

OFFICE OF BLACKWELL'S DURHAM TOBACCO COMPANY. DURHAM, N. C.

**To ALL Merchants Who Retail TOBACCO.**

Dear Sir: You are entitled to receive FREE from your wholesale dealer, WHITE STAR SOAP with all the Blackwell's Genuine Durham Smoking Tobacco you buy. One bar of soap Free with each pound, whether 16 oz., 8 oz., 4 oz., or 2 oz., packages.

We have notified every wholesale dealer in the United States that we will supply them with soap to give you FREE. Order a good supply of GENUINE DURHAM at once, and insist on getting your soap. One bar of Soap FREE with each pound you buy. Soap is offered for a limited time, so order to-day. Yours very truly,

**BLACKWELL'S DURHAM TOBACCO COMPANY.**

If you have any difficulty in procuring your soap, cut out this notice and send it with your order to your wholesale dealer.

**ROSS & RIFE. CITY DRAY LINE.**



**This Jas. Boss Watch Case**

With a 17 jeweled Dasher works in it has few equals and no an errors for beauty, durability and time keeping. Any one wanting a really fine watch or clock will do well to call on Penman and get his prices before going elsewhere.

If you need Spectacles I can fit you correctly and will knock the socks off of any price in the city. I have a fine line of them.

Leather belts, Gold and Silver Belts, Long Gold and Silver Watch Chains and Opera Rings are the latest in our line for ladies. Call in and see them.

If your watch has been run over by a wag or kicked by a male or ruined by negligent workmen bring it to me, I will turn it out as good as new, also your clock and jewelry repair work.

Cash paid for old gold and silver.

**THOS. PENMAN.**

**THE CHIEF**  
Published Weekly.  
Subscription, - \$1 Per Annum  
Invariably in Advance  
If not paid in advance, after this date March 15, 1896, the price will be \$1.25.  
Entered at the Post Office in Red Cloud, Neb. as mail matter of the second class.

**SWORN CIRCULATION 1,300.**

**RATES OF ADVERTISING**

Prof. cards, 1 inch or less per year..... \$2.00  
Six months..... 1.50  
Three months..... 1.00

**STANDING ADVERTISEMENTS**

Per inch one year..... \$4.00  
Per inch six months..... 3.00  
Per inch three months..... 2.00

Special notices per line or line space, first publication 5 cents.

Transient specials, payable invariably in advance, per line 10 cents.

All reading notices in the nature of advertisements or calls, 5 cents per line.

Legal notices at legal rates, viz: for a square (100 lines of Nonpareil) or less, first publication \$1.00; for each subsequent publication, per square, 50 cents.

No "insertion position" contracts made.

All matter to insure publication must be received at this office not later than Wednesday for the current week later than Thursday.

**S. & M. R. Time Table**

**GOING EAST**

66, Local Freight, Lv 9 a. m., Ar 10:00 a. m.  
16, Passenger, " 10:15 p. m., " 11:05 a. m.  
64, Fast Freight, " 1:20 p. m., " 1:40 p. m.

**GOING NORTH**

162, Mixed Train, Lv 11:35 a. m., Ar 11:45 p. m.

**GOING WEST**

63, Fast Freight, Lv 11:15 a. m., Ar 10:30 a. m.  
141, Mixed Train, " 12:30 p. m., " 11:05 a. m.  
16, Passenger, " 8:30 p. m., " 8:30 p. m.

**Market Report.**

Corrected weekly by Red Cloud Produce Co.

Wheat.....	50¢	55
Corn new.....	20	20
Oats new.....	18	18
Rye.....	25	25
Barley.....	35	35
Flax.....	75	75
Hogs.....	62 1/2	25
Butcher's stock.....	2 00	25
Butter.....	10	10
Eggs.....	40	40
Potatoes.....	40	40
Spring chickens per lb.....	4	4
Old hens per lb.....	4	4
Turkeys.....	8	8
Hay per ton.....	3 00	3

**Notice to the Public.**

I am now in full possession of the city livery, sale, and feed stable, and invite my friends to call when in need of good teams and buggies.

**PRICES FOR FEEDING:**

Team, to hay..... 15 cents  
Single horse, to hay..... 10 cents  
11 God..... J. H. DAVIS.

