

## THE HERALD

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## BIG RAILROAD MEETING. THE CITIZENS OF PLATTSMOUTH TURN OUT.

## TRUNK ROAD AND PRO-RATA.

The Railroad meeting Saturday evening was well attended. Mr. Dovey was called to the chair and Jno. A. MacMurphy elected Secretary. The chairman of committee on obtaining subscription to the M. P. R. R. stock reported progress, and stated that more funds must be raised before we could get the road, however, \$5,000 more were subscribed, then and there.

## PRO RATA.

Dr. Livingston then brought up the question of pro rata and explained its benefits to the state of Nebraska, especially to that portion known as the South Platte Country.

Major Wheeler, Hon. Sam Chapman and others spoke on the subject, and a committee on resolutions was chosen consisting of Wheeler, Chapman MacMurphy and Livingston. The committee reported the subjjoined Resolutions which were passed unanimously.

## EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Editorial Association of Nebraska will meet at Fremont on the 23d day of May, at 8 o'clock, to elect delegates to the Republican Natl. Convention, June 1st, Vice President candidate for President and Vice President of the U. S. Cass County has 6 delegates to this convention.

The committee also select the 26th day of September, 1876, as the day on which the Republican Convention will meet to nominate State officers. Cass County representation.

## J. A. MACMURPHY, Pres. Natl. Ed. Assn.

Secretary.

Vermont went Republican; Connecticut did not, so says report.

We think the Tenant testimony against Senator Hitchcock has been pretty well disposed of. Set him down with a bang.

In Lincoln Republicans elected all the officers except Mayor and Marshal. Dr. Silvers was elected Mayor. Republicans three out of four Councilmen.

Election in Omaha was quite exciting. The Republicans elect two Councilmen and four members of the school board, the Democrats four Councilmen and three of the school board.

For the benefit of those who wondered at the smallness of the Registration List as published we state that not near the legal voters were on the list when printed. Most of the names were added afterwards. In the Fourth Ward for instance they registered 100 votes finally, nearly double the number as printed.

## COMMUNIST TODD.

If there is anything calculated to disgust a community in the superlative degree, it is to be inflicted with an ignoramus like our county guardian, Todd, who can approve of no enterprise that he or his little ring does not originate, no matter how laudable it may be; so blissfully ignorant that he can appear at the County Court and give a legal opinion (for the approval of Mr. Hamsay,) upon the present tax litigation between Cass and other counties in the state and the B. & M. R. R. Co. in Neb., with all the assurance of a first class donkey.

Week before last this apostle of reform and economy appeared before the County board, and, in a labored argument, urged them to dismiss the attorneys employed, accede to the demand of the B. & R. Co., and thus allow the Railroad to dodge out of paying \$6,000 or \$7,000 taxes due the county. We have no idea that Todd understood a single question involved in that suit, or that he cared a rush about it or the welfare of the county, but he thought it was an opportunity to make a little more capital for himself and brother reformers.

The Supreme Court, (who of course like the attorneys are dishonest ignoramuses) within ten days of this assault upon the legal fraternity, decided the case in favor of the county, thus saving to the different counties in Nebraska a sum in Land Rent and School taxes of \$200,000 or \$300,000, directly and indirectly.

We know of but one mode of redress for Todd and Ramsey, and that is to appeal to the honest voters at the polls next fall. Although these gentlemen have stopped the publication of their proceedings, we will endeavor to keep our readers posted on each reformatory step taken by them.

## FROM TIPTON.

SUNLIGHT, Neb., March 28, '76.  
ED. HERALD—I hereby declare that the citizens of Tipton are neither dead nor joined the "tebs." I have often wondered why the citizens of the state of Nebraska have offered an indignation protest against the assumption of "Rebel" President makers the past winter. However, I suppose their protest will come in about election time.

Now I am glad to see the HERALD take a stand for truth. Truth and peace are what we want.

Our assessor has completed his returns. I will give something local for Tipton.

Contractors or Deputy Surveyors generally get strong recommendations from prominent men in the state or at Washington, just as all persons seeking government employ, in any of the departments do, and always have done from the foundation of the Government, let the Administration be either Democratic or Republican.

Deputies are often sent here from Washington or other States. Mr. Maxwell, one of the largest contractors last year, came from Iowa with letters from Washington, and was recommended, we suppose, by the Iowa Senators in Congress.

The surveyor General here cannot know all these men and their qualifications as engineers. The rules of the Department at Washington show that it was not contemplated he should, for all "deputies" swear to their work and are under bonds to do it faithfully. The Surveyor General audits their accounts on the strength of this oath, and the bonds, and it is paid by draft from Washington direct to the deputy or contractor, not one cent passing through the office here.

There is no chance for fraud in these points by the Surveyor General. If the work is not done well, and there is complaint, the Department orders the work examined and can fall back on the deputies or their bonds.

The work should be done well, the contracts should be let according to law and we think this will be found to have been done. If not, let the guilty parties be punished, but there is no use raising a howl of fraud on unjust and untenable grounds.

Miller's smartness in stepping the appropriation is not so cute after all, and cuts both ways on the people of the State. About all the money we of the West ever get back from the General Government, for all we send east, comes to us in return through the U. S. Surveyor's Office and the U. S. Marshall's Office, and it is largely spent in the country newspapers in the west. Few persons in the west have any idea what they are capable of running a newspaper successfully. Be it so, few men start a newspaper without money and make a success of it.—E. E.

"I wish I was an editor."

"Really do indeed."

"It seems to me that editors get everything they need."

T. N.  
We do want to hear again, but Oh dear! Guess you wouldn't never want to be an editor if you knew all we do about it.

## THE COUNTRY PRESS.

A great many persons believe that the editor of a country newspaper has nothing to do but to keep his books and write an occasional local, and answer questions. This idea is a mistake indeed, the country editor, if he performs his duty, does much more labor than most of his neighbors, while he racks his brain to know where his next dollar is to come from. He fights all the battles of his party, bears all the blame if defeated, gets little credit for what he accomplishes and always has enemies who are ready to drive him into bankruptcy, yet few friends who think that four dollars a week will help him out.

This is the case with nine-tenths of the country newspapers in the west. Few persons in the west have any idea what they are capable of running a newspaper successfully. Be it so, few men start a newspaper without money and make a success of it.—E. E.

STEPHEN A. DOUGLASS.

Circumstances of his death left him—  
"A Poor Soldier of His Country, with whom  
the Public is Not Acquainted."

(From the OSS News)

Ex-Gen. Stephen A. Douglass, there is not one of that remarkable cluster of public men who flourished about his time in this State and in the Nation at large, regarding whom a historical monograph with such a title as "The Life and Times of Stephen A. Douglass" is true that life, after he became a public man, is pretty well known; but that portion of it lying between his arrival in Illinois and his getting a business foothold, so to speak, and down to the point of his first political adventures has something in it not generally known. Shall I recount a little of it to you?

Nowhere is this period so well known as here, and within 200 yards of where I am now setting, Douglass first set foot upon Illinois soil. It was in 1833, say very early the autumn of that year—as to the exact date I am not now particular to inquire. A boat had just arrived from St. Louis, and Mr. Douglass, who had gone to the landing to receive some goods, whilst engaged, a green-looking young man stepped up to him, and inquired whether he knew of any place where a teacher was wanted. Mr. Waldo replied that if any place in this glorious domain of the screaming eagle needed a school, it was emphatically Meredosia, and if the young man would go up to the school and wait a few minutes, the subject should be properly canvassed as soon as the goods were disposed of.

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