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NEBRASKA CITY papers should take pattern after their Plattsmouth neighbors, and publish a little news occasionally. It would be very refreshing reading.

MR. DANA, of the New York Sun' speak of Abraham Lincoln as a noble memory. He is counteracted, however, by our valliant friend, Dr. Miller, who in these days for lack of opportunity to eulogize Jefferson Davis, is casting insinuations and reflecting upon the character of Mr. Lincoln. The copper that is in a man's head is bound to shine sooner of later.

THE HERALD believes just as much as ever that Plattsmouth can get the Diagonal road if proper efforts be made. It cannot get it without work, and it cannot get it by creating a committee which includes parties whose sympathies and affections are so wrapped up in other corporations that they make their knowledge of the works and plans of the committee a merchantable matter. THE HERALD believes a little continuous work, and an effort more than spontaneous, can secure Mr. Woolsten for a day in Plattsmouth, and insure a fair sea and clear sailing in this work thereafter. It is business to push this diagonal scheme and imbecility to sleep by the wayside.

DISTRICT court is in session here and every farmer and citizen from out in the country will observe again as Plattsmouth people observe every day in the year the necessity that exists for a new substantial court house for Cass county. Now the district court rents a hall for court purposes with an office for the clerk adjoining. The petit jury crowd the clerk's office for a room for their deliberations. The grand jury meet in another part of the city in the old court room. The county offices are by themselves excepting that the County Supt. when he holds examinations must go to the high school building for accommodations. All of his inconvenience and expense and trouble and vexation in conducting the county business could be obviated i t the county had twenty-five thousand dollars invested in a building of their own. THE HERALD invites attention to such an investment. The county owns an entire block in one of the finest locations in the city, worth at least three thousand dollars. It cannot be sold, it cannot be utilized, save for the purpose for which it was set aside. Now, then, the county can put a twenty thousand dollar building upon that property, and they can move the county seat sixty days thereafter, and have a property that will pay better than bonds or gold. Property in the city of Plattsmouth is worth not only first cost but twenty per cent every year upon the investment. In this city rents are higher each year than in Lincoln and approximately higher than in the city of Omaha. Business men in the light of such facts are not slow to make investments and Cass county can view these facts and make money in their application. The question of present or future removal of the county seat in the light of these facts plays no part. It is rather a question of building for present convenience, comfort and economy with a surety of a profitable investment for the future regardless of changes.

Look but four years back at the city of Plattsmouth and the value of property then, and compare with the value now. An investment made by Cass county in a building then, would have been a financial investment of which any community might be proud. The people of Cass county have the same opportunity today for a business investment that will pay interest upon interest, and further make convenient and comfortable the transaction of the county's business in a manner to the credity of the third county and the third city in the state.

THE JOURNAL PETTYFOGS.

The Journal states as its candid opinion that the ambition of the republican party is to hold office· Just so. Of course the democratic party cares nothing for office nor its emoluments. All they care for is the good of the country. This democratic party, in order to secure the offices about which the Journal speaks, has done more twisting, lying, stealing, and dirty work than all other parties put together. This party has advocated everything reasonable and unreasonable; has been on every side of every question of a political nature which has been before the people in the last eighteen years. Now this party is free trade in one locality and high tariff in another. It is a party of prohibition in Texas, and anti-prohibition other places; it is greenback to a pp tint in one state and regular urbon in other localities. It is as ersatile in its doctrines and belief, as ude, as tricky as a mule, as accommodating as a nymph *du pave*, as reckless as a cyclone, as dull as a goose, as stable as the wind, as uncertain as a k cashier, and as wonderful as a let. And it is all this for fun; y do not want office, nor expect it.

CRETE'S CYCLONE.

