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Mayor..... J. O. Caldwell
Clerk..... L. H. Fort
Treasurer..... J. D. Butler
Councilmen 1st ward..... Ed Amack
Ed Pulphifer
J. A. McArthur
Councilmen 2nd ward..... Alf McCall
Supt. Light and Water..... Oscar Burroughs
Marshal, day..... Al Slabe
Marshal, night..... John Klusel

County Officers.

Clerk District Court..... Geo. W. Hutcheson
Judge..... L. W. Edson
Clerk..... E. W. Ross
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Assessor..... L. H. Blackledge
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Bank Guaranty.

That awful plank in the National Democratic platform of 1908 known as "Bank Guaranty" is now receiving attention at the hands of our state legislature. During the recent campaign there were not a few of the leaders of the opposition who pronounced the principle altogether wrong, but the sentiment, especially in Nebraska, is rapidly changing and a law will undoubtedly be passed during the present session that will make the depositors in Nebraska banks safe.

The Com-Ad a few weeks ago published an article upon this subject by our fellow townsman, Mr. Argabright, in defense of the "principle" of Bank Guaranty which presented a new feature that of "state certificates" in place of an idle "cash" fund for the protection of depositors in failed banks. The Argus in its issue of last week makes reference to the subject, endorsing the state certificate plan as "meritorious," but suggests as a better plan that the directorate of each bank be personally responsible for the payment of all depositors therein.

Anything bearing upon this subject is food for thought, and the matter is so complex that no one man or set of men will be able to formulate a bill that will be perfect in the beginning, yet a step or two forward is to be desired. We have before us a bill prepared by Fred Volpp, of the Tenth Senatorial District, entitled, "An Act Providing For The Organization, Supervision, and Control Of Banks, and For The Liquidation Of Insolvent Banks, and The Protection of Depositors Therein; and The Repealing of Chapter 8, Compiled Statutes Of 1907, and All Acts And Parts Of Acts Inconsistent With This Act." Our opinion has been asked regarding the merits of this bill.

It is a step in the right direction; it provides for an increase of the capital stock of banks generally, especially in towns like Red Cloud (our banks would be required to have a paid up capital of \$50,000.00 each). The Capital Stock must be set-off at the beginning with actual cash, allowing not to exceed twenty-five per cent to be invested in Banking House and Fixtures which shall be listed at their actual cash value. It provides severe penalties for irregularities in banking; prohibits an individual banker, firm or partnership from carrying its own obligations as any part of its assets; prohibits any officer, director or employe of any incorporated bank from borrowing any of its funds without the approval of a majority of the board of directors, which approval shall be made a part of the records of the bank, and violation of this provision is classed as "embezzlement." It has many good features and to our mind some that are objectionable.

The "reserve" (which shall consist of cash in vault and deposited with other "Reserve Banks") is placed at 15 per cent of "deposits" as a minimum in all banks. We believe the cash reserve is too small, especially in the banks designated as "Reserve Banks" and approved as such by the State Banking Board. Such banks should be required to carry a cash balance equal to 25 per cent of their deposits. Conservative banks do this as a rule.

Again, if we understand the language of the bill, there is no provision made for loaning the funds of the bank upon good two or three name paper as is customary in this country. Sec. VIII of this bill provides for a report thus:

"The total amount of moneys loaned shall be classified as follows, to-wit:

- Overdrafts.
- Secured by real estate.
- Loaned to directors and upon what security.
- Loaned to officers and employes and upon what security.
- Paper past due.
- Paper in process of collection by law.
- Bad debts.
- Loans in excess of the amount permitted elsewhere in this act.
- Loans upon certificates to other banks.

The bulk of loans ordinarily accepted by our banks could not be classified by the above list. Possibly this is an oversight or is it possible that two-name commercial paper is not to be considered good?

The plan of assessing each bank on the item of "deposits" for the purpose of creating a "banking fund" out of which examiners salaries should be paid, etc., is good, as it properly equalizes the expense.

Our space is too limited to offer an extended criticism of the "bank guaranty" feature of this bill. It provides for a voluntary membership in what it terms the "Depositors Protective Fund." None except incorporated banks having as many as five directors each of whom owns at least ten shares of its stock not pledged for the security of any debt; that has no money loaned to any of its active managers; that has a capital and surplus equal to ten per cent of its gross deposits, and other qualifications too numerous to mention, - are eligible to membership, which necessarily debars all individual and partnership banks.

A voluntary membership in such a fund would defeat the purpose of state law to protect all depositors. If a bank desires to make its depositors perfectly secure it can do so voluntarily under any law, - even the Moral Law.

"The Depositors Protective Fund" carries some benefits, however, designed to attract banking corporations to its membership, viz., all public funds belonging to the state, county, city, township, village or school district shall be deposited in such banks without special bonds or other security being required, and it shall be unlawful to deposit them elsewhere.

