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C. L. COTTING The Druggist.

CONDENSED AIR.

THE MORNING AFTER

(A few remarks for those who celebrate Christmas by imbibing instead of in the old-fashioned way.)
It is nice to trot with pleasure now and then along the way.
But, of course, there is this feature: Pleasure always looks for 1905. While the trotting is in progress we are sure that it is nice.
But the point of view is changing when we ring for "lots of ice." Christmas-tide is quite enchanting when we hear the music swell. And we seldom pause to listen for the tale the clock may tell.
But there comes a time for sorrow, when life seems a dreary waste—When we wake up the morning after and note that "dark brown taste."
It is nice to loaf a little 'nail the blossoms of the spring.
When the world awakes to glory and the songbirds start to sing.
But if I should loaf in springtime—rest where rippling waters gleam—I would have to hustle lively in the winter—that's no dream.
Every pleasure we may sample proves the truth of this remark:
Christmas sure to cost us something if then we have a lark.
Then we wake the morning after and we find our monies are eased.
With a something quite unpleasant—it is called a "dark brown taste."

Dowie says Chicago newspaper men are "full of whisky and swine flesh." That accounts for it all.

There is a shortage on the sea lobster crop. The land variety, however, is yet far ahead of the demand in every community.

An exchange refers to a gathering of women in its town as "a hen convention." From this one would infer that there was not a spring chicken in the flock.

A West Virginia man eloped the other day with a buxom lass of 280 pounds avoidupois. He must have shipped her as freight to the marriage station, marked "O. R."

An Alabama man says his state has "enough coal underneath it to last ten centuries." No doubt it has and if somebody with enterprise does not get down there to dig it out it is liable to last longer than that.

A Beardstown, Ill., man was recently found dead in his room with a half smoked cigar in his mouth. Perhaps he was a victim of the new tobacco cure, which has assumed epidemic form in many localities, Red Cloud not excepted.

"John Bailey, bookkeeper in the First National bank, last Friday entertained all his friends at dinner, plates being laid for five."—Exchange. The gentlemanly accountant does not seem to be extravagant in the stock of friends he carries.

A Bloomington, Ill., man was arrested the other day for attempting to kiss a woman on the street. Before the judge he pled that he thought it was his wife. The court gave him thirty days—five for the assault and twenty-five for lying.

THE OLD RELIABLE

For a nice warm lap robe go to Joe Fogel.
C. W. Kaley was at Lincoln on business Saturday.
H. E. Warren of Superior spent Sunday in Red Cloud.
Dr. I. W. Tutleys has been confined to his home with sickness this week.
J. O. Butler will sell you a good warm lap robe for a very small price.
Another new stock of turnover collars for ladies, just received—F. Newhouse.

Arthur Wolcott was among the victors from Inavale in the county seat Monday.
G. E. Noyes of Louisville was looking after business matters in Red Cloud, Tuesday.
Representative-elect Hunter of Inavale, transacted business in the city Saturday.

C. A. Baird of Long Island, Kansas, was transacting business in Red Cloud, Tuesday.
P. A. Wilkins of Riverton was attending to business matters in Red Cloud, Tuesday.

Do you need a nice light harness? Get it at Fogel's; he handles the best for the least money.
J. F. Waters of Lincoln arrived in Red Cloud, Tuesday, for a visit with friends and incidentally to look after some business matters.

Emer Ross has made arrangements to have five express packages at the Star barn. Those wishing to prepay packages may do so and they will be delivered to the depot in time for trains.
Preaching at Christian church Sunday morning and evening. Morning subject, "Sinfulness of Absenting from Church." Evening, "The Government of the Church." Come one and all.—G. L. Asprey, Pastor.

Freight train No. 63 collided with No. 49 in the yards at Wymore, Monday, and as a result the former was several hours late arriving in Red Cloud. Other than derailing a tender, no damage was done.

The Red Cloud Camp No. 68 M. W. will have a noble installation of officers in their hall Thursday evening, January 14, 1905, followed by a supper and dance. An invitation is extended to all members and their families.—I. W. Etson, Clerk.

