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This Government Won't Put Its Money

In a bank that does not guarantee it against loss.
Why Should You?

The United States will not deposit a dollar in a National Bank, on any other bank, unless the bank furnishes a bond for twice the amount deposited.

The United States Government can at any time make an investigation of any National Bank and learn all about its resources. But still the Government demands a guarantee for its deposits—why shouldn't YOU have protection.

Your deposits in this bank are protected by the State Guaranty Law—no matter what happens
YOU CAN'T LOSE!

WEBSTER COUNTY BANK
RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

20 FOR 20
Per Cent Discount **CASH** Per Cent Discount

Will Be Given On
Suits, Overcoats and Trousers

In addition to this discount I will give on some special lots of suits and overcoats a discount of
33 1-3 per cent

I am closing out Boys Shoes and will SAVE YOU 50 to 75c a pair on them
Some high tops at \$2.25

20 Per Cent off On

Sweater Coats, Flannel Shirts, Sheep Lined Coats, Duck Coats.

All the Boys and Children's Knee Pant Suits go at 1-3d off.

To clean up some odds and ends slightly soiled dress shirts, will sell "Cluett" \$1.50 shirts at 75 cents.

No goods sold at These prices Except for Cash.

PAUL STOREY
The Clothier

New Editor At The Helm

The patrons and readers of the Chief are herewith advised of a change in the management of the paper.

Mr. Hale retires and Arthur B. McArthur succeeds to the position thus vacated.

It will be the aim of the new editor to keep the Chief at the highest level reached under the management of its previous editors. The freest expression of the best thought of the community on topics of local interest may be looked for in its columns.

The Chief is a little proud that it has helped to give the state and nation democratic administrations of such high character that even adverse party criticism is always respectful.

This paper will continue to advocate measures and men whose election will be for the good of the country—and whose candidacy will reflect honor on the party.

It is many years since either of the papers of this city has been defaced by unkind words concerning its rivals, no one has been more pleased with this amiability than the present Editor of the Chief—and he expects a continuance of this friendly attitude.

The Chief will be swift to praise and eager in commendation; slow to condemn and guarded in censure.

And it wishes everybody a "Happy New Year."

High School Holds Exercises

The uneasiness which invariably pervades the atmosphere of an institution commonly referred to as "The juvenile prison," was entirely missing from the High School auditorium last Wednesday afternoon when a program was presented by talented members of the various classes, to the student, body and a goodly number of visiting alumni and friends.

Music and reading were subjects treated in a manner as to reflect credit not only on the participants, but local tutors as well. General approval of the entertainment was evidenced in the enthusiasm displayed in the closing song.

A few complimentary and pleasing remarks by Prof. Moritz in which the students were instructed to leave all text books in their desks, closed the session and with a "Merry Christmas," and "A Happy New Year," the school rooms were left to the solitary occupation of the janitor, and the sneaking, gray skinned scavengers of the domestic science department.

Nebraska Banker's Views

J. F. Walsh, for forty-two years a resident of Humboldt and a banker of that town, has a few things to say concerning his section of the state. Recently in the Humboldt Leader an article appeared from which the following is quoted:

"Back in those early times said Mr. Walsh to a group of friends in St. Joe, Mo., 'we frequently made guesses as to the future of the country. One could go out and buy the best farm land in Richardson county for \$10 an acre. Some ventured to guess that some day, long after after our days were over, farm lands would be worth \$50. A few years ago we raised to \$100 and fixed it at the extreme limit. Recently several farmers sold out and when they began to look about they discovered that they had made a mistake when they had sold at what looked like high prices. Then they turned around and paid a bonus to get their farms back. In Richardson county we have any number of farms that could not be had for \$200 an acre."

"In the county we have twelve banks. We have no cities or towns of any size so that the money on deposit in those banks practically belongs to the farmers. A careful estimate of the amount of money in those banks now place it at \$1,800,000.

Churches Hold Xmas Exercises

The festivities of the Yuletide began Christmas eve when public entertainments were held in the various churches of the city. The customary treat for members of the Sunday schools and the appearance of the long anticipated Santa were features in each instance.

Singing, reading, and drills, were subjects admirably handled by the intermediate departments of the Methodist Sunday School. The entertainment was witnessed by a capacity house, and the applause which succeeded each effort, was evidence that the ladies in charge, had in no way impaired an inviolable reputation in this line.

"Santa Claus on a Strike" was the theme of a pleasing and well rendered cantata at the Congregational church. The part of Santa by Glenn Walker and Mrs. Santa by Maureen Caldwell was exceptionally well taken.

The P. E. O. girls, were active workers under the direction of Rev. Bayne and A. B. Pierce, in bringing joy and gladness to seventy seven south end children Christmas afternoon, when a large tree was decorated in the home of Ed Lane, where the beneficients 60 of whom was under 15 years of age, came to receive donations of the several church and charitable organizations as well as private individuals of the city.

