

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1906.

The Conway-Nelson ditch company will be formally incorporated.

It is said that a test will be made of the new occupation tax ordinance.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Chivalry, of west Sixth street, on Friday evening last.

W. H. Brooch has set out a large number of good size set maple trees at his residence on west Second street.

For the latest and best in the photographic line try McDonald, the new photographer of the Elito Studio.

Syl Friend, who does more to retard the transfer of real estate than any other man in town, began operations Monday.

Mrs. Andrew Struthers gave a party Thursday evening in honor of a cousin from Sidney who has been visiting here.

Lester Eells visited Kearney Friday and in the evening accepted an invitation to attend a luncheon given by the Buffalo Club, which was duly enjoyed.

The revival at the Methodist church is growing in interest and several have renounced Satan and will henceforth travel in the straight and narrow way.

Tom Brown had the misfortune to have the top torn off his hack on Monday in one of the lumber yards of the city.

Elegant new styles in Millinery at Rennie's.

Thos. Hanrahan, of Maxwell, has disposed of his real estate near that station, M. C. Keith of this city being the purchaser.

A car load of drain tile has been received by the county commissioners and stored in the jail yard for use in the county roads.

The members of the L. O. T. M. lodge are preparing some new robes and paraphernalia for use in conferring the mysteries of their order.

Rev. Fouk will preach in the Lutheran church next Sabbath morning on "An Earnest Life" and in the evening on "Owe no Man Anything."

A private dance will be held at the Keith's hall within a week, several of our young society men being engaged at present in making the arrangements.

For Sale—A 200 egg automatic hatching machine. Can be seen in operation at A. R. Adamson's, north side. Will trade for buggy and harness.

The waterworks company is making a 600-foot extension to the main on west Sixth street. One of the mains in the Third ward is also being extended.

H. Otten is erecting a new house on his farm west of town which will be occupied by E. W. Crane. The latter will cultivate eighty acres of the former's lands.

A number of North Platte ninruds invaded the Maxwell marsh Sunday in pursuit of the succulent wild duck. But a limited number of the birds were bagged.

Miss Mindenhall in charge at Rennie's Millinery Store.

Rev. Fouk made the announcement to the members of the Lutheran church last Sabbath morning that for the first time in its history the congregation did not owe a penny.

Father Ryan, who had charge of the Catholic stations along the Union Pacific in Nebraska twenty-five or thirty years ago, died in Omaha last week. Many of the old-timers of this city remember him.

The Presbytery of Kearney will meet at Central City on next Tuesday evening and continue in session three days. The Presbytery church of this place will be represented by Rev. J. C. Irwin and C. L. Adams.

The city fire hydrants were flushed last Saturday, and during this process the culvert tiling at the intersection of Third and Locust streets was so exposed as to be in danger of being crushed by passing wagon wheels.

French Pattern Hats at Rennie's Millinery Store.

H. M. Weber was in Sutherland Friday in company with insurance agent Campbell adjusting the loss which the Star clothing house sustained in the recent fire, that firm having had a stock of clothing in the store of Geo. C. White.

Smokes the "Little Star" cigar; clear Havana. Made by McGlone & Hess.

From the manner in which April starts out it bids fair to equal in total movement of wind April of last year, which we believe, with one exception, was the most breezy month since the establishment of the signal office in 1875.

Lightning struck the barn of Mr. Keaton, living near Lexington, last week, and killed several head of stock. This is the thirteenth time lightning has struck Mr. Keaton's farm since he took possession of it, and he is beginning to think it time to move.

This morning a lurly blacksmith was discovered hitched between the hills of a promising tire sulky, joggling along making fair time considering the stiff breeze. The vehicle belonged to M. C. Keith, and is the first of this pattern to be owned in North Platte.

Quarterly communion service and public reception of members at the Presbyterian church on next Sabbath morning. Every member is expected to be present. The session of the church will meet to receive new members at the close of the prayer-meeting this evening and also on Sabbath morning one-half hour before the service. The pastor will preach to the young people on Sabbath evening.

