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City Officers.
 Mayor..... J. O. Caldwell
 Clerk..... E. H. Pratt
 Treasurer..... Ed Amack
 Councilmen, 1st ward..... Ed Pilsbiper
 Councilmen 2nd ward..... J. A. McArthur
 Supt. Light and Water..... Oscar Burroughs
 Marshal, day..... Al Slaby
 Marshal, night..... John Kinsel

County Officers.
 Clerk District Court..... Geo. W. Hutcheson
 Judge..... I. W. Edson
 Sheriff..... E. W. Ross
 Treasurer..... W. C. Frahm
 Attorney..... L. H. Blackledge
 Assessor..... O. D. Hedge
 Supt. Public Instruction..... Nellie Caster
 Coroner..... Geo. Overing
 Surveyor..... Jas. G. Overman
 Commissioners..... P. J. Chaplin
 Wm. Anderson
 Geo. W. Hummel
 Gerhard Olmsted

Castro ran out just in time to escape being kicked out.

Nobody knows Gomez, but everyone is pleased to see him succeed Castro.

That gurgling, purring sound is Mr. Harriman counting the days to March 4th.

Having got the Keystone of his Cabinet, the rest ought to be easy to President—elect Taft.

Why has not somebody risen to remark that the Taft Cabinet won't be able to resist Knox.

If divorces keep on increasing, the nation's alimony bill will rival its Panama Canal expenses.

The Pungtown Debating Society will discuss the question "Is Christmas worth the money?"

Mr. Pulitzer has gone to Panama to see if he is as much of a liar as he has been cracked up to be.

They are pulling down Castro statues and burning Castro portraits in Venezuela. This is a bad year for dictators.

If Mr. Carnegie had talked in 1892 as he does now, Mr. Cleveland would have been elected by a majority of about 5,000,000.

Uncle Andy's "The jig's up" deserves to rank right alongside of "Don't be a mollycoddle," and "We've got 'em beaten to a frazzle."

"Grab your dollars when you're young," advises Uncle Andrew Carnegie. Then when you are old you can let the Tarriff twins do your work.

Sly Andrew Carnegie. He didn't want to testify at the tariff hearings. The more he declined the more his inquisitors insisted. Now they wish they had let him off.

The difference between hunting canvasback ducks and Venezuelan ships of war is that the canvasback is more difficult to bag, but worth more when you get him.

The United States soldier who retired with savings amounting to \$13,000 from his pay should write a book. His advice on how to put aside a competence out of a small income would be eminently practical.

In view of the un-ward condition of affairs in Venezuela it is reported that ex-Dictator Castro will make his permanent home in Germany. The question is whether the loss of Venezuela in this case will be Germany's gain.

Austria Hungary is said to be willing to give Turkey an indemnity of 20,000,000 for Herzegovina and Bosnia. Probably the double Empire might be willing to throw in another troublesome province or two to complete the bargain.

After all, perhaps, we have made some progress in righteousness. Those six honest Councilmen out of 80 crooks in Pittsburg would have made work comparatively easy for Hegenen, who was so long looking for even one honest man.

The seeming acquiescence of Joseph C. Cannon with the plans of William H. Taft may be explained when we recall that Mr. Cannon has at various times said he'd rather be Speaker than President, but has never hinted that he would rather be sincere than Speaker.

Supt. Moritz has installed an innovation at the high school. He has arranged to have local professional and business men give addresses to the high school pupils once a week at Chapel time.

This will be an excellent addition to the course of study giving the pupils first hand information as to the actual life out side of books. They will come in contact with the real world around

them. It is to be hoped that they will gather inspiration and culture as well as valuable information and an insight into things as they are.

On the other hand we feel confident that the men of our city will be amply repaid for the little time devoted to the school. It will create a feeling of interest in the schools and draw the professional and business life into closer relations with our public school life.

There is altogether too much indifference to the schools on the part of not only the patrons but also the tax payers and business men.

We often hear the remark that no one knows where all the school money is spent and no one knows what the schools are doing. We offer the suggestion to any one who desires information on either subject that he take a little time off and make the schools a visit. First hand information is the best.

We trust that this undertaking will meet with the success such an effort deserves and that practical address from men in active life will be a permanent addition to the course of study.

For the first time in eleven years the county poor farm is without an inmate. The poor farm has never been in a crowded condition but generally there are from one to six inmates. But to have none is a record that Webster county can well be proud of. When one considers the size and number of inhabitants of this county the present condition is really remarkable.

