Nebraska Herald.

PLATTSMOUTH NEBRASKA.,

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1871.

The Omaha *Herald* dubs the papers outside of Omaha as 'rural newspapers.' That is terrible Dr., but if one of these insignificant 'rural' concerns should occasionally administer a severe spanking to your royal highness, you should take it in a condescending manner, and not allow your dignity (?) to be offended thereat.

It is said that the engineers employed by the R. R., Investigation Committee have decided that nothing less than 60 pound iron will entitle a road to be called first class in this State. Is not the standard for Nebraska roads placed well up? We believe our State is a little ahead of anything in the world, but we fail to see why this committee should require us to have heavier iron for our railroads than is used in any other part of the United States. We believe 57 pounds iron is the heaviest used on any road west of Chicago, while the Great U. P. only uses 56 pound iron.

HOW IS THIS.

Dr. Miller says the evidence in possession of the Investigation Committee is overwhelming against Gov. Butler. We ask how is it that Dr. Miller knows this fact? He does not state it as his belief, but as a fact. No Republican journalist in the State has been allowed to know a single item of evidence brought before that Committee, except that furnished to the Omaha *Herald* and published by it. Who informs Dr. Miller of the doings before the Committee?

THE VOTE.

There were thirty-three members of the House of Representatives voted in favor of the Articles of Impeachment against Gov. Butler, while six members voted against their adoption. The six who voted against the adoption were Messrs. Conger, Daily, Jenkins, Rhoads, Collins and Quinby. They claimed that Gov. Butler should have a hearing before the Committee before he was impeached, which had been denied him.

GOOD INDICATIONS.

The indications are that Nebraska will receive the heaviest immigration this season that she has ever had. It is well known that the month of February is the dullest month in the year for real estate transactions, yet the B. & M. in Nebraska sold at their Lincoln office alone, 1720 71-100th acres of land during the month, for the sum of $15,702.-50. This is all sold to men who intend immediate settlement thereon, and indicates a rush of immigrants. Three car loads of immigrant stock passed westward yesterday, and much more is on the way. The cry of "westward, ho! for Nebraska!" rings out in every village and hamlet of the east. They are coming—coming—coming—and our real estate dealers and business men generally should be ready for them.

A Little Discrepanc

In the Lincoln *Journal* of yesterday we find a published report from the Commissioners appointed to examine the second ten miles of the M. P. R. R. in which the Commissioners say they find the road constructed in every manner in accordance with the law, in words as follows: "We, therefore, certify that the said ten miles of railroad is complete in all respects and in conformity with the law in such cases made and provided."

This report is dated at Lincoln, Feb. 25th 1871, and is signed by "Wm. E. Dillon, Robert Hawke and J. E. Doom Commissioners." Our Lincoln letter of to-day says the R. R. Investigation Committee, (of which James E. Doom is a member) has reported that there is not a first-class road among the number of roads receiving donations of State lands, and that consequently none of them are entitled to lands under the law. How are we to reconcile these two reports.

A FULL HEARING.

The editor of the Brownville *Advertiser*, in speaking of the report of the Committee of the Investigation, prior to the making of the report, takes the following sensible view of the case:

Whatever the report may be, it is founded on *ex parte* evidence, and the officers should not be too severely judged until they shall have an opportunity to cross-examine and explain by defensive evidence. Whatever coloring the committee's evidence and report may tend to convey, it may, and doubtless will, be materially changed before the defense is concluded. The extent of our influence shall be in favor of a full and complete investigation, carried on in a cool, calm and dignified manner, affording every damaged party a fair opportunity to show as bright and clear a record as possible. We shall severely criticise all show of malice, vindictiveness, prejudice, and undue influence, on either side, and hope that justice, complete and impartial will be extended to all, let what will, be the result.

WHAT THEY SAY.

We have recently copied the sayings of various newspaper men in regard to our city—all speaking well of it. The [illegible] is from the Brownville *Advertiser*: [illegible] was in our city last Saturday: [illegible]mouth is prospering, and the [illegible]al buildings recently erected [illegible] creditable to the enterprise [illegible] her business men. Fitzger[illegible]early completed a three story [illegible]ock at the head of Main Street, [illegible] greatly to the business appearance of Plattsmouth. In the third [illegible] is to be found the best and most [illegible]tistically arranged public hall we have [illegible]een in the State. It is about the size of McPherson's Hall in your city, but the stair-way to it is broader, and the hall is higher and better furnished, and more elaborately decorated than yours. The Plattsmouth HERALD under the supervision of your friend Hathaway is doing generous service in advertising the resources of the town and county, and much of its prosperity is due to his indefatigable labors on the HERALD, and he has been backed by the business men of the town, which has lately strengthened his influence. Of the railroad from this point to Lincoln we shall speak in our next.

FIRST-CLASS RAILROADS.

