

CITY NEWS.

The Webster county teachers association will meet at Red Cloud, Saturday, December 28.

J. A. Tulley is home from the west. Ed Highland was in the city last evening. R. V. Shirey has returned home from his western trip.

Deacon E. B. Warner and Rev. Taggart returned from Bladen yesterday, where they went to attend the dedication of the new Congregational church.

The board of educational lands and funds have extended the time for payment of delinquents lease and interest payments for 60 days.

N. B. McNITT. Henry Cook the druggist and stationer has the nicest line of miscellaneous books albums, and Christmas novelties to be found in Red Cloud. Call and see him before you buy.

Pastor A. W. Snider delivers a Christmas sermon to the children at the Baptist church next Sunday night. Christmas music will be furnished by the choir and the children.

The Congregational Sunday school are preparing a beautiful Christmas service, to be given in the church on Christmas eve. The music is the finest the schools have ever had. Admission to all but the children of the school ten cents.

Wednesday night at Cambridge, A. P. Bankson, roadmaster of the Keweenaw division while attempting to catch a moving train, was thrown to the ground between the cars and the platform of the depot, and received injuries from which he died in two hours. Bankson was a great favorite of the rail road boys and his sudden death is much lamented by all. The accident happened on train No. 75 in charge of Conductor Bronson.

Commencing December 19th the Burlington will sell round trip excursion tickets to Newcastle Wyoming at twenty seven dollars each with transit ticket of fifteen days in each direction, final limit of ninety days from date of sale. Will also sell Dakota Hot Springs tickets at twenty eight dollars and ninety cents each, for continuous passage in direction with final limit of ninety days from date of sale. Tickets must be signed and stamped at the Minneapolis hotel in Hot Springs before being good for return passage. A. COMOVER, Agent.

The other day B. S. Briggs got too high up. He was on the Christian church steeple, that being somewhat higher than he is used to soaring, he took a fall of six or eight feet through the scaffolding head first and luckily for himself stopped on the second landing, or he might have fared much worse than he did. However his fall laid him up for a week as it was. If he been an editor he would not have fallen, because they are used to soaring aloft to very dizzy heights.

The Democrat and Republican must have held a mutual admiration meeting lately and each agreed to blow the horn of the other. One week the Republican lands the Democrat to the skies and thinks the helmet fell into most gracious hands. The next week the Democrat lands the Republican and speaks of the great ability of his editor which words of commendation the Republican repeats with a flourish. But it is natural you know. The democrats always did admire the mugwumps and the mugwumps in turn try to flatter the democrats. It seems to be a mutual affair all around. The twins look well together. It is a pity they are so far apart. They are so near alike that none but their warmest friends can tell them apart. 'Tis well. The city now has two stalwart republican papers, one democrat and one mugwump. The mugwump is the least of them all, and like other abnormal growths, it has to be specially treated but if properly treated it may survive.

The Webster county W. O. T. U. convention held in Cowles, December 11 and 12 was a success in every way. The attendance was larger than usual, and all seemed much interested, particularly in the Amendment. Rev. Taggart's address on that subject was a grand one, and was listened to by a crowded house. Revs. Flah and McVey of Cowles and Randall of Red Cloud were given seats in the convention, and added much to the interest. The district president Mrs. Harrison was present, giving many words of advice and encouragement. The dedications and songs by the Contestants of Red Cloud were highly appreciated, also the exercises by the children of Willow Creek and Cowles. Delegates and visitor were hospitably entertained and the evening collections were \$9.50. Memorial services were held for the four members of the convention who had died in the last year. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Brinkfield. Vice-President, Mrs. Bailey of Cowles. Sec. Secretary, Mrs. Watson of Red Cloud. Treasurer, Mrs. Carrie Brinkfield. Treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Hill, Mrs. Hill in order to arouse the people throughout the county it was decided to hold conventions quarterly, the next to be at Red Cloud in March 1900.

An exciting trip to a wonderful land to see an important old man. The children of the Methodist church are in high glee over the proposed railroad excursion to the north pole to the home of Santa Claus. We understand the route will be via Lincoln, Omaha, Sioux City, Yankton, Pierre, Bismarck, Manitoba, Hudson's Bay thence to the great ice fields of the north where old Santa is supposed to luxuriate in all his glory. Miss Nellie West will give a glowing description of the valley of the Red River of the north and the country around Hudson Bay. An experienced rail road crew will man the train, Conductor Willis in charge. All aboard at 7:30 sharp on Christmas eve. Don't forget your wraps as you may encounter a glacier on the trip. The public are invited to the church to see the start and finish. Admission 10 cents, children free.

