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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.

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RED CLOUD, NEB.

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Correspondents

GARFIELD Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Shupson, Leland Udwell and wife and Mrs. Winifred of Red Cloud were visiting at Clyde Bowen's Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris a boy on last Friday night of the usual Nebraska weight. Fred steps very high now and he says the boy is yelling for Wilson.

Muriel and Ethel Fisher were visiting at McDowell's Sunday.

Harry Harris and wife were pleasant callers at Al Smith's Sunday.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Smith Tuesday morning and left a ten pound baby boy.

If anyone mentions vaccination in Garfield now a-days there will be a fight or a foot race right a way.

Farming and most of the work in the country is at a stand still at present on account of the sick horses.

John Wittwer, the well and wind mill man, put down a well for Smith Bros. on Saturday and now Al says he don't have to go to the neighbors to get a drink.

Sherm Shipman hauled hogs to Red Cloud Saturday.

George Hall and wife were callers at Guy Barnes Sunday.

COWLES

The people of Cowles has secured a Lecture Course from the Midland Concert Co., which will consist of five numbers. The first number will be rendered October 2nd at the M. E. church.

The Cowles base ball fans proceeded to Guide Rock Saturday to play the boys of that place a game of base ball. The game was slow and draggy and resulted in a score of 3 to 9 in favor of Cowles.

Ren Thomas sold sixty acres of land to M. R. A'anson last week. This is part of what is known as the Cutter ranch.

Ed Koon was a Red Cloud visitor between trains Friday.

John Beal and wife spent Sunday in town with Mr. and Mrs. Castello.

E. T. Poe has a daughter from Bird City visiting him. She formerly lived here and at Blue Hill.

Miss Pearl Stark was a passenger to Hastings Tuesday.

Elmer Simons and daughter Freda left for a short visit at Milford, Nebr. Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs. Mair left for Kansas City Wednesday. They have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ritchey.

The Republicans held a caucus Saturday and nominated Ed Koon for overseer and E. J. Grant for assessor.

Miss Gertrude Good departs for Chicago Friday where she expects to take kindergarten training in one of the numerous colleges in that place.

Timothy Lawler left for Kansas City Wednesday with a load of hogs.

Farm Loans

Lowest interest, best option, least expense. Call for me at State Bank, Red Cloud. C. F. CARTER.

The Horse Plague Dying Out

Not so Bad as Anticipated But Bad Enough

Total Loss up to Date North of the River and in Garfield 871.

Of These 370 were Vaccinated. The Remaining 501 Died from the Disease Itself.

Origin of the Disease Unknown. Remedy Undiscovered. Removal from the Pasture Has Resulted in Saving the Unattacked Horses

Sunday was the last Day that Veterinarians have been Called for the Disease

Total Number of Horses in the County 11,067, Mules 1927; Total Loss about 1100 or less than 9 percent.

Total valuation for assessment purposes \$230,000, which, one fifth of the real value, would make the total valuation about \$1,500,000.

Nine percent would make \$135,000. This is a very low figure.

Probably One Half to One Third the Actual Loss.

The Chief has been at some pains to get at the extent of the injury to the farmers of this locality from the horse plague which has been afflicting the horses of this state and Kansas during the past two weeks. It has been impossible to obtain precise information from all parts of the county in time for this issue, but we hope to be able, in the next issue, to give a detailed report of the ravages of this pestilence, the most destructive that has been known in our history, exceeding in the actual value of property destroyed the damage done by the grasshopper plague of 1874. At the time of the visitation of the locusts there was not so much value to be destroyed.

The disease seems to have been some sort of an attack of the brain. The horse attacked became stupid or wild, often blind, sometimes maddened, with a desire to attack its owner or keeper, regardless of fences, with all the indications of intense suffering. In some cases the horses were shot to put them out of misery. Cases have been reported where poisons were given to terminate their suffering, which were followed by the recovery of the animals attacked.

A very few cases have been reported where the horses are regaining their health after an attack. These cases, however, were exceptional.

Usually death followed within two to six days after the discovery of the first symptoms of the dread disease.

Horses were attacked that had been kept from running in the pastures, and where the disease had broken out and taken one or more victims, the removal of the other animals from the pasture and putting them on different feed has generally been followed by immunity from the plague.

The first appearance of the disease of which we have heard, was last winter on the farm of T. J. Sherer north east of the city. Mr. Sherer then lost 2 horses, but no thought of an epidemic was then in his mind. He says that his horses which were afflicted last week acted very much as did the horses last winter.

Of course, this may have been an accidental likeness. It seems hardly probable that the real trouble appeared so long ago.

The appearance of the disease threw the entire farming community into consternation, and it is not surprising that they grasped at any thing which promised to render their horses immune from the calamity.

