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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We do not desire any contributions whatever of a literary or poetical character; and we will not undertake to preserve, or to return the same, in any case whatever. Our staff is sufficiently large to more than supply our limited space in that direction.

REAL NAMES OF WRITERS. In full, name in each article, and every case accompanied by a communication of what nature we desire. All such communications, however, must be as brief as possible; and they must, in all cases, be written upon one side of the sheet only.

OUR COUNTRY FRIENDS will always be pleased to hear from, on all matters connected with crops, country politics, and on any subject whatever of general interest to the people of our State. Any information concerning the election, and relating to floods, accidents, etc., will be gladly received, and such communications, however, must be as brief as possible; and they must, in all cases, be written upon one side of the sheet only.

ALL ANNOUCEMENTS of candidates for office—whether made by self or friends, and whether a notice or communication to the Editor, are (until nominations are made) strictly personal, and will be charged as advertisements.

All communications should be addressed to E. ROSEWATER, Editor and Publisher, Draw 771.

NOTICE.

On and after October twenty-first, 1873, the circulation of this paper will be as follows: To those who have not paid for their subscription, it will be discontinued; and to those who have paid for their subscription, it will be continued.

Another eventful year in the history of Omaha, Nebraska, and the Nation has passed through the endless cycle of eternity. It would be impossible within the brief space allotted to us to attempt an extended retrospective view of the chequered field over which we have passed in the last twelve months. For the Bee they were marked with a degree of substantial and gratifying progress, seldom if ever surpassed in American newspaper history.

For these most gratifying evidences of popular confidence, we desire to tender our heartfelt thanks to the host of patrons who have given us such generous support.

We would vainly seek to find words to illustrate the facts connected with the remarkable history of the Bee more forcibly than do the following sentences, penned by us just twelve months ago:

"Amidst the most persistent assaults from ungenerous rivals, personal, factional and political enemies; amidst jealousies, persecutions and prejudices; amidst incendiary flames and crushing blows from every quarter, the Bee has, by the aid of its proverbial industry, perseverance and pluck, sustained itself against fearful odds that would have made even boldest hearts sink in despair. The victory, for such it might be called, is, however, not a personal one, but that of principle against oppression, bigotry, and wrong. That the Bee is independent and consistent course of this journal should have won for it the respect of a community as intelligent and appreciative as is that in which we live, is after all not surprising. It is but the expression of the popular mind, when we say that today the Bee has no longer rivals, enemies or competitors, for even those who most persistently sought its suppression would today cheerfully accord it the proud position as the acknowledged organ of popular rights."

These are sentiments even more applicable to-day than they were at the close of '72. It is a pardonable pleasure for us to call the attention of our readers, and especially those about to enter upon some great and difficult undertaking, to the living example of the Bee. Let them remember that energy and industry are even more powerful levers than mere money, wielded without these indispensable motors of success.

In parting with 1873, we desire once more to reaffirm the cardinal principles which have so far guided us in our journalistic career. With charity to all, and malice toward none, we still propose to maintain our privileges by an armed independence. Ever ready to defend the right, expose corruption, and denounce the wrong, wherever and whenever found; we shall, also, always be ready to do justice to those whom inadvertently we may have wronged by intimation or positive accusation.

In the future as in the past it will be our aim to labor earnestly and unselfishly for the material interests of a community with which, for ten years past, we have been intimately identified. Nor shall we be deterred by the fact that the influence of the Bee is not confined to narrow city limits of a large metropolitan city.

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The editor of the Herald is doing some very eccentric and eccentric twisting to get into the Grangers' crib. The greatest bar to his success seems to be that "monop" appendage which sticks so prominently out of his coat-tail pockets.

ACCORDING to the Boston Globe the co-operative plan of purchasing is getting very unpopular among the working classes of Boston. The employees of some of their manufactories have clubbed together for the purchase of the necessities of life at considerable discount below retail prices.

