

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Red Cloud.

Sec. 12, of chapter 14 of the compiled statutes of Nebraska, relating to cities of the second class provides, that the mayor shall from time to time communicate to the city council such information and recommend such measures as in his opinion may tend to the improvement and general prosperity of the city. In compliance therewith reports of the various departments have been prepared and placed in your hands for inspection and consideration to which are here briefly appended such suggestions and recommendations as have seemed to me proper.

TREASURY.

A full report of the financial condition of the city has been placed before the council by the treasurer. It is only necessary for me here to state that the general expenses of the city have fallen very much below the estimate, made therefor and the balance remaining in the general fund has been used for the extension of the system of water works.

WATER SUPPLY.

The fixtures for water supply are barely completed to the extent of the means furnished for that purpose and it is too soon to determine as to their adequacy. There is every reason however to believe that in both quality and quantity the supply will prove eminently satisfactory, both for fire protection and domestic purposes. All indebtedness for every portion of the system and for all labor performed, thereon has been fully paid excepting a small balance on the stand pipe which has been held in the treasury on account of improper workmanship in its completion. The finances of the city have been strained to the uttermost and large additions to the plans first adopted by this council, have been made for the purpose of increasing the capacity of the system. We would recommend that the incoming council make an appropriation for the purpose of extending the mains in the southern portion of the city to such an extent as to afford fire protection to all south of Division street and for general purposes to as many as possible. Also that the main be extended along Loust street north two blocks and thence west to Webster street thus completing the plan for that portion of city.

LIGHTS.

While our system of electric lighting is no doubt superior to any place of this size in the west, some just cause of complaint still exists. At least one more lamp should be placed south of Division street and one at or about the southern portion of LeDuc's addition. Should the company determine to place incandescent lights within our reach a number of these might be cheaply and profitably used especially on the main streets leading to the B. & M. depot.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Two well organized and efficient volunteer hose companies are already in existence, moderately well furnished with supplies, yet much remains to be done to render their outfit complete. Everything requisite to keep them in a condition for active and efficient work should be promptly furnished and as soon as practicable a hook and ladder company should be organized and furnished with the necessary supplies.

CITY POOR.

Under the existing laws of this state there seems to be no adequate provision for the care of the poor in cities of the second class of less than 5,000 inhabitants. Necessity however, compels and public sentiment demands that such provision be made. An appropriation for this purpose should be made at the beginning of each municipal year to be used in a discreet and conservative manner for the relief of the honest and deserving portion of this unfortunate class.

STREETS.

A considerable amount of work was accomplished by the present council on the streets of the city, much more I am informed than in any previous year. Reference to the report of your very efficient street commissioner however will show you that nearly all this was performed by the proper collection of poll taxes. Proper enforcement of the collection of this tax in the future will afford all the means requisite for the repair of our streets.

TREE PLANTING.

The grounds owned by the city about the water works stand pipe should be planted with trees. The expense would be trifling while both the grounds and the neighborhood would be rendered much more pleasant thereby. The planting of trees along the residence streets of the city should be encouraged.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The ordinances of the city should be carefully reviewed and printed in pamphlet form. Adjoining territory, especially such as is already platted, should be taken into the corporation. The condition of the city jail demands that it should be enlarged and repaired or still better, that a new one be built. A health officer should be appointed by

Fire Department.

At the regular meeting last night of the fire department at their hall, the bids which had been received for a 1200 pound fire bell and fixtures were opened and submitted to the department after going over all business relative to the purchasing of a bell it was agreed by the department to place the matter within the hands of the board of trustees with orders to proceed at once and procure a bell, so the city will at an early date have a chance to listen to a first class fire bell.

I trust it is not necessary for me to state that these recommendations are not tendered with any assumption of superior wisdom. They are simply the results of a year of careful and unprejudiced observation. No man is fitted to fill any executive or legislative office in your city who cannot see at the end of his term many things which should be accomplished for the comfort, happiness and well being of its citizens. The present council have had crowded upon them a vast amount of work which could not be delayed and thus some of the matters above recommended have necessarily remained unconsidered. The succeeding administration will doubtless be able to devote more time to the consideration of the general affairs of the city.

