THE RED CLOUD CHIEF

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CITY NEWS.

MRS H F KINSEY and MRS J H Trimble were in Hastings last week.

WM LETSON and wife were in Hastings for a day or two this week.

IT is rumored that there is to be a new store in town. Who will it be?

MR FLYNN is building a feed barn south of Nebraska Lumber Co's office.

P. CONOVER has begun to excavate for his new dwelling house on Seward street.

YEE LUNG has rented Jake Miller's building, north of Abe Kaley's for a "washee shopee."

PROF. EBAUGH has left Red Cloud and gone to Middletown, Mo., where he will visit his friends.

THE Nebratka Sunday-school Assosciation meet at Crete, on July 1, and will continue ten days.

F M SHULAR will soon become a resident of Red Cloud, having bought Mr. Meller's farm near Red Cloud.

THE reception tendered by Miss Hawkins last Friday evening at the court-house, was a grand success.

A CANDY factory and ice cream parlor is to be started in Fern's building, in the south end we understand within a few days.

THERE has been lots of fun of late for the boys and others in the way of teaching the young and untamed broncho how to go.

W P WATSON has gone to Kirwin, Kan., to do insurance work for the Phenix. W P has our best wishes for success in his new venture.

J H FISK, who was in Red Cloud last fall, has returned and will start a cheese factory on or near Hull creek. The machinery is on the road for the same.

A T ORMSBY will build a dwelling near Dr McKeeby's residence soon. He is fitting the grounds very neatly. It will be a handsome place when finished.

PROF. W. C PICKING will be the next principal of the Red Cloud public schools. The Professor comes highly recommended as a scholar and a gentleman.

WILL BROWN is now teaching in school district 78. Will is a number 1 teacher and has been hired there for the second time. We congratulate our young friend.

CONTRACTOR FITZGERALD, with 18 cars of graders, etc, went west over the B & M Friday for Republican City, where the B & M are building a new road into Kansas.

I N TAYLOR, proprietor of the Commercial House, who has been visiting in the southern and eastern states returned Saturday night, looking much better after his recent sickness.

WE have observed a number of exhibitions of cruelty to animals of late, which should not be tolerated. A person should treat their dumb brutes with a little consideration at least.

Now is the time to begin talking up the Fourth of July. Let Red Cloud keep up the reputation of having the best celebrations in the Valley. A public meeting should be called at once.

OUR worthy P. M. invested a little money in broncho colts, but one of the little fellows has gone to horse heaven and Mc is out $4. One by one the little colties go to the happy hunting ground.

OUR young friend, Bliss, the Red Cloud broom manufacturer, has built himself new quarters east of M W Dickersons commission house, where THE CHIEF hopes he will flourish and prosper.

ED BOHANAN, of the firm of Church & Bohanan, butchers, of McCook, was in Red Cloud during the past week. While here he purchased a car load of fat steers for his firm, of Chas. Hunter. Ed seems to be prospering.

THE public well near Miner Bros'. has been raised, that is the pump. THE CHIEF would suggest that both wells in Webster street have the pumps taken out and be filled up. They are an obstruction to the streets and not much account.

MR. M. MANN, of Iowa, a gentleman who has had a number of years experience in the grocery business, has decided to locate in Red Cloud. Mr. Mann has been looking over several states for a location but none suited him half so well as did the "Gate City of the Valley," and hence his decision.

THE Orleans *Press* suggests that the editors of the Valley "Bugle Horns of Liberty," call themselves together at some convenient trysting place and hold communion over the various topics concerning the "Art Preservative." A good idea, and we would suggest that said meeting take place while walking is good—say about the time that roasting ears begin to loom up so that the weary editor may fill up en route. How will that strike you, Tommy.

STRAY SHOTS.

THE M E church has a new pulpit bible.

THERE is talk of a brick hotel in the north end.

FRANK SPANGLE returned from the west this week.

DISTRICT court set Tuesday, Judge Gaslin on the bench.

W N RICHARDSON shipped thirty car loads of fat cattle this week.

THE excavations for the opera house block have begun with vigor.

THE state fair will be held at Lincoln on September 11th to the 18th inclusive.