As individual and partnership banks which are often more reliable than corporations, are debarred from the privileges of the "Depositors Protective Fund," such a law, if passed, could hardly be called a State Banking Law in the broad sense of the term, but rather a law creating or authorizing a giant banking company known as the "Depositors Protective Fund." It would be a safe institution, but the qualifications necessary to membership might not admit of our having a "branch," handy. Our idea of a "Bank Guaranty" is to make it applicable to all banks; make one as safe as the other in the law's requirements, and make them all subscribe.

The Argus suggestion that the directors give bonds and become personally responsible for the full amount of the banks deposits is wisely put. The bond should be made to the state, approved by the State Banking Board, and the state take charge of the insolvent bank. No "fund" is necessary other than the "state certificates" which would be much more acceptable than "directors obligations," as they would be in amounts to correspond with the paper currency of the country and receivable at all banks.

Mr. Argabright's plan is more in the nature of mutual insurance. Each bank is "assessed" on its deposits. If need be, to insure its depositors. The insurance company (which in this case is the state) should see that its members are responsible and worthy of their charters. Directors and bondmen might sometime fail, but an insurance company like the state hardly ever. Thus the depositors are safe.

Coming to the Opera House with a compact and well written play, with a sensible believable plot, and lined full of brightness; with some good singing and dancing and with a clever and capable company, "The College Boy" ought to prove one of the most enjoyable attractions of the season when presented here on Friday the 15th.

Rings Little Liver Pills prevent biliousness, sick headache and keep you well. Do not gripe. A pill in time that will save nine. Price 25c. Sold by Henry Cook.

The undersigned will sell at Public Auction on his farm 6 miles east of Red Cloud, and 2 miles east of Amboy, and 4 miles west of Guide Rock.

130 Head of Stock

— Consisting Of —

14 Mules and Horses.

1 span dark iron gray mare mules, coming four years old, sound and broke and will make a team of 2000 lbs. at maturity; 1 span 4 yr. old horse mules, sound and well matched, good size; 1 span coming 3 yr. old horse mules, well matched and well broke; 1 span black three year old mare mules, well matched 1 span black mare mules, 6 months old. This team is well matched and the best span of mules I ever raised. 1 brown mare nine years old, weight 1400; 1 yearling colt, 1 2 yr. old colt, 1 extra good saddle pony 6 years old, well broke to drive single or double.

15 head of cattle, consisting of 4 good milch cows, 6 head of steers and 5 heifers.

100 head of Poland China hogs. This is all registered stuff. Farm machinery and other a ticles too numerous to mention. Lunch on ground.

Water and Light Commissioner's Report.

To The Honorable Mayor and City Council. I Herewith Submit My Report as Light and Water Commissioner.

JANUARY 7th, 1909.

The total cost of new four-inch water main laid during October and November 1908, which commenced by connecting to the four-inch main at the northeast corner of Cherry street and Fifth avenue thence running south on east side of Cherry street to the north side of Fourth avenue, 844 feet; also the C. J. Platt addition line, which connects with the above described line at the north intersection of West Fourth avenue and alley 150 feet west of the northwest corner of Cherry street and West Fourth avenue, thence running south across Fourth avenue to alley, thence on south in said alley 848; the total number of feet in these lines including the tees, c-osses, returns, gate and elbows, including the 96 feet given by the city, is 2088 feet, which was furnished, laid in the trenches, leaded and swedged by a contract given to James Peterson from C. J. Platt, E. U. Overman, Dr. Robt. Damerell, L. L. Boren, Dr. E. A. Thomas and C. A. Schultz, the cost of pipe furnished by the above parties amounted to \$1077.11. The payment to the above named persons of this \$1077.11 is to be by credit on water or water service fixtures as follows: C. J. Platt \$625.11, E. U. Overman \$167.50, Dr. Robt. Damerell \$195.50, L. L. Boren \$75.00, Dr. E. A. Thomas \$25, and C. A. Schultz \$25.

The number of feet of trench dug, including space for cross and tee connections and hydrant returns, was 2111 feet, this was done at the expense of the city and cost six cents lineal foot for digging and filling trench and \$10 for bell holes and hydrant drains.

Team work in hauling pipe furnished by the city, lumber for driveways over open trenches, hauling tools and hydrants \$45.

Lumber for driveways over trenches at street intersections \$8.67.

The cost of three fire hydrants located on this line including the cutting off and setting same \$144.50, making a total cost of \$1468.48.

As per agreement between the above named Messrs. Platt, Overman, Damerell, Boren, Thomas and Schultz and the City Council, viz: that any labor or extra expense which the above named persons would have to incur, in order to bring the water from the mains, to their property from the with in described water mains, that the city would, at request of the within named persons, do the necessary work and furnish the material, the cost of same would be charged to each for tapping man, connecting up and delivering water through pipe and meter to lot line; the amount so charged would be a re-embursement on the amount paid on the new four inch mains by the within named persons.

