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Lincoln and Vicinity

On Wednesday of this week there was an assemblage of twenty-four relatives and friends of Mrs. Shields of Saunders county, who was visiting at the home of Mrs. Reddick at Cotner, and before the party disbanded they reminded Mrs. Shields that it was her birthday anniversary and that in the interest of comfort she should hereafter use an elegant rocking chair which they presented to her. Her sister, Mrs. Emerson of Topeka, Kas., was present, and several of the younger generation of relatives. The program was carried out in a song by Orville Emerson, and recitations by little Misses Myrtle Shields and Mabel Reddick. It was a good time and all who were there, young and old, will tell you so.

Charles Gant, a vicious colored man, assaulted Special Officer Mart Howe at the reunion grounds Friday evening, cutting a plank across the piece of billiard cue and producing severe concussion of the brain. Mr. Howe was removed to his home and is recovering. The negro made a run for it, but was overtaken and brought back to the grounds where he only escaped by the desperate efforts of the officers, assisted by several negroes who were there. Gant will be charged with assault with intent to do great bodily injury as soon as Mr. Howe is out of danger, and will probably get a term in the pen.

Phoebe Watson, a six-year-old daughter of Frank Watson, fell into Antelope creek on the south side of O street near Twenty-third last Thursday afternoon and was drowned. She was sitting on a plank across the creek playing in the water which was nearly ten feet deep with a swift current, when she fell in and was drawn through the tunnel which passes under O street. Her body was not recovered until Friday after the creek had fallen when it was found near the engine house.

The reunion closed last Friday night and most of the boys left for home. They had a pleasant week in spite of the terrific storm which deluged the grounds. The opening of the fair buildings for use of the reunion after the first big storm provided ample and safe quarters for the meeting. There was very little sickness in camp in spite of the great heat. The event of the final day was the short address of Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, who opened a new field for the boys to think about.

The council passed a resolution last Monday night to enforce the ordinance against street signs, and the mayor will permit it to be done, and if it is done the political banners bearing the portraits of Roosevelt and McKinley will have to come down. Aside from the fact that these flags are suspended in violation of the city ordinance, they are a direct insult to the president of the United States, who is made to take a place behind the broncho-busting cow-puncher from New York. The whole matter is up to the mayor who seems to talk as though the fusionists were to blame for the violation of the ordinance.

The greatest question of importance at present concerns a man's coat. Is there any reason why he should sweat and sweat with it because there is a woman present? Why should a man put an undershirt, a shirt, a vest and a coat over his bosom and arms, while a woman can sit around with her bare? With authority says that the man must perish of gallitry. By all means, encourage the men to shuck their coats. There is nothing in fashion should not order that the suffer unnecessarily.—Atchison Globe.

Frank Shoettler, aged about forty years, fell dead Wednesday evening at the home of Ed Walker on O street. He had been sick with cholera and fever for a couple of months and was taking some kind of patent medicine. The cause of his death is unknown, but an inquest will be held today. He has no near relatives in this country and his mother recently sent him a money order for \$100 to go home to Germany and he was expected to leave in a few days.

H. N. Polsky, better known as Shoney, has been running a gambling house in the Ledwith block and Guy St. Clair has been acting as his runner and capper. The police took in the joint Friday night and captured four inmates besides proprietor and capper. The courts and attorneys will make a vigorous effort to send Polsky and St. Clair to the penitentiary. There are said to be other places which will be touched up in the near future.

It does not seem that there are any flies on the friend of the tired mothers, Hon. D. E. Thompson. He was not only able to hob-nob with the old soldiers last week, but he was able to head off a resolution against his senatorial candidacy which the Journal had engineered into the Teachers' convention. Johnson county is loyal to the Mark Hanna of Nebraska and it don't care who knows it.

Congressman Burdett has been pretty busy this month making speeches at picnics and political meetings, though he does not consider his campaign as opened yet. Mr. Berge has been doing the same kind of work, only Mr. Berge's friends seem to think that he is making a real campaign in spite of the fact that his committee has made no appointments in advance for him.