Did you hear the bucolic rooster of the Democrat cheese press roar this week? Like all of his brethren, he becomes greatly infuriated if you flaunt a red tarpaulin in the vicinity of where his brains ought to be. Poor misguided mortal. How much better he would look following the occupation nature fitted him for, (a cobbler) than he does sitting behind the pastepot, with monstrous shears astride, clipping heavy editorials for the great democracy to digest. A little corn (juice) might help you John, if you should apply it with a little of the extract of Larix Europae.

FARMERS CREEK. Every body is in a hurry to get done with their corn, and by the way, there are lots of fast corn breakers in these parts. In fact all of them excepting Niek.

Mrs. Tibbie of Montana is here on a visit with her sister Mrs. J. E. McKinley. Mrs. Wiedmann father and mother of Atlantic, Iowa, have been visiting her for a couple weeks.

James Cochrane who has been attending school at Franklin was home on a short visit during vacation. He reports their having a fine school there.

I would like to say to Dennis that I think Jim Vance's case (politically) is very serious, but there may be a new party by next fall. Then all will be well.

Mr. Editor, I think you would do well to advocate the Farmer's Alliance movement and urge them to organize all over the county.

It still remain as in olden times.

Nico.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

To the Editor:—Leaving home 6 p. m. on the 11th inst, reached here last evening at 6:30. Come over the D. & R. G. from Denver: To say that the natural scenery along the above route is grand, is to use the trite expression so universally in vogue as to convey but little. Take for instance the Royal George and further on the Black Canyon and language fails to convey to the reader or listener more than the faintest conception of the stupendous and overwhelming greatness of the wonder working hand of the master builder of the universe. Just think of being whirled through these gorges with their walls towering up on both sides to the height of from 1200 to 2000 feet above the road bed with here and there depressions of many miles in area, and again forming their more perpendicular form by projecting over the track and hanging there at a height of some 1000 feet and weighing thousands of tons. It is somewhat paradoxical to say that "the weakest link in the chain is the strongest point" and yet it is a fact in philosophy. Who knows but in the near future one of these mountainous formations may loose its mooring, like the chestnut from its berr, and drop with the speed of a cannon ball, upon a train loaded with its happy sight seers and bury them in one fleeting moment. Marshall Pass, which lies between the Royal George and the Black Canyon rises to an altitude of 12,000 feet above the level of the sea, and when its highest point is reached you can look down upon the mountains instead of the usual upward direction, while the stars at night seem to settle down on the vast expanse below, producing a feeling such as cannot be defined. In making the ascension over this pass or the night of the 13th both engines exhausted steam when about two thirds of the way up and had to stop for their supper of coal which they consumed in large quantities, meanwhile belching forth great volumes of smoke and flame which to a timid passenger would have been appalling. Then came another crashing, whirling, serpentine upward movement along the line of which the train passed over a point already crossed many miles below. To get the full meaning of the above and foregoing statement the reader may appreciate the thought with that of climbing a circular stairway. To mention the other points of interest along this route among which are Castle Gate. Other various wonders and the other various cities, towns, lakes, and resorts, would be but to swell this letter to too great an extent, and may appear in a future issue of THE GAZETTE, in which future production a brief account will appear of the writer's experiences and observations while in the City of Mormons. Just now there is a rush for the dinner hall, and you know how that is yourself. Truly Yours, J. M. CHAFFIN.

The Adolphian Quartet company which gives a concert in the city next Thursday evening comes in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. The concert will be held in the Methodist church. That the company is one of sterling worth may be ascertained from the following in the Wilbur Republican: The Adolphian Quartet of Deane College gave their second concert at the court house last Saturday evening. The solos were well received and heartily cheered, but the vociferous applause which the Quartet was unmistakable evidence that the efforts of the combination were even more successful in pleasing than were the individual elements. Those who attended themselves without any outside cause have reason to hire a cheap boy with a copper trowel and parrot's motion. Regarding the beauty of the music produced by this Quartet, "the half has never been told."

Featherly & Aults are still selling vinegar and cranberry juice. Call and see them. Good cider vinegar for 25 cents per gallon.

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Persons deprived of one eye can have this deformity removed by the insertion of an artificial eye, which moves and acts like a natural organ.

OFFICE HOURS

From 9 to 12 am, 1 to 4 pm., and 7 to 8 in the evening.

