



A Newspaper That Gives The News Fifty-two Weeks Each Year For \$1.50.

VOLUME XXXX.

RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA, MAY 2, 1912.

NUMBER 18

THE New Banking Law is now in force and the payment of every dollar of deposits in this institution is guaranteed by the Bank Guaranty Fund of the State of Nebraska.

**INTEREST PAID ON TIME DEPOSITS.**  
**Webster County Bank**  
 RED CLOUD, NEB.  
 CAPITAL \$25,000

**Webster County Condensed**

Some Very Interesting Facts

Taken From the Files of the Chief of Feb. 3, 1876, Mark Warner Editor.

Webster County, Nebraska, lies in the valley of the Republican, is 150 miles west of the Missouri river and touches the state line on the South. Winters are mild and dry; very little rain or snow falls in that season so little in fact that cattle live all winter with no hay or grain. Plenty of rain falls in the spring and summer. The summers are not disagreeably warm, as there is always a cool breeze especially in the evenings. The county first began to settle in 1870. In 1871 the county was organized with a population of 45. Its population is now between 2900 and 3000 and is rapidly increasing. There are at present 38 organized school districts within its boundaries and school facilities are therefore ample—better than those in some Eastern States. The apportionable school fund furnishes nearly enough money to pay teachers' wages. Farmers can buy R. R. land from \$1.50 to \$6 per acre—with ten years time. There is yet a considerable amount of government lands for homesteads and pre-emptions. As a stock raising country it is hard to excel. Cattle do well, and for sheep it cannot be beaten. It is just suited to that. Fortunes can be easily made by raising sheep as the expense of feeding is very small. That corn, oats, barley, potatoes, buck wheat, and all kinds of roots and vegetables, are grown here with little labor. 35 bushels of sod corn to the acre is nothing new. Wheat averages about 25 bushels to the acre. Fruit does extremely well. Every farmer has his orchard growing. Forest trees grow rapidly. Cottonwood, boxelder, whitewood, soft maple, and many other kinds of trees grow into timber large enough for fuel in about three years. Orange orange plants do nicely, and in a few years your live fences can be made. Mechanics find employment and fair wages. The very best and purest water is obtained by going from 5 to 100 feet. The cost is very small when the well is bored. These wells never go dry. The streams of this county are the Republican and its tributaries which are as follows: on the south side of the river, Walnut, Dry, Buffalo, State, Penny, Cedar, Hicks, Ash, and Guide Rock creeks. On the north side are Willow, Elm, Cottonwood, Crooked, Indian, and Farmers creeks. In the north part of the county is the Blue river and its tributaries.

Cloud and Guide Rock are the only two laid out towns. Further information can be obtained from any land agent who advertises in this paper, or at this office.

May 2, 1912

Webster county still lies in the valley of the Republican but we can no longer say that there is a scarcity of rain and snow in the winter. The past winter was the longest and the wettest known. Another change is that cattle can no longer live during the winter without hay or grain. They must be fed. The buffalo grass is a thing of the past.

The present population is about 15,000 and is still rapidly increasing. Could the early settlers see the magnificent school buildings over the county today they would feel amply repaid for their pioneer school work. The government land and the railroad land is all gone and the same farms that were sold then for \$1.50 to \$6 per acre now bring from \$60 to \$125 per acre. Cattle still do well since this is one of the greatest feeding counties in the state. The Bureau of labor on crop statistics shows that the average yield per acre of corn is now 31.5, wheat 28.1, oats 40.4, rye 22, alfalfa 3 tons, potatoes 50. Alfalfa has taken the place of timothy and clover.

It has been proven that every kind of northern tree can be successfully grown in this county. Peaches, pears, apples, cherries and apricots are plentiful. The streams of '76 still flow and they never go dry. The soil is still as good as it was then and the experienced farmers now know how to rotate his crops and conserve the moisture. The rail road has been here for years affording a good market for all the surplus produce but the greater part of all grains and hay is fed right at home. Cattle feeding is now carried on so largely that all crops are easily used and the fat cattle shipped to eastern markets.

