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THE RED CLOUD CHIEF.

C. L. MATHER, EDITOR, THURSDAY, MARCH 26 1874.

CORRESPONDENCE, From all parts of the State and country respectfully solicited.

The Land Office for the Republican Land District has, as we learn, been located at Bloomington.

The washing away of the bridge was a severe loss, and may be repaired; the loss of the Land Office is something we never had, so we take courage and go ahead.

The last words of SUMNER were, "Till EMERSON I love him and reverence him."

Free Ferry Across the Republican at Red Cloud, NEAR THE BRIDGE SITE!

At a meeting of the County Commissioners (yesterday) Wednesday, March 25th, 1874, it was decided to establish a free ferry at the above named site.

THE TIMBER ACT.

This act (bill introduced by Senator Hitchcock), has passed and is in force. As it was amended we publish it again with the amendments:

An Act to amend the act entitled "An act to encourage the growth of timber on western prairies."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the act entitled "An act to encourage the growth of timber on western prairies," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. That any person who is the head of a family, or who has arrived at the age of twenty-one years; and is a citizen of the United States; or who shall have filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen, as required by the naturalization laws of the United States, who shall plant, protect, and keep in a healthy, growing condition for eight years, forty acres of timber, the trees thereon not being more than twelve feet apart each way, on any quarter section of any of the public lands of the United States, or twenty acres on any legal subdivision of forty acres, or one-fourth part of any fractional subdivision of land less than forty acres, shall be entitled to a patent for the whole of said quarter-section, or of such legal subdivision of eighty or forty acres, or fractional subdivision of less than forty acres, as the case may be, at the expiration of such eight years, on making proof of such fact by not less than two credible witnesses.

Section 2. That the person applying for the benefit of this act shall, upon application to the register of the land-district in which he or she is about to make such entry, make affidavit before the register, or the receiver, or some officer authorized to administer oaths in the district, where the land is situated, who is required by law to use an official seal, that said entry is made for the cultivation of timber, and upon filing said affidavit with said register and said receiver, and on payment of ten dollars, he or she shall thereupon be permitted to enter the quantity of land specified in the party making an entry of a quarter-section under the provisions of this act shall be required to break ten acres of the land covered thereby the first year, ten acres the second year, and twenty acres the third year after date of entry, and to plant ten acres of timber the second year, ten acres the third year, and twenty acres the fourth year after date of entry.

Section 3. That the person making an entry of eighty acres shall break and plant at the times hereinbefore prescribed, one-half of the quantity required of a party who enters a quarter-section; and a party who enters forty acres shall break and plant, at the times hereinbefore prescribed, one-quarter of the quantity required of a party who enters a quarter-section, or a proportionate quantity for any smaller fraction: Provided, however, that no final certificate shall be given or patent issued for the land so entered until the expiration of eight years from the date of such entry; and, in the expiration of such time, or at any time within five years thereafter, the person making such entry, or, if he or she be dead, his or her heirs or legal representatives, shall prove by two credible witnesses that he, or she, or they have planted, and for not less than eight years, have cultivated and protected such quantity and character of timber as aforesaid; they shall receive a patent for such quarter-section or legal subdivision of eighty or forty acres of land, or for any fractional quantity of less than forty acres, as herein provided.

Section 4. That in the case of the death of a person who has complied with the provisions of this act for the period of three years, his heirs or legal representatives shall have the option to comply with the provisions of this act, and receive, at the expiration of eight years, a patent for one hundred and sixty acres, or receive without delay a patent for forty acres, relinquishing all claim to the remainder. That if at any time after filing of said affidavit, and prior to the issuing of the patent for said land, or fail to do the breaking and planting required by this act, or any part thereof, or shall fail to cultivate, protect, and keep in good condition such timber, and in that event, such land shall be subject to entry under the homestead laws, or by some other person, and the provisions of this act shall be void. That the party making claim to said land, either as a homestead settler or under this act, shall give, at the time of filing his application, such notice to the original claimant as shall be prescribed by the rules established by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and the rights of the parties shall be determined as in other contested cases.

Section 5. That each and every person who, under the provisions of the act entitled "An act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," approved May 20th, 1862, or any amendment thereto, having a homestead on said public domain, who, at any time after the end of the third year of his or her residence thereon, shall, in addition to the settlement and improvements now required by law, have had under cultivation, for two years, one acre of timber, trees thereon not being more than twelve feet apart each way, and in a good thrifty condition, for each and every sixteen acres of said homestead, shall, upon due proof of such fact by two credible witnesses, receive his or her patent for said homestead.

Section 6. That no land acquired under the provisions of this act shall in any event be liable to the satisfaction of any debt or debts contracted prior to the issuing of certificate therefor.

Section 7. That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be, and he is, authorized to prepare and issue such rules and regulations, consistent with this act, as shall be necessary and proper to carry its provisions into effect; and that the registers and receivers of the several land-offices shall each be entitled to receive two dollars at the time of entry, and the same sum when the claim is finally established and the final certificate issued.

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Section 7. That the fifth section of the act entitled "An act in addition to an act to punish crimes against the United States, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, shall extend to all oaths, affirmations, and affidavits required or authorized by this act.

Section 8. That parties who have already made entries under the act approved March third eighteen hundred and seventy-three, of which this is amendatory, shall be permitted to complete the same upon full compliance with the provisions of this act.

Passed the House of Representatives February 5, 1874.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HARMONY, Webster Co., Neb., March 22, 1874.

ED. CHIEF:—I thought I would drop you a few lines from this corner of the woods.

