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**New Officials in Office Today**  
 The hour of twelve, midnight, Sunday marked the close of the old and the beginning of the new calendar year.

Today marked the closing of the old and the beginning of the new county official's year. On this date those who were victorious in the battle of the ballots will with all legal solemnity assume the duties of their respective offices.

Webster county's administration building was the scene of much activity, as there we witnessed the triumphant smile of the victorious candidates entering into the duties of their new offices, mingled with just a little sorrow and regret of those who had run the race and failed to reach the goal.

We have no words of reproach for those retiring from office. They have served the people to the best of their ability, and we feel that the new officials have both the ability and intentions of serving the people, who by their vote placed them in these responsible positions, in a manner that will be satisfactory to all.

Among the many new faces that will be seen at the Court House will be that of Frank Perry, county clerk. He is known to the majority of the people of this county and is a man of high character and excellent business ability having already displayed the same in the selection of his deputy, Mr. Bert Ducker, a man capable of rendering valued service to his superior and the people. With these two business men in charge of the affairs of the County Clerk's office the people are assured of an exacting account of the business transacted in this department.

Mr. Frank Huffer, assisted by Mr. P. H. Boner will see that every citizen's personal and property rights are respected. While neither of these gentlemen have, to our personal knowledge, won any medals for unusual valor, it is safe to predict that any violators of the law whose presence is desired at the tribunal of justice will be found there at the specified time.

As yet Frank has not announced his menu for his guests at the county boarding house but we venture to say it will consist of three squares of Webster county's products seasoned with a goodly amount of justice and humane treatment.

Rev. G. W. Hummel will inform us just what amount we will be compelled to contribute to the county treasurer, in the way of real estate and personal property taxes. We feel confident that a man so religiously inclined will see that each and every property owner will pay his just share, no more or no less. If there be any "tax dodgers" in the community we fear that his conscience will not permit him to make a false statement to one who has served as a minister of the gospel. No doubt Judge Ranney will meet with a little competition during the assessor's office days as many young people who have been struck by cupid's dart would prefer the blessing of a minister of the gospel to a ceremony of a judge.

The Misses Edith L. McKeighan, clerk of the district court, and Gertrude L. Coon, county superintendent, Mr. Frank J. Munday, county attorney, and Mr. C. D. Robinson, county treasurer will succeed themselves. They have already demonstrated their ability to take charge of their respective offices and the people may rest assured that they will continue to give them efficient service.

Messrs. Jas. Hubatka, John Knigge and Wm. Thomas are the newly elected county commissioners and will carry out the duties of this office without fear or favor.

**Farm Loans**  
 I can make you a farm loan at lowest interest and best terms to be had in the state. Please write me, or call for me at State Bank Red Cloud.—C. F. Cather.

**Will Have Department Store**  
 The metropolitan cities will have nothing on our burg when it comes to department stores, as in the very near future we will have right here in our city one business structure that will house three entire separate lines of merchandise—hardware, harness and tinning, plumbing, heating and electrical supplies.

Mr. G. W. Trine informs us that he expects to be located and ready for business in the building formerly occupied by R. P. Weesner & Co., Saturday, January 6th, as just as soon as Mr. Weesner has his goods transferred to his new quarters, in the Miner building, he will begin to move his goods into the former's location. It will be no trifling matter to move this large stock of hardware, but George says that he has a corps of able assistants all lined up waiting for the call to duty, and if he exhibits the same amount of skill and good judgment in overseeing this work as he has in other business matters it is a safe bet that the goods will be on the shelves on time. Being of a kind-hearted nature, George has decided to share his new domicile with his fellow men.

