

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF

Red Cloud, Nebraska.
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C. B. HALE PUBLISHER
THE ONLY DEMOCRATIC PAPER IN
WEBSTER COUNTY.

You wouldn't buy a \$200 horse sight
unseen; how about a \$200 piano?

If we read our almanac correctly
Saturday is the shortest day of the
year.

The best town is the one that is
large enough to be convenient but
small enough to be neighborly.

The Red Cloud Chief celebrated its
fortieth anniversary last week by pub-
lishing eight extra pages for its read-
ers, much of the extra space having
been purchased by the merchants of
that town to advertise their holiday
offerings. The issue was a creditable
one, both to Editor Hale and the town
of Red Cloud. —Harian County Journal.

The prosperity of a town is not
guarded by the wealth of its inhabit-
ants, but by the uniformity with which
they pull together when any import-
ant undertaking is to be accomplished.
A man with a thousand dollars at his
command and a love for his town in
his heart can do more for the upbuild-
ing of it than the millionaire who
looks up his capitol and snaps his
finger at home progress.

THE CHIEF has been compelled to
double its size the past three issues,
and should again reach you this week
in two sections—16 pages. This was
made necessary because of the fact of
an unusually large amount of space
being taken by our local merchants
in display advertising, and is proof
sufficient of THE CHIEF'S popularity as
being the best advertising medium in
Webster county.

Christmas comes but once a year.
It is fortunate that it comes even that
often because we are prone to neglect
the softer graces during other than
the holiday season. Many a home in
our land will be made glad because
some heart has been touched by the
spirit of Christmas. Thousands of
hungry boys and girls, men and wo-
men will be fed on Christmas day.
Preparations are being made to care
for the less fortunate in this city.
Have you a hand in that enterprise?
Are you planning to make some one
happy on the 25th? We do not mean
your own family or those who can re-
turn your gifts, but are you going to
help some one that you know can
never help you in the same way? If
you are you will enjoy your Christmas.

The season of gifts again draws near
when the kindest feelings of our
hearts go out to those about us and
longs to find expression in some simple
token—some precious gift that may
serve as a reminder of the love and
good wishes cherished in days that
will soon have flown far in the past.
As it is silver and gold we have none
to proffer you, the riches of earth
have never been cast at our feet, and
our pocket, though large, remains but
a vacuum in spite of our desperate
efforts. But kind reader, we have you
in mind, and the past says "This bliss
to be remembered," so let us make one
little spot of sunshine in your soul as
we wait for you, one and all, far and
near, wherever this number of ours
may find a reader, a real joyous, felici-
tous, Merry Christmas.

The Farmers' Institute once more
emphasized the need of a larger build-
ing for gatherings in this city. Al-
though two big tie barns, the opera
house and a complete set of lodge
rooms were used this year they were
inadequate to meet the needs of the
large crowds that thronged all those
rooms during the sessions. What we
need is one building large enough to
accommodate the crowds that gather in
this city on special occasions.
An auditorium suitable for our pur-
pose can be built for twenty five hun-
dred dollars. A building of this char-
acter would be sufficient for the In-
stitute and the Chautauque. The money
spent in hiring tents for cha-
teauque purposes would soon pay for
such a structure. We suggest that
the officers of these institutions get
together and formulate a plan for the
erection of such a building that will
meet with the approval of the members
of both organizations and the general
public. The time is ripe for such an
enterprise and the opportunities
should not be neglected.

Notice

All members of the Red Cloud
Creamery Association are requested to
meet at the Court House Dec. 23, 1912,
at 2 o'clock p. m. There will be a levy
made on all stockholders to pay all in-
debtedness of Creamery. Any one ob-
jecting should be present.
J. F. BUCKLES, President.

A Peculiar Law Suit

Bernard McNeny went to Nuckolls
county last week to try a law suit,
which illustrates the difference be-
tween conditions in the eastern coun-
ties and those in Webster county, and
shows why the pioneers acted wisely
in passing over Jefferson, Thayer and
Nuckolls counties, with their better
lands and coming this far west to
homestead.

The lands in those counties had
been largely preempted by speculators,
who were holding the title without car-
ing to improve or sell. They are pur-
suing the same policy to day. The
men who do the farming and improv-
ing the lands are tenants, holding
under yearly lease. These tenants
erect valuable buildings, fences and
other improvements on the land, rely-
ing on the good faith of the owner to
renew their annual leases. They are,
therefore, largely in the landlords'
power. When they desire to sell they
find they have nothing to sell except
their improvements and good will to
the land.

In the particular case now on trial,
McNeny's client paid his predecessor
two thousand five hundred dollars for
his lease, which was for one year only,
expecting to occupy the land as long
as he desired by renewals of the lease
from year to year. The person of
whom he purchased, however, rents
several farms from the same owner,
(a lady in Illinois), and is practically
her local agent in Nuckolls county.
He persuaded her to refuse to release
the land to Mac's client and lease it to
himself. Now he is attempting to put
the man off the land after getting
twenty-five hundred dollars from him.

It is this trouble about the land titles
in Thayer and Nuckolls counties that
have prevented their development. It
has also prevented Superior from grow-
ing as rapidly as should have been the
case with her railroad advantages.

There ought to be some way of ex-
tinguishing the titles of these nonresi-
dent landholders.

Non-resident landholders are a curse
to any community, and the people of
superior ought to wake up to the fact
that they can only become such a city
as their railway advantages entitle
them to expect only by taking effective
measures to destroy this paralyzing
condition.

