

Invalide Items

Mr. Roy Rutledge is helping E. W. Loeske with his farm work.

Mrs. Wm. Wonderly spent Tuesday with Mrs. Geo. Matkin.

Mrs. Anna Fulton has been quite sick but it better at this writing.

Chas. Paulgar began work for R. E. Hunter last Monday morning.

Mr. Alfred McCall of Red Cloud, was seen on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. Matkin spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. D. L. Daily.

Mrs. E. W. Loeske spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Jane Farley.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Martin spent Tuesday with C. H. Burgess and wife.

Rev. Borden called on Wm. Moores family Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jane Farley and Iona Burgess were shopping in Red Cloud Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hunter called on Harry Cloud and wife Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Frank Blankenbaker called on her mother, Mrs. Anna Fulton, last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jorgenson were pleasant callers at the Wm. Wonderly home Sunday.

Miss Sylvia Strickland and a Miss Vandike of Red Cloud spent Sunday at the Jno. Rutledge home.

Miss Dorothy Hartwell and Miss Ella Schneider were attending church in Red Cloud Sunday.

Miss Bernice Saunders and Miss Hazel Wonderly attended the masked dance, at Franklin, Monday night.

Mrs. Ernest Loeske was a passenger to Red Cloud last Wednesday. She went to have some dental work done.

Mrs. Steve Laughren returned home Saturday evening after several days visit with her parents, near Bladen.

Mrs. Stella Kennedy, Alice Palmer, Wm. Wonderly and Geo. Matkin were passengers to Red Cloud, Monday.

Mr. James Vance was in Hastings the last of the week visiting his daughter, Agnes, who is attending school at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Burgess and Mrs. Jane Farley and daughter, Ethel, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Renkel.

Northeast Pawnee

Last Monday, (March 17) was the festival of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. There were little or no celebration here or anywhere in this western country, as the people were deprived of the indispensable and much needed facilities to make the celebration a success, and instill life into the proceedings.

Last week I noticed a treatise in Cappers Weekly on St. Patrick which I did not relish and made me kinda hot. The writer stated that St. Patrick was born 153 years ago, in the little village of Nempthury, near Glastonbury, England. I infer from that the treatise was written by an Englishman who is prone to receive monopolies and grab on to all honors for every thing. It is always natural and customary that whenever a person is born their wish and instructions would be to be buried there (if at all possible). So if St. Patrick was English he probably would be buried there, but no ever illustrious saint is buried where he belongs—Downpatrick, Ireland. (Downpatrick where on grave does fill Beldget Patrick and Columkille.)

I admit that St. Patrick was in England as the great and noted apostle accompanied by four or five prominent Irishmen went over there sometime in the fourth century. (I disremember the year or month they left with the great object of converting them to christianity.) Their task was no small one, abounding in complications and instead of accomplishing their object in the specified or scheduled time it took them double the time and then some most of it all being rough sailing, but St. Patrick and the other gentlemen he had along were characteristic of perseverance and self determination they did not leave until they were satisfied they made a good job of them. Owing to their indefatigable exertions as well as self sacrifice, their health gave way and soon died after arriving in Ireland. In conclusion I wish to impress it on any one in doubt, that St. Patrick was Irish to the back bone and was proud of it too, and so am I.

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Bladen Brieflets

Jens Westensen was a Queen City visitor Tuesday.

Mr. Hedlund was an Ong visitor the latter part of last week.

Mrs. V. A. Hall, Mrs. V. S. Hall, and son, Howard, spent the day Saturday in Hastings.

Leon Samsel of Lebanon, Nebr., visited over Sunday with his brother, O. D., and family.

Henry Davis and family left Saturday evening for their home at Holdrege, after a visit with relatives here.

Mrs. Dr. Frank Baker and little daughters came down from Hildreth Saturday morning for a visit with Mrs. S. F. Baker, and family.

