

It is reported that the chair of mathematics in the State University will be filled by a gentleman from this city. He is a noted countist.

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The Post Master General has designated Mr. H. N. Orr to act as Mail Messenger between Plattsmouth and East Plattsmouth.

A transfer wagon broke through the ice at St. Joseph last Friday, and was lost. Two ladies and several gentlemen were on the wagon at the time, but all were saved.

Our old friend Reno—one of the best artists in the west—was in the city today. He informs us that he has engaged rooms in Fitzgerald's block, where he will open a picture gallery as soon as the room is ready.

Dr. Dunn makes divers and sundry propositions on the spiritual question to Prof. Miller, through the columns of the State Journal.

Several teams were engaged in hauling ice yesterday (Sunday) and men were with them. The men were preparing for warmer weather, and they will undoubtedly find it.

We dislike to "brag" about Nebraska—in fact never do it—but if any other county in this latitude can beat our Nebraska winterters, or equal them in point of mildness, we will dispense with our old hat.

Mrs. L. B. Crocker & Co. have their new millinery building nearly completed, and will be ready to display their wares to the fond gaze of admired and admiring ladies before the close of the present week.

A gentle team is voted a nuisance by all "loafs" in search of items. A gentle team deprived the readers of the HERALD of a readable item this evening. The springs of a carriage gave way in front of the HERALD office this afternoon, and—the provokingly gentle team stopped and stood still until the occupants alighted.

We learn that a Dramatic Association is being formed by a number of our citizens with a view to coming before the public as soon as Fitzgerald's Hall is completed. Judging from the names we have heard mentioned in connection with the association, we conclude it will be a success. Something of the kind is needed in our city, and we wish the projectors abundant success.

A brave, bold man, (?) who weighs about 200 pounds, exhibited his valor last evening by assaulting a boy only 14 years old, who was a perfect stranger to him and who had given no cause for offense. Officer Williams was in the vicinity, consequently the valorous (?) man paid his fine and costs.

H. D. Brown, Esq., who has been in the employ of the B. & M. Company in this city for the past year and a half, left for the east last evening for a visit among his old friends, after which he will again return to his duties here. We hope friend Brown may have a real nice time, and may not sing "the girl I left behind!" after he returns.

Hereafter the Express and Mail trains on the B. & M. will arrive and depart seven times each week. This will do away with the balk in the mails. The B. & M. Co. has the contract for carrying the through mail for the U. P. R. R.

The Nebraska City News argues that the Republican party of Nebraska is doomed to destruction because of the recent mixing up of things. The News is "reckoning without its host." It would do well to turn its vision inward, and examine the condition of its own party.—We see a good sized cloud of dissension hovering over the Democratic camp, if we mistake not. Read the Omaha Herald.

Mr. T. J. Fabery, the gentleman who planned and superintended the construction of the Fitzgerald block, left this evening for a short visit to the east. We hope he may receive sufficient encouragement in our city to induce him to remain here permanently. We certainly need the services of a good Architect here.

W. C. Brown, Esq. the man who holds the purse strings for the B. & M. in Nebraska, arrived home from the east this morning. He has been attending a lengthy and important law suit, and we are glad to know that he came off "first best."

Lantz & Co.'s Intelligence for January is on hand, filled with valuable reading matter. Lantz & Co. are doing a noble work for Nebraska.

The second number of D. H. Wheeler & Co.'s Land Agent has been sent broadcast to advertise our State. A thousand copies of a paper devoted exclusively to real estate matters, and placed in the hands of men who are looking westward for homes, is of incalculable benefit to the entire west.

We are under renewed obligations to Judge W. D. Gage, also to J. L. Brown Esq., of Greenwood, for new clubs of subscribers to the HERALD. A few more friends of the same sort would be gratefully remembered by the HERALD.

The country is now filled with men who have "been laboring for the past four years to elect Hitecock." The parties themselves, (many of them,) did not know it until yesterday afternoon.

One of the largest meetings ever held in Plattsmouth, convened in the Hall of the Court House, in this city, on Thursday evening, to listen to an address from Judge Kinney, of Nebraska City, on the subject of building the St. Louis & Nebraska Trunk railroad. No notice was given of this meeting, except through our evening edition, which was not issued until 6 o'clock; still, the Court House was crowded to overflowing, showing the great interest our people feel in this enterprise.