Mr. Wert Stevens, who, for the past five years has been in charge of the plumbing, heating, tinning and electrical work at Morhart Bros' store has resigned his position with this firm, purchased the equipment and supplies of Ed Hanson's shop, and will be at home to his friends, after January 6, in this same building. His many years of employment with Morhart Bros., as well as several years of experience before entering their employ has given him a thorough knowledge of this line of business and has also placed him in a position to know the wants of the people of this vicinity in this line of work. He is a young man of good habits, pleasant disposition and an industrious nature and we feel confident that all who give him an initial order will become regular patrons of his shop. The Chief and his many friends wish him success in his business venture.

Mr. J. O. Butler the efficient manipulator of the awl and wax-end will open a shop in this building and will satisfactorily repair all harness attire, and if it has passed the repair stage will gladly dress your team in a brand new set of harness, as he is not only going to do a general repair business but will also handle a line of harness and horse goods. He has heretofore exhibited his skill in this line of work, in the city, and the people know he can deliver the goods. Here's hoping fortune smiles on him.

**Weather Summary for 1916**  
 The following is the complete summary for the year 1916:  
 Temperature: Highest 106 degrees on Aug. 3rd. Dates of 100 degrees or more: July 16, 100; July 18, 101, July 23, 100; Aug. 3, 106; Aug. 4, 104; Aug. 5th, 100; Aug. 6, 101.  
 Lowest 21 deg. below zero on Dec 21st. Dates of below zero: Jan. 12, 12 below; Jan. 13, 17 below; Jan. 14 9 below; Jan. 16, 1 below; Jan. 27, 4 below; Jan. 28th and 29th 3 below; Jan. 30 and 31, 1 below; Feb. 1st, 15 below; Feb. 2, 12 below; Feb. 3rd, 2 below; Feb. 6th, 4 below; Feb. 7th, 1 below; Nov. 14th, 2 below; Dec. 13, 8 below; Dec. 14th, 5 below; Dec. 18, 12 below; Dec. 20th, 9 below; Dec. 21, 21 below; Dec. 22, 9 below; Dec. 23, 3 below; Dec. 27, 1 below; Dec. 28th, 1 below; Dec. 29th, 4 below; Dec. 30th, 1 below. Greatest daily range 52 deg. on May 8, least variation 4 deg. on Nov. 12th, mean for the year 51 deg.  
 Precipitation: Total 17.90 inches Mean 25.27 inches. Wettest month, June with 5.11 inches; Driest month, November with 0.03; Greatest fall in 24 hours, 1.74 inches on Aug. 11th. Number of days with .01 inch or more 70.  
 Number of days—clear 223, partly cloudy 54, cloudy 89.  
 Thunderstorms 33.  
 Snowfall 26 inches  
 Prevailing wind direction N W 118 days. Frosts: Last in spring May 1st, first in fall Sept. 15th and 29th.  
 Chas. S. Ludlow, Observer.

**Public Sale**  
 Having sold my farm I will sell at Public Auction on the same 8 miles north and 2 west of Red Cloud, 5 miles west and 2 miles north of Cowles, 8 miles south and 2 miles east of Bladen, commencing at 10 o'clock, on Thursday Jan. 11, 1917. 94 head of stock consisting of 7 head of horses, 34 head of cattle, 52 head of hogs, farm machinery, etc. G. BROMMER, owner.  
 Lunch on the grounds. Col. J. H. Ellinger, Auctioneer. W. A. Sherwood, Clerk.

**FOR SALE**  
 Thoroughbred **Scotch Collie Pups**—Sire and Dam are registered. A. K. C., New York, N. Y.  
**M. K. QUIGLEY**  
 Box 446. Red Cloud, Nebr.

