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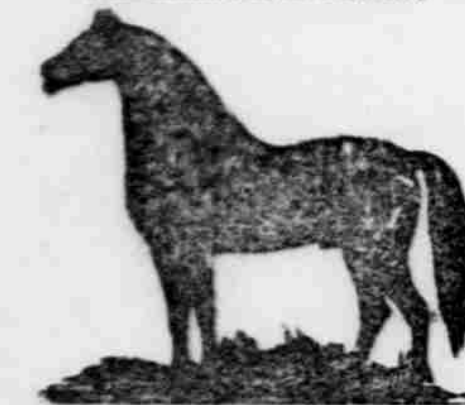
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UNDERTAKERS

McCOOK, NEB.

MAY fifth is "Arbor day" in the "land of the Dakotas."

THE Omaha World has carefully canvassed the field and reports prohibition on the increase everywhere.

EY-SENATOR DAVIS of Virginia, now worth \$20,000,000, was once a railway brakeman. It is notable, however, that in that capacity he never slammed the car door or called out the names of stations in Chinese.

Out of 306 indictments found by a Chicago grand jury 200 were against county officials and 106 against employes. These men may all be honest, but it will be surmised that such a volume of smoke is indicative of fire.

McCook's goblet of joy is overflowing with satisfaction. Hereafter the defunct of the town will be ferried over the range in "a gold-mounted hearse with handsome fluted columns and plate glass sides and dashboard," which will enable the guest to view the procession.—Bee.

If a man publishes a libel in the state of Nebraska without justification, his chances are good to go to the penitentiary. But an army of men can circulate slanders on an honest man and as long as they only circulate them by word of mouth no penalty can be imposed.

THE Cincinnati Enquirer says that the inter-state law comes particularly hard on the circus people, and it is reported that the managers will raise a purse of \$10,000 to test the constitutionality of the law. It is proposed to engage the Hon. Allen G. Thurman to look after their interests.

THE Omaha Herald complains that the signing of the anti-gambling bill will throw 250 men "out of employment" in that city, and intimates that it will be bad, very bad, for the business of the town. The Lincoln bureau of the Omaha Bee is sad and despondent, because in Lincoln the same act will deprive fifty stalwart citizens of their means of livelihood. Upon the whole we had better run the risk involved and support the poor fellows at the public expense if they can find no other work to do. It will cost the community less in the end. The introduction of a police force that could be fairly efficient in the two cities could perhaps throw a large number of able burglars out of employment and yet we should not be sorry to lose their valuable services in building up the business interests of the capital.—Journal.

THE farmers of Upper Driftwood precinct, Hitchcock county, Neb., have formed themselves into an association called the Mutual Protection and Instruction society, articles of incorporation of which were received by the secretary of state for record, recently. The objects of the association are the mutual protection of its members in all their legal rights and also to disseminate information relating to agriculture, horticulture, forestry, stock raising and everything of interest to farmers. Merchants, lawyers, bankers, land and loan agents, and others "pursuing vocations not consistent with regular farming" are not eligible to membership. The names of thirty-one substantial farmers of Hitchcock county are subscribed to the preamble.—Lincoln Journal.

ARTICLES of incorporation of the Cheyenne & Burlington railroad company have been filed with the secretary of the territory. The Colorado & Wyoming, recently incorporated in Denver provides for the extension of the Burlington & Missouri from some point along the line—probably Culbertson—to the junction of Crow Creek and the territorial line, which brings it within a dozen miles of this city. The Cheyenne & Burlington is to continue it here, and the indications are that it will be pushed in a northerly direction. General Manager Holdrege was in town, recently, in consultation with the leading citizens and the city will probably deed over to the road such land as may be required for their plant. The announcement that the B. & M. is positively coming here has very materially stiffened the boom that has been in progress for about two weeks past and a season of unprecedented activity is now looked forward to.—Cheyenne Special.

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## TOWN 4, RANGE 30.

That rain, Sunday night, did good.

Mr. Boyd had eight acres broken on his tree claim.

Mr. Summers is cultivating the Easterday farm, this season.

John McCotter is planting five acres to trees on his tree claim.

F. Nichols of Adel, Iowa, is assisting Geo. Coleman on the farm.

Will Smith is having five acres more broke out on his tree claim.

