

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF

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General Grant died Thursday morning at eight o'clock. We go to press too early to give full particulars.

CITY NEWS.

Mrs PROSKOVIC has returned home. GEO MANGER has been on the sick list. RED CLOUD will boom with a new railroad.

Mrs. G. J. WARREN is visiting in Lincoln. W. D. FORRESTER has added a railing to the porch on his residence.

M. BENEY has come out with a new back-board from Sleeper's carriage works.

MR SALADEN and wife, of Guide Rock, were the guests of A. O. Berg and wife Sunday.

COUNTY politics are beginning to be talked up, and in a few more days the kettle will be boiling.

ED HOSFORD has returned from Iowa. He reports crops finer in Nebraska than in Iowa.

A new time card is out for the B. & M. The cannon ball arrives from the east now at 8.50 a. m.

MR. GEO. DECKER bought a fine bull from Mr. Wm Irons the other day. The animal was a Durham-Holstein.

MR WILLIAM LETSON, who has been on the coast for some months will return home in a few days, we understand.

HON. JAMES LAIRD and Dr Gerth will be in the county soon to investigate the disease peculiar to the swine in this vicinity.

D. BARTHOLOMEW has just received letters patent for a threshold that is one of the best schemes of the kind we have ever seen.

THE contract for furnishing lumber for the fair ground fence has been let to the Nebraska Lumber Company at a cost of \$1,175.

MR. KENNEY wears a disfigured eye from coming in contact with a nail which flew up and narrowly missed putting out his eye.

OUR friend F P Reed has been appointed county surveyor by the commissioners. The board could not have made a better appointment.

USLE Geo. Winton and Dr. R. R. Sherer took a prairie schooner for the north-west this week for land speculation. We wish them a pleasant trip.

MR PHILIPS fell from one of the planks while carrying a load of brick to the workmen on Morhart & Fulton and Mizer's building, and hurt himself slightly.

THE CHIEF received a letter from Will Parker who is sojourning in Utah Territory. Will reports having a fine time, and his wife's health much improved.

PEOPLE who are in the habit of luring cattle in close proximity to the streets should be careful or they may have to pay a fine, as it is against the city ordinance.

SOME mischief maker cut a harness to pieces at Cowles the other night that belonged to Henry Cook, of this city, and which was being used by George Gates, the liveryman.

THE brainless egotist who runs the democratic "fling" seems to imagine that his efforts at Billingsgate are highly appreciated. It may have been the case elsewhere, but the people of Red Cloud and Webster county are not of that stripe, "King Moses."

WITH a new railroad to open up the great resources of the south-west country with a terminus in this city, Red Cloud would boom as it never has before. If the business men can combine and make Red Cloud a railroad center, the future of the city would be unquestioned.

NOW that we are a city let us have street lamps, a telephone exchange, an ordinance muzzling dogs, with a tax attachment, numerous sidewalks, new buildings, an increase of population, new railroads, and numerous other enterprises that will build Red Cloud up a large city. Let every business man work for Red Cloud and its prosperity.

THE N B B literary society will give an entertainment about the first of August. The members of the society are composed of the rising generation of young ladies, and have quite a taste for Thespian pastimes. They will render dialogues and farces, sing songs, etc. It will certainly be an excellent entertainment. It will be very novel and interesting.

THE Red Cloud Homestead, Loan and Building Association is progressing finely, and the first loan was made to Philip Barkley and was sold at 20 per cent. The institution is a success. There are a few more shares and those desiring a good place to save their money and at the same time make money should avail themselves of the opportunity to procure shares.

THE CHIEF has been used to mainly contemporaries, but the importation from Ohio is either lost to decency or lacks the ability to write a respectable article. THE CHIEF does not desire to deal in epithets and low slings, hence we shall wash our hands of the "excessiveness" that we have been drawn into by reason of having stooped to reply to his so called "brilliantly." As to our job department, we still insist that we have as fine an office as there is in the state, notwithstanding the importation's prevarications.

REPORTORIAL POINTERS.

HARVESTING is in full blast. Lunch counter at Delmonico. The weather has been very hot for a few days.

