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 Mayor J. O. Caldwell  
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 Treasurer J. O. Butler  
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 2nd ward J. A. McArthur  
 3rd ward A. E. McCall  
 4th ward Oscar Burroughs  
 Marshal, day Al Shaw  
 Marshal, night John Kinzel

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 Clerk L. W. Jones  
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**The Alfalfa Mill.**  
 Several of the business men and farmers have got a petition in circulation to see about how much could be raised to start an alfalfa mill. About forty-five hundred dollars has been raised in the past week and more will follow. They are planning to erect a mill that will grind alfalfa into meal every day and will employ five men. This mill will be built near the railroad. This will be a good thing for the farmers as they will have a market here at home for their alfalfa and will not have to ship it to other points to be ground. This will be a good thing for the town.

**I. O. O. F.**  
 The Ben Adhemites of this city with John Shultz of Guide Rock as the installation officer, administered the obligation to the several officers who will for the ensuing year perform the functions of their respective offices as follows:  
 Boone Saunders, Noble Grand.  
 Joseph C. Saylor, Vice Grand.  
 Oscar C. Teel, Secretary.  
 Elmer W. Ross, Treasurer.  
 Paul Storey, Trustee.  
 The appointive officers of the Noble Grand are as follows:  
 Right Support, Arthur Robinson.  
 Left Support, Irving Cummings.  
 The appointive officers of the Vice Grand are as follows:  
 Right Support, W. K. Geer.  
 Left Support, Frank Henderson.  
 Inside Watch, George Smith.  
 Warden, A. D. Wonderly.  
 After the ceremony oysters were served at the Robinson Cafe.

**The New Year.**  
 Once more we stand upon the threshold of a New Year. The doors of the past are closed; we can never open them again. Good or bad, the work we have wrought must stand. There is doubtless much we would wish were blotted off the page; many a careless deed; many an idle word; many a thoughtless act that brought pain to the hearts we would gladly have pleased. But there are many sunny pages, too. Many little, unnoticed kindnesses, many gentle, sympathetic words or acts; many things that have lifted the load or lightened the labor; and the balance may be on the right side. When the pattern is finished, our work may shine up brighter than we can now ever know. Let us deal kindly and justly with ourselves; as with others. Let us seek to make the future better for the past. It will be well to face our sins, and judge ourselves. And when the calendar is all in, let us forgive ourselves, as we forgive others, and obey the Saviour's injunction to the cruelly accused one, and "go and sin no more." This year should be so beautiful with good deeds that we shall feel that it is good to live and that the world is better because of us. We wish you a happy, prosperous New Year.—The Commoner.

**Christmas Tree Custom Upheld.**  
 Washington, Dec. 26.—The country's forests again have been called upon to supply about four million Christmas trees, and again many persons have asked themselves and have queried the United States Forest Service, "Is the custom a menace to the movement for forest preservation?"  
 In the millions of happy homes over the country where the younger generation has made the Christmas tree the center of play since early Friday morning, there are many mothers and fathers who have given the question more or less thought. From Sunday Schools and other organizations also, which hold an annual celebration around a gayly trimmed evergreen for the benefit of the little ones, has come the question whether it is consistent to urge conservation of forest resources and then to cut millions of young trees every year to afford a little joy in the passing holiday season.

"Yes, it is consistent and proper that the custom should be maintained," has been the answer of United States Forester Clifford Pinchot in every case. "Trees are for use and there is no other use to which they could be put which would contribute so much to the joy of man as their use by the children on this one great holiday of the year."  
 The number of trees cut for this use each year is utterly insignificant when compared to the consumption for other purposes for which timber is demanded. Not more than four million Christmas trees are used each year, one in every fourth family. If planted four feet apart they could be grown on less than 1,000 acres. This clearing of an acre equal to a good-sized farm each Christmas should not be a subject of much worry, when it is remembered that for lumber alone it is necessary to take timber from an area of more than 100,000 acres every day of the year.

It is true that there has been serious damage to forest growth in the cutting of Christmas trees in various sections of the country, particularly in the Adirondacks and parts of New England but in these very sections the damage through the cutting of young evergreen for use at Christmas is infinitesimal when compared with the loss of forest resources through fires and careless methods of lumbering. The proper remedy is not to stop using trees but to adopt wiser methods of use.  
 It is generally realized that a certain proportion of land must always be used for forest growth, just as for other crops. Christmas trees are one form of this crop. There is no more reason for an outcry against using land to grow Christmas trees than to grow flowers.

The Forest Service upholds the Christmas tree custom, but recognizes at the same time that the indiscriminate cutting of evergreens to supply the holiday trade has produced a bad effect upon many stands of merchantable kinds of trees in different sections of the country. Waste and destruction usually result when woodlands are not under a proper system of forest management. Foresters say that it is not by denying ourselves the wholesome pleasure of having a bit of nature in the home at Christmas that the problem of conserving the forests will be solved, but by learning how to use forests wisely and properly. The ravages through forests fires must be checked, the many avenues of waste of timber in its travel from the woods to the mill and thence to the market must be closed, and almost numberless important problems demand attention before the Christmas tree.  
 Germany is conceded to have the highest developed system of forest management of any country, yet its per capita use of Christmas trees is greatest. The cutting of small trees for Christmas is not there considered in the least as a menace to the forest, but, on the contrary, as a means of improving the forests by thinning and as a source of revenue. It is therefore constantly encouraged.  
 There is little doubt but that the time will come when the Christmas

tree will become a recognized industry in this country, and that as more attention will be given to it as well as to the growing of crops of timber for other uses. This time may not be far off, for it is already understood that only through the practice of forestry, which means both the conservation of the timber which remains and carefully planned systems of re-creation, will it be possible to supply the country with its forty billion feet of lumber needed each year, as well as the few million little trees used at Christmas time.