The dreams of the early pioneers have been fully realized and we now have a county that is rich in production, rich in schools, rich in buildings and improvements. It will return as large dividends for the labor expended as any county in the middle west.

**Hats Off To The Hens**

The Chief has been at some pains to ascertain the amount of the butter, egg and poultry trade of the city during the year ending with May 1st, 1912.

The total values brought to the city are as follows: Eggs, \$26,008.49; butter, \$13,670.48; poultry, \$14,486.77.

Of these amounts about one third was resold by the merchants for home consumption, and the remaining two thirds was shipped to other points.

The butter brought to the city represents about one third of the marketed dairy product, the remaining two thirds having been sold in the form of cream.

The total poultry and dairy product handled in the city during the year amounts in round numbers to the value of \$75,000.

These figures indicate the rapidly increasing significance of the cow and hen, and the corresponding importance of the alfalfa pasturage.

No portion of the state is so well adapted to the cultivation of alfalfa as is the vicinity of Red Cloud, and, probably there is no city of the state surrounded by a larger acreage of this grass. Yet but a small fraction of the area in sight is now covered with this highly nutritious and productive vegetation.

There are no signs that the prices of last year will suffer a sensible diminution. On the other hand the upward tendency of prices for dairy and poultry products would seem to be assured.

At these prices, every farmer, by a little attention to the barn yard can make the cow and hen easily supply the needs of the family in groceries and dry goods and provide pocket money for the wife and children.

**New Factory for Red Cloud**

William Dumas of Des Moines, Iowa, arrived in the city Friday and is preparing to open a cigar factory in the Moon block, in the old lodge rooms formerly occupied by Metcalf's studio. Mr. Dumas is a musician, and through the efforts of Prof. Betz and the local business men, was brought to the city to open the factory. Mr. Dumas comes well recommended and is a competent cigar maker. Mr. Dumas will move his family here as soon as he is permanently located. The Chief joins the citizens and business men of Red Cloud in welcoming Mr. Dumas to our city.

**Christian Church Announcement**

There will be services every Lord's Day as full time is now arranged for. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening, choir meeting on Friday evenings. The subject for next Lord's Day at 11 a. m., "Plans to Attain Higher Ideals." Evening subject, 8 p. m., "The Mission of the Holy Spirit." There will be special music, we will seek to entertain by imparting instruction from the Scriptures so that individuals and community will become more and more Christ-like, your presence will be appreciated. C. F. Ross, Pastor.

**Gives Quick Action**

C. L. Cotting reports that A SINGLE DOSE of simple buckthorn bark glycerine, etc., as compounded in Ad-Brook, the new German appendicitis remedy, relieves constipation or gas on the stomach, almost INSTANTLY.

**Before You Buy By Mail**

Bring us the ad, that interests you.

If you will do this, you won't buy by mail that's certain. Because you will have no reason to.

Any article of jewelry or watches or silverware or anything else in the line can be bought here at prices every bit as low as anywhere else—near or far.

And you have this advantage—you can see, handle and examine to your hearts content anything that is of interest to you.

Bring us that catalog and let us prove it to you.

Remember "Satisfaction or Your Money Back."

**Newhouse Bros.,**

E. H. Newhouse, Prop.  
 C. B. & Q. Watch Inspectors

**No Leaking**  
 it's ink-tight

See that shoulder?

The cap screws down tight against it—thereby forming an absolutely ink-tight chamber for the point. That's the reason

**Conklin's Self-Filling Fountain Pen**

never leaks in your pocket or stains your fingers when you take off the cap to write.

All that in addition to its matchless self-filling, self-cleaning and superb writing qualities. \$2.50, \$3.00 and up.

**C. L. COTTING THE DRUGGIST**

**Congregational Church Notices**

"Building the Wall" will be the subject of the sermon Sunday morning. Sunday school meets at 10 o'clock. Evening service at 8. The pastor will begin a series of sermons on the general subject: "The life, teaching and mission of the Apostle Paul. The address this coming Sunday evening will deal with his boyhood, his college life, his connection with the first Christian martyr, his conversion, and his Gospel."

