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**CLOAKS FOR 50c**

**ON THE DOLLAR!**

As the beautiful season of 1899 advances we find we have more

LADIES', MISSES AND CHILDREN'S JACKETS

in stock than we wish to carry over, and in

order to move them and

make room for the big

new stock for 1900 our

phenomenal trade demands

from now until these

goods are sold we

will cut the price

in the middle.

OUR PRICES are all in

plain figures and

one-half of the regular

price buys any of our

Ladies', Misses or

Children's Jackets

while they last.

**Miner Bros., Red Cloud, Neb.**

**ALMOST FORGOTTEN.**

Incidents of Every Day Life Which Very Few People Stop to Think About on Account of Their Littleness

All kinds of New Year's resolutions were made on the beginning of the year and it a source of much amusement to see the resolvers in their endeavors to fulfill their solemn obligations made to themselves.—The fellow who solemnly vowed he wouldn't smoke again can be seen going around chewing the end of an unlighted cigar.—Whether he lights it or not when he gets away by his loneliness or not we cannot say.—Another is the man who vowed and declared he would never, never more touch a drop of anything that made his stomach feel.—In many instances they are already ruined.—When a man or woman dies goes to turn over a clean leaf on the beginning of the new year they generally turn to one that is considerably soiled.—The chicken show was a dandy.—The exhibits were numerous.—The main trouble was the people didn't know there was going to be a chicken show.—Advertising pays in anything of that kind.—The advertising in the present case was very, very meagre.—However the show was a grand success.—Now is the time to subscribe.—What are you going to do about that canning factory.—Don't go to kicking it and crying it down before you know what kind of a proposition will be submitted.—The weather the past week may be all right for the average person, but it is rather hard on the ice man and the coal man.—There are some fellows in this town who are always hunting a job until one is offered them.—Then they have something else to do.—Some time in the future they may take a tumble.—At least it is hoped so.—The Evening Mail Club rooms are getting to be quite a resort for our citizens.—The members enjoy all sorts of innocent amusement.—The ladies now and then take a turn at enjoying themselves in the club rooms too.—It is a good thing and should be maintained.—One of John Griffith's "him" cows got loose last Saturday and you should have seen the gang on the corner scatter.—There are some delivery horses in this town which should be placed on the retired list and given a liberal pension of hay and oats.—It is now time to store away surplus toys and arrange an exhibit of fire works.—The county board are now the victims of much criticism.—The county judge question is the cause of it all.—The people have begun to recover from the effects of the holidays.—Why not have a dog show.—This would be interesting and there would be no need of going out of town to get exhibits.—About every kind, size and breed of dogs known could be found inside the city limits.—The revival meetings closed last Friday night.—The church added about thirty members, mostly children, and the revivalists added about \$140 to their bank roll.—This might be termed another case of "boughten religious experience."

"Boughten experience" is always the best although it is a little expensive.—Why is it that some churches can get money to pay a non-resident revivalist a good salary, when they always have to give sociables, suppers, and even pass around a subscription paper to raise their regular minister's salary?—This question is now open for discussion.—The early closing move has struck us in shape and everything now closes up when the twilight falls with the exception of the postoffice.—Now if Postmaster Hacker should decide to close the postoffice at 7 p.m. matters would be all right.—He should not be compelled to keep open any longer than anyone else.—And then too, it would not compel the business men and clerks to stay down town a couple of hours after business hours.—Now, if the worthy postmaster wants to do a good deed which will make everyone feel good (?) toward him he will close the postoffice in the future at 7 p.m.—He ought not compel our business men and clerks to stand around a couple of hours after closing time waiting for a letter that didn't come.—The business men close up to get rest and the postmaster should have a rest.

**CANNING FACTORY.**

An Enterprise Which Might Be Built in This City Which Would Be Beneficial to Everyone.

Mayor White this week received a letter from Messrs. Hastings, Pressprich & Co., Chicago, builders of complete canning factories, regarding the building of a canning factory at this place. As far as location goes Red Cloud is as favorably located for such a project as any town in the Republican valley, and a canning factory would undoubtedly be a good thing. Some of the benefits to be derived from such an institution, as stated by the letter would be the employment of from seventy to 150 hands, mostly unskilled labor, boys, girls, men and women. This means thousands of dollars purchase circulation which is now lost through idleness. Raw material is raised by farmers and gardeners, packed by home labor and shipped away for money, while we are now sending our money away for canned goods, and thereby depriving the people of cash they might spend at home. Every farmer living within ten miles of a canning factory has a ready cash market for all his sweet corn, tomatoes, apples, peaches, berries, pumpkins, squashes, etc., much of which is now lost for the want of a market. It increases the value of land, as the value of land is based upon its productive qualities or earning capacity. An acre of good land will produce from 300 to 400 bushels of tomatoes, at 20 cents per bushel, or \$80 to \$80 per acre. The usual price paid by individual factories is 20 cents per bushel, but when packed on the Toll Co-operative system the price is increased to 30 cents per bushel. Stock in a canning factory will pay a dividend of from ten to fifty per cent on the capital invested, as one-half cent a can toll is set aside to pay dividends on the capital stock, and cannot be used for any other purpose. So if a factory packs the small amount of 500,000 cans at one-half a cent toll per can it will amount to \$2,500, or 25 per cent on \$10,000, which is much in excess of the cost of a complete canning factory. The increase in the value of property, and increased benefits derived therefrom, would exceed the cost of the factory many times. The only question is could our citizens be induced to subscribe the necessary stock for the erection of such a factory. As yet no definite plan has been advanced by the builders, and until a proposition is submitted that will insure the building, maintaining and operating of such a factory nothing will probably be done, but should the matter be brought before the people in a manner that will insure the building and operating of the factory there is no doubt that the necessary stock can be sold. Our people have money to invest in home enterprises where the money will be a safe and sound investment but otherwise the people will have nothing to do with the project.

