

CONGRESSMAN LAIRD is the liveliest man on the floor of the house. It keeps the wires red-hot to recount his acts.

LATEST dispatches indicate that Gen. Sheridan is improving and there are some hopes of his temporary recovery.

CLEVELAND did not go fishing on Memorial day this year. He went to New York to repair his political fences.

AGAIN Mr. Blaine finds it necessary to declare his intentions not to be a candidate before the Chicago convention. This had become necessary from the fact that it was becoming evident his friends would lay his name before the convention and that in all probability he would receive the nomination. His open, mainly letter, full of patriotism, loyalty to the party and honor to his friends, appears in another column. In spite of this he may be nominated, but if so his opponents cannot say that he has not acted fairly and honorably, doing all in his power to prevent it.

FOR MORE than twenty-five years the uniform ruling of the land department has been that the entryman could perfect title to a homestead at the end of five years from of entry, provided he made settlement before the expiration of six months from the date of entry; but now comes this reform Democratic administration under the management of Grover the Great, and rules that the five years commences to run from date of settlement. This of itself would not work any great hardship were it not made retroactive. It refers to all final proofs made in the "affected district" established by Sparg's "dead line" more than three years ago, and in thousands of cases completely invalidates the title, whether in the hands of the original parties or of innocent purchasers. By what right or pretext of right do the Democrats reverse a practice that has been followed since the commencement of the law? It is Herod's Herod. Even the notorious Sparg himself, who adopted every scheme to annoy the settler that his fertile brain could invent, could not think of this. And then in the matter of timber-claims: The practice has been to prove up at the end of eight years; but the department now rules that proof cannot be made until eight years after the ten acres have been planted. Evidently the land department is bending its energies to the invention of pure cussedness.

MR. BLAINE WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE.

The New York Tribune of Tuesday contained the following letter from Mr. Blaine again declining to be a candidate for the presidency:

PARIS, May 17, 1888.

Whitehair Reid, Esq., Editor of the New York Tribune.

My Dear Sir: Since my return to Paris from southern Italy on the 8th inst., I have learned (what I did not before believe) that my name may yet be presented to the national convention as a candidate for the presidency by the Republican party. A single phrase of the letter of January 25 from Florence (which was decisive of everything I had the personal power to decide) has been treated by many of my most valued friends as not absolutely conclusive in ultimate and possible contingencies. On the other hand, friends equally devoted and disinterested have construed my letter, as it should be construed, to be an unconditional withholding of my name from the national convention. They have in consequence given their support to eminent gentlemen who are candidates for the Chicago nomination, some of whom would not, I am sure, have consented to assume that position if I had desired to represent the party in the presidential contest of 1888.

If I should now, by speech or by silence, by commission or omission, permit my name, in any event, to come before the convention, I should incur the reproach of being unacquainted with those who have always been candid with me. I speak, therefore, because I am not willing to remain in a doubtful attitude. I am not willing to be the cause of misleading a single man among the millions who gave me their suffrages and their confidence. I am not willing that even one of my faithful supporters in the past should think me capable of paltering in a doubtful sense, with my words. Assuming that the presidential nomination could by any possible chance be offered to me I could not accept it without leaving in the minds of thousands of men the impression that I had not been free from indirection, therefore I could not accept it at all.

The misrepresentations of malice have no weight, but the just displeasure of friends, I could not patiently endure. Republican victory, the prospects of which grow brighter every day, can be imperilled only by lack of unity in council or by acrimonious contests over men.

The issue of protection is incalculably stronger and greater than any man, for it concerns the prosperity of the present and of generations yet to come.

Were it possible for every voter of the republic to see for himself the condition of recompense of labor in Europe, the party of free trade in the United States would not receive the support of one wage-worker between the two oceans. It may not be directly in our power as philanthropists to elevate the European laborer, but it will be a lasting stigma upon our statesmanship if we permit the American laborer to be forced down to the European level, and in the end the rewards of labor everywhere will be advanced if we steadily refuse to lower the standard at home.

Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) JAMES G. BLAINE.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday, May 26, 1888.

The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment; present James Belton and Lester Walker, commissioners, and county clerk.

The clerk is directed to have published in the newspapers of Lincoln county that the board of commissioners will meet on Tuesday, June 12th, as a board of equalization and will be in session not more than twenty days, and that all taxpayers are warned to see that their assessments are correct, as there can be no change after levy of taxes.

Now comes W. D. Lyle and complains that the road running across Cottonwood gulch is impassable and asks that it be bridged. Referred.

Pauley Bros. and Marsh, in response to advertisement for plans for jail, presented for consideration of the board their respective plans, which were examined.

Adjourned to meet Monday, May 28th.

Monday the board met, commissioners Walker and Belton being present.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the plans and specifications submitted to the board by W. F. Marsh, architect, be accepted by the board of commissioners of Lincoln county upon the following condition: That said building shall be erected and completed at an expense not exceeding eight thousand dollars, the county board to pay to the said W. F. Marsh the sum of two and a half per cent of the contract price of said building for the same, upon the completion of said building.

