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Then tell him about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Tell him how it cured your hard cough. Tell him why you always keep it in the house. Tell him to ask his doctor about it. Doctors use a great deal of it for throat and lung troubles.

"I had a terrible cold and cough and was threatened with pneumonia. I tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and it gave me quick and permanent relief. It is certainly a most wonderful cough medicine."—EMMA E. WHITMAN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

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Ayer's
SABAPARILLA,
PILLS,
HAIR VIGOR.
One of Ayer's Pills at bedtime will hasten recovery. Gently laxative.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

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

Twenty degrees below zero.
Wm. Foster has moved back to town again.
Hogs are selling this week at 4c per pound.
John Polnick was a pleasant caller this week.
John Garber's little babies have been quite sick this week.
J. L. Miller and C. L. Cotting have moved into their new buildings.
H. Feight is going to Santa Fe, N. M., where he will engage in the boot and shoe business.
William Bergfeld, a farmer living three miles west of Guide Rock, was killed last Friday by the upsetting of his wagon.
The members of Garfield post have accepted the invitation of Rev. G. S. Davis to attend a memorial service in honor of the late General John A. Logan next Sunday at the Methodist church.
Twenty years ago the city officials of Red Cloud were: Mayor, Richard L. Tinker; councilmen, F. R. Gump, A. Lauterbach, R. V. Shirey and C. Buschow; treasurer, Robert Damerell; clerk, L. H. Wallace; marshal, Roy Hutchison; night watch, Wm. Cropp.
The officials of Webster county twenty years ago were: Sheriff, "Hank" Scott; deputy, E. B. Smith; clerk, Judson Bailey; deputies, L. H. Fort and

H. E. Pond; treasurer, M. B. McNitt; deputy, C. B. Crone; superintendent, C. W. Springer; judge, W. A. McKelghan; attorney, J. S. Gilham; surveyor, F. A. Reed; coroner, C. Schenck.

"Bilked" Again.

Porter J. White's "Faust" company played to the largest audience of the season at the opera house Wednesday night. From a financial point of view the entertainment was a success—but otherwise it most decidedly was not. The people of Red Cloud and vicinity have, by flamboyant advertising, been once more induced to part with the price of seeing a first class show only to realize when it was all over that they had been witnessing a fourth-rate production.

The story of "Faustus" and "Marguerite" is one of the prettiest ever staged, but when it is put on by a company of only eight people it has the appearance of someone attempting to bore an auger hole with a gimlet.

Wednesday night's production was more in the nature of a farce than anything else. "Mephisto" acted his part well, but to those unfamiliar with the words of the play his rendition of his lines sounded like a jumble of sounds issuing from the depths of a cellar.

"Marguerite" was very weak-voiced, and the charms she displayed consisted of some very thinly disguised wrinkles and a superb showing of gold filling in her front teeth.

"Faust" did fairly well with his lines, and we have no fault to find with him.

The real star, however, was "Dame Martha," and what little enjoyment the audience got from the play was furnished by her. Her acting showed that she has had many—a very great many—years' experience on the stage, and her cracked voice fitted the part perfectly.

While the scenery was appropriate to the play, the electrical effects were conspicuous by their absence, their place being taken by a few foul-smelling pieces of red fire and a shower of sparks from a "flower-pot" firecracker.

The probabilities are that when a good show does come along it will play to a light house.

Harness Thieves at Work.

Will Kent is minus a set of single harness, which was stolen from his barn sometime between Christmas and last Sunday. After using the harness on Christmas he carefully hung it in its customary place, but when he went to get it again last Sunday it was gone. No clue to the thief.

A Certain Cure for Chilblains.

Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures chilblains, frostbites, damp, sweating, swollen feet. At all druggists and shoe stores 25 cents. Sample free. Address A1 on S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

HOTEL MAN KILLS AN EDITOR

Sam D. Cox is Shot in Cold Blood on the Street at Minatare, Neb.

Minatare, Neb., Dec. 31.—Sam D. Cox, editor of the Sentinel and one of the most prominent men in western Nebraska, was shot and killed by E. S. Kenison, proprietor of the Minatare hotel.

The killing is regarded as coldblooded in every detail. It is hinted, with some degree of color, that it was the outgrowth of a strong campaign on the part of Cox against the liquor traffic.