J. A. Denton and family arrived Wednesday of last week from Napier, Iowa, and have moved onto the farm recently vacated by H. H. Hite.

W. A. Cunningham was down to Kansas City the fore part of the week visiting his son, Ivan, who is attending an electrical school at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Oley Iverson came in Friday night from Omaha, where they were in attendance at the auto show the first of the week. I. H. Thomas was in charge of the garage during their absence.

Quite a number of high school students took teachers examinations in Blue Hill last Saturday, among them being: Lela Greig, Violet Davis, Ethel Brewer, Clara Koehler, Hazel Anderson, Gilah Turnbaugh, Ethel Peterson, Icy McNair, Marjatta Green, Charlotte and Blanche Lindgren, Lois Grandstaff and Lucy Miller.

Kansas Pickups

Roy and Everett Meyers sawed wood for Jim Gouldie Tuesday.

Mrs. Everett Meyers was visiting with her sister, Susie, last Saturday.

Mrs. Jim Gouldie was on the sick list last week, but is better at this writing.

Mr. Melvin McCall purchased some cattle from Jim Gouldie last Saturday.

Jay Leadabrand and sister, Melba, made a business trip to Inavale one day last week.

Miss Maude Gouldie who is attending high school at Red Cloud was visiting home folks over Saturday.

Mr. E. K. Davis has just come back from the west and he will make his home on the Chas. Barrett place.

Edgar Leadabrand and sister, Melba, Elmer Fogg and son, Everett and Ida Lund were Sunday visitors at Jim Gouldie's.

Convention at Hastings

Seventy five delegates, pastors and laymen, mostly laymen, closed an enthusiastic conference for the southern union Baptist association at the Clarke hotel Friday afternoon, says the Hastings Daily Tribune. Conferences have been held at Fremont, Grand Island, Alliance and Hastings. The one at Hastings was the most largely attended.

The conference was a school of method for the Victory drive which the Baptist denomination in Nebraska will inaugurate on the second anniversary of the declaration of war, April 6, and to continue until April 20. Baptists throughout the nation hope to raise \$13,000,000 for all phases of church reconstruction work, education and missionary, home and foreign. Nebraska's quota will be \$110,000 and that of the southern union association which includes Hastings and 15 other churches will be \$10,000. The membership of the association is about 2,000. During the drive committee-men will call upon every Baptist.

Considerable time Friday was devoted to the consideration of the proposed inter-church drive for next year, when it is planned to mobilize protestantism in a drive for \$1,000,000,000 for the united reconstruction work of 27 denominations. The Baptist quota in this drive will be \$65,000,000. A survey of needs is being made this year by the denominations that it is expected will engage in the inter-church drive.

Among the leaders in the conference at Hastings were C. H. Bancroft of Omaha and Ray E. York of Lincoln.

It Looks That...
Some fellows think the best vehicle of patriotism is spit...—Baltimore Sun.

Red Cross Knitters Attention!

The task of knitting articles for our soldiers and sailors has been well done and finished. But the Red Cross is now faced with another need, that of the destitute war suffering women and children. A recent cablegram says "the need is great to a degree that few if any of those at home could possibly realize. Pitiable stories have been flashed across the ocean of the thousands upon thousands of little children who are barefooted and barelegged while snow and ice are upon the ground. To meet this emergency it has been determined by the National Red Cross authorities in Washington to have knitted up as soon as possible for these little folks the yarn in the hands of the government held for the use of the Red Cross. Enough yarn to complete 170 childrens sweaters, 75 childrens stockings, and 75 childrens mufflers has been shipped to Webster County Chapter. Instructions also have been sent, but these instructions are in no way obligatory, any good direction may be used for the articles required. Also any color yarn may be used. Chapters are also instructed to accept all knitted articles from wool donated by knitters themselves, even if such articles vary in color and weight.

This is an appeal to the women and children of America to again assist the women and children of the less fortunate countries. And we trust our knitters will take up this new task with enthusiasm.

