

A Merry Christmas

is sure to come to all who buy their presents of

Chas. L. Cotting
DRUGGIST

He always leads in variety of low and medium-priced goods such as Toys, Albums, Leather Goods, Dressing Cases, Rocking Horses, Doll Cabs, Pocket Knives, Books of all kinds, Fancy China, Fountain Pens and so many other things we cannot number them. Come and see.

Hats Off In Church.

The editor of this paper is not very far advanced in church work—probably belongs in the kindergarten class—and it may seem a little out of place for us to chirp out at this time, but we are going to start a little crusade which we know will meet the approval of at least all the church-going men of this town. It is "Ladies, remove your hats" while the preacher is delivering his sermon at least. What is more annoying or disgusting than to be compelled to be darting your head around a broad rimmed hat eighteen inches high covered with flowers, ribbons, feathers, birds, etc., trying to get a glimpse of the preacher? This alone is enough to keep a man out of church. It would be but mighty little trouble for the ladies to remove their hats and we are going to put a little fight until we bring it about and by so doing we will have done one good act for God and man. Pastors, please ask the ladies to remove their headgear before you start in on your discourses.—Smith County Messenger.

He Told the Truth Once.

A Michigan editor who grew tired of wielding the whitewash brush in the matter of obituaries decided to reform and tell the truth just once. He commented as follows upon the death of a well-known citizen: "Died, aged 56 years, 6 months, 13 days. Deceased was a mild-mannered pirate with a mouth for whiskey and an eye for hoodlum. He came here in the night with another man's wife, and joined the church at the first chance. He owed several dollars for the paper. You could hear him pray six blocks. He died singing 'Jesus paid it all,' and we think he is right, as he never paid anything himself. He was buried in an asbestos casket and his many friends threw palm leaf fans in the grave, as he may need them. His tombstone will be a favorite resting place for hoot owls."

Banquet for Football Team.

The Red Cloud Business College tendered a banquet to the members of the football squad at the Hotel Royal last Friday evening, December 6. Plates were laid for twenty guests. The banquet was prepared under the management of Vayle Bros., of the Hotel Royal. An enjoyable evening was spent, music before and after the supper being furnished by Od B. Steward and Miss Riah Olmstead. The menu was as follows:

- Cream of Tomato aux Croutons.
- Fruit.
- Dressed Celery. Spiced Beets.
- Sour Gherkins.
- Fried Lake Front. Maitri de Hotel.
- Julienne Potatoes.
- Broiled Sugar Cured Ham.
- Pineapple Preserves.
- Baked Young Turkey.
- Cranberry Sauce.
- Roast Domestic Goose.
- Oyster Dressing.
- Salad a la Millemoise.
- French Peas. Asparagus Tips in Cream.
- French Fried Potatoes.
- Parker House Rolls. Cream Bread.
- Fruit Salad with Whipped Cream.
- Vanilla Ice Cream. Assorted Cake.
- Cheese.
- Wafers.
- Cafe Noir.

Queen Alfalfa.

Alfalfa, the queen of the west, has added to her domain in the last year and the report of Labor Commissioner Ryder shows that the state is wealthier this year than last because of her increase in acreage. The beautiful plant has yielded to the farmers this year more than eleven million dollars, and the prospects of an increase next year in the crop are promising. Western Nebraska has been rejuvenated by the alfalfa plant. The sandy soils of the western counties permit the toiling roots to dig deep into the hills and valleys, producing a wealth of feed and enriching the soil as well as the farmer.

"Running well over the mark of eleven million and a half dollars, the value of the alfalfa raised in 1907 shows pretty conclusively that the farmers of Nebraska are fully awake to the importance of this great fodder crop," said Labor Commissioner Ryder. "The figures on the state production of alfalfa have just been completed, and give a total production of 1,450,759 tons. Figured at a very conservative valuation this is worth \$11,606,072."

The total acreage was reported as 455,592, and the average yield 3.16 tons per acre, which Mr. Ryder insists is away within the facts and reports from other sources bear out his judgment.—The Blue Hill Leader.

School Teachers in Session.

