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It is proposed to create a new judicial district and the Rushville Standard seems to think the appointment of the judge for the same should fall either to Chadron or Rushville. It also says: "Of course Judge Hunter, of Harrison may want something more, but we believe he can be induced to lie down." The Judge, Mr. Standard, is not given to lying either up or down. He will not attempt to compete with you in that line.—Republican.

The presidential electors will meet the second Tuesday in January in the various states, to cast their ballots for president and vice-president. Prior to February 1887, the date for the meeting of the college was in December, but the law was changed so as to fix the date the second Tuesday in January. The order of business is first the presentation of the certificates of election from the board of canvassers, which must be found to be correct and satisfactory. Then the usual formula is put to them as to their qualifications for holding any office under the United States government, and, should they reply in the negative, the oath is duly administered by the secretary of the state.

The college is then organized by the election of a president and secretary, and then the electors cast their vote for president and vice-president of the United States. The vote is duly read, certified and sealed, and three copies are to be prepared, one to be taken to Washington by a special messenger and one sent by mail. The secretary of state also receives one to be placed in the archives of the commonwealth. The college then proceeds with the election of a messenger to carry the vote to Washington, whose compensation is solely by mileage, at the rate of 25 cents a mile.

Montros Neeb., Dec. 22. ED. JOURNAL:—

In last week's Republican I see an unwarranted attack on Mr. S. Barker and the JOURNAL, charging both with stirring up strife between the Grangers and cattle men, and also warning people against a possible loss of their funds by putting them in the bank of which Mr. Barker is cashier. Now the facts in the case are, that such strife existed long before Mr. Barker or the JOURNAL had seen Sioux county. And why? Surely there must be a cause and there surely is. While a portion of the cattle men, bound by their honor and manhood have held aloof, others combined, with a purpose to rule this county to their own benefit, and have succeeded mightily well so far. It is unnecessary to state how as all know only too well. But not content with skinning the county, this outfit, whose mouthpiece the Republican is—in open violation of all laws of manhood or even decency, resort now to a bulldozing system that would bring the blush of shame to the cheek of any honorable set of men. Woe to the poor subject that would not worship at their shrine! Their chance for a living was doomed. With blood hounds they would be chased from the ranches to prison some must go, and from the stores they must be discharged, and they with their families thrown out of employment. Others were threatened variously who would not vote and work according to their dictates. These and kindred measures were resorted to and their forces now seem to be concentrated upon Mr. Barker and the JOURNAL, because they have had the courage to stand on the side of the people in demanding their rights. That such actions are cowardly is putting it mildly. It is of the same spirit that hung John Brown the same that murdered Lovejoy and sank his printing press into the Mississippi river because he did dare to advocate antislavery measures; it is the contemptible, cowardly spirit that always comes uppermost where ever political rottenness flourishes, but there is an end to all things and that the Republican won't cut any big figure with such stuff there is no need of saying. Mr. Barker has proved himself a gentleman and an accommodating bank cashier. That Armstrong and Wood are responsible men even the Republican does not deny, and no doubt the bank will survive "this great shock" from a snipe sheet. And the JOURNAL—well ask the people who is driving the trade to other towns and they will tell you that it is this bulldozing gang, and nobody else. Not wishing to take up too much space in your paper I will close.

Reliable parties just in from the Platte river, near the Pratt & Ferris ranch, say that some railway company has built forty rods of grade and laid ties and rails upon it at the point where the surveyed line of the B. & M. crosses from Nebraska into Wyoming. It is supposed that the work is done by the B. & M. but the particular occasion and significance of the work is not apparent to an outsider.—Lusk Herald.

The above is corroborated by parties from here who visited that section of the country some time ago.

The fall term of school at Harrison closed on last Friday with appropriate exercises. In the evening a supper was arranged for the scholars in which the parents participated, and was made a joyous occasion for the children in many ways. This shows a more than ordinary interest in the school by both teacher and parents. The monotony of the school room life should be frequently broken by some interesting sport or recreation and its infrequency is more often complained of than its frequency in a majority of the public schools of today.

Having received special prices on nursery stock grown at Sioux City, Iowa, and wishing to further introduce the raising of fruit in our valuable county, I quote the following reduced prices, the same to hold good until March 10th, 1889.

Apple trees, 3 to 4 ft, per 100 \$10.00
Cherry " 3 to 4 ft " " 40.00
Plum " 3 to 4 ft " " 35.00
Concord grapes, " " 7.00
Raspberries, " " 3.00
Blackberries, " " 3.00
Strawberries, " " 2.00

All other kinds of fruit and shrubs equally cheap. Forest trees of any description at prices lower than ever before in Sioux county. All stock warranted to be in good condition when delivered and true to name. Your patronage is respectfully solicited. Two, Reedy.

Mr. L. Tubbs is talking of planting five hundred fruit trees next spring.

Attorney Geo. Walker went to Chadron Thursday last and tarried over Friday, returning Saturday.

The Maloney trial came up yesterday and was continued until to-day, in order to give time for the summoning of a jury.

Mr. S. Barker started on a visit to his old home at Rushville last Saturday, returning from his several days visit yesterday.

Mr. Barker Sr., intends to make a visit to Rushville soon and we hear it rumored that he may consummate the arrangements for taking unto himself a "life partner."