I take this opportunity to tender to each member of the council and to all the city officers my heartfelt thanks for many kindnesses received at their hands. In the light of the present I am conscious of many errors in the year which has past. Many things have been done and many things permitted which might have been more wisely ordered. In all things and at all times however I have relied upon your honest determination to act for the future interests of the city and for the greatest good of the greatest number. On no occasion has there been cause to regret this confidence. The future will show to the inhabitants of this city that your work of the past year is the most important part of its history. The men who unflinchingly bore criticism and reproach, not always just and reasonable and went patiently and manfully forward to do the right as they were given to see the right may justly claim and will surely receive the respect due to faithful, honest and competent workers for the public welfare. Permit me finally to pledge my unqualified support to the incoming administration in all things tending to the prosperity of our city and the welfare of its people.

G. E. McKEE.

Take Ayer's Sarsaparilla, in the spring of the year, to purify the blood, invigorate the system, excite the liver to action, and restore healthy tone and vigor to the whole physical mechanism. Remember that quality not quantity, constitutes the value of medicine.

Fruit Trees.

In order to clear our grounds, we close out entire lot of 3 year old apple trees at a very low price of 75 cents a piece. A good variety to select from. Call early.

LOPEMAN, & HAGAN.

TRACHEOTOMY TUBES.

An Englishman Who Has Worn One for Fully Six Years.

A case in which the operation of tracheotomy proved strikingly successful has just come under our notice, says the *Tall Mall Gazette*. It is that of a man, formerly a soldier, who had the incision into the windpipe made six years ago, and who wears the tracheotomy tube at the present moment. He was a private in the Royal Engineers, and took part in the Egyptian campaign of 1881, being present at Tel-el-Kebir. While in Egypt he drank some bad water, and this induced a blood poisoning, which ultimately took the form of deep-seated abscesses in the neck. He returned from Egypt, arriving in this country some time in October, 1882, and at once became a patient at the Royal Military Hospital, Southampton. The man describes the operation as being only a little painful. The previous difficulty in breathing had been so great that if the incision into the windpipe had caused much pain that pain was overwhelmed by the great relief which followed the operation. He remained in the hospital for some months, but finally left cured.

He finds but little discomfort or inconvenience in wearing the tracheotomy tube. He can not speak without first putting his finger to his neck to close the orifice of the tube. The reason for this is obvious. Voice is caused by the vibration of the vocal chords in the larynx, and to set them vibrating a current of air from the lungs is required. The incision of tracheotomy being made in the windpipe below the larynx, enough air to vibrate the vocal chords can not be obtained until the orifice is closed. The closing is, in most tracheotomy tubes, effected by an automatic valve, but the soldier now in question will have none of them. He wore the automatic valve for a short time, it is true, but when he was coming down Regent street one day it flew off and was lost, and he has done very well without it since. He can also talk by putting his chin instead of by his finger. He possesses a duplicate tube for use in case of accident.

A brief description of the tube may be found interesting. It is made of silver, that being the metal least likely to be acted upon by any fluids to be found in the windpipe or caused by the condensed aqueous vapor of the breath. It is in reality no more than the name implies—that is, a tube. It is bent into the form of a quadrant, and the outer portion has a shield, which presses against the flesh of the neck. To the shield are attached tapes, which pass around the neck and are tied. These serve to keep the tube securely in position. The instrument is further supplied with a smaller inner tube and guide. The former can easily be removed and replaced for the purpose of cleaning, which, however, is not necessary more than once a day, unless the weather be very foggy. But the inner tube is not an essential, and the soldier of whom we write never wears it. He removes the tube itself, the tissues around it having become so hardened that for a short time they answer all the purposes of the tracheotomy tube itself. The person who is compelled to use a tracheotomy tube generally wears a high collar, and all that is seen is a small hole.

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Please bear in mind, that the water commissioner is alone authorized to make water or service contracts. Go direct to headquarters if you wish to save trouble and get your work done right. I will guarantee to do first class work and at fair prices. E. M. PERKINS, Commissioner.

Trees! Trees! Trees!!!

If you want fruit, forest or ornamental trees, or small fruit stock of all kinds at bed rock prices call at the City Feed Store and leave orders for what you want. Opposite P. O. L. H. RUST, Lock Box 152.

Parties Wanting.

Vapor stoves will please call and see the Quick Meal and Jewell, there is none that equal them and they are for sale at (128-4f) A. MORHART.

LOOK HERE.

Before you let your water contract it will pay you to call and see me as I am doing that kind of work. I pay cash for all my goods and can give you bedrock prices and warrant all my work. A. MORHART.

Legal Notice.