A correspondent of the Omaha Herald writes concerning their late cyclone at that place as follows:

This vicinity was visited yesterday at 6 o.clock in the afternoon by the hardest hail storm ever known here, even by the oldest residents. A black cloud came up from the south raining a light shower, then turned a little to the northwest, but did not go far, though the wind continued to blow from the southeast. The cloud seemed to increase in size and density, while the underpart rolled and twisted about in a threatening manner, and began to change its color to a yellow, and at the same time rise to almost twice the distance from the earth. A few minutes later the wind whirled around and came down on us from the north in great puffs, the cloud began to move in a southeasterly course and the rain poured down. While we were watching it rain we heard a peculiar crackling noise, accompanied by a roaring, rushing sound, and on looking to the west we saw approaching what appeared to be almost a solid mass of falling matter, and in a few seconds it reached us in the shape of hail that fell so thick and fast as to cover the ground in two or three minutes. Some of the hailstones were very large, measuring from an inch to an inch and a half in diameter. The hail storm continued from fifteen to twenty minutes, doing great damage to all kinds of fruit buds in bloom and to vegetation generally.

The hail soon clogged up the water courses, and the water broke over or into many yards and gardens and filled the cellars. The Standard office, which is in the basement, was flooded to the depth of about two feet. After the cloud passed over it seemed to form into a funnel shape. The lower part was of a dark green color mixed with red and yellow. We have had no report from the southeast, but from the appearance of the cloud, destruction would follow wherever it touched the ground. The cloud was heavily charged with electricity, but no loud thunder was heard. The grain was too small to sustain serious damage. The hail fell almost perpendicular, consequently there was very little damage to glass.

ENTERPRISES.

There are many persons who, because they cannot achieve great results, achieve nothing. This community should look to it that they do not place themselves in the same fix. We are led to these remarks, in the fact that while our business men and board of trade are wrestling with many proposed enterprises, some of gigantic proportions, others practicable and some impracticable, there are enterprises that are within the reach of our circumstances and surroundings which, if aided and fostered, would be profitable to the parties engaged therein and also to the city.

There is consumed in this city, in twelve months, about $25,000 in each year of canned goods. Of this amount more than two-thirds of the same is for canned fruits. Is there any reason why we should send money abroad to pay for canned blackberries, tomatoes, corn, peas, beans, apples and peaches? A little energy and enterprise would put this industry on a sure and successful basis.

THE HERALD wishes to call attention of the tax-payers of the county to the change in the law with regard to delinquent taxes, which was passed by the late Legislature. As the old law stood, taxes did not become delinquent tax collector's hands until the October following. Section 105, chapter 77, of the revenue law as passed at the session of the Legislature in 1883, reads as follows:

"Sec. 105. On the first day of January of the year after which taxes shall have been assessed, all unpaid state, county, township precinct, city and village taxes, except city taxes in cities of the first-class, shall become delinquent, and the treasurer or collector shall add a penalty of five per cent to all taxes running due and unpaid at the time the same shall becoms delinquent, and such delinquent taxes shall draw thereafter 10 per cent. interest, which interest and penalty shall be collected the same as taxes so due. This act to take effect on and after the first Monday in June."

Thus it will be seen that taxes become delinquent four months sooner under the new law than under the old and go into the collector's hands as soon as delinquent—some nine months sooner than under the old law, adding penalty and interest that much sooner. All persons having taxes to pay should pay attention to this amended law, and save themselves trouble and expense.

The Question in Iowa.

The thirty-five hundred saloons of Iowa are unanimous in endorsement of the decision of the supreme court against the amendment. But not a single church in Iowa unanimously or in majority endorses it. What man or paper of conscience in Iowa would not rather be with the churches of Iowa in defeat than with the saloons in victory? It is from the high grounds of the church and the christian people, from the high tide of moral and christian sentiment that the real opinion and final action of Iowa are to be measured and determined—not from the tainted level of the saloon and its sympathizers.—Des Moines Register.

And Their Beauty is Enhanced.

The belles of the Plute tribe of Indians walk along the railroad tracks of civilization in Nevada and gather the black "dope" which drops from the axles of the cars. With this they smear their cheeks and arms and grow more beautiful.—Blue Valley Blade.

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