

WHAT MORE WANTED

For Plattsmouth to Have a Pontoon Bridge Than Has Been Offered?

It is "Now or Never" Till May 10th With the City.

In the HERALD last evening was published a proposition from Col. S. N. Stewart Plattsmouth ought not to hesitate to accept, unless in the near future Mr Stewart will pay the city largely for the privilege of putting the structure in. But the age of experiment on the Pontoon bridges over the Missouri river is past. The many and unanimous reports in favor of such bridges and the successful operation of them is all the proof that could possibly be asked for faith in them. While Mr. Stewart shows his knowledge of them and their workings, when he agrees to take a half interest in the bridge and accept no dividend till the other half has a dividend of 16%.

Leavenworth sent a committee of eight to Nebraska City to investigate the bridge there, chosen from leading lawyers, bankers and merchants. Every one endorsed the bridge in the strongest terms. The Leavenworth Times published the following in regard to the committee's report:

"The chairman of the committee, Vinton Stillings, Esq., who had made a previous trip to examine the bridge and thoroughly endorsed it, suggested that each member of the committee state his impressions.

"Mr. Knox said he thought it a grand success. The Nebraska City business men who were at first skeptical of the scheme were now enthusiastic in its praise.

"Mr. Bond was enthusiastically in favor of the project. He reported in detail the operation of the bridge at Nebraska City and pronounced it an unqualified success. He said that on seeing the bridge he had to exclaim, 'Oh, Pahaw!' and that his first impulse was to kick the entire delegation and himself into the river for living thirty years upon its banks and allowing engineers, steamboatmen and boat-builders to persuade them that this river was an untamable terror and that it would cost \$100,000 to build a floating bridge over it and that when built it could not be held. The bridge was so simple that he almost expected some morning to find that the Leavenworth boys had put one over in the night. It was the problem of pontoon bridges worked down to its simplest form.

"Mr. Ashmun, a member of the committee, shared in Mr. Bond's estimate of the project. The Nebraska City bridge would bear any weight that could legitimately be placed upon it. The enterprise had proven a bonanza to Nebraska City from a standpoint of increased trade. He had taken special pains to inform himself on this point.

"Mr. Rodenhous was on the committee. He stated that many farmers from Iowa now went to Nebraska City regularly to trade who had not visited the city before for twenty years. He is an owner of property there and affirmed that it had increased 50 per cent in value since the completion of the bridge.

"Mr. Bain confirmed all that the other members of the committee had said. He said the construction of the bridge had put new life and vigor into Nebraska City and all united in attributing their prosperity to the pontoon bridge."

The Nebraska City Bridge Company had the following advice to give to Leavenworth.

"Assuming that the bridge has enhanced property 25 per cent in Nebraska City and 10 per cent in the country opposite, (and these are the lowest estimates), the total increase in values is over a million and a half dollars—CREATED BY A BRIDGE COSTING LESS THAN ONE THIRTIETH OF THAT SUM—a splendid illustration of the power of inventive genius. At Nebraska City, where rolls in grand and awful majesty the deep and dark Missouri, in twenty-eight days, as if by magic, a bridge was thrown across the raging river, and the residents, who had, for fifty years, shivered upon the shore, encountering the delays and dangers, the \$1 charge and the insolence of ferrymen, were bewildered to see people crossing at any time of the day or night with an affable and accommodating bridge-tender handing them back 75 cents from their \$1.

A million dollar steel railway bridge completed about the same time was finished unnoticed, but this cheap structure, costing less than one of their piers, was chronicled by illustrations and editorials in all civilized countries.

What this pontoon did for Nebraska City it may do for yours and hundreds of other towns."

If the people of Plattsmouth ever intend to have a pontoon bridge now seems to be the time to arrange for it. \$8,000 on the part of the citizens will build it. Stewart proposes to subscribe \$8,000 and put in a \$16,000 bridge, but this proposition is only made till May 10.

Three Similar Cases.