DECORATION DAY to-morrow. Every person should turn out that can do so possibly.

HOSFORD & YOUNG have orders ahead for a month for their famous Plymouth Rock fowls.

ARCHIE DURRIE is laboring for the spiritual welfare of a Presbyterian flock at Buckley, Ills.

THERE will be services at the Catholic church, Red Cloud on Saturday and Sunday next, the 30th and 31st.

A J WORTHINGTON, of Inavale, sold his fast horse to J S Ruthrock, of this city, this week. The horse is valued at $700.

A. H. BROWN has recently placed an iron fence of beautiful design and workmanship around Geo. Holland's lot in the cemetery.

ANDY MEANS' new dwelling has been finished, and Contractors Briggs & Hummel again peacefully promenade our city thoroughfares.

ROSS & SANFORD pave been awarded the contract for building the new opera house building by Messrs. Morhart & Fulton and B. F. Mizer.

E. H. AMBLER, of Lincoln, formerly cashier on the First National Bank in this city, paid these headquarters a pleasant call on Monday.

THE freight depot is being fixed up, and hereafter Yard Master Potter will pose in the west end, the B & M having fitted him up a neat office.

LIGHTNING run into the Western Union telegraph office last Saturday and burned out one or two wires, but fortunately did but little damage.

The Grand Army boys invite the people of the county who come to Red Cloud to morrow to bring flowers with them for distribution. Don't forget it.

"OH! what a heaven I belong to," just think of it, sixteen divorce cases for adjucation in Webster county district court, and still the people are not happy.

REV MR HARDMAN of Ayr, an old time typo and editor paid THE CHIEF a pleasant call one day last week. The good brother took a turn at our "man killer" just to keep his hand in Come again, Bro Hardman.

SAMUEL GIGOE, living near Guide Rock, had his house struck by lightning the other day. Damage was not very great however, but the good brother thought he would have a rod put on just the same for future use.

THE B & M yards had over 350 cars in it Saturday night and the yard was completely blocked. The B & M is doing a magnificent business at present. This is the largest number of cars ever in the yards here at any one time.

THE tax payers will not have to pay any more five per cent penalties after June 1. 1885, and all who have paid the same will call on the treasurer and receive back what they have paid. Parties who owe tax will no do well to pay up and save expenses.

JIM HUBBELL, one of the tribe of Grover, tied his steed near the elevator the other day, but the nag became tired of democracy, so some of the boys say, and took a trip to Blue Hill, where Jim found him quietly grazing on republican grass. The story about Birney and Potter taking him for bait is untrue.

AT a regular meeting of Charity Lodge, A. F. & A. M., held on Friday evening, May 22, the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing Masonic year:

J R Wilcox, W M.
A L Funk, S W.
R M Cochrane, J W.
W N Richardson, Treasurer.
J P Bayha, secretary.

ON June 4, J C McNaughton, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Nebraska, will meet with Calanthe Lodge in this city. The members of the lodge will give the Grand Chancellor a banquet, and a general good time will be indulged in. All Knights are expected and urged to be present at their castle hall promplty on the evening of the 4th. Do not forget it.

THERE is no reason whatever why Red Cloud could not have a canning factory if the business men would make the proper effort. The Beatrice canning factory is a grand success and this season Raymond Bros, of Lincoln, have contracted with that house for 10,000 cans. We have all the facilities that Beatrice has, and THE CHIEF believes that a stock company or a private individual could make a factory pay a big per cent, if it was once established in Red Cloud.

IMPORTANT POINTS.

ED PARKER found a $100 draft Tuesday.

PLOW shoes at all prices to suit all at the Golden Eagle.

HEADQUARTERS for all kinds of stylish millinery at Mrs. McBride's.

LAWYERS and preachers are quite thick on our streets this week.

ALL ex-soldiers are invited to march with the post on memorial day.

IT is rumored that Charley Brown, of Kansas, was married this week.

CHAS MILLER of Kearney, was the guest of Attorney Rickards this week.

J H REMSBERG has returned from Kansas, where he went to consult an aurist.

ONE of our lumber firms, we understand, will start a lumber yaard at Inavale soon.