For Sale—Cheap, a seven-room house, well located. Enquire at this office.

Attorney T. Fulton Gantt is expected to return from his trip to Omaha for a consultation with United States Judge Caldwell over the little matter of a reduction in the wages of Union Pacific employees. Whether entirely successful or not in winning his case he has already won an important concession, viz: the right of labor organizations to be heard before a court of adjudication. For a number of years past in the federal jurisdiction of Nebraska it has been the practice that organized labor had no standing in court. Fortunately this has now been reversed, and the Tribune is informed that it is largely due to the efforts of Mr. Gantt, as it is stated that he had entire management of the matter.

The Modern Woodmen, commencing with tonight, will in the future hold their meetings in the Knights of Pythias hall.

Miss Farnsworth has decided to hold her concert at Keith's hall on the evening of the 21st. Details will be given later.

The rank of Knight will be conferred at the K. P. hall next Friday evening and all Pythian Knights are requested to be present.

Sam Sagasser, who wandered away from this city while in a half demented condition, was found at Grand Island last week and brought home.

J. E. Evans has just received a dozen baby carriages, the nicest line ever brought to this city. Prices from eight to twenty-nine dollars.

Max Beer disposed of a number of horses and cattle at public auction at his ranch Saturday last. Considering the times, the prices realized were very fair.

J. S. Hincley's school in Fairview precinct closed last Friday. The patrons assembled and gave the young man quite a banquet as an evidence of their esteem.

M. C. Keith this week begins the construction of a half mile track for the purpose of exercising some of his speedy equines. It will be southeast of his stables in this city.

\$5,000 to \$10,000 in Silks, Velvets and Millinery now being opened at Rennie's.

Mr. Clair has secured the services of Miss Anna Krampf as his deputy in the postoffice when he assumes charge. Miss Krampf will make a very competent deputy, as she had a year or two of experience under Postmaster Wood.

Cards are out announcing the coming marriage nuptials of Miss Anna Neary, of Miller precinct, and Chas. A. O'Rourke, of Cottonwood, the ceremony to take place in St. Patrick's church, this city, on Wednesday next week at ten a. m. A wedding breakfast will be served at the Nebraska House after the ceremony.

J. B. McKee, who moved to Warren county, Ohio, several months ago, returned to town the latter part of week and will probably again become a resident of Lincoln county. In the section of Ohio in which he resides times are very tight, Warren county having expended forty thousand dollars in relieving the wants of the poor the past winter.

Hard times are not known at Rennie's.

Supt. Goodman has fifteen or twenty plows at work this week turning over the virgin soil on the Cady ranch lands. The grading machine arrived Monday and work on the irrigating ditch will commence at once. The Colonel's broad acres will present a lively appearance for the next sixty days by reason of the men and teams employed.

At the meeting of the ladies' guild of the Episcopal church Friday afternoon Mrs. W. J. Stuart and Mrs. C. E. Norton were re-elected to the respective offices of president and vice-president. The organization has twenty-five members and succeeds in raising about \$600 per year for church purposes.

Smokes the "Little Star" cigar; clear Havana. Made by McGlone & Hess.

Those of our residents, who each year in a number, have taken their children to the Grand Island bi-choride of gold institute, talk strongly of organizing a club, believing that such a society could exert quite an influence in getting those who love the flowing bow to take the treatment. We believe that every one in this city who has been treated is successfully abstaining from intoxicating drinks.

A visitor to the Y. M. C. A. rooms has reason to believe that the directors made no mistake in appointing Mr. Hollingsworth secretary. He has fallen into the trap rapidly and will not desert the high standard established by the former secretary. The men's meeting Sunday afternoon was quite well attended. Rev. Fouk being the principal speaker.

Jim Hall, employed at Sizemore's barber shop, has been in Omaha for the past week under the care of a surgeon. Several years ago he was shot in the leg, and later the wound has been troubling him more or less. Going to Omaha a surgeon made an examination and found that an abscess had formed near the bone, and that unless cut out decay of the bone would follow. An operation was performed, the abscess removed, and Jim will probably be home the latter part of the week.