These annual leases sell for prices
ranging from three to five thousand
dollars per quarter according to the
improvements, and the purchaser real-
ly gets nothing save the good will of
the out-going tenant for his trouble.

The New Parcels Post.

RATES OF POSTAGE

First pound.....	13c	15c
Each additional pound.....	10c	12c

Each additional pound.....
Fifteen pounds.....
Zones—

City and rural delivery.....	5c	1c	0.15
Within 50 miles.....	6c	3c	0.22
Within 100 miles.....	6c	4c	0.46
Within 300 miles.....	7c	5c	0.57
Within 600 miles.....	8c	9c	0.68
Within 1,000 miles.....	9c	7c	0.79
Within 1,400 miles.....	10c	9c	1.00
Within 1,800 miles.....	11c	10c	1.11
*Over 1,800 miles.....	12c	12c	1.32

*Includes non-contiguous possessions.
RESTRICTIONS
Law effective January 1, 1913.
Weight limit, 11 pounds.
Size limit, 72 inches in length and
girth combined.

Four ounces or under, 1 cent per
ounce.
Ever four ounces considered 1 pound.
Fractional pounds considered as
pounds.

Farm products included in classifi-
cation.
Classification excludes matter of a
character perishable within a period
reasonably required to transport and
deliver, and parcels of form and kind
likely to injure postal employees or
equipment or other mail matter.

Rates, zones, weight limit and classifi-
cation may be changed by the post-
master general subject to approval of
interstate commerce commission.

C. O. D. — Postmaster general to
make regulations for collection of
price and postage, when desired.
Authorized to make additional charge
for this service.

The Y. M. C. A.

The executive board of the Y. M. C.
A. met Wednesday evening. The boys
will soon begin to receive the benefits
and it has been decided to reserve the
gym every Wednesday evening for the
use of the school girls.

The institution starts out with a
well equipped reading room, game
room, gymnasium and shower bath.
The yearly membership fees have
been fixed at \$2 for boys 12 to 16; \$3
for 16 to 20 and \$5 for all over 20.
Fees for school girls \$1 a year. Mem-
bership cards will be issued and in
the hands of the committee, Messrs:
Moritz and Boles, this week. The in-
stitution has its rent paid two years
in advance and is on a permanent
basis. In next week's issue we will
give a more detail account.

Miner's Deep Cut Holiday Sale

Beginning Saturday Morning, December 8th
And Closing Tuesday Night, December 24th

YOU are interested in saving from 20 to 33 1-3 per cent on seasonable merchandise. Read each item carefully.
You know the real worth of most of them. They are priced with a view of making it worth
your while to come to this sale.

NOTHING RESERVED IN THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS:

LACE CURTAINS

Any lace curtain in the store can be bought at a
big saving during this sale. We are showing all the
new makes and highest class effects.

\$1.00 Curtains \$.80 during this sale.

1.25	"	.99	"	"	"
1.50	"	\$1.19	"	"	"
2.00	"	1.59	"	"	"
3.09	"	2.39	"	"	"

All Other Lace Curtains specially priced.

Women's and Misses' Tailored Skirts 20 per cent
reduction.

Women's, Misses' and Children's Knit Gloves and
Mittens, all specially priced as follows:
50c values now 39c 25c values now 10c

RUGS OF ALL SIZES

Smith's Genuine Axminster Rugs in all of the
following sizes: 2-3x5, 7-6x9, 9x12, 3x6, 8-3x10-6,
11-3x12, 10-6x13-6.

20 per cent discount on all Rugs.

BLANKETS

The largest and best assortment of Blankets ever
shown in Red Cloud, is being placed on sale at our
store at 20 per cent discount. We have them in stock
48c to \$10.

COMFORTERS

Our line of Comforters is very complete, ranging
in price from \$1.25 to \$4.00 and they are of the best
possible makes. Priced during this sale at 20 per cent
discount.

Women's, Misses' and Children's Coats and Suits
all go at a discount of 33 1-3 per cent from our already
low plain figure prices. Remember, ladies, all our
Coats are this season's manufacture as we closed out
every coat last winter. Do not fail to take advan-
tage of such exceptional offerings.

All wool and wool mixed dress goods 20 per cent
discount.

Table Linens and Towels at 1-5 off the regular
price.

Sweaters for Women and Children at a reduction
of 33 1-3 per cent.

Our Stocks Are Complete in All Departments, And You Will Be Well Served And Well
Paid By Taking Advantage of These Bargains.

The Miner Brothers Company

"A Mighty Safe Place to Trade"
General Merchants

Fresh From the Factory

Selected By Personal Inspection

A Car of the Latest in the Art of the Best

FURNITURE MAKERS

Which Assures You of Being Able to Select All of the
Newest and Nobbiest Goods That it is Possible to Buy.

We have 1000 pieces of high class
music that we will place on sale during the
holidays at 5 cents per copy.

ED. AMACK

The Leader in Furniture and Undertaking

ALL THE PHONES



LAIRETAM GNIDIUB

IN TOWN!

Do You Remember Him!

He Is An Old Acquaintance

In A New Garb!

Look Him Over!

From Head to Foot

From Foot to Head!

Spell His Name Backward

And If You Do Not Recognize Him

Come Here and Meet Him

He Makes His Headquarters Here

With Us!

Saunders Bros

Away From Dust of Autos.
The increase of motoring and the
consequent increase of dust have, to
some considerable extent, changed
the value of villa and hotel sites in
visitors' resorts. The choice, espe-
cially in the south of France and Ita-
ly is now much in favor of houses well
away from the main road, and even
well outside towns.