Our Lincoln correspondent, in his letter of yesterday states that the R. R. investigating committee have reported to the Legislature that not one of the roads in the State which have received donations of State lands are entitled to be called first class Railroads. Now, if the above named committee have made this kind of report, they have certainly perpetrated a very huge joke on somebody—whether on the Railroad men, the Legislature, the people, or *themselves*, we leave to the judgement of those who are acquainted with the facts. We know nothing of any of the roads receiving State aid except the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad in Nebraska, built from this city westward through the capital, and being rapidly extended to Ft. Kearney; but so far as this road is concerned, we do not hesitate to say that if it fails to meet the approval of the Committee, as a first-class road, then we are at a loss to know where they would go to find one—they certainly could not find it west of Chicago, for the B. & M. in Nebraska has no superior in the west, and but few equals; in fact, it is no uncommon thing to hear even the enemies of the road say that it is almost a marvel of perfection.

The rail is 57 pounds to the yard (the heaviest rail used anywhere in the west), Fish joint, culverts and bridge abutments of first-class masonry, with Howe Truss bridges over all important streams, and a road bed kept in such smooth condition as to elicit praise from all passengers familiar with such matters, for the ease felt in riding over it. If the Committee, or their engineers, will take the trouble to examine the B. & M. road between Plattsmouth and Lincoln we apprehend they will not risk their reputation as judges of such matters by saying that this is not, in all respects a first-class railroad.

The road has now been in operation about a year, running four regular daily trains over it, and not an accident has occurred nor a person been injured in consequence of any imperfection of road or rolling stock. Will this committee or their engineers please enlighten the public as to this standard for a first class railroad? It might be of vast benefit to such one horse (in the eyes of the committee) railroad men as J. W. Brooks, Cyrus Woodman, Thomas Doane and F. W. D. Holbrook.

A QUESTION ASKED.

The daily *Statesman* of Lincoln, reaches out for its brother democrat of Omaha, in the following manner:

"The editor of the Omaha Herald has been particularly forward in the matter of putting questions and answering them himself, drawing his own conclusions and shaping affairs generally to his own liking. We will now attempt something in this line and will ask a plain, simple question of Geo. L. Miller of the Omaha Herald, to which we hope he will give a plain simple answer:—Did or did not you say to a certain person in Omaha, but who lives in Lincoln and whose name can be given if required, on or about Friday of last week, Feb. 24th, that you could not furnish the proof of a single charge you had made against Governor Butler, and did you not say, further, that you had gone so far that you could not now go back, and to go ahead was your only course? An answer to this will show whether or not you have any confidence in the truth of the charges you so freely fling about.

It is very easy to ask questions. Now try your hand at answering."

The Championship in Type-Setting.

To settle the question who is the swiftest compositor in the United States, Mr. R. S. Merinin, of Philadelphia, publisher of the *Printers Circular*, offers three prizes, the awards to be made to those 'who complete in a workmanlike manner, the greatest number of 'ems' in one hour;" the prizes being a solid silver composing stick, an elegant silver medal, and a medal in bronze. The trial is to be witnessed by the President and Vice-President of the Printers' Union in each city where there are contestants. New York hopes to bear off the first prize, the "stick."

Poisonous Gloves.

"The Romeos of the present day," says the London *Daily News*, "would do well to qualify any wish to become gloves out of love for their Juliets, by adding, provided the gloves are not colored. According to a medical cotemporary, some gloves are dyed in such a way as to be poisonous to their wearers. A lady, after wearing several pair noticed a 'vesicular eruption presenting itself at the sides and roots of the nails. The vesication in a few days proceeded to ulceration.' The results of the investigation was to show that the dye in which the gloves had been dipped contained an arsenical salt."

A man in Sparta, Wisconsin, wishing to present an organ to a church, wrote to a friend in New York to know what it would cost to get one. He received a reply that he could get a little organ for $1,500, but "if you expect to get to heaven on the organ dodge, you had better invest about $5,000." He took the high priced one.

At a recent wedding in a certain town in Wisconsin, the organist, upon the entrance of the bridal party to the church, played "Put Me in My Little Bed."

An Illinois Postmaster gives notice as follows: "After this date everybody must lick their own postage stamps, for my tongue's given out."

Josh Billings observes: "Sekrets are kussed poor property eany how; if yu circulate them yu looze them and if yu keep them yu looze the interest on the investment."

A little Boston girl joyfully assured her mother the other day that she had found out where they made horses—"she had seen a man in a shop just finishing one of them, for he was milling on his last foot."

The Christian World says that the Catholics of the United States contributed last week more than $170,000 to the American Catholic College at Rome, of which the city of New York gave $44,-000 besides other sums that were paid for the expenses of the bishops attending the Council, and gifts for the Pope.