S. D. MAXWELL, a gentlemen from Iowa, is in the city, looking up a business location.

BRIGGS & HUMMELL will commence the erection of a two story dwelling for Peter Conover in a few days.

DR DAMERELL has been rusticating at Grand Island, this week, in attendence upon the state Medical association.

PROF. WYMAN, a noted ventriloquist and skilled magician will give an entertainment at the rink this (Friday) evening.

IT might be well for some of the boys to be careful about disturbing meetings Forbearance will cease to be a virtue after a season.

THE M E church has a new street lamp in front of the main entrance to guide the stragers within its walls. It was a donation gathered up by Charley Dow.

A VERY heavy rain fell on Tuesday night. It flooded the streets and during the night filled the cellar just completed for C Wiener's new brick, with six or eight inches of water.

THE Guide Rock folks are solid for the county bonds. THE CHIEF believes that a vote for the bonds is a vote for economy in county finances, and should by all means be carried.

THE Rev. H. McMeekin will deliver a lecture next Sunday evening, at the Presbyterian Church on "The Spirit of Philanthropy as illustrated by Chinese Gordon." All are invited to attend.

RUFUS MIKSCH house caught on fire last Friday morning, and had it not been for the timely aid the dwelling would have been consumed. Rufus returns his thanks to those who helped save his house.

PATTERNS at Mrs McBride's.

THE following legal lights of Hastings, Attorney General Dillworth, H W Cole, R A Batty, J D Hayes, J M Ragan and Mr Cessna, were in Red Cloud and expaunded Blackstone. etc., to the district court.

CORSETS and hoops at Mrs McBride's

TO RELIEVE the anxiety of his friends C Wiener informs THE CHIEF that the water in the cellar north of the First National Bank will be taken out just as soon as it leaks through to China. Dr Denney will notify the people of Red Cloud by cable.

MRS MCBRIDE'S for hats.

A DISTINGUISHED citizen of Nebraska will visit Red Cloud Monday. We refer to Rev Dr Worthington, Episcopal bishop of the diocese of Nebraska, who lately succeeded the lamented Clarkson. Bishop Worthington will conduct services in Grace church next Monday evening, to which the public are invited. During his brief stay here, he will be the guest of Ex-Gov Garber

GLOVES at Mrs McBride's.

SOLD.—On last Saturday afternoon pursuant to previous arrangements the old fair grounds consisting of some forty acres lying east of the city was put up at auction and sold to the highest bidder. J W Warren acted as auctioneer, and after a number of bids had been offered the grounds were sold to J S Gilham, at a figure that will net something like $50 per acre, thus giving Webster county agricultural society a neat fund to improve their present guronds west of the city.

NEW goods at Mrs. McBride's.

Programme for Memorial Day

Programme of services for memorial day, May 30.

Garfield Post No 80.
Garfield W R C.
Kaley Camp No 25.
Lodge No 64 I O O F.
Will meet at their respective halls at 12:30 p. m.
Form procession on Webster street in front of G A R Hall as follows: Garfield Post G A R, W R C, Kaley Camp No 25, S of V, Lodge 64 I O O F
March to court house square 2 p m.
Services at court house 1:30 p m.
Music by choir.
Reading of scripture by C B Lenfest
Prayer by the Rev Geo O Yeiser.
Music by choir.
Oration by Comrade Geo H Brown.
Music.
After which poocession will be formed as follows.
Band.
Garfield Post G A R firing party in front.
Kaley Camp S of V.
Lodge No 64 I O O F.
School children.
Garfield W R C in carriages and wagons.
March to cemetery 2:45 p m.
Music by choir at cemetery,
Address to decorating committee by Comrad Brown. 3 p m.
Decorating soldiers graves.
Post services 3:30.

A SOLID FACT.— It seems that during the past few months the weather in Nebraska has been of such character that the "oldest inhabitants" have been unable to come forth with a season that could compare with the past weather. Still the "freezing business" continues as every one can testify who is a lover of the delicious ice cream that is made by M T Coval the at "Home Bakery."

Brick! Brick!