An additional interest was imparted to the meeting from the reading, by Judge Kinney of a proposition made by James F. Joy, of Detroit, President of the Michigan Central Railroad, to build the trunk road, upon certain conditions therein contained. The conditions in brief are these—so far as this county is concerned:—

First—To give either county or precinct bonds to the amount of \$150,000.

Second—These bonds to bear 8 per cent. interest only, and not more than twenty years to run.

Third—The bonds to be issued and placed in the hands of trustees, to be mutually agreed upon by the parties, but not to be delivered over until the road is built through the locality voting them.

Fourth—When so delivered the "coupon" to be detached, so that the bonds will only draw interest from the time the road is built and the cars running.

Fifth—The road to be built with all convenient celerity, and, if possible, finished to Plattsmouth the coming season.

It will be seen that the proposition from Mr. Joy is in all respects fair, and avoids the objection which has been hitherto made to voting bonds, to-wit: the issuance of them before the road is built.

Another advantage in the proposition is this: the bonds are only to draw 8 per cent. interest, in place of 10, as hitherto voted and demanded by all other companies that are working in this State.—And still another advantage arises from the fact that the proposition emanates from Mr. Joy, a man well known to the people of the west as the most successful railroad man in the United States.—In addition to this, Mr. Joy stands high as a business man, and our people have confidence that he will do just what he undertakes, and do it in the manner he agrees to. In a word, that he will perform his part of the contract to the very letter, and give our people a first class road—having the means to do so and to build it speedily.

Judge Kinney spoke about one hour to the people on the subject, and succeeded to the entire satisfaction of every one in convincing the vast crowd present that this proposition of Mr. Joy was not only liberal and fair but that every property holder in our city ought to give it his immediate and hearty support.

It will be seen by the proceedings of the meeting that our people are in earnest on this subject. Steps were taken to place the proposition before the people of Plattsmouth, Rock Bluffs and Liberty precincts, with a view of voting precinct bonds in accordance with the proposition of Mr. Joy. This was thought better than to endeavor to carry county bonds at this time.

The resolution was adopted unanimously, and so far as we have been able to ascertain there is no dissention of opinion in this city on the subject.

R. R. Meeting at Rock Bluffs. The meeting at Rock Bluffs Friday to consider the proposition of James F. Joy for the building of the St. Louis and Nebraska Trunk R. R., was well attended by the representative men of the precinct. The meeting was organized by the election of Judge Wm. Gilmore as chairman and Dr. Reed as Secretary. Judge Kinney laid Mr. Joy's proposition before the meeting, and spoke of the general benefits of Railroads, and of this one in particular. The meeting seemed unanimously in favor of extending the required aid, and a committee of prominent gentlemen was appointed to co-operate with the committee appointed in this city.

Messrs. Fitzgerald, S. Duke, Clark, Maxwell, A. Lazenby, Wheeler, J. W. Johnson, Chase, Thomas, and others of this city were present at the meeting.

It is estimated the road will cost something over \$2,000,000, and will be one of the best paying lines in the State.

It was resolved at the Rock Bluffs meeting to hold a meeting at Stewart's School House, in Liberty precinct, on Tuesday next, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of laying the proposition of Mr. Joy before the people of that locality. Judge Kinney will be present and address the people.

The city debt of Quincy, Ill., is officially reported at \$1,427,360.33, and yet Quincy is one of the most prosperous cities in the west. We call attention to this fact that others may profit by the experience of Quincy if they desire.—The simple fact of being in debt does not make Quincy prosperous, yet judicious expenditures for public benefit are not injurious to any place.

We learn that our old friend J. H. Buttery has purchased an interest in the Drug Store of A. W. Prole, Esq., butcher is one of the earliest settlers of this westward for homes, is of incalculable benefit to the entire west.

The Brownville Advertiser evidently misapprehends the position of the HERALD on the contest over the seat for the Seventh Senatorial District, and is inclined to be somewhat sarcastic. The facts in the case are too apparent to require further mention from us, and we herewith consign the subject to the things of the past, fully believing that the HERALD can sustain its record on the question as well as can any one who has taken the opposite side—not only on the present case, but on all preceding cases of a similar character.