Last night after the reunion there were several petty thefts at the grounds, the most important one be-

ing the stealing of a trunk from a tent. The trunk belonged to Mrs. Mary George, 1845 O street, containing about \$30 worth of apparel. The trunk was found Saturday near the grounds, but about \$20 worth of clothing had been taken.

Someone has said: "Drink and the gang drinks with you; swear off and you go alone; for the bar room bum who drinks your rum, has a quenchless thirst of his own. Feast and your friends are many; fast and they'll cut you dead; they'll not get mad, if you treat them quite bad, so long as their stomach's fed. Steal if you can get a million, for then you can furnish bail; it's the great big thief that gets out on leave, but the little one goes to jail."

An observing wife, who took a trolley ride to College View with her husband the other evening, discovered that Bryan pictures were the only ones displayed in that precinct. Finally she saw one place where the window contained a portrait of McKinley. Closer investigation showed that the McKinley picture graced the window of the postoffice.

A Denton farmer has discovered that by planting onions and potatoes in the same field, in alternate rows, a splendid crop of both is assured even in the driest season. The explanation given is that the onions bring tears to the eyes of the potatoes in such volume that the soil is kept moderately moist all the time and in just the right condition.

Several big flags have been strung across business streets by the republicans and in every instance they bear pictures of the republican nominees with Roosevelt given the post of honor. Just why Lincoln republicans have relegated McKinley to the rear is not explained—possibly as a compliment to our fellow-townsmen, Mr. Bryan.

National Pop Secretary Edgerton took a trip out to Denver, returning Sunday. He wanted to see his folks after an absence of a month and as nobody objected he went—and spent most of the time with politicians who were anxious to know how things are going.

Mrs. H. M. Bushnell was severely cut on the head and bruised on the body by a collision with a street car from in front of which she rescued her little son last Friday. The people of this city ought to insist upon the cars being provided with fenders. They are used successfully elsewhere.

The traction company put the last of the three large cars into service last Sunday. They are all in the Havelock line and will make half-hour trips, which is expected to handle the ordinary traffic without crowding.

A fire in the rear of W. H. Brown's shoe store at 1125 O street, Saturday night was got under control with a loss of less than \$300, the heaviest end of which falls upon the Hardy Furniture company, which had goods stored in the second story.

Tuesday of fair week will be "fruit day" and will be in charge of the horticultural society. On that day harvest home excursions will come from all parts of the state and arrangements are being made to give each visitor a present of Nebraska fruit.

Fred Springle has been yanked for sending threatening letters through the mails. Like lots of other people, he was laboring under the delusion that he could write what he pleased and send it for a two-cent stamp, and the court said he could.

C. Q. De France has finished checking up the books of the Beatrice Institution for feeble minded and is at his post in the treasurer's office again. He thinks there should be an expert bookkeeper at that place.

Max Adler and Simon Greenstone have been having much trouble and law over a long unsettled account, and a justice of the peace has decided that Greenstone owed Adler \$41.50.

A FEW POINTERS ABOUT GREGG SHORTHAND INSTITUTE.

Located in Brace Block, Fifteenth and O Streets, Lincoln, Neb.—Rohrbough Bros., Proprietors.

Pointer No. 1—Gregg Shorthand Institute has just been opened to receive students who are desirous of learning shorthand and typewriting. It guarantees a thorough course in all branches of the stenographic profession.

Pointer No. 2—Gregg shorthand has all the good points of the old systems, such as legibility, speed of execution and may be learned in much shorter time.

Pointer No. 3—The Moshier system of touch typewriting will be taught. By this system it is very easy for the operator to reach a working speed of from 90 to 120 words per minute.

Pointer No. 4—For sixteen years the proprietors of this new institution have been conducting one of the largest and most successful business colleges west of Chicago. Their experience in the line of work and their acquaintance with the requirements of the business public of this locality, enables them to give their students a working knowledge of stenography in the shortest possible time, consistent with good work, and at the least expense.

Pointer No. 5—Students may register now to begin their study any time. There will be day and evening sessions. Send name and address for catalogue and circulars by mail free. Address Gregg Shorthand Institute, Fifteenth and O streets, Lincoln, Neb.

