

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF

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FRIDAY, OCT. 21 1881

Hon. J. Wesley Tucker will address the republicans of Webster county at Red Cloud, on Thursday, October 20.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution. For proposed Amendment to the Constitution relating to Legislative Department.

Against proposed Amendment to the Constitution relating to Legislative Department.

For proposed Amendment to Section one (1) of Article five (5) of the Constitution, entitled, 'Executive Department.'

Against proposed Amendment to Section one (1) of Article five (5) of the Constitution, entitled, 'Executive Department.'

The above Amendments are to be voted on at the coming election. Print on separate tickets, and vote in separate ballot box from that used for State and National ticket.

SCOTT

Mrs. Mary Arison and her two children, from California, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rinker, after spending many pleasant weeks in our neighborhood, have returned to their home in Virginia. They have made many friends here.

S. W. Corner was kind enough to say that she would not "steal the thunder" from us, and in remembrance we will send no thunder concerning the wedding.

GARFIELD

Died, one of the twin infants of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smith, on Monday morning, Oct. 20, and was interred in the Wagner cemetery Monday afternoon.

Walter Penny has sold his farm on Hull Creek, and issued bills for the sale of his stock on November 6.

John B. Hicks postmaster is digging another hole in the ground. We do not know what he intends to do with it.

Broom corn growers have about finished baling and are now anxiously waiting for the buyers. Several have commenced picking their mammoth crops of corn.

WHEATLAND

The sturdy march of improvements are still going on in this corner of the county. Mr. Doyle is building a substantial new frame house.

Mr. Butts has been raising a barn on the school section.

A new school house is to be built in district No. 20.

Dr. L. N. Wells will soon erect a new residence at La Portville.

B. C. Burt has also been adding to his building improvements.

Mrs. Scott has been confined to her bed for some time. Mrs. Wanful has also been on the sick list.

The Sunday school has continued without interruption, notwithstanding the loss of the school house.

Politics exceedingly quiet for the season.

CATHARTON

If you wish to see a living curiosity call and look at the one winged turkey on exhibition at our post office. Or, if you wish to inhale Nebraska invigorating wind, at locomotive speed, notify John McCallum and he will give you a drive in a new spring wagon just purchased at Elkhart, Ind.

One hundred and eighty ponies passed here Saturday, enroute for Kansas. J. P. Brainard was on the sick list last week.

John and Peter Kline have returned from Carter county. They say Webster is the place.

Mr. Riggins two brothers from Illinois are here.

Mrs. J. L. Frame has returned from Iowa, where she has been visiting for visiting for over a month. She thinks Nebraska the chosen place.

Miss Ida Britten is contemplating an extensive visit among relatives and friends in Beatrice and home.

Robert McCallum can be seen riding his new sulky plow.

W. B. Householder takes the lead in amount of corn raised with one team. He is a thorough farmer.

We have two auctioneers, one judge of civil government, one carpenter, and a girl baby.

COWLES

The past few days brings to mind the fact that winter will soon be here.

The new drug store is almost completed. It is a neat and substantial building and will soon be filled.

Ho ye! who want to buy lots. They are going off like hot cakes before a hungry boy. Dr. McKeety has purchased two business lots.

Mr. Lord, of Illinois, bought two business lots and will engage in the implement trade soon.

The new firm of Foe & Hodson are selling lots of stoves and other hardware.

Peak & Latta are doing a good business in hardware, etc.

Ed Gilford is also having a good trade in dry goods and groceries.

T. J. Ward has sold his office and scales here to N. Crawford, who will continue the coal trade.

James Ward is painting the new drug store. He is a good painter and also a good plasterer and bricklayer.

Mr. Burick has put up scales and is having an office built near the elevator. He has come to stay and is paying the highest market price for grain.

J. H. Brown, our genial hotel man, is building additions to his house, made necessary by an increasing patronage.

Another young carpenter in town. He is stopping with Al. Horton, and weighs eleven pounds.

Mrs. Schenck has gone to Harlan county to visit relatives.

A sister of Mrs. C. W. Fuller from Northern Iowa is visiting here.

Mr. Lineberger has moved his family to Cowles.

Rev. Newcomb of Fairfield, of the Christian denomination, is to preach here Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings.

Our school under the care of Nellie holds up in a healthy condition. Miss giving good satisfaction.

LITTLE HATCHET

The pride of Blue Hill can be bought of S. V. Ludlow.

ELM CREEK

Ugh! Winter comes at last. Mr. Crawford is very ill with consumption.

Relatives of Mr. Williamson have arrived from the east in search of land. Parties desiring good and cheap land will do well by visiting our county.

Sim Chambers has plastered and is now finishing the inside work in his house. He now has a cozy residence.

The hum of DeGroof's threshing is still heard in our midst, regardless of heat or cold. Mr. DeGroof is a new-comer in our midst, but what he has seen of him convinces us that he is a man of energetic principle.

Mont Arnold and John Terrel have gone to Rawlins county, Kan. where they took some claims. The boys will build a grist mill soon, to supply the wants of that county.

The most of them have awakened to their many friends with the best. A few days ago we heard of a very interesting conversation between two of Elm Creek's oldest farmers.

One was heard to utter a few phrases which we think it appropriate to pen: "Sir, do you know why our farmers have not been more prosperous for the past few years than they have been? It was not because they did not get enough rain; no, because the springs have been too late, or early frosts nor was it because they did not labor hard enough.

In short it was no fault of the crop, winter, ever, but when they saw they were blessed with a beautiful crop they purchased machinery they had no need of. The most of them have awakened to their great fault, but still there are some who will have almost anything, even an organ for the children to play with."