October 5, 1899. We regret very much to learn that Prof. Strassman has decided to leave our city in a short time. While here he has succeeded by his strict attention to his profession in greatly benefiting a large number of our citizens, and he leaves us with many testimonials from the best residents of the city as to his ability, which is unquestionable. He is very frank with these he

cannot help, always telling them the truth and gives them good advice, gratis, and those whom he can help miss a great chance if they do not see him. He has the good wishes of all our citizens for his future.—Kearney Enterprise.

References.— Mayor's Office, Hastings, Neb. June 28, 1899. To whom it may concern: Being personally acquainted with Prof. Strassman, optician, representing the London Spectacle and eye-glass company. I take pleasure in saying that I have personally purchased of him long and short range glasses for my personal use, believing, from an experiment and use of his glasses, that his knowledge of the equality of vision and general defect in sight surpass that of any optician I have met in years, since which time I have had to use glasses. I regard him as a reliable optician, and fully commend him to all persons who may have occasion to purchase glasses. A. D. Yocum, Mayor.

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THE FARMER'S HORSE. An Animal That Should Furnish the Traits of an "All-Purpose" Horse. Let farmers breed a class of horses adapted to the varied work required to be performed, to carry on the farm and, not the least, one good stepper in light wagons. These may be found in a class of horses suitable for the work of the farm, and yet may be able to trot a mile in four minutes or so to the wagon. Speedier than this is not desirable, but thirty seconds a mile off won't hurt them. Since horses have so generally superseded oxen in the work of carrying on a farm, a breed is required suited to the various labors performed. There is heavy work to be done, such as hauling wood and lumber in winter, carting dressing and staves in the fall and spring, and gathering the various crops to the barn and cellar. If there is any class of stock raised which needs to possess the abnormal traits of an "all-purpose" breed, it surely comes to be the farmer's horse. For such work as I have enumerated, good size, compact form and solid build of frame and muscle are required. But such requisites do not cover all the needs of the farmer, and here is where the "general purpose" characteristics come in. The farmer has to go to market, and to church, and his business in various ways often calls him upon the road in summer and in winter. Then he needs a horse that can get over the ground rapidly with a light carriage, for time is money. The saving of time (when the farm is situated some distance from the village) should not be overlooked. The horse which can travel eight to ten miles an hour with ease over one which heavily plods his four miles in the same time, is the valuable horse. To those wealthy farmers who can afford to keep distinct breeds for the farm and the road, the above reasoning will have no special interest. But for the average farmer who tills his farm of 50, 75 or 100 acres and keeps only one pair of horses to perform the labor, I ask whether an improvement is not called for. Let our farmers aim to combine size, style and speed to this degree. Size enough to draw the plow, and do the heavy work of the farm; stylish enough to suit the fastidious taste, with speed and bottom to road eight to ten miles an hour.—L. F. Abbott, in Farm and Home.

HARD ON WIDOWS. A Chinese Custom Strikingly Feasible in the Widows' Atrocity. Chinese papers give the particulars of an atrocious custom of the sacrifice of widows in a district of the Foo Chow prefecture. If a woman's husband dies his relatives insist upon her committing suicide so as to follow him into another world. Three days before the appointed date for this enforced suicide a feast is given at which all the man's relations use every argument to make her comply with the custom. Should she consent, as she is invariably compelled to do, she is placed in a sedan chair and carried in procession to the sound of musical instruments through the principal streets to a platform previously prepared, about thirty feet in height, up which she is carried and placed in a chair. The relatives and friends behold with delight the victim, and it is customary for the officials to proceed thither to make a salutation. When this ceremony is over a rope is suspended from a beam, the widow places it around her own neck, and one of her brothers pulls the end with all his strength and strangles her. This done she is buried and an application is made to the Emperor for some mark of honor to commemorate her sacrifice, which is falsely reported as a voluntary one. Hence there is scarcely a family in Lion Klang which can not boast of a virtuous widow, and the whole country is studded with monuments erected in their honor. About ten years ago a new prefect gave orders to abolish this custom, but the order was obeyed only in the immediate neighborhood of the city, and recent instances of the sacrifice have called attention to its barbarity.—Chicago News.