A deal was made last week whereby C. M. Smith and Albert Souvignier became proprietors of the E. N. Richard, son (livery, sale and feed barn). They assumed charge of the barn last Monday. Mr. Richardson has not as yet decided as to his plans in the future.

The entire state is covered with snow, the depths ranging from two to eight inches. In this immediate locality about six inches of the pearly white covers old mother earth. The heavier portion of it fell Sunday night. Sleighting is splendid and many are taking advantage of it.

The Moorefield correspondent to the Frontier Republican, published at Stockville, says: "1,000 blue rocks and seventy-five turkeys will be shot off here December 20." If there is a sport in Red Cloud who wishes to see the discharge, he must be on hand early tomorrow morning.

The heavy fall of snow Saturday night did not cause a great amount of trouble for the railroads. The snow fell evenly and being accompanied by no wind did not drift. Other than the usual lateness of trains was attributed to the loss of time at stations, but between stopping points made up time.

The Nebraska Experiment Station has just issued Bulletin No. 75. This is a condensed report on the experiments in feeding animals for the past three years. The bulletin may be obtained free of cost by residents of the state, upon writing to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Lincoln, Neb.

The ice crop this year will be the finest in years and the dealers are just at present busily engaged in harvesting the crystal. It will require 6,000 to 8,000 tons to supply the demand in Red Cloud next summer and the patrons may well congratulate themselves upon the quality they will have the privilege of using.

The average annual temperature in Nebraska varies from about 46 degrees in the north-central part of the state to 51 degrees in the south-east corner of the state. The temperature ranged from an average monthly temperature of about 29 degrees for January to about 75 degrees in July, the coldest and warmest months in the year, respectively.

Last Tuesday afternoon word was received in this city of the death of Oscar Patmor at Fallsbrook, California which occurred at twelve o'clock Tuesday. His death was caused by consumption. He was for a number of years a resident of Webster county, coming here in the early eighties with his parents. He was in the employ of the Platt & Frees Lumber Co. of Red Cloud and Cowles for the last few years of his residence in the county. Three years ago he was married to Miss Christie Weideman and shortly afterward and thinking to benefit his health, he moved to California where he engaged in the drug business. He was a young man who was possessed of many good qualities and his large circle of friends will be sorry to hear of his death.

See J. O. Butler.
Wanted—Corn, by W. B. Roby.
Get prices on furs before you sell—J. O. CALDWELL.
F. V. Taylor, undertaker and embalmer. Opposite Cotting's drug store.
W. L. McMillan and Tom Lane made an overland trip to Lebanon, Kansas, Tuesday.

M. L. Zook was in the city Monday in the interest of the Rees Printing Co. of Omaha.
Just unloading another car of the very best quality of Maitland coal at W. B. Roby's.
Ed. Fry relinquished charge of the Holland House to Mrs. J. W. Raney Monday morning.

J. A. McArthur attended a meeting of the State Sheriff's association at Lincoln, Tuesday.
Charles Bradshaw is reported to be seriously ill at his home, twelve miles southeast of town.

Get your horse blankets, lap robes and harness of Fogel; he sells the best for the least money.
George Overing made a business trip to Oxford, Saturday night, in the interest of the Red Cloud Monumental Works.
Dan Schwartz and son departed the first of the week for New York where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Schwartz was, for a number of years, baker at the Bon Ton.

I will open my dental office for a short time in the Damerell block, December 22, and at Cowles the 29th and 30th. Call early to arrange for appointment.—E. A. THOMAS, Dentist.
Wm. Bellier of Cowles was in Red Cloud on business Monday and incidentally called at Newhouse Bros.' jewelry store to claim the prize in a handsome watch which he won in the guessing contest last week.

The Republican Valley District Poultry association will hold an exhibit at McCook, December 31 to January 3, inclusive. A neat 21 page pamphlet has been issued, giving full information as to rules, regulations, etc.

We understand the postmaster at Red Cloud has been notified that rural mail service will be established from that place at an early day. As the inspection of the Red Cloud routes took place about six weeks before that of the last route projected from Guide Rock it is reasonable to suppose that we may soon hear something definite in regard to when the route will go into operation.—Guide Rock Signal.