We noticed in the door yard of Wm. Coleman an apricot in full bloom.

J. W. Corner was in McCook, Monday, after trees to plant on his farm.

J. W. Corner had the misfortune to lose a colt on Sabbath morning last.

It appears "H" is forcing the season, as he was out picking corn on Monday.

Health is good. We don't know of a case of sickness in this town. Everybody happy.

M. F. Horrell was elected treasurer of this school district at annual meeting, last week.

H. Thraillkill went down to McCook, Monday, and brought out 14,000 forest trees to plant on his tree claim.

John Coleman and H. Thraillkill, of Hayes county, came down to McCook, last week, to lay in supplies.

We understand Mr. Frame of this town went down to Bartley and woke up the county superintendent.

While in town, Friday, H. Thraillkill had a sick horse which detained him until Saturday. The horse got well.

John R. Coleman purchased a span of horses on Saturday. They are three and four years old and said to be daisies.

We are informed that school in district No. 65, in this town, commenced last Monday, but did not learn the teacher's name.

M. H. Cole and family visited in Hayes county on Sabbath. They renewed old acquaintanceship with the family of Thos. Martin. They returned home, Monday.

That pie plant pie we assisted in hiding away, last Sabbath, was just splendid, but with all our efforts we could not get away with more than half of it, and we can't be induced to give it away as to where we enjoyed it.

In the absence of Mrs. Wm. Coleman, who is visiting in Iowa, Miss Gertrude is looking after the poultry. She has taken over two hundred young chicks already, and has about twenty-five more hens setting. That beats all the incubators there are in the town. Toss up your bonnets girls.

During the high wind, Saturday afternoon, the out-houses at our school house, started toward North Platte. We noticed the director and F. Amend gathering up the pieces, Monday, and by night the director had one in place. It is supposed that some of the lumber was carried entirely away, in a wagon that came by that afternoon, as some of it can't be found.

When we need rain again, we will just send M. H. Cole and family off to Hayes county visiting. He stated to us, yesterday, that for the last two years it had either rained or snowed every time, without a failure, that he had gone up there on a visit, and staid over night. He went up last Sunday and it rained before Monday morning, and then on Tuesday it commenced before nine o'clock in the morning, and kept at it almost incessantly until after ten o'clock at night.

What have become of those dry weather prophets? Not one to be found. You speak to one of them and he will say, "I told you we would get rain." It is almost eight years since we came here and during that time we have had little or no rain during the month of March. One time there was no rain from October 14th to May 16th, yet fair crops were raised. At our farm, there has been no rain to do the soil any good since the 28th of July last, and very little snow during the winter, yet the old land has been in excellent condition for tillage all spring, especially where it was plowed deep last season. We favor early and deep plowing, rather than fall plowing, for corn. Put the plow down, I mean in old land.

GRANGER.

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## BOX ELDER BLOSSOMS.

Mr. Brower's store is nearly completed and will soon be filled with goods.

A large amount of prairie is being broken, this spring, in this vicinity.

Morley Piper, who has been in the employ of Boyer & Davidson, the past winter, is now stopping at home.

MARRIED—At the residence of Wm. Doyle on Sunday, April 19th, Mr. Montgomery Doyle to Miss Mary Alexander, Justice Christie officiating.

Notwithstanding the church has been enlarged to twice its former seating capacity, it was crowded to its utmost, last Sunday, to listen to a very interesting sermon from Rev. Chapin.

At a late meeting of the Sunday School Board at Box Elder, Mr. Wm. Hansen was elected to office of Superintendent and Frank King as Assistant. We hope the people will rally around and support the Sunday School in the future as they have in the past.

April 12th. SELDON.

## BRIC-A-BRAC.

A sickly smile—lemonade.

The old, old chestnut—Love.

Old salts—Epsom and Rochelle.

Try not the pass, the old man said.

The sampler has a trying time of it.

Never abuse a mule behind his back.

The crab is always trying to catch on.

Counter charms—new spring bonnets.

The vice precedent of our society—Rum.

The short haul—winning a 10c. jack-pot.

Life is real—to a hose man and a drunkard.

If hens were human they would strike at Easter tide.

You can't tell anything about a man by his tombstone.

