

By a petition of the legal voters the citizens of Red Cloud will be allowed to vote wet or dry this spring, thus leaving the candidates out of the question entirely. Alma tried this plan last year and the city never had a more satisfactory council, always working in harmony for the town.—Alma Record.

A self-acting sofa, just large enough for two, has been invented. If properly wound up, it will begin to ring a warning bell, just before 10 o'clock. At one minute past ten it splits apart and while one half carries the daughter up stairs, the other half kicks the young man out the door. They will come high, but nevertheless several parties in this town feel that one of these sofas will be a household necessity in the near future. But what if the occupants of the sofa should mistake their relative sections?—Hemford Journal.

A smooth stranger has been in the territory north of town lately and worked quite a number to take out accident insurance. He claimed to represent a Lincoln accident insurance company, and his manners and ways of doing business created a confidence on the part of the farmers in his honesty and reliability. Policies were promised immediately and good money was paid in advance assessments. Some of them paid as high as a year ahead. Now they learn that the afore said stranger was not an authorized agent and neither had he turned in his collections.—Riverton Review.

Next Friday evening Feb. 18th the democrats of this section of the State will give a banquet at Bloomington. A large gathering of the untried is expected. All democrats are invited to attend and bring as many republicans with you as possible. You can reserve a place at the banquet board by writing Judge J. W. Kelso Bloomington. Tickets \$1.00. The following is the list of speakers and their subjects.
 Toastmaster U. H. Malick
 "The Nebraska Democracy"
 Gov. A. C. Shallenberger
 "A Democrat" Bernard McNeeny
 "Platform Pledges" W. H. Thompson
 "Insurgency" R. D. Sutherland
 "The Situation" Fred A. Ashton
 "The Tenth District" Judge Dungan

The Farmer's Institute

The Farmers Institute held in the Miner Bros. building was a grand success from the commencement to the end. The hall was filled at every session and the whole community in and around this city were more than interested in the occasion. There were many articles on exhibition and the hall presented a cheerful appearance. The opening session was called to order at 12 M. Thursday at which a big free dinner was served. After dinner the orchestra played a piece and Rev. A. A. Cressman offered the opening prayer. Then the ladies quartet delighted the audience with singing. Mr. J. S. Gilham delivered the opening address in his usual happy manner calling attention to the vast changes in this country since the first institute was held in the seventies. It may not have been called an institute but Mr. Gilham made it seem that way and delighted the audience with his facts and presentation. After this Mr. Nelson from the Iowa State Agricultural school discussed "The Small Grain Crop." Those present were deeply interested in this discussion and received much benefit from it. He proved to all that he knew what he was talking about. The next discussion was "Saving the Corn Crop." Unfortunately neither Mr. Ellinger nor Mr. Joe Gurney were present and the burden fell upon J. M. Stewart and Dan Garber. We regret that we did not have the pleasure of hearing Mr. Stewart but we were informed by those present that he had some well refined ideas upon the subject and presented them clearly. Mr. Garber proved himself capable of thinking upon his feet and gave a real interesting address, showing how the high cost of living affected the farmer and the importance of saving all the crop. Mrs. Beatrix Florence then sang a solo to the delight of all hearers. Miss Myrtle Kaufman of Lincoln followed upon the subject "The Care, Cutting and Curing of Meat." One was greatly surprised to know that there is really a great deal to be said upon this subject. She explained fully and plainly just how meat should be prepared not only for its wholesomeness but also for its appearance. Many of the experienced cooks learned much that will be of value to them in the future.

The evening session began promptly at 7:15. Miss Kauffman spoke upon the subject "Planning the Meals of the day to Economize time, labor and expense." Her experience in Institute work places Miss Kauffman in the position to tell the ladies some of the wonderful things that can be accomplished by planning. Undoubtedly many of her hearers will plan from now on as they have never planned before.

One of the most enjoyable features of the institute was the Teacher's Chorus. The teachers of our public schools are gifted with excellent voices and the audience appreciated their good singing. Following this teachers' chorus Miss Burke gave a delightful reading.

