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THE ONLY DEMOCRATIC PAPER IN WEBSTER COUNTY

Democratic State and County Ticket

For U. S. Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock
For Governor James C. Dahlgren
For Lieutenant Governor R. A. Clark
For Secretary of State C. W. Pool
For Auditor
For Treasurer George F. Hall
For State Superintendent
For Attorney General W. R. Jackson
For Commissioner C. H. Whitney
For Railroad Commissioner Wm. B. Eastham
For State Engineer Ben H. Hayden
For Congress, Fifth District
For Senator R. D. Sutherland
For Representative Arsine L. Heureux
For Representative George Lindsey
For Representative Wm. L. Weesner
For County Attorney Fred E. Maurer

Speaking about the Webster County Fair it seems that the good people in Bladen entirely overlooked our suggestion last year because they come out in their advertisements with the fair annual fair when it should be about the 29th. It gives the county a black eye to advertise that we have had only five fairs in our history covering a period of forty years or more.

Red Cloud furnished two hundred or more visitors to the carnival at Blue Hill last week and they were accorded the most hearty welcome Webster county is getting on the map for doing things. The Old Settlers Day at Guide Rock, The Chautauque at Red Cloud, Harvest Home Festival at Blue Hill and the County Fair at Bladen. Everybody in the county can have a vacation and a place to spend it.

There are strange rumors afloat, secret whisperings on the street, sage nodding of heads and we wonder what it is all about. From all we can gather something is going to drop pretty soon but we have not the remotest idea what it will be. What is most incomprehensible to us is why anyone would seek to conceal anything from a newspaper man when everyone knows that he is straining every nerve to learn of secrets that will look well in print. What are secrets for if not to be published?

Fred E. Maurer, democratic candidate for county attorney, is a Webster county boy, was educated in our schools and received his diploma from our state university. His life has been an open book during all these years and we are proud of him. His business dealings will bear the closest scrutiny and his character is above reproach. He has the necessary qualifications for the position and will make an excellent official. A vote for Fred Maurer is a vote for an honest, intelligent administration.

The beginning of school marks the end of vacation and to many of the children especially the boys it means the end of unrestrained fun. However we doubt considerably the statement made by the boys that they are not pleased to see school commence again. After the first few days they will fall into the way of school life and will enter into it as heartily as they did the playtime of vacation. Parents can greatly aid in making the school a success by encouraging their children to attend every day of the school year. At best the time is short enough and every boy and girl ought to be present every day. Of late years the pleasure of playing hooky is considerably spoiled by the truant officer. Here's hoping he will have nothing to do this year.

The play given in the opera house Saturday and Monday nights by the Modern Woodmen of America was an excellent representation of the workings of woodcraft. The actors all covered themselves with glory and carried out their parts with the ease of old hands. We would be pleased to give each individual player special notice but our lack of space forbids it. It is sufficient to say that the entire program was excellent and was much appreciated by the audience. We believe that more good will come from a high grade play like this than from a single address of one of the supreme lecturers. The play itself is a good characterization of the workings of the Woodman lodge and cannot but convince the sceptic. Lieut. Ellis is tireless in his efforts and much of the success of the play was due to him.

Bro. Burr of the Campbell Citizen has returned from a three months vacation to the western slope and we expect that there will be something doing once more. None but the newspaper fraternity know just how much Bro. Burr has been missed. During his absence not a single ripple has occurred on the placid waters, no prevaricator has been discovered and all the fallings and mistakes in the country press have escaped the pungent pen. We are pleased to see him back and extend the glad hand of welcome. His presence spurs us on to do our best, to be more careful in our makeup, to get a broader view of life, to be more charitable to our fellow man.

From a careful compilation of the statements as issued by all the banks in Webster county we find that we are in excellent condition. There is deposited in the banks of the county the large sum of \$1,450,606.88. At the same time the banks have loaned \$1,201,775.80 and their united capital stock amounts to \$272,000,000. This is an excellent showing and gives some idea of the wealth of the county especially when we remember that this year's crop is yet to be marketed. With a million and a half dollars deposited in banks throughout the county it would seem as though we would be able to pull thru the winter and have a little left for emergencies in the spring. If current reports be true it is more than probably that all the money is not deposited in banks. Perhaps fully a half a million might be found hidden in stockings, oyster cans and the like so that our true worth is probably close to two millions actual cash. Of this amount nearly one third is found deposited in the banks of this city.

Our Public Schools.

Our public schools opened Monday morning with a good attendance. The schools this year will be better than ever and we are pleased to see that there is continual advancement. Each year witnesses some new improvement, better equipment, better service. This year everyone of the instructors in the high school have state certificates and degrees. Superintendent Moritz is a graduate of the State University and Peru Normal and has a B. A. degree. William Overman, principal is a graduate of the state University and has the A. B. degree. Prof. J. Burwell has a B. A. degree. Miss C. Miller and Miss A. L. Richards both have A. B. degrees.

It will be seen that our high school teaching force is the best in the history of our schools. With instructors such as these we have a right to expect the most excellent results.

Over in the Lincoln school Miss Josephine Richards, a graduate of Evanston, Ill., assumes the position of principal. She comes well equipped for her duties and we welcome her to our midst. Miss Elsie Arnold will be found in charge of the sixth grade this year. She gave excellent satisfaction last year and holds a second grade certificate. Ruth Johnston will again have charge of the eighth grade. She has a first grade certificate. Miss Katherine Burke and her sister will have the same rooms as last year. They are both graduates of Drake, Ia., University. Miss Edna Williams will have charge of the third grade, the change to the sixth grade last year being but temporary. She holds a second grade certificate. Miss Alice Coombs has charge of the second grade room the same as last year. She has a second grade certificate. Miss Edith Raney is a graduate of Peru and will have charge of the first room. Miss Pearl Bryan a graduate of Kearney will have the kindergarten the same as last year.

Of the fourteen teachers nine are graduates of higher institutions of learning. We watch with considerable interest the progress of our schools because we are all interested in them. The prospects for a most successful year are very bright.

Red Cloud Wins Both Games from Hastings.

Monday afternoon Red Cloud defeated Hastings by a score of 7 to 4. Score:
Hastings.....3 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—4.
Red Cloud.....3 0 1 0 0 1 2 0 x—7.
Hits—Hastings 10, Red Cloud 11.
Errors—Hastings 5, Red Cloud 1.
Batteries—Waldron and Donnelly; Jarrott and Moss.
Struck out—By Waldron 7, by Jarrott 4. Bases on balls—Off Waldron 3, Two base hits—Donnelly and Harms. Home run—Mills.
Tuesday afternoon Red Cloud shut out Hastings in a good game by a score of 3 to 0. Score:
Hastings.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0.
Red Cloud.....1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—2.
Hits—Hastings 4, Red Cloud 2. Errors—Hastings 1, Red Cloud 0. Batteries—Clegg and Donnelly; Masters and Moss. Struck out—By Clegg 11, by Masters 7. Bases on balls—Off Clegg 5, off Masters 3. Three base hit—Donnelly.

Wagon Boxes

See Wagon for that new wagon box that you need. Also complete wagons.

ALL ARE CONCERNED

IMPROVEMENT OF NATION'S WATERWAYS OF INTEREST TO EVERY CITIZEN.

VITAL FACTS ARE PRESENTED

Cost of Getting Grain to Market Materially Reduced Through Shipment by Water—Benefits Distributed All Over the Country.

You may not know it—you probably don't—but it is a matter of importance to you whether the waterways of the United States are improved or not—and this is true no matter who you are, what your business is, or what part of the country you live in. It may be that you are a farmer and you tell me that it is nonsense to say that it can make any difference to you whether the waterways of the country are improved or not, because you live away out west, miles away from any river which is navigable now or ever will be.

Well, I admit that it is not as easy to see as the grain elevator down at your railway station, but the benefit is there just the same—a real, sure-enough, dollars-and-cents benefit. Waterways have already been of tremendous advantage to the farmers of the country and their further improvement will put more money into your pockets and those of your neighbors. Take grain for an illustration. A large part of the grain raised in the country is shipped away from the place where it is grown, some for use in the eastern states and some for export to Europe. Under these conditions the price of grain is not fixed at the nearest railway station. Your wheat, for instance, is worth just what it will bring in Liverpool—less the cost of getting it there. You can see at once that it makes a whole lot of difference to you how much it costs to send your grain to New York or Liverpool—and there's where the waterway comes in.

Where Economy Comes In.

In 1908 the average cost of carrying wheat from Chicago to Buffalo by lake was one cent a bushel, while the cost by rail to New York was 11.7 cents—almost twelve times as much, although the distance is the same. But grain which is to go all the way by water must be transferred to canal boats at Buffalo. Little canal boats drawn by mules cannot carry stuff as cheaply as big ships driven by steam, so the through rate by water was six cents a bushel, a little over half as much as by rail. For the twenty years ending with 1908 the water rate, on the average, was lower than the rail rate by 6.2 cents a bushel. On the shipments from Lake Superior the difference was greater still, since Duluth is less than 100 miles farther from New York than Chicago is by water and nearly 500 miles farther by rail, but no comparative rates are published.