ALTHOUGH the City Council did not adopt Councilman Jones' resolution of censure upon our Reform Police Judge and Marshal these officers ought to consider the fact that such a resolution was offered by one of their political associates as a pretty strong evidence of the unmistakable temper of our whole community.

AND now we learn that the Modoc war is not yet ended, at least that part of it relating to damages and compensation Settlers in California and Oregon are urging their Congressional Representatives to induce the general government to reimburse them for losses sustained by Modoc depredations. Their claims are said to cover several millions.

ACCORDING to the New York Herald, one of the charges against Attorney General Williams is the fact that when appointed a member of the Board of Visitors to West Point, during his Senatorial term, he charged and took full mileage from Oregon to West Point and back, amounting to nearly \$3,000, although he had the same year charged and taken the same amount as mileage due him as Senator. This was doubtless legal, but "should a man who will indulge in such sharp practice put on the ermine of Chief Justice?" significantly ask Senators.

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Hard times and dishonesty among stewards have got a pretty tight grip on the clubs of New York city. The Manhattan Club has got to raise \$300,000 at once to meet its obligations.

John Hay says it is an advantage to know how to spell correctly, unless one is an American humorist. It is said that two cats over one mouse, two wives in one house, and two lovers of one lady, are things which never agree.

An Indiana gentleman, who stole his wife's hair and pawned it for liquor, has been ordered to provide her with some more "of similar quality."

The Mount Pleasant Journal joker says: "It was found on the North Side. It's about eight inches long, with a steel buckle on the end. We think it's a baby's belt, but Babb says it's a garter."

This is ruff. A Western editor says he saw a maiden in the street who had what seemed to be a stake-and-ridge fence of lace around her sloping neck so high that she was compelled to stand on tip toe in order to see over it.

Pekin, Ill., is described by a newspaper correspondent as rather a remarkable place. It has two packing-houses, three large distilleries, thirty liquor saloons, four newspapers; and there is to be a great "property distribution" by lottery there next month.

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Report of J. E. Ritchey, County Immigration Agent. NORFOLK, MADISON CO., November 22, 1873. Hon. J. H. Nottel, State Superintendent of Immigration.

DEAR SIR—In compliance with your request, I have the honor to submit the following report on Madison county, arranged in the form of answers and questions.

Ques. What soil? A. Ans. Clay and black sandy loam. Q. Have you timber; what proportion and kind? A. Yes; cottonwood, oak, ash, elm.

Q. Is the surface of the soil even, rolling or broken? A. In Elkhorn Valley level; back from river, rolling prairie, well watered.

Q. How many acres of government and how many of railroad lands? A. One hundred thousand acres of railroad lands.

Q. How many acres under cultivation? A. Thirty thousand.

Q. Is fencing general? A. No. Q. What are the different crops raised? A. Wheat, rye, oats, barley, corn, potatoes, and vegetables of all kinds.

Q. What is the average yield of each kind per acre? A. From 18 to 250 bushels.

Q. What is the average price of each kind of produce? A. Sixty cents.

Q. How many fruit trees have been planted in your county? A. Seven thousand five hundred.

Q. What success have you with them? A. Good.

Q. Has the grape vine been cultivated? A. Yes; grows finely. Our bluff land is well adapted to grape culture.

Q. Have forest trees been planted; growth and success thereof, as well as kind? A. Yes; cottonwood, soft maple, larch, walnut, ash, shestnut, and locust, with good result.

Q. What is the estimated population of your county at this date? A. Six thousand five hundred.

Q. Was the emigration to your county large this season? A. Yes.

Q. How many churches and schools in your county? A. Forty-one schools and twelve churches.

Q. Is your county in want of any particular kind of mechanics? A. Yes; carpenters, wagon-makers and blacksmiths.

Q. What water power have you? A. Best in Nebraska, Elkhorn river, Union creek, Battle creek, and North Fork of Elkhorn river.

Q. What advantages for any kind of manufactures? A. Good; water power fine.

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