At a meeting of the City Council of Omaha, last week, a member introduced a resolution asking the new Senator elect to use his influence to secure a branch of the United States mint at that place. Another member moved to amend by inserting the word "julep" after the word "mint." The resolution, as amended passed by an unanimous vote.—*Nonpareil.*

THE HERD LAW.

The following is a copy of the genera Herd Law, as it passed both houses of the Legislature, except that the counties of Cedar, Dixon, Richland and Dakota are exempt from the provisions of the bill. It passed the Senate yesterday and became a law, and we hasten to lay it before our readers that all may know the law that governs them.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska*, That the owners of cattle, horses, mules, swine and sheep in this State shall hereafter be liable for all damage done by such stock upon the cultivated lands in this State as herein provided by this act.

SEC. 2. That all damage to property so committed by such stock running at large, shall be paid by the owners of said stock, and the person whose property is damaged thereby may have a lien upon said trespassing animals for the full amount of damages and costs, and may enforce the collection of the same by the proper civil action.

SEC. 3. That when any such stock shall be found upon the cultivated or reserved lands of another, it shall be lawful for the owner or person in possession of said lands, to impound said stock, and if the owner of said stock can be found readily and is known to the taker up, it shall be the duty of said taker up to notify said owner by leaving a written notice at his usual place of residence, with some member of his family over the age of fourteen, of the taking up of said stock, describing it and stating the amount of damages claimed, also the name of his arbitrator, and requiring him within twenty-four hours after receiving said notice to take the said property away, after first making full payment of all damages and costs to the satisfaction of said taker up of trespassing animals. Said notice may be in the following form:

"Mr. ——, you are hereby notified that on the——day of ——187—, your stock (of which I have now in my possession—here describe the animal or animals) did trespass upon my land and damage the same to the amount of——. You are required to pay the above charges within twenty four hours from the delivery of this notice, or the aforesaid stock will be sold as provided by law. I have appointed Mr.——to act as my arbitrator, should you not feel satisfied with the amount of damage claimed in the within notice

"(Name.)"

SEC. 4. If the owner of the said stock shall refuse, within twenty four hours after having been notified in writing to pay said damages claimed, or appoint an arbitrator to represent his interest, said animal or animals shall be sold upon execution as required by law, when said amount of damage and costs have been filed with any Justice of the Peace in the county within which said damages may have been sustained.

SEC. 5. In case the parties interested cannot agree as to the amount of damages and costs sustained, each party may choose a man, and in case the two men cannot agree, they shall choose a third man, who, after having been duly sworn for the purpose herein named, the three shall proceed to assess the damages, possessing for that purpose the general powe of arbitrators.

SEC. 6. The said arbitrators shall make an award in writing, which, if not paid within five days after the award has been made, may be filed with any justice in same county, and shall operate as a judgment at law in the said court, subject to an appeal as in other cases in Justice Courts, and in other respects except as herein otherwise changed, shall be considered the same as a judgment in said courts, and execution may issue for the collection of said damages and costs as in other cases. Said arbitrators shall be allowed two dollars each for their services, the same as now allowed by law to appraisers.

SEC. 7. In case the owner of said stock is not known or found in said county as herein set forth, the taker up of said stock so trespassing upon cultivated lands, shall in such case proceed as provided by law regulating estrays.

SEC. 8. That cultivated lands within the meaning of this act, shall include all forest trees and fruit trees planted by the owners of said lands or hedge rows.

SEC. 9. It shall be unlawful for any stock to run at large upon the lands as designated in sections seven and eight of this act at any season of the year, except as exempted by section eleven of this act.

SEC. 10. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any cattle, horses, mules, sheep and swine to run at large in any county in this State, except when any county or precinct desiring exemption may be exempt for the whole or any part of the year, by a petition signed by two thirds of the qualified voters, and present the same to the County Commissioners of said county, desiring exemption therefrom, at a regular or special meeting.

SEC. 11. Whenever it shall be shown to the satisfaction of said County Commissioners that two thirds of the voters of their county have petitioned as herein contemplated, they shall spread their order of exemption upon the records of their court, which entry shall be from that date *prima facie* evidence of the will of the county so petitioning, and shall be obligatory in said county until two thirds of the qualified voters within said county shall petition for the rescinding or expunging said order for exemption.

SEC. 12. That this act and all its sections shall remain and be in full force and effect till the first day of January, A. D. 1878.

SEC. 13. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent and in conflict with this act shall be and are hereby repealed.

SEC. 14. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

A country greenhorn, after being joined in the chains of wedlock, was asked by one of the guests, a friend if he had paid the parson. "Oh, no he's owing father for a peck of beans, and I guess we'll make a turn of it.

An Englishman, one of the nobs, was describing his tour through America; speaking of the perversions of language he found, he said: "These blawsted Americans can't heven speak Honglish. Hi was hin Florida hand 'a Massachusetts man—Boston hi think—was talking about crocodiles: 'e said 'they were a lively bug and smelt' orribly bud."

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