

HERALD EXTRA!

THE HERALD.

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THE G-HOPS!

The grasshoppers made their appearance at this place about 11 o'clock on Thursday, the 24th of September. Just after we had gone to Press. They hopped, dropped, steadily all the afternoon, leaving vast numbers on the ground.

25.h.—Hoppers in immense numbers spent last night with us, doing considerable damage to the city gardens, by 10 a. m. the air was again full of the pests, and they commenced coming down to assist those already here in the work of destruction, the number does not seem to diminish here, although favorable reports come in from the west.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press says there is almost positive evidence to prove that a remedy is at hand in the shape of an egg eating bug, which is surely and certainly destroying all the eggs laid by the grasshoppers this year, thus insuring Minnesota an exemption from the ravages of this voracious insect next year.

This bug is of a deep red color about the size of a flea or rather a louse, resembling the latter somewhat, also in its shape and movements. Now as to the utility and complete success of these bugs, as destroyers of the eggs, there would seem to be no doubt in the mind of those who have given the subject a general examination, as well as of those who have personally inspected their mode of operation, and the places where they have utterly destroyed the eggs laid by the hoppers a few weeks ago. The Pioneer Press adds that the result of a careful examination of ground where the insect has destroyed all the eggs and was seen prancing around apparently in search of something more to eat—is perfectly satisfactory. We have no doubt that in a circle of 10 miles from Worthington there will be scarcely an egg left by to-morrow.

It is to be hoped the successful enemy of the hopper has finally been furnished by nature, and that they may make their appearance here in Neb., as we have good evidence there will soon be work for them to do here, which we hope may be effectual in preventing their troubling Nebraska another year.

28th.—Hoppers still here at work. Wind south preventing their going.

They are laying quantities of eggs with which to supply provender to the coming insect, the savior of next years crops.

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OMAHA.

Instead of presenting solid reasons against the principle of pro rata, or the justice of the provisions of the bill upon that subject before congress, the Omaha Herald lustily shouts Omaha. "Pro Rata will injure Omaha, the B. & M. R. R. is inimical to Omaha." &c. &c.

We do not object to the most ardent and active defense of the interests of Omaha by the Herald; but the Herald should know that a measure like this pro rata bill, which removes unnatural and unjust discrimination against the business of three fourths of the people of the State, is one which the Herald cannot afford to oppose, because it is supposed that such measure may work some temporary injury to Omaha.

Omaha cannot afford to grasp at these slight and temporary advantages to the detriment of three fourths of the State. If this pro rata bill is a just measure, one that removes ruinous restrictions upon the trade and traffic of a large portion of Nebraska, then in the end—whatever its immediate effects may be—it will and must result to the advantage of Omaha.

The real friends of Omaha, upon whom she must rely for the success at which she aims, are all the people of Nebraska. If Omaha amounts to anything more than she is at present, she must become and remain the chief commercial city of the State. To realize this destiny she must have the friendship and support of the different sections of the State.

If the Herald can show that pro rata is wrong or unjust, not in accordance with the policy of the government towards the Pacific Railroads, and the people, that it is in addition to all this injurious to Omaha, then its position will be sound, but the cry that this measure must be defeated simply and purely for the sake of Omaha, will in the end prove Omaha's ruin.

STATUS OF THE PRO RATA BILL.

For the information of many who are asking about the Status of the Pro Rata bill, we will state that said bill did not pass either house of Congress. The bill was reported by the Judiciary Committee of the House, read twice and recommitted to the same committee. It was still in the hands of the Judiciary Committee of the House at the adjournment of Congress. We will state further that said bill did not fail or die, upon adjournment, but holds its present status in the hands of committee during recess of Congress, and upon the re-assembling of that body in December, will be taken up just where it was left at adjournment.

We trust those who desire to know the exact status of this measure will read this statement carefully, as it will obviate the necessity of asking any further questions as to the status of pro rata in Congress.

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