...tates in Prophecy.

...mpare the United States ...er nations of the earth ...has had no parallel. It ...plished more in all that ...ational strength and great... in the advancement of art ...ce, in little more than a cen... Rome did in the seven hun... of her greatest achieve... Notice these brief statements, ...on ever rose to such greatness ...peace." "No nation in so lim... time has developed such unlim... sources." "No nation has ever ...d, the foundation of whose gov...ment were laid so broad and deep ...the principles of justice, righteous...ess and truth." "In no nation and in no age has the gospel found such freedom, and the churches of Christ had such liberty to enlighten their borders and develope their strength." Page 15-16, Marvel of Nations. The truthfulness of the above statements I think no one will question, and one cannot reflect on the rise and progress of our country without being forcibly impressed with the thought that God's care has been over us. I believe that the bible, which has outlined the history of the great nations of Europe has also mentioned our own nation. Now if our nation is a subject of prophecy you may ask "where?" I answer in Revelation 13, 11-17. "And I beheld another beast coming out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." v. 11. Let us notice first the the chronology of its rise. V 10 speaks of the power that all the commentators are agreed in applying to the papacy, this was led into captivity" in 1798 Berthier a French general marched into Rome, took the Pope prisoner, and carried him away and he died an exile. Just then the U. S. was coming up. In 1776 July 4th, the Declaration of Independence was signed. In 1780 the Constitution was ratified. To it can be said that it was "coming up" in 1798 when the papal power received such a blow. We will next notice its location, it must be somewhere out side of the territory of the Ten Kingdoms of the Roman Empire. For they are to remain so till the close of time. We look to the new world to find it. Bishop Berkley wrote over one hundred years ago concerning our country as follows:

Westward the course of empire take its way,
The first four acts already past;
The fifth shall close the drama with the day,
Time's noblest off-spring is the last.

The manner of its raise and "coming up," should next recieve our attention It is as it were to come forth from vacancy, or as one definition of the word "to grow or spring up as a plant" See Facts for the Times, page 106. Mr. G. A. Townsend, The Dublin Nation, Martyn's History of the Great Reformation, and others, while speaking of our nation, have unconciously used the very words of inspiration to describe its rise. Space will fail me to draw a comparison of the rise of the U. S. with other nations and show the annals of history do not present its equals. Again this power is to have two grand principals, symbolized by the two horns. This we see in our Government alone. They are Protestantism and Republicanism. Protestant profession of Faith, "The bible and the bible alone." Republican profession, "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain enaliable rights, that among these are life liberty, an the pursuit of happiness." Declaration of Independence says: Again congress shall make no law "respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the exercise thereof. Amendment of free constitution Art. I. Yes friends here lies the secret of all, "the bible and the bible alone," and no state religion has brought the teeming millions to our shores. There is no tyrant sitting on a throne with a crowned head to restrict the consciences of men.

Here, according to the foregoing principles, all can worship God as their consciences dictate. But this state of things is not always to exist, This same two-horned beast is to speak as a dragon. Vs. 11-12, says he will cause the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed. And in v. 14 it is to make an "image" to the beast. As stated before, the wounded beast nearly all agree, was the Roman combination of civil and ecclesiastical power, or Church and State; hence, to "make an image," in this country, there must be a union of Protestantism and Republicanism. But right here I suppose some of the readers of THE CHIEF are ready to take issue, and say that, in this country, Church and State will never be united. Thirty years ago we could feel quite safe in taking such a stand. To day it is not so. At present there is a party known as the National Reform Association, "which is laboring to secure in the hearts of the people, and ultimately in the preamble of the Constitution of the United States, a recognition of Almighty God as the source of all power and authority in government, of Christ as the Ruler of nations, and of the Bible as containing the higher law for nations." I would say that this association has regular organized efforts in the different States, where they have free public discussions. Here is the proposed amendment to the Constitution: "We, the people of the United States, (acknowledging Almighty God as the source of all authority in civil government, the Lord Jesus Christ as the ruler of nations, and His law as of supreme authority,) in order to form a more perfect union, etc."