**WASHINGTON LETTER.**  
 The debut of Miss Ethel Roosevelt, the second daughter of the President took place at the White House Tuesday evening. The form of entertainment selected by Mrs. Roosevelt for the coming out of her young daughter was the same as that for Alice, now Mrs. Longworth, a "small dance" for which five hundred invitations had been issued, and for every invitation there were probably more than five heart breaks among the girls who had longed in vain for the coveted piece of cut board. The younger smart set is made and limited for the winter by the debut of Miss Roosevelt since an invitation to the dance is the hall mark by which those who are within the magic circle are marked off from those who are without. The dance was a brilliant affair, a beautiful setting, pretty girls in the most gorgeous of attire, choice gowns and young officers in uniform combining to make the picture. The East room so well known to tourists from all over the country was used for dancing and the supper was served in the lower corridor which was one of the additions to the breathing space of the White House when the alterations were made a few years ago. Miss Ethel, who is far from being a beauty was nevertheless engaging, in a girlish, wholesome way and the President who must by this time have become accustomed to being only a side issue at many of the White House affairs was properly smiling. In his office in a far end of the building he regains his senses, whether it be a Cabinet meeting or a gathering of Senators or foreign diplomats but he has so often had to play a secondary part in the East room where Mrs. Longworth made her debut and was later married, and where his younger has now made her bow to the world of fashion, and in the many musical affairs of Mrs. Roosevelt that he has an air of feeling himself something of a supernumerary when he appears there. Mrs. Roosevelt is looking worn and tired this winter and her close friends are saying that she does not regret that she is soon to retire. A few years years ago she said quite frankly that she liked her job but it is believed now that she is looking forward to her proposed trip to Europe this spring where she will spend a year before returning to this country. When Alice Longworth was Ethel's age she was considered too much of a hogan to be trusted with a trip to Europe and presentation at the courts there but her younger sister has a quieter disposition and has had the advantage of a longer period before the public and at the home in the White house. She will be presented at several European courts and is to have a large advantage and delights of contact with the highest society in the capitals. Mrs. Roosevelt has not been abroad since her marriage which occurred in London and she must be something more than human if the contrast between her position at that time when she had gone abroad to take a place as governess in a family with that in which she will find herself when she will become the guest of kings does not give her some thrills.  
 As the calendar year closes it is brought home to the Treasury department and to Congress that there has been a serious shrinkage of the national purse. Since the fiscal year began on the first of July the nation has spent sixty five millions dollars more than it has collected and this is the showing for only six months of the year. The secretary of the treasury estimates that the deficiency will be one hundred and fourteen millions for the entire fiscal year. Last year this deficit amounted to only fifty eight millions and the preceding year there was a surplus of forty millions. But from a financial point of view the worst is not told in these deficits. Congress is urged to an expensive program. No matter how hard the watch dogs of the Treasury in the House and in the Senate may bay and growl and show their teeth a raid is determined upon, and appropriation bills are bound to swell indeed it will be false economy to postpone River and harbor improvements, the canalization recommended by the President, and by the convention on water transportation recently held in Washington. These and other national enterprises will cost millions, perhaps billions. They come high but we must have them. They are economical necessities and it is easy to figure that they will return the country a splendid interest on the investment. The Government will simply have to resort to other sources of taxation to raise funds for these improvements. A tax on bank checks and on checks conveying real estate, on coffee and tea will easily

fill the national exchequer and if to this should be added as was the tax during the Spanish war of a dollar a barrel on beer the nation will have enough to improve the waterways and the roads, to increase the army and navy and to carry on without deficit the multifarious affairs of government.  
 There is evident anxiety at the White House with reference to the reported conditions on the Isthmus. It has been rumored for some time that the Gatun dam is a failure and although these rumors have been repeatedly denied they persist and the fact that the President has asked the President elect to go to the Isthmus, putting at his disposal two war ships and appointing six distinguished civil engineers to accompany him is ground for foreboding with many in reference to the final success of this stupendous undertaking.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
 Transfers reported by the Fort Abstract Co. for the week ending Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1909.  
 Clarence S. Jones to Charles E. Eddy, s2 svt. 33-2-12, wd. 4500  
 E. J. Groat to Lizzie Groat, lot 19, Blk. 29, Red Cloud, wd. 100  
 E. U. Oeriman to Lawrence L. Boren, ne 21, s2 s1 svt. 16-1-11, wd. 850  
 Herbert E. Gries to Reulah M. Mitchell, lots 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 15, pt 36 Blk 1, LeDues add, Red Cloud, wd. 6000  
 Jacob G. Buttorf to Buck Camp Bell, w2 n2 nvt. pt. 12 nvt. 19-4-12, wd. 200  
 Edwin T. Fox to R. B. Thompson, lots 12, 13, 14, Blk. 20, Cowles wd. 225  
 Edwin T. Fox to George W. Saigart, e2 lot 11, Blk 20, Cowles, wd. 25  
 S. M. Trae to William Cobly, sw 10-2-12, wd. 4000  
 Ella Cook to Daniel Forbes and John W. Bentley, lots 11, 12, Blk 5, Red Cloud, wd. 18300  
 \$20100.00  
 Mortgages filed, \$1723.00  
 Mortgages released, 228143.00.  
**Terms of Court for 1909.**  
 March 4, Equity.  
 April 26, Jury.  
 September 23, Equity.  
 November 15, Jury.  
 Special Grand Jury, April 15.

Mrs. Madsen aged 86 years and 11 months, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Smelser, living north of Inavale on Sunday January 3rd. The funeral was held Monday conducted by Rev. Hill of Inavale and the remains were laid to rest at the Forty one cemetery.

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