There is something peculiar and startling in the result of the three murder cases tried in this section during the past month. At Falls City Frank Clark was acquitted for killing Dr. Hanlin, who had induced Clark's wife to secure a divorce and marry him. At Omaha Miss Reichler, who killed Harry King for desertion, was found not guilty, and at Auburn Ben Skillman was cleared for the killing of his sister's seducer. There was no evidence to disprove that each of the accused had committed murder, but public sympathy was favorable to acquittal, and the result was as stated. It may have the effect of putting a check upon seduction, but whether the public will have as great respect for the law in future remains to be seen.—Auburn Post

Sudden Death at Manley.

This morning at 4 o'clock County Coroner Boeck was aroused from his rest and called to Manly by a telegram, to hold an inquest over the body of a woman. Last evening the dead body of a woman named Cook, who has during the winter made a living there canvassing for books and fancy articles, was found in the road near Manley. It is supposed she dropped dead from apoplexy. She was about fifty years of age.

GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON,
AT HOME,
TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 30,
AT 8 O'CLOCK P. M.,
WATERMAN OPERA HOUSE.

THE JOKER

Homeward the fools of Oklahoma take their course.

Oklahoma Boomer: Say, my little miss can you tell me the way to the ferry?
Miss Vanity, (thinking only of herself and misunderstanding): You awful man you, how dare you call me 'fairy?' But if it will do you any good to know, I live in the brown stone front.

A few men who had only "been over" a short time went out to hunt for bear by Rock Bluffs, and seeing a small boy they asked him: "Bub, what kind of game do they have around here?" "Base ball is the favorite game just now, sir," replied the kid, and the sportsmen hunted all day for this fierce game, but were unable to shoot any of it and returned home empty handed.

The assessor is now making his rounds listing your property and taking down your earthly possessions in black and white. The assessor is not a bad man at heart, but he does assist people to tell some lies that make a man tremble for the future of the town. The assessor is a very accommodating fellow. If you live in the country he will list your corn for nothing.

It was only a scrap of paper garily tossed along the street by the wind, yet it bore an inscription which brought sympathetic thoughts to THE JOKER for some of the citizens of this place, on account of things gone by. It was evidently the top of a letter head, and read "Dufour & Co., Cattle Dealers." While here they also dealt in suckers.

Who says Nebraska isn't the fairest land on earth?

THE JOKER often hears the cry, "stop my hat" these windy days. Though the wind does not blow through a man's whiskers (when he hasn't got any) it gets through a man's hat all right enough.

It has been suggested to THE JOKER that the wind would blow through a man's whiskers today, however, he has met several men who were heavily bearded and their breath could not be surmounted because of the whyskys on it.

Plattsmouth's boom is a solid one. "Let her go Gallagher."

According to the county wedding records Weeping Water proposes to continue the county seat fight with great vigor.

"Like sunshine in a shady place,
The poet called a woman's face"
That gladdened all who saw its beauty,
A face, no doubt, that beamed with health
That blessing which is more than wealth.
And lightens every daily duty.
O how can woman, whose hard life
With a many a wearing pain is rife,
Escape the grasp of such affliction,
And be a power to bless and cheer?
The answer comes both swift and clear—
Take Pierce's Favorite Prescription.
Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the only medicine for woman's peculiar weaknesses and ailments, sold by druggists, under a positive guarantee from the manufacturers, of satisfaction being given in every case, or money refunded. See guarantee printed on bottle-wrapper.



ROYAL
BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure.

This powder never varies. A purely natural product, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kind, and cannot be sold in connection with the multitude of low test, short weight alum or phosphate powders. Sold only in cans. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 106 Wall St. N. Y.

Wescott's.

By the way, young man, have you seen those beautiful Prince Albert Suits at Wescott's. They are about as perfect in Fit and Makeup as tailor-made, and at a great saving in cost. You know they are the correct thing this season for business or dress, and make a man walk like a prince. You will appreciate them, your MA will like them, and your WIFE or BEST GIRL will adore the exquisite beauty and shape of them.

