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**SALUTATORY.**

With this issue the management of his paper changes. It will be my aim to furnish a good clean paper, suitable for your homes, with all the news of the county and vicinity, and respectfully solicit your patronage. This paper will soon be very much improved, having made arrangements for several important changes. In politics it will be strictly democratic. C. B. HALE.

**WASHINGTON LETTER.**

While Washington is crowded with important conventions including an organization called "Congress" and while both the President and the President-elect are in the city making speeches and while the air is surcharged with the discussion of policies of great import to the future of the nation, the greatest difficulty is not to find something to write about, but to know what to select.

Both the President and Mr. Taft, were at the meeting of the Conservation Congress at the Belasco Theatre, where only those who held tickets of invitation were admitted. Mr. Taft president and was introduced as the President-elect. He denied that he was President-elect or had any official position. Being a strict constructionist and a lawyer, he knows that the formality of a vote by the Republican electors is necessary before he can be called the President-elect.

President Roosevelt, disclaiming prophecy, said that he would venture to say who would be President-elect and referred to himself as the setting sun.

The President's message to Congress is looked upon in the light of a valedictory, though it would be a rash man who would say that this is the last appearance of President Roosevelt in the way of a message. It is quite probable that he will send Congress two or three more valedictories before the fourth of March. Members of Congress, it is said, are much stirred up over this valedictory in which the President was not eulogistic, or as they think, even respectful to the legislative branch. The message is the

most remarkable of the many that the President has sent to Congress and the paragraph which I will venture to quote, is sure to be very widely discussed and will probably be the basis of important legislation during the months or years that the President is in the Antipodes and the executive office is in the hands of the man chosen to carry out, as far as a President may, the Rooseveltian program.

The danger to American democracy lies not in the least in the concentration of administrative power in the responsible and accountable hands.

It lies in having the power insufficiently concentrated so that no one can be held responsible to the people for its use. Concentrated power is palpable, visible, responsible, easily reached, quickly held to account.

Power scattered through many administrators, many legislators, many men who work behind and through legislators and administrators, is impalpable, is unseen, is irresponsible, cannot be reached, cannot be held to account. Democracy is in peril wherever the administration of political power is scattered among a variety of men who work in secret, whose very names are unknown to the common people. It is not in peril from any man who derives a authority from the people, who exercises it in sight of the people, and who is from time to time compelled to give an account of its exercise to the people.

There has been much serious talk over the alleged irreconcilable difference between Speaker Cannon, the sardonic ruler of the House of Representatives, and Judge Taft, the President to be, on the subject of the tariff which, although it will not come up formally until the special session is called, is nevertheless, a subject of very serious consideration. And well it may be, for the revenues of the nation are falling off at the rate of eleven millions of dollars a month and the end of the fiscal year is expected to show a deficiency of at least a hundred million of dollars. Internal Revenue, which has been largely derived from taxes on spirituous liquors, has notably and even astonishingly decreased in the last year, owing, it is said, to the temperance wave which is sweeping the country.

"Tis true! 'tis glorious! and glorious 'tis! 'tis true! And the country might well afford to lose a hundred million of dollars a month, in such a cause. A small tax on bank checks' matches, high-heeled shoes and merry widow hats, will easily recoup the Government for a tax it may lose through a smaller consumption of whiskey. But to return to the tariff difference between Speaker Cannon and Mr. Taft. One reason for the falling off of the revenues is the unsettled condition of the tariff. Importers are hesitating to bring goods into this country until the tariff on importations is settled and the Government is losing a great deal from decreased customs. There is a report this morning that Speaker Cannon and Mr. Taft have had an interview that lasted nearly two hours, at the residence of Miss Mabel Boardman, where Mr. and Mrs. Taft are guests during their stay in Washington. The tariff was the subject discussed and it is said that a mutually satisfactory understanding was established between them. Miss Boardman, it

will be remembered is the lady who accompanied the Tafis two years ago on their trip to the Philippines and to China, at the same time that the President's daughter (now Mrs. Longworth) made the tour of the world.

**GUIDE ROCK.**

Mr. Sheely is reported worse this week.

The M. E. official board met at the parsonage Monday evening.

Mrs. H. S. Reed was called to Iowa to attend the funeral of her father.

Mrs. Julia Wells, mother of Mrs. Wm. Hall has been ill with pneumonia.

Clarence Taylor is assisting at the Pace Drug Store during the holiday rush.