The waters of Pawnee Creek are now being utilized for irrigation purposes by M. C. Keith. He has a flume through beneath the Union Pacific track which carries a continuous stream two feet in width and the same in depth for the purpose of watering his lands south of the track. He informs us that within a fortnight he will have the water of the White Horse creek under his control in the same way. In years to come the water rights of the various running streams of western Nebraska will become a valuable franchise, and the man who first jumps in and begins their improvement will be allowed by the courts to hold them. Do you grasp the idea?

D. W. Crane resigned his position in the dispatcher's office Saturday and will prepare himself for the ministry. This step has been contemplated for some time by Mr. Crane. As a layman he has been a very energetic christian worker, but as a minister his field will be more extended and his efforts more fruitful. This Tribune has much admiration for the christianity possessed by a man who will yield a position paying him \$130 per month these light times enter the ministry, which at its best, is anything but a lucrative financial field of labor—in fact this move is proof positive that Mr. Crane is a sincere christian and he will study during the summer and fall and be examined at the next conference of the Methodist church. Mr. Claybaugh takes third trick in the dispatcher's office.

The earlier symptoms of dyspepsia, such as distress after eating, heartburn, and occasional headaches, should not be neglected. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla if you wish to be cured.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills, biliousness, jaundice, indigestion, sick headaches.

News reached this city yesterday that a territorial judge down in Oklahoma had ordered Otto Richter to be freed from the clutches of Sheriff Miller. This was not a surprise to many, for while they believe the fellow was morally guilty of fraud, yet they doubted the ability of the state to legally convict him.

Owing to the inability to get a quorum of the stockholders there was no meeting last Friday of the Lincoln County Agricultural Association, but since this attempt at a meeting it has developed that a move will probably be made to have a mid-summer racing meeting, although whether by the society or not is as yet undecided, and the track is being put in shape for this purpose.

Observer Finney's summary for the month of March shows the mean temperature to have been 40 degrees; the highest 77; and the lowest 7; making it the warmest March since 1884. The precipitation for the month amounted to 1.72 inches, which is greater than fell in March last year or the year before. The average precipitation for the month for the past twenty years has been but little above three quarters of an inch, so it may be said we are an inch ahead on rainfall for that particular month. The total movement of wind for the last month aggregated 9,156 miles; the highest velocity attained being 44 miles per hour, which occurred on the 10th.

At the meeting of the school board Monday evening the petition asking that body to call a special election for the purpose of voting on the proposition to issue \$20,000 in school bonds was submitted, the requisite number of signers to the petition having been secured. On motion the petition was submitted to a committee who will investigate the legal steps necessary and make a report at a special meeting of the board to be held next week. As previously stated in these columns, there is some diversity of opinion as to the amount of bonds which should be issued, a number arguing that \$20,000 will prove insufficient to erect a building adequate for future needs. We believe, however, that nearly all, if not all, who signed the petition for \$20,000 will take it upon himself to get up another petition designating a sum and circulate it for signers. If this step is not taken the election for the \$20,000 proposition will probably be called at the meeting next week.

I. A. Fort addressed a meeting at Gothenburg Wednesday evening and organized a local irrigation association. This association will devise ways and means for building a canal along the foothills in Lincoln and Dawson counties and irrigate the valley between the hills and the South Platte river. The area of land covered by the proposed ditch would be about six by six miles, and the Colorado ditch would carry all the water in the South Platte during the growing season, the proposed canal could be made practical only by a system of large storage basins into which the waters of the river must flow during the winter months. It is only a matter of a few years until this plan will be used in many localities. This Tribune is among those who believe that in the course of five years the Platte river for a considerable distance east of this city will be a bed of dry sand during the growing season of the year. The ditches now being constructed and those which will be built during the next year in the territory west of North Platte will certainly absorb all the water in the river.