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of April 1888, Phillip Burgheld filed a petition in the county court in and for Webster county, Nebraska, setting forth, that Charles Bergfeld, Anna Bergfeld, Anna Bergfeld, Minnie Bergfeld, Fredrick Bergfeld, Louis Bergfeld, Ida Bergfeld, Harmon Bergfeld and Tillie Bergfeld were the minor heirs of William Bergfeld, deceased, that they have property and rights in actions which are about to be sold, and asks that John A. Webster be appointed as their guardian. I have set the 7th day of May, 1888, for the hearing of said petition at which time all objections to why said appointment shall not be made will be heard. Red Cloud, Nebraska, April 2, 1888. FRANK A. SWEZEY, County Judge.

Legal Notice.

In county court of Webster county, Nebraska, Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of April 1888, the estate of Benjamin Little deceased, Francis M. Tripp administrator. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against Benjamin Little late of Webster county, deceased, that the time fixed for filing claims against said estate is six months from the 15th day of March, 1888. All such persons are required to present their claims with the vouchers therefor to the undersigned at his office in the city of Red Cloud in said county on or before the 15th day of September 1888. And all claims so filed and heard before the said judge on the 15th day of September 1888. And all claims not so filed will be forever barred. Witness my hand and official seal this 15th day of March 1888. FRANK A. SWEZEY, County Judge.

Notice to Creditors.

State of Nebraska, county court for Webster county, In probate. In the matter of the estate of Benjamin Little deceased. Francis M. Tripp administrator. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against Benjamin Little late of Webster county, deceased, that the time fixed for filing claims against said estate is six months from the 15th day of March, 1888. All such persons are required to present their claims with the vouchers therefor to the undersigned at his office in the city of Red Cloud in said county on or before the 15th day of September 1888. And all claims so filed and heard before the said judge on the 15th day of September 1888. And all claims not so filed will be forever barred. Witness my hand and official seal this 15th day of March 1888. FRANK A. SWEZEY, County Judge.

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Notice is hereby given that a petition signed by thirty or more resident freeholders of the first ward of the city of Red Cloud, Nebraska, has been filed with the city clerk of said city which petition prays for a license to be issued to John S. Rothrock to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors on lot six (6) block thirty-one (31) in the city of Red Cloud. That action will be taken on said petition by the mayor and city council in said city on the 14th day of April 1888, or first meeting thereafter. Dated at Red Cloud the 5th day of April 1888. HARRY E. FOND, City Clerk.

Legal Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a petition signed by thirty or more resident freeholders of the first ward of the city of Red Cloud, Nebraska, has been filed with the city clerk of said city which petition prays for a license to be issued to David A. Stroup to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors on lot five (5) in block twenty-seven (27) in the city of Red Cloud, Nebraska, and that the mayor and city council of said city will take action thereon on April 14th, 1888 or the first meeting thereafter. Dated at Red Cloud, April 6th, 1888. HARRY E. FOND, City Clerk.

Legal Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a petition signed by thirty or more resident freeholders of the 2d ward of the city of Red Cloud, Nebraska, has been filed with the city clerk of said city which petition prays for a license to be issued to David A. Stroup to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors on lot three (3) in block one (1) in Williams addition to the town (now city) of Red Cloud, Nebraska that action will be taken on said petition by the mayor and city council of said city on the 14th day of April 1888 or the first meeting thereafter. Dated at Red Cloud April 6th, 1888. HARRY E. FOND, City Clerk.

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Black Fred.
Standard Bred. No. 5842. Wallace's register of trotting horses of New York.
Property of Wm. Gates of Jewell county, Kansas, will make the season of 1888, at J. S. Rothrock's stable in Red Cloud on Fridays and Saturdays, till June 1, and on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at my farm.
BLACK FRED, Standard bred, stallion No. 5842, was bred by Fredmont No. 1144, he by Almont Rattler No. 500, he by Almont No. 23, he by Alexander's Abadella No. 15, he by Rysdike's Hambletonian No. 10, 1st dam Alberta, by Alfred No. 2609, he by Chas. Beckman No. 2536, he by Rysdike's Hambletonian No. 10, 2d dam Lucy by Trampaway No. 200, he by Hayes' Tramp No. 309, he by Gage's Logan, he by Rysdike's Hambletonian No. 10, 3rd dam, a thoroughbred running mare.
TERMS:—\$20.00 to insure a mare with foal, money to be paid when mare is known to be with foal. Parties parting with mares before they are known to be with foal will be held for the insurance. Care will be taken to prevent accidents but I will not be responsible should any occur.
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