**Premiums.**

The Nebraska and Kansas Farmer is giving Oscar Gleason's horse book, valued at \$3, with one year's subscription for..... 50¢

The Chicago Inter-Ocean and The Farmer, for one year..... 50¢

The New York Tribune and The Farmer..... 50¢

The Dream City and Farmer for one year..... 50¢

The Cosmopolitan magazine and Farmer for one year..... \$1 00

The Silver Knight and The Farmer..... 50¢

The Semi-Weekly State Journal and Farmer, one year..... 90¢

Omaha World-Herald and The Farmer..... 80¢

Sent to any address on receipt of amount.

**NEBRASKA AND KANSAS FARMER,**  
Red Cloud, Neb.

**ROAD IMPROVEMENT.**

**NORTH CAROLINA ROAD.**

Splendid Macadamized Highway Built Mainly by Convicts.

While in Georgia last summer, I had an opportunity of examining a road made by convicts. Half way out from Fort Valley to the Hale's peach orchard, we came upon the "chain gang" at work. The first thing we saw was a white man sitting under a tree with a loaded rifle in his hands, while up the road at some distance sat another similarly armed. Between them worked a squad of 12 or 15 colored convicts. Each wore a striped suit, and had an iron ball chained to his leg. While they worked, this ball and chain were fastened around the waist. Several were driving mules and scrapers, while others worked with pick and shovel. They were all hard at work and, apparently, good-natured and happy. Later we saw where they spent the night. A large tent was pitched at the edge of a wood, with small, open fires burning near it. After their supper of



MACADAMIZED ROAD BUILT BY CONVICTS.

corn bread and molasses, salt pork and fruit, the convicts crawled into the tent where they were chained together for the night. After an hour of singing and talking, they fell asleep and snored contentedly till daybreak, when they were crowded out for breakfast and another day on the road.

It was said that all the roads in Houston county were made by convicts. There were no jails for petty offenders; but as fast as convicted, they were sent out to the chain gang and put to work. At first thought, the sight of that armed guard and the stories of whippings that were told, made the whole thing seem like a relic of a barbarous age. Yet, I saw enough to convince me that those convicts were better off working on that road than they would have been cooped up in a hot jail, and subjected to all the evils of idleness. I would be glad to see the fat and lazy inmates of our northern jails out on the roads at work. If a drunkard, a thief or a wife-beater were made to understand that jailing meant hard and constant labor on the road, such people would think a good many times before they duplicated the crime that forced them into such service.

As to the character of the work done by these Georgia convicts, there can be no doubt of its value. I have never seen neater work done on a country road. They went straight through a rough country, cutting through hills, and filling low places in a thoroughly workmanlike manner. The cost to the county was ridiculously small as compared with the usual system of contracting. In the cut is shown a picture of a road in North Carolina made chiefly by convict labor. The load of cotton shown weighs 6,000 pounds. Many a farmer has had a hard struggle to haul two bales into a southern town. This road is macadamized with three layers of broken stones of different sizes well spread and packed. The picture is taken from the Year Book of the department of agriculture—an excellent volume that all farmers should obtain from Washington.—Rural New Yorker.

**BICYCLES AND ROADS.**

Indirectly the Wheeling Craze Will Be of Value to Farmers.

It is estimated that 500,000 bicycles will be sold the present year, to such enormous proportions has the craze for the "wheel" attained. I do not suppose that any great number of these will go into the hands of farmers, and yet the farmer is likely to be as greatly benefited by this piece of mechanism as any class of citizens, for while country people have for generations been dragging along over poor, rough and muddy roads, no sooner has this great army of bicyclers arisen than there has arisen a concerted movement all over the country for better roads. Never before has public attention been so sharply drawn to this matter of wretched highways, and, what is more to the purpose, substantial progress has been made, not only in arousing public opinion, but in actually forcing a beginning to be made in scientific road construction. In many instances states have taken hold of the matter and are constructing state highways, while elsewhere counties have undertaken the same work. Nothing succeeds like success, and the experience with these new roads is sure to lead to the building of others near them, and so the good work will spread.—Practical Farmer.

**Annual Loss from Poor Roads.**

Gen. Roy Stone, government engineer in charge of the department of road inquiry, said at the National Good Roads conference at Asbury Park last year that there are about 500,000,000 tons of freight hauled over roads every year on the United States, and 60 per cent of the cost of doing it was due to bad roads. He believed that the loss from poor roads in this country would aggregate no less than \$623,000,000 annually.

**Bladen.**

Mrs. C. E. Hicks returned from Kansas this week.

Geo. Cather attended the convention at Omaha Wednesday.