Adjourned until Tuesday.

May 29th—Board met pursuant to adjournment, commissioners Belton and Walker being present.

Ordered that the road overseer of road district No. 10 be authorized to expend \$50 over the poll tax in his district.

Ordered that section line between sections 22 and 23, 13-31 be and is hereby declared a public highway.

The petition of W. H. Null and others and Wm. Hubart and others are referred to county clerk with request to appoint a viewer of the same.

Adjourned until the 31st.

OFALLON ORACLE.

Bright weather once more and most of the farms not quite inundated.

The windmill pump at the station has been repaired. There are prospects for a new tank.

Upon entering the depot the other day we were impressed with the brightness and cleanliness of everything. A general renovation of the building and grounds has taken place and now if those railway officials who complain that O'Fallon station is nothing but a sand bank would only send up a few carloads of cinder to be scattered where the sand is bad, it would be a great improvement.

Twenty carloads of sheep on their way from Dalles, Oregon, to Chicago, were let out here Monday for pasture. Wednesday they started on again.

W. L. Harrington has been confined to the bed for a week with rheumatism, but is now around.

Miss Mamie Mason left last week for her home in Denver. The last day of school was not celebrated in the usual fashion. We did not even hear any shouts of joy hurrahs for vacation or anything of the kind. The reason for this quietude is that there have been no children in attendance for some time. Parents each one ask yourself the question "Am I in any way responsible for the non-success of the school?" and answer truthfully.

Miss Ida McWilliams dishes up the food to the hungry souls at the section house. To give honor to whom honor is due, we must say that the section house at O'Fallons is the neatest and best we were ever permitted to eat in.

A few couple enjoyed a good time at the home of Roy Thompson last Tuesday evening. We understand there was a violin in use.

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MORROW FLAT.

Decoration Day was not observed by the good people of Morrow Flat; only by our more patriotic friends who spent the day at North Platte and Cottonwood.

but was glad to return to her Nebraska home.

Rev. and Mrs. Hosford are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Aldrich, at Vroman this week.

A fine new boy arrived August Diehl's Monday afternoon. He is a ten pounder and they say he has come to stay.

CRICKET.

WALLACE.

Mr. Kenworthy, from near the Platte, was down after a load of corn a few days since.

Mr. Chase has been somewhat under the weather for the past few days, but is able to be on the streets again.

Work on the new elevator has already begun and by the time the small grain is ready for the market Mr. Jackson expects to have the elevator in running order.

The Misses Fisher have opened a millinery and dressmaking shop and we expect soon to see all our ladies decorated in the latest spring styles.

We are going to have a Fourth of July even if the cold weather does last all summer and a Fourth of July celebration too. Already a sufficient sum has been subscribed to insure funds sufficient to meet all expenses. We also have a crack baseball nine that would like to cross bats with any club in Lincoln county. Don't all speak at once.

J. S. Bailor & Co., our new lumber firm, have knocked the bottom out of lumber prices. Lumber has come down from \$4@57 per M. They have also received a fine lot of shop machinery and are contemplating putting in a planing mill.

Mr. Ingraham, of Iowa, who lives with his son Wm. who lives just in the edge of Hayes county.

Last Saturday Mr. Cochran received one of the Hasting well augers and in the future will be prepared to find "Adam's ale" for all who may so desire.

Ch. Hutchinson is boring a well for John Nathan on his claim east of town.

And still they go—we mean the bachelors. The last victim was our worthy attorney Mr. Bentley who went off on legal business and returned with a wife. We wish the young people a long, happy and prosperous future.

Mr. P. B. Govin, of Corning, Iowa, has purchased the interest of Cruzen Bros. in the Bank of Wallace and will in the future make Wallace his home. Mr. Govin is a thorough business man and comes here with ample means. This makes the Bank of Wallace strictly a home institution run with home capital. AGRICOLA.

PLEASANT HILL.

Our farmers are happy over the late rains and are rejoicing over the prospect of raising a good crop the coming season.

On Saturday evening we had an old fashioned rain—a regular gully washer—accompanied by considerable hail but no damage was done.

Mrs. Mollie Yates is quite jubilant over the prospective visit of her father, Mr. N. B. Whitesides of Illinois whom she expects this week.

Miss Lizzie Brown is visiting on section 8 this week.

Steve Conway gets very thirsty of late while tending his crops and calls frequently at Phil Brown's well for a drink of Adams ale.

Quite a number were in attendance at the Alliance meeting Saturday evening and a very enjoyable time was had.

Miss Hattie Kerwood returned home Saturday. She says she likes city life very much but thinks her ma needs her help at home.

Mrs. Holbrook and Wm. Conway will be here next week from Illinois.

Miss Blaker and C. A. McKinstry of Ogallala were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson last week. GUESS WHO.