Therefore, I have made taps, connected up, placed meters in properly constructed meter vaults, having 20 inch iron flange and cover, for each of the following named persons and amounts:

E. U. Overman,	\$44.35
L. L. Boren,	44.35
Dr. Robt. Damerell,	43.43
C. J. Platt (four places)	88.86
Total cost,	\$230.99

The material used in the above work was from stock fixtures and supplies on hand, except the list of extras as shown by the statement hereto attached.

Total cost and expense to date \$1468.48
Amount paid by City and credited by water service and flxt. 612.28

Leaving a balance due of, \$856.20

As to the light and water service I have the following report to make, receipts for water are as follows:

October, 1908 \$348.56
November, " 229.88
December, " 256.19

Total \$834.63

For light:
October, 08 \$345.38
November, " 45.60
December, " 145.24

Total \$536.22

My collections for light current \$ 55.71
Delinquent current 492.22
December, 08 "

Total \$547.93

Making a total on water and light collected from Oct. 1, 1908, to Jan. 7 1909, of \$1918.78.

Yours Respectfully,
J. A. Tomlinson,
Light & Water Com.

Cotting Platt

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. C. L. Cotting of this city on Tuesday evening Jan. 12 09. The happy couple were Mr. Edward D. Platt and Miss Jennie M. Cotting two of Red Cloud's most popular and esteemed citizens. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by using the ring ceremony by Rev. Cressman, of the Congregational church. Mr. Edgar Cowden and Miss Ione Albright acted as best man and bride's maid. Only a few of the nearest relatives were present. A fine luncheon was served, after which they were escorted and the young married couple went to their new home, where they are now happily located under most favorable circumstances and with the best wishes of a host of friends.

ROAD NOTICE
To Whom It May Concern.

The Commissioner appointed to locate a public road commencing at the North-East corner of section 19 in township 1, range 12, in Webster County, Nebraska, running thence west on the section line between sections 18 and 19 in said township and range, and terminating at the Franklin County boundary line, has reported in favor of the establishment thereof, all objections thereto and claims for damage must be filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county on or before noon of the 13th day of March, 1909, or such road will be established without reference thereto.

Dated January 4, 1909,
E. W. Ross,
County Clerk

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RELIEVES COUGHS AND COLDS

BEES LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP CONFORMS TO NATIONAL PURE FOOD AND DRUGS LAW. An improvement over many Cough, Lung and Bronchial Remedies, because it rids the system of a cold by acting as a cathartic on the bowels. No opiates. Guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded. Prepared by PINEULE MEDICINE CO., CHICAGO, U. S. A.

FOR SALE AT COOK'S DRUG STORE.

A Clean Up Sale.

Do you need any Underwear, Dress goods, Yarns, Outings, Laces, Embroideries, Ribbons, Hose and Mittens. If so come in and let us show you our line and get prices; it will be to your advantage to buy of us.

Following are a few of the Bargains.

Dress Goods.	Underwear.
Remnants at 33 1-3 per cent off.	Every piece in the regular line at 20 per cent off.
All other goods at 20 per cent off.	All odd pieces at 33 1-3 per cent off.
Yarns.	Embroideries and Laces.
Fleishers Zephyrs were 12 1-2 now 10 cents.	You know our laces and embroideries are the best and cheapest at regular prices.
Fleishers knitting-worsted 35c skein now 25c.	We now offer the entire line at 20 per cent off.
Fleishers Shetland-floss at 80c lb.	Special price on remnants.
Calicoes at 5c	

This sale will last for two weeks only. First comer gets the pick of the stock. Come early.

At F. NEWHOUSE'S

and had eight physicians, but received no benefit until she tried Dr. DeChon's Relief for Rheumatism. It gave her immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by The H. E. Grice Drug Co., Red Cloud, Neb.

Public Sale!
Monday, January 18, 1909
At Ten O'clock A. M.

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J. M. Ellinger, Auctioneer.
John Yung, Clerk.

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OUR BUSINESS IS ON THE INCREASE!

WHY?

Because our prices on these goods are right - almost as cheap as the inferior goods sold by other houses. We invite you to the largest house in the county, one that pays taxes on \$19,000 worth of goods while our competitors pay on \$7,500. You can readily see where to trade to get the goods. We are here to stay. Give us a trial and be convinced. We are not undersold by anybody.

Red Cloud Hardware and Implement Co.
WM. WOLFE, Secretary.

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED.

When looking for the Best in Furniture, Carpets and Undertaking come to the Leaders.

Amack & Chaney

Leaders in Furniture and Undertaking
MOON BLOCK ALL THE PHONES

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM CURED IN 3 DAYS.
Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had Inflammatory Rheumatism in every muscle and joint; her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks