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THE removal of the U. S. land office from Lowell to Bloomington, is now a fixed fact, and the people of the Republican Valley will rejoice therest.

Ir anybody knows of any reason why Brigadier General Frank Welsh should not be promoted to the position of Commander-inChief of the military and naval forces of Nebraska, he she or it will please put them before the inhabitants of the Elkhorn valley and its tributaries through the West Point organ of the ambitious Welsh-man.

THE Nebraska Patron, the latest addition to Agricultural and Horticultural literature, in the State, has just made its appearance. The publisher, Mr. J. H. Painter, is favorably known as the original Nebraska Granger, having organized the first Grange in the State. The Putron is published at Lincoln, and its editorial corps consists of Professors Thompson and Augley, of the State University, Major Pearman, been nursed at the public teat. the well known Otoe county horti- Over 8,000 of these stalwart nurseculturist, Hon. A. K. White. a lings have already been ruthlessly prominent practical farmer of Lan- torn from the paternal bosom of publisher. Starting out with such a of Congress. constellation of recognized ability, it is safe to predict a very prosperous career for this enterprise.

ONE swallow does not make summer, and the defection of Boss July 3d, in good health and spirits, Hesing from the Republican ranks notwithstanding the heat and dust. is by no means to be construed into It was interesting to hear the visita wholesale stampede of the Ger- ors compare notes as t bey gathered mans into the Bourbon camp. Such, at least, is the impression in Illinois where Hesing is best known. If the Omaha Herald was not so en-thusiastically devoted to the revival | loud in their praises of our young thusiastically devoted to the revival of imperialism in France, it might have been better able to study the German character nearer home.

German Americans as a class are among the most intelligent of American citizens, and they are generally in the habit of doing their own thinking. They never permit any politician to pull them by the nose, and they know Hesing to be one of the most unscrupulous of political schemers. The fact that he openly boasts of his intention to send Washington Hesing, his own son, to Congress, in place of Coggressman Farwell, makes it sufficiently clear that the old boss has an ax to grind.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE CITY FINANCES.

The position of Councilman Campbell, touching the application of the ordicary municipal tax levy, curred for permanent public im- for grandma. provements, is eminently correct. Under the provisions of our City Charter, the City Council can only levy a tax, which under an economical administration. will cover the current and incidental expenses of our city government. Neither the spirit, nor the letter of that charter, would warrant the conclusion that permanent improvements, in the shape of iron bridges, stone culverts, and costly grading, should be paid out of the general fund.

It is self-evident that the draft upon the City Treasury for such improvements would soon drain and exhaust it, and cause a repetition of the financial embarrassment which has been experienced during the past six months. The demand for public improvements of a permaneat and substantial character is Imperious and Councilman Campbell very properly advocated the is-

The most feasible, as well as the most economical, plan for meeting this demand would be to issue a low-rate, long-time bond. Everybody will admit that it is much easier for the taxpayers of Omaha to pay the interest on such an pelled to pay the principal. An of the Emperor. expenditure of \$20,000, or \$25,000, pprehend, meet the approval of a great majority of our citizens. In fact, we have very little doubt that the bond question, submitted with the proper explanations, would carry by an overwhelming vote.

The interest on \$25,000 at 8 per cent would only require an addi-tional tax os \$2,000 annum, a cent would only require a souraging.

General Bertrano recently gave mere bagatelle compared with the henefits to be derived therefrom. If Omaha and inaugurated a watch which formerly belonged to the First Napoleon, and which he gave to an ancestor of Bertrand. Napoleon, and which he gave to an ancestor of Bertrand. Napoleon's words on giving the watch are engraved inside the case. They are as follows: "This is the one," aid His Majesty, "which I were at Rivoli. I drew it from my pocket at two in the morning and aid to Joubert, "Come attack. Day has not yet broken,"

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bridges, cottonwood culverts, and and-box cross walks. What has she to show for that money now? Is it not about time to abandon this Julesburg style of street architecture, and commence to put down structures that will last at least during the present generation? This can only be done by a

liberal expenditure of money; and, of course, will necessitate a greater outlay in the first instance with a corresponding saving in repairs, damage suits, etc. Let us look the matter squarely in the face, and act like business men, instead of merely temporizing for the sake of cheap expediency. Omaha must either show confidence

in herself, or she may as well give up her metropolitan preter cions. THE last Legislature tinkered up our charter to what they thought was perfection itself. Instead of leaving the property holders on each street to bear the expense of grading and improving such street, they put

in a proviso to compel the whole city to pay half of the expense of these improvements. By this operation the grading of any street involves a draft on the general fund, and thereby our whole finance system is liable to embarass-

ment. Under the old charter a majority of the property ownof any street could, by petition, secure a grade, and the whole expense for such work was levied upon the properly adjacent to the grade. This method was not only proper and equitable, but it also prevented combinations by which all the tax-payers may be compelled to contribute to the special benefit of any favored locality.

