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### BONDS SLAUGHTERED.

#### Four Voting Precincts Out of Eighteen Give Majorities for Bonds.

It is all over. The county will have to wait a few years longer before it can have a safe place to house its valuable records. The vote by precincts was as follows:

FOR.	AGAINST.
Red Cloud, First ward.....	108
Red Cloud, Second ward.....	193
Red Cloud precinct.....	83
Potsdam precinct.....	4
Inavale precinct.....	34
Guide Rock precinct.....	41
Lenwood precinct.....	11
Batin precinct.....	9
Line precinct.....	36
Oak Creek precinct.....	1
Garfield precinct.....	26
Elm Creek precinct.....	1
Pleasant Hill precinct.....	34
Walnut Creek precinct.....	14
Stillwater precinct.....	47
Beaver Creek precinct.....	11
Catherton precinct.....	2
Harmony precinct.....	2
Total.....	590
Majority against bonds.....	1120

From the moment it was announced that a special election was to be called, The Chief had no hope that the bonds would carry. However, we did not look for any such a landslide against the bonds. By their votes the people of Red Cloud showed their realization of the gravity of the situation and the peril in which the valuable records of the county are being placed by being housed in a tinder box, and our nearest neighbors on the south in Line township, also showed that they had a correct understanding of the situation.

It is not difficult to understand why Potsdam, Oak Creek, Elm Creek and Stillwater should be against the bonds, but it is surprising that the voters of Pleasant Hill, Guide Rock, Garfield, Walnut Creek and Inavale should have given the bonds such a black eye, in view of their proximity to the county seat and their knowledge of conditions at the court house.

Several factors contributed to the defeat of the bonds:

- First—Indignation at the calling of special election.
- Second—Opposition to voting bonds of any kind.
- Third—The cry of "graft" and the fear that someone would get more out of the deal than the other fellow.
- Fourth—The contention that the amount asked for was too much.
- Fifth—A general desire to "soak" the Red Cloud Commercial Club.
- Sixth—The misrepresentations of

certain opponents of the bonds regarding the cost to individuals, despite the fact that they had the plain figures before them.

However, the thing to do is to "cheer up" and await the outcome. There is yet some hope. Either the county commissioners may re-submit the proposition at the fall election, or they can create a sinking fund without asking the consent of anyone, and it is highly probable the latter action will be taken.

The situation demands immediate action, and should a sinking fund be created it should be for \$100,000, in order that the county may have a building suitable to its needs.

### Memorial Sunday and Decoration Day Program.

On Sunday, May 26, all soldiers and sailors of the Civil and Spanish-American wars and members of the W. R. C. are requested to meet at the G. A. R. hall at 10 a. m., from which place they will march to the opera house, where union services will be held. The memorial sermon to be delivered by Rev. Austin. Music will be furnished by the High School Glee Club.

On Thursday, May 30, all members of the G. A. R., the Relief Corps, with all old soldiers of the American wars, will meet at the G. A. R. hall at 1 o'clock p. m.

Line of march, commanded by E. M. Gard, will form on Webster street and march southwest to cemetery.

Details will be assigned by the post commander and president of the Relief Corps to decorate graves of comrades and members of the W. R. C.

After decorating graves the line of march will form a hollow square at the monument to the unknown dead. Here will be held the exercises of the Relief Corps, the children and the G. A. R. Benediction, Rev. Austin. Column will march to speaker's stand.

- Invocation by Rev. Hummel.
- Music by Red Cloud band.
- Song, "America," by audience.
- Recitation, Pearl McConkey.
- Flag drill by children.
- Music by the band.
- Reading list of dead comrades, by Commander McConkey.
- Oration, Father Fitzgerald.
- Benediction, Rev. Cressman.

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### Business College Notes

Edwin McDonald was a visitor in the shorthand class this week.

Everton Foe was out of school Monday as he and his brother were in Cowles.

Everton Foe of the college sang a solo in the Young People's Society at the Congregational church Sunday night.

We are sure we welcome Prof. Moritz of Blue Hill to the superintendency of the Red Cloud schools the coming year.

Edwin McDonald rented a typewriter this week for the summer. Speak for one if you want it during the summer vacation.

The chapel lessons have been from the life of Joseph and you should read the good biographies that the students have written on his life.

Prof. Dietrick gave an entertainment in the Guide Rock Baptist church last Saturday evening. It was only advertised a few hours, but the Guide Rock people know how to appreciate a good entertainment.

The Oliver typewriter agent was a pleasant caller Wednesday. Gable always has something new for us. This time it is the new No. 5 Oliver—the latest thing and the best typewriter on the market.