Here's something pretty good from the Auburn Granger for the girls: Earth presents no higher object of attainment to a young girl than to be a true, noble, womanly woman. It should be her highest ambition. Being a woman of this kind means something besides representing a dry goods, jewelry and millinery establishment and patrolling the streets every evening in order to catch the gaze and attention of men who have nothing to do but watch for them. A woman's worth is estimated by her womanly sweetness, her kindly heart and gentle disposition, her tact for doing and saying the right thing at the right time.

The official ballot in Lancaster county this fall will contain the names of about 140 candidates, out of which the voter will have to pick twenty-eight to vote for. The fusion candidates will be bunched, however, which will somewhat reduce the length of the ticket, but when there is added the names of the candidates for struggle with a ticket over four feet long if it should be printed in a single column, but it can be printed in two or more columns if more convenient. The man who votes next November will need more than the educational qualifications required in North Carolina since the constitutional amendment was adopted.

It is now expected that the new Brush-Alliance line of the Burlington freight traffic by the 20th of September. The track is 150 miles long, laid with eighty-pound steel and is ballasted in the most substantial manner. This road will open the shortest line from Denver to the Black Hills and to Montana, Idaho and the Pacific northwest and is going to be a big factor in coast business.

Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, which is to show here in Lincoln September 11, has a congress of horsemen which is said to outrank anything ever before gathered together. In addition to his own unexcelled American rough riders he has them from the Philippines, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Cuba and Siberia.

The big rally at Hickman park last Tuesday was knocked out by a storm. The special from this city took a good crowd, but they were prisoners in the cars most of the time after their arrival. The boys will try it over at a later date.

Lincoln politicians are all spellbinders. Congressman Burdett has been invited to do campaign work in Ohio, and he may have had the job in view when he declined to mix in joint debate with Mr. Berge.

The windstorm Tuesday got in its work on the campaign flags which were loaded down with pictures of Roosevelt and McKinley—three of them being torn to pieces and the rest badly damaged.

Major M. G. Bohanan's funeral was held at 2:30 p. m. last Friday and was largely attended. Many old settlers and Odd Fellows attended the services. His brother Frank from Peoria, Ill., was in attendance.

Things in political circles ought to hum now, the Bryan Continental guards have a Boomer for president. When the university contingent gets here Rome will howl—likewise Lincoln.

Rev. F. W. Eason had his horse and buggy stolen Monday night, but the thieves abandoned it at Tenth and F streets and the preacher recovered his property.

Work is progressing on the new Safety Deposit building on the east side of Eleventh street, between O and P streets. It will be a crackerjack when it is finished.

The Scandinavian Bryan club completed its organization last Friday night and elected Alfred E. Lindell, president; John M. Sundeen, secretary, and O. J. Olson, treasurer.

The Alliance Grocery Store, at 1095 P street, Lincoln, Neb., invites all their old customers to come in and see our prices before buying groceries.

Leo Tremble, five-years-old son of Martin Tremble, living near Havelock, was seriously kicked in the head by a horse last Friday.

Buffalo Bill lives in Nebraska when he is at home, which is about once a year. His show will be in Lincoln September 11.

Some of the young ladies of Lincoln met Monday afternoon at G. A. R. hall and organized a McKinley and Roosevelt club.

Gen. J. B. Weaver was in the city over Saturday night on his way to Kansas to make a few speeches in the campaign.

The funeral of S. A. Moshier was held last Friday and his body taken to Chicago for burial.

Colonel Bratt and wife returned to Lincoln today from a visit of a week with his brother at Genoa, Neb.

This week closes the open air concerts, the last to be given at the post-office square Friday night.

The heated term seems to have acquired a regular Standard Oil monopoly on the weather.

Mr. J. R. Sovereign will address a mass meeting of the central labor union tonight.

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THAT BRYAN MEETING

It Was a Big Crowd and An Orderly Crowd That Greeted His Homecoming.