WITH the thermometer at blood heat, it is but natural for the sweating political sons of toil to overwhelm President Grant, with applications for the vacant mission to

now St. Louis wants to know who is to blame for the pyrotecnic fizzle on the Fourth of

THE Chicago Times congratulates the country upon the gratifying intelligence of the extensive weaning now in progress among the ablebodied babies that have so long county, and Mr. Painter, its Uncle Sam, since the adjournment

> The Excursionists at Home. EARLVILLE, Ill., July 7, 1874. EDITOR BEE:

The grand excursion returned from the various points for their return. I never saw so many people in such good health and spirits, af-ter such a hard round of visiting State, and two or three old men, in whose hearts the fire of enterprise and ambition had burned low, ventured the remark that Nebraska was nowhere to be compared to Illinois. It was amusing to see the withering glances cast upon them by their traveling companions, and the poor fellows found themselves in a feeble

I left it, but Illinois had nothing to boast of; everything here is suffering from excessive heat and drouth, and strange to say, as you go through the grrss countless hosts of grass-

a positive annoyance. Earlyille has usually been noted for its fourth of July celebrations, but this year it was very quiet, with one exception. Two little boys were the heroes of the day, and they had a grand time. They set fir. to their grand-father's dwelling with their fire-crackers. It was a fine residence, and as it was very hot and dry it was instantly enveloped in flames and consumed with all the toward defraying the expenses in- furniture. Quite an expensive 4th

Another excursion leaves Plano, Illinois, for Nebraska, the 14th of Yours, C. S. HARRISON.

PERSONALITIES.

Blind Tom is at Arlington, Sara

August Belmont will pass the

suite of rooms at Newport. Gen. Logan delivered a Fourth of July oration at Clinton, Ill.

Ole Buil is in Rome, but not pro Joe Hooker is fighting his battles over at the Grand Union, Saratoga. Fish, Bass and Mullet are now

rominent officials under the gov-W. H. F. Lee and R. E. Lee, son: of Robert E. Lee, are now farming

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bergh have a residence at Lake Mahopac, and have gone there to recreate during

A Mrs. Chase pays \$300 a week for the privilege of living in the rooms once occupied by Boss Tween, at

Mr. Bancroft, on his departure from Berlin, is loaded with compliments and with a life-sized portrait The plain truth may as well be

Joshua Smith, whom the French

papers call Josuath Smith, won 300,000 francs on the Longchamps races, and died suddenly before leaving town to return to Landon. Paris journals look upon this as discouraging.

PUNGENTISTIC.

Massachusetts is still kept awake o'nights. She doesn't know what "Old Cockeye" is going to do next. Olive Logan is going to tear around the country next winter, with a new three hundred-dollar

bootblack sald to a countryman, the other day, when he had finished blacking one of his brogans.

The elephant is said to be dying Young men will take warning and see him on every possible occa-

"The child is father to the man." "Hie," says Sumfoozelum on a bust, "the shild mush been marrid ver

A barrel marked eggs, shipped from Wabash, Ind., to some one in Warsaw, a few weeks since, hatched

cut into bottles of ale. Woman's horn is exalted at Flint City, Mich., by a female cornet player, who is the leader of an otherwise masculine brass band.

Mr. Edgar Bascom was taken to the insane asylum at Hartford just three months from the day his son Joseph purchased a fiddle. The item that blacksmiths get \$11

per day and board in Arizona hasn't had the effect to start any Philadelphia editors westward. A return emigrant wagon passed through Cedar Falls, Iowa, last week, bearing the expressive and euphonious label, "D-n the grass-

hoppers! Now that the word "hymeneal" is so commonly used in reference to weddings, it is suggested that births be headed "crymeneal," and deaths

Boston Globe: It has been discovered that the bite of a mad dog s an antidote for rattlesnake poison, Hunters should carry about a little The old superstitious notion that

crocodiles weep has been exploded by scientists, but it is pretty generally acknowledged that sailors have often seen whales' blubber. "Say, Pomp, you nigger, whar you git dat new hat?"

