

What Red Cloud Needs

Under this title a writer in the last issue of the Chief submits a platform of twelve planks. These planks present twelve distinct subjects, each of which is worthy of general discussion and thoughtful consideration. Six of them relate to the financial, and six to the moral, condition of the city. The writer advocates:

1st. A discontinuance of night watch at the expense of the city. Would it be safe to let it be known that during the four hours of darkness between the 2 o'clock and 6 o'clock passenger trains, the city was unpoliced, especially when the writer also advocates that the electric lights be extinguished during this period? The city is under some obligation to protect the residences, as well as the stores from burglaries and arson. We all sleep better because of the sense of security from the employment of a night watch. There is no reason why the burden of paying his compensation should fall on one part of the community, or depend upon the precarious basis of individual subscription.

2nd. Discontinuance of street sprinkling at the expense of the public. The same general answer may be given to this suggestion. All the people in the city are annoyed by the dust that accumulates in the centres of traffic. It is not the fault of the merchants that the business centres need the sprinkler. It should be the pride of the city that there is traffic enough centred about a few blocks to keep down the grass and generate dust. Every man, woman and child in the city is benefitted by the suppression of the dust on Webster Street and Fourth Avenue, and the whole city should provide for the cleanliness of those streets, precisely as all the occupants of an apartment house should help pay the janitor who cleans out the ashes from the furnace room.

3rd. Discontinuance of light service after 11 o'clock. This would practically end the use of electric lights. While there is not much current used after 11 o'clock at night, there is not a consumer, who has not taken into consideration the facility to use it, should it be required, at any hour of the night. If he is to keep lamps, oil and matches in readiness for all emergencies after 11 o'clock, he would just as soon be without the electric lights entirely, and depend wholly upon the old methods of illumination.

4th. Discontinuance of Daylight

Service. Several thousand dollars have been expended by the citizens in the purchase of motors, stoves, flat irons, fans, vacuum cleaners and other electric apparatus, on the faith of this daylight current. We have just entered upon the electric age. The electric power is installed in most of our houses. If we are to be derived of this, the city will take a step backward, instead of forward. Whether the compensation paid for daylight current is sufficient to equal the cost to the city is a question I am not able to say. Somelody should be able to give an approximate answer. It is possible that there should be a monthly charge to the consumers, in addition to the meter rates for every electric appliance in use. For instance, fifty cents each for flat iron, fans, vacuum cleaner etc., \$1.00 for stoves, \$2.00 for motors, etc. The city must offer all reasonable conveniences to the enterprising, prosperous and progressive people of the community, or it will have little to offer to the unprogressive. It must be made as desirable a place for abode as are other cities of the same size and prospects, or it will cease to be the residence of enterprising, liberal-minded people. With that class removed from our population, the remainder might as well sojourn in a penitentiary or grave yard.

5th. Discontinuance of the water from the Smith wells. Does the city require this water at present? If so, how otherwise shall it be obtained? It is comparatively easy to elect men on a promising platform, but how are we to get the needed water, if we abstain from the use of the Smith wells?

6th. Re-adjustment of the Water and Light Rates to give the poorer people more for their money and encourage consumption. This has a specious ring. But what re-adjustment is proposed? Would the writer reduce the minimum of one dollar? Can a book account be opened with a customer, and collections be made with profit with charges less than a dollar per term? Would he fix the rates higher than they now are for those who consume more? Can he guarantee that those higher rates would be paid? It might be easy to throw the whole system into confusion. The present administration tried raising the rates on the milling company with the result that the milling company installed a gasoline engine, and the city lost its most important daylight customer. The city has the problem of getting some service for its investment, and that problem can not be solved by appeals to class prejudice. The proposi-

tions of the writer have just a little of this apparent appeal to the discontented. It is not by reduction of taxes that our highest civic welfare will be attained, but by getting a dollar's worth of good for a dollar expended. Parsimony has never built a happy home, or an attractive city. Those who seek Red Cloud as a cheap place in which to die may murmur as to taxes. But, if they lived too meagrely in the past, their last days should be terminated with a little extravagance. The moral issues presented may all be disposed of in a single paragraph. Experience has demonstrated that the police of cities, whether they be of the size of Red Cloud, Chicago, or New York, can not, or will not, enforce the laws relative to liquor, amusements, social vice, satisfactorily to the tastes of moral righteousness that reach their height in the pupil at the election dates. These vices live and thrive, because the guilty know that the sentiment for their possession is spasmotic, not continuous, factional, not universal, at its full a few days before election, and certain to subside when cold fact makes its demand for cold cash. Ten thousand dollars spent yearly for police might satisfy the demands of the pupil, with a stainless Red Cloud. But sensible men have long accustomed themselves to hear with indifference these periodical jeremiads from those who derive their salaries from the vicious elements of the city so conduct themselves that it is necessary to employ detectives to ferret out their vices, the majority of us can bear with their violations of the law. This writer has no confidence in a sixty dollar a month marshal or a two hundred dollar detective fund for the suppression of vice. High license is the only sure preventive against bootlegging. Legitimated provision for the needs of human nature is the only sure preventive against illegitimate indulgence. Everybody except the irresponsible howlers has learned this long ago, and wisdom has contented itself with letting the howl howl itself to rest.

