



BLADEN

James Williams spent Monday with relatives in Hastings.

Veston Robb was in Lincoln during the week.

Mrs. John Zajac of Dawese visited relatives here the first of the week.

Miss Hazel Fols spent Friday evening with Campbell friends.

Mrs. Chas. Hedlund of Ong spent several days visiting her daughter, Mrs. Veston Robb.

T. S. Chamberlain of LeRoy, Kansas, spent several days with his brother, A. J. Chamberlain the past week.

Mr. W. B. Householder left Tuesday for Omaha where she spent several days visiting relatives.

Chas. Hogate of Beatrice was in town Thursday and Friday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hogate.

Messrs. and Mesdames Arthur and Fred Morey visited H. F. Welch and family at Edgar, Wednesday.

Clara and Lottie Ross, left Wednesday for Red Cloud to visit their sister, Mrs. Alva Sherman.

H. Koertner, V. S. Hall, Marshall Lewis and Frank Kudrna transacted business in Lincoln the first of the week.

The Home Orchard

This is the time of the year when the home orchard needs attention in the way of pruning. The Extension Service of the College of Agriculture thru its specialist in horticulture is able to render assistance where desire for it is expressed.

Pruning demonstrations are given free of charge by the specialist in communities where eight or more orchard owners or persons interested in fruit growing ask for such a demonstration meeting. At these meetings various phases of fruit growing are discussed and demonstrated, such as pruning young and old trees as well as grapes and small fruits, and spraying to control orchard pests. Over fifty such meetings were held last year in the state with a total attendance of over four hundred.

Persons further interested in these matters may write to E. H. Hopper, Extension Specialist in Horticulture, University Farm, Lincoln, Neb.

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Telephones Must Consolidate

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who is telling the story, started in to run the Lincoln company out of local business. A campaign that had for its object the ordering out of all the Lincoln company phones was begun, and as one argument it was urged that as the latter had contracted to give the other long distance service the Farmers' company could serve everybody.

In retaliation the Lincoln company cut off the trunk line connection and deprived the other of toll line service. The Farmers' company asked that it be restored.

When the matter came before the commission Tuesday the Lincoln company maintained that the whole matter was one of contract, and that as the Farmers' company had violated the contract by not carrying out a pledge to help the other build up its business, the severance of the line was justified, in that the public had not been injured.

The commission held, however, that as the severance changed the service and that approval for such change had not been asked, there was nothing to do, under the law, but to order it restored, there being no dispute as to its being cut.

The Farmers' company was represented by G. W. Tibbets and H. S. Foe, the Lincoln company by Bernard McNeny and the citizens of Red Cloud by L. H. Blackledge. The latter asked the commission for an order compelling the two companies to give an interchange of local service. The rivalry has been intense and the people asked to be relieved of the necessity of renting two phones. The Farmers' company objected to the hearing at this time, but it is in progress this afternoon.

Mr. McNeny asked the commission to fix a supersedeas bond, but it held that this was an injunction no bond staying the order could be issued while an appeal was being prosecuted. Mr. McNeny said that all he asked was a record showing he had asked for it. He will apply for one in the higher court. He said that all was involved was a fight between two commercial companies, each seeking to get an advantage of the other, and that as the effect of the order was to confiscate the Lincoln company's property, it had a right to review to determine facts.

INVALE

Nearly everyone is putting up ice. Joe Reed left Tuesday for the sand hills again as his health is better there. Miss Dickerson is again teaching school after a few days sickness.

Mrs. L. W. Thompson and son went to Riverport Saturday.

H. Dunn returned home Tuesday from Deming, New Mexico.

Mr. Loseke returned the first of the week from a trip to Lincoln.

Claude Gates was on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Nattie Jones and children returned Sunday from Guide Rock where she had been visiting her parents.

Mrs. Boner came down from Cowles Monday to help care for her sister, Mrs. Will Carpenter.

Mrs. Minnie Phillips returned to her home Tuesday after several days' visit here.

W. A. Carpenter has a substitute mail carrier of his own now. A baby boy arrived at his home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Joyce received a telegram Tuesday, announcing the arrival of a baby girl at C. S. Stoner's in Kansas City.

Mrs. Sadie Holdredge has been spending several days visiting with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Joyce the past week.

County Treasurer's Semi-annual Statement

RECAPITULATION, Showing the amount on hand July 1, 1917, the collections since made, warrants redeemed, and amount remaining on hand at the close of the 31st day of December, 1917, in each and all of the several funds and accounts of C. D. Robinson, Treasurer Webster County, Nebraska, together with the total amounts of the several items stated.