spop, of course." "What's de price of such an article as dat " "I don't know nig ger ; I don't know; de shop That Newbergh billy-goat who recently threw into the gutter a man

who had extricated his horns from Henry Minstrel, of Savannah, walked into a court room to shoot twelve jurymen, but fourteen or fif-

teen revolvers got ahead of him on shooting. The last lay of that minstrel was when they laid him in the Now does the weary laborer, unable to endure the close heat of his apartment, snatch the fearful joy of many farmers are very greedy, they

will look for him on the pavement Pride takes an early start in San Francisco. When a lad breaks loose from his mother's apron strings and secures a position at three dollars a week, the first thing he does after that is to hire a Chinaman to

run errands for him. A man who had saved the life of a daughter of a Boston millionaire received \$2.50 from the grateful He was so overcome by narent. the magnificent bounty that he paid out every cent of it to seventeen organ grinders, to simultaneously serenade his benefactor.

Milwaukee Sentinel: "It is not our fault that we are red-headed and smell, and the next time one of those over-grown rural roosters in a ball room reaches down for our head and suggests that some fellow has lost a rose-bud out of his buttonhole, there will be trouble."

Avoid men who tell stories that run into one another, so that you find it very difficult to get away at the end of any of them; men who have quarreled with all their relations; men who "have been betrayhoppers rise up before you; not the ed and abandoned in the most insect of the plains, but yet they are heartless manner by all their

A howl comes up about the extortion of hack drivers. Can't some way be adopted to circumvent the merciless rapacity of the modern Jehu? That's the question. Long Branch has nothing but sand, sun, and sea, sans shade, and some peo-ple are obliged to ride. In the language of the Boss, "what are they going to do about it?"

Now we know where the old hats go. The Nicobar Islanders endeavor to outvie each other in the accumulation of old hats, priding themselves on the extent and variety of their collections, as other people do on their wealth of sold, jewels or art. A tall white hat, with a black band, demands from fifty-five to

sixty-five prime cocoanuts. At an exhibition of one of the albany schools, a few evenings since, the following conversation took place: Young lady to young gentleman—That piece just played was by Wagner; wasn't it too lovely for anything? Young gentle-man to young lady-Yes; and ain't his palace cars just gay? The music of the future won't be played

for him on her piano. A timid man wants to know "how to tell a mad dog." We don't know what he wants to tell him, but the safest way would be to communicate with the dog in writing. Send the letter from a gun in the shape of wadding, fol-lowed by small shot, to see if he gets it.—New Orleans Republican.

A Brooklyn writer on street car courtesies holds this opinion: "To vacate your place for every young thing who enters—who has been on a visit or shopping, and who will doubtless dance a half dozen sets after she gets home—is not gallant-ry, but the air of an affected fop or downright fool, and will never be performed by a sensible man who

has done a hard day's work." Detroit Free Press: "Wednesday afternoon a linen-suited individual, who came from some town

SOUTHWESTERN NEBRASKA.

Immigration and Crops.

[Correspondence of THE BEE.] LINCOLN, July 7, 1874. EDITOR OMAHA BEE: Having spent the last month in Saline, Lancaster and Seward

counties, I find the improvements have been more rapid than ever before; many new farms have been opened, and more breaking done than the three previous years. Railroad lands, which have been plenty, is now scarce, and but little remains to be disposed of. Immigration has been continually

pouring in, and generally of a better class, financially, who are able to improve their farms, with all the modern comforts of a *estern life. More acres of wheat have been put in this year than ever before; it is the main crop for the farmers, and more time and interest is devoted to collecting good seed and sowing it; many new experiments have been tried, which will doubtless prove

The bottom lands will not prove so successful this year, owing to the heavy rains in May, which drowned out the wheat and scalded it, hence making it very uneven, and in many places a failure.

The up or table lands will prove most successful, as the ground soon dried out, and the wheat was more even and had a chance to grow taller and fill much better. Having occasion to examine many

lelds of wheat, of the several kinds lanted in Nebraska, I will give a brief statement of increase of yield. On examining closely I found one grain to produce from five to fifteen stalks, one I noticed with twentyone, one twenty-seven, and one thirty-one, all with average heads, and the average shock would contain about thirty grains. The best wheat I have seen this season was south of Pleasant Hill, Saline county, and had only one bushel to the acre. The stalks were large, even and good heads. It is a mistaken idea to put so much small grain to the acre, it can be too thick like corn, and when it is the grain will not be so plump, and with such large heads. The best and most successful farmers prepare their soil well, and drill their wheat; it will do better to plant deep.