With the exception of some lively work for the candidates for councilman in the First ward, the city election yesterday passed off very quietly, and with one exception resulted in the election of the caucus ticket. The lucky candidates were: York Coker, mayor; Socors, treasurer; Scharrman, clerk; Meyer, engineer; Monagan, Idings and Meyer, councilmen; Mrs. Birge and Mrs. Longley, members of board of education. The vote by wards was as follows: First ward—VonGoetz 125, Nesbitt 119, Scharrman 78, Adams 105, Sorenson 94, Monagan 110, Stewart 50, Fikes 109, Mrs. Birge 164, Mrs. Longley 92. Second ward—VonGoetz 170, Nesbitt 86, Scharrman 129, Adams 102, Sorenson 101, Idings 174, Fikes 83, Mrs. Birge 220, Mrs. Longley 184. Third ward—VonGoetz 115, Nesbitt 32, Scharrman 98, Adams 46, Sorenson 95, Jordan 36, Scott 91, Fikes 52, Mrs. Birge 151, Mrs. Longley 125. Totals—VonGoetz 420, Nesbitt 297, Scharrman 305, Adams 223, Sorenson 300, Fikes 244, Mrs. Birge 535, Mrs. Longley 401. The three-to-one vote received by Scharrman in his own ward is certainly complimentary to that young man, and the heavy vote cast for Mrs. Birge is likewise complimentary to her. The candidates elected will fill their respective positions creditably to themselves and with satisfaction to the people; of this there is no doubt.

Miss Farnsworth's Entertainment. The entertainment to be given soon by Miss Farnsworth at Keith's hall promises to be a rare treat. The old time grace "Minuet" will be given by sixteen little children who have been thoroughly drilled in the different figures.

The "Scar Drill" by seven of North Platte's fair young mississippis are graceful, light and sweet, will be robed in scarlet gowns, and carry a dainty scarf. While dramatic music is played, they will change from "Thought to Ridicule," "Listening to Banefulness," "Denoting to Gossip," "Flattery to Supplication," ending with a finale of fantastic groups.

Tennyson's beautiful poem, "A Dream of Fair Women," will be read and the full force and sense of the poem brought out by representation of each character as they appear in their order. The show will be interspersed with recitations and music, the whole going to make up a very instructive evening of pleasure which none should miss.

W. P. Cody left for Pine Ridge on Monday night on business connected with his show enterprise.

The meat market firm of Frazier & McGraw has been dissolved, the former retiring from the business. P. E. McGraw the remaining partner will continue business at the old stand.

THE MID-WINTER FAIR A SUCCESS. \$20.00 to reach it. Take the only through line to San Francisco, the Union Pacific. Through first and second class sleepers and diners. Our advertising matter tells you all about it. N. B. Olds, Agent Union Pacific System.

SILVER NOVELTIES.

We have a fine line of Sterling Silver Hair Pins, Hat Pins, Umbrella Marks, Hat Marks, Corsage Pins, Swords and the latest thing out, the new Wreath Pin in Gold and Enamel. Also a fine line of Silver Ware and Cut Glass.

CLINTON, THE JEWELER.

PEREGRINATING PEOPLE.

Lester Rodgers and Will Sweet, of Wallace, were in town Sunday.

Col. Cody and family leave Saturday for a brief visit to Sheridan, Wyo.

A. K. Adamson, late of this city, has removed from Denver to Salt Lake City.

Miss Belle Buckworth is home from Hastings spending the spring vacation.

Bernard Beer, of Denver, transacted business in town the latter part of the week.

Dr. Allvine is attending to the wants of his patients in Keith county this week.

John Keith, of Sutherland, was shaking hands yesterday with North Platte friends.

C. A. Diamond tarried in town Sunday and Monday, combining business with pleasure.

Mrs. O. Y. Ross and Mrs. W. C. Bogue left the latter part of the week on a pleasure trip to California.

A. Hofmeister and wife, of Wallace, came over Sunday and are visiting their daughter, Mrs. G. C. Stoddard.

Attorneys Grimes and Wilcox have been attending the session of district court at Ogallala this week.