**Council Proceedings**  
 The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening with Mayor Damerell presiding and the Council members were all present.  
 Minutes of November 7, 8, and 25th also December 5th and 6th read and approved.  
 Report of S. R. Florence read and ordered placed on file.  
 H. S. Fox appeared on behalf of the band and asked for an appropriation of \$100. Upon motion the same was granted and the clerk instructed to draw warrant for the same.  
 The matter of right of way for sewerage through Block 21 Red Cloud was taken up and on motion by Saladen and seconded by Hamilton that the proposition as presented by George Trine, Mary S. Creighton and Albert Holverson be accepted and Clerk be instructed to have same executed and recorded. Motion carried.  
 Motion made by Saladen and seconded by Koozitz that the claims of Bernard Caster and Lon Baker for damages claimed against the city be laid over. Motion carried.  
 The bond of the Elkhorn Construction Co., for \$20,884.76 was presented and on motion same was accepted subject to approval of the Engineers.  
 J. W. Auld appeared and submitted a proposition from W. T. Auld to donate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of building a public library and furnishing site and books provided the city passed a resolution or ordinance obligating itself to raise \$1000 per year by taxation to maintain same. Motion made by Hamilton and seconded by Saladen that the proposition be accepted. Motion carried.  
 The following claims were allowed:  
 Guy Zeigler..... \$140 00  
 W. A. Patten..... 80 00  
 Harry Huffer..... 75 00  
 S. R. Florence..... 291 75  
 O. C. Teel..... 42 20  
 P. H. Boner..... 65 00  
 Mayer Coal Co..... 50 30  
 A. B. McArthur..... 11 50  
 Fred Eddy..... 3 50  
 Jas. McIntosh..... 48 00  
 Geo. Overing..... 4 00  
 Pope Bros..... 24 98  
 Sunderland Supply Co..... 17 78  
 Mutual Oil Co..... 28 00  
 McGraw Co..... 3 13  
 Mid West Elec. Co..... 41 25  
 Natl. Refining Co..... 272 44  
 Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co..... 200 00  
 C. F. McKeighan..... 39 45  
 Malone Gellatly Co..... 241 00  
 I. H. Holmes..... 31 12  
 Morhart Bros..... 18 01  
 Red Cloud Band..... 100 00

**Treasurer's Statement**  
 Jan. 2, 1917.  
 Mayor and City Council, City Red Cloud, Neb.  
 Gentlemen:  
 I submit herewith statement covering receipts and disbursements of my office for the period from Dec. 5 to Jan. 2 1917.  
**Occupation Fund**  
 Amount on hand Dec. 5-16 \$ 142.71  
 Disbursements..... 138.17  
 Balance..... \$ 4.54  
**Water Fund**  
 Amount on hand Dec 5..... \$ 50.89  
 No receipts or disbursements....  
 Balance..... 50.89  
**Water Levy Fund**  
 Amount on hand Dec. 5th..... \$ 53.79  
 Receipts..... 300.60  
 Disbursements..... 350.00  
 Balance..... 3.79  
**General Fund**  
 Amount on hand Dec. 5th..... \$ 18.12  
 Receipts..... 700.60  
 Disbursements..... 718.12  
 Balance..... 371.60  
**Electric Light Fund**  
 Amount on hand Dec. 5th..... \$1093.67  
 Receipts..... 1095.43  
 Disbursements..... 2189.19  
 Balance..... \$1473.93  
**Electric Light Levy Fund**  
 Amount on hand Dec. 5th..... 131.41  
 Receipts..... 500.00  
 Disbursements..... 631.41  
 Balance..... 331.41  
**Firemen's Fund**  
 Amount on hand Dec 5th..... \$ 114.00  
 Receipts..... 49.00  
 Balance..... 154.60  
**Sewer Bond Fund**  
 (\$10,000 issue)  
 Amount on hand Dec. 5..... 6480.25  
 Disbursements..... 2185.00  
 Balance..... 4301.25  
**Recapitulation**  
 Occupation Fund..... \$ 4.54  
 Water Fund..... 50.89  
 General Fund..... 3.79  
 Water Levy..... 347.12  
 Electric Light Fund..... 1473.93  
 Electric Light Levy Fund..... 331.41  
 Firemen's Fund..... 154.60  
 Sewer..... 4301.25  
 Total..... 6668.23  
 Registered war't outstanding \$750.80.  
 S. R. Florence, City Treasurer.