Placed for the busy man—"I'm in some-what of a hurry myself."

If every judge were just, there would be very few cases to be tried.

They can ladies can always get into print. They can give a calico ball.

There is one consistent thing about a bachelor—he rips what he sews.

If the kangaroo is a success, it is probably because he stoops to conquer.

The farmer who raises a glass too often, isn't likely to raise much else.

A woman's character is like a postage stamp. One black mark ruins it.

A Rochester baby has been born with two tongues. Feminine gender, of course.

Every man hews his way with his own acts, and adze lustre to his character.

They had a german at Hans Schmidt's house, the other night. It was a boy.

Strange that a little piece of white paper should be more powerful than a dynamite bomb.

Der passport to der tuyfels boarding-house was rum, and when you go dhere he giffs you a subber of misery und such things.

A mantle of charity, that is not woven with threads of gold, is not recognized by the individual who never has had a set-back.

Habbiness was a rose bud, dot grieved itself ubout out of the ground on der shtreet, but der bloom dond come, except when der locality vas poor und heldy.

## BANKSVILLE.

Some miscreants seem to have taken a contract to destroy this country by prairie fire.

Miss Flora Bell was over from her school visiting her many friends on Saturday and Sunday.

The hitherto hard-hearted heavens were at last caused to weep just a few drops, on Sunday evening.

Wallie Creager, son of Pete Creager, has been very ill for a week or two, but is now thought to be convalescent.

Miss Sallie Goodwin has also been quite sick for some time past, but thanks to the efficient care of Dr. DeMay, is at present improving.

Quite a "scrap" occurred between two of the residents of Cedar Bluffs, the other day. Cause—a man with too long a tongue.

Mr. J. L. Woodburn, special agent for F. U. Insurance Co., and a former pedagogue in this vicinity, is sojourning at John Winsor's.

Ed. Walker, "than whom there is none better," has been at McCook for some time, with his wife, who has been lying at the point of death.

A. Olmsted's family was called upon to mourn the loss of their little babe, on last Saturday. The funeral took place from the school house on Sunday, Rev. Kennedy preaching the funeral sermon. Thus the grim harvester does his work, taking the roses as well as the thorns.

As to the articles written by us under the head of Banksville, we will say that we make it a point to chronicle any news we may be so fortunate as to find, without regard to locality, in fact our territory has no specific boundary lines. There is nothing small about us but our salary, hence we have not felt compelled to place a very small environment around our place of selecting news.

Lein. Cross and Eugene Marshal suffered severe losses in the fire on Friday. W. H. Benjamin also lost about \$300 worth of property, while several other parties lost all or a part of their property. This blow comes with disastrous effect on most of our citizens, as there are very few of us who are Vanderbilt, hence not able to sustain these severe losses. We do not think it would be advisable for the parties who started the fire to make their appearance in this community, unless they want a free pass to glory.

The correspondent from Pleasant Prairie is evidently a stranger in this community, as the question in regard to the location of Banksville would seem to indicate, so we will try to enlighten him. Banksville is situated on the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Township 1, Range 30, about 99 rods from the southwest corner, 61 rods from the southeast corner and 29 rods from the south line of said 1/4 section. The population was never very large, and at present is less, on account of the loss by the P. M. of a cow and calf by fire. "For further particulars see small bills."

## BARTLEY BOOMINGS.

The new hotel is nearly finished.

W. S. Wheeler has moved into his new house.

Ye editor of the Inter-Ocean drives a 2:30 nag.

Chase Knowles has sold to W. Rolling's of Indiana.

Miss Scanlan has gone to Texas, and John is lonely now.

Rev. Allen Bartley has bought a library for the University.

W. Gossard's little boy has been very sick with the measles, but is improving at this date.

Miss May Conklin, living north of Cambridge, committed suicide, last week, by taking poison.

J. W. Maiken's new house is up and enclosed, while it is being built Mr. Maiken lives in his barn.

R. H. Chrysler is planting fruit and ornamental trees, and making other improvements on his property on Walnut street.

Messrs. Clark and Bartlett's new hardware store room, on Commercial Avenue, is nearly finished. They will build two dwelling houses as soon as the store room is finished. Rxx.

April 11, 1887.

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