

# The Nebraska Herald.

## LOCAL NEWS.

From Wednesday's Daily.

We learn that the late rains and warm weather have rendered the Platte river impassable. The water is running on the top of the ice.

There is a rumor in town that the ice is broken loose along the banks of the Missouri above here. Should such be the fact, we may look out for a big "break up" unless we have freezing weather very soon.

General Streeter, Esq., Clerk of the Court for this Judicial District, called on us to day, on his way down from Omaha. We are under obligations to him for a copy of the Governor's Message, in advance of the mails.

No telegraph news, no mails, no news—line broken, stage company broke, local editor broke, and the ice in the river about to break. Under these circumstances our readers must share the disappointments and annoyances with us.

"Cottages" appear to be the rage now-a-days. Nebraska City would like a few "cottages"; Council Bluffs has concluded to take a couple of hundred "cottages"; Glenwood, although a "very pretty name," has, so far, failed to get any "cottages"; and Plattsmouth has actually refused to have "cottages."

Truman promised the people of Nebraska City to enlighten them on various subjects—or rather "on any subject you like; but permit me to pay my own expenses"—but has failed to meet them yet. We would suggest that each of the towns in Nebraska send him another invitation, in order that it can be published, together with his acceptance, in the Omaha *Herald*.

We have received a copy of the "Illianna Almanac" for 1865. We know of no other book of the same size that contains such a vast and varied amount of information, and at such a trifling cost. Besides the almanac matter, it contains, in a condensed form, the acts and rescripts of the last session of Congress, the Presidential proclamations, a brief record of the rebellion for the past year, records of the different State conventions for the year 1865 on reconstruction and black suffrage, President Lincoln's Inaugural of 1861, the Constitutional Amendment abolishing slavery, election returns of the different States, and a thousand other things that people want to refer to every day in the year. No man should be without a copy of this invaluable document.

We understand the Mill property of Wetherell & Campbell, of this city, was sold a few days since for \$30,000. The same property was sold for \$4,000 only about one year ago. This shows a healthy state of prosperity in these parts.

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The people of this city and vicinity are becoming awakened to the importance of doing something for themselves.

They have been waiting, apparently, to be forced ahead, until they have become convinced that if they do not help to make known the superiority of this point, others with less natural advantages will get the start.

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The editor is afraid we shall do the people of those western counties an injury, and will do our own paper an injury by saying such things. Well, Bro. Miller, we feel grateful to you for this disinterested advice, and may, at some future time, conclude to take lessons in conducting a newspaper under some great big man.

We are sorry, for you that such things have to be published, but the people of the western counties "can't see it" when you tell them such publications will do them an injury, neither can the *Nebraskan*. Say some more, Bro. Miller. It does us just the least little bit of good to see people squirm because this city is making herself known.

Why should Plattsmouth be behind other cities in this territory in the matter of enterprise? Do our citizens lack faith in the ultimate prosperity of this place? Are we fearful of some great smash-up some day, that will deprive our moneyed men to other points on the Missouri, less favorable in point of natural advantages, but rich in courage and an unflinching belief in their future establishment? We hear of building associations elsewhere, why not here? What is needed? Capital? We have it. Energy? plenty of it, only just at present dormant. The truth is, we only need a glimmer—a mover, a leading spirit. Not exactly a *team*, but the motive power; an engine, steady, earnest, and reliable; and having this, we don't care a button for its *brilliance*. Here are business men in our town who, by immediate organization, might secure wool at low rates; and by introducing a good brick maker, secure that article at little cost. We want *brick buildings*, and we think our town is insufficiently furnished with good brick for want of "capital." No one doubts that Plattsmouth offers—we will not say better, but at least as safe and desirable inducements to good settlers and capitalists as any city in Nebraska. No one doubts that our location—one of the very best as regards beauty of scenery and general health. Will our own people think of this? We cannot expect eastern capitalists to develop our country if we neglect the means that nature places so lavishly in our hands.—Who will be the first to start in this, and win to himself the gratitude of a flourishing city in the more distant future?

From Friday's Daily.

The *News* is endeavoring to make political capital by a play upon the names of some of the prominent Union men of the Territory. This is first rate Democratic argument, and will undoubtedly exert a great influence upon the readers of the *News*.

Several prisoners have escaped from the jail at Nebraska City lately. There must be something wrong about this; as they have a good jail, with iron cells.

A young man by the name of D. J. James was seriously injured a few days since by falling from the landing at the entrance of the telegraph office in Nebraska City. So says the *News*.

A gentleman now in our city from Ohio informs us that several families from his vicinity intend removing to this place early in the spring.

The firm of Amison, Dovey & Co. have engaged the brick and made other necessary arrangements for extending the dimensions of their business house early in the spring. Their present house is as large and spacious as most business houses in the west, yet insufficient for their growing trade. Their new building will be one hundred and thirty-five feet in length. We mean no disparagement to Nebraska City in making this statement, and hope friend Miller will not censure us for it.

The *Press* argues that Plattsmouth is not doing the entire trade of the Territory from the fact that some firm from here have sent goods to Nebraska City. Some firm in this city may have sent goods to Nebraska City, although we know not who is, if any one. Yet it is not to be expected that we can keep track of every firm in the place; and it is no uncommon thing for city merchants to send out a portion of their stock to be sold at retail. We are well pleased to hear that goods are being sold at Nebraska City, as we have many warm friends in that place, and would be sorry to think business was not prosperous there. Don't get "out of sorts," Bro. Miller, because Plattsmouth is thriving; we mean no harm to your place when we record our own prosperity.

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where they can find a ready market, having a *Marshall* for that express purpose; and third, having a *Porter*, and about 105 pounds of *Gass*, they will be enabled to furnish the city with said article for the coming season. They present to us a *Fairfield*; and as their purpose is a laudable one, they should be encouraged.

SPECTATOR.

From Tuesday's Daily.

An examination and survey of the Missouri river is about to be made by the Pacific R. R. Co., from a point ten miles above Omaha to a short distance below this city.

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## NEW JEWELRY STORE

Worth of Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, and everything pertaining to a first class Clothing House, for sale at cost for thirty days. S. BLOOM.

jan 16th

I have thousands of good apples, trees in the Plattsmouth nursery, of good size, and good varieties. Also a variety of other fruit, ornamental trees, shrubbery, evergreens, &c. Anything in the nursery line not to be had in my nursery, will be furnished to order as early in the spring as the first of April. See advertisement in another column.

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