

### Mrs. Barbara Vavricka.

Mrs. Barbara Vavricka was born in Damiroff, Bohemia, June 7, 1858, and died at her home north of Red Cloud Friday night, June 5, of heart failure. She would have been fifty years old if she had lived two days longer.

She was married to Matej Vavricka in 1877 and came to America in 1887 and located in Webster county, Nebraska, where they have resided since.

To this union were born five boys and one girl who died in infancy. Two of the boys, Frank and Louis, were born in Bohemia.

Mrs. Vavricka was a beneficiary member of the Red Cloud Royal Neighbors lodge.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at the home at two o'clock. Rev. Hummel conducted the services. Interment was made in the Red Cloud cemetery. The Royal Neighbors and the P. O. E. lodges of this city marched down with the procession to the cemetery.

The bereaved husband and family have our sympathy in their hour of affliction.

Will Edson came down from Grand Island yesterday.

At the Fraternal Aid meeting Thursday night they initiated thirteen members. After lodge meeting they served ice cream and cake to the new members and had a jolly good time.

Dr. J. L. Beyl of the Baptist College at Grand Island will speak at the Baptist church next Thursday evening, June 18, at 8 o'clock. The purpose of his coming is to interest young men and young women in securing a college education. Dr. Beyl is a very able man and is very popular with the students. All are invited to hear him.

### LINE

Rain, rain, and more to follow.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Fincher of Red Cloud were the guests of James Keugel Sunday.

B. S. VanDyke sold two fat cows to Koo brothers this week.

Mrs. Albert Turner's father of Blue Hill is visiting them this week.

Eddie Auburn is home on a visit from Kansas.

Between showers the farmers are busy cutting alfalfa and cultivating corn.

John Osborn finished breaking prairie for L. H. Haslins this week.

A gentleman owning a sugar estate in Demerara went out to visit it for the first time. The day after his arrival he stood watching the punts bringing the cane home. A young negro boy who was driving the mules, wishing to increase the speed of them, struck one of them with his whip. The mule promptly responded by launching out with his heels and dealt the boy a kick on the head which stretched him on the ground, where he lay rubbing his woolly pate on the spot where the kick had been received.

"Is he hurt? Is he hurt?" cried the planter in alarm. A full grown negro, hearing the expressions of concern, sprang forward hastily and, raising the mule's heels, shouted out:

"No, boss! That mule him walk tendah fo' a day or two, but him no hurt!"—Chambers' Journal.

### The First Reporter.

The modern reporter harks back to the reign of Queen Anne and to the unknown scribe who attempted to tell the public the secrets of her parliament. He had a hard time of it, for parliament wished to keep its secrets to itself. In 1728 an order was passed "that it is an indignity and a breach of the privilege of this house for any person to presume to give in written or printed newspapers any account or minute of the debates or proceedings; that upon discovery of the authors, printers or publishers of any such newspapers this house will proceed against the offenders with the utmost severity." During the famous Wilkes case in 1772 the reporters won the victory which they have since held without dispute.—New York American.

### When the Lights Went Out.

Almost every speaker has had the experience of the house becoming totally dark because of the failure of the electric lights. Here is such an experience by one lecturer. It was in Pittsburgh; the audience was a Hebrew society. When the lights went out, the lecturer waited a moment and then said: "We will proceed anyway, for I still have the Israelites." It was the bit of the evening.—Lyceumite and Talent.

### A Great Secret.

At some of the English country fairs a "great secret" is sold in sealed envelopes at twopenny apiece. Here is the secret: "Never buy an article before examining it. If you had known this before, you would not have paid twopenny for this worthless envelope when you could get more than two dozen good ones for the same price."

### Eastern Star Delays at Guide Rock.

The Order of Eastern Star at Guide Rock did some most excellent work Monday evening, June 8. J. B. Hampton of Oklahoma, Mrs. White from the Superior lodge and fourteen members from the Red Cloud lodge were present. The local lodge initiated four new members—Rev. and Mrs. P. T. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Noah Peters. Then the officers for the ensuing term were installed by two Red Cloud members. Mrs. Chas. Robinson acting as installing officer and Mrs. McKeely as marshal. The officers are: Matron, Mrs. E. E. Burr; patron, Chas. Hodges; associate matron, Miss Della Ferguson; conductress, Miss Irene Ferguson; associate conductress, Mrs. J. H. Cravy; secretary, Mrs. N. M. Doudna; treasurer, Mrs. D. Jones; warder, I. W. Cravy; sentinel, J. H. Cravy; Ada, Mrs. E. M. Parker; Ruth, Miss Ida Petter; Esther, Mrs. J. W. Hodges; Martha, Mrs. E. S. Sheppard; Electa, Mrs. Chas. Hodges. A splendid address was given by Rev. Martin, speeches by J. B. Hampton, Mrs. White and several Red Cloud members. An elegant banquet in the dining hall closed a very enjoyable session.

### Always Entertaining.

Blind Boone never fails to please his hearers. At the opera house Monday evening June 15th. Seats on sale at Hattie Morrison's Saturday morning.