The beneficial effects of the waterway, through lowered cost of transportation, are not confined to the grain shipped from cities on the lakes, but extend to practically all the grain produced. The total production of the five principal cereals—wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye—during the past 40 years, was over 120,000,000,000 bushels. If the average addition to the value of this vast volume of grain was five cents a bushel, and that seems a moderate figure in view of the facts stated above, the total is more than \$6,000,000,000—nearly all of which has gone into the pockets of the farmers.

But while the beneficial effect of the waterways extends to a surprising distance, a waterway close by exerts a very much more direct and powerful influence than one a long way off. If the Great Lakes and the Erie canal have increased the value of grain all over the west, what do you suppose would happen if the Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas and Red rivers were so improved that boats could run every day in the year unless hindered by ice?

Money Needed for Work.

The National Rivers and Harbors congress is working for the improvement of the rivers, harbors and waterways in all parts of the United States. Chairman Alexander of the rivers and harbors committee, says that \$339,000,000 will complete every project which has been begun or has been recommended by the army engineers. Five hundred million dollars would probably finish up all of these and all the new projects which will be surveyed and adopted within the next few years.

The average annual production of the five principal cereals, which during the last ten years has been 4,151,000,000 bushels, has been steadily increasing and will probably continue to increase for some time to come. The complete improvement of all our waterways would increase the value of every bushel of grain produced by at least five cents—my own opinion is that it would be more than that.

But let us be on the safe side. Suppose we spend a billion dollars on waterways instead of a half-billion; suppose that the production of grain remains as it is instead of increasing; and suppose that the price of grain is increased only 2 1/2 cents a bushel instead of five.

Even so, with production stationary, the expense doubled and the benefit cut in half, the whole \$1,000,000,000 would be returned in less than ten years in the increased price of grain alone.

GOING TO A WEDDING

"Did you have a good time?" asked the bookkeeper.

The young woman stenographer dropped her heavy suitcase. Having assured herself that the manager had not yet reached the office that morning, she turned upon the bookkeeper a severe countenance.

"You are the most tactless man I know," she declared. "Did you ever hear of any one having a good time at anybody's wedding?"

The bookkeeper shook his head. "That's the point of my subtle joke," he said.

"Well, it sounded to me like an ordinary foolish question. I am a little peevish, I think, for I am trying to count up how much the wedding cost me."

"I thought you liked to spend money."

"I do, when I have some chance of getting a fair return for it. But what pleasure do I get out of this? Not any."

"First," went on the stenographer, bitterly. "I had to forfeit a day's salary for a substitute stenographer; then, in order to catch the six o'clock train I had to hire a taxicab. Next I had to say good-by to six perfectly good dollars for my railroad ticket."

"When I reached the town my thirteen-year-old nephew pushed me into a cab as if I were a bag of meal. Then he disappeared bashfully into the darkness, leaving me alone in the cab with a nice-looking young man who was going to the same place. All the romances folded on the girl and the man meeting on the way to the house party flashed through my mind and I began to think that perhaps the wedding wouldn't be such a bore, after all."

"I didn't know before that you were so dependent on a mere man for your happiness," said the bookkeeper. "You are always bragging about the good times at your club."

"A girls' club is a jolly affair in itself," explained the stenographer, "but a church sociable or a wedding needs some foreign element—for example, an interesting man—to make it endurable."

"And this particular man?"

"His name was Smith. His wife and his small son were waiting for him at the house."

"Love's young dream blasted!" murmured the bookkeeper.

"I had one stroke of luck," said the stenographer. "The house was so full of relatives that I had to go to a neighbor's to sleep. I thought how lovely it was that I would not have to get up at seven o'clock in order to get to the office on time. They called me at six o'clock."

"After breakfast I helped make all the beds and then I sneaked off into the corner of the library and began to read a book. Unfortunately, my brother-in-law saw me and my reposing attitude seemed to irritate him, for he asked me to get up and dust a picture frame."

"It was selfish of you to shirk—"

"Young man, don't you know that one of the greatest lessons in life is to learn one's own responsibility and let other people's alone? The caterers were there to cater; the decorators were there to decorate; the bride and the bridesmaids were in the hands of the hairdresser. I think it was nice of me not to go rushing around yelling 'Isn't there something I can do?'"