C. F. CATHER, Chairman.

On March 31st, 1919, the first day of the March term of the District Court, petitions for naturalization are set for hearing at 1:30 p. m. An examiner will be present, on behalf of the government, on that date.

Any soldier, who has been honorably discharged from the military service and who is not a citizen, may file petition for naturalization and is entitled to a hearing on the same immediately, providing he can furnish two credible witnesses who know him to be the man he represents himself to be.

Any applicant desiring to file under this provision, must do so under the supervision of an examiner and should be present with his witnesses on March 31st. All who have arrived in the United States since June 29, 1906, and wishing to file under the above provision, must have certificates of arrival or should apply for them at the office of the Clerk of the District Court at once; that must be produced at the time of the filing of said petition. If a Declaration of Intention has heretofore been made that must also be produced at the time of filing the petition.

The South Western Nebraska Teachers' Association will meet in Holdrege, on Thursday and Friday, April 17-18. Frances Alda, the great Metropolitan opera singer, will appear, accompanied by a world famous pianist. After searching the theatrical and operatic world Miss Alda was considered the very best that could be obtained and the dates had to be pushed down a month to obtain her. On Thursday evening, April 17, W. J. Bryan is to give an address on "World Peace." Bryan's ability to entertain and instruct are so well known that they need no comment here. On Friday afternoon Les Miserables will be given in photo play accompanied by an orchestra. Friday evening will occur the Declarationary contest. Interest is being added to this contest from the fact that a \$165 Victrola goes to the winning school. Many other excellent numbers will appear on the program.

CONNOR R. DALRYMPLE

Connor R. Dalrymple, the 13 year old son of Brussel Dalrymple, died of influenza at Palsade, on March 14th. The remains were brought to Inavale and on Monday afternoon funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Borden, at the home of Rev. Bennett. Interment was made in the Riverton cemetery.

The young lad was born May 28, 1903, in Miami county, Kansas. About four years ago he was left to make his own way in the world without a mother's love or her words of comfort. When we think of the short visit our young friend made to this world we are reminded of the dewdrops on the flowers. The poor dew drops that was hastily snatched away and not allowed to glitter on the flowers, like other happier dewdrops, that live the whole night through and sparkle in the moonlight. But when the clouds appeared in the sky and the rainbow was visible we beheld the dew drops gloriously reset—a glittering jewelery in the Heavens. By this we learn that what withers upon earth blooms again in Heaven.

This dear boy leaves a father, two brothers and two sisters to mourn his loss.

Commissioners Proceedings

Red Cloud, Nebraska
March 18, 1919

The County Board met as per adjournment at 1 p. m., with all members present.

The reports of the following road overseers were approved by the Board:

Gerbard Schrover, road district No. 3; Steve Schutte, road district No. 4; S. E. Johnson, road district No. 8.

Mr. Alfred McCall presented to the County Board his check for \$38.70, same being the amount unexpended of the \$50.00 allowed to him to be used for the entertainment of soldiers sent to camp by the local Board of Webster County. Check was turned over to county treasurer to be credited to the county General Fund.

County Treasurer was instructed to reduce the tax for Charity Lodge No. 53, Red Cloud, for the year 1911 from \$9.62 to \$3.62.

County Treasurer was instructed to reduce the taxes due from M. W. A. Lodge, Red Cloud, from \$22.25 to \$12.50.

Official bond of Thos. McMahon, road overseer of district No. 12 was approved by Board.