How it came about, we do not know, but the idea occurred that vaccination with Blackleg toxin would be helpful.

We have heard the number so treated estimated at figures ranging from seven hundred to twenty six hundred. Very soon many of the vaccinated horses began to die, which prompted thought to from the administration of the serum. Then the people became wild and desperate. In some cases amputation of the wounds made, by the vaccination process has seemingly

checked the evil resulting. Vaccinated horses that were put to work have in some cases apparently recovered. The prevailing impression is that a large proportion of the vaccinated animals will eventually succumb. But the Chief takes a more hopeful view. The disease seems to have been most severe in the neighborhood of Rosemont and south of the river. There are doubtless many farms which have remained unafflicted with the scourge; but it has been the usual thing to hear from a farmer that he has lost one or more animals. Some have been so unfortunate as to lose nearly all they had, and be reduced to a condition of helplessness. The heaviest losers of which we have the figures at present are: Alva Stoner and B. Shirley

The figures we have given were obtained by a hasty drive through the north half of the county Tuesday, and will probably be increased when full returns are in. There losses which have not been reported to the veterinarians. The Chief will endeavor to present a detailed account next week showing the names of the farmers and losses of each.

The Chief reporter has heard much bitterness expressed at those who counseled vaccination. It is natural for men to be indignant at somebody or something in the fact of such a calamity. But it must be remembered that those who counseled this practice were acting with the best intentions, that they are no more to be blamed for their want of information than the rest of us, that the horses which have died had they not been treated. The community was in the presence of an unknown terror which destroyed the possibility of calm and mature consideration. Prompt action seemed to be necessary, and it is little wonder if measures were employed too precipitately.

State Veterinarian Warring on Quacks

Finds Farmers Spent Thousands for Worthless Horse Disease Medicine

Asks Governor to Take Hand and Stop the Selling of This Stuff

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 21 - State Veterinarian Bostrom has returned from Phelps county where he was called to investigate what was thought to be the ravage of spinal meningitis in cattle of that section. The disease, however, was diagnosed as blackleg and with the remedies suggested to farmers the state veterinarian believes the malady will soon be stamped out.

Upon his return today Dr. Bostrom made recommendation to the governor that every effort be made to stop the fraudulent means being taken by various quacks to sell remedies for the alleged cure of the horse disease which has caused severe losses over the state in the past month. According to the veterinarian, a huge sum of money has been spent in this way without any beneficial results being obtained. The state veterinarian desires the governor, through the various state departments, to do all he can to stop the misuse of money in this way. A public statement on the matter will likely be forthcoming within a short time.

Val Johnson of Enid, Okla., a veterinarian who came to the state to investigate the horse disease, declared today that the mold on foxtail growths since the late summer rains is responsible for the spread of the malady. He declares that it is a form of fungus poisoning.

Field Chief Davison of New York City and his four federal experts will leave the state within a few days. They have made a wide investigation and are said to have collected many facts with relation to the baffling disease. They are, however, not ready to suggest any remedy. They only concern at the present time to urge that preventive measures be adopted to guard against the spread of the disease. They will review their investigation in research work at federal experiment stations after they leave the state.

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KANSAS PICKUPS

(FROM SMITH COUNTY)

Bert Payne has a sick horse at present.

William Hooper returned Monday from an extended visit in Canada.

R. L. Skaggs and family of Lebanon visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Spurrer Sunday.

Mrs. G. Dunn started for Yuma, Colorado, Monday to visit her daughter Mrs. Roy Upp.

Mrs. Laura Morris of Lebanon is out with her sister Mrs. Andrew Upp for weeks, canning peaches and tomatoes.

Miss Nora Dunn returned to her home near Yuma, Colo., Monday, after an extended visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Dunn.

Rev. E. E. Gale will deliver his last sermon before Conference to the people of Pawnee U. B. church and will be glad to see a house full.

The stork has been getting in his work in this vicinity the passed week, leaving a twelve pound boy at F. M. Brown's and a seven pound girl with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dunn.

With all the education of the present age, the horse disease is still raging without a sure remedy. John Masterman lost a horse last Friday for which he was offered two hundred dollars only a few weeks before, Geo. Cameron and Chas. Green each lost one on Sunday, four has died for Mr. Green with this disease, in all, he has lost eight horses since Christmas. This is sure hard luck for the farmers.

CLOCKS

A New Stock of

Mantel and Parlor Clocks.

E. H. Newhouse

Jeweler and Optometrist C. B. & Q. Watch Inspector.

Fall Suits

Are now here for your inspection

Crawford Shoes

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New Hats Imported Velours and all new styles in rough finishes.

Fine Complete Line of Sweater Coats.

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Paul Storey THE CLOTHIER