The school teachers of Webster county will meet in session at Blue Hill this evening at 8 o'clock in the Christian church at that place and will continue their convention here tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the high school building in the Damerell block. Following are the programs:

AT BLUE HILL TONIGHT.
Violin solo, selected, Prof. Otto Bergt
Vocal solo, "The Flight of Ages,"
..... Miss Carrie Hubler
Address, State Inspector of High Schools A. A. Reed
Vocal solo with violin obbligato,
"Whisper and I Shall Hear,"
..... S. P. Dunean
HERE TOMORROW AFTERNOON.
Piano solo Miss Bernice Potter
The Magnitude of Little Things
in Life Supt. R. D. Moritz
A First Lesson in Reading, to a
Beginning Class, conducted
..... by Miss Jennie Joy
Quartet, selected, Misses Mabel
Winfrey, Nita Argabright,
..... Mildred Fulton, Pearl Smith
The Old Versus the New
..... Hon. J. S. Gilham
The Standard of Ethics Among
Children Supt. H. F. Hooper
Vocal solo Miss Josephine Mizer
Address, Inspector A. A. Reed
Piano solo, Miss Gertrude Blackledge

Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps Elect Officers.

Garfield Post No. 80, G. A. R., and the Woman's Relief Corps both held their annual election of officers last Saturday, the latter in the afternoon and the former in the forenoon. The officers elected by the G. A. R. were as follows: R. Turner, commander; E. Robbing, senior vice; J. W. Bogenrief, junior vice; F. Newhouse, surgeon; A. S. Campbell, chaplain; J. W. Warren, quartermaster; D. L. Groat, officer of the day; A. Brown, officer of the guard; Jos. W. Warren and D. L. Groat, delegates to state convention at Hastings.

The officers elected by the W. R. C. were as follows: Mrs. Julia Warren, president; Mrs. Mary McConkey, senior vice; Mrs. Fannie Dow, treasurer; Mrs. Anna Kiser, chaplain; Mrs. Welsch, conductor; Mrs. Abel, guard; Mrs. Bogenrief, delegate to state department convention at Hastings.

Modern Woodmen Elect Officers.

The Modern Woodmen met yesterday evening and elected officers for the ensuing term as follows:

Venerable consul, C. W. Groat; worthy adviser, E. W. Ross; banker, L. H. Fort; clerk, E. H. Newhouse; escort, H. B. Clemmons; watchman, Geo. Sheldon; sentry, Gay Day; camp physicians, Drs. R. F. Raines, Robt. Mitchell and E. A. Creighton; manager, Kinsel; chief forestor, R. G. Runchey.

It was voted that an amount equal to 10 cents per member be paid from the general fund for the sanitarium for consumptives at Colorado Springs.

Last Sunday was the birthday of I. Frisbie, and was the occasion of a big family dinner at his home at Amboy.

Business College Notes

L. M. STEWARD, PRESIDENT.

Notice to Bidders.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the County Clerk of Webster County for furnishing supplies to said County during the year 1908, to-wit:

CLASS A. BLANK BOOKS.
Squire Plain Records, medium, per book
" printed head records " " "
" printed page records " " "
" tax lists, double-duty, " " "
" " double-cap, " " "
Patent books, per book.
Canvas covers, per book.
All records to be made of Byron Weston's best Linen Ledger paper, extra bound.

Tax Receipts for 1908.
Tax Receipts for 1908 for carbon.
Extra for printing year in red.
Chattel mortgage files.
Assessors' schedules, per 1000.
Assessors' schedule files.
Lithographed warrants, per 1000.
Reversible document envelopes, per 100

ELECTION SUPPLIES
Poll books for election 1908, per 100.
Poll book envelopes, per dozen.
Ballot bags for votes cast per dozen.
Instructions to voters per dozen.
Election pencils per dozen.

CLASS B. LEGAL BLANKS.
Whole sheet cap blanks, per 100.
Half sheet cap blanks, per 100.
Quarter sheet cap blanks, per 100.
Eighth sheet cap blanks, per 100.

CLASS C. OFFICE STATIONERY.
Ink, Diamond, Carter's, Staffords or equal, per quart.

Pens, Gineineum Spencerian, per gross;
M. V. Ground Point Pens, per gross;
Esterbrook's or Gillette's, per gross.
Pencils, Perfection Nos. 2 to 4, per gross; Faber Nos. 2 to 4, per gross;
Hardtmuth Koh-i-noor, per dozen;
Hardtmuth Koh-i-noor copying, per dozen, Hardtmuth Mephisto copying, per dozen.
Pencilholders, Tower's Bank No. 300, per dozen; Faber's cork-tipped, per dozen; plain polished cedar (small) per gross.