It was a great crowd of home people that assembled at the state house grounds last Thursday night to greet Lincoln's most distinguished citizen upon his return from Indianapolis and while thousands of his warm friends and partisans were present to cheer at every possible place in the program, there were yet other thousands who were not his partisans politically, but who went away personally his friends.

That Mr. Bryan is a great man was never more plainly shown than in his brief speech to his old friends and neighbors, which will be found in another column. It was a clear, dispassionate, logical talk and those who were treated to a shower bath of large proportions.

Five of the smokestacks on the B. & M. round house were blown off and the stack at their heating plant at Seventh and R streets was broken off. Schoenberg's restaurant on North Ninth street was as neatly unroofed as though it had taken the cover off a stein pan, and his family, help and guests were treated to a shower bath of large proportions.

The storm at Hickman. About midnight Wednesday night this locality was visited by the worst storm that has occurred here for many years. The creek was overflowing by daylight. The precipitation was 2.10. The wind blew a heavy gale, and rain poured down in torrents. The hail was not heavy in the immediate vicinity of town, but all around us the corn was stripped of its blades. Just how badly it is damaged cannot be ascertained for a few days yet. Windmills were blown down, corn cribs and other small buildings were demolished. Henry Buis' barn was moved off of its foundation and considerably shaken up. South and east of town clover and millet was damaged to such an extent that it will not be cut. It has been several years since the water ran across "Horse Shoe" bend in the Hickman Grove. The thunder and lightning kept up a continuous roar, and one could see almost as well as in day time, so vivid and bright was the electric fluid's display. The Widow Kokoma, who lives near Holland, had three horses killed by lightning. The widow glass in one of the coaches of train No. 42 were broken out, presumably by hail.—Hickman Enterprise.

The Tuesday Storm

It was a young hurricane which came out of the west Tuesday morning and with a howl took Lincoln in its teeth and shook the city from center to circumference. Along with the wind came a deluge of rain driven by a wind that registered seventy-four miles an hour, and an inch of water was registered as falling the same hour.

The tin roofing around the base of the court house tower was stripped off, the big ventilators torn away and a river of water poured down upon the interior. The large court room was partially damaged and may have to be partially replastered and newly decorated. The damage will exceed \$1,000.

The damage at the state house consists of mangled trees and broken glass. The water which blew in through broken windows ran down and did considerable damage to a considerable extent. A few dollars in addition to labor of state employes will repair things at the capitol.

There was considerable damage to plate glass in the city. At the Armstrong Clothing company, one of the arc light which in turn knocked out one of the upper lights of a big show window. Aside from the glass, the damage was slight.

At B. L. Paine's store the wind picked up and the show case and sent through the plate glass front, making a hole through which the water poured in torrents, doing much damage to a large display of furnishing goods.

At Twelfth and P the wind seems to have taken a twist. The street was covered with broken trees and debris, and the plate glass of the parlors of the Y. W. C. A. on both fronts were smashed, flooding the room with much damage to its contents. Some upper windows were broken and the skylight blew over, letting a flood of water into portion of the upper rooms.

The Evans laundry had much glass broken and some of the employes had narrow escapes from injury. The Clarkson laundry also got a jolt, and the boys were badly frightened.

Graham's livery barn on Q street had the coping and cornice blown from the front. Much glass was broken in the Windsor hotel and considerable damage was done by water. One of Cooper's ice houses was blown down and another unroofed. Odd Fellows hall was somewhat damaged by the breaking of windows and the flooding of furniture.

At the university some damage was done to the incomplete roof of the armory, and at the state farm some glass was broken.

The fair grounds got the full force of the wind. The north wing of horticultural hall was blown down, the live stock amphitheatre was demolished and the windmill wrecked. The fair grounds got the full force of the wind and the windmill wrecked. The fair grounds got the full force of the wind and the windmill wrecked.

The wind seems to have been in an angry mood at the new library site and it demolished most of the trees there and would undoubtedly have demolished the house there if it had not been for the injunction which holds it in place when everybody wants it moved.

Windows broken in the dining room of the Lincoln hotel let in water enough to do some damage to the decorations. An iron shed roof in the same block was picked up, taken over the buildings and dumped in post-office square.

The Webster block, which is being remodelled by the Masons had an upper corner struck in half a hundred places and only one case of much injury to persons is reported, though many were shocked by the fluid. Frank Watson was knocked out for two hours and his shoulders and feet were badly burned by a bolt that struck the

Smith feed barn at Ninth and R streets. Mr. C. M. Baird was leading a horse into the barn at the time and the animal was knocked down though Mr. Baird was only slightly shocked. The house at 1752 M street was set on fire by lightning, but the blaze was soon extinguished.

The street cars were stuck all along the lines through the disabling of motors. At one time twelve cars were out of service. Much damage was done to telephone lines and the afternoon hello service was very unsatisfactory to a great many people.

Several empty freight cars in the B. & M. yard were partially blown to pieces and one small switch engine was material, assisted by the wind in jumping the track and rooting among the ties.

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After His Cash

Hon. Paul F. Clark, who recently secured a judgment for \$16,050.66 against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Trust company for rents of the Grand hotel which he bought at mortgage sale for \$1 and held title to until an earlier foreclosure took it away, has brought suit at Kansas City in the United States circuit court for the face of his judgment with interest at 7 per cent per annum from December 11, 1899, for \$172.21, the costs of a former suit, and for the costs of the present suit. The plaintiff in his petition states that on May 14, 1895, he began a suit against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Trust company, which corporation has by a vote of its stock holders since changed its name to the Guardian Trust company, for \$17,200 as damages for the wrongful withholding of certain real estate. The corporation changed its name July 15, 1899, while said action was pending. On December 11, 1899, the plaintiff was given a judgment for \$16,050.66 and costs of suit, amounting to \$172.21. The judgment has not been paid and the plaintiff asks that the new corporation, the successor of the old one, be compelled to pay it.

The Bryan Club

It was a limited number who gathered at the home guards' hall last Monday night to organize the Bryan club. The lists showed a good start and a temporary organization was made by electing Otto W. Meyers president and Mrs. Belle Bigelow secretary. A committee on constitution and by-laws was appointed and Wednesday evening, August 22, met at the evening to meet to receive the report of the committee and effect a permanent organization. Everybody over sixteen years of age, male and female, is eligible to membership in this club by simply signing the roster.

A NEW INSTITUTION.

Rohrbough Bros., the well-known proprietors of the Omaha Commercial and Business college, have opened a new school in the Brace block, Fifteenth and O streets, Lincoln, Neb. Gregg shorthand and the Moshier system of touch typewriting will be taught. The new system is comparatively a new system in the west, it has been taught in almost all the leading business colleges throughout the eastern and middle states for many years. It is claimed for the new system that it possesses all the good points of the old systems and can be learned in much shorter time. The system has but one position, one slant and no shade; it is easier to write and easier to read. It is claimed for the new system of touch typewriting that the operator can do more accurate work and reach a working speed of from 90 to 120 words per minute. "Improvement is the order of the age." Welcome the "light line system" of shorthand. Welcome the new system of touch typewriting; if by means of it time, labor and expense in mastering them can be saved.

The Oasis

No. 146 South Eleventh Street. Dealer in fine Domestic and Imported Liquors and Cigars, and Dick Bros.' celebrated Lager Beer. Hot lunch from 10 to 12 a. m. and Saturday night.

Village News

PANAMA.

On the night of the 15th a very heavy wind from the northwest swept over this section in a storm about eight miles wide. All the windows in this vicinity which faced the storm were blown in and many buildings, trees and fences were damaged or demolished. Corn was also badly damaged. Mr. Steivers had his new barn blown to pieces the second time and he commenced the third time to build it. He is also building a new residence in town.

BETHANY.

C. L. Demarest and family of Talmage, Neb., have moved into the property here which they bought several months ago. Mrs. W. W. Emerson and children of Topeka, Kas., are visiting relatives and friends in Bethany and Lincoln. The state convention of the Church of Christ will open here August 28. It is to be held in the beautiful grove in the north part of town and will be conducted on the Chautauqua plan. A well has been dug and the grounds made ready by the citizens of Bethany. A large number of people from all over the state are expected to be in attendance.