Wood is being brought across the river in large quantities, at low figures.

At a meeting of the citizens of Rock Bluffs precinct, held at Rock Bluffs, January 25th, 1871, for the purpose of considering the application of the St. Louis Trunk Railroad Company for assistance in building said railroad, Judge Wm. Gilmore was called to preside and E. B. Reed was appointed Secretary.—Judge J. F. Kinney addressed the meeting and presented the claims and the propositions of the company.

On motion of Mr. Cutler it was resolved that a committee of five, consisting of Judge Wm. Gilmore, J. M. Patterson, J. M. Chalfant, Dr. W. S. Latta and W. H. Smith be appointed to co-operate with a committee heretofore appointed by Plattsmouth precinct, and with them confer with gentlemen from Liberty precinct, for the purpose of asking the County Commissioners to take such special proposition to the voters of the several precincts as may be agreed upon in February next to accomplish the object desired, and to secure the building of the Trunk road north and south through the precinct.

On motion of Dr. W. Latta it was Resolved, That the Hon. J. M. Patterson, our representative in the Legislature, be and he is hereby instructed to endeavor to secure such legislation as may be desired by the citizens of Rock Bluffs, to secure the early building and completion of the Trunk Railroad upon the proposition submitted by J. F. Joy, through Judge J. F. Kinney.

E. B. REED, Sec'y.

Wheat sold at the open board in this city today for one dollar per bushel for a prime article. This begins to look like business for the farmers. Money will soon be plenty again if wheat keeps up to this price.

We heard several men in Lincoln yesterday, say "Hitecock." Wonder what they meant by it?

A slight "set to" occurred on Main Street yesterday, in which both parties came off second best. The officers and witnesses are the only parties who make anything by it.

The Rulo Register has discovered that the Great Western Telegraph Company is a humbug, and calls on some of the citizens of our city to expose the matter through its columns. We believe there are citizens of our city who can tell from experience of the humbug, and we agree with the suggestion of the Register that they do so.

A ratification meeting was held at the capital on the 18th, and we regret to say that many of the speakers indulged in invectives against General Thayer unbecomingly honorable minded men. Senator Thayer's record as a Republican and as a General stands without a reproach, and will stand as letters of gold on the pages of history long after some of his would-be defamers have passed from earth and been forever forgotten. It is unjust and unmanly to attempt now to detract from the fair fame of General Thayer. Is it not enough that he has been defeated, without attempting to blacken his bright record as a statesman and a warrior—a record which every Nebraskan should be proud of? Out upon such heathenism.

L. Brom, of the great tobacco and cigar house of our city, left for the west this morning to look after their business affairs. They are now furnishing nearly every dealer west of this city, and their business is increasing with wonderful rapidity. Fair dealing and a liberal use of the columns of the HERALD never fail to make men wealthy.

Buck & Mullen are revolutionizing the Grocery trade in this city. The excellent quality of their goods, and the low figures at which they sell, astonishes the oldest hands at the business.

Engineers have recently been engaged in making more minute survey for the great Railroad Bridge across the Missouri river at this city. We shall endeavor to keep the readers of the HERALD posted as the work progresses.

Mr. Wm. Wilburn, of Louisville precinct, recently killed and brought to this market two shoats of a year old which weighed nine hundred pounds. He also informs us that he has captured and killed with the help of his dog, during the past three weeks, two large Lynx, and has strong hopes of catching the third one.

A gentleman from Nebraska City was in our town yesterday making arrangements for the grand Masquerade Ball, which is to come off on the 1st of next month. He informs us that costumes which cost upwards of \$500 have been engaged from him for the occasion. The managers will make known in a few days where invitations and tickets can be obtained.

J. E. Beatty, Esq., of Union P. O., has our thanks for an addition of five new names to our list at that office. The HERALD is sought by everybody who desires to keep posted on local and general news.

J. P. Simpson & Co. have fitted up one of the neatest offices in the city, under the HERALD office. It is also occupied as Ticket and Telegraph office for the B. & M. R. R. Co., where tickets can be had for all parts of the world.

We learn from parties who came up from Nebraska City this morning that a fire occurred in that city yesterday, which resulted in the destruction of a frame building opposite the Barnum House. We did not learn the estimated loss.

