

LOGAN COUNTY now has a newspaper and her people are still happier than ever.

IN THE administration of justice there are ways that are peculiar. At the present session of the U. S. court in Omaha U. D. Shaffer, a lad eight years old, was given three months' imprisonment and fined fifty dollars for passing three counterfeit silver dollars.

DEMOCRATIC papers have been accused of grooming "our grand old man" for the senate but have all along denied the charge.

The legislative contest in Nebraska next fall will be confined to one issue—Van Wyck and anti-Van Wyck. It would not surprise us to see combinations entered into between Democrats and Van Wyck Republicans in many of the representative and senatorial districts to secure the election of candidates pledged to the support of Nebraska's "grand old man."

THE usually reliable Topics, speaking about the surveyor general's office, is considerably off when he says:

"As a fact there is little or no use for even a local surveyor in the region of lands yet vacant. An ordinary citizen who never glanced through a transit in his life, can take a pocket compass and follow any line of survey for miles and miles. The stonies that mark the corners are there and are easily found. The settler find them for themselves, as is well known to every man who has visited the border."

This was true of the eastern part of the state where Topics roamed twenty years ago, but it won't apply out here where mounds and stakes were used to mark corners. The stakes have nearly all been burned and in hundreds of cases the mounds are obliterated. There are lines in Keith county where for miles there is not a sign of an original corner, and good surveyors say there never were any mounds or holes. This survey was made during Indian troubles when it was decidedly unhealthy to be out on the prairie. A resurvey by the government is however unnecessary and would possibly be highly injurious, as the land is nearly all taken and lines might be moved considerable distances from where they are supposed to be. From known corners county surveyors can easily establish all section lines.

IN SPEAKING of the Statesman the North Platte Tribune says: "It will also embrace Bro. Sparks and his beloved order suspending the homesteaders' patents. Such is the noble work for Democratic papers in these times."

THE TRIBUNE is one of those narrow contracted concerns that draw their information and inspiration from Republican sources and cannot do justice to anything in the opposition without doing violence to their well drilled political consciences.

The commissioner has made a ruling that is much to be regretted on account of the inconvenience to which it has put a large class of honest people. But Sparks does not make the law governing the case and decides nothing except as far as his opinion goes.

While we differ with the commissioner, we are of the opinion that since the practice of pre-empting, after commencing a homestead was held by many good lawyers to be of questionable legality, the sooner a test case was made the fewer people would suffer from it. We cannot pay back to THE TRIBUNE'S slurs in

kind for we desire to treat all, even the Omaha Republican's poodles with perfect fairness.—Broken Bone Statesman.

Just as THE TRIBUNE expected, The Statesman sustains Sparks' monstrous outrage against the people because he is a Democrat. It has no word of condemnation for the fellow who reverses with a stroke of his pen a practice of the department of twenty-five years standing, which if not reversed deprives thousands of people of a right always conceded to commute both homestead and pre-emption.

The Statesman says Sparks does not make the law governing the case. Fortunately he does not, or there would be no homestead law; but he makes a ruling that establishes a dead-line, that says on one side the people are honest, on the other they are thieves and perjurers. Why this distinction, why this dead-line? Are not the people as honest on the west side of range 17 west in Nebraska as they are on the east side of that line? Are they not of the same class, working the same way, trying to build homes and develop the country? Let the Statesman answer some of these pertinent questions. The people want light and they want to know too why the Democratic press has no word of condemnation for such outrages.

In regard to sneezing. It is the first time THE TRIBUNE has been accused of drawing inspiration from Fred Nye, whose very interesting and no doubt able paper fails to reach this office as an exchange. Our esteemed contemporary must be mistaken about this.

WHO SHALL BE COUNTY SURVEYOR

Applicants Required to Submit to an Examination at the Civil Service Rules.