Alonzo Palty and family have moved to the McCall property near the implement building.

Saturday Frank Arrants had a log broken. We did not hear how the accident occurred.

Mrs. Chas Ely is visiting her son S. E. Ely and wife at Reynolds and looking after her new grandson.

Omar Crowell's little son is ill with pneumonia, an older boy has just recovered from the same disease.

Robert Garrison was in Omaha last week buying goods for his implement store which he will open in January.

Mrs. B. H. Crow received word that her daughter Mrs. John Nelson, living near Red Cloud, fell Saturday breaking her arm.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ely of Reynolds notified friends here that a son had arrived at their home Monday Dec. 14 congratulations.

Friday Irvine Woodward jumped from a wagon which seemed about to upset striking the frozen ground and shattering the bones of one ankle. He suffered greatly.

Doe and Chaney Sawyer stopped off to visit their uncle Wm Sawyer last week. They were on their way from Oklahoma to their home in Cheyenne Co., Kansas.

M. W. A. Lodge elected its officers as follows: W. E. Tompkins V. C. Wm. Burdick W. A.; Frank Newmeyer Clerk; John Schultze Jr. Banker; John C. Delay Sentry; Andrew Norval Watchman.

Mrs. Crowell of Indiana is here visiting her three sons.

The Royal Neighbors Lodge Victory Camp No. 4406, held its election of officers Friday evening, they are:

Past Oracle Mrs. Cora Coplen, Oracle Mrs. Ruth Olmstead, Vice Oracle Mrs. Ida Delay, Claucellor Mrs. Bertha Bennett, Recorder Mrs. L. E. Vance, Receiver Mrs. Brehm, Marshal Miss Austie Stafford, Sentinel Miss Matie Schultz, Watch Miss Clara Snyder Manager Mrs. Nellie Coplen.

Mrs. Wm Sawyer received word Saturday evening of the death that morning of her brother-in-law J. A. Rutledge at his home in North Branch Michigan. No particulars have yet been received. Mr. Rutledge was a blacksmith here for many years and had a host of friends here. He married Miss Florence Pierce, sister of Mrs. Wm. Sawyer, they moved away from Guide Rock seventeen years ago.

Monday was the birthday of Miss Austie Stafford, Guide Rock's popular phone central. During the day the Royal Neighbors, of which order she is a valued member, gave her a post card showers, 37 cards being received. In the evening the order had a surprise party for her at the home of her uncle C. M. Smith, games were played and nuts and fruit served; all had a pleasant time and departed wishing Miss Austie many happy returns of the day. As she is far from home and old time friends she greatly appreciated the kindly thoughtfulness of the Royal Neighbors.

**Real Estate Transfers.**

Transfers reported by the Fort Abstract Co. for the week ending Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1908.

Solomon Beck with to Allen A. Cooper, e2 nw 33, 3, 12, wd.	\$ 3000
David S Phelps to Henry C Boyd, lt 12, blk 17, Bladen, wd	50
Guide Rock Cemetery Ass'n to Soldiers Relief Com., pt ne se, 3, 1, 9, wd.	8
Jas W Moody to Dena Rose, lt 11, 6, blk 1, Tylers sub div Blue Hill wd.	2000
Isaac W Bowling to Mary A Sanderson, Rs 4, 10, blk 8, Kaley & Jacksons add R Cwd	110
Mary A Sanderson to Walter Sanderson, Its 9, 10, blk 8, Kaley & Jacksons add R C, wd	500
John N Havel to John Griffith, se 3, 1, 11, wd.	5000
Eva S Tennant to Alice A Tennant, Its 7 to 10, blk 3, r end to R C, wd.	1300
Elmer U Overman to Victor B Fulton, guardian to — pt e2 sw 33, 2, 11, n2 sw4 28, 1, 12, n2 se, 24, 1, 12, Its 18, 19, 20, s2 21, blk 11, R C.	8000
Victor B. Fulton to Willis P Fulton, pt s2 sw4 35, 2, 11, n2 sw4 28, 1, 12, n2 se 29, 1, 12, Its 18, 19, 20, s2 21, blk 11, R Cwd	8000
S W Edwards to Chas D Lewis Its 1, 2, 3, blk 6, R C, wd.	1300
Herbert E Stedman to Chas Mohawks, e2 nw 1, 1, 9, wd.	3700

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 Mortgages released \$3500.00

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