The following claims were audited and allowed by the Board and the county clerk instructed to draw warrants on the proper funds in payment of same:

GENERAL FUND	
Red Cloud Chief	\$ 45.00
Harm Rose	21.69
Frank Starr	340.65
O. J. Kailey	6.00
W. Throckmorton	71.56
Anlie B. Spanogle	41.66
Dolly Dickinson	45.00
Henry R. Fausch	23.00
O. P. Harvey	15.80
POOR FUND	
Platt & Frees	62.25
Farmers' Union Co.	17.54
W. H. Thomas	1.75
R. P. Weesner Co.	47.87

Board adjourned to April 16, 1919.
B. F. PERRY,
County Clerk

FOR BETTER ROADS

The state of Nebraska may spurn two or three coal millions. The federal government has offered four and one-half millions for road building with the provision that the state raise an equal amount. Nine million dollars would build a considerable stretch of better roads but the Nebraska legislature may decide the smaller melon has a sweeter flavor than the larger one, says the State Journal. Altho four and one-half millions are to be stacked in front of Nebraska, there is no need of calling the entire bet unless the people fear that the government is to get out of the road building game before another biennium rolls along. The state has declared that it is playing table stakes. It may call with whatever is in the stack that the legislature puts in the game. From present indications, that stack will maintain something more than a million but considerably under a million and a half.

Members of the house committee on roads who have labored day and night for weeks in the construction of the state highway bill, are not of their own volition to inject amendments that will increase the amount of the state's table stakes. The bill calls for a one mill levy. Chairman McLaughlin figures that this should raise approximately \$1,080,000 for the biennium. And unless the measure is amended, the government will be required to take back something like \$3,420,000. The impression has gained some circulation that the state is compelled to make a four mill levy to meet the government appropriation and that unless it meets the whole, it will be left to hold the sack. The government makes the provision that the state may accept all or any part of the appropriation. The one condition being that the state raise within its boundaries, an amount exactly equal to the federal gift.

The Quotas of knitted garments for children been assigned as follows by the Knitting Chairman:

RED CLOUD	
Sweaters	80
Prs. Stockings	44
GUIDE ROCK	
Mufflers	36
BLADEN	
Mufflers	36
BLUE HILL	
Sweaters	25
COWLES	
Sweaters	25
Prs. Stockings	30
BATAIN	
Sweaters	7
LINE PRECINCT	
Sweaters	7
GARFIELD	
Sweaters	7
STATE LINE	
Sweaters	10
LESTER	
Sweaters	7

JOTTINGS
From a War Correspondent's Notebook
By ADAM BREEDE

Pigeons also helped to play an active part in the war. They were used as messengers and in many instances they proved helpful. In one case a battalion of troops was surrounded by the enemy for five days. Important messages were fastened to the birds and they were turned loose, and they carried their messages in safety—thus keeping headquarters posted upon conditions. Of course, relief came, and the Germans were driven away.

A case is on record where a pigeon from the loft at Lucy made better time than an aeroplane. Both departed at the same time, but the bird arrived at the objective point three minutes ahead of the aeroplane.

In many cases where troops were cut off from communication because they had advanced so rapidly, pigeons were used with marked success.

The pigeons had rings on their legs bearing the U. S. mark. They were kept cooped up in a cage that had a red, blue, or some other colored glass window in it. When let loose they would fly high in the air and continue until they discovered the same color they had left. They flew from five to twenty miles on an average. The activity of these birds was on the increase as the war progressed.

It would be pretty hard to estimate the number of candles that were used throughout France during the war, but one thing is certain and that is nearly every man, woman, and child put the candle to good use nearly every night, especially during the last year. Those living in Paris or some other city or town near the front would light their candles as soon as the electric lights went out when an air raid alarm was sounded at night. Of course those who could afford the electric flashers had them. But there was so much trouble about getting batteries, and having batteries that would work, that the little old candle was the one thing counted upon for a light in an emergency. But lights of no kind could be used at the front only in dugouts or under cover. But when they could be used candles were the things wanted and they were wanted badly—and fortunately the American army was well supplied with them.

It was a most interesting sight seeing searchlights flashing signals at night to pilots in aeroplanes. These electric flashers were located right out in the open so the aviators would have no trouble in getting the silent messages that were flashed through the night.