The death of Hon. Samuel Watts created a vacancy in the office of county surveyor to be filled by the county commissioners by appointment. For the position of course there were a number of applicants—nearly all the gentlemen who have a knowledge of surveying being willing to take the place, not because it is a profitable and lucrative office, but for the honor and prestige it will give, in a business way. This created a commendable rivalry and the commissioners to be fair and impartial and the better able to decide upon the qualification of applicants, decided to submit a number of questions to be answered in writing. The following gentlemen signified their desire to be appointed and willingness to enter the lists in this competitive examination: W. M. Hinman, Chas. P. Ross, I. A. Fort, A. J. Sloatkey and Horace Cleland. The following were the questions asked, prepared by J. W. Bixler on short notice:

- 1. What are the duties of a county surveyor according to the statutes of Nebraska?
2. What are his duties on making a survey?
3. What marks or mounds shall be made to indicate his survey?
4. By what system are the government surveys run?
5. What do you know about rectangular surveying?
6. From what points are government surveys run?
7. If you could find no marks or mounds within the interior of a township, what course would you pursue to find these corners or marks?
8. What marks indicate or how would you recognize a township corner?
9. When you find that a quarter section of land contains more or less than 160 acres, what course would you take to find out the cause thereof?
10. How are township corners marked?
11. What is a true meridian?
12. At what place or where does a true meridian exist?
13. Is the variation the same at different meridians or lines of longitude?
14. How do you find the variation of the magnetic needle?
15. Is the variation at all times the same?
16. What is the right angle to the magnetic meridian?
From the above it will be seen no questions are asked in regard to surveying and recording roads or subdividing sections or quarter sections where there are two or more claimants. In these two branches there is likely to be considerable work and they are both important. The surveyor, whoever he may be, should be qualified to do this work in a creditable manner.
It is proper to state here that Mr. Cleland was not present when the examination was held, and it is likely a new set of questions will be prepared for him. Questions on the points above suggested should also be propounded to all the applicants.
LATER—The paper containing the answers were opened yesterday afternoon and examined by the board. The markings averaged as

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follows: Chas. P. Ross 96, W. M. Hinman 89 3/4, A. J. Sloatkey 78.

Mr. Fort's papers were not on file and the board had decided not to wait for Mr. Cleland.

After fully considering the papers Chas. P. Ross was appointed.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Nine new school districts have been organized in this county since the 15th of August, eight of them from the territory of District No. One, with a school population of 135. The total assessed valuation is \$35,536 and is almost wholly personal property. According to legal requirements these eight districts are entitled to the sum of \$2,031.56 from District No. One for their share of school property. This amount is to be raised by a special levy made by the county board. Both the school census and the property have been much increased by newcomers since the former was taken, and the assessment was made.

Districts No. 16 and 18 have been disappointed in their efforts to build their school houses in time for a winter term of school. They will build frame houses, well furnished, in the early spring.

A good sized, substantial sod house floored, plastered and furnished with patent desks has been built in No. 19. Miss Jennie Carothers has been employed as teacher, school having commenced Jan. 4th.

A sod house was completed and school opened in District No. 21 about the middle of November. W. H. Danielson, teacher. The children of this settlement have lived there deprived of school privileges for several years. The district board in No. 20, on the Red Willow, is composed of ladies. A four month term of school was opened on the 9th of December, Miss Eta Keeler, teacher. The school is held in temporary quarters at present. A good frame house, well furnished, will be erected in the near future.

In the settlements of Districts No. 22 and 23, on the Medicine, schools have been sustained by private subscription, before their organization. Miss Hyla Davis and Miss Lizzie Heed are now their teachers. These two districts and No. 24, each will erect good substantial school houses at an early date. Miss Jennie White of North Platte is employed to open the school in No. 24 on the 11th inst.

Mention will now be made of some improvements that have taken place during the past season in the old districts. Brady Island has been erected and furnished with many modern appliances, as slate black-board, tellurian, etc., two good large frame houses, with vestibules and other conveniences. The old house has also been put in good repair, so that No. 6 can now boast of three of the best and best supplied houses in the county.

Haiton has added a vestibule, coal shed, tellurian, etc., to its school conveniences, and has employed at an advanced salary, the services of a thoroughly qualified teacher, D. B. Willis.