### A Home-Made Parasol Case.

For a pretty and useful umbrella or parasol case, cut a piece of cardboard one yard long and seven inches wide. Cover one third of it on one side with a pretty patterned chintz or cretonne, and the rest with plain sateen of a harmonizing color.

For the pocket, cut a piece of the chintz about two inches long and eighteen inches wide; turn down a hem two and one-half inches wide at one end, and put in a piece of elastic nine inches long just below the hem. Gather the lower end of the chintz, and sew it and the sides neatly to the cardboard.

Trim the top of the back, which stands above the pocket with a ruche of ribbon or lace. Finish the bottom of the case with a twist of ribbon and a bow at one side, put a bow of ribbon at each corner of the top, and add a loop with a bow by which to hang up the case. Put another twist of ribbon finished with a bow across the pocket just below the fringe where the elastic is run.

Chiffon and lace trimmed parasols which should be carefully kept from the dust, are safely and daintily "housed" in one of these useful cases.—From Woman's Home Companion for June.

### Camera Pleasures Last.

There's more enjoyment in a camera than in anything else you can get for the same price, and it's a pleasure that lasts as long as you live. We handle the Kodak—the one that makes picture taking easy. Newhouse Bros. Jewelers.

### State Fair at Lincoln.

The contractor is just completing the cement floor in the new cattle barn on the State Fair grounds at Lincoln. This barn is a mammoth building 174 by 255 and will have stalls for 636 head of cattle, superintendent's office and toilet rooms and the total cost will exceed \$23,000.

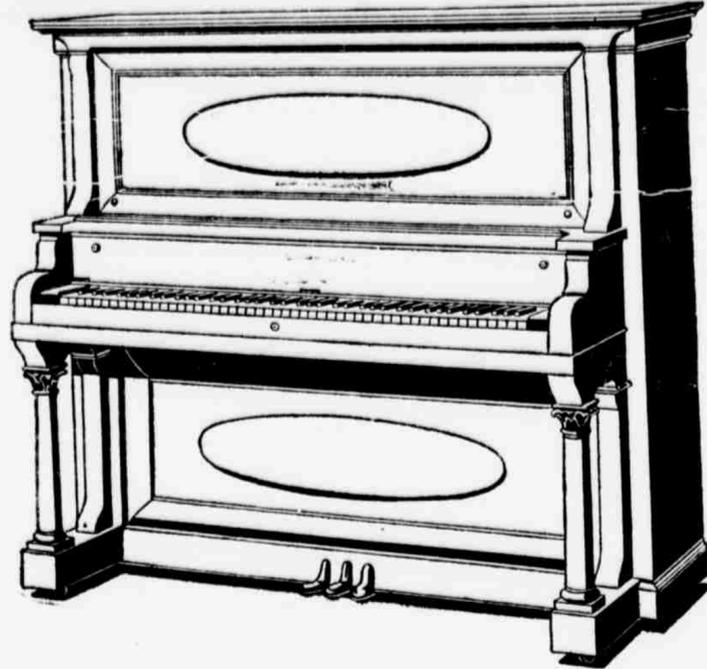
Cattle Superintendent O. E. Mickey of Osceola reports the receipts of entries daily, and the management confidently expect that the ample provisions for earing for cattle will result in the largest exhibit Aug. 31st to Sept. 4th ever held in Nebraska.

### Inter-State Fair at Denver.

That the Colorado Interstate Fair and Exposition, the first exhibition of which will be held in Denver the second week in September of this year, will do much to encourage the improvement and growth of western industries of every character, is fully shown in the premium list, a copy of which has been received from G. C. Fuller, acting secretary. Tabor opera house, Denver, who writes that he will be pleased to send a copy to anyone upon request. The classifications in the list are extensive, covering the products of every industry, and the prizes offered are exceptionally liberal.

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Third:—We are able to shift a portion of this burden on the manufacturers we represent because we buy pianos in large quantities, thus enabling us to distribute these prizes and advertise our business in this extraordinary manner and more thoroughly establish our line in Red Cloud and vicinity.

### RULES GOVERNING CONTEST

Write on one side of the card only.

No employees or persons connected with the piano business allowed to compete.

Expert penman or engravers barred. All cards must reach us on or before June 17th, 1908, at noon.

Only one card received from each person.

Use pen or pencil. In the event of a TIE, the FIRST card received will WIN the piano, so mail your card early.

The contest will be decided by three impartial judges whose decision must be final. The winning card will be on exhibition and all others will be kept for reference so that there will be absolutely no chance for dissatisfaction.

All cards must be written and readable to the naked eye.

Persons living over 25 miles from Red Cloud will not be permitted to contest for this prize.

DON'T DELAY:—This means something to every person needing a piano. Write us and we will at once send you extra cards and any information desired.

FINAL:—Write the sentence as above on a U. S. Postal Card or any other card the exact size (Cards furnished free by us are preferred) and on the reverse side of the card or on an extra slip of paper write your name, address and number of times you have written the sentence, state if you have a piano or organ and give the name of a prospective piano purchaser and mail same to GASTON MUSIC CO., Red Cloud, Nebraska.

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