Kenison was playing cards and, a few moments before the tragedy, losing several hands, remarked he was going up the street and lick the first man he did not like. He walked into the White drug store and called Cox outside. No one was near enough to hear the conversation, but they were soon scuffling and Kenison then drew a gun and fired three shots, the third one entering Cox's left breast and he fell. He made but one remark to those who came to his assistance, saying that he was gone.

Mr. Cox graduated from the State university in 1880. He was city editor of the State Journal from 1882 until 1885. From 1888 to 1891 he was engaged in the publication of the Lincoln Daily Call. He leaves a wife, who was formerly Miss Laura S. Thompson of Lincoln, and his parents live at Humboldt, Neb.

WOUNDING A FIRE.

An Odd Superstition That Dates Back to Ancient Times.

A curious modern attempt to rationalize one of the oldest of superstitions is to be found in Kipling's "Life's Handicap." There Mulvaney checks the author from stirring the fire with Ortheris' bayonet on the ground that fire takes the heart out of the steel. The real reason is much more mysterious. It was one of the maxims of Pythagoras "not to stir the fire with a sword," and to this day the wandering tribes of North America and of northeast Asia hold it a sin to take up a burning ember for a pipe light with the point of a knife. The explanation is undoubtedly given by Johannes de Plano Carpini when he tells us that one of the Tartar superstitions concerns "sticking a knife into the fire or in any way touching the fire with a knife or even taking meat out of the kettle with a knife or cutting near the fire with an ax, for they believe that so the head of the fire would be cut off."

This is evidently connected with the ancient idea that fire is a living creature, a sacred animal, which must not be wounded by its human owners in case it should be annoyed and deprive them of its valuable services. Is this in any degree more irrational than the belief still existent among housekeepers that a feeble fire can be made to burn up by laying the poker across it.—London Outlook.

TEA BUGS AND TEA MITES.

They Are the Plagues of the Assam Tea Gardens.

Every animal and plant has its parasite, and from this general law, it seems, the tea plant is not exempt. Two insects are described as spending their lives in tea drinking. They are the plague of the Assam tea gardens and are known as the tea bug and tea mite.

The mites spend their entire lives on the tea plant and are never known to attack any other leaf. They live in families and societies on the upper side of the full grown leaf and spin a delicate web for a shelter. They then puncture the leaves and pump out the liquid in the plant veins.

They seem to become very dainty in their tastes, for a sprinkling of muddy water over their floor, and tea table is the only remedy known to check their ravages. Even this is not always effectual.

The tea bug is still more destructive and is evidently possessed of an appreciation of the best kinds of tea, since it always attacks those of a mild and delicate flavor. Such as afford harsh and rasping liquors are almost entirely free from its attacks.—London Chronicle.

Leaving Security.

Johann Sieberlich is by nature suspicious; but, says the Albany Journal, he appreciates a reasonable proposition. A traveling butcher came his way one day and bargained with him for eight head of fine cattle. The price being satisfactory, the butcher felt in his pocket and found he had not brought his wallet.

"I have not the money with me," he said, "but I will drive the cattle to town and send the money back to you."

"Noin!" said Johann emphatically. "That goes not goot. You shouldt bring de moneys first."

"Well, I tell you what I'll do," said the butcher frankly. "I'll drive only six of them in, and I'll leave the other two as security for the debt."

Johann studied a moment and then his face lighted.

"All right," he said. "Dot is chust so goot. Ven you leave dose two you haf bought den it is sure you comes back and pays me."

OVERCOATS

If you need an Overcoat and want to see some good values, just come in and we will be glad to show some of them. Can sell you Men's Coats as follows:

- A black Kersey Dress Coat for... **\$7.00**
- A black or grey Kersey Coat for... **\$8.50**
- A black Dress Coat, a "dandy," for... **\$10**
- Better Overcoats, \$12.00 to... **\$20**
- Fur Coats in Dog-skin and Russian Calf at... **\$20**
- Bear Coats, Beaver Trimmed, at... **\$24**
- Galloway Coats, \$25 to... **\$30**
- Fur Lined Coats up to... **\$40**
- Boys' Overcoats, \$2.50 to... **\$7.00**
- Better ones, up to... **\$15**
- Corduroy, sheep lined... **\$6.50**
- Corduroy Suits, \$7.00 to... **\$10**



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PAUL STOREY, Clothier

No Longer an Impossibility

The idea that has become general that first class building material could no longer be had is certainly knocked out, when you take a look at the complete line of clear Soft Pine Finish and Siding carried in stock by

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of Red Cloud, Neb. What is also pleasing to the buyers of Lumber and building material is the fact that their prices are reasonable, and they guarantee a **SQUARE DEAL**. They also have a nice line of Oak, Hickory and Poplar Wagon Material. See their Shingles. You can not help but admire them.