We have a few thousand good brick just burned. Parties wishing the same call soon. W H LUDLOW.

MOUND CITY barn, fence, and roof paints are the best and cheapest in the market. Henry Cook keeps them. Always a full stock.

A. H. KALEY is closing out a lot of men's and boy's summer coats for less than cost. Don't miss the bargains 44.

A. H KALEY has job lot of boots and shoes that he is closing out at cost. 44

IF you want any clothing call on A H Kaley as he is closing out all his clothing at cost for cash. 44-tf

COUNTY BONDS.

A Few Salient Points in Relation to the Same.

There seems to be considerable misunperstanding throughout the county in regard to the bond question. No two persons, in some of the precincts, seem to understand the matter exactly alike. We have taken no little amount of pains to inquire into the true in wardness of the matter, and from wnat we have been able to learn, can see no good reason for opposition to the plan of issuing bonds as proposed by the board of county commissioners. The citizens of Red Cloud precinct are disposed to act fairly in the matter and do not covet the lion's share of the milk in the bond "cocoanut." That the improvements for which the bonds are askedare sadly needed is a fact which none can deny. The annual outlay for bridge repairs since the organization of the county to the present time has been far in excess of what the interest on the bonds will be if issued, and still during that time the people of the south part of the county have been obliged to swim the river on an average of two or three months during each consecutive year in order to reach the markets. Meanwhile the people of the northern part have been subjected to many similar annoyances by reason of poor bridges and in many places no bridges at all over the smaller streams. This state of things has had a tendency to cripple business and proved detrimental to the best interests of the county at large. The board of commissioners offer a remedy for the evil and it now remains for the people to accept or reject it. Their proposition to issue bonds to the amount of $60,000, due in twenty years and bearing six per cent interest will not impose any appreciable burden upon the tax payers. In the year 1883 the total valuation of taxable property in the county was $1,333,009.36; in 1884 $2,199,423, being an increase of $866,413.64; but allowing an increase of $500,000 annually, which is $366,413.64 less than the increase of 1884, at the end of 20 years the county would have over twelve million dollars of taxable property, and less than a five mill tax would pay the entire amount of the bonds in one year, if that were necessary. It is estimated by competent engineers who have made the necessary surveys that $16 000 will be needed to build a substantial iron bridge at Guide Rock; $10,000 at Inavale, and $20,000 at Red Cloud, leaving $14,000 to be used in bridging the other streams throughout the other portions of the county where needed. By using the old bridges now at Guide Rock and Inavale for the smaller streams a considerable amount will be saved. In regard to the hue and cry that has been raised about two bridges near Red Cloud we have only to say that the estimates are these: *A* bridge at the mill, 204 feet span will cost $8000. One near Captain Munsell's 245 feet span, $12,000, or $20,000 for the two bridges. One near where the present bridge is 400 feet span, would cost $20,000 or just the same as both of the other bringes, so it amounts to pay your money and take your choice, as the price is the same either way. The above figures are furnished by engineers representing two different bridge companies, and can be relied upon Possibly lower prices may be obtained. The present floating debt of the county is about $3000. It is expected that the difference between the sealed bids and those made openly will be enough less to pay off the floating debt of the county. Let every man reason rationally on this subject, and vote for the interest of Webster county and economy.

Memorial Services.

The union Memorial services as announced in our columns were held in the Baptist Church, which was densly filled. The platform was occupied by the Revs. Bean, Springer, McMeekin, Brown, and Judge Yeiser, who all took part in the service. The choir gave some excellent selections in a very effective manner. After reading the Scripture lesson by Judge Yeiser and prayer by Rev. Bean, Rev. McMeekin arose and delivered the sermon. The preacher took for his subject the very appropriate text Isaiah 2: 4. "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war and more."