GUIDE ROCK

Last week's issue of THE CHIEF has failed thus far to materialize. Sunday's dust storm was perhaps the most extensive affair of the kind ever experienced in this part of the state.

The skating rink opened Saturday evening, and the number of canes, bandages, arnica, etc. called into requisition is simply astounding.

About a year ago there came into our village a man who bore the plain name of J. B. Jones. He was accompanied by his wife and two small children. Mr. Jones was a quiet, unassuming man, was rather poorly fixed, but had every appearance of being a man well brought up.

By occupation Mr. Jones was a carpenter, but his health being at times poor, he finally sat up his bench in Monroe's blacksmith shop, and did little jobs of repairing wagons, etc. Mr. Jones lived in a dug-out a half mile north of town.

Nothing unusual occurred to attract attention toward Mr. Jones until within the past three weeks, when he made known to a select number of our citizens that he had received from the S. government a pension amounting to \$3.75. Mr. Jones kept on at work as usual, but a few of our citizens said that he thought it beautiful, so fortunate to thus manifest his modesty.

But he now made known to the favored few that he had been a major in the army, and in that way accounted for the large sum received as pension. Finally a few of our friends talked into the major's confidence, began to look around for some safe investment for Mr. Jones' money.

It was not long until one merchant was lusingly involving his stock. Mr. Jones to become half owner. Another firm was ready to take him in as half owner in their business, while several loans had been contracted for sums ranging from \$1000 to \$2000. Some of the more cautious citizens who had caught on to the secret (?) could not believe it possible, while the more open hearted ones expressed their pleasure.

Mr. Jones meanwhile kept the even tenor of his way, bought a new suit of clothes, a nice watch and chain (all on "tick") horse, and a few dollars for present use of course—went to church, and with all the politeness of a Chesterfield, and at the same time the meekness of a Moses, returned the oft repeated salutations of "good morning, Major."

And thus things passed smoothly on until the importunities of the various business men to have the Major take rank at once in the business circle of our little city became so urgent that the Major sat part a day for going to the county seat to draw out the precious dust. One of our best looking citizens had been selected by the major for the drive as well as for the honor of identifying the Major at the bank.

The Major had arranged for an early dinner, and so he at his little shop at 1 P. M. sharp. At the identical 1 P. M. a span of high steppers was reined up in front of the little shop, and the cheerful tones of the driver called, "All ready, Major." But alas for human hopes. The Major was not there. Half past one, then the hour of two, and still the Major came not. It required but a short drive to reach the Major's humble domicile. The parties who drove out to the Major's suburban home found the poor wife and two sick children all alone, except it were the Major's old clothes as they hung upon the wall, a pile of potatoes on the earthen floor, a bed, stove and a couple of rickety chairs.

The gentlemen who drove out, forgetful of the oft repeated title of Major, asked simply for Mr. Jones, but that worthy had just stepped out for a little stroll in the cornfield east of the house and had not returned. And need it be added that the Major had, like the Arab, folded his tent and silently stolen away? Barring the pitiable condition of Mrs. Jones and her little ones, there is something so ludicrous connected with this affair that one people, many of them, can scarcely meet upon the streets without indulging in a hearty laugh. It is believed by many, however, that the Major had lost the proper balance of his mind.

All lament the fact that the new church building was not dedicated before the Major's departure for other fields, for beyond a doubt the most liberal subscription would have been made by him.

SCHOOL REPORT for the Cowles School for the month ending Oct. 17th, 1884. Whole No. of pupils enrolled, 56. Average daily attendance, 41. The following are the names of pupils in attendance every day: Ada Brown, Emma Brown, Fannie Ford, Cora Wells, Minnie Wells, Dora Ward, Arthur Ward, Willie Ward, Florence Tuller, Herman Ganbin, Katie Sears, Blanch Pierce, Beryl France, Bertha Horton, Ella Horton, Mable Martins.

Nellie M. Arnold, Teacher.

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Is good order essential to success in our District schools?

Most people say, yes. All believe it yet differ as to what good order is. Teachers differ as much as the patrons, and so what one teacher admits as good order, another is so disgusted with, that she overturns the whole system for something she considers better.

Strict, cast iron disciplines may not be desirable unless the pupils are so wicked that by their demerit the greatest good. But attention to study and recitation, freedom from snoring, thought, or acts, should be the rule in every school room.

So far as my observation goes, the best schools are the best governed. Those schools having loose discipline are generally play schools of little advantage to the scholar or taxpayer.

Many complaints if their pupils are brought to obey in the school room. Go into the home of such a person. Do not the children obey there? Some of them do, but the rule is that those who complain most about the sternness of the teacher at home, have the poorest disciplines at home.

If two or three are not properly controlled at home, how shall the teacher control forty at school with home influence against them? It is difficult, but must be done if the school proves a success. It needs judgment on the part of the teacher than an intelligent discriminating school board to encourage and sustain the teacher in her arduous position.

The best governed schools in Webster county are, some of them at least, where the teacher has run the gamut of pains above and has come out firm in support of the right, and sustained by the school board. Children love to work at things in which they take an interest and if an occasional obstinate scholar is found among them the good of the school must not be sacrificed to conform to his or her ideas of self.

Much trouble results in excess of discipline, not from the act itself but from slanderous tongues that have no special interest, only to put down another, whom they can never expect to emulate or excel. This spirit is a most prevalent, and despicable one in all grades of society and it manifests itself against the school teacher in full force.

Sherridan said: "I will not reach any tongue, as most work people do. But still believe that fact among which ought not to be true." If this sentiment were followed up, and the earnest, thoughtful teacher sustained, and retained for more than one term, we should see a marked change in the advancement of our schools.

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