Dr. Kohler drove over to Blue Hill Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Grandstaff and son Percie were in Hastings the latter part of the week.

Bud Baker of this place gets the Holdrege section and is preparing to move his family to Holdrege.

Mrs. Day and Kennedy who went to Red Cloud Friday evening did not return in time to take charge of their schools Monday.

What are the kickers kicking about now. Why, it is wet.

Sheriff Runney of Red Cloud was looking after business in this vicinity Friday.

Mr. Jay, representative of the State Journal, was in this city Thursday getting subscribers for the Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolford, who have spent several weeks in this vicinity with friends, returned to their home in Iowa Thursday.

Dave Byrne has found a new boarding place in the home of Mrs. J. R. Horn.

J. C. Hartman is having a coating of coal tar put on the roof of his store building.

Did you get wet going home Saturday.

The heavy rain Saturday washed out the west approach to the bridge near W. H. Hoffman's house therefore making it impassable and causing some of our farmers living west of town, two or three miles extra drive to get home.

W. H. Hoffman is down with the la grippe.

**State Creek.**

We have been enjoying all kinds of weather this spring. One day cold and the next warm, and lots of rain.

Ed Anderson will start for Cripple creek in a few days.

Thos. Hooper and Miss Eva Smith were married Wednesday.

J. Sapp and wife and C. Barrett and wife visited last Sunday at their father's Mr. Scrivners.

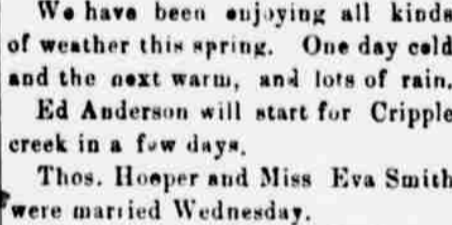
Geo. Mounford and wife visited in Salem last Tuesday.

Miss Molly Evans of Gaylord was

**Cancer Of the Breast.**

Mr. A. H. Crausby, of 158 Kerr St., Memphis, Tenn., says that his wife paid no attention to a small lump which appeared in her breast, but it soon developed into a cancer of the worst type, and notwithstanding the treatment of the best physicians, it continued to spread and grow rapidly, eating two holes in her breast. The doctors soon pronounced her incurable. A celebrated New York specialist then treated her, but she continued to grow worse and when informed that both her aunt and grandmother had died from cancer he gave the case up as hopeless.

Someone then recommended S.S.S. and though little hope remained, she began it, and an improvement was noticed. The cancer commenced to heal and when she had taken several bottles it disappeared entirely, and although several years have elapsed, not a sign of the disease has ever returned.



**A Real Blood Remedy.**

S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) is a real blood remedy, and never fails to cure Cancer, Eczema, Rheumatism, Scrofula, or any other blood disease.

Our books will be mailed free to any address. Write to S. S. Swift Specific Co., Atlanta Ga.

**Is this what ails you?**

Have you a feeling of weight in the Stomach—Bloating after eating—Belching—Vomiting of Food—Waterbrash—Heartburn—Bad Taste in the Mouth in the Morning—Palpitation of the Heart, due to Distention of Stomach—Cankered Mouth—Gas in the Bowels—Loss of Flesh—Fickle Appetite—Depressed, Irritable Condition of the Mind—Dizziness—Headache—Constipation or Diarrhoea? Then you have

**DYSPEPSIA**

in one of its many forms. The one positive cure for this distressing complaint is

**Hicker's Dyspepsia Tablets**

by mail, prepaid, on receipt of 25 cents.

CHARLES HICKER, Hotel Imperial, New York, says: "I suffered horribly from dyspepsia, but Acker's Tablets, taken after meals, have cured me."

Acker Medicine Co., 16-18 Chambers St., N. Y.

**BRIGHT'S DISEASE**

Is the most dangerous of all Kidney Diseases. Pains in the Back, Irregularities in the Urine, Swelling of the Limbs or Abdomen are the first symptoms

**Dr. J. H. McLEAN'S LIVER AND KIDNEY BALM**

Has proven, in thousands of cases and for many years, to be the Peerless Remedy for this dreaded disease

For sale everywhere. Price, \$1.00 per bottle.

**THE DR. J. H. McLEAN MEDICINE CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.**

visiting last week at J. W. Corbett's. Geo. Evans the popular school-teacher of Mt. Hope closed a very successful term of school last week. Roy Stevens was the only scholar that had only missed one day during the term and Emma Mounford next best only having missed two and one-half days.