COLLECTIONS		DISBURSEMENTS		BALANCES	
To Cash on hand.....	\$82667.41	Paid state treas.....	\$22887.14	State funds.....	\$ 2428.82
" 1911 tax coll.....	9.91	" Co. gen. warrants.....	20904.42	State auto fees.....	94.35
" 1912 tax coll.....	23.97	" Co. bridge warrants.....	13723.63	State school land.....	4608.88
" 1913 tax coll.....	133.74	" Co. poor warrants.....	1985.71	State univ. land.....	1379.75
" 1914 tax coll.....	415.10	" Co. Soldiers relief war.....	42.77	County general.....	1634.86
" 1915 tax coll.....	821.99	" Co. inheritance.....	16.50	County bridge.....	2882.43
" 1916 tax coll.....	21420.27	" School orders.....	33176.77	County road.....	9186.44
" 1917 tax coll.....	87,511.67	" School bonds & coupons.....	3380.00	County poor.....	1196.93
" School land princ.....	4848.00	" Com'r orders.....	6455.16	County soldiers' relief.....	37.82
" School land int.....	626.15	" Road orders.....	7934.60	County road drag.....	3728.77
" School land lease.....	85.20	" Road drag orders.....	1875.62	County commissioners.....	6438.86
" Univ. land princ.....	974.00	" Polls.....	18.00	Inheritance.....	2843.15
" Univ. land int.....	329.05	" Bladen Treas.....	405.58	School districts.....	33924.86
" Univ. land Lease.....	403.07	" Bladen bonds.....	4350.00	School bond.....	7526.73
" June appt.....	4248.56	" Blue Hill bonds.....	325.00	Fine & License.....	326.05
" Sch. fund Adams Co.....	96.50	" Cowles treas.....	250.00	Redemption.....	110.35
" Misc. coll. Co. Gen.....	829.89	" Guide Rock Treas.....	1314.97	Bladen Village.....	959.18
" Misc. coll. Co. bridge.....	47.98	" Red Cloud treas.....	3600.00	" Bladen bonds.....	838.90
" Fine & License.....	326.05	" Red Cloud bonds.....	2396.25	Blue Hill village.....	864.10
" Misc. coll. Com'r dist.....	63.75	" Redemptions.....	2395.42	Blue Hill bonds.....	2079.65
" Interest Co. deposits.....	712.22	" Refund Sch L. int.....	28.48	Cowles.....	62.59
" Poor farm coll.....	1495.37	" Fees & Com.....	327.41	Guide Rock village.....	62.68
" Redemptions.....	3051.77			Red Cloud city.....	623.61
" Misc. coll. road dist.....	863.40			Red Cloud bonds.....	1215.11
" Fees.....	69.00			Fees & Commissions.....	2770.60
" Motor vehicles.....	2917.10				
" Inheritance.....	2308.69				
	217299.81		128883.43		88416.38

I, C. D. Robinson, being first duly sworn according to law on oath depose and say that the above is a full and correct statement of funds collected and disbursed by me as County Treasurer from July 1, 1917 to Dec. 31, 1917 inclusive as I verily believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of Jan'y, 1918.

(SEAL.)

B. F. PERRY, County Clerk,
By A. V. DUCKER, Deputy.

Christian Church Notes

The state has been doing great work through its Council of Defense, Food Administration, Y. M. C. A. and kindred movements and the time has arrived for a further campaign in the form of moral defense. An effort is being made by formal protestant denominations to revive the old Corinthian heresy that so nearly wrecked the church during the days of the apostles, in the year 1099 A. D., and earthly empire for a thousand years later appeared in this country in 1843 under the title "Millerism" and seems now about to be revived in a multitude of forms—"Premilleniumism," "Second Coming of Christ," "British Israel—the Kingdom of God," "The Thousand Years' Reign," "Futurism," and "Russellism." All these systems hold that Christ is about to come to the earth and establish some kind of an earthly empire for a thousand years or more and all are contending for a future second coming—a literal personal appearance of Christ and the institution of an earthly political and ecclesiastical kingdom. Such nonsense should cease! Preachers talking the second coming of Christ who can't outline a single well defined rule of interpretation, nor have they any practical knowledge of the Bible. Preachers who can't even define intelligently the simplest words of the Bible talking about the world coming to an end! The parrot-like repetition of these heresies should cease. Countless volumes are being published and thoughtless people are being deceived and confused by this new form of Chiliaism.

This future coming theory has not a single atom of truth or evidence to sustain it and is the most insane ranting that ever poured out of the brain of an ignorant ministry. The man that teaches such error impeaches his own intelligence and the plain word of Christ. Denominationalism is going headlong into the old snare, and unless the ministry awakes the church will experience another tragic affair like the curse of 1843. The second coming of Christ is a past event and those men who teach the immediate future literal coming of Christ to establish an earthly kingdom are deceived and such teaching is a positive menace to the world.

Since the people are being divided on this second coming of Christ let the millennialites select their most able champion and let us compare ideas and arguments and scripture so the public may know the truth or else let men who fear to defend their ideas apologize to the world for their moral cowardice. The second coming doctrine taught in our city is false. Shame upon the effort that seeks to revive a dead heresy! Let God's people beware of the old Corinthian trap!

