

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Items of News Found in The Chief of Twenty Years Ago This Week

Oliver McCall is putting up a new windmill

Louis Bellows has been sick with diphtheria.

A Morhart and family were in Riverton this week.

A little girl of Mr. McKinnie was buried on Tuesday.

Rev. C. W. Springer is very happy. It's a girl of usual weight.

Dick Gray has been appointed by the B. & M. as depot police.

Wm. Ducker's little girl, Bessie, has been quite sick for a few days.

Mrs. R. A. Cupp was visiting at Alma the fore part of the week.

Willa Cather, daughter of Charley Cather, has been quite ill for some time.

Ed Smith's children have recently passed through a slight siege of diphtheria.

Henry Cook's new store is now opened and presents a handsome appearance.

James Ducker, father of the Ducker boys, is lying quite sick at his home in Joliet, Illinois.

Harry Feight and J. S. Rothrock have put in gas at an expense of about \$1000.

A. W. Rust of Ohio, a nephew of L. H. Rust, the tree man, is in the city visiting his uncle.

Mrs. E. E. Elliot of Farm Ridge, Ill., is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Emigh.

Several new dwellings have been erected in the past few weeks in the south part of town.

Wm. Beacham of St. Stephens claims to have been robbed of \$19 at Cowles the other day.

Several of the Masonic brethren were up to MeCook Monday on business connected with that order.

The body of Mrs. Patmor's mother was brought to Red Cloud and taken to Jewell county for interment.

Mrs. M. S. Mellor of Bloomington, Neb., and Miss E. F. Rogers of Ill. are visiting with Mrs. H. W. Brewer.

M. B. McNitt, who has been sojourning "back yonder in Ohio" has returned to Red Cloud, glad to get back to the Paradise of America.

On Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, 1885. Will M. Jackson and Miss Clara Reed of this city were married at the Catholic church, Rev. Father Clery officiating.

Mrs. W. H. Cook of this city received news the other day of the death of her aged mother at Hoppers' Mills, Ill., at the extreme old age of three score and ten years.

Mr. Waterman had quite a narrow escape the other day. He was thrown out of the wagon and run over, but fortunately the team was stopped and no serious damage done.

A little son of Rev. Geo. H. Brown's swallowed a pin a few days since and on last Saturday Dr. Deuney removed it; the pin had become fastened in the throat and could not be removed without medical assistance.

On last Saturday night the Odd Fel-

lows of this city elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

N. G. - R. P. Hutchison.
V. G. - Oliver Downs.

Secretary - Wm. Parkes
Permanent Secretary - G. V. Dow.
Treasurer - F. D. Hummel.

Trustees - J. H. Smith, W. B. Roby and A. C. Hosmer.

One day last week Capt. L. F. Munsell, one of the Mexican soldiers and a member of the 15th infantry, received a shred of the old flag that led the boys to victory many times in 1847, from his old commander, Geo. W. Morgan of Iowa. The captain prizes the piece of bunting beyond every thing as it brings to him very vividly the scenes and trials of the Mexican war in which he participated until the end.

ELM CREEK - Uncle Joe Chambers has moved into his new house. . . .

L. Thomas has purchased a new wagon. . . .

E. Anderson has a new granary. . . .

Mrs. Thomas, Hays and Conrad are attending school in Red Cloud. . . .

Mr. Williams and T. Chambers are building new barns.

WALNUT CREEK - Miss Lizzie Blankenbaker has been sick with fever. . . .

Miss Bean, who was teaching school in district No. 69, has resigned, her mother being sick. . . .

Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell have lost their little daughter. . . .

F. Blankenbaker's have friends at their home from Iowa. . . .

Protracted meetings commenced at the stone school house.

WINGLESS BIRDS.

New Zealand Swarmed With Them Before Its Occupation by Man.

For ages before its occupation by man New Zealand swarmed with great wingless birds, which found there no carnivorous enemies, but an abundance of vegetable food. The moas not only existed in vast numbers and for thousands of years, but had such diversity of form as to embrace no less than seven genera containing twenty-five species, a remarkable fact which is unparalleled in any other part of the world. The commonest kinds in the North Island were only from two and one-half to four feet high. Those of the South Island were mostly from four to six feet tall, while the giant forms, reaching twelve and thirteen feet, were always rare.

Immense deposits of moa bones have been found in localities to which they appear to have been washed from the hills in tertiary times. Skeletons on the surface of the ground, with skin and ligaments still attached, have given the impression that these birds have been exterminated in very recent years, but other facts point to a different conclusion. Tradition seems to show, according to F. M. Hutton, that the moa became extinct in the North Island soon after the arrival of Maoris in New Zealand—that is, not less than 400 to 500 years ago, and in the South Island about 100 years later.

The fresh appearing skin and ligaments are supposed to have been preserved by unusually favorable conditions.

CAT SUPERSTITIONS.

Queer Beliefs of People of Ancient Egypt Regarding Feline.