Now, who is to interpret that amendment? Who is to declare to us what the "law of Jesus Christ is?" Evidently if such an amendment is recognized in the Constitution, then the people must decide it as they do other matters. But a moment's reflection is required to see that when such a state of affairs does exist, the people must decide what religion is, or accept everything that is called religion. The latter can never be done, hence the former is inevitable.

One may ask: "Are not these National Reformists alarmists?" I think so. And what is most alarming is the strength they have, and the favor they are receiving from leading men among us. Just see the men of the organization as it was in 1876, (and is still growing stronger.) "Besides the President, Hon. Felix R. Brunot, Pittsburg, Pa., are seven reverends, twenty eight D. D.'s, sixteen of these are presidents of or professors in colleges and other institutions of learning, and most of the others are bishops and presiding elders, nine LL. D.'s, four justices of "Supreme courts two editors, two generals, etc." We can see at once they are men of influence and do not propose to be defeated in their undertaking. One of the principal objects this association is seeking to secure is a better observance of the Sabbath (Sunday.) Here is where the worship of the first beast will come in. To worship any power is to acknowledge its supremacy. Now Papists point to the change of Sabbath from the seventh day to Sunday, the first day, as a mark of their authority. In the "Doctrinal Catechism" we find this testimony

Ques. Have you any other way of proving that the church has power to institute festivals of precepts?

Ans. Had she not such power she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her, she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is no scriptural authority.—P. F. Kennedy, N. Y., p. 174.

Again in "Abridgment of Christian Doctrine"

Ques. How prove you that the church hath power to command feasts and holy days?

Ans. By the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday which Protestants allow of.

Now when we take into consideration the thing sought by the "Reform Party," viz. a better observance of Sunday, and also the fact that so many of the laboring classes are seeking for at least one day of rest—and again that nearly all the Catholic population would favor such a move, who is ready to say that ere long there won't be a union of Church and State, so far as the Sunday is concerned?

This is no wild and tareful imagination. Already the dragon voice is heard in the land. Several States have strict Sunday laws. In two of these—Arkansas and Tennessee—men have been arrested and convicted as lawbreakers, for keeping the commandments of God. They were law-abiding citizens every way, only they kept the seventh day according to the commandment, and worked the first day, as God gave them the privilege to do. We would naturally look for the Supreme Courts to decide in their favor, but true to the prediction they did not.

In the Review and Herald, Vol 63, No. 25, is this statement

"We have just learned that the Supreme Court in both those States, to which the cases were appealed, has sustained the decision of the lower court, subjecting our brethren there to the fine or imprisonment imposed upon them at the trial in Sept. last."

From the foregoing, only time is needed to develop the prediction of Rev. 13:16. It simply means religious persecution over again.

Reader, carefully examine Rev. 13, 11-17, also Ch. 14:9-12, and see if you are ready for that searching test.

L. A. H.

Resolutions of Respect.

Resolutions passed by the W. C. T. U. of Red Cloud, on the death of sister Sarah Mick.

Whereas death has again visited us, and we are called on to mourn the loss of the eldest member of our Union Grandma Mick, therefore be it

Resolved that we testify to her sincere devotion to the cause of temperance, her steadfast adherance to the principles that govern the W. C. T. U. and her faithful attendance at meetings, that had for their object the rescuing of the perishing. And though we grieve that her sweet loving face and cheerful smile will greet us no more, we can but rejoice, that without sickness or suffering, her pure spirit passed from earth to heaven, to receive the welcome, "Well done thou good and faithful servant of the Lord."

To her bereaved family we extend our kind sympathies, and pray that her mantle of a true christian life may fall upon each of them.

Resolved, that we will wear the accustomed token of mourning for one month.

Resolved, that copy of these resolutions, be presented to the family, and also be sent to our city papers, and the *New Republic* for publication

Brick! Brick!