Government Needs Many Stenographers

Owing to the unusual demand for workers of all kinds caused by the war, the United States Civil Service Commission is having great difficulty in supplying the needs of the departments and officers at Washington, D. C., for typewriter operators and stenographers and typewriters, and it has asked the Woman's Committee to assist it in bringing to the attention of the women throughout the country an opportunity for them to help the Government in a practical way.

The Commission urges, on the ground of patriotism that women trained in stenography or typewriting, or both, enter open competitive examinations at once, and that those who have not such training immediately undergo instruction, in exactly the same spirit that has moved them to

attend classes in first-aid nursing, that is, the spirit of helpfulness. Dozens of business schools throughout the state are prepared to give this training, and proficiency in typewriting may be acquired at home through careful study and close application. A working knowledge of typewriting may be gained in from one to two months; stenography, of course, takes longer; but typewriter operators, as well as stenographers and typewriters are in great demand. All who pass the examination for the departments and offices at Washington, D. C. are practically assured of certification for appointment at salaries ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year.

Printed matter containing full information relative to examinations, including sample questions, places and dates of examination, etc., can be secured by application to U. S. Civil Service at the following addresses: Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Holdrege, Lincoln, Mitchell, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha. Application blanks may be obtained in the manner stated in the circulars. The Woman's Committee request that you make a strong effort to spread the information contained herein throughout your territory. The Blue Poster announcement which you will receive should be displayed in prominent places; officers of local organizations of women should be requested to make an announcement periodically from the rostrum at their meetings; individuals should be urged to apply for examination or to train; if you have held a registration, those who have registered should be given full information. This is a vital need of the Government. Women are not prepared to take up arms in defense of the country but they can perform this office work, without which the armed forces would fail. The prospect is that the need for stenographers and typewriters will continue for an indefinite period; therefore the effort should be kept up. The Woman's Committee, as well as the Civil Service Commission, will appreciate your help.

Very truly yours,
Sarka Hrbkova
Chairman Woman's Committee.

Shipment of Oil Engine Delayed

The following letter relative to the shipment of the oil engine recently purchased by the city, was handed us for publication by Mayor Damerell: Dr. Robt. Damerell, Chairman of Board, Red Cloud, Nebr.

Dear Sir:

We have just received advice from our Home Office that the Government has placed an order with the 100 H. P. Type "X" Engines, with positive instructions that it be given preference over all other orders entered.

In re-arranging the schedule to ship this order of the War Department, we find that your 100 H. P. Engine, which has been on order, will be shipped May 24th.

So far as our domestic business is concerned, we have been very fortunate as compared with many other manufacturers, in that our factory production has not been seriously handicapped by any orders received from the Government. This is the first instance of material interference. While we of course realize that it will cause some handicap and embarrassment to our customers, yet we feel honored that we can serve the Government in this capacity, and we know that you will receive a great deal of consolation to offset your disappointment, by knowing that you too are serving the Government in this way, in addition to the many other ways that you are doing your bit.

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United States War Savings Stamps are sold in 25-cent sizes known as "Thrift Stamps" and \$5 sizes, known as "War Savings Certificate Stamps."

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Peoples Bank	Atty. F. J. Munday	Atty. F. E. Mapp
Rev. Drulliner	Rev. Beebe	Atty. L. H. Blackledge
Father Fitzgerald	Grice Drug Co.	O. L. Cottling
H. C. Larson P. M.	Miss Mabel Pope	Gertrude D. Coon
Alf McCall	A. V. DUCKER, Chairman	Town Savings and Thrift Committee

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Weather Summary for 1917
Station at Red Cloud, latitude 40° 5', longitude 98° 37'. Elevation 1687 feet. Length of record 23 years. Hour of observation 7 a. m. central time.

The following is the complete summary for the year 1917: temperature highest 107° on July 30 and 31; dates of 100° or more June 30th 102°; July 22nd 100°; July 23rd 102°; July 1st 106°; July 8th 101°; July 13th 102°; 24th 101°; July 28th 105°; July 29th 103°; July 30th 107°; July 31st 107°.

Lowest: 17° below zero on Feb. 1. Dates of below zero: Jan. 13th 5° below; Jan. 14th 5° below; Jan. 22nd 7° below; Jan. 31st 4° below; Feb. 1st 17° below; Feb. 2nd 16° below; Feb. 4th 2° below; Dec. 8th 11° below; Dec. 9th 7° below; Dec. 10th 7° below; Dec. 11th 2° below; Dec. 13th 12° below; Dec. 14th 3° below; Dec. 15th 1° below; Dec. 28th 4° below; Dec. 29th 8° below; Dec. 30th 8° below.

Greatest daily range 60° on March 30th. Least variation 4° on April 29. Mean for the year 49°.

Precipitation total 17.06 in. Wettest month May with 5.73 inches. Driest month Feb. with trace. Greatest fall in 24 hrs., 2.11 inches on May 26th. No. of days with .01 inch or more 72. Number of days clear 207, partly cloudy 72, cloudy 86. Thunderstorms 36; snowfall 6 1/2 in. Prevailing wind direction NW 111 days. First frost in fall Oct. 8. Last in spring May 8.

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