The Brotherhood meets Tuesday evening at 8. Mid-week prayer-meeting on Wednesday at 8. All cordially invited to the above services.

JOHN J. BAYNE, Pastor.

**Parents Meeting**

There will be a parents and teachers meeting held in the high school room Thursday evening, May 9. The following is the program:

Industrial Education.....Judge A. D. Ranney  
 Discussion.....Mrs. A. McCall  
 Music in Schools.....L. P. Albright  
 All people of the district are cordially invited.

**Produce Nearly All Our Own Salt**

Michigan is the second salt-producing state in importance in the Union, being surpassed only by New York. The output of salt in the state in 1910, according to the United States Geological Survey, was 9,452,922 barrels, or 1,323,283 tons, valued at \$2,931,362. Our total salt production in 1910 was 39,305,656 barrels, against only 979,306 barrels imported, valued at \$370,932. At the same time we exported salt to the value of \$320,926.

The indications are that the salt production for 1911 will show an increase over the figure for the preceding year.

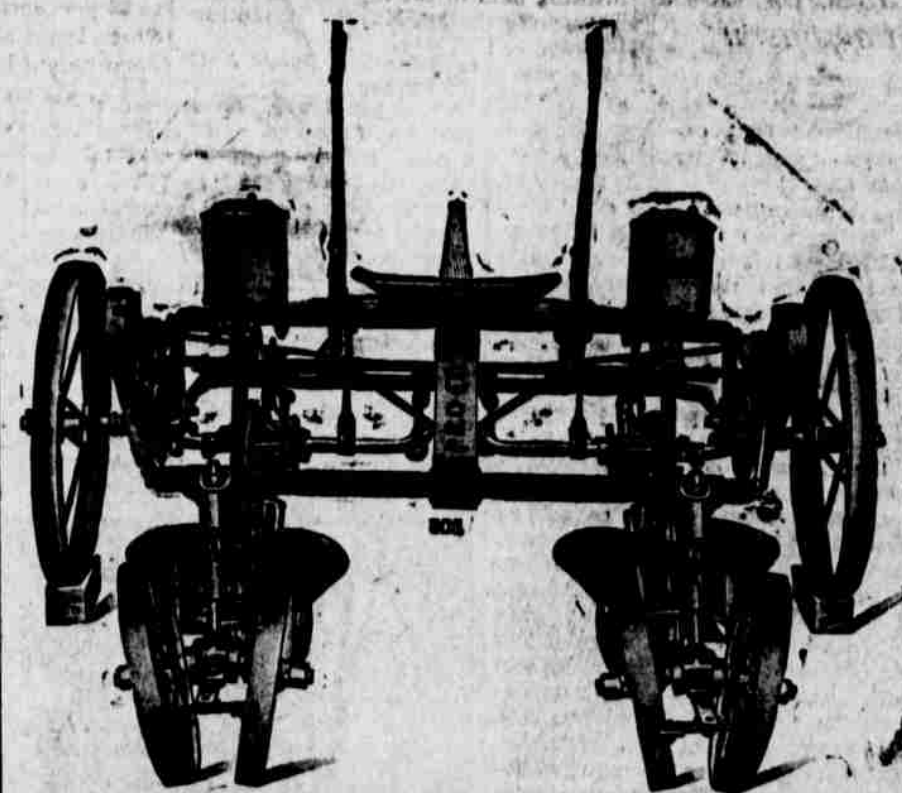
**Home Baked**

**Flaky Biscuits**  
**Delicious Cake**  
**Healthful Food**  
 made with

**DR. PRICE'S CREAM Baking Powder**

The product of Grapes

No Alum  
 No Lime Phosphat



**Canton 2-Row Lister**

We handle the following:

- Listers
- Discs
- Harrows
- Lister Cultivators
- Cultivators

The Famous  
**Beatrice 2-Row Cultivator**  
**Grand DeTour Implements**  
**Des Moines Silo**

A Car Load of  
**Electrical Weld Weven Wire Fence**  
**Heavy Hardware, Rope, Oils and Greases**

A full line of repairs carried in stock.

**WOLFE & WHITAKER**  
 GENERAL BLACKSMITHS