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20 pounds Fancy Evaporated Peaches, new stock, \$1.00.

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Highest Market Prices Paid for Produce.

Miner Brothers,

Red Cloud Nebraska.

BLUE HILL.

W. A. Shottenkirk has a job at Cowles for the winter.

J. F. Grimes has just purchased a fine new piano and has commenced taking lessons.

The way to try a man's friendship is to ask him for a loan of two and a half when you really need it.

Dr. Fulkerson has just written a touching poem entitled "Beautiful Snow." Write him for a copy of it enclosing stamp for reply.

The east and west roads in this part of the county are so badly drifted that few people are coming to town and business is quieter than usual.

Misses Sweezy and Palmer have removed their millinery stock to the Persons' block and Judge Sweezy has opened a law office in the room vacated.

The whist club will meet with Prof. McCrary on Saturday evening. As the Prof. is a little short on wives, residences and table linen, he will entertain at John Brunner's.

Chris Koehler's steam heating plant blew up the other day. Nobody hurt. Chris has been keeping warm, while repairs are made, by the use of some of the hot air left over from last fall's campaign.

The kids, and others, gave Mr. and Mrs. Beaver a rousing—perhaps rapping—reception upon their return from their wedding trip. Mr. Beaver responded with refreshments. These young people will, we understand, soon commence housekeeping in the Everhart house which is being fitted up for them.

The new lodge, the Ancient Order of Bald Headed Prevaricators, was organized last Saturday evening by the election of John S. Hoover as Grand Chief Prevaricator; R. A. Simpson as Able Assistant Prevaricator; Judge Hilton as Recorder of Prevarications and Ezra Bishop as Bouncer. Several applications are on file. We hope to be able, through the kindness of the Recorder, to give, from time to time, some hints of the progress and workings of the local lodge of this noble order.

Hugh McClure is having trouble of his own and plenty of it. Last Saturday his horse ran away, kicked itself loose from the buggy, ran home and, in its fright, mistaking the open door of the house for the door of its stable, ran into the dining room and kicked over the table and broke all the crockery in the house, incidentally breaking up the dinner of which the family were at that moment partaking. That was not the worst of it, for, while the horse had managed to squeeze in at the door, he positively refused to squeeze himself out of it. Hugh tried to lead him out and tried to drive him out, but, like the boy on the burning deck, he would not go. Hugh held tempting ears of corn in front of the door, called him by name and told him he was a good horse, but it was no go. And he's there yet and his unfortunate owner, who has offered to give him away to anyone who will take him, is now trying to decide whether to kill the horse and carry him out in chunks that he can handle or tear down the house and take him out alive.

Billy Bryan, he's a tryin' To recover from the awful fall he fell Last November; You remember How he struck the frosty pavement, with a yell.

Wounded badly, Weeping sadly, He arose and said a printer he would be: Pestilential, Presidential, Brooms were never, never more for such as he. Thus his paper cut a caper; Printer Bryan still was talking through his hat. Men of fusion, In confusion, Said the "Commoner" had fallen flat.

Billy Bryan, he's a tryin' To recover from the awful fall he fell; Cross the ocean, That's his notion, While the paper goes to press or goes to COLUMBUS.

STATE CREEK.

(Came in too late for last week.) Hub Henry sold Mr. Wittwer a cow and calf for \$40.

John Wagoner will build a large barn in the near future.

W. H. Rosencrans bought a fine bunch of heifers last week.

Chas. Besse of Red Cloud was buying stock in this part last week.

The fine new church near Jack Brown's is about completed.

Small grain never looked better in mid-winter than it does now.

Harvey Graham is having a serious time with a felon on his thumb.

Clan Fair and Wm. Francis sold some fine heifers for a good price.

Frank Sibert is building a new house. Wm. Scribner and James Billings are the carpenters.

N. L. Fitzgerald and wife have been sick for some time but are up and around again.

We have had such a nice winter that stock is doing well and many farmers say they have more feed than they can use.

Stock is high and many farmers have horses, mules, cows and calves for sale and some are selling them and buying farms.

Jos. Rosencrans, Pete Lederbrand and others did their own shipping of cattle and hogs last week to Kansas City.

Over a car load of hogs were taken off this creek one day this week. They were sold in Red Cloud at 5c. Seventy-six head in fourteen wagon loads.

Perry Beardalee has bought the Horton farm of Mr. Ford for \$1,800, and Mr. Ford bought a larger one. S. N. Potter bought an improved eighty of A. G. Scribner for \$900.

The citizens of Andersonville have been wonderfully excited for some time over the proposed railroad that they say is to run west from Nelson, Nebraska, to Smith Centre or Bellaire, Kansas, by way of their town. Recently Mr. Steffen was in that part with his steam thresher, and when the Andersonvilleites heard the whistle late in the evening they all ran out to see the train come in.

OCCASIONAL.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

By local application as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and it is entirely closed. Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give one hundred dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's family pills are the best.

The smokers of Red Cloud can find on sale by H. E. Grice and a few of the local dealers one of the choicest and most phenomenal retailing cigars ever manufactured in the west, the "Tuck" cigar. It is hand made throughout and unequalled in workmanship by any 5 cent cigar on the market. The "Tuck" cigar has in its filler the finest grade of old unflavored tobacco that can be purchased and used in a 5 cent cigar. Its draft is perfection. The "Tuck" cigar is packed in tin foil in packages of five with the object in view of keeping it fresh, retaining the flavor and protecting it from breakage when carried in the pocket. The "Tuck" cigar is in fact perfection in everything that is required to make a choice smoke. There is no cigar made in the five cent class that equals the "Tuck" cigar, in fine workmanship, quality, draft and filler. Try the "Tucks".

