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So far we have had an ideal winter season. The ground is plentifully filled with moisture and it will not be long before the farmers will be in their field again and winter will be gone. The history of this country shows that as a usual thing when there is a shortage of crops nature makes up by giving us a mild winter. This is very much appreciated by all except possibly the ice man.

Notwithstanding the fact that there is snow on the ground the sound of sleigh bells has not been heard. The trouble with a sleigh is that we do not have an opportunity to use one once in ten years and consequently the purchasing of sleighs is not a very profitable pass time in this community. However we might put the bells on the drag wagons and get the benefit of the music.

The year 1913 will go down into history with a mixed record. It was a year of many disasters. The Ohio flood and the Omaha tornado destroyed thousands of dollars worth of property and many lives. This state suffered from the devastations of the tornado and from the partial failure of crops. The record was broken for continued hot weather.

But on the other hand the year 1913 will be known for the sweeping victory of the Democratic party. A democratic governor was seated in this state and a democratic president was inaugurated in the capital city. Both branches of congress are in control by the democrats. The tariff has been materially reduced downward and an adequate currency bill passed.

All indications point to a boomer year during the next twelve months. Big business is satisfied and orders for material are being poured into the manufacturing. Here is a goodbye to the old year and a glad welcome to the new one.

Forest Notes.

The forest products laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin, has made 4,000 tests on the strength of American woods.

The gathering and selling of acorns is a new industry, in Arkansas, to supply eastern nursery firms with material for forest planting.

Thirty different wood preservatives are in commercial use in the United States; many of them utilize cresote of one sort or another; others require chemical salts.

Last year the forest service distributed 116,000 basket willow cuttings; 15,000 to forest schools, 20,000 to agricultural experiment stations, and 81,000 to individuals.

More than 800,000 horsepower has been developed from streams on national forests under government regulation. This represents the output under conditions of lowest stream flow.

Florida buttonwood, a tree confined largely to the keys along the south coast, is very highly prized for use in cooking on ship's galleys. It burns slowly with an even heat and makes but a little smoke or ash.

State Statistics

A number of papers have commented on the fact that the state statistics, compiled by the Nebraska Board of Agriculture under the Scott act, are remarkably near the correct yields while the federal experts have strayed far from the mark. Federal corn estimates give a greater market value than last year, placing the yield at 114,000,000 bushels while the state's estimate is 90,000,000 bushels. Secretaries of the agricultural boards of Kansas and Iowa report that the government has overestimated about 30 per cent in those states.

FOR RENT—A good 160 farm 7 miles from Red Cloud, 6 miles south and 1 mile west. This is a good place and will rent for cash. For full particulars see or phone 12 on 9—M. I. MERRILL.

COWLES

Fred Gund was in Cowles between trains Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. Putnam has her daughter and niece visiting her.

Chas. Bennett was transacting business in Blue Hill Tuesday.

School will commence next Monday after a two weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jud White were in Red Cloud Tuesday for a short time.

Mrs. Ethel Phenice of Des Moines, Iowa, is here visiting her sister Mrs. E. T. Foe.

Mrs. M. Davis, Horace Morris and Ed Koon were passengers to Hastings Tuesday.

The skaters are now enjoying themselves gliding over the ice these cold frosty nights.

Most of the young men are hunting rabbits and selling them to Ed Koon who ships them.

A. Horn of Bladen came down Tuesday for a short visit with his daughter Mrs. McBride.

Miss Elma Squires of Hastings came down Monday for a short visit with her sister Mrs. E. T. Foe.

Mort Marsh, who has been working in Missouri, came home to spend the holidays with his parents and friends.

Thomas Deakin spent the better part of two days pumping water and flooding the ice on Wm. Thomas' pond.

Professor L. R. Gregory who has been spending his vacation with friends, left for York Tuesday where he is attending college.

F. A. Good is home again from his outing of a number of weeks at Excelsior Springs, Mo. He comes back much improved in health.

Rolland Ritchey left for Hastings Friday after spending Xmas with his parents. He has a clerical position with the Lincoln Telephone Co.

Misses Nettie and Blanch Lorentz of Hastings, formerly of this place, have been spending their vacation here visiting friends and relatives.

The progress on our new school building is coming along very nicely. They completed the roof and will soon have it enclosed if the weather will permit.