There will not be an average crop of oats this year. The fore part of the season was too wet, and then a picket fence, might be called a specimen of the best Orange county butt-er. the continued dry weather will cut short the crop, which is very short and scalded. Uplands produced better for all kinds of grain.

The corn crop is a good average for the first of July, and generally looks well. On the table lands, it is much cleaner, and apmore thrifty, as it has been better cultivated. During the wet season, the low lands or level lands could not be plowed, hence the weeds got a good start, and as ndertake to do more than they are able, hence neglect the crops

mindful that the early policeman when they need attention. The crop of potatoes planted is mmense, which has been troubled much with bugs and in many places they have been ruined. Otherwise, if seasonable, the crop will be im-

There has not been a time in the at four years when corn and oats have been as scarce as at present. Very few farmers have any, and those who have none are not able to buy. They will look well to their wants for the coming year, and will if seasonable, be the better able to raise a crop next year.

The dry weather has already injured the crops, and unless we have rain soon they will be short.

A Mammoth Elevator. At the junction of the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers the International Navigation Company have in course of construction a mammoth grain elevator, which it is expected will be ready for the reception of grain by Septemoer next. As many as 1,300,000 bricks are being used in constructing the walls, which will be surmounted by an iron roof. The length of the wharf is 500 feet, and breadth 250 feet. The depth of the water alongside being 23 feet at low tide, will allow the largest vessels to approach without difficulty. The trunks of three thousand seven hundred trees were used in constructing it. Piles fifty feet in length consti-Its capacity is eight hundred thou-sand bushels, and will be capable of unloading twenty-four cars, and loading eight large vessels at the same time. A warehouse will be ocated on each side of the wharf, where galleries will extend from the ouildings. Under these galleries are four tracks, each of which can accommodate six cars. The warelouses are each two hundred feet long by seventy-five wide. This elevator, which has a greater receiving and delivering capacity than any other in the country, will be operated by machinery located at the top of the building, a feature belonging to no other elevator. It will be fitted up with steam shovels for handling grain, thus saving a large amount of manual labor. Thirty-six circular iron bins for receiving grain, each 22 feet in diameter, and fifty teet high, are now in course of erection. The cost of the buildings will be \$600,000, and of the wharf, \$150,000, making the total outlay, \$750,000 .- Philadelphia Telegraph.

The New Postmaster General. President Grant might have made much worse appointment than than that of ex-Governor Jewell, of Connecticut, to be Postmaster General. Mr. Jewell doubtless owes his appointment to his relations with the President, with whom he has been on terms of the most cordial intimacy for many years, rather than to any special qualifications for the place. Still, he is a man of good character, undoubted personal integrity, and practical business talent, and will, without doubt, prove an efficient and energetic officer. His political experience in any prominent capac-ity dates from the year 1868, when he was the Republican cand'date for Governor of Connecticut, and in Genesee county, was noticed was defeated by James E. English. He was elected in 1869, defeated again by Mr. English in 1870, and re-elected in 1871 and 1872. In 1873 he declined a renomination, for substantial public improvements told, although the English correstoring the present season would, we approved of a substantial public improvements are trying to break it gently to the American public. Bradam triangle of the provements are trying to break it gently to the American public. Bradam triangle of the provements are trying to break it gently to the American public. Bradam triangle of the influence of liquor. A policeman spoke to him, and a little later was appointed by the provements of the provements are trying to break it gently to the American public. Bradam triangle of the provements of the provement laugh is coming over to lecture look out for himself, when the again.

and a little later was appointed look out for himself, when the young man replied: 'Look out for discharging the duties of that posi.'

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Minister to Russia. He has been discharging the duties of that posi. myself! you bet I will! Why, tion at St. Petersburg not quite a mister, I'm chain lightning rolled up in a ball and stuck full of red-hot ment found him one the eve of a bowie-knives! I'm a thunderbolt two months leave of absence. from the north. I am—a regular rip-up thunderbolt, and folks want to let me alone; they do! Yesterday morning the same policeman found the same individual lying asleep back of the coal shed. His assert was were battered, there was a hole and a more active life is no doubt supposed.

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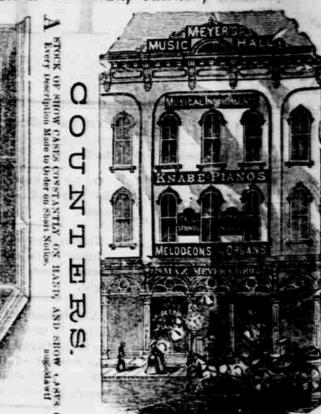
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