C. N. Bateman and S. L. Wright with their families started Monday for an outing in the vicinity of Wymore where they expect to find an abundance of peaches.

James Reed is building a new barn and also an addition to his house on his farm east of town. J. C. Nelson of Bethany is doing the work for him. F. E. Briscoe of Madera, Cal., who has been visiting his mother and his brother here has returned to his home.

Mrs. H. H. Corey and daughters have just returned from an extended visit in Colorado. They express themselves delighted with the climate there.

Prof. W. P. Aylsworth and Walter Monroe, who have been in Europe for several months, are reported on their way home.

E. E. Kepner has returned from his farm east of town. He has been looking after mining interests and prospecting for a suitable place for cattle raising. He reports fine openings there for that business.

Misses Edith and Lena Morphet have gone home to spend a few weeks with their parents at Belvidere, Neb. Miss Edith expects to return and resume her school work at the opening of the college this fall.

Dr. Hubbard has been called to Hampton, Ia., where his sister is dangerously ill. Hannah Morphet went to Saunders county Tuesday where she will give elocution recitals at several points.

Mrs. C. A. Sias is reported on the sick list this week. J. R. Reddick has his residence completed and expects to occupy it this week.

J. Z. Briscoe has been sick, but is able to be about again. Mr. Olmsted of Holyoke, Colo., who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. C. Reddick, has returned.

A number of soldiers spent some time with relatives and friends here during reunion week.

Mrs. A. S. Eager and Miss Etta Saffer of Lincoln visited with relatives here last Sunday. R. Kent Beattie with his newly wedded wife spent Sunday with friends in Bethany. He graduated from Cotner in '95 and now holds a position in the university of Washington.

P. R. McCoy, who recently moved here from Saunders county, has just returned from Cheyenne county, where he has been on business.

Mrs. O. A. Adams of Waco is visiting with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Adams.

Prof. A. W. Osterhout's parents have been visiting with them for several days. Mr. Lattimer from Iowa spent several days with his sister and family, Mrs. C. P. Lomax.

Alex McCoy of Saunders county spent a few days here with his father and then went to Topeka, Kas., where he will probably spend the winter.

Robert Dill of Cheney was in town Tuesday looking after some of his buildings. Mrs. S. Swiger and daughter Iva have returned home after an absence several weeks.

Quite a considerable amount of damage was done by the wind in this vicinity last Tuesday.

Charlie Olmsted of Holyoke, Colo., was visiting his sister, Mrs. A. C. Reddick, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Miller have completed their book canvassing for this summer and are at home now for a short rest. Mr. Miller will resume his studies in college and Mrs. Miller will teach in the public school here this year.

Mrs. Laura Shields and children from near Memphis, Neb., came up last Tuesday to spend a few days with relatives here. Wednesday being her birthday it had been previously arranged to make a surprise in honor of her. About twenty-five relatives from Bethany and Lincoln assembled at the home of L. M. Reddick, her father, where she was then visiting. Just before sitting down to a sumptuous dinner which had been prepared for the occasion, Mrs. A. S. Eager on behalf of the relatives presented Mrs. Shields with a beautiful rocking chair. Mrs. Shields was considerably touched and was unable to find words to express the gratitude she felt. After a social time all departed, wishing her many happy birthdays in the future.

UNIVERSITY PLACE.

Numerous rains in the past two weeks have greatly aided all kinds of vegetation. Mr. C. G. Anderson and wife have recently returned from their extended summer's outing at Manitou, Colo. Miss Anderson, who remained in the

mountains, will return before the opening of the university.

Mr. E. G. Shellhorn, who left some time ago for California, has decided to locate in that state. His wife will join him shortly. Mr. Shellhorn is a member of class '00, Wesleyan university.

Miss Nellie McPherson, a prominent music teacher of Salt Lake City, Utah, and a Wesleyan graduate in both college and conservatory, is visiting her mother at this place.

A large barn, two and a half miles north of town, was fired by lightning and totally destroyed August 14. The building was the property of Mr. Allen Barber and was valued at \$4,000, besides being filled with new hay. The structure