There were times when universal peace reigned among the nations, but these were brief like the breathing spell allowed to wrestlers contending on the arena. Once or twice the temple of Janus was shut in proof of universal peace, but generally war had been the sad game. As far as the Christian religion was concerned its object and influence were the promoting of peace and good will among men. The last half century had been marked by bloody wars, probably because with the rapid growth of the nations in material wealth and scientific knowledge there had been a lamentable corresponding growth and national pride, wickedness, atheism, and daring infidelity, and God saw fit to chastise them, as he did the haughty Nebuchadnezzar, teaching him that the Most High ruleth among the children of men. The text implies that war is a gigantic evil. When King David was compelled to chose the least of three evils he avoided war as the greatest. There is much that may be called facinating and attractive in the external decorations, "the pomp and circumstance" of war, but let anyone visit a battlefield after a struggle between twenty or thirty thousand men on each side and he would form a different estimate. The speaker sketched the great wars of modern times, specially the Crimean war, the Franco-Prussian and the American Civil wars, showing the fearful loses and sacrifices they entailed. He said whilst the perfection to which military science was attaining and the increasing costliness of war, were factors which would help towards its extinction, we were chiefly to look to the Divine influence of the Gospel of Christ operating on the hearts of kings and nations to eradicate this great evil, and secure a universal and lasting peace to the world.

The above sermon was very highly appreciated by the Grand Army boys and by all who had the pleasure of hearing it delivered. The way the subject was handled it is evidenced that the speaker was thoroughly versed with his topic. The members of Garfield Post turned out in a body to hear the memorial sermon.

R. C. H. B. & L. Association.

The Red Cloud Homestead, Building, and Loan Association is progressing nicely and the stock is being subscribed rapidly, the people have become thoroughly interested in its movements and THE CHIEF is pleased to know that the association is a fixed institution for Red Clond and Webster county. The advantages accruing to the poor man as well as the man in well-to-do circumstances is well set forth in the following lines:

Taking people exactly as they are, and probably ever will be, nine out of ten never did or never will save money except by the week or month. Systematic efforts accomplishes substantial results in any undertaking. To save a certain sum every month or week, is certain to result in twelve or fifty-two times that sum every year. The young man or married man who expends his entire income from month to month, and year to year, on living expenses, invariably regrets, as he grows older, his failure to save and acquire some property in his old age.

It is poor management to pay rent for the use of a house, when the rent if paid in weekly installments on the value of the house, would in a few years, pay nearly or quite the cost of the property, and the owner be reaping the accuring increase in value consequent upon the improvement he could make compiratavely no outlay but that would, each year, make his property more homelike and valuable. They have proven in every instance so far as our information goes where honestly and economically conducted of great pecuniary benefit to both borrowers and stockholders, who place their money as an investment. Those who do not care to borrow, invest their savings every week at good interest, which they would otherwise fail to save. If it were not for these weekly savings every dollar of the money thus invested would, in all probability be expended, and instead of having at the end of five or six years $500 to $1,000 as the result of $1.25 to $2.50 put by each week, they would have little or nothing to show as savings. It is an admitted fact that loan associations have done much toward building up every town or city where they have been organized and properly conducted. It has been said, and, we presume truly, of the great city of Philadelphia, "that to her building associations more than to any other cause is she indebted for the proud and distinguished title of 'The City of Homes.'" Let it be remembered that it is the poor man or those with limited capital that are interested in advancing this move.

Ministerial Association

The Ministerial Association of Hastings District met in the M E church in Red Cloud, May 25th at 8 p m with the Rev John Gallagher, President, in the chair. Rev J S Orr being absent Rev W R Jones of Hastings, preached the opening sermon. Tuesday morn the association assembled at 8:30 and E R Fulkerson conducted the devo- devotional services On motion T J Fink was elected secratary. The following were present Rev John Gallaghn Geo M Jones, E R Fulkerson, A Kershaw, J G Walker, W J Barger, J K Maxfield, C A Lewis, R M Hardman, T J Fink, W R Jones, C B Lenfest, Geo W Hummell, F D Ashleigh I N Zook, F Deal, N A Martin, J A Watkins, and Geo W Hawley. A motion provided to have dodgers printed to advertise The Temperance Mass meeting this evening at eight o'clock. A motion prevailed to limit criticisms on essays to five minutes. The program was taken up and W J Barger read an essay on the, Advisibility of holding special meeting for holiness. A Kershaw read a paper on the subject "To what extent should doctrinal subjects be preached in revival meetings. On motion R M Hardman was excused from reading an essay on, The duty of Pastors in organizrtion of M E Sunday schools, and was permitted to read instead a paper on, Relation of Sunday schools to the nation. An essay on the Responsibility of pastors in securing quarterly conference reports, was read by C B Lenfest.