E. P. Brown, of Grant, was in town Friday, coming here to take the degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Gus Cobb, one of Fremont's most popular young men, spent Sunday in town as the guest of Arthur McNamara.

Co. Supt. Miss Horford is visiting schools in the south part of the county and will be absent until about the 15th inst.

John States returned Thursday from Bradford county, Penna., where he was called a month ago by the death of a brother.

F. E. Bullard, and A. S. Baldwin left yesterday morning for Norfolk to attend a state meeting of the Knights Templar.

Miss Louise Gilman came home Saturday night from the Platte Institute at Kearney, having finished her course at that school.

Mrs. H. S. Bohl came in from La Crosse, Wis., Saturday night and is passing the week with her parents at Welcomes Wigwam.

Rev. L. P. McDonald left Monday on a business trip to Hastings, Lincoln and Omaha, expecting to be absent about ten days. There will therefore be no services, other than Sunday-school, at the Church of Our Saviour next Sunday.

H. C. Rennie returned the latter part of the week from Chicago where he had been purchasing goods. He thinks he has laid in one of the choicest stocks ever brought to town and will offer the goods at prices which will make them sell rapidly. Watch his space on our first page.

Charley Whelan has severed his connection with the business at "Guy's Place," and it is said will leave for the scenes of his boyhood days in northern New York, there to make his future home. It is times to doubt that six months in the efete east will be sufficiently plenty for him.

H. J. Roth returned from Grand Junction, Col., the latter part of the week and has resumed his position in the dispatcher's office. Mrs. Roth together with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson, will remain in Colorado, having moved to a fruit farm which the two gentlemen purchased a couple of weeks ago. They are all very favorably impressed with the climate of Grand Junction.

Good Advice. This is the season of the year gasoline stoves are brought forth. Some will be found in working order while others will not burn properly. The latter of these which are disabled for the past week in which we are chiefly concerned. Do not put off having your stove repaired until it blows up and destroy your property or perhaps cause you in the future to wear your hair after the style of Bill Nye. Give me a chance to repair your stove in ship shape.

All kinds of bicycle repairs.

J. W. LeMasters. Don't forget the number.

THIRD WARD LOCAL EVENTS.

COLLECTED BY ALBIE

The W. R. C. sewing society met at Mrs. N. Klein's last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Nelson Newman and sister spent last Sunday in Julesburg with the family of O. S. Humberstone.

There was no disturbance whatever at the polls yesterday and everything was pleasant except the wind.

About forty young people from all quarters of town surprised Charley and Willie Yost last night and they made more noise and had more fun than a car load of wild animals.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lawrence last Wednesday a boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Courtney last Thursday a girl; to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Davis last Friday a boy. Accept our congratulations, gentlemen.

Matthew McMurry, father of our "Bob," was a candidate yesterday for re-election for a third term to the position of trustee of Porey county, Ind., on the republican ticket and he doubtless received his usual majority.

David Gross, who was here with his wife last June, was a candidate yesterday for sheriff of Union county, Penna., on the republican ticket. Union county is a republican county and Mr. Gross was probably elected with a majority vote in proportion to Galusha A. Gross's majority in that state a short time ago. Mrs. Gross is a sister of Mrs. C. W. Baskins.

WANTED

A good, live man to represent us in this place. Previous experience not necessary to right man. Plymouth Rock Pants Co., 408 No. 16th St., Omaha, Neb.

The City Legislators.

The council met in regular session Monday evening, all members being present except Thompson, who was detained at home by the serious illness of his wife.

Under the head of petitions, a remonstrance signed by eighty-eight taxpayers was presented to the council protesting against the increased occupation tax on saloons. The petitioners cited various reasons why the ordinance should be repealed and the tax placed at the old figure of \$250. A painful silence followed the reading of this petition, but the opposing views were finally broken by Idings making motion that the document be placed on file, and the motion prevailed. The city will therefore require each saloon keeper taking out a license to put up one thousand dollars for the privilege of selling malt, spirits, and vinous liquors.