J O CHAMBERLAIN will start a cheese factory in Holdrege in the fall. THERE is a new barber shop in the city. "Andy, the barber," is proprietor.

IT will take almost 50,000 feet of lumber for the fair ground fence and buildings.

THE Seventh day adventists will hold a camp meeting here in a few weeks we understand.

REV J G GALLAGHER occupied the M E Church pulpit last Sunday. Mr Gallagher is one of the best pulpit orators in the conference.

G M PLUMB & Bro. is the name of the new firm that runs the creamery. Mr G M Plumb's brother having purchased Mr Riley's interest.

JOHN FULTON, the enterprising real estate and collection agent, of River-ton, was on our streets Sunday. He was a pleasant caller at this office.

W W W Jones, state superintendent, will address the institute Thursday evening, July 29. Lectures free to all, and a cordial invitation given to all to attend.

Mrs S W Seeley has been on the sick list for nearly two weeks and is yet unable to be out. Will the ladies please call at her residence and see her nice assortment of neckwear and laces?

DR L. D. DENNEY, who left this country for China about a year ago, is on his road home, and will be in Red Cloud this week. The Doctor concluded that the Mikado's country was too noxious for him.

MR HOLSWORTH has been experimenting with tame grass of late years, and has so far succeeded, that he raised this year a very extensive crop, many of the blades growing to the length of three or four feet.

THERE is to be a change at the telegraph office in this city, whereby another operator will be added on the day force, thus giving Mr Welch a little more time. The day man, we understand, will also be baggage master.

OS last Friday evening the members of the Congregational Church very quietly walked in on their new pastor: Rev J G Aikman, and given a grand surprise. Mr Aikman is a new minister, and a gentleman, very pleasant man.

NOTWITHSTANDING the excessively hot weather, our population still continues to increase, the latest registered arrival being a bouncing, round daughter at the home of G. Young. We congratulate.

OS the 15th Miss M. Smith and family, of Red Cloud, were married to Mr. J. L. Robinson, a prominent lawyer of Orleans. Mr Smith and wife attended the wedding at St. Paul, and returned home Saturday.

DEPUTY U. S. States Marshal Spoonwater, of Fremont, has just returned to this city from Red Cloud. - Republican.

What's the matter? Has someone been trafficking in the "ardent" contrary to law, in Red Cloud?

MR B F BOYNTON, a "Q" conductor, from Iowa, was in Red Cloud during the past week, visiting friends and looking after his landed interests in Webster county. He owns a good farm in Sec 5. The good brother paid THE CHIEF a friendly call. Come again.

IF "she" King Moses had a little more "garden sass," say for instance a cabbage on his shoulders where nature intended to place a receptacle for brains, he would probably have more sense. The cabbage would at least be an improvement on the cavity he now supports.

"CHARITY begins at home." Bro. King, keep all you have. You will probably need it in your future walks. If you can't keep the wolves from barking at you, stay at home, for it is only the nature of the brute to bark at a bone. Some wolves are a little particular what they eat. Maybe they won't hurt you.

OUR thin friend, of the democratic sheet, weaves and worries along over a half column of slush, giving THE CHIEF fits, but his paper wads fall harmlessly by the wayside. In fact they are not appreciated by anyone save the master mind (if from whose fertile brain they emanate.

THE ladies of the Baptist church and society announce a lawn sociable at the residence of Rev Geo H Brown on Thursday evening, July 30th. Refreshments will be served and entertainment given in vocal and instrumental music. Miss Willie Cather, the child educationist, will give recitations. You and your friends are very cordially invited.

MR HENRY FULTON, father of our fellow townsman, R B Fulton, and of John Fulton of River-ton, arrived in Red Cloud from Oil City, Pa., during the last part of last week. His aged wife has been in Red Cloud for several months visiting her children. The aged couple have purchased the Preacher Todd property and will remain here permanently.