Mr. Jas. Picher, father-in-law of Mr. Eli Smith, of Bodare, arrived in Harrison last Friday. He was formerly a resident of Missouri.

The renowned Peter of musical reputation, and of a few other oddities and peculiarities, left for parts to the writer unknown, one day last week.

Miss Ida Schwartz returned home Monday from Mr. McGinly's where she has been visiting for several weeks past rusticiating and taking a much needed rest.

The telegraph line has been arranged so that it crosses the track to the station before reaching the Y and side track and then passes back to the same side after passing them.

There is a wide difference between buying goods from an agent or from the dealer direct. Thos. Reedy buys his nursery stock at wholesale, getting thousands of trees at a time.

A party of immigrants arrived by the overland route from Galesburg Illinois last week, consisting of Mr. G. B. Harrington and wife and baby, and Albert Taylor and wife and child. They will probably locate near here.

Mr. John Blunt, of Beemer, Cummings county, arrived in Harrison last week. He brings a car load of stock, goods and farming implements. Mr. Blunt is an old acquaintance of Mr. Eli Smith of Bodare, for whom he brought some stock. He has moved his goods to Mr. Smith's until a suitable location is found.

We will publish next week the first half of an original story written expressly for the JOURNAL. It will be an unusually interesting one in more than one particular, carrying as it does the novelty of a home author and the guarantee of perfect originality. Sample copies of the JOURNAL can be had by calling at this office or applying by mail.

The many who were present Sunday evening and listened to Mrs. Bassett's address were well repaid. The touching memoirs of her life that she recounted could not fail to carry conviction to her listeners and enlist their—if not support, at least respect and confidence. If there existed a doubt before in the mind of any one, as to the sincerity of Mrs. Bassett's Christian endeavors, it must surely now be removed. Her argument was an interesting and convincing one.

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Boggy Items.

Mrs. Holly is on the sick list. Miss Conner's school wound up with an exhibition on the 21st.

B. Conner's house will be finished in a short time. Red has a new dog.

The top buggy was down on Boggy the 17th. The driver has a claim on the creek.

Well, the herd law, after the sun goes down, is in force, yet the stock runs at large. Build your corrals and pen them up in my way. I came into the valley to stay; free range or no free range.

We hear strong talk of making a new county out of the north half of Sioux.

There was an outfit passed through the valley recently going to work on the new railroad.

A Crawford doctor was over to see Mrs. Holly last week.

Glen Items.

Dance at S. W. Kemp's Wednesday night.

The little ones are anticipating a good time at the Christmas tree and also at the exhibition in district No. 1.

E. F. says if they want to scare him they have got to shoot closer than they did the last time.

Mr. Avenport has changed his mind and has concluded to stay with us a while longer.

Colville is taking advantage of the fine weather to break a lot of horses.

Mr. Jewets teams are busy hauling lumber to Crawford.

Mr. Kreman fed his dog some biscuits of his own baking the other morning and they made him feel so bad that he tried to commit suicide by letting the train run over him. Mr. K. says he is going to feed him mush hereafter.

Mr. Frazier is still busy getting out posts.

John Lecker has returned from his hunting trip.

A Harness for Niagara.

A Buffalo man claims to have solved the problem of "harnessing" the Niagara river, for which Buffalo business men have offered a reward of \$100,000. A model of the invention is now on exhibition in the board of trade and is being closely examined by a large number of people. The plans of the invention is as follows: Two massive piers would be built, one on each bank of the river. Heavy shafts stand up obliquely by the piers. At the bottom of the shafts an endless belt runs from shaft to shaft across the river, but deep enough in the water to allow the largest lake vessels to pass over it. The belt is made of two strands of two inch cable connected with cable every five or six feet. Into the spaces are fitted sheet iron plates three by five feet, pivoted at one end, opening either way, but chained so that they open but a short distance. The full force of the current pressing on these places forces the belt around at a great rate, and by an ingenious arrangement the current is felt both going and coming. The shafts revolving drive a cable and furnish power on the banks. The inventor, Edward Sackrow, figures that 1,000 horse power can be secured in this way.—Ex.

Country Newspapers.

When we are thinking of the great city papers, and of the influence they exert we are apt to overlook the important place occupied by the country newspaper,—the local newsgatherer of our villages and small cities. It has come to be a habit in some circles to look on the life of a country editor as thrown away, or, at best, only partially successful.

Of the things that make the village paper seem an undesirable field for work, perhaps the chief is lack of circulation, and "a consequent reducing of one's powers to the level of the circulation," as one writer has said. True, lack of circulation is a drawback in more ways than one, but it is no excuse for the withholding of one's powers in the make-up of the paper. People who live in the country have minds just the same as those who live in the city, and we have every reason to suppose that they appreciate a good thing when they see it, just as their city cousins do. If they do not, why do live, breezy country papers always have so much larger circulation than those that are sleepy, and merely give the news without comment! The American public admires pugnacity, whether they see it in a prize-fighter, or a great city daily, or a country weekly.

The people like a paper that is no respecter of persons, but hits right and left and they often desire the petty personalities which it is wrong for any paper to print. Bold opinions, boldly advocated, always attract appreciative audiences, and the more of this quality of boldness a country editor possesses, the larger will his paper's circulation be.—The Writer.

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