The inhabitants of ancient Egypt are believed to have been the first people to attempt to domesticate the wild species of feline now represented by the common house cat. This belief is based upon the fact that sculptured representations of such animals are found

upon their monuments of the year 2000 B. C., more than 1,200 years before they appear on European monuments. An Egyptian tomb of the year 1300 B. C. is the first to show a sculptured representation of the cat as a domesticated animal, those of the greater age first mentioned probably representing the creature in its wild state. In the relief sketch of the date last mentioned, 1300 B. C., it is unmistakably a pet, being shown as seated beneath a chair. The Egyptians of that age mummified dead cats just as they did human beings and in many instances entombed hundreds of thousands of them in a single pyramid or pit. Bubastis was the Egyptian cat goddess and was always represented as having a cat's head. Among the queer people puss was regarded as an emblem of the sun, its eyes being supposed to vary in color and in the size of their pupils with the progress of that luminary across the heavens.

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ABOUT PUSH BALL.

How This Very Interesting Game Is Played.

Push ball is played on a gridiron field or floor 120 yards long by fifty wide, with goal posts at either end twenty feet apart and connected by a cross-bar seven feet from the ground. The mammoth ball, almost globular in shape, should measure six feet in diameter and weigh between forty-eight and fifty pounds. It is usually inflated with compressed air.

The ball is placed in the middle of the field, and the teams line up as follows: Five forwards on the forty yard line, two left and two right wings on the twenty yard line and two goal keepers on the goal line, eleven men each. At the sound of the referee's whistle both sides plunge at full speed upon the ball, and then the fun begins. If the ball is caught fairly between the two human battering rams there is a rebound from its elastic sides that sends the players sprawling like tenspins.

It does not take long, however, for the entire twenty-two men to get around the sphere, put their shoulders to the wheel, so to speak, and push for every ounce of energy in them. The heavier, stronger team will, of course, have the advantage, but some trick plays have been invented which lend variety to the game and redeem it from being a featureless contest of mere brawn and muscle.—National Magazine.

WHEN YOU ARE SICK.

An English Literary Prescription to Be Taken During Recovery.

For reading during convalescence the British Medical Journal prescribes literature that cheers but does not lacerate, and warns persons recovering from illness against writers "whose style, like that of George Meredith, puts a constant strain on the understanding of the reader, or like that of Maurice Hewlett, irritates by its artificial glitter, or like that of Marie Corelli, annoys by its frothy impertinence." Dickens should go well during convalescence, except "Pickwick," at least in surgical cases, because of the many side splitting episodes which would play havoc with the union of parts. For the same reason, in order that healing granulations may not be interfered with, Mark Twain's works are absolutely interdicted.

"Smiles' 'Self Help' is quite innocuous," says the learned journal, "but we should be cautious in recommending it in order that the patient may not thereby be led to meditate over a misspent career and to have suggested to him all the opportunities in life he might have grasped, but did not. A despondency might thus be induced which would delay a restoration to health, and which might even prove fatal. Thackeray, except 'Vanity Fair,' which is a pessimistic book, should go very well; 'Pendennis' and 'Barry Lyndon' will certainly entertain."

SKULLS FOR CUPS.

Barbarous Custom of Fierce Tribes of Northern Europe.

The barbarous custom of converting the skulls of enemies into drinking cups was a common one in ancient times among the fierce tribes of northern Europe and was not unknown to the people of the more civilized regions farther south. The Italian poet, Marino, causes an assemblage of friends to quaff their wine from the skull of Minerva, and in his "Wonder of a Kingdom" Torrent makes Dakker say: "Would I had ten thousand soldiers' heads. Their skulls set all in silver, to drink healths."

To his confusion who first invented war.

Thomas Middleton, a dramatic writer of the early part of the seventeenth century, is believed to be the originator of the phrase, "A soldier's drinking cup," as applied to a human skull. In "The Witch," one of his most celebrated plays, the duke takes a bowl, which he is told is a human skull, whereupon he exclaims:

Call it a soldier's cup.
Our duchess, I know, will pledge us, though the cup was once her father's head, which as a trophy we'll keep till death.

One of the delights of the immortals, as represented in the old Scandinavian sagas, is that of drinking to drunkenness from the skulls of vanquished foes.

Let Us Do Our Duty.

Let us do our duty in our shop or our kitchen, the market, the street, the office, the school, the home, just as faithfully as if we stood in the front rank of some great battle and we knew that victory for mankind depended on our bravery, strength and skill. When we do that the humblest of us will be serving in that great army which achieves the welfare of the world.—Theodore Parker.

Progressing.

"How is your daughter getting along in physical culture?" inquired the visitor of Mrs. Goldrox.

"Fine!" replied Mrs. Goldrox. "She's got so she can read an' write it now, and the professor says he's going to give her Latin an' chirography next month. I think them foreign languidges are fine, don't you?"—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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Notice of Tax Sale.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned on the 14th day of March, 1904, purchased of the county treasurer of Webster county, Nebraska at private sale the following described lot sold for delinquent taxes, for the year 1902, and situated in Red Cloud. Lot twenty-one (21) in block (31) of the original town now city of Red Cloud, Webster county, Nebraska, taxed in the name of John O. Yeiser. The above named person and all others who claim an interest in the above land will take notice that the time of redemption of said land from said tax sale will expire on the 15th day of March, 1906, after which I may apply for a tax deed for all of the above land that is not redeemed.

Dated this 26th day of October, 1905.
C. H. POTTER.

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