AT a meeting of the Episcopal congregation, held last Monday evening, a guild was organized for systemizing the work of the church. The following are the officers: Rev C L Fulforth, President; Vice-President, C B Hosford, Mr Barker, secretary; Treasurer, Miss M J Ferris. The guild was subdivided into chapters as follows, with the persons named as leaders: Sanctuary, Mrs A J Kenney; Sunday-school, Mr Thompson; visiting, Mrs Roby; sewing, Mrs Barker; entertainment, Mrs S. Garber. All members of the church or congregation are invited to associate themselves with the guild and become active workers.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

"Gramma" has plenty of pay for breakfast now. Ed Ferris, the barrister, writes city clerk after his name.

Miss Edna Sayles, of Salem, Kansas, sister of Mrs C E Seely, is in town. Prof A E Clarendon, of Fremont, will address the Institute Wednesday evening, July 29.

THE CHIEF will not be behind on low prices on first-class job work. See us before placing your orders.

Attention is called to the stock sale of D H Kaley advertised in another column. It will pay to attend.

All desirous of joining the Episcopal Sunday-school will please meet at the church next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

A new precinct has been organized out of portions of Guide Rock and Stillwater. It will be known as Beaver Creek precinct.

THE base ball fiends are hereby notified that they mustn't slide down our cellar door any more since they hit us on the field. KING MOSSES.

VAN HORN has secured the services of a first-class tonsorial artist named Chris Eilenbach, and is also remodeling his bath room.

"ANDY" and his pard have opened a barber shop over Gate's meat market. They are good barbers and we wish them their share of success.

S W COON is laying sidewalk in front of his lots. Only a few rods more of sidewalk are now necessary to form the connecting link from city to rail.

Wheat of the crop of '85 was bought at the elevators on Saturday last. It was rather green and somewhat stumpy and 52 cents per bushel was the price paid.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church by the pastor next Sunday morning and evening. Evening topic: "Dandy in meditation." Sunday-school at noon.

W C Benson, father of Van Benson of this city, formerly of the firm of Featherly & Benson, died at Columbus, Neb., on July 4th, after a twenty-four hours' sickness.

Mrs F J Evans started on Wednesday evening for an extended trip through Colorado and Montana for the benefit of her health, in accordance with the advice of her physician.

"No one would strike you baby." - Helmut.

No, and no one will strike a fool, either, so you're safe. There was no need of your running till you were out of wind. Murphy wouldn't have struck you now.

On Sunday evening our citizens were again treated to another of those gorgeous phenomenal sunset scenes, awful in grandeur, inimitable in beauty, and absolutely indescribable in every respect.

THE vivid flashes of the lurid lightning during Monday night's storm fooled every rooster in Red Cloud, they mistaking each consecutive flash as a beacon ray of early dawn, kept up an incessant crowing all night.

Mrs W. JOSSELYN returned home on Saturday from an extended tour through the Canada and the eastern states. Mrs J. reports seeing more snow in Canada in a few days in April than she saw in Nebraska during the entire winter.

THE gentle pattering of the soft rain on the roof on Monday night and Tuesday was a melody of nature peculiarly pleasing to our agricultural friends, who have almost felt the blasting breath of the dreaded hot winds for the past week or so.

We most heartily appreciate the kindly feeling of the many friends who so deliberately came upon us last Friday evening, and after an hour's pleasant social intercourse left us richer in more ways than one. Accept our thanks, friends, and may blessings attend everyone. J. G. Aikman and family.

New side and cross walks are to be laid from Seward street west on 4th Avenue to Dr Damerell's residence, north on Walnut, passing the Presbyterian Church west to J L Miller's, north to G R Chaney's, west to the alley near R D Jones' residence. This will be a great convenience for all pedestrians.

There will be a lawn and ice cream social, given by Grace Church Guild, at the residence of Mr A J Kenney, on Friday evening, June 24th. The house and grounds will be illuminated, and ice cream, cake, sandwiches and lemonade will be served. Good music by local talent will be one of the features of the evening. All are cordially invited.

On last Tuesday Mrs. K. Skeen received the startling intelligence of her mother's death and burial at Junction City, Kansas. While enroute from Nemaha City, to visit her son in the west, she was taken suddenly ill at Junction City, resulting as above stated. Mrs Skeen started on Wednesday for Nemaha City, Neb. The former home of her mother. The case is a peculiarly sad one.