COWLES.

An old time blizzard struck us Sunday.

Sam Miller of Lester was on our streets Wednesday putting up sale bills. B. & M. Agent Wilson's mother and brother from Kansas are visiting him this week.

Ed. Gilford is putting up a fine fence around his residence.

B. & M. water service men repaired the railroad pump on Wednesday.

Py-Je-Sos is buying the bulk of the poultry these days since Earley has had the grip.

John Waller is putting up a new wind mill at his residence.

The corner stone of the A. O. U. W. hall was laid on Wednesday with appropriate ceremonies.

John Hutchins our section foreman has had his snow plow (Mottor) at work this week.

The Court of Honor Lodge has got several applications for new members. The Court is growing and will be one of the largest orders in town soon.

Hager is well located in his new two story blacksmith shop. He contemplates putting in a grist mill for a side line.

Fred Good is master workman on the new A. O. U. W. hall.

Rule Hurd has gone to Oklahoma.

Mr. Shottenkirk of Blue Hill has opened a real estate, loan and insurance office in Cowles.

Ask the P. M. about that rural mail route.

Pat Moore is letting his whiskers grow.

Mrs. J. E. Strader and family has moved to Missouri.

Will Morgan has moved into the Teel property.

Uncle Tod, Aunt Pine and Noah Crawford are on the sick list.

Mrs. W. A. Franklin is in Blue Hill this week and the doctor is bathing.

Consumption

is destruction of lung by a growing germ, precisely as mouldy cheese is destruction of cheese by a growing germ.

If you kill the germ, you stop the consumption. You can or can't, according to when you begin.

Take Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil: take a little at first.



The genuine has this picture on it. Take no other.

It acts as a food; it is the easiest food. Seems not to be food; makes you hungry; eating is comfortable. You grow stronger. Take more; not too much; enough is as much as you like and agrees with you. Satisfy hunger with usual food; whatever you like and agrees with you.

When you are strong again, have recovered your strength—the germs are dead; you have killed them.

If you have not tried it, send for free sample, its agreeable taste will surprise you.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409 Pearl St., New York. 50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

From Fountain, Oklahoma.

EDITOR CHIEF.—It has been some time since I have written, but will try and pen a few lines. We are having a very fine winter. There's no frost in the ground at this writing. We have had very little snow and the ground has been frozen to the depth of two and one-half inches during the winter. The people here are all doing well and seem to be happy. Everybody is improving and trying to make their home pleasant and comfortable. There is a fair prospect of a railroad near here. It will not be more than nine miles from us. It is to be finished by the first of April, and some talk of another but nothing certain. The people who came down here from that part of the country are all doing well as far as I know.

Mr. England is living near a small town called Cealing. He is very nicely fixed. Has a good house with four rooms, good barn and good out buildings, good well, nice orchard, and one hundred acres fenced with three wires. His son Otis also has a good claim which he is improving. Frank Reese has built on his claim and is now ready for a cook. Uncle Sam Reese is doing fine but his health is not very good.

Mert Fearn is getting along very nicely. Mr. Fearn is a rustler and if anyone can get work he will. He has his house plastered and it is very warm. His oldest son has been very sick and at one time we thought his life was in danger, but he is better. The rest of the family are well. Mr. VauDyke has

moved on his place and is keeping batch. He is building and has three men grubbing for him. He is working at his trade most of the time and gets plenty to do.

We have had three months of school. Mr. J. E. Strickland wielded the birch and gave good satisfaction.

Bob Graham is doing a good business in with Mr. VauDyke. Uncle Ben says he will make a good plasterer. He is going to build in the near future.

This is no longer a new country. It is a wonder to those coming from the east to see the country settled up so fast. Some few are seeing hard times but after another year I don't think anybody will need to complain.

Hogs are worth \$4.50 per hundred, red cows \$25 to \$30, chickens \$3.50 per dozen, corn 25c per bushel, hay \$2.50 to \$3.00 per ton, millet \$4.00, and 14-inch wood \$1.50 per load.

Everybody is gripping, and some pretty hard. Our house is full of it. No smallpox as yet, but some scarlet fever and tonsillitis. Nothing serious.

We are doing as well as any of our neighbors. Being lone handed and not in good health I can hardly keep up with the younger men. Winter wheat looks splendid here. We are still contented and well pleased with our new home. Line let us hear from you a little oftener. What has become of South-west Webster. No more at present. J. M. GUTHRIE.

Boars for Sale.

I have a few choice thoroughbred Poland China boars for sale cheap.—E. L. Fawcett, Cowles, Nebraska.

LINE.

Weather cold and stormy. Fred Wildy and wife will make a business trip to Oklahoma in the near future.

Mr. McIntyre's little daughter Belle was accidentally run over by a team and quite seriously injured. She is not expected to live.

E. W. Anderson was the guest of Hi Boyce this week.

Rev. H. H. Haskins and Sherman Fordyce will start for Idaho overland in the near future to make that his future home.

The roads are blocked with snow so there has been no travel to Red Cloud this week.

W. T. Auld has sold the Dave Anderson farm to N. E. Wilhelmsen for \$1200.

What Shall We Have for Dessert? This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it today. Try Jell-O, a delicious dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No baking! add hot water and set to cool. Flavors:—Lemon, orange raspberry and strawberry. At your grocers, 10 cts.

AGENTS WANTED.—We want active agent in Red Cloud and vicinity to represent the largest Evergreen Nurseries in the U. S. A full line of hardy fruits, shade and ornamental trees, shrubs, etc. Four plans, pay weekly. Address at once, The Elgin Nurseries, Elgin, Illinois.