If you wear Flannel Shirts this summer we have the line that will interest you. Those made by the famous Manhattan Shirt Company are par excellent in styles and fit. A full complement of shades and grades just received. Spring and Summer Underwear and Hosiery for men, in all grades. Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Collars and Cuffs, latest styles. Reliable goods, lowest prices. We are inclined to small margins.

C. E. WESCOTT,
The "Boss" Clothier.

Ice-Ice-Ice.

We have started our Ice wagon and are ready to contract and deliver Ice in any quantity. Having the best Ice in the city, we guarantee satisfaction to all. Telephone 72.

H. C. McMAKEN & SON.

NO SMOKE OR SMELL
To the new COAL OIL Stove just received at Johnson Bros. Call and see them. They will not explode.

ELEGANT SUIT OF ROOMS FOR RENT.—Convenient to business, city water, gas and other conveniences for family; those I now occupy. Apply before May 10th to JOHN R. COX.

TO BE Given Away TO BE Given Away.
TOP Buggy

On Exhibition Every Saturday
In Front of our Store, an
Elegant

Two-Horse Top Buggy

EVERY PURCHASER OF ONE DOLLAR'S WORTH OF

Clothing, Furnishing Goods,
HATS, CAPS, BOOTS and SHOES,

or anything in our Elegant Line of Goods,

WILL RECEIVE A TICKET

Entitling them to a chance at the Drawing which will take place October 1st.

S. & C. MAYER,

The Leading Clothiers, - 5th & Main St.

Are You Going to Alaska?

If not, you ought to buy one of those economical Alaska Refrigerators of Henry Boeck and keep cool this summer. And furnish your house and office nicely so you can enjoy life; it won't cost you near as much as you think it will. He has his basement, first and second floors stocked full of furnishings to select from.

Attention.

Tickets are now on sale at J. P. Young's for the Washington reception and banquet. The ladies will esteem it a favor if those expecting to attend will procure their tickets early. Banquet tickets 75c. Gallery tickets 25 cents.

Ice-Ice-Ice.

We have started our ice wagon and are ready to contract and deliver ice in any quantity. Having the best ice in the city we guarantee satisfaction to all. Telephone 72.

H. C. McMAKEN & SON.

Gravel and Sand.

The undersigned have opened up a good sand and gravel pit and are now prepared to furnish screened gravel or in sand any desired quantities. Give us a call.

HATT & MARTINE.

I have 500 acres of good pasture, and any one having horses or cows to pasture will do well to call on me.

J. B. SLATER,
Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Plenty of feed, flour, graham and meal at Heisel's mill. tf

Notice of Application for Druggists Permit to Sell Liquor.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make application to the city council of Plattsmouth at the first regular meeting in May, 1889, for a permit to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for medicinal, mechanical and sacramental purposes, for the year ending May 1st, 1890, at my place of business in the city of Plattsmouth, Cass county, Neb.

W. J. WARRICK.

OWING TO A CONTEMPLATED CHANGE IN THE FIRM,

ELSON, THE ONE PRICE CLOTHIER.

MUST SACRIFICE HIS \$30,000 STOCK OF CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES, FURNISHING GOODS, TRUNKS AND VALISES, FOR SPOT CASH ONLY.

33 1/3 PER CENT. OFF. JUST SEE THE PRICES.

Childrens Suits \$1.
Childs Knee Pants 25 cts.
Boys Wool Suits \$2.65.

Mens Working Suits \$3.
All Wool Black Worsted Suits \$7.65.

Mens Ovesalls 35 cents.
Mens Working Shirts 35 cts.
Mens Blue Flannel Shirts 75c

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

Mens Jeans Pants 85 cts.
Mens Black Wool Hats 35c.
Mens Caps Five cents.

Mens Working Shoes \$1.
Mens Sewed Shoes, Button or Lace, \$1.65.

Mens Calf Boots \$1.90.
Mens Shirts and Drawers 25

This is the Greatest Slaughter Sale ever seen in Cass county. If you want to save 50 cents on every dollar buy your Goods of

ELSON, The Old Reliable One-Price Clothier,
Plattsmouth, Neb.. Opposite the City Hotel.