ORDINANCE No. 70.

An ordinance relative to sidewalks and providing for a sidewalk from the south line of Front street along the east side of Maple street to Third street, thence on the west side of Maple street to the south line of the city limits of North Platte, Nebraska.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of North Platte, Nebraska:

Sec. 1. It is hereby ordered that a sidewalk be built on the east side of Maple street from the south line of Front street to Third street, thence on the west side of Maple street to the south line of the limits of said city of North Platte.

Sec. 2. Said sidewalk to be built by owners of lots abutting on the east side of said Maple street to Third street, and on the west side of Maple street from Third street to the south line of the limits of said city; and the city of North Platte shall put in and construct the necessary street and alley crossings on the line of said sidewalk. Said sidewalk shall be constructed of two-inch pine plank, laid upon three stringers; said stringers to be not less than six by two inches and securely spiked with not less than five spikes to each plank. Said sidewalk to be five feet four inches wide and laid two feet from lot line on said street.

Sec. 3. In the event of the failure of any lot owner to build the sidewalk upon his property abutting on said street along the line of said sidewalk within thirty days from the passage of this ordinance, the street commissioner is hereby in-

structed to advertise for bids and let the building of said sidewalk to the lowest bidder and collect the expense from the owner or owners of said lots according to law.

Sec. 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Approved: C. F. ORMSBY, Mayor.
Attest: E. B. WARNER, City Clerk.

State of Nebraska,
Lincoln County, ss.
I, E. B. Warner, clerk of the City of North Platte, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the council and approved by the mayor the 25th day of May, 1888.

Witness my hand and the seal of said city of North Platte this 26th day of May, 1888.

E. B. WARNER, City Clerk.
[L. S.]

NOTICE TO BIDDERS.
Office of City Clerk,
North Platte, Neb.
June 1st, 1888.

Sealed bids will be received by the city clerk for supplying the City of North Platte, Neb., with lumber for the ensuing year.

Bidders shall give the amount per M of different widths and thickness of lumber and also quality.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Bids will be received until 12 o'clock noon of June 9th, 1888.

E. B. WARNER, City Clerk.

Application for Liquor License.
Master of Application of P. E. Sullivan for License.

Notice is hereby given that P. E. Sullivan did upon the 31st day of May, 1888, file his application to the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Nebraska, for license to sell, dispense and receive licenses on lot six, block eighth, in the town of Wallace, Lincoln County, Nebraska, from the first day of June, 1888, to the 22nd day of April, 1889. If there be no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from May 31st, 1888, the said license will be granted.

P. E. SULLIVAN, Applicant.
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER CHATTEL MORTGAGE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a chattel mortgage dated on the 1st day of March, 1888, and duly filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on the 31st day of March, 1888, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day and executed by David Cash to Thomas Palmer to secure the payment of the sum of \$280.00 on which there is now due \$247.75 default having been made in the payment of said sum, and no suit or other proceeding at law having been instituted to recover said debt or any part thereof, I will sell the property therein described viz: 132 head of large cattle and 60 calves of the spring of 1887 and being all of the cattle owned by me and kept on Magnolia Broderick Homestead Claim in Logan County, Neb., subject however to mortgage to Wm. B. Conklin of \$111.00 and to mortgage to E. J. Hirsman for \$200.00 and to mortgage to W. E. Beach upon which there is now due a balance of about \$700.00, at public auction at the Union Pacific Railway stock yards in the city of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, on the 29th day of June, 1888, at one o'clock p. m. of said day.

Dated June 2d, 1888.
THOMAS PALMER, Mortgagee.

A drink of whiskey killed three-year-old Willie McConnell, of San Francisco.

Cats are the poets of the lower animals, they alone cultivate the mews.

In necessary things, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.

A minister in Jamaica at night, by the light of an insect called the candle-fly, was kept from stepping over a precipice of one hundred feet.

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth, my dear, said her husband: Keep your mouth shut, then, said she. And he shut it.

An Illinois man who moved out to Kansas several years ago recently returned to his old home to eat a doughnut made by his mother, and found it a little poorer than his wife made.

What a beautiful child, says the visitor to the lady of the house. Yes, he is a handsome boy. Indeed he is—the perfect image of his father. Don't you think so? I never saw his father. We adopted him.

There are more liquor-sellers than public-school teachers, and four times as many saloons as churches.

The whole number of suicides in the United States for the five years, 1882-87, was 3,226. Rum did it in many cases.

The death rate per 1,000 of living population, for the year 1880, was greatest in Italy, 30.5, and lowest in the United States, 18.

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Men's Railroad Shoes, Warranted, \$2.25.
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Ladies' Fine Kid Shoes, 1.00.
Ladies' Fine Kid Shoes, 1.50.
Ladies' Fine Dongola Shoes, 2.00.
Ladies' Combination French Kid Shoes, 3.50.
Ladies' French Kid Shoes, 4.25.

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H. OTTEN.