**BLADEN**  
 Fred Morey visited relatives in Dewese this week.  
 Earl Lockhart returned from Hickman, Friday night.  
 Cy Jennings returned home from Chester Monday evening.  
 Cashier Ashmore, of the State Bank, transacted business in Hastings Monday.  
 Chas. Higgins left for Ft. Laramie, Wyo., Monday for a visit with his parents.  
 Ed Doyle and family visited at the home of J. R. Horn the latter part of the week.  
 Miss Lollie Lockhart visited friends and relatives at Red Cloud during vacation.  
 John Boom and family visited over Sunday with S. L. True and wife at Dewese.  
 Miss Dorothy Koon spent Christmas vacation with her sister, Mrs. N. J. Thomas, of Cowles.  
 Miss Retta Goodwin returned to Hastings Friday after a weeks visit at the home of S. M. Hall.  
 The Bladen Athletic club defeated the High School team Friday evening to the tune of 20 to 17. The club plays Lawrence here Wednesday night.  
 Miss Juanita Marymoe returned home Monday evening from Hastings where she has been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Cole, the past week.  
 Chicken thieves are said to be active in and around Bladen; four parties report large losses and the aggregate loss is somewhere near four hundred and fifty fowls.

**KANSAS PICKUPS**  
 (From Smith County)  
 We wish the Chief and its friends a prosperous New Year.  
 Mrs. Addie Leaderbrandt and family took dinner at the Jerry Dunn home Monday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Peterson and son, Otto, visited with E. E. Spurrler New Years day.  
 Ray Sloniker and wife were Sunday visitors with their uncle, Elmer Spurrler and family.  
 Earl Abbott and Miss Melba Spurrler attended the lecture over at Womert Thursday evening.  
 Miss Nora Dann, who has been at Lincoln, Nebraska for the last two years, is home on a visit.  
 F. M. Brown and family were New Year's day visitors at Smith Center at the home of Fred Hooper's.  
 Miss Ethel Million returned to her work in the Lebanon Post Office after a few days visit with home folks.  
 Austin Spurrler and family of Barr Oak came up New Years and spent the day with his brother, E. E. Spurrler.  
 Christmas is over and the Christmas bells have ceased to chime—but we can hear the chiming of wedding bells in Oriole vicinity.  
 We understand that T. S. Spurrler and wife, who are now residing in Lebanon, intend to move back on the farm the first of March.  
 Leo Abbott and family ate New Year's dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Lull near Esbon. Mrs. Lull is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott.

**INVALE**  
 Fred Arnold is having his corn shelled this week.  
 Grandma Waldo is visiting her son C. A. Waldo and family.  
 The C. W. B. M. Society met at the Christian church, Thursday.  
 Harry Myers left Sunday morning for Kansas City to join his mother.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Eli Strong ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Art Myers, Monday.  
 Clyde Pitney and family returned Sunday morning from a trip to Colorado.  
 Miss Blanch Barker has accepted a position as housekeeper for Mrs. Hi Dunn.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Walt Hastings' baby who has been quite sick is somewhat better.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joyce of Alma spent Sunday with their son, C. E. Joyce and family.  
 Mrs. L. W. Thompson and son spent Sunday and Monday with Geo. Thompson's at Riverton.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bert Leonard spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Topham at Red Cloud.  
 Meslames Harvey and Ralph Riter of Canada are visiting their sister, Mrs. Glenn Olmsted.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson came up from Red Cloud, Sunday night, to visit at the Burgess home.  
 A number of people from Inavale attended the funeral services of Pat Kennedy at Red Cloud, Tuesday.  
 Glen Olmsted and family returned Sunday from the country where they had been caring for Clyde Pitney's stock.  
 A large crowd attended the services at the Christian church Sunday evening. Earl Burwell played an accompaniment on his violin which the audience appreciated.