The long, lean, hungry looking individual, "the mummy," who presides over the great moral and highly intellectual democratic organ, whose massive head has worn out several bodies, is too awfully shocked at our item about married men. It's too bad. We shouldn't thought that he would have read it - he's so nice. He ought to be wrapped in tin-foil and laid away in some remote place to dry, where his acute sensibilities would not come in contact with the depraved world, or his beautiful form will be subject to rust and premature decay. Really such a beautiful specimen of humanity should be packed in ice, to keep it fresh. "O, thou shadow of consistency, thou art a - egotist."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

LINEN pants very cheap at the Gold and Eagle. Wm HARRISON of Edgar was in town on Monday.

Major R R Edwards visited St Joe, Mo, this week. Mrs G W Cline is visiting in Clay county, Kansas.

Go to Delmonico Restaurant for your ice cream. MR Bentley has returned from his eastern pilgrimage.

J H FERNAN has the contract for fencing the new fair grounds. D F COOMBS Esq. is engaged in making a plot of the city of Red Cloud.

G F Bowers of Atchison will succeed F A Durrie as freight agent at this station.

J L Kallee and wife left Wednesday evening for a few weeks' sojourn in Ohio.

BALLARD sells all kinds of staple and fancy groceries as cheap as any one in the city.

REV FATHER CLERY will hold services in the Catholic church next Sabbath, July 26th.

A BIRTHDAY party was held at the house of Wm Buckbee on Tuesday, it was a girl, - cigars.

Misses Freddie Richardson and Carrie Miner started on Thursday for a week's visit in Denver.

One of pap Barkley's teams run away on Wednesday, shaking things up in a lively manner.

TO KILL cabbage worms sprinkle the plants copiously with ice water in the heat of the day: Try it.

THE M E Sunday school picnicked in Garber's grove on Wednesday and had a very enjoyable time.

The W C T U will hold a temperance meeting at the depot chapel Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. All invited.

LOAN MEETING.-The next meeting of the Red Cloud Homestead Building and Loan Association will be held on the 6th of August.

F W WARE, financial agent for the York College, was here Sunday and Monday and collected \$20 for the benefit of that institution.

It shows a lack of skill in a base ball pitcher when he misses the whole state of Nebraska and hits such a thin thing as the democratic editor.

F E GOBLE has presented Mrs Goble with an elegant \$175, basket phaeton manufactured at the Red Cloud carriage works. Its a dandy.

R D JUSTI has returned from his trip to the northwest, where he has been looking after the interests of the Nebraska lumber company.

MR G W Fairbrother, editor of the Nemaha (Neb.) Times, a brother-in-law of T C Hacker, was in the city Thursday, on his way to McCook.

C W FULLER has been in the city for a few days past endeavoring to organize a People's Lumber Company similar to the one at Cowles.

JUSTICE from some of the vile exhalations in the last "Ohio idee," its crank, called editor, must keep a polka in close proximity to its ink bottle.

A LITTLE son of Adam Morhart was kicked in the region of the stomach by a colt on Tuesday. At the latest accounts the little fellow was lying in a precarious condition.

MR. BOHANAN while slaughtering a beef Wednesday of last week, unfortunately cut himself in the knee with a butcher knife, inflicting a painful wound and partially disabling him. - Tribune, McCook.

THE members of the N B B society will give their initial festival in the M E church next Tuesday evening. The N B B is composed of the most talented and vivacious young Misses of this city. A cordial invitation is extended to the citizens of Red Cloud and vicinity to attend their festival.

WE JACKSON returned on Wednesday on his 10 days trip in Kansas. Mr. J travelled up the Solomon valley some 150 miles visited Oberlin and vicinity and returned home via the Republican valley. He says the crops of the Republican valley are far ahead of those of any other section visited.

OUR position on the bridge question seems to have worried the sapling that runs the democratic exponent. With all your bilious attempts you will fall short of convincing the people that you have more brains than the law allows you, and as to our position the people are fully satisfied.

We have often heard it remarked that fools were exempt from being hit, but that assertion has been proven false, as the editor of the democratic organ was struck by a base ball the other evening, and the simpleton got mad and showed his ugly disposition by throwing the bat at the pitcher.