We have just finished burning another kiln, of excellent brick and invite contractors and all others wishing the same to call and examine our brick and satisfy themselves of the quality of the same. As evidence of their merits the brick buildings of this city are offered. Every building is constructed with brick from our yard with but one exception and we offer the testimony of the brick masons of this city Lincoln or Beatrice. We are ready to contract from one to 500,000 and to deliver the same, also sand in any quantity.

W. H. LUDLOW & SON.

REPORT of school taught in District 15 for the month ending June 23. Number of pupils enrolled 34, average daily attendance 26. The following are the names of those who have not been absent or tardy during the month Franklin Richardson, Bessie Cochrall, Harvey Cox, Clarence Cox, Josie Storey. Those whose grade in scholarship entitles them to 90 per cent or more, Bessie Cochrall, Jessie Cochrall, Frank Richardson, Harvey Cox, Walter Cox, Josie Storey, Flora Jackson, May Post, Rannie Zackery.

ANNA COCKRALL, Teacher.

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Try the Estey Sewing Machine. It is the finest machine that is made. For sale by F. V. Taylor the east side furniture man, Red Cloud.

A good team of horses for sale. Inquire of Joseph Graves, Red Cloud. tf

I am prepared to furnish door plates which for durability, cheapness, beauty of design and finish, cannot be excelled. Samples on exhibition at the office of THE CHIEF. Your patronage respectfully solicited. C. E. WOOD. tf

The Golden Eagle Clothing Store has a few more Sailor Suits which they will close out at reduced prices.

Furniture of all descriptions at Tinker's old stand, at prices that defy competition. Always see us before you buy, as we buy extensively, and can therefore sell cheaper than any house in the valley. Remember and see us. F. V. TAYLOR.

All kinds of second hand furniture at J. W. Warren's hardware and furniture rooms, opposite Chicago Lumber Yard.

Itch and scratches of every kind cured in 30 minutes by Woodford's Sanitary Lotion. Use no other. This never fails. Sold by Ferguson & Cochran, druggists, Red Cloud. 23 1y

The best and cheapest line of laces, Hamburgs, and everlasting trimmings at Mrs. Newhouse's.

THE Amboy Milling Company will pay 60 cents per bushel for good wheat that will test 57 or 58 pounds. tf

HENRY COOK now has the most complete stock of wall paper, shades, etc., in the Republican Valley.

THE Red Cloud Milling Company will pay 60 cents per bushel for good wheat that will test 57 or 58 pounds. tf

For soda water, cigars, ice cream, go to Henry Cook's.

A good farm for sale cheap. Apply at this office.

One good Mason & Hamlin organ for sale. Apply to J. W. Warren, opposite Chicago Lumber Yard.

Good buggy for sale. Enquire of J. W. Warren, the hardware and furniture man.

Go to J. W. Warren's when you want of hardware and second hand goods. He keeps everything and you can always find bargains there. If you have anything to sell see him. Depot left, get the place opposite Chicago Lumber Yard.

Go to G. W. Cline's for fresh home made candies, cigars, etc.

Fresh home made candies at G. W. Cline's. Call and see him.

Second-hand range for sale. A bargain. Reason for selling, I have two. Will give buyer his choice.

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I can loan you money at current rates of interest, on real estate, for any length of time from one year to five years. H. G. W. BOKSER.

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PETE WATSON, Proprietor.

We are receiving furniture daily don't forget it, and we are bound to sell it. F. V. TAYLOR.

MONEY to loan at reasonable rates on good personal or chattel security. Also farm loans made at lowest rates of interest. C. F. CARPER, Red Cloud.

A nice line of dry goods will be sold but very cheap at Mrs. Newhouse's.

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STATE OF NEBRASKA, WEBSTER COUNTY, ss.

To all whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that I have taken up on Sec. 20 Twp. 2 Range 11 west, one red cow, about 4 years old with some white spotted body, and a slit in one ear. The cow has been on premises about three weeks. You will therefore take notice that unless the owner of said cow appears to claim her and pay charges for keeping, advertising, etc., that I will dispose of her according to law after due publication of this notice.

