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## Webster County Bank

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### Baptist Church Notes.

The pastor was very much pleased with the audiences that greeted him last Sabbath both morning and evening. Still there is room for others, if you are not a church attendant there is room for you at the Baptist church. Our Bible school is doing nicely. We are glad to see the new scholars coming, if we keep up this pace we are going to outdo our stent for the year. Let us untiedly push until every boy and girl is in a Bible school. The subject for next Sabbath a. m. is "Sin and Its Conqueror" in the evening the subject will be "Baptism." You are invited to worship with us. W. F. COLE, Pastor.

### Samuel Howard.

Samuel Howard, one of Red Cloud's most highly respected citizens died Sunday, April 14th, at the ripe old age of 82 years.

Mr Howard was born in Sanganon county, Illinois, January 7th, 1830. On April 28th, 1874, he settled in Jewell county, Kansas, where he took up a homestead, residing there until about 4 years ago when he moved to Red Cloud.

He leaves three daughters, Mary Prue Sloute, Ethel Coe and Alice Lightfoot, all of whom reside in Colorado, and two sons, W. J. Howard of Louisville, Kentucky, and G. M. Howard of Jewell county, Kansas. To them is extended the sympathy of the entire community.

Interment was in Webb cemetery in Smith county, Kansas, beside his wife who was buried there in 1878.

## Webster County Seed Corn Tested

The following letter from Mr. E. Brown, the botanist in charge of the United States Department of Agriculture, was received by Mr. Henry Gilham. The corn referred to was raised by Messrs. Platt and Gilham and sent to the bureau to be tested:

Washington, D. C., April 6, 1912.

Mr. Henry Gilham,  
Red Cloud, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:—

In response to the circular similar to the one which you received relative to the germination of seed corn, 1708 samples of corn intended for use as seed this spring were sent to this Laboratory from 17 states and tested for germination with the following results:

State	Number of Samples	Average Germination Per Cent	State	Number of Samples	Average Germination Per Cent
Virginia	113	93.3	Illinois	175	79.8
Kentucky	69	89.8	Indiana	108	79.0
Missouri	151	88.7	Minnesota	106	76.1
Maryland	41	87.1	Michigan	86	75.0
Iowa	141	85.4	Wisconsin	88	73.9
Pennsylvania	144	81.2	Nebraska	100	73.1
West Virginia	55	82.5	South Dakota	57	64.6
Kansas	66	82.0	North Dakota	19	56.8
Ohio	189	80.7			

The low germination of seed corn from many of the principal corn-growing states shows how serious the condition is this year. It is important that every one should be sure of the quality of seed he is intending to plant. Single ear germination tests should be made in all cases where ear corn is to be used for seed. When it is necessary to use shelled corn of which single-ear tests have not previously been made, the corn should be carefully mixed and a uniform sample tested for germination, and the rate of planting regulated on the basis of the germination tests so there will be a sufficient number of live kernels planted in each hill to give a full stand.

The corn which we received from you was tested with the following result:  
Germination 100 per cent.

Very truly yours,  
E. BROWN, Botanist in Charge.

### Bentley's Death Ends the Tragedy

M. R. Bentley, who shot his wife yesterday a little after noon, at their home on Wright street died at 10 o'clock last night. This ended the most notable tragedy in the history of the town. Bentley, who was 71 years of age, quarreled with his wife over the division of their hoarded wealth and laid deliberate plans to murder her.

He went to the Estes hardware store yesterday an hour or so before the tragedy and asked for a gun to kill a dog. Mr. Bates went with him to his residence and loaned him a .38 caliber revolver, which contained 3 cartridges and gave him 5 additional ones. Bentley went on home and seemed in a happy and contented mood. The family sat down to the noon meal, and evidence shows that it was interrupted with a resumption of the quarrel. Mrs. Bentley went up stairs to the back bedroom and was followed by her husband. He fired a shot immediately on entering the room the bullet entering the chin and passing on through the neck. She fell on her knees with her head on the bed fatally shot, when the second shot entered the ear.

When sure of his wife's death Bentley entered the front bedroom and holding a hand mirror in front of him, sent a bullet crashing through his brain.

The house keeper rushed to the room at the first sound of the pistol but was ordered away under penalty of death. She gave the alarm and soon the horrible crime spread over the community. Drs. Sexton and Webster were the first to enter the rooms and make the examination. The murderer was sitting on the floor braced against the bed, his victim cold in death. Bentley was rationally, but brain substance was oozing from his wound. He asked to be put out of misery. When told of his serious condition and being asked if he wished to make his peace with God, Bentley himself might

Harmen, J. M. Cardin, L. E. Collins, D. Smith, Frank Hogan, J. T. McKinnon, E. J. Lee, Edd Curtis, N. B. Wilson, John Elrod, W. N. Young, Dr. Webster, Dr. Sexton.