Mr. Nelson then took up the subject "Agriculture for our rural schools." He dwelt at length upon the efforts being put forth at the present time to keep the boys on the farm and then showed how it is possible to stimulate an interest in agriculture in the rural school where every thing is at hand to make it of practical value. Educate the boy to the real greatness of farming and you create a desire on his part to become a successful farmer.

This was followed by a discussion by Rev. Hussong who corroborated Mr. Nelson in all he said and showed how easy it was to interest farmer boys in the technical matters incident to the growing of crops.

Friday morning opened with a selection from the orchestra.

Rev. Stuffer gave the invocation. The Male quartet captured the audience with their singing.

Rev. Bates then delivered an excellent address upon "Birds." He is an authority upon this subject and after describing some of the common species to be found in Nebraska he showed how the little feathery tribe aided the farmer in producing grain. It is really surprising to learn how efficiently these friends do their work.

At 11 a. m., Mr. C. D. Lyon of Georgetown, Ohio, was introduced and for more than an hour he held his audience intently on the subject "Rotation of Crops." How to raise more crops on the same land is a great question. He paid high tribute to the work alfalfa is doing in storing up nitrogen in the soil. Alfalfa is even better for this purpose than clover and the same ground after being planted to alfalfa for a few years will produce several bushels more of wheat per acre than before. This address will be of especial benefit to this community owing to the fact that very little attention is paid to keeping the soil fertile while it is new.

In the afternoon the hall was crowded to its full capacity. The orchestra led off with a pleasing selection and Roy Robinson showed that he is an adept in the use of a trombone.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Geo. W. Hummel, President
 James Buckles, Vice-President.
 Henry Gilham, Secretary-Treasurer.
 Executive committee:—Ed. Payne, Catherton; O. R. Pitney, Inavale; F. Stokes, Walnut; C. B. Stewart, Line; J. F. Drain, Red Cloud township; Frank Strobl, Batin; Jake Ellinger, Red Cloud; Dr. Damerell, Red Cloud City.
 Miss Irene Miner was elected chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary Committee with power to choose assistants.

"Problems of Pork production" was the subject assigned to Mr. S. R. McKelvie of the Nebraska Farmer. The editor of a farm paper has an excellent opportunity of studying conditions at first hand as he travels over the state and visits all classes of farmers. His views were formed from facts and were consequently of great importance to his hearers. In the discussion which followed by Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Hogate it was readily seen that these gentlemen have had experience of their own in raising hogs and have successfully solved many of the perplexing problems connected with the production of pork.

Miss Burke and Mr. Albright then sang a duet which so pleased all that they were recalled for another selection.

Mr. Lyon brought out some interesting thoughts on the subject of "Tillage and its importance." He showed how important it is to prepare the ground properly and thoroly for any crop. Too many farmers are satisfied with one harrowing. If a good crop is expected the ground must be in proper condition.

Mr. O. R. Pitney of Inavale spoke from experience and showed that a gain of four or five bushels per acre was possible with proper tillage. And this gain cost less than the rest. It is a paying investment to get the ground in the best possible condition.

This was followed by a song by the ladies quartette.

Prof. J. Bowers of Lincoln then addressed the meeting upon the subject "Should we Keep Dairy Cattle." He answered the question in the affirmative and showed by his charts and statistics how it was highly profitable to keep good dairy cattle on the farm. He gave much information in regard to the selection of a dairy cow and his information will undoubtedly be of much benefit to our people. Mr. Hartwell led in the discussion which followed and many experiences of profit

were exchanged.
 In the evening the audience enjoyed another fine selection of music given by the orchestra and a cornet solo by M. A. Mercer.

Mr. Lyon then spoke upon the subject of "Poultry on the farm." This was the best address upon the poultry question ever given in Red Cloud. There is an immense profit in the chicken business but you must know what you are doing. You cannot expect to shovel in corn to the chicken and rake in eggs. Feed what you expect to receive in results. Water is the most important of all. We expect to use Mr. Lyon's experience in our own coop this year.

We were fortunate enough to secure Mr. Hasebrook's letter on poultry and it will be found in full on another page of this paper.

Mrs. Florence sang one of her stirring songs and then Mr. McKelvie delivered an address upon "Nebraska Farming" which was highly appreciated.