How to Wash Silk Stockings. Do your silk stockings ever get spoiled in the wash? Have them done at home, and make the maid follow carefully these directions: In washing colored silks, especially silk stockings, no soap must be rubbed on the articles. Before commencing have ready two hot irons and two pans of water. In one pan pour hot water and in the other cold, adding a wine glass of common vinegar to each. Make the hot water in a creamy lather of suitable consistency from the receipt given for "soap jelly." Wash each stocking separately in the hot water and rub carefully, commencing at the toe. Squeeze it out, place it in the rinse water, and leave it until the next one is finished. Now squeeze them out of the rinse water, but on no account wring them. Roll separately in a dry cloth. Now take the stockings from them each on the wrong side, and shake them on the right, taking care to leave no creases. If these instructions are properly carried out you may wash with safety the most brilliant colors. For the "soap jelly" take a half pound of yellow soap and shave it finely in a sawpan with one quart of water. Stand it by the fire until it simmers, and let it remain until cold, when it will have the appearance of a stiff jelly.—Home Maker.

FOR SOCIETY PEOPLE. A Business-Like Suggestion Evoked By a Thoughtful Young Man. In this period of financial depression, it is expedient for society to combine business with their pleasures, to mingle with their expensive gayeties schemes to assist indirectly in paying for them. There are many ways in which this can be done. For example an invitation to a party might be made to read somewhat after the following pattern: "Mr. and Mrs. Handmerson present their compliments to Mr. Adolph Smalltalk, and request the pleasure of Mr. Smalltalk's company on Thursday evening. Mr. Handmerson desires to call Mr. Smalltalk's attention to the fact that Handmerson & Bill have on hand a first-class assortment of genteel furnishing goods of the latest spring styles.

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Or Mrs. Swellrig, wife of the distinguished livery stable proprietor, might thus device her invitations to an afternoon tea: "Mrs. Swellrig will be happy to see Miss Giddy-chippy on Friday afternoon at five o'clock. Get your carriage at Swellrig's. He is the boss."

These suggestions will be readily appreciated by some of our four hundredest society families.—Chicago America.

In Regard to Soup. Mrs. Shoddy (before a cup and wishing to be proper)—"I always say: 'WT' coup?' What do you say, star?"

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THE OCEAN'S BED. In Its Deepest Parts Its Depth is No Extreme. Despite the fanciful pictures which some writers have drawn of the ocean bed, its desolation, at least in its deepest parts, must be extreme. Below the first mile it is a vast desert of ooze, upon which is dripping a rain of dead carcasses the nourishment for the sea life inhabiting the abyssal regions—in some places more than five miles from the sunshine, and the microscope reveals that the slimy matter covering this deepest ocean bed is very similar in composition to the ancient chalk of the cretaceous period, white mixed with it here and there metallic and magnetic bodies have been proved to be deposited by meteorites.

At long intervals a phosphorescent light gleams from the head of some passing fish, which has strayed hither from a higher zone. But it is not until we have mounted a good deal nearer the surface that the scene changes for the better. We now meet with forests of brilliantly-colored sponges, while the phosphorescent animals swimming about are much more numerous, and the nearer we get to the littoral zone more and more phosphorescent lights appear, till at length the scene becomes truly animated. When only 1,200 feet separate us from the sunshine we come upon the first seaweed and kelp, (1,200 feet is the deepest limit of plant life in the water); but we must rise still another 1,000 feet and more, and get as near the top as 120 feet before we find any reef-building corals.

As plants do not live in the deep sea, the deep-sea animal either prey on one another or get their food from dead organisms and plants which sink down to them. Thus Maury says: "The sea, like the snow-cloud which falls in a calm, is always letting its bed showers of microscopic animals." And experiment proves that a tiny shell would take about a week to fall from the surface to the bottom. Since sunlight does not penetrate much farther than the lit zone, there would be beyond this perpetual darkness, except for phosphorescence. Many of the animals inhabiting the continental and abyssal zones have merely rudimentary eyes. But these blind creatures have very long feelers, which help them to grope their way along the bottom. Other deep-sea animals on the contrary, have enormous eyes, and these very likely congregate around such of their number as are phosphorescent, and may perhaps follow the moving lamps about wherever they go. And so bright is this light on many of the fish brought up by the dredge that during the brief space the animals survive it is not difficult to read by it.

The reason why fishes and marine living more than three miles under water are able to bear a pressure of several tons is that they have exceedingly loose tissues, which allow the water to flow equally through every interstice, and thus to equalize the weight. When the pressure is removed they perish. In the Challenger expedition sent out by the British Government, all the sharks brought up from a depth of a little less than three-quarters of a mile were dead when they reached the surface.—Household Words.

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