Business in the county superintendent's office is nearly blocked, just at a time when the institute is at hand, and the apportionment should have been made a week ago. Directors of several school districts have so neglected their duty that it becomes necessary to wait for them, or go ahead without their reports.

WHILE Mr John Thornburg was taking a rest on a cot in A. L. Funk's implement warehouse, Monday afternoon a sneak thief entered the office and stole his fine silver watch that was in his vest pocket which he had left hanging on the wall. A suspicious looking character who had been around town for several days was spotted and proved to be the thief. He was caught displaying the watch and was immediately taken by our marshal, Mr Thornburg satisfied at getting his watch back, had the officers let him go, provided he would leave the town immediately, which he did. - Blue Hill Times.

Our Premiums.

Don't forget that THE CHIEF will give away to its subscribers who pay up arrears and a year in advance, a chance to draw a fine silver watch, a silver canteen, and a set of silver forks, either one of which will be worth more than the price of subscription. Drawing to take place January 1, 1885.

Re-Lie-Ability.

A. J. Kenney's assessment stood 000, the commissioners raised it to \$800. We said Mr Kenney had his assessment raised from nothing to \$800. A matter of news and the truth. Mr Kenney was shown to have been raised from a respectable amount.

You did Mr Kenney the injustice to spread the impression over the county that he evaded the assessors. You gave us that impression. - Helmut.

As a specimen of assinine crawfishing and superlative prevarication, the above ebullitions of the "Shilohette" (silly wit) editor (?) do take the cake.

First she makes a misstatement, next reiterates and swears it is the truth. Then takes it all back, and to cap the climax says THE CHIEF did it.

DIED MONDAY.

Buried Wednesday, and Married Thursday. "Such is life in the Far West." During last week a farmer by the name of Poulson, we believe, died after having been a sufferer from disease for some weeks.

The wife and family mourned for the departed husband and father, who had thus been called to the last account. On Wednesday last the funeral obsequies took place and the remains were followed to their last resting place by a sorrowing household, and were consigned to Mother Earth with proper respect.

Finally the mourners and friends took their departure from the "Silent City of the Dead" and returned to their homes with sad hearts, no doubt. But seemingly within the next few hours the wife had forgotten the grief that had visited her, for on the day following (Friday) she was again repeating the mystic marriage rite which made her the lawful wife of a man by the name of Hansen. A widow and a bride in forty-eight hours.

PROMOTED.-Our estimable friend and citizen, Mr Fred Durrie, for a number of years station agent for the B & M R R, in this city, and a trusted employee of the road for thirteen years past, received orders to report at Omaha a few days ago, where he was tendered the position of assistant to the Western Passenger agent of the B & M with headquarters at San Francisco.

Fred will leave this week for his new home and his family will follow as soon as convenient. THE CHIEF has known Fred for several months, and has always found him to be a gentleman, and an efficient and polite agent, and therefore wish him success and prosperity in his far away home in 'Frisco.

"TYPE LICK."-For years gone by the "devil" in a printing office has been known as a trickster, and one of his favorite pastimes is to play tricks on the unwary. The other evening His Satanic Majesty was visited by a levy of the fairer sex, and having nothing else to do for a few minutes His Majesty conceived the idea that it would be fun to give the girls a taste of genuine experience as it comes along in every day life in a print shop. Carefully he separates a column of type and fills the cavity with murky water and invites the girls to gaze. Being curious to see type lice they all took a look, and a second later the column suddenly closed, and the water came in contact with their eyes. The "devil" was to pay, but the editor having had a recent bank failure administered a gentle reproach, while the girls left with a determination to get even with the "devil."

