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THE ONLY DEMOCRATIC PAPER IN WEBSTER COUNTY

Each succeeding year emphasizes the fact that we ought to have a park or grove belonging to the city. The city owes it to the inhabitants to provide healthful, harmless, interesting recreation and a park is the ideal place where all the city can gather and enjoy a restful day out of doors.

Now that a portion of Webster street is being fitted up with cement gutters we think that the entire business section should catch the enthusiasm and construct gutters also. This is the first step towards paving and shows progress and prosperity. Strangers judge a city as much by its streets as they do by the buildings they see. If the streets are clean and well kept, it denotes a thrift impossible to convey in any other manner. Let the good work go on.

We have reason to feel proud of the showing that our high school athletics made at the central and western Nebraska tournament at Hastings last week. Our boys were in fast company going up against the Kearney academy, the Franklin academy and the high schools of Hastings, Beatrice, North Platte and others. While the Red Cloud team did not capture the flag they finished ahead of North Platte, Cambridge, Edgar and York. The grounds were in very bad condition owing to the heavy rains but several good stunts were pulled off. For instance the hammer throw record was 131 feet while at the state University during the same week the distance made was only 111 feet. With the practice that another year will give them "Our Boys" will undoubtedly push up to first place.

Collier's Weekly, of the 27th ult., devotes two pages and part of a third to a written description and pictorial illustration of the efforts of the people of Meriden, New Hampshire to promote the increase of the wild birds in variety, in number, in the neighborhood. A few years ago the officials about the court house took a little pains to encourage the disposition of the squirrels to make their homes in the trees of the court house park. How much genuine and innocent pleasure their attention gave to the children in the north part of the city is difficult to estimate. Not the children alone, but most of the adults, found an added interest in life because of the active movements and friendly, cheerful manners of the agile and partially tamed animals.

The cultivation of the birds promises still more pleasure with an element of utility added. Independent of the sweet songs and the varied beauty of form, color and motion, the birds will easily repay the food and care given them in the destruction of worms and insects.

Doubtless a large portion of the people of the city go to and from their daily tasks without noticing the songs that thrill the air of the streets and the lawns with melody. Many of these same people will pay money and go to some inconvenience, to sit for an hour on uncomfortable chairs in the opera house and listen to a tolerably fair imitator of the music that may be had without money and price in the fresh air under the shining sun from the more cheerful songsters that already make this city a spot of joyous harmonies.

A trip to one of the treeless villages of the west will give any one the feeling of an unconscious loneliness and sadness. It may be difficult, at first, to account for the change. The absence of the trees and the silence of the waste places strike home to the heart, even though one may be unable to note at once the cause of the lack of a cheerfulness and gaiety and restfulness.

Rev. Bates is hereby requested to give attention this matter of the attraction of different birds to our midst. The Chief will gladly give him unlimited space for a full statement and description of the birds we now have and the birds which we

might expect to attract by proper methods. If in cold New Hampshire the people can add to the charm and happiness of life by a little considerate treatment of the wild birds, what may we do in sunny Nebraska? The Chief would rather see the money expended in removing the cheerful dandelion from the court house park devoted to the encouragement of the joyous music of the feathered singers.

Some kind friend sent us a copy of the Appeal to Reason of "ate April 27. The stated circulation of this paper is 2,751,500. Were it as well, as it is boldly, edited, its influence would be a very significant factor in the formation of the public opinion of America. One can not read it, however, without some misgiving as to the correctness of its statements and the fairness of its opinions, because of the evident bias it exhibits. In the issue under consideration, it attacks the judges of the federal courts without any pretense of respect, and to the undisciplined reader its attack will seem justified by the facts it alleges. The thoughtful reader, on the other hand, becomes suspicious that the facts are not fully presented, and he, therefore, questions the conclusions.

The Chief has no doubt but that the facts give color to the charges made, and, while not questioning the personal integrity of the judges so bitterly assailed, we do most emphatically believe that the administration of law in this country is a disgrace to the intelligence of a free and enlightened people. We have no sympathy with the pretended sanctity which protects the procedure of our courts from the severest scrutiny and the utmost criticism, provided that criticism be of a character to appeal to the thoughtfulness rather than to the passions and prejudice of the people. Mr. Tut's defense of the sacred dignity of the courts should be ruthlessly brushed aside. Mr. Roosevelt's criticism should be directed with galling gun precision and effect, against, not the state judges elected by the popular vote, but the federal judges who have been appointed after consultation with the high-salaried members of the bar. Many of them have been a disgrace to the bench they are incompetent to adorn, and the cause of righteousness and justice has been the least considered element in their adjudications. Mr. Bryan's suggestion, that the President file with his nominations the recommendations upon which he bases them, does not seem to us sufficiently comprehensive to afford the relief desired. The appointments would be made without recommendations, or sufficient recommendations could readily be procured by the nominee after a hint that they would be useful. The whole trouble lies in the life tenure of the inferior judges. Congress should abolish all the inferior courts which the constitution will permit, and create new ones with judges whose shortness of term would render them more obedient to the public will and more considerate of public opinion.