The South Ward Sunday school is doing nicely and the young people's class is growing very fast. New song books have been sent for, and we will say this: If you want a good place to go Sunday afternoons, the South Ward school will welcome you. Rev. Thompson of the Advent church taught a class and made a very interesting talk Sunday.

### Runaway Wife Was Arrested By Blue Hill Marshal.

Blue Hill Leader.

Our city marshal, M. Durdin, received a telephone message Monday evening asking him to arrest a colored man and a white woman who were supposed to be in Blue Hill. He soon located the couple and placed them under arrest and they were locked up in the city bastille over night. Tuesday morning the woman's husband, who resides at Wedruff, Kans., put in an appearance and took charge of his erring wife, and the colored man was turned free. Wm. Sloan, who runs a livery barn in Wilcox, was also here on the track of the same parties for a livery bill they had contracted at Wilcox. As they had no money he was unable to collect his bill, but accepted an order on a Hildreth man for the amount.

### BLUE HILL'S DREAM.

#### Has Hopes of Sometime Becoming the County Seat.

The following article from the Hastings Republican explains in part the attitude of Blue Hill on the court house proposition:

"A leading citizen of Blue Hill tells the Republican that enterprising citizens of Blue Hill are becoming more and more convinced that logically and by rights the county seat should be at Blue Hill instead of Red Cloud. The southern half of Webster county is very rough, more sparsely settled and far from being as fertile a farming country as the northern half. Two-thirds of the population of the county is north of the half dividing line. He intimated the way the fight was brewing the people of Red Cloud were liable to wake up some morning and discover that the wide-awake and resourceful Blue Hillites had planned a large coup to have the seat of county government moved from Red Cloud to Blue Hill, the most enterprising and growing town between Hastings and the Kansas line."

That is the kind of talk that turned many votes against the bonds, but it is not argument. The only thing approaching argument is the statement concerning the division of population, and it is the reverse from the truth.

### Clio Club Has Banquet.

At the home of Mrs. A. G. Stonebraker, last Tuesday evening, the Ladies' Clio Club had their annual banquet. They met at six o'clock, and soon were on their way, in excellent progress, with the dainty, three course, "patriotic luncheon." This was followed by a "high dish" of ice cream. Then came the club's guessing contest and many other interesting features of the evening, which gave delight and entertainment to all present. The parlors were beautifully decorated in red, white and blue, with cards and everything of that order to match, making it indeed a place for one to feel all the buoyancy of their patriotism. A general good time was had by everyone, thus keeping up the standard of their yearly entertainments.

### Birthday Surprise.

The children and grandchildren of J. Chaplin gathered at his home Wednesday and gave him a pleasant surprise. This was Mr. Chaplin's seventy-fourth birthday and it was remembered by about thirty-five of his relatives in this manner. They descended on the home about 11 o'clock, bringing along eatables, and proceeded to assist Mr. Chaplin in enjoying his birthday. They presented him with a nice chair as a memento of the occasion. W. A. Garrison gave him a present in commemoration of his birthday.—Blue Hill Leader.

### City Marshal Worsted.

Franklin Sentinel.

For once City Marshal John Davidson admits defeat. Usually when John goes after a party he lands the victim but last week when attempting to take a certain individual in custody he woefully bit the dust and this expression applies literally as well as figuratively. We think where the first mistake was seeking to arrest the disturber without a warrant. Then too it was a female he was after and as all know man frequently comes out second best in an encounter of this kind, so John really should have known better than to tackle her ladyship unassisted. She had made a nuisance of herself; well, in fact, had been running at large for two days, and finally became so annoying that divers citizens requested our peace preserver to make an arrest but John couldn't do it alone. Boldly the marshal faced his duty, however, and after an exciting chase for fourteen blocks caught the outlaw, Boon's old family cow, down near Gorham's barn and attempted to lead her to a post. The cow made a last desperate break for liberty. John couldn't let go of the rope, his feet assumed a perpendicular direction and his breast struck the ground, rendering him for awhile hors du combat. Two days at home were sufficient for repairs and the marshal is again on duty, a sadder but wiser man, his injuries, by the way, amounting to a bruised breast and several ribs which feel like they were cracked, though the X-ray fails utterly to reveal any yawning fractures. John says he'll secure a warrant hereafter.

### Poker Game Interrupted.

Riverton Review.

Last Sunday, while some of the boys were enjoying themselves in North Park by indulging in fresh air, sunlight and big jack pots, and the more unfortunate ones consoling themselves by nibbling the green grass, a couple of ladies swooped down upon the unsuspecting bunch like a whirlwind. Lady No. 1 came to inform her "hubby" that dinner was awaiting his presence. But when No. 2 came the scene was entirely different. The players made a hasty retreat on the double quick order, going in several different directions and as yet are bunched up like Brown's cattle, one in a bunch. It would seem no matter how good a thing is, it must come to an end.

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