On motion W R Jones was requested to discuss the duty of pastors in organization of M E Sunday schools.

Adjournment with benediction by Rev G W Holley.

AFTERNOON.

1:30 p m, Devotional exercises conducted by Rev Geo W Hummell.

On motion I N Zook was excused from reading an essay on the Importance of class meetings.

Essays were read on the following subjects: The pastor. 1st In his study by J G Walker; 2nd in the pulpit by F J Fink; 3rd Among his people, by F D Ashleigh; 4th. his personal habits N A Martin.

A motion prevailed requesting J K Maxfield to lead in the discussion of the, Importance of class meeting.

Rev Brown of the Baptist church, was introduced to the brethern of the Association and invited to participate in the discussion of essays.

The essays read were criticised by the brethern in a spirited and interesting manner.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. Brown of the Baptist church.

EVENING

8:00 p m on Thursday evening the temperance mass meeting was held and addresses were made by Dr J G Walker and J K Maxfield. After singing "Hold the Fort the benediction was pronounced by J K Maxfield.

WEDNESDAY

8:30 a m Devotional exercises conducted by I N Zook.

On motion W J Barger, E R Fulkerson and N A Martin were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions.

F Deal read a paper on the topic: Our literatuse and how to introduce it.

In an essav E R Fulkerson told us of the advantage to pastors and people of pressing the benevolence of the church. T. J FINK, Secretary.

The following named ministers were enrolled at the Ministerial Association at Red Cloud on May 25 26 and 27th: John Gallagher, P E, Hastings, Geo James, St Joe; E R Fulkerson, Guide Rock; A Kenesaw, Doniphin; J G Walker, Blue Hill; R M Hardman, Ayr W J Barger, Juniata; J K Maxfield, C A Lewis Fairfield; T J Fink Kenesaw; W R James, Hastings; C B Lenfest, Red Cloud; Geo W Hummell Red Cloud circuit; F D Ashleigh, and wife, Superior; I N Zook, Glenvil; F Deal, Alexandria; N A Martin, Hastings; J A Watkins, Blue Hill; George W Hawley, Table Rock.

NORTH EAST SMITH

Fine weather.

The farmers are nearly through planting corn.

Mrs T Lewis is lying in a critical position.

W R Lewis had a fine man appear there the other day to make it his home for a while. The mother and child are doing well. NIGHT HAWK

SCOTT.

About every day is visited with one or more rains.

Nature is rather forgetful about trees this spring.

Mr Watson is married. We wish him happiness the remainder of his days.

The young gentlemen and ladies met at J W Jones' to practice for the festival last Thursday.

Mr Jones was well enough to go to church.

Who dined upon your potatoes last Saturday as we did. BETA

STILLWATER

Had a heavy rain Saturday night. The ground is full of water.

Small grain is looking well a good color and thick covering the ground

Corn planting is about done.

A large amount of trees have been set out this spring mostly furnished by Baldwin Bros. of the Kansas City nurseries. All doing finely.

District 56 has a summer school, the first since it was organized. It has been in operation three weeks. The first day thirty in attendance. Miss Jennie Baldwin teacher. A pity that the small children have been deprived of a summer school for several years past as there was enough to and money to pay the expenses. CITIZEN.

WELLS.

Pleasant weather.

W H Hoffman started to Kansas City last Friday.

Dat Mitchell, of Oxford was shaking hands with us to day.

Sam Milner, of Hastings, was in town to day.

S S Wells started to his timber claim in Kearney county, to improve the place and cultivate timber.

Coas Fish has returned from his trip to Kansas.

Game of base ball was played last Saturday between Wells boys and Kearney county "Blues." Score stood 50 to 4 in favor of Wells boys.

Horse racing is the order of the day.

Wells will celebrate the 4th of July largely this year. RUSTIC.

JUDSON.

Sid is still in the land of the living.

James Graves is building a new house.