Erasers, Rubber No. 102, per dozen; Rubber No. 104, per dozen.

CLASS D. LETTERHEADS, ETC.
Letterheads, 12-lb. Franklin or equal, per 1000; noteheads, 7-lb. Franklin or equal, per 100; envelopes, No. 6, No. 1 rag, per 1000; envelopes, No. 10, No. 1 rag, per 1000.

All of said supplies to be first-class in every respect and to be furnished in accordance with the requirements of the various county officers. Said bid and bond, in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, must be filed with the County Clerk on or before 12 o'clock, noon, on the 31st day of December, 1907.

Dated Red Cloud, Neb., December 2d, 1907. LEE DE TORR, County Clerk.

Real Estate Transfers.

For the week ending Tuesday, Dec. 10, furnished by the Port Abstract Co., L. H. Fort, Manager.

William T. Burnham to E. J. Delahoy, qtd. ls 9-10 b 1 Swazy's add Blue Hill..... 8

Oliver D. Hedge, sheriff, to Hugh W. Gulliford sheriff's deed ls 3-6 and 9-24 b 3 Garber's 2 add Red Cloud..... 2

William M. Mines to Gotthelb Polfus wd sw 34-2-9..... 9600

William Roats to Stella White wd ls 6 and 9-24 b 1 Gulliford's add Red Cloud..... 1400

Abram L. Hews to John Wittwer wd ne 23-1-11..... 6000

\$17010
Mortgages filed, \$7377.50.
Mortgages released, \$4000.

Any 12-Year-Old Girl

can make those delicious Lemon, Chocolate and Custard pies as well as the more experienced cook if she uses "OUR-PIE" preparation, which is now sold by nearly all grocers at 10 cents per package. Just the proper ingredients in each package.

Dr. Warrick, the specialist, will meet eye, ear, nose and throat patients and those needing glasses properly fitted at Dr Damerell's office Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Deaths and Funerals.

Mrs. Electa Walker.

Mrs. Electa Walker died at her home in this city last Friday, December 6, 1907, of pneumonia, at the age of 82 years, 5 months and 13 days. She was ill but a few days before her death, having been previously in remarkably good health for one of her age. She was the wife of Alexander Walker, who died a few months ago at the age of ninety years. Three children are left to mourn her loss—Mrs. Frank Smeizer and A. T. and I. O. Walker, all living in this county. Mrs. Walker was born June 23, 1825, and had been a resident of Webster county thirty years, and of Red Cloud seven years. The funeral was held from the home at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 8, 1907, and was conducted by Rev. A. A. Cressman, pastor of the Congregational church. Interment was in the Red Cloud cemetery.

Andres Anderson.

Andres Anderson was born in Denmark June 29, 1827, and died at his home thirteen miles northwest of town in Batin township, Webster county, Nebraska, last Sunday, December 8th, 1907, at the age of 80 years, 5 months and 9 days. The cause of his death was heart trouble. The funeral services were held Tuesday, December 10, and were conducted by Rev. Mr. Jensen, of Ruskin, Nebr., and Rev. Mr. White, of Inavale. Interment was in Daniso Lutheran cemetery in Bates township.

Mr. Anderson leaves ten children—six boys and four girls, five of whom live in this county, one at Fort Logan, Colo., and four in Iowa. Mrs. Wm. Patten, one this city, is one of the five children living in this county.

Mrs. V. B. Fulton.

Mrs. V. B. Fulton died at her home in the west part of town yesterday morning at 3:00 o'clock. Her death resulted from a complication of diseases which set in since the death of her baby about a week ago. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon. She leaves a father, husband and three children. She has lived here the greater part of her life.

Letter List:

List of letters remaining uncalled for at postoffice at Red Cloud, Neb., for the week ending December 5, 1907.
Wm. Braden.
Thos. Greenwood.
B. F. Hudson.
E. H. McVey.
Turnice Ruby.

These will be sent to the dead letter office December 19, 1907, if uncalled for before. When calling for above please say "advertised."

T. C. HACKER, Postmaster.

Degree of Honor Elects Officers.