While we are on the subject it might be well to state that the poor farm has always been self supporting and its inmates well provided for. Our system of caring for the unfortunate is far ahead of many that we have seen. The accommodations are ample, large house, pleasant rooms and agreeable surroundings. More than this the county poor are not compelled to live and associate with the insane. In some states the poor house is an asylum for feeble minded, insane and poor and all inmates are compelled to associate at the table and reception rooms. To a person of normal mind this association is most humiliating.

We are justly proud of our poor farm and should financial reverses come we know that we have a home and a good one ready for us.

But that is not all. Sheriff Hedge is without a border. Not an inmate in the county jail. County institutions are the most profitable when they have the least business. At the present time our poor farm and jail are both declaring large dividends. Webster county is to be congratulated.

The "Big Stick" vs "Pitchfork."

We have refrained from commenting upon the recent "eruption" at the National Capitol for somehow we believed Congress would be able to cope with the situation without our assistance.

The people of the west have "pointed with pride" to many acts of our president in times past, and have seen cause to laugh with glee when the "big stick" fell upon the heads of some of the giant monopolies of certain lines of commerce. 'Tis true the enormous fine against the Standard Oil Co., is not collectable, and the expense of obtaining judgment, and fighting to retain its validity enormous, yet we have not blamed the President.

But the president has shown that he is human after all. His attitude is that of the average "town bully" After licking so many big fellows he begins to think there is nothing under the sun too big for him to attack. The "bully" always finds sooner or later, that no one is so big that there is not somewhere a bigger. He eventually meets his "Waterloo."

Whether the President has met his "Waterloo" remains to be seen, but it looks to us like he assumed a little too much in attempting to impugn the motives of the greatest body of law makers on earth. The very foundation upon which the stability of this government rests is the fact that it is a "Government of the people, for the people, and by the people." Not one man can formulate a set of laws; not one man can appoint a set of men to make laws, but THE PEOPLE elect men to the high office of law makers, and must trust to them to make the laws in accordance with their best judgment—and then they are not PERFECT.

It is the President's business to execute those laws, to criticize them when proven defective, to recommend changes for their betterment, etc. We mean we THINK that is his business—we may be mistaken.

Congress seems to take this view of the matter and we can but agree that the question of "Motive" is not a fit subject for the President to discuss in a public document to that body.

"To err is human; to forgive, Divine."

The President has shown that he is human. So has Tillman. It is to be regretted that because a senator is human and undertakes to profit in a small degree because of information in his possession,—that is "disingenuous" in trying to cover up his private business transactions,—that the President of the United States should use the entire Secret Service force at his command at the expense of the govern-

HOCH! DER CHIEF!

(With apologies to "Hoch! Der Kaiser!")

Der Chief of d's great Freedom's land
 Und der S. S. all dings command,
 Ve two—Ach! Dond you understand?
 Meinself—und der S. S.

Vite some men sing der power divine
 Mine soldiers sing "Give us der Sign."
 Und drink der health in Vite 'ouse wine
 Of ME—und der S. S.

Dere's Rockyfeller's Standard Oil,
 We touched a match und made her boil,
 Reliefed her of a lot of spoil;
 Meinself—und der S. S.

She vill not dare to fight again,
 But if she shouldt, I'll show her blain
 Dot we can fine her yet again.
 Meinself—und der S. S.

Dere's congress—she's a vicked lot;
 Der laws dey pass schust make me hot!
 I dells her she would rather not
 Have ME—und der S. S.

Old "Pitchfork" vas on mischief bent,
 But my sleuth hounds got on der scent
 Und vound some dings (by accident);
 Meinself—by der S. S.

So ven he tried to run a bluff,
 Ve burned his carcass mit "hot stuff,"
 Until he had to cry "enough"
 To ME—und der S. S.

In dimes of beace brebare for war;
 I bear de "big stick"—mighty power,
 Und use it efr day und hour,
 Meinself—und der S. S.

In fact, my sick I nefer sheath;
 Mit aspect dark I show my teeth—
 Ach! Pouf! I knocks dem all beneath
 Meinself—und der S. S.

ment, to uncover and make public the private business of said senator, for no apparent reason except spite, and because he could.

Granted that Tillman did try to secure nine quarters of land, privately, while in his official capacity he was endeavoring to make it possible for thousands of others as well as himself to secure like quarters. There has been nothing to show that his personal gain prompted his senatorial action. Who of us are so "divine" that we would not do likewise?

Tillman's case proves this: that a man will sometimes resort to deception to cover up private business transactions for personal gain, even though he be a U. S. Senator. It does not prove him a villain.