They are operated like a telegraph instrument and words are spelled with dots and dashes. A strong light and a powerful lens make it easy for the message to be read at a distance of several miles.

Up in the Toul sector, where the Eighth-ninth, or the Nebraska, division was located so long, I first saw these silent messengers at work. Two signal stations were located at a few miles back of the lines. As soon as the sun went down the Germans began sending up rockets. Then our boys began to send up star shells and signal rockets. One or two big guns began to boom, and then the powerful lights began to wink and blink out messages to the American aviators who were on duty high up in the air. With the rockets painting the heavens, the star shells bursting, and the silent electric messages being flashed in rapid succession it made an impressive scene.

The American horse played a most important part in the European war, and as a result forty-five thousand of them were killed upon the battlefields. I have seen battlefields where dead horses were lying about in scores, most of them having been killed from shrapnel or high explosives. And invariably the roads leading to the trenches were strewn with these dead animals. Whenever there was time to bury the dead horses the soldiers would get busy and do it as quickly as possible, but in most cases the animals were quite badly decayed before they were buried, because it was necessary to care for the dead soldiers first.

It was a common sight to see a squad of soldiers wearing gas masks as they buried horses, so strong and foul was the stench that it would have been almost impossible to handle them any other way.

But there must have been nearly as many horses and mules killed from gas as there were killed from artillery fire.

It is true that there were gas masks for horses and mules at the front, but there were times when these masks could not be put on soon enough. In the event the hostlers and the "mule-skinner" headed the animals away from the gas and turned them loose. Some would make a good "get-away" and would be gathered up the next day, while others would linger in the gas zone only to wander off and die.

First Air Raids Imports
Washington. — Custom authorities have encountered the first case of an airplane imported into the United States under its own motive power.

Notice of Suit

Martha E. Wright, John Gilford, James Gilford, Maggie Shafer, Mary Henne, Frank J. Mahoney and the spouses of each of them and the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees personal representatives and successors in interest of each of them will take notice that George A. Wells as plaintiff, did on January 31, 1919, file his petition and commence an action in the district court of Webster County, Nebraska, against them the object and prayer of which are to quiet in the said plaintiff as against any and all adverse claimants of any of them the title to the Lot Twenty-two (22) in Block Three (3) in the town of Cowles in Webster County, Nebraska, and that the mortgage executed thereon by Edward Gilford and wife to Martha E. Wright, recorded March 21, 1890, in Book Y of Mortgages at page 157 be decreed to have been paid and satisfied and to be discharged of record and that the defendants so named and designated and all persons claiming through or under any of them be forever barred and enjoined from claiming or asserting any right, title or interest in or to the said premises or any part thereof adverse to the plaintiff.

You are required to answer the petition of the plaintiff on file in the office of the Clerk of said court, at Red Cloud, Nebraska, on or before Monday, March 17, 1919.

GEORGE A. WELLS,
By L. H. Blackledge,
Attorney.

Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of Webster County, Nebraska

In the matter of the estate of Louanna Steeley, deceased.

Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is June 25th, 1919, and for the payment of debts is July 31st, 1919, that I will sit at the county court room in said county on the 21st day of March, 1919, to examine, hear and allow all claims duly filed which are a first or second lien upon said estate, and on the 21st day of June, 1919, to examine, hear, allow and adjust all claims and objections of general creditors duly filed.

Dated this 14th day of February, A. D., 1919

(Seal) A. D. RANNEY,
County Judge.

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The insured man's first thought is one of thankfulness that he is so. How about your thoughts if a fireman should appear at your home?

The Day Before the Fire
is the day to insure. As that day may be to-morrow for all you can know or do, it follows that prudence would impell you to stop in our office to-day and have us issue you a policy.

O. C. TEEL
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Another Theory Shattered.
Fat people don't really laugh louder than thin ones. It just makes 'em jig.