Father Fitzgerald surprised most of his audience in his talk upon "Semi-precious stones of Webster County." Most of us were ignorant of the fact that jaspers, agates and other stones could be had for the finding. He has a large collection of these beautiful stones mounted on cards. His address was very interesting and if we are not mistaken we will all be looking for jewels from now on.

The institute proved that our people are very much interested in farming. Plans are being made for a more extensive program next year. There is one feature, however, which cannot be improved upon and that is the music. This was excellent and helped in no small degree to make the affair a success.

The following are the winners of the premiums:

White corn—T. W. White, 1st; Lyman Essig, 2nd; C. B. Stewart, 3rd.
 Yellow corn—Henry Gilham, 1st; C. B. Stewart, 2nd; Coon and Manley, 3rd.
 Red corn—Len Wilmot, 1st; E. Brinkman, 2nd; Fred Harris, 3rd.
 Best ear of corn—C. B. Stewart.
 Best wheat—Mike Kudrna, 1st; O. Ramey, 2nd; J. J. Ryan, 3d
 Best oats—Fred Bright, 1st; Lyman Essig, 2nd.

Best sample alfalfa hay—J. M. Stewart, 1st; C. B. Stewart, 2nd; Len Wilmot, 3d.

Best wild hay—J. M. Stewart, 1st; Len Wilmot, 2nd; C. B. Stewart, 3d.
 Best potatoes—Will McPherson, 1st; E. W. Anderson, 2nd; C. W. Stewart, 3d.

Best trio poultry—Mrs. Ben Pegg, 1st; Lyman Essig, 2nd; Mrs. George Pierce, 3d.

Best sweet potatoes—T. R. Hummel, 1st.

Best display of butter—Miss Dora Doose, 1st.

Best bread baked by girl under 16—Gladys Fry, 1st; Bernice Saunders, 2d.

Best cake by girl under 16—Gladys Fry, 1st; Mabel Essig, 2nd; Eleanor Gilham, 3d.

Best pies by girl under 16—Margaret Ryan, 1st; Bernice Cummings, 2nd.

Best butter—Mrs. Boyd Munsell, 1st; Mrs. Ed McCune, 2nd; Miss Dora Doose, 3d.

Special to boys for best corn grown by them—Jimmie Doyle, 1st; Everett Coon, 2nd; Emil Polnicky, 3d.

Pop corn—Will Boren, 1st; W. T. White, 2nd.

Special best variety of cooking—Mrs. Geo. Coon.

Best display of corn—Geo. W. Hummel.

The one taking greatest number of premiums—C. W. Stewart.

The one making the greatest variety in display—J. J. Ryan.

Best pair of geese—Mrs. Geo. W. Hummel.

Best ducks—Everett Coon.

W. A. Hasebrook's Letter on Poultry

The term Poultry Farm is familiar to all. These are mainly small holdings of one or more acres and do not contribute greatly to the egg supply. On the average agriculture farms advantages are afforded for keeping unlimited number of laying stock and opportunities are given to increase the egg yield that are not found anywhere else.

In the past poultry keeping was a side issue with the farmers but now best paying investments we have in proportion to the amount of capital invested. Larger profits are derived from this source than from any other livestock on the farm.

The poultry man's trade is practically at his door but he must inspire confidence in his hens. Hens like men fail to operate when confidence is shattered. When hens are well and well cared for they have confidence in their keeper and they prove that faith by a profitable egg yield, it is there for necessary that we get down to strict business principles. Any one can keep hens but every one cannot have hens keep them. It requires no stretch of imagination to believe that a well managed hen will lay 150 eggs a year. Some farmers whom I know do not even get enough eggs in the winter time to supply them for home use. If your hens do not lay at all there is a reason for it some where. Hens do

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To close out what is left of our winter underwear will close out cheap as I do not wish to carry any over until next year.

Children's fleeced drawers or vests size 16 at 10c were 15c.

Children's fleeced union suits, size 4, 5, 6, at 20c.

Children's heavy fleece union suits, size 4, 5, 6, at 40c.

Ladies cotton fleeced vests and drawers. The 25c ones at 20c, the 50c ones at 40c.

Ladies fleeced union suits, the \$1 ones at 80c, \$1.50 ones at 1.10, \$2.50 ones at 1.75, \$3.00 ones at 2.25.

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to \$3.25.

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