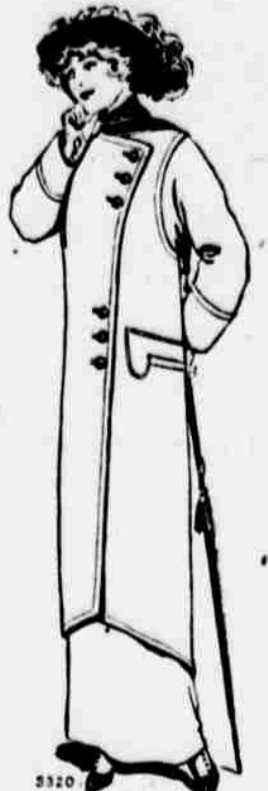
We understand Mr. Long has sold his drug store to a man from Guide Rock. We are very sorry to have this occur as we feel Mr. Long has been one of us in helping to build up this little village. However we wish him all the success in life possible whatever vocation in life he undertakes.

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Wedding Bells

Merrily ring the wedding bells but none more merrily or cheerily than they rang in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hale of Inaville on Christmas day at high noon. The day was an ideal one. The snow had covered the ground and glistened in the sunlight. All was brightness without but no brighter than the sunshine and gladness within. Not a shadow was to be seen anywhere. Exactly as the clock was striking the noon hour the wedding march of Mendelssohn played by Miss Flora Tickner of Falls City, Nebraska, began to peal forth its joyous notes of harmony and gladness.

As the wedding march continued, the bride, Miss Bina Hale and the groom, Frank C. Sutton attended by the minister and their attendants, Miss Pearl Sutton and Arthur Arnold entered a beautifully decorated room where the marriage was ratified.

Standing in the large bay window, beneath the bells which hung over them the young couple presented a very fine appearance. The groom was dressed in formal black and the bride in white satin, holding in her hands a beautiful bouquet or wedding wreath of white roses, white hyacinths and maiden hair ferns. A brother-in-law of the bride, Rev. O. E. Tickner, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Falls City, repeated the impressive ring ceremony that united them in the holy bonds of matrimony. The bride and groom gave their promises and pledges in an audible voice, realizing the sacredness of the solemn obligation, while all the time the music in a subdued tone added to the harmony of the whole.

After the ceremony the company set down to a regal five course dinner that was certainly a compliment to the cooks and a feast to those who enjoyed it. The company who were present beside the parents of the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. William Heflebower, of Erie, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. W. Worth Hale an instructor in Harvard University whose residence is Boston, Massachusetts, Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Tickner and children, Flora, Douglas and Clinton of Falls City, Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Hale and daughter, Marie of Cowles, Nebraska, Roy, Roy and Pearl Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevens, Arthur Arnold, George and Stella Heflebower and Miss Dena Peterson.

Many and costly gifts, silver and cut glass, china and pictures, stores and rugs were presented to the young couple. The young people are well known, the groom having grown to manhood in this community and the bride being a native of Webster county.

Both are young people of sterling worth and their characters speaks of a happy and joyous future.

Nutritious Wild Rice.

The wild rice which grows in lakes in the northern part of the United States and in the southern part of Canada has a long black grain and is quite different in many respects from the true rice familiar to everybody. Wild rice is best known to many persons as a favorite food of wild ducks and other water fowl, but it sells in some cities at two or three times the price of ordinary rice. It is considered the most nutritious grain grown in North America.

Lucifer Matches Date From 1834.

Lucifer matches—that is, matches tipped with an explosive substance that bursts into flame on being struck—were first used about 1834. Many improvements have been made in matches since then, the most important of which was the invention of the safety match, striking on the box only.

Hunts Hares With Auto.

Sport in a new form now appeals to a New Zealand farmer. Driving in a motor car with two powerful headlights, he bags nightly between six and a dozen hares, the animals being so fascinated by the glare of the lamps that they become stationary targets.

Time is Sometimes Kind.

Father Time is not always a hard parent, and, though he carries for some of his children, often lays his hand lightly upon those who have used him well, making them old men and women inexorably enough, but leaving their hearts and spirits young and in full vigor. With such people the gray head is but the impression of the old fellow's hand in giving them his blessing, and every wrinkle but a notch in the quiet calendar of a well-spent life.—From Barnaby Rudge.

A Happy New Year

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:-

We desire to thank you one and all for your liberal patronage during the past year. We have striven hard to merit it. We assure you that in the ensuing year our efforts will be even greater to give you better values and better service.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

I remain,
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- 2nd 3479---Mrs. Geo. McKinney.
- 3d 167---Miss Pearl Sutton.

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