The Council Bluffs Nonpartisan informs its readers that the "still small voice" of J. Newt. Hays, of the Fremont Tribune, was heard in the Sanctum of that establishment last Friday evening. That same musical instrument recently reverberated through the halls of the Capital at Lincoln, with some effect. Lincoln must be lonely since Newt. has left.

What was worth in Chicago, yesterday sold for \$1.20 per bushel, and in St. Louis for \$1.42, at the same time Nebraska should be able to send wheat to St. Louis as cheap as to Chicago.

REDEMPTION IN FREIGHTS. The B. & M. R. Co., ever ready to accommodate the people of the growing west, have reduced the freights on coal and lumber from Chicago to Plattsmouth ten dollars on a car load. This amount will be saved directly to the consumers by a corresponding reduction on the part of the dealers in this city.

NOTICE. The Board of Trustees of the Masonic and Odd Fellows' Hall, are requested to meet on Saturday evening, the 28th day of January, A. D. 1871, at 6 p. m., in the Lodge Room. All are requested to meet, as business of very great importance is to be considered, and the Board to be organized for the present year. S. DUKE, Ch'n. D. H. WHEELER, Sec'y. j26d4t

WORTHY OF PRAISE. If any men in the city of Plattsmouth are worthy of special praise, those men are the Messrs. Bro's and G. F. Geyer, Esq. They are worthy of praise in that they have erected each a three story brick business house in connection with Fitzgerald's block, that will equal, if not surpass anything in the State; and they have done this when others who had more interest in the city, and who had more means upon which to choose the enterprise, shrunk from the undertaking. The Messrs. Merges and Geyer have shown their faith by their works, and every property-holder in the city feels, today, the benefit of their enterprise and their risk. Probably the same action on the part of men who had large real estate interests in the city, and who had abundant means to afford the venture (for it was venture at the time they commenced the erection of the block, although it has ceased to be an experiment and has resulted in a fine speculation) would not be viewed in the same light as the action of these men, who staked their all, or nearly so, in the enterprise which could not but prove beneficial to the city, no matter what result to their own pockets. All praise, then, say we, to the Messrs. Merges and the Geyers —to the men who dare risk their money to help build up the city. We need an hundred more Mergesas and Geyers in the city of Plattsmouth. Who will follow in the path that is leading them to fortune.

Capt. George Magee, of the Steam Ferry boat, Mary Magee, died at the residence of Dr. Wm. Winterstein, in this city, at 1 a. m., yesterday, of Strangulated Hernia. The funeral services will take place at Dr. Winterstein's residence, at 3 p. m. to-day, (Jan. 26), and the remains will be taken to Detroit, Michigan on the 4 p. m. train, for interment.

Capt. Magee was born in New Brunswick, in 1830. He moved to Detroit in 1858, where he was married, and worked at his trade (Joiner and ship carpenter) until 1867, when he removed to St. Joe, Mo. He followed the river as ship carpenter until the spring of 1869, when he removed to this city. He built the boat of which he has been in command since he settled here, and at the time of his death he was half owner of it. Captain Magee was an upright citizen and an honest man, and one who attended strictly to his own affairs.

He leaves a wife and an aged mother to mourn his loss, besides a large number of friends who have been drawn close about him by his many many qualities and social virtues. His illness was of short duration. He was apparently well at noon last Saturday, but came home at 3 p. m. complaining of a severe pain in the region of the bowels, which grew rapidly worse until his death as above stated.

Our Lincoln Correspondent indicates that a preponderance of the names set before the Legislature from the different parts of the State are favorable to the passage of a General Herd Law. It is hoped, if a law purporting to be a General Herd Law, is passed, that there will be no exceptions made, but that each and every locality will be treated alike.

The death of Capt. Magee, at the residence of Dr. Winterstein, will prevent the holding of the Pre-bbyterian social there, according to appointment. The social will be held at the residence of P. M. Dorrington, Esq., to-morrow, (Thursday) evening, Jan. 26th. All are invited.

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Local Notice. FOR SALE VERY CHEAP.—A LOT OF 100 acres, all fenced and 60 acres in cultivation; 8 miles from Plattsmouth, and 5 miles from Rock Bluffs. House and other improvements. Enquire of J. B. Barnes & Pollock, Jan. 26—3m

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