The direct cause of the tragedy was domestic trouble, growing out of the distribution of the estate valued at \$100,000.

The body of Mrs. Bentley will be held pending the arrival of relatives or orders from them.

The arrangements for the funeral of Mr. Bentley have not been made but he will be buried here at his own request.

He had previously outlined his plans for burial to undertaker McCalloch and they will be carried out to the letter.

Mrs. Bentley was a member of the Eastern Star at Red Cloud, Neb., and she will be buried by that order. She was 65 years of age.

Mr. Bentley was a member of the Masonic order in Red Cloud, Neb., and in good standing up to the time of the tragedy. He came here several years ago, after a successful career in Nebraska, where he located in an early day.

The tragedy has cast a gloom over the city, as very few of their friends and acquaintances knew of their trouble. Bentley was the heaviest loser in the Bank of Siloam.—Thursday's Daily Register, Siloam Springs, Ark.

Mr. Bentley lived in this city for twenty-five years. He accumulated his money by the most extortionate usury. There was no practise in this undesirable business of which he was not accused. We have not heard a word of commendation of his character or life. The only regret heard upon the streets is that the hundred thousand dollars over which he quarreled with his wife, had not been left in the possession of the victims of his usurious practices in this county.

Mrs. Bentley is spoken of with kindness, as a woman unfortunate in the character of her husband. Yet there are some who are charitable enough to think that Bentley himself might

## A Pretty Church Wedding Before You Buy By Mail

A very pretty wedding took place Monday evening, April 15th, at nine o'clock at Grace Episcopal church, when Miss Mary Stewart Damerell became the bride of George M. VanCamp, of this city.

Miss Damerell, who had no attendants, came up the aisle on the arm of Dr. Robt. Damerell, and was met at the altar steps by Mr. VanCamp. Rev. J. M. Bates, Rector of Grace church, read the marriage service. The bride, a petite brunette, was very girlish and pretty in a street suit of white serge with becoming white hat.

The service at the church was followed by an informal reception and supper for the wedding party and relatives at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Damerell. The table was laid for sixteen, beautifully decorated with white carnations and brides roses and a four course supper was served. White carnations and narcissus were used in the living and music rooms.

The groom is well known in this city and has a position as telegraph operator at the depot here. They have a home furnished and will immediately start to house keeping on their return to this city.

Mr. and Mrs. VanCamp took a late night train for the east and expect to spend two weeks visiting the bride's mother, Mrs. L. V. Stewart, and other relatives in Washington, D. C.

Out of town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Hughes, of Hastings, Nebraska.

### Eighth Grade Examinations

Time—Thursday and Friday, April 25 and 26th, 1912.

Places—The court house at Red Cloud, and the public school building in Guide Rock, Blue Hill, Cowles, Inavale, Bladen, and Rosemont.

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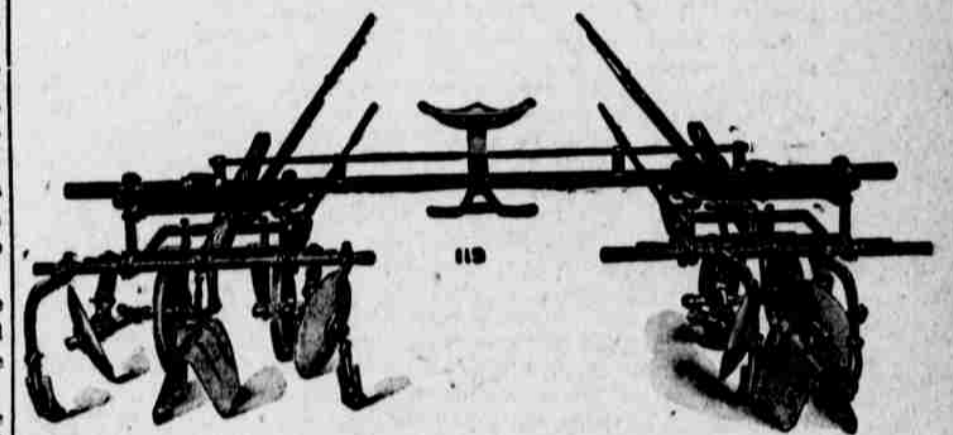
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### Notice

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