Paved Streets

The improvement already commenced has suggested to us the propriety of making still farther improvements. We are satisfied that the cement placed for guttering would answer the purposes of a pavement of the street itself. The law authorizes the city council to create a paving district, against which it may issue bonds payable in fifteen years for the cost of the paving, assessing the lots improved with the expense. Suppose the council should create a paving district consisting of two blocks intersected by Webster street and Fourth avenue. The pavement could be laid for about the cost of the guttering which has already been laid. That is \$5.50 per square yard. To the center of the street would be, say 14 yards; that would be \$21 per lineal yard, or \$175 per lot of 25ft. front. This would not be an expensive amount for each business lot to pay. They would at once become that much more valuable. The corner lots, of course, would have a great deal more to pay. The additional charge to them would be about \$1000. But corner lots must expect some disadvantages to compensate their advantages. In the end the owners of the lots would be fully compensated. In addition to the added value of the lots; the marked improvement of the streets, the expenditure of the money, about sixteen thousand dollars, the main part would be for sand and labor, this would be a won-

derful stimulus to the business and growth of the city. We trust that the city council will give this matter instant consideration.

Red Cloud Boy Makes Good

Every alumnus of the Red Cloud schools, and, for that matter, all the under graduates, the teachers and patrons of the schools, should obtain and preserve a copy of the Chicago Tribune of last Sunday. That paper contains a full page picture in colors by Omer Butler of the class of '03. The picture is entitled "At the Telephone". Were it on better paper it would be suitable for framing and hanging on the wall of a parlor. It represents a beautiful young lady seated at a table with a telephone before her and flowers are in her hair. The people of Red Cloud should feel a good deal of pride in the fact that one of our boys has won the notice of a newspaper of the character of the Chicago Tribune, and has accomplished that a paper, which not unworthily claims to be the greatest newspaper in the world, accords such prominence to the production of his pencil. Mr. Butler is but twenty-six years of age. For an artist of that age to have gained a permanent position on the pictorial staff of such a publication promises well for a highly successful future. Mr. Butler was married two weeks ago. His present salary, we are informed, is \$28 per week, or a little less than fifteen hundred dollars per year. The other members of the class of '03 are Will Overman, Earl Crabbill, W. D. Edson, our Argus friend, Mrs. Ned Grimes, and the Misses Vera Hutchison, Mary Sheldon and Pearl Pope. They will be pleased to learn of the distinction their class-mate has achieved.

The Influence of Example

A pleasing illustration of the power of a good example is now being given to the people of the city. D. W. Turnure came to the conclusion that he would do something towards removing the mud holes which have disgraced and disfigured the main portion of Webster street. He consulted Saunders Bros., as to the cost of making a cement gutter in front of his recent purchase, the Moon Block. The lumber firm said that it would put in a gutter on Fourth Avenue in front of the lumber yard, and thus ascertain the cost of the work. This was done last week, and the cost estimated at fifty cents per lineal foot. Mr. Turnure told the firm to go ahead and make the improvement before his property, work was commenced Tuesday afternoon. Thereupon Dr. Damerall suggested that his property on the north corner be improved in the same manner at the same time, Adam Morhart thought the Opera House front should receive a like treatment. This took in all of the Webster street frontage of that block except the bank building owned by John Bentley, who is in Arkansas. He has been written to, and will doubtless agree to a like improvement. Across the street the Overing Bros., signified their willingness to do likewise. Dr. Cook gave in his adhesion. Wade Koontz, of course will not be backward. The same spirit has been exhibited by several of the property owners in the block south. Within a week it is very probable that Webster Street and Fourth Avenue will be improved by permanent gutters for two blocks, thus making a fine start towards the cleanliness and beauty of the business streets.

Real Estate Transfers.

Real Estate Transfers for week ending Tuesday, May 14th, 1912.
Compiled by M. W. Carter & Son, Bonded Abstractors.
Clara E. Smith and husband, to C. B. & Q. R. R. Co., R. W. D. to pt ne 1/4 ne 1/4 35-2-11..... 30
Daniel M. Garber to C. B. & Q. R. R. Co., R. W. D. to pt se 1/4 35-2-11..... 160
Charles N. Gurney and wife to C. B. & Q. R. R. Co., R. W. D. to 26-2-11..... 125
John B. Wisecarver and wife to C. B. & Q. R. R. Co., R. W. D. to pt ne 1/4 ne 1/4 Sec. 35-2-11..... 25
Melissa A. Hedge to C. B. & Q. R. R. Co., R. W. D. to pt 23-2-11..... 100
Ivah D. Franklin and husband, to Mary A. Simpson, w. d., pt se 1/4 9-4-11..... 3000
Oliver D. Hedge and wife to Charles H. Patton, w. d., to West pt Blk. 11, Kaley & Jacksons Add to Red Cloud..... 1000
C. F. Moranville and wife to Hugh S. Reed, w. d., to lots 1 to 6, Blk. 2, Talbots add to Guide Rock..... 1500
Kate Watson to Peter Koch, w. d., n 1/2 nw 1/4 6-3-12..... 6700
Henrich Koch and wife to W. B. Hyden, w. d., sw 1/4 7-4-12..... 10,000
Rudolph Frey and wife to Adolf J. Frey, w. d., se 1/4, s 1/2 ne 1/4 1-2-9 Adolf Frey to Ida Frey, w. d., se 1/4, s 1/2 ne 1/4 1-2-9..... 1
Berend Brauner and wife to Edna M. Buntjer, w. d., w 1/2 n 1/2 nw 1/4 20-1-9..... 3000
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D. W. TURNURE,

Mayor.

Congregational Church Notices.

"The Reasonableness of True Religion" will be the subject of the sermon Sunday morning. The Baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of the High School will be preached in the church in the evening. Sunday school at 10. Brotherhood Tuesday evening at 8. Mid-week meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Miss Cotting. The pastor will lecture on the Book of John. All ladies cordially invited.—John J. Bayne, pastor.

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