The next business considered was the applications for licenses. Petitions were presented asking the council to issue licenses to Gerler & Wallemtan, J. E. Grace, Wm. Landgraf, G. A. Leasing and P. W. O'Brien, and a druggist's permit to F. H. Longley upon a compliance with the statutes and the ordinance for such cases provided. The petitions and bonds were referred to the judiciary committee who will report upon the same at the next meeting.

The committee to which had been referred the award ordinance asked for further time and this request was granted.

The street commissioner had repaired sidewalks on sixty-six different lots and submitted a bill of cost for same. The clerk was instructed to notify the property owners interested to settle with the city treasurer or the amounts would be assessed against the property by the county commissioners.

Sylvester Friend asked the city to give him \$40 per season for sprinkling the road at the intersections of the streets. The council thought this price a little steep, and a motion to allow him \$25 for each work this season was carried.

The bills of the Fremont Tribune for \$7.50, and G. R. Ross for \$17.25 were allowed on the roll fund. The following bills were approved: Syl Friend, special police, \$4.00; J. W. Alexander, special police, \$4.00; G. E. French, expenses to Lincoln, \$8.00; W. R. Morgan, repairs of hose cart, etc., \$5.40; Patterson & Alexander, testing, \$84.50. A warrant for \$135 in favor of the waterworks company was drawn, and the council adjourned.

Shop and Road Notes.

The east bound passenger trains were all a couple of hours late yesterday.

The 271 came through this city Saturday on route for Omaha for an overhauling.

The 625 was "broken in" by Wm. Stack the first of the week after having received some light repairs.

Engine 820 was held in the roundhouse this week for a couple of trips to have a patch put upon her fire-box.

The 632 was in the round house for light repairs the first of the week and to receive a new coat of paint. Gus Norton says he will have her fixed so any fireman can keep her hot.

The trammes of the Wabash system have just been notified of a frightful cut in wages. Passenger engineers have been cut from \$3.50 per 100 miles to \$3.15, and firemen and conductors have had a similar reduction.

Trains No. 1 and No. 4 met on the main line up at Dix yesterday. No damage was done and we have not learned just who was to blame for the affair; other than it was a close run for a meeting point.

Some one of the delegates present at the "coopers" and employes' meeting in Omaha has disabled her for the past week in "drifting" the newspaper reporters with Manchurian stories of the curms and grades on the Idaho division. Strictly or indirectly, either directly or indirectly, from the Gulf of Mexico. The following has been our yearly precipitation at North Platte from 1875 to 1893, expressed in inches and hundredths of an inch.

Table with 2 columns: Year and Precipitation (inches and hundredths). Data includes years 1875 through 1893 with values ranging from 15.35 to 29.96.

Engine 624 was turned out of the back shop the latter part of last week, properly "broken in" by engineer Chas. Norton, and started out on train No. 23 to make her first trip. She had proceeded as far as Hershby when she broke a main pin off of one of her drivers which she disabled her that she was again sent to the hospital to have the fracture treated. It was a new break all through.

In the light of an expression of Judge Caldwell in regard to "ushers," and the intimation that he would make a special order relating to them, there is a probability that the "jag" cure may become more fashionable. One facetious braikiana when first learning of this opinion of the court, said: "Well, I have just got my tail lights turned in time, and an now in to clear." He has recently taken the bi-chloride of gold treatment.

The work of equipping the 128,000 freight cars of the Pennsylvania railroad system with automatic couplers and brakes, according to the demands of the United States law upon the question, is being pushed forward rapidly and will be completed by January 1, 1898. Already 37,000 of the freight and maintenance-of-way cars have been fitted up with the automatic couplers, thus doing away with the danger to the lives and limbs of brakemen, and about 33,000 cars have been provided with air brakes.

While coming up from Grand Island one day last week with train No. 17 the auto on the west-pin on the left side of engine 721 came off. Luckily the engineer, Frank Doran, had just stepped over to that side of the machine and was looking at the pins when the nuts fell off. He stopped the engine before the pin had a chance to work out thus preventing the machine from stripping herself. He disconnected the engine after taking his train to the next station, and with the assistance of the 686, brought the same into this city.