We hear C Curtis is the king of building a new house on his place.

Farmers are about through planting corn.

Small grain is growing very fast,

Some of the farmers have commenced plowing corn.

Mr Wm Ryan has bought Halmans timber claim. He has bought a new buggy.

Mr Thos Ryan is keeping batchelor hall now. He is getting along well with the cooking only when he made his custard pie he made the crust and then put in a dozen eggs, then put it in the oven to bake. He forgot the milk and sugar. It was good.

Breaking prairie is the order of the day. SID

CATHERTON.

Rain, beautiful rain.

A barber wanted here.

George Burrows is visiting at Wm. Fuller's.

Frank Yetek's brother arrived a few days ago from Bohemia.

Nelson Bartlett will soon commence the erection of his fine residence. It will be one of the finest west of Hastings.

Last Sunday while out riding we had the pleasure of meeting J W Andrews, one of Catherton's accomplished young men.

Warren Davis can stand and look at his new windmill now, put up by Phillips & Norris, of Hastings.

J D Trivelpiede will soon have a mill.

While passing C H Rust's the other day we heard a peculiar noise at the barn. On listening we learned it was Charlie singing.

Mr Orndorff, of Wells, made a flying trip to our city last week.

Rumor says we are to have a theatrical troupe by our young people in the near future.

Presto made a mistake in the school ma'am's name, it being Fisher instead of Brown. It may soon be changed from all appearances, but not Brown.

Wm McDonald wants a job killing rats. All wanting work done in that line call on him at his office. J. M.

COWLES.

It is now conceded that it sometimes rains in Nebraska.

The prospect for crops of all kinds was never better at this season of the year

T J Ward returned last week from a trip to Hitchcock county where he has a claim. He speaks highly of that portion of the state, and we understand contemplates making it his home in the future. He has many friends here who will regret his removal.

R Adamson and Mr Wilder, two of our Willow creek farmers, returned last week from Arkansas, where they had been to look at the country. They like the country pretty well in some respects, but have concluded to stay in Nebraska.

C W Fuller and wife returned on Wednesday of last week from their visit to Iowa. They report an abundance of rain and mud in the Hawkeye state.

Miss Dora Zeins spent last week with her mother Mrs Anderson, and expresses herself well pleased with the situation.

Mrs Sherman, our fashionable dressmaker, has plenty of work in her line Her skill is highly complimented.

"Occasional," the Argus' Cowles correspondent, last week, says Little Hatchet fails to give all the news from the growing town. Very true, living as we do at the opposite end of the street from Occasional, with our rather limited range of observation, we are unable to learn much of what is going on without paying into other people's business. As "Occasional" writes from the business part of town we hope she will help to keep the reading public posted in matters pertaining to our growing town by sending weekly communications to one or more of our county papers. LITTLE HATCHET.

SOUTH SIDE

It is too late to plant corn. We are all through for this season. Corn is coming up splendidly. Crops of every description are growing very well. We will soon have new potatoes; garden products are in fashion, though not very plenty. Jack Frost took a breakfast some time ago, and did not leave us much.

G W Shutts is farming most of the land on the south side of the river this spring. He has already four farms rented and has his crops put in the ground in good shape and is now breaking prairie for Uncle Peter Marsden. Mr. S. is a thorough going farmer and will no doubt have good results

O. Wickwire has sold his farm and will move west and grow up with the country.

Uncle Peter Marsden has carried the banner on fine stock for a number of years, but he will have to call for a new deal, as Mr Keuhn holds a full hand with the finest thoroughbred short-horn bull calf south of the Republican.

Jones & Goble are sowing 80 acres of millet. They are making preparations for another hard winter.

D S Helvern has received an appointment under Cleveland's administration viz: Census enumerator for Line and Garfield precincts.

Constable Winfrey was in our neighborhood this week posting up election notices. OBSERVER.