"I got even with my brother-in-law, however. All of his personal property that was downstairs I carried up, and anything I found of his upstairs I took downstairs. They will have to clean house again before he finds his things."

"Of course we had a stand-up lunch in the butler's pantry—and my suit will have to go to the cleaner's."

"Two hours later the wedding march began. Then the procession came in, everybody counting four on each foot and all wishing they were well out of the whole business. Then during the ceremony there were some unostentatious tears shed. The man who wrote 'Merrily the Wedding Bells' certainly had a wonderful imagination. Next came the refreshments and the showering of rice."

"Well, this morning I crawled out at 4:30 and caught the train back to Chicago."

THE Miner Bros. Co.

The Big Store.

General Merchants

We are receiving new goods in all departments--and during the coming Fall and Winter seasons we will place before the purchasing public the largest stock of New Goods ever shown in Southern Nebraska.

Dry Goods, Womens Coats, Suits and Furnishings, Carpets, Rugs, Lace Curtains and Groceries.

THE MINER BROS. CO.

H. A. LETSON Mgr.

The Last Games of the Season

SUPERIOR, Saturday, Sept. 3rd.
HASTINGS, Mon. and Tues., Sept. 5th and 6th.
KEARNEY, Wed. and Thurs. Sept. 7th and 8th.

These are the closing games of the season and should be well attended.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

IN CHRISTIAN CHURCH EVERY LORD'S DAY
Bible school..... 10 a. m.
Sermon and Communion..... 11 a. m.
Christian Endeavor..... 6:30 p. m.
Prayer and praise, Wednesdays..... 7:30 p. m.
Prayers and praise, Wednesdays..... 7:30 p. m.
Seats free. Good music. Come. Bring your bibles, friends and good cheer.
L. A. HUSSONG, Minister.

Summary for August 1910.

Temperature: Maximum 102 on the 21st, minimum 36 on the 26th, greatest daily range 45 on 7th.
Precipitation: Total 2.69 inches. Greatest in 24 hours 1.15 inches on 29th. Number of days with .01 inch or more 10, clear 17, partly cloudy 6, cloudy 8, prevailing wind N. W. Thunderstorms 2, 3, 8, 11, 18, 29.
CHAS. S. LUDLOW.

CATARRH

ELY'S CREAM BALM FOR COLIC AND HEADACHE

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It cleanses, soothes, heals and protects the diseased membrane resulting from Catarrh and drives away a Cold in the Head quickly. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. It is easy to use. Contains no injurious drugs. No mercury, no cocaine, no morphine. The household remedy. Price, 50 cents at Drugstores or by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St., New York.

Loge and Church Directory

Charity Lodge No. 53, A. F. and A. M. meets at Masonic Hall every 1st and 3rd Friday. R. E. Foe, W. M. A. B. Sellers, Secretary.

Red Cloud Chapter No. 19, Royal Arch Masons meets every Second and Fourth Friday. D. W. Turnure, H. P. H. A. Letson, Secretary.

Cyrene Commandery No. 14, Knights Templar meets every First Thursday. H. A. Letson, E. C. D. W. Turnure, Recorder.

I. O. O. F.
Meets every Monday Night. C. B. Hale, N. G. O. C. Teel, Clerk.

REBEKAH
Meets First and Third Thursday. In I. O. O. F. Hall. Mrs. Lottie Smith, N. G. Carrie Holsworth, Secretary.

HOURS OF SERVICE AT M. E. CHURCH SABBATH SERVICES.

Sunday School..... 10 A. M.
Prayer..... 11 A. M.
Class meeting..... 12 M.

EVENING

Epworth league..... 7 P. M.
Prayer..... 8 P. M.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8 P. M.
Ladies Aid Friday..... 2 P. M.
Your presence is requested and a cordial invitation is extended to all.
M. T. STIFFLER Pastor.

BRETHREN CHURCH
Corner of 5th Avenue and Chestnut Street.
10 a. m. Sabbath School
11 a. m. Preaching
7:45 p. m. Christian Workers Band
8:00 p. m. Preaching
All are invited to attend.
J. E. JARROK, Minister.

GRACE (EPISCOPAL) CHURCH
Rev. J. M. Bates, Pastor.
Service the first two Sundays in each month.
Holy Communion at morning services on the first Sunday.
Sunday school at 12 o'clock every Sunday.
Mrs. E. B. Smith, Organist, Sunday.