R. R. Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Somers and Rev. Cox will address the young men at our rooms Sunday at 4:15 p. m., and will give some "Plain Points on Personal Purity." Admission free. Tickets can be had at Y. M. C. A. rooms of the general secretary. Boys under fifteen not admitted.

The conventional Bible class, conducted by Dr. Allison, meets every Tuesday evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 7:30. "Come let us reason together saith the Lord."

The statistical report for March is as follows: Renewals during quarter, 50; new members, 40; present membership, 382; attendance at men's meetings, 158; attendance at men's Bible class, 18; united with church, 1; attendance at societies and entertainments, 225; visits to rooms, week days, 2183; Sundays, 237; baths taken 374; total number enrolled in educational classes, 28; number of visits of secretary to shops, yards, etc., 24; number of visits of secretary and committee to sick and injured, 10; letters written in room, 256; books drawn from library, 274; papers in reading room, 310; magazines, 56.

An Interesting Paper.

The irrigating meeting held at Brady Island Saturday was largely attended, and President Fort and his co-workers succeeded in raising considerable enthusiasm on the subject of irrigation among the residents of that section. Several addresses were made and the following paper, prepared by J. C. Finney, observed the signal station in this city, was read. It presents facts not generally known, and will prove highly interesting to our readers:

NORTH PLATTE, March 31, 1894.

I. A. FORT, President Nebraska State Irrigation Association; Dear Sir: I sincerely regret of being unable to be with you at the Brady Island irrigation convention to-day, for you will know of my enthusiasm on irrigation. But it was impossible for me to obtain some person to attend to my duties while away. As you requested, I will now discuss briefly on the soil, climate and rainfall of our section of Nebraska.

First. Our soil is so well known to all that there is little to say of it, and this only to commend it. John S. Gallop, of Bloomington, Ill., who is a large corn grower and feeder in Iowa and Missouri, said of the soil of Lincoln county, "It is identical with the soil that was exhibited and took the first medal at the Philadelphia Exposition in 1876 as the best corn producing soil in the United States." In the soil of Lincoln county is varied; in portions the black sandy loam is characteristic, in other upland localities the soil is a firm black entirely different from the "gumbo" of more eastern states, inasmuch as it produces equally well yet it never hardens and bakes as does "gumbo." If our soil is not so excellent some farmers would not raise a crop in the best of seasons, considering the little cultivating they do. With irrigation and careful plowing, plums, cherries and other fruits can be made to thrive and bear abundantly. Tobacco was lately raised by Mr. Hershby of this county, which is further evidence of what can be raised. I think it sufficient to say that with irrigation our soil cannot be excelled for our use.

Second. Our climate, which is as healthful as can be found in the United States. The elevation is 2,924 feet above sea level, and the air is dry and pure. And that it is especially adapted for persons suffering with weak lungs can be vouched by many inhabitants. Out of 365 days in 1893 we had 312 clear and partly cloudy days combined, and only fifty-two cloudy days, or one per week. The best of summer is tempered by the cool breezes from the mountains which in regularity and influence are not unlike sea breezes. The mean temperature in winter is about twenty-two degrees.

Next comes our most important subject, rainfall. The rainfall of Nebraska is what may be called accidental rather than periodical, that is, it arises almost entirely from abnormal atmospheric movements in connection with the passage of low area storm centers or near anticyclones, which flowing in as cold air from the extreme northwest of the United States and the Manitoba country bring about sudden changes of temperature favorable to rainfall. The moisture precipitated over Nebraska, however, comes almost entirely, either directly or indirectly, from the Gulf of Mexico. The following has been our yearly precipitation at North Platte from 1875 to 1893, expressed in inches and hundredths of an inch.

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From the following statistics.

J. E. Van Doran of North Platte was here Saturday fitting out the young men of this city with \$4 pants. Miss Co