**OCCASIONAL.**

**A PLAGUE OF THE NIGHT.**

**Itching Piles and Other Rectal Troubles Easily Cured by a new and Safe Method.**

Remarkable Number of Cures Made by the Pyramid Pile Cure.

About one person in every four suffers from some form of rectal disease. The most common and annoying is itching piles, indicated by warmth, slight moisture and intense, uncontrollable itching in the parts affected. The usual treatment has been some simple ointment or ointment which sometimes gives temporary relief, but nothing like a permanent cure can be expected from such superficial treatment.

The only permanent cure for itching piles yet discovered is the Pyramid Pile Cure, not only for itching piles, but for every other form of piles, blind, bleeding or protruding. The first application gives instant relief and the continued use for a short time causes a permanent removal of the tumors or the small parasites which cause the intense itching and discomfort of itching piles.

Many physicians for a long time supposed that the remarkable relief afforded by Pyramid Pile Cure was because it was supposed to contain cocaine, opium or similar drugs, but such is not the case. A recent careful analysis of the remedy showed it to be absolutely free from any cocaine, opium, or in fact any poisonous or injurious drugs whatever.

For this reason the Pyramid Pile Cure is probably the only pile cure extensively recommended by physicians, because it is so safe, so prompt in the relief afforded and so far as known the only positive cure for piles except a surgical operation.

In one year the Pyramid Pile Cure has become the best known, the safest and the most extensively sold of any pile cure before the public.

Nearly all druggists now sell it at 50 cents and \$1 per package.

Address the Pyramid Co., Albion, Mich., for book on cause and cure of piles and also hundreds of testimonials from all parts of the United States.

If suffering from any form of piles ask your druggist for a package of Pyramid Pile Cure and try it tonight.

**HAMILTON BROWN SHOE CO'S ROSAMOND**



THE BEST TAN SHOES MADE  
MOTHER AND DAUGHTER  
FATHER AND SON  
ALL WEAR THEM

OR SALE AT  
**Ducker's Cash Dry Goods House**  
If you intend purchasing  
**Tan Shoes or Oxfords**  
Come and see this line it will pay you.  
**G. A. Ducker & Co.**

**Burlington Route**

**BEST LINE TO DENVER AND CALIFORNIA**

**DR. J. S. ENIGH, Dentist,**  
RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA.  
Over Taylor's Furniture Store.  
Extracts teeth without pain.  
Sorelains, and all kinds of gold fillings.  
Stakes gold and rubber plates and combination plates.  
All work guaranteed to be first-class.

**Notice to Teachers.**

Notice is hereby given that I will examine all persons who may desire to offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the public schools of this county, at Red Cloud on the third Saturday of each month.

Special examinations will be held on the Friday preceding the 3d Saturday of each month.

The standing desired for 2d and 3d grade certificates is the average grade below 70 per cent, average 80 per cent; for first grade certificates—no grade below 80 per cent, average 90 per cent, in all branches required by law.

D. M. HUNTER, County Supt.

**Legal Notice.**

STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss.  
I, Walter County, Clerk of said County, do hereby certify that the County Court, held at the County Court Room, in and for said County, March 26, A. D. 1896.

In the Matter of the Estate of Isaac Cowley, Deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Nancy Cowley, praying that the instrument, filed on the 17th day of March, 1896, and purporting to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, may be proved, approved, probated, allowed, and recorded as the last will and testament of the said Isaac Cowley, deceased, and that the execution of said instrument may be committed and the administration of said estate may be granted to Nancy Cowley, the petitioner, as executrix.

Ordered, that the 18th day of April, A. D. 1896, at two o'clock p. m., is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a county court to be held in and for said county, and show cause why the prayer of petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Red Cloud Chief, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks, prior to said day of hearing.

(A true copy.)  
JAMES DUFFY,  
County Clerk.

**SWAYNE'S OINTMENT**

The simple ointment or SWAYNE'S OINTMENT, without any internal medicine, cures all skin diseases, such as eczema, itching, and all other eruptions of the skin. It is sold by druggists, or sent by mail for 50 cents. Address Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia, Pa. Ask your druggist for it.

**CASE & McNITT, ATTORNEYS AT LAW,**  
MOON BLOCK, - RED CLOUD, NEB.  
Collections promptly attended to, and correspondence solicited.