District No. 13 has built an additional school house and will open two schools in the spring.

A good-sized and comfortable frame house, furnished with patent desks, is the result of their efforts in behalf of school interests at Fox Creek. It has an advantage in location not possessed by any other school in the county—it is built on the bank of a stream, under the trees on a hillside, in a beautiful and picturesque spot. Think of the possibility of Lincoln county school children enjoying the privilege of a playground under real trees! Mr. Geo. C. McAllister is the favorite and successful teacher here.

The school house at Nichols has been enlarged and comfortably furnished.

The city board opened in new houses, two new rural schools on Monday of this week. Miss Ida Peterson of Michigan teacher west of Nichols and Miss Nellie Hos-

ford in the Bratt neighborhood south of town.

District No. 5 is purchasing a Webster's Unabridged for each of its three school houses.

Miss Bain, the favorite teacher at Maxwell, reports a high school grade in that district.

Miss Nellie Reed, a teacher of first-class qualifications, is teaching the school at Cottonwood Springs. Thus all along the line of school interests is the watchword, the key-note. Two years ago the few district schools there were largely in the hands of mere school children. To-day a thoroughly incompetent teacher can scarcely be found in the county. It has not been an easy matter to supply enough good teachers for the schools, but the officers have been determined in the stand that they have taken, and have in several instances postponed the opening of school until such time as they could obtain a teacher with the proper credentials. Almost without exception the county corps of school officers have the true welfare of the schools at heart.

The teachers have not been indifferent to this demand for progress. Scarce a Saturday has passed since the closing of the institute but one or more of them has made the effort to raise their "standing" in some branch or branches, or to raise the grade of their certificate. The result is plainly apparent in the increased efficiency of school instruction, and instead of third grade certificates being in the majority, as heretofore, the scale has been turned and second grades are held by nearly all, except the new beginners. Our last official act will be to raise from third to second grade the certificates of two of our former loved pupils.

If a somewhat vigorous policy of supervision can produce such visible results in so short time, what may not a continued and increasing earnestness and vigilance accomplish toward raising the schools of Lincoln county to a place among the very best? We trust our successor brings to the work just such a spirit of earnestness, enthusiasm and vim as is demanded by the citizens. For if this people do not earnestly and sincerely desire good teachers and good schools, we have greatly misinterpreted their sentiments. This office is responsible for any other class, is the gateway by which all must enter the profession, worthy or unworthy, (except those employed by the city board).

It has been a cherished desire to establish a thoroughly graded system, and uniformity of text-books in the country schools—to start all these new ones aright. We call the special attention of our successor and the patrons of the schools to the importance of these two features of the work. Several of the districts, Nos. 8, 11, 14 and 15, if we have been rightly informed, have adopted the list of books prepared recently and the officers in the new districts are anxiously inquiring for direction in regard to the best books to use.

With the most hearty thanks to the many all over the county who have so kindly and hospitably entertained us, or shown in various other ways evidences of kindness and appreciation, and with the most sincere and heartfelt trust that your progress in all that pertains to the welfare of your schools may grow broader and brighter as the years pass by, we resign the work into the hands of your chosen representative.

M. S. HONN.

County Superintendent's Notice.

The County Superintendent of Public Instruction of Lincoln County will be at his office in North Platte on the THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH for examination of teachers and EACH SATURDAY to attend to any other business that may come before him. J. L. NESBITT, County Superintendent.

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NOTICE—TIMBER CULTURE.
U. S. Land Office, North Platte, Neb., Dec. 24th, 1885.
Complaint having been entered at this office by George A. Adams against Willis Padrick for failure to comply with law as to Timber Culture Entry No. 232 dated June 15, 1885, upon the northeast quarter section 30, township 15, range 30, in Lincoln county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, contestant alleging that said Willis Padrick has failed to break or cause to be broken five acres of said tract the first year or break or cause to be broken five acres of said tract the second year, and that said failure exists at this time; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 23d day of March, 1886, at 9 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

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