Useful Things for Christmas!

For the Housewife.

- Knives and Forks, 60c to \$4.50 per set
- Silver Spoons.
- Shear and Scissors.
- Delft Ware.
- Universal Food Choppers \$1.25.

For the Husband and Father.

- Pocket Knives . . . 5c to \$2.50.
- Razors from . . . \$1.00 to \$3.00.
- Shot Guns from . . 6.00 to \$35.00.
- Carpenter Tools.

For the Boys and Girls.

- Skates 65c per pair
- Rifles 85c and up
- Sleds, Balls, Bats, Air Guns, Pocket Knives, Toy Lanterns, etc.

- 2 boxes 22 Cartridges, 25c
- 8 lbs. Nails 25c
- We have a complete line of useful novelties.

MORHART BROS. HARDWARE Co.

...CHRISTMAS PRESENTS...

XMAS THINKS FOR HIM
NECKWEAR
GOLLARS
GUFFS
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Look over your list. See if there not something that we are offering on it.
If you find among the list a Tie, Muffler, Handkerchief, Slippers, Umbrella, Collars and Cuffs, Shirts, Hosiery, Suit or Overcoat. This is the place to buy.
Never have we shown a finer or more complete line of durable and useful Christmas presents.

Men's Suits and Overcoats.

Men's fine black and blue worsted dress suits, Bought especially for the Holiday trade. **\$10 to \$15**

Boys' and Children's Suits and Overcoats.

Childs' suits \$1.50 to \$5.00
Overcoats 1.25 to 5-00
Boys' suits, long pants . . . 3. to 13.

We sell the best clothing sold in Red Cloud and sell it the lowest prices. This statement is commonplace and old, but it does not lose its meaning when backed by square-dealing merchants.

We want your trade. Come in and see how we get it.

Selz Shoes...

are the best in the world.

\$1.50 to \$5.00

...Cowden-Kaley Clothing Co...

The Store that Never Disappoints.

Christmas in Red Cloud.

The Christmas of 1903 finds the merchants and dealers of Red Cloud well prepared to celebrate it appropriately. The city has put on its holiday airs, and the windows of the stores are bright with many colors. In the eyes of the little ones who have to stand and gaze, they are glimpses of what the child heaven is supposed to be.
This year finds money in the banks, corn in the cribs, coal in the bins despite Baer and his associates, and a condition of plenty in the larder. In Red Cloud there are but few who feel the heavy hand of poverty, and even they will find their hearts gladdened on Christmas day. Preparations are in progress for the lightening of many hearts by the filling of stockings with sweetmeats and shining gifts.
Nearly every class of business has prospered this year; the purses of the average persons are not so slim as usual, and Yuletide will bring good cheer to all. The merchant and the artisan have felt the blessing of prosperity. On the farm the granaries are full and the barns stocked with plentiful feed for the faithful beasts.
The CHIEF congratulates the business men of Red Cloud on the splendid holiday showing they are making, and wishes them all, as well as its many readers, a merry and joyful Christmas.

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Headquarters for Santa Claus

Prices so low this season that fine presents can be bought of us for very little money.

Half Price.	LADIES' COATS.	Half Price
be sold at just half price	All our Ladies' Coats, Jackets, etc., will	
and get a Coat before your size is gone and save one-half your money.	This is a great slaughter sale. Come in	

Towels, Table Linens and Bed Spreads.

The above will make nice Christmas presents. We have a nice assortment of all, and we are making money-saving prices on them.

Blankets.

We secured our second lot of Blankets just before the advance, and you will get the benefit of our purchase. The blanket we are selling for 50c is worth 75c on the market today.

CANDIES.

Mixed Candies 5c, 8 1/2c, 10c, 15c, up to 50c per pound.
Special prices to Sunday School and Church Committees
If you buy your Candies of us, you will get the best and save money

SHOES.

Men's \$3.50 Shoes, new lasts, hand welts, box calf, vici	\$ 3.00
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