THE BOND QUESTION

EDITOR CHIEF: Having talked with quite a good many people in regard to the bridge bonds. I find that the general belief is that our county commissioners are intending to put in one bridge east of Red Cloud, and one at the mill, and just repair the old bridges at other points. The bonds can not be carried unless that idea is changed. What the people demand is that one, good, substantial bridge be built at each of the three trading points in the county, then if extra bridges are desired across the river let the precincts build them that are directly interested. If three good bridges are put across the river at points above named. The material in the present bridges could be used in bridging the smaller streams of the county, But what the people want is to know where and how the money is to be expended before they cast their ballots, and I would suggest that our county commissioners announce through the papers, where they propose to build the bridges across the Republican river. RESIDENT.

RED CLOUD PULPIT.

Synopsis of sermon by Rev. Geo. H. Brown, Sunday, *May 24*. Topic, Addition.

TEXT: Add to your faith virtue, and to virtue, knowledge. 2nd Peter, 1-5.

To solve the great problem of life as to the here and the hereafter, the religious principle within us is ever at work. Untutored tribes of earth see in forms of life around them, in the regularity of nature's laws, in the shining stars above their heads, a creative and a preserving power, that they are ever trying, through reason to comprehend, and here is the first law of idolatry.

REASON.

It is often said that there is no reason in idol worship. I take this to be wrong. Rather would I believe that it is a demonstration of the highest principle of reason. Only mind intelligence can reason, in spiritual calculation, from cause to effect in a way to hold action to a line that determines a result. The Hindoo mother asserts the highest form of reason in the sacrifice of her child to the sacred Ganges, for she is seeking to satisfy the craving of a religious nature. The act was grasping for light beyond the regions of morality.

MYSTERY.

America was no mystery until imaginations pictured land elsewhere than the old country. It was a veritable mystery when sea gulls and green twigs were seen by the lookout on the voyagers vessel. In much of Col. Ingersoll's "blasphemy" imagination is allowed to ignore fact, and profound questions already answered in the facts, ignored. He questions the fact of recorded miracles and asks how can you establish a miracle when the witnesses have been so long dead? etc. Answer. The same way that we establish that Agustus Cesar once sat upon the Roman throne, in the absence of witnesses long dead, by history. Faith may exist on the evidence of the senses, and it may be exercised in realms beyond the power of reason. If one says kill the body and in three days I will raise it up again, and the thing is done, we may believe we can have a home in glory on the credibility of the witness.

MAN MISSING.

On Sunday morning, Nov. 16, 1884, Alonzo Dorsey left his home in Omaha for the purpose of hunting at the lakes north of the city. He was last seen near the lake on the same day, and was in the company of a man whose name is not known, but whose description will be found below.

The disappearance of Dorsey has distressed his parents and friends greatly and it is earnestly desired that any one having seen him will at once communicate the fact to John W Dorsey, 1119, 19th st., Omaha, Neb. Any person having seen the unknown man of the description below will please make the fact known, as Dorsey's whereabouts may be traced through him.

Alonzo Dorsey is 23 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches in height, about 140 pounds in weight, is large boned, smooth face (except small scandy or light mustache), light auburn hair, and blue eyes, rather large mouth and thick lips. Were, when last seen, a tight fitting dark suit coat, with camp figure and silk finish, a dark flannel cap, faded light blue pants with stripe, boots with pants tucked in.

His gun was a double barreled breech loader, 10 bore, 34 inch barrel, J F Scott maker.

Dorsey's complexion was a full name with dark hair, mustache, dark complexion, and seemed to be trouble with asthma or catarrah, and in his sleep had a slight foreign accent. He was modest, turned down at the top when last seen. Anyone having any clothing of the above described persons, and giving information which will lead to the discovery of the whereabouts of Dorsey, will be suitably rewarded.

For the Information of the Curious.

I have received the following notice from Lincoln, Neb., which I think will be of interest to the people of this county. I have not time to write it up in proper form for the press, but will give the substance of it. Any person desiring to pay a visit to the state capital can do so on the payment of one dollar and fifty cents. The state will furnish board and lodging free of charge for a period of ten days. Any person desiring to avail themselves of the benefit should make application to the secretary of state, who will furnish them with a ticket. Lincoln is a beautiful city of 12,000 inhabitants, and is well worth a visit. Any person who may be in Lincoln can see the notice referred to by calling at the office of the secretary of state.