At the meeting of the Degree of Honor lodge last Tuesday evening officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

C. of H., Julia Warren; T. C. of H., Julia Lippincott; L. of H., Maggie Smeizer; C. of C., Mary Huffer; Fin., Lyda Boshier; recorder, May Wolfe; treasurer, Matilda Barkley; usher, Matilda Welsch; I. W., Mary Polnicki; O. W., Oliver McNutt.

Scholarship Offer.

The Red Cloud Business College will throughout the month of December give you a life scholarship in any one department for \$40, any two for \$75; but after the first of January, 1908, it will cost you \$65 for a single course and \$120 for a combined course. Take advantage of this special offer and enroll before the first of January.

Not Responsible.

"Hold on," said the learned chemist. "Didn't I give you a bottle of my wonderful tonic that would make you look twenty years younger?"

"You did," replied the patient, "and I took it all. I was then thirty-nine, and now I am only nineteen."

"Well, then, will you please settle this bill you owe me for the treatment?"

"Oh, no! As I am only nineteen now, I am a minor, and minors are not held responsible for the bills they incur. Good day, sir."—Illustrated Bits.

AMERICA AT SEA

A Series of Articles Describing Life in the U. S. Navy

No. 4

PAUL P. BLACKBURN, Ensign, U. S. Navy.

Jack Ashore.

The idea is prevalent in this country that the sailor from our American men-o-war goes ashore only to loaf around bar-rooms, carouse and "paint the town red," generally. How far this idea is from the correct one would be evident to anybody who could see a "liberty party" from one of our ships in a port with historic or other interesting places to visit. Permission to go ashore is granted whenever the sanitary conditions ashore and the work of the ship will permit. As a rule, half of the ship's company is allowed liberty each day from 4:00 p. m. till 7:00 a. m. the following morning. On Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, the liberty parties go ashore at 1 p. m. These men are nearly all American born, imbued with the same ideas as those whose lives follow other channels in the United States. Will they miss seeing those things for which their countrymen journey thousands of miles and spend hundreds of dollars to see? The kodak pictures taken by these men surely go to prove the contrary. When a point of particular interest, such as Athens, is visited, the chaplains of the ships take parties to visit the different places, explaining the historical associations of the various buildings, calling attention to the most interesting features; thus affording the men abundant opportunity to derive the fullest benefit from the visit. Many an out of the way town, rarely visited by a tourist, sees the stars and stripes floating over an American man-o-war vessel. Sometimes the ships go on a cruise to show the flags as the cruiser Denver did when she visited nearly every one of the Windward Isles from St. Thomas to Trinidad. At other times the ships go to protect American interests in places where there are revolutions. Trolley cars, janickshas and other methods of locomotion in use in the cities and countries visited, take our blue jackets to see volcanoes, gardens, battlefields and whatever there is to see.

The men of the navy are not all saints, some of them have vices, but it is manifestly unfair to say that because one blue-jacket has been seen drunk in uniform, that all the men who wear the navy blue are drunkards. Most of them are clean, upright, self-respecting men whose actions on shore as well as on board ship are creditable to the country they serve.

Preparing for the Holiday Trade.

That the merchants of Red Cloud are determined to get their share of the holiday trade of the buying public is evident from the many well-arranged Christmas window displays in town. A care has been taken in the selection of holiday stocks that makes Red Cloud the best place in the county for you to do your holiday trading, and with their extensive patronage the merchants of Red Cloud are enabled to make prices that should draw your trade.

Among the many well-arranged display windows we have noticed those of C. L. Cotting and the Fair store, containing all kinds of Christmas toys and those of Paul Storey and the Cowden-Kaley Clothing Co., both containing articles from their lines of clothing, such as fancy neckwear, gloves, etc., than which nothing better can be found for Christmas gifts. F. Newhouse and Newhouse Bros. each have attractive window displays, the former of articles from their line of dry goods and the latter with a glittering mass of jewelry, silverware and other articles of great variety, but all of the highest standard of quality. A glance at the display windows about town will give you many new ideas in the selection of your holiday gifts.

Those Delicious Lemon Pies.

"The kind that 'make your month water' are easily made with no fussing and at least possible expense if you use 'OUR-PIE' preparation. Don't hesitate. Try it and tell your friends. At grocers, 10 cents. Everybody is pleased with 'OUR-PIE.'"