**Letter List.**

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice at Red Cloud, Nebraska, for the week ending Jan. 11th, 1900.

Boyd, W. C.	Castell, G. I.
Campbell, A. M.	Dow, John E.
George, P. J.	Good, John 2
Hutchinson, Thos.	Jones, Albert
Lea, Jas. B.	Little, Hiram
McMurray, A. D.	Olmstead, J. R.
Ramsey, E. R.	Smith, Bessie

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Jan. 25th, if not called for before. When calling for above please say advertised.—T. C. HACKER, P. M.

**The Wolf Hunt.**

The big wolf hunt took place as advertised last Tuesday, but was not as much of a success as it should have been. The trouble was that too many wanted someone else to do the rounding up and as a consequence the wolves escaped through the line owing to a lack of men. Had those who went to the closing-up point and waited to see fun got out and helped drive them in the result would have been more satisfactory. Some twenty wolves were chased up but only two were killed.

**ROYAL BAKING POWDER**

Imparts that peculiar lightness, sweetness, and flavor noticed in the finest cake, short cake, biscuit, rolls, crusts, etc., which expert pastry cooks declare is unobtainable by the use of any other leavening agent.

Made from pure, grape cream of tartar.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

**The Chicken Show.**

The chicken show which was held in this city this week was a success far ahead of the anticipations of the projectors of the show. The exhibit was as fine as any that could be seen at a state fair, and some of the poultry on exhibit resembled ostriches more than chickens if judged by size. There were in all forty-six exhibitors, one hundred and thirty entries made, and four hundred and sixteen birds on exhibition. The scoring was done by an expert judge, and his judging was criticized by some who had birds disqualified, but he knew his business and could tell a blooded chicken when he saw it. We had intended publishing a complete list of the exhibitors, together with the kinds of fowls exhibited by them and the prizes as awarded, but were unable to get the secretary's entry book in time. The managers are highly elated over the success that has crowned their first effort of having a poultry show in Red Cloud and will no doubt receive a more hearty support in their next attempt.

**DUTCH FLAT.**

Chas. Hilton is sporting a new gun. Guy Merrill has been on the sick list the past week.

Corn husking is over and the hum of the sheller is heard daily.

The M. E. Sewing Circle will meet Thursday at Mrs. Ida Kent's.

Grandpa Beardsley visited Ben Gibson last Friday and Saturday.

Many hogs are dying in the western part of this neighborhood with cholera.

Ervin Collins is building a new house and it is almost ready to be occupied.

Church services next Sunday conducted by Rev. Horton of Red Cloud.

Mrs. J. S. Wagoner and daughter Lena attended church at Ash Creek Sunday.

Will Gibson left last week for a visit with friends and relatives near Franklin, Nebraska.

Grant Christy's shattered hand has almost healed and Grant says he has lost no more rabbits.

Miss Josie Wolf and brother Omar spent Friday and Saturday with their aunt Mrs. J. S. Wagoner.

The Sunday school at this place is progressing nicely under the superintendency of Prof. Shannon.

Most of the farmers of this vicinity have cribbed their corn and will hold it for a hot time next summer.

Thomas Brown formerly of this place returned to Custer county, Nebraska, where he will make his future home.

Stray dogs got in Jos. Wagoner's stock pens and crippled one hog and a calf. People owning dogs should keep them at home or see that they are muzzled.

Mrs. Albert Slaby returned home from an extended stay in Lidiana where she went some time ago for her health and reports her physical condition much improved.

Jno. Wagoner has been closing up

one of the porches of his new house and repainting the whole building with the aid of John Young, but Young took the toothache and neuralgia and has too much cheek for anything at present.

John Witwer our well man has been using his big gimlet and yaller mule on the farmers north of Red Cloud for the past two weeks and never fails to make them happy. BOER.

An aching back, a disordered digestion, changes in the urine, headaches, nervous weakness, all points to Bright's disease. Take steps to cure the trouble before the disease develops its dangerous stages. Prickly Ash Bitters is a certain remedy. It heals and strengthens the kidneys, regulates the liver, stimulates the stomach and digestion, cleanses the bowels. It has been used in many severe and obstinate cases with the most gratifying success. Sold by C. L. Costing.

Blankets, blankets, blankets. Have you seen any large stock of blankets. Square blankets, cutaway blankets, wool blankets, 5-A blankets, Burlington stay blankets, bias girth blankets, Storm King blankets and in fact all kinds of blankets at low prices at J. O. Butler's.

OPEN NIGHTS UNTIL 7 P. M.

**CLOSING SALE!**

OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF

BOOTS,

WARM LINED SHOES,

RUBBER GOODS,

HEAVY GLOVES AND

MITTENS,

BEFORE FEBRUARY 1st.

**Sale Commences Now January 12th.**

Having bought heavily for the fall's trade, all of Stock is new and Up-to-Date.

All new goods must go at a great sacrifice. This is a genuine closing out sale of these lines whereby great bargains are to be had.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS SALE.

**Berg & Smith,**

FIRST CLASS SHOEMAKER AT YOUR SERVICE.

**City Dray and Express Line.**

E. W. ROSS, PROP.

Goods Delivered to any part of the city.

Charges as low as the Lowest

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