Everything is quiet on the Blue; several men have been taking claims lately, but I am unable to give you their names and locations. Our blacksmith, A. G. Wheat has returned from a visit to Rockford, Ill., he has given up his bachelor life, and taken possession of his new house. Our school closed on Friday last (Cyrus Kursh, teacher). Our Grange was organized on March 6th, with 28 charter members. Our Lyceum has closed for the season. The saw-mill is doing a land office business under the management of Frank Matteson. There was considerable wheat sown last week, and considerable more will be sown. Everybody is anxious to farm all they can, as they are no longer afraid of a failure of crops.

ELROY PETTEYS.

WALNUT CREEK, Webster Co., Neb., March 16th, 1874.

ED. CHIEF:—At a meeting of the Walnut Grange, the following resolution was passed: Resolved, that a copy of the institution of Walnut Grange be forwarded to Red Cloud Chief for publication.

Dapt. R. S. Langley, with others, instituted Walnut Grange, March 4th, 1874. The following is a list of the officers elected: Thos. Vaughn, W. M.; Thos. Kennedy, O.; John Mitchell, L; Hiram Holdridge, S; Wm. McAvoy, A. S.; O. R. Downes, Chap.; Wm. McKinney, Treas.; R. B. Fulton, Sec.; Jos. B. Jones, G. K.; Mrs. Aibaugh, Veres; Mrs. Mitchell, Pom.; Mrs. J. R. Jones, Flora; Mrs. M. E. Holdridge, Lsa.

R. B. FULTON, Sec.

The Centennial—Message of the President.

To the Senate and House of Representatives: I have the honor herewith to submit the report of the Centennial Commission, and to add a word in the way of recommendation.

There have never been international exhibitions held by three of the great powers of Europe. It seems fitting that the one hundredth anniversary of our independence should be marked by an event that will display to the world the growth and progress of a nation devoted to freedom and the pursuit of fame, fortune, and honor by the lowest citizen, as well as the highest. A failure in this enterprise would be deplorable. Success can be assured by arousing public opinion to the importance of the occasion. To secure this end, in my judgment, Congressional legislation is necessary to invite the exposition both national and international. The benefits to be derived from a successful international exposition are manifold. It will necessarily be accompanied by expenses beyond the receipts of the exposition itself, but they will be compensated for many fold by the coming of people from all sections of our own country, by bringing together the people of different nationalities, by bringing into juxtaposition for ready examination our own and foreign skill and progress in manufactures, agriculture, art, science, and civilization. The selection of the site for the exposition seems to me appropriate, from the fact that one hundred years before the date fixed for the exposition the Declaration of Independence, which launched us in the galaxy of nations as an independent people emanated from the same spot. We have much in our varied climate, soil, mineral products, and skill of which pride can be taken by other nationalities to their profit. In return, these will bring to our shores works of ready skill, and familiarize our people with their skill, and in that event, such land shall be subject to entry under the homestead laws, or by some other person, and the provisions of this act shall be void.

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STEARLING, Macomb Co., Mich., March 6th, 1874.

Ma. Editor:—I have just been reading a little story in your paper which I thought very nice, at least they are all nice, those papers my brother sends to me. I like to read your paper very much; my name is Lucy Phelps. I am sister to Hiram Phelps, who lives in your county, perhaps you know him. I am ten years old and am going to school. I have written 9 writing books through. I hope I may have the pleasure of reading many of your papers. You must excuse my short letter, from

LUCY PHELPS.

NOTICEABLE.—The addresses delivered at the formal opening of the State Normal School, are all published in the Nebraska Teacher—except that of Hon. H. S. Kaley, of Red Cloud! The papers commended Mr. Kaley's style as highly and generally as any one of those delivered; and some who heard them all tell us that it was actually the best address delivered on the occasion. The excuse given—that it was not "written"—is the very attenuation of thinness; just as though it could not be written afterwards, though in point of fact, it probably was written, Long's Register.

In compliance with previous notice, the delegates from the Granges met on Saturday last to appoint a purchasing agent for the county. In order to accomplish which, the delegates had to form themselves into a County Council, when E. H. Jones was elected purchasing agent for Webster county. It is also requested that each Grange in the county send three delegates to perfect the organization of the County Council, said delegates to meet at the Masonic Hall, Red Cloud, on Saturday, April 4th, at 1 o'clock p. m. Members of the different Granges are invited to be present. JAMES KIRKWOOD, Sec.

SCRIBNER FOR 1874.

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The Editorial Management will be as heretofore. And the corps of writers from whom articles have been engaged and who are regular contributors, include the names of: LONGFELLOW, WHITTIER, HOLMES, AGASSIZ, HOWELL, STAYARD TAYLOR, ALDRICH, FARRAR, WELLS, PARTON, G. F. S. COLEMAN, etc., etc.

There will be able criticisms upon Current Literature, Art and Science. "Providence Palfrey," by F. R. Athlyth, author of "Mystic River," and "The Story of the Sea," by W. D. Howells will begin in the January number. "Famous Reminiscences," by J. G. Whittier, will cover an eventful period in our history; and "Life in the Confederate States," by a Confederate, will be an inside view of recent history.

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This list of names and articles will be added to from time to time, as it is intended to keep the ATLANTIC open to the best contributions from every quarter, and no effort will be spared to make it the leading American Magazine. THE PRICE: \$1.00 a year, in advance, two copies for five cents; \$2.00, and \$1.00 for each additional copy. St. Nicholas, the successor to our Young Folks, sent for 9 c. a year; the Atlantic Monthly and Every Saturday, \$3.00.

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