46-5w HUMPHREY SMITH.

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Buck Boards at	- -	$3500
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Carries the largest stock of bed room, parlor and kitchen furniture and undertaker's goods in the Republican valley. Oil paintings, picture frames etc., in great variety.

Give him a call. Opposite First National Bank. Prices very low.

STILLWATER.

A W. C. T. U. was organized on the 17th instant with officers as follows:

President.—Mrs K Crawford.
Vice-President.—Miss Maggie Orr.
Secretary.—Miss Abbie Vance.
Treasurer—Miss Ella McIntyre.

A nice rain last Sabbath afternoon.

A national reform association was organized the first Monday in June The following officers have been elected for one year. F. C. Johnson, Pres. D. M. Hunter, 1st Vice President. J. R. Allen, Second Vice President. D. D. Mearns, Secretary. W. H. Middleton Treasurer.

J. R. Crosier has bought an Esterly binder.

Preaching at the R. P. church next Sabbath at 11 o'clock a m.

R. T. White an wife have returned from Kansas. D. M. D.

...ing right down to business on ...rates of interest. Money can now ...had of any of our loan agencies for ...per cent on good real estate security, and the demand is brisk. The call for battle loans is still ranging high as to the rate of interest thereon, ...necessary to say, much too high in many instances for the benefit of the ...borrower. But we are in hopes to see the exhorbitant rates reduced to living ...figures, as there cannot be prosperity ...where the borrower is eaten up by ...high rates of interest, and we believe ...that it is absolutely necessary ...the advancement and welfare of ...country, that the farmers are ...out of debt, or if in debt ...that healthy condition finan...that they can pay off their debts ...without sacrificing all they have to ...the one who dues. The interest of the business man and producer ...identical and they should endeavor ...make it so mutual. If the farmer ...prosper so do the merchant. We ...that the business men ...Red Cloud are generally trying to ...encourage and help the farming class, ...that the farmers are becoming more prosperous and thrifty year by year ...are not compelled to borrow money so extensively as in the early days.

By reference to another place in this paper it will be seen that the ...directors of the Kansas Midland railway company are pushing their project right along, and THE CHIEF looks forward with a great deal of confidence to the ultimate building of this line from Wichita to Red Cloud. New York capitalists supposed to be backed by the B. & M. and Kansas capitalists are those who have the project under headway. It is only a question of time until we secure the C. N. K. & N. W. Ry. the Rock Island and the Kansas Midland, whatever the scoffer may say. Red Cloud is surely destined to be more than a little city. It has too many advantages to become lost sight of by capitalists and men of means.

THE City Drug Store changed hands on July 1st. Mr. W. W. Ferguson retiring from the business on account of poor health, the new firm will be known as J. H. Kellogg & Co. Prof. W. C. Pickling and John Kellogg both well and favorably known, are the new members of the firm. They are full of vim and enterprise and have our best wishes for success. Mr. Ferguson will still reside in Red Cloud, where we hope ere long to see him in the enjoyment of good health again.

A PETITION is being gotten up and circulated asking the city council to call an election, we believe for city waterworks. This is an actual necessity, and we hope to see every enterprising citizen of Red Cloud sign the petition. In case of fire, good water works, with a good hose and hook and ladder company would do more good and save more property than a dozen engines. Let us have water works by all means.

Trader & Meyer are the new butchers who will open up a butcher shop in Mosher's old stand, the gentlemen are old hands at the business and guarantee satisfaction.

Machine oils cheaper than ever at Cottings drug store

Summer dress goods, lawns, white goods, hamburgs, great varity of laces hosiery, parasols, gloves, fans, etc, etc, etc. Will be closed out at a sacrifice at Mrs F. Newhouse. Please give us a call.

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Go to opera block and get prices on groceries and queens ware before purchasing else where.