"THE CITY OF RED CLOUD."-For the last two years the press of Red Cloud and the people generally have been agitating the question of organizing the village of Red Cloud into a city of the second class. It would have been done long ago, but for the fact that the law was lame in regard to the proper mode to pursue in regard to the matter. But finally the difficulty was overcome, and by advice of City Attorney Richards the organization was completed on last Thursday night, July 16, at the regular meeting of the council. Under the old regime the powers of the city officers for making internal improvements was abridged, and consequently could not proceed to the extent that our growing city demanded hence the new organization. THE CHIEF is pleased to see that our board of trustees have the advancement of the city at heart, and with the aid of the citizens there is no reason why there should not be an unprecedented era of prosperity in the future. Let push and enterprise be the watchword. New railroads, new bridges, new stores, manufactures, etc. are what are needed, and having the best location in the valley there is no reason why we should not be a great city in the future. Let the business men and citizens unite for the advancement and growth of our city and business interests. The city officers under the new regime are: Mayor - E. L. Tinker. Aldermen, 1st Ward - S. W. Coon and J. L. Miner. Aldermen, 2nd Ward - A. T. Ormaby and T. J. Mosher. Clerk - Ed. Ferris. Attorney - J. N. Richards. Marshall and Street Commissioner - H. A. Watson.

Just a Couple.

A grand tent social and lawn party will be given under the auspices of Garfield Post No. 80, G. A. R., on Monday evening next, July 27th, at the court house park, in which the L. R. C. and S. of V's will join. The occasion will be enlivened by refreshments, song and story, and will be a vivid reminder to the boys of the days gone by when they were "testing on the old camp ground."

Fire Co.

Efforts are now being made to organize a fire department in this city, and the probabilities are that in a short time those efforts will be attended with success. It is estimated that \$600 will start the department in good shape. The boys are interested in the scheme, and are organizing a company. Trot out the engine! A fire company affords lots of amusement for its members and protection for their homes as well. Our citizens should encourage and aid the enterprise in every possible way.

At a meeting held in the store of Wright & Wallace Wednesday evening the following officers were elected: Al Galusha, Chief of Department. L. H. Wallace, Assistant Chief. James Miner, Foreman Hook and Ladder.

W N King, Assistant Foreman. A C Hosmer, Manager of Department. James Miner, Secretary and Treasurer.

AGRICULTURAL MEETING.-On Saturday afternoon the agricultural society held a meeting for the transaction of business. On motion the resignation of J G Dodd was accepted and John Kellogg was elected secretary in his stead. J S Gilham, L H Rust and J H Kellogg was elected a committee to revise the constitution and by-laws. The society is pushing matters rapidly, and it is to be hoped that the farmers and town people will make an effort to have some article on exhibition. The racing will be a principal feature.

The Epistolary II. The following was furnished by J W Meyers, one of the old vets who served under Grant in the Southwest, and has probably never before appeared in print: General Grant graduated at West Point in the class of '39, his class number being 21. He commanded the 21st Illinois regiment. His first battle after assuming command at Cairo was fought on the 21st day of October. He was elected President of the United States from the 21st State in the Union, and was the 21st regularly elected President of the United States. His No. 21 figures conspicuously in five of the principal events of the old hero's life.

Special Notice. THE CHIEF has prepared a letter box on the door entering the office, where people going away, or who have friends visiting them, will please deposit notice of the same. We shall be pleased to receive any news items that the people may wish to leave with us for publication. Don't forget to leave any item of news that you may have. It will be thankfully received.

Whose Fault is it? The county superintendent informs us that from eight to a dozen school districts are liable to lose their state apportionment on account of neglect of school officers to make a proper report of last year's school work.

Screen Doors. We are not dead, nor driven out of the city, but we have lots of screen doors for sale at cost. Don't forget it and come and see our stock. Doors almost at your own prices. NEBRASKA LUMBER CO.

For Sale. One second-hand McCormick Iron Mower, one Sulky Hay Rake, one Farm Wagon, cheap. Inquire at J L Miller's harness shop. 51-1/2

THE Red Cloud mills are doing their best this summer. Their flour is giving good satisfaction and we hear the farmers say they are getting a good turn out on great work. The probability is the mill folks are thinking when the new mill is completed and running with a capacity of grinding 450 bushels every 24 hours, they will want every farmer's wheat to keep the machinery employed. No doubt the millers are selfish in all this, but the consumers of their products get the benefit of their selfishness all the same.