Notice to Creditors.
State of Nebraska, In the County Court, Webster County.
In the matter of the estate of Christian Hauser, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against Christian Hauser, late of Webster county, deceased, that the time fixed for filing claims against said estate is six months from the 28th day of March, A. D. 1913.
All such persons are required to present their claims, with the vouchers, to the County Judge of said county, at his office therein, on or before the 28th day of September 1913; and all claims so filed, will be heard before the said judge on the 28th day of September 1913, at ten o'clock a. m.; and that the administrator is allowed one year from the 1st day of March, A. D. 1913, in which to pay the debts allowed against said estate and settle the same.
[SEAL] A. D. HANNEY, County Judge.

Margaret A. Pope

In the quiet of the evening last Friday at 6 o'clock Mrs. Margaret A. Pope passed on to her reward. The funeral services were held in the home of her son, C. J. Pope, and was attended by a very large number of our most prominent citizens, who came to pay the last sad honors to the dead. Rev. John J. Bayne, pastor of the Congregational church officiating. The text of the sermon was Luke 24:39. "Abide with us; for it is toward evening and the day is far spent."
Mrs. Pope had reached the eventide of a long and useful life. But as the sun was going down she looked up and bended, ever shining, the star of immortal hope. She fell asleep as gently and peacefully as a child. Her faith in her God firm, her mind clear and strong and her trust in Him who said: "In my Father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you." Death is but a sunset with Christ in it! The sun goes, but wherever he goes it is day. He blazes a path for himself through the forest of night. Darkness rests only upon the world that he has left. So this saintly mother passed away. We say, "An aged wife and mother is dead;" God says, "A woman, freed from the weakness and limitations of the flesh is alive!" Dying is transformation. It is home going, happiness and the Father's house. Toward the last, realizing that she was soon to go she remarked "I shall be better soon." Thus she lay down to sleep to awake in glory. The following lines were favorite ones of hers and how well they apply to her own life:

"Some time, when daylight is ended,
And the duties he gave me are done,
I shall watch at life's western window
The gleam of the setting sun,
I shall fall asleep in the twilight,
As I never have slept before,
To dream of the beautiful city,
Till I waken to sleep no more.
There will fall on my restless spirit,
A hush, oh, so wondrously sweet,
And I shall cross over the river,
To rest at the Master's feet."

Miss Margaret A. Olmstead, was born November 27, 1825, at Middletown New York. She was the oldest of a large family of children. Her father moved his family to Kentucky when she was quite young, but returned to New York state when Margaret was 14 years old. Soon after she began working in a paper mill in the north east part of Pennsylvania. She was promoted very rapidly and soon became the most expert worker in the mill. It was at this time that she met Mr. Pope. The friendship ripened into love and they were married on the 26th day of October 1845. After living there several years they moved into the then new and unsettled state of Wisconsin. They were among the earliest pioneers to settle in Waupaca County. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pope were very energetic and it is said they improved no less than six farms. They were blessed with a family of six boys, five of whom lived to grow up. Four are still living, George, Cliff, Jay and Clair. All of them well known to our people. It was 39 years ago that Mr. and Mrs. Pope came to Webster County. Residing first at Blue Hill and for the past 12 years at Red Cloud. Mrs. Margaret Pope was a splendid example of a true mother. She was kind, loving and self-sacrificing in the home and always thought of others before herself. She was a thorough Christian, and a regular attendant at church. She brought up her boys to attend church and Sunday school and to respect religion. Beside the four sons there are 25 grand-children living and 15 great-grand-children, all of the latter being boys with the exception of the last two. The heart-felt sympathy of the entire community goes out toward those who mourn the loss of a loving mother and a faithful wife. She was nearly 88 years old and her husband who survives her is 89. Our sympathy goes out particularly to him who in his old age is bereft of that companion who has been his constant joy during 64 years of happy wedded life. May the God of all mercy sustain and comfort him in his declining years.

