. B. Sellars of the the Red Cloud Investment Co. returned from the Texas Panhandle country Monday evening, and says he sold 328 acres on the last excursion. They will take another trip on January 7th.

Last night as the sheriff of Harlan county was about to enter the Alma jail to distribute supper to the prisoners, he was struck on the head with a stove poker in the hands of Vaner McGinnis who was standing behind the door. As the sheriff was about to enter he called out to McGinnis and his pal prisoner and was answered in two distinct voices from the rear of the jail. Not suspecting danger the sheriff entered, only to receive a heavy blow over the head, rendering him unconscious for two hours. The prisoners made good their escape and their present whereabouts are unknown. McGinnis' pal is a murder suspect.

### Superstitions About a Harmless Little Animal.

The shrew, or shrewmouse, as it is commonly called, is found in nearly all parts of the world. It is distinguished by an elongated, pointed muzzle, small eyes, plantigrade, six toed feet and glands that secrete a musky fluid. Altogether it closely resembles a mouse, but it is really not related to the mouse family.

When at home it is either under a pile of rubbish or in a hole which it has burrowed in the earth. It is nocturnal in its habits, but perfectly harmless. Yet at one time it was much disliked and persecuted because it was thought to be a dangerous, mischievous animal. Among the Italians the notion was prevalent that the bite of a shrew was extremely poisonous. The French and the English believed that if a shrew ran over an animal's foot the animal felt great pain and eventually became paralyzed; hence if a horse, a cow or a goat became a little stiff in its limbs the foolish people at once declared it "shrew struck," and the poor shrews had to suffer in consequence.

Of course the "shrew struck" animal had to have something to cure it, so an ash tree was selected and a deep hole was bored into its trunk. Then a shrew was captured, put alive into the hole, the hole was securely plugged, and the innocent little animal was left to die of starvation.

The ignorant believed that after such an act the ash tree had power to cure "shrew struck" animals, and whenever an animal became inactive or a little numb in its limbs its owner hurried to the "shrew ash," cut a switch from it and switched the "shrew struck" beast. The smarting caused by the switching naturally made the helpless animal move about as much as it possibly could, and in a short time it was pronounced "cured."

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### DIDN'T ASK ENOUGH.

#### The Lawyer Should Have Probed His Witness a Little Deeper.

A small but distinguished company of English lawyers sat talking over old times. Among them was Mr. S., who told the following story:

"I was retained," he said, "by an ex-soldier to sue for the recovery of £35 which he had lent to a friend. The late Mr. J. was counsel for the defendant. J. cross examined the plaintiff in his usual forcible way.

"You lent him the money?" Mr. J. asked.

"I did, sir."

"It was your own money?"

"It was, sir."

"When did you lend him the money?"

"In July."

"Where did you get that money, sir?"

"I earned it, sir."

"You earned it, eh? When did you earn it?"

"During the Boer war, sir," he said in a very humble tone.

"You earned it during the Boer war? Pray what was your occupation during the war?" Mr. J. inquired.

"Fighting, sir," the man replied modestly.

"Oh, fighting?" Mr. J. said, somewhat taken down.

"I smiled triumphantly. Mr. J. was very angry. Well, we went to the jury, and I, of course, had the last to say. I sailed away to glory. I spoke of the war, of the lives which it cost us, of the awful battles which helped to build up the glory of our nation, of the self denial and bravery of our men, who left home and wife and children and father and mother and everything that was dear to them and went forth to the fight. I worked up the jury and got a verdict for the full amount. As we were quitting the courtroom Mr. J. said:

"S., your war speech gained you the verdict. If you hadn't discovered through my cross examination that the man had fought in the Boer war, you would have been beaten."

"My friend," I replied, "if you had only asked the man which side he fought on you might be going home with a verdict. My client served under the Boer flag."

#### Maiden Insurance.

The Maiden Insurance company is a singular Denmark institution. It is confined to the nobility, and the nobleman, as soon as a female child is born to him, enrolls her name on the company's books and pays in a certain sum and thereafter a fixed annual amount to the treasury. When the young girl has reached the age of twenty-one she is entitled to a fixed income and to an elegant suit of apartments, and this income and this residence, both almost princely, are hers until she either marries or dies. The society has existed for generations. It has always prospered. Thanks to it, poverty stricken old maids are unknown among the Denmark nobility, but every maiden lady is rich and happy.

#### Hard to Dodge.

Englishman (on Atlantic liner)—Well, old chap, we'll soon be engaged with those blasted Yankee custom inspectors. American—You bet! And remember, old man, that the United States expects every man to pay his duty!—Puck.

Most people aren't so proud of being honest as ashamed of being poor.—New York Press.

He Robbed the Thief.  
From Czenstochowa, the Mecca of Polish pilgrims, comes an amazing story of coincidences. A pilgrim went to one of the priests and complained that some thief had stolen his purse while he was in church and asked for money. The priest replied that he had no money and that the best thing for the pilgrim to do was to try to find the thief.

"I shall go into the church and steal money from somebody else," said the pilgrim, "for I have nothing to go home with." He went into the church and, seeing a man in the crowd with a wallet on his back, slipped his hand into it and pulled out his own stolen purse, with the exact sum he had left in it. He was so glad to find his money that he hurried off to tell the priest, and the thief got away.—Warsaw Oor. Pall Mall Gazette.

A Delicate Task.  
"The newspapers," said the orator solemnly, "do not tell the truth."  
"Perhaps not," answered the editor regretfully. "We do our best; but, you know, there is nothing more difficult than to tell the truth in a way that won't put it up to some one to challenge your veracity."—Washington Star.

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