We place the Divine ideal too high to believe there is either a President or Senator of the United States who is not liable to err. It is the business of Congress to make laws. Of the President to execute them. Of the people to turn them out and elect others when things are not satisfactory. It is everybody's business to WATCH, but we do not believe it is the duty of the President to use the Secret Service placed in his hands for the good of the Government,—for personal spite, any more than it is the duty of a Senator to use his official knowledge of conditions toward the acquirement of a few sections of cheap land.

Rebekah Installation.

The members of Faith Rebekah lodge No. 19 cordially invite the Odd Fellows and their wives to attend the installation of their officers Thursday evening, January 28th, at the Masonic hall.

PROGRAM.

Installation.
 Piano duet—Phebe Geer, Vivian Ward
 Recitation.....Margarete Fogel
 Solo.....Marie Ross
 Reading.....Anna Gilham
 Duets—Butler and Sellars.....
 Quartette—Butler and Griffith.....
 Address—J. C. Saylor.....

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Chas. Dickerson of Inavale is in town today.

John A. Crook of Falls City, Neb., a representative of the Monarch Bridge Co., was in town this week.

Frank Burse, a representative of the Tow's Bridge Co., of Omaha was in town this week.

Miss Coons and Mrs. L. Creed of Humbolt, are visiting their brother, J. H. Robinson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dawson and daughter, Mrs. Ida Bean of Guide Rock are visiting Mrs. Dawson's brother, J. H. Robinson and family today.

The Fraternal Aid lodge installed the following officers last Thursday evening:

Mr. Potter, Past President.
 Mrs. Joe Fogle, President.
 Mrs. Irvin Cummings, Vice Pres.
 Mrs. C. B. Hale, Chaplain.
 Mrs. Chas. Potter, Guide.
 Mrs. John Rutledge, Observer.
 Mrs. W. K. Geer, Sentinel.
 Miss Clara McMillian, Secretary.
 L. M. Crabill, Treasurer.
 After installation they all went to Patten's cafe for lunch.

Public Auction.

I will sell at public auction on my farm, 4 miles west and 6 north of Red Cloud and 19 miles south of Bladen, Thursday, January 28, 1909, commencing at 12:30 o'clock, the following property: Consisting of 4 head of horses and a span of mules, 16 head of cattle, 19 head of hogs, and farm machinery, etc.
 P. L. HANSEN.

Turner-Johnston

At the home of the bride's parents Wednesday at high noon occurred the marriage of Miss Lulu Turner to Samuel Johnston, in the presence of the immediate friends of the families. Rev. Geo. Hummel officiated and pronounced the words that made them one. The contracting parties are among the best of our young people. The Chief extends congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston will move at once to their farm home that the groom had prepared for the bride.

Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at postoffice at Red Cloud, Neb., for the week ending Jan. 14, 1909:
 A. W. Allen, G. B. Ayers, Mrs. Emma Berg, Geo. W. Gowdwy.

These will be sent to the dead letter office Jan. 28, 1909, if uncalled for before. When calling for above please say "advertised."

T. C. HACKER, Postmaster.

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 FOR SALE AT COOK'S DRUG STORE.

A Clean Up Sale.

Do you need any Underwear, Dress goods, Yarns, Outings, Laces, Embroideries, Ribbons, Hose and Mittens. If so come in and let us show you our line and get prices; it will be to your advantage to buy of us.

Following are a few of the Bargains.

Dress Goods. Remnants at 33 1-3 per cent off. All other goods at 20 per cent off.	Underwear. Every piece in the regular line at 20 per cent off. All odd pieces at 33 1-3 per cent off.
Yarns. Fleishers Zephyrs were 12 1-2 now 10 cents. Fleishers knitting-worsted 35c skein now 25c. Fleishers Shetland-floss at 80c lb.	Embroideries and Laces. You know our laces and embroideries are the best and cheapest at regular prices. We now offer the entire line at 20 per cent off. Special price on remnants.

Calicoes at 5c

This sale will last for two weeks only. First comer gets the pick of the stock. Come early.

At F. NEWHOUSE'S



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 MOON BLOCK ALL THE PHONES

OUR BUSINESS IS ON THE INCREASE!

WHY?

Because our prices on these goods are right—almost as cheap as the inferior goods sold by other houses. We invite you to the largest house in the county, one that pays taxes on \$19,000 worth of goods while our competitors pay on \$7,500. You can readily see where to trade to get the goods. We are here to stay. Give us a trial and be convinced. We are not undersold by anybody.

Red Cloud Hardware and Implement Co.
 WM. WOLFE, Secretary.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM CURED IN 3 DAYS.
 Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had Inflammatory Rheumatism in every muscle and joint; her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians, but received no benefit until she tried Dr. Detchon's Relief for Rheumatism. It gave her immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by The H. E. Grieco Drug Co., Red Cloud, Nebr.