Hannah Alma Kuehn

Mrs. Hannah Alma Kuehn died at her home five miles south of Red Cloud Saturday evening, after a short illness of only a few weeks.
She was born in Richland county, Wisconsin, August 22nd, 1862, and was 50 years, 6 months and 16 days old. On April 4, 1889, she was married to W. P. Kuehn, who with an adopted son, two brothers and three sisters are left to mourn her loss.
Mrs. Kuehn spent her girlhood days in this place, making her home for a number of years at the home of Mrs. E. A. Oatman. She was baptized in the Christian church when 14 years of age, and had lived a true christian life, winning for herself the friendship of all who knew her.
The funeral services were conducted at the M. E. church this afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Wm. Nau. To the grief stricken husband and relatives the sympathy of the entire community is extended, in this their darkest hour of sorrow.

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Plowing Demonstration

We will give a plowing demonstration on the C. J. Platt farm one mile west of town, Wednesday and Thursday, March 19th and 20th. An International Kerosene Tractor and Plowing Outfit will be used.

Every twenty minutes an auto will leave our shop for the demonstration.

Whitaker & Buckles

Red Cloud, Nebraska

The Alumni of Red Cloud High School

We are fast approaching the close of another school year and soon the Alumni Association of Red Cloud will have added thirty more to its list.

Perhaps it would be of interest to the people of Red Cloud to read of our growth in numbers. In 1888 there were four graduates; in 1889, one; in 1890, three; in 1892, three; in 1893, ten; in 1894, nine; in 1895, eleven; in 1896, seven; in 1897, twelve; in 1898, thirteen; in 1899, twelve; in 1900, fourteen; in 1901, ten; in 1902, nine; in 1903, nine; in 1904, eleven; in 1905, eleven; in 1906, thirteen; in 1907, fourteen; in 1908, twelve; in 1909, fifteen; in 1910, fifteen; in 1911, twenty; in 1912, twenty five.

Among our Alumni many are specializing in their chosen callings at our colleges, universities, and technical schools. Others have launched out in to the sea of life and are filling positions of trust and prominence. Among whom we might mention the following:

Miss Gertrude L. Coon, County Superintendent of Public Schools; Fred E. Maurer, County Attorney; Dr. Robert Mitchell, one of our physicians; Henry Newhouse, jeweler; Bruce Robinson, Superintendent of the M. M. Johnson Electric Light and Power Plant at Clay Center; Darley Plumb, practicing physician in the northern part of our state, and Wm. Edson, Holten Letson, Harry Cramer, James Cather, Paul Pope, Stacey Morhart, Will Bailey, Glen Walker and Floyd Turnure all of whom are prominent business men of our little city.

And last but not least among our Alumni, I mention Willa Cather, one of the editors of McClure's Magazine. In the school year commencing in 1907, the Normal Training Department

was made a part of our High School. Since then Red Cloud has produced sixty teachers. Six of these are now teaching in our home school. Misses Vernon Storey and Ruth Johnston in the High School, and Misses Ethel Garber, Mary Sheldon, Alice Coombs and Clara Burgess in the grades.

As to the Alumni of 1913, we extend hearty congratulations and wish them abundant success in their chosen life work.

BATIN

It seems like Spring had got here at last.

George Kudrna moved on his new farm Tuesday.

Most of the farmers in this locality have commenced farming.

Mrs. Jos. Polnick and family visited with Jos. Havel and family.

W. H. Hoffmann went to Litchfield Monday where he expects to stay for a few days.

Len Englehardt hauled hay Saturday which he had on Mrs. Jos. Polnick's farm.

M. Vavricks and sons Willie and Louis and their wives took dinner with Jos. Jelinek's.

Joe Vavricks came home from Crete a week ago Monday and returned to Crete Tuesday with his auto.

S. G. Coulter and Paul Pope were in this locality representing the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company.

Mrs. Jos. Jelinek and Mrs. Jos. Pavlick were at Mrs. Charley Scott's Friday to see the little girl which was a new arrival there.

FOR SALE

I will sell at Auction on the streets of Red Cloud Saturday, March 15, a wagon load of good Seed Potatoes.

A. BAER.

== We Wish To ==

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Early Spring Shoppers

➤ To Visit Our Store ➤

This season we are showing splendid styles in

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Ladies' Dresses, Etc.

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