GRAFTS BOOK.-Personal Memoirs is now being introduced to the public. Already over 200,000 copies sold. Willis G Brown, Red Cloud will take orders for the great work in Red Cloud Pleasant Hill and Guide Rock precincts, Webster county.

Lost.-Somewhere on the road in School District No 13 Elm Creek precinct, a copy of Brand's Physiology. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at the office of County Superintendent in the court house at Red Cloud.

MACHINE OILS in any quantities at the popular City Drug Store, Ferguson & Co.

SCOTT. The weather has been sultry for some time. The early corn has begun to milk and late corn begun to tassle. There was quite a few fields of small grain sowed after all. Two or three farmers sowed wheat, and those who have been discouraged by doing so in other years think that it will yet pay to raise wheat here. The rye harvest commenced about a week ago. Let all who love grand scenery look over the hills of Webster county at the corn and small grain.

WELL. Mrs Lockhart is treating her store to a new coat of paint. Charley Fish gets \$2 per day for setting all the barley that the Estley biter binds. Mines Dodge went out west last Sunday. S Alexandre had a dance in the G A R hall Saturday. W H Hoffman has three thousand bushels of corn for sale. He is now shelling. Light in the darkness. I D hold the baby till I strike a match. J D Storey's cellar was broken into last Saturday night by a gang of thieves and several dollars worth of goods stolen. Isaac Cowley and C P Cathers were in town Monday. William Richardson is busy cutting his winter wheat. O C Case and Mr Ball were in town Monday. H Parks & P. Ronette have three-thousand bushels of barley and 8 in turning out about 30 bushels to the acre. Several teachers in this vicinity are talking of going to Red Cloud the 27th to attend the teachers institute. Albert Wilson was out riding in his new buggy, she was along. Retric.

COWLES. Cowles is steadily improving. Charlie Fuller's new house is nearly completed. Mr. A Harton is building a new residence for himself in the north part of town. Mr. Lovely lost a valuable cow by getting tangled in the rope. Curfman is building a new barn. He says he thinks he will have some place to keep his horse flesh. N Crawford says he has the boss hay in town. Our carpenters are all kept busy at present. It would surprise many to see the amount of lumber hauled from our home yards. A gent near Guide Rock is hauling lumber from Cowles for a two story house. The B & M bridge carpenters have been here for over two weeks repairing the bridges between here and Blue Hill. I have heard of a thing in Red Cloud called the Helmut, and after looking the columns over I failed to find any news. I thought that this could get up some sense, but the one alluded to it appears that they forgot to put any saw dust inside his skull, or to give him a hickory bump. Bam Wood Bear.

PLEASANT HOME. A very fine shower today and harvesting stopped until the grain dried off. We noticed W H Harcus had three machines running on his farm Monday one twin binder, one self rake and a mower. To-day the sing of the machines the rattle of their wheels, and the crack of the whigs stopped, while the gentle rain poured down to dampen this lovely earth of ours. Are we not blessed people in Webster county. No bridge boards chaints bugs, no grass hoppers, no cockle burrs, and in fact in the garden of the west so, let us have rail roads. The races at Guide Rock Saturday last was well attended and closely contested by quite a number of good horses. Pleasant Hill spoke last week of only half a crop of small grain; we speak this week of a fine crop, boys you live on the wrong side of Willow creek move over.

We are sorry to note the death of Mr Martin's little boy who departed this life on last Friday, a bright little boy he was to both father and mother and they have many sympathizing friends. They are also sorry to learn the death of Dell Weir's little baby. We learn it departed on Sunday last. Mr Wells certainly has about all the good and sorrow that a man could stand. Losing his wife and child so near together. Loveover.

INVALE. Farmers are through cultivating and a general good feeling is abroad in the land over the prospect for a crop. Harvest has commenced and those who put in small grain feel amply repaid for their trouble. James Brownhead has the finest field of oats to be seen anywhere. There are a new kind. Philo Eddy has twenty acres of corn which will defy competition. He is the boss farmer. Chas Hunter went to Kansas City last week with two carloads of hogs one from this place and one from River-ton. Miss Linna Jones just finished one of the most successful terms of school ever taught in district No 6. A L Gray is on the sick list, something