The members of this enterprising firm, assisted by plenty of excellent help, are always glad and take pleasure in showing to the public this nice stock.

Annual Statement

of the condition of the Red Cloud Investment Company of Red Cloud, Nebraska, at the close of business December 31, 1906:

RESOURCES.	
Bills receivable and agencies...	\$ 9387 65
Current expenses paid	4877 09
Furniture and fixtures	765 50
Sundry accounts	4016 58
Cash on hand	2629 50
Total	\$21675 23
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock	\$ 5000 00
Sale commissions	\$10947 83
Loan commissions	4753 39
Sundry commissions	769 24
	16470 46
Sundry accounts	204 77
	\$21675 73

I. H. HOLMES, President.
A. B. SELLARS, Secretary-Treasurer.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this third day of January, 1907.
L. H. FARR,
Notary Public.

Council Meeting.

The council held a meeting last night, but little business was transacted. The council transferred some funds left over from last year to the electric light fund, authorized Commissioner Tomlinson to go after the insurance companies who have not paid their \$5 tax to the fire department fund, and reimbursed City Treasurer Butler for the cash he had paid out to city employees.

MARRIAGES.

January 2—Elmer E. Meline and Miss Ella Gouldie, both of Smith county, Kansas. Married by Judge Edson.
January 2—Earl Trueblood of McDonald, Kan., and Miss Fannie H. Lambert, Riverton, Neb. Married by Rev. I. W. Edson.

Brice Henry France.

Brice Henry France of Cowles, aged 67, died Monday from acute rheumatism and was buried January 1, in the Elm Creek cemetery. Rev. Deakin preached the funeral sermon. Mr. France was a veteran of the civil war.

Bargain No. 1

2,729 acres (can make this 3,000 acres), 4 miles from county seat, level, smooth, rich farm land, best of wheat, corn, potatoes, sugar beets and both wild and native hay land, great for melons, cane, millet, br grass; shallow to water, only from 30 to 50 feet, no alkali, pure soft water.
Improvements: A good frame dwelling house, large board and frame sheds for 300 to 400 cattle or horses, about 14 miles of good new wire fence, and two of the best stock wells in the county, with large windmills and storage and drinking tanks, and many other needed and costly improvements. Will bear closest and most critical inspection and is a real snap at \$10 per acre cash or \$11.50 per acre half cash, balance in 1, 2, and 3 years at 6 per cent interest.

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Office of Co. Atty. L. H. Blackledge. Phone 48.

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Come to McPherson County, Kansas

Fine river bottom well improved farms and ranches, good towns, schools and churches; no saloons. Call on or address

E. E. FACKLER, Marquette, Kan.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

—AT—

COWLES, NEB.,

Thursday and Friday, January 10 and 11.

DISCUSSION OF FARM TOPICS

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 1:30. Alfalfa and the Grasses. WM. MOHLER, Falls City, Neb.
- 2:30. Care of the Dairy Herd. EX-GOVERNOR POYNTER, Lincoln, Neb.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

- 7:30. Growing Fruit MR. MOHLER
- 8:30. Some Essentials to Successful Farming MR. POYNTER

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

- 10:00. Economic Pork Production C. M. LEWELLING, Beaver City, Neb.
- 11:00. Care of the Pure Bred Herd W. D. MCKEE, Polo, Mo.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 1:30. Growing, Selection and Care of Seed Corn MR. LEWELLING
- 2:30. The Feeder Type of Beef Steer. MR. MCKEE
Other valuable addresses by local speakers.

These meetings are held under the auspices of University of Nebraska and the Cowles Farmers' Institute Association, and are free to all.

Farmers, come and bring your families.

C. E. PUTNAM, Secretary.