Regular church services were held in the Catholic church at 8:30 and 10:30 Christmas day.

The somewhat handicapped by the absence of a regular pastor the Baptist's report a good program which was followed by the distribution of presents and the usual treat to the young people.

The entertainment at the Christian church, the somewhat marred by the failure of torches to ignite in the tableau, "The Greatest Gift" was as a whole a creditable success. The church was beautifully decorated and a pleasing diversion from the usual tree was a ladder placed on the rostrum on which were hung the treats to young people.

Committed Suicide By Shot Gun Route

James Hughbanks, who has lived around Inavale for some time doing painting and farming, and who was married about July 1, 1913, loaded up a No. 12 shot gun with cartridges on Monday afternoon and stepped into a back room and shot himself through the body just above the heart. A doctor was called and he lingered about two hours and then died without making any statement with the exception that he did the act and didn't want them to aoid him for it. He had been living in Franklin county for some time on a farm. Coroner Ed Amack was notified and held an inquest. The verdict of the jury is as follows:

State of Nebraska, Webster County, ss.

"At an inquest holden at Inavale, in said county, on the 29th day of December, A. D., 1913, before me, Ed Amack, coroner of said county, upon the body of James Hughbanks, lying dead by the jurors, whose names are heretofore subscribed, the said jurors upon their oath do say: 'We, the jury, of the evidence shown in this case, do believe that this man, came to his death by his own hand, by the use of a shot gun loaded with a ball, and shot from a single barrel 12 gauge gun.'

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereupto set their hands, the day and year aforesaid.

Milo E. Powell, Foreman
C. G. Pitney,
R. E. Hunter,
H. C. Lovejoy,
C. H. Burgess,
W. E. Bean.



wish you all a
Merry Christmas

AND

Prosperous New Year.

E. H. NEWHOUSE

Optometrist and Jeweler

RED CLOUD, Nebraska

Webster County Pays Off Bonds

For years, or to be more accurate, since 1878, Webster county has been paying interest on \$475,000 railroad bonds, voted to the Burlington railroad in that year, to assist in the construction of that road from Hastings to Red Cloud and westward to the Franklin county line. From the date the railroad made its appearance, the development of the county was apparent, and therefore the investment was a good one for Webster county and Nebraska, although many of the years in which the bonds were running were hard ones for the early settler, and many times he found it difficult to raise the money with which to pay his taxes. The bonds were first issued in 1878, and run 15 years at 8 per cent, when they were refunded and drew 4 per cent for 10 years. During the round up of these bonds, C. D. Robinson during his incumbency as treasurer, paid off \$17,500, and \$17,500 has been paid off under the Koontz administration, the balance of the bonds were paid off under ex County Treasurer Frahm, and other treasurers. \$57,000 interest was paid on the bonds the first 15 years, and \$31,375 on the last ten years, thus making a total cost to carry the bonds of \$88,375 during the 35 years they were running.

We now have much to be thankful for, as Webster county has, No bonded debt.

No outstanding warrants.

And money on hand.

There are but few counties in the state can say that. Hurrah for Webster county.

December Weather Report

Temperature: Maximum [53 deg., on 3rd, 11th and 14th; Minimum] zero on 26th.

Precipitation: Total 4.11 inches.

Snowfall: Total 2 1/4 inches.

Number of days—clear 17, partly cloudy 4, cloudy 10.

Dates of sleet, Saturday, the 20th.

Prevailing wind—Direction NW 15 days.

Remarks—9 rainy days, 7 days with fog.

CHAS. S. LUDLOW, Observer.

1913 Weather Summary

Temperature: Maximum 108 deg., on July 16-17 and Aug 27; Minimum 22 deg. below zero Jan. 8th; Greatest daily range 62 deg., March 2. During the year there were 11 days below zero and 42 days of 100 deg., and above.

Precipitation: Total 22.16 inches;

December the wettest with 4.11 inches;

October the driest with .07 inches;

Greatest fall in 24 hours 1.73 inches Nov. 30th; Number of days with .01 inch or more 62.

Number of days—clear 209; partly cloudy 55; cloudy 101.

Snowfall 25 1/4 inches.

18 Thunderstorms

Prevailing wind direction N. W. 96 days.

Last frost in spring very light May 6th, first in fall Sept. 22.

CHAS. S. LUDLOW.

To Whom Concerned

Beginning Jan. 1, 1914 the news papers of Red Cloud will charge for all notices of entertainments, socials, markets, etc., where money is sought to be raised by an admission fee, by sale of articles, or by any other plan at the usual rate, per line per week. Such donations as the proprietors of the newspapers my desire to make will be made in cash instead of in advertising. Notices of church services, meetings of lodges and similar organizations will continue to be without charge.

Respectfully,

Commercial Advertiser

Red Cloud Chief

Webster County Argus

"God's Eternal Message to the Church" will be the subject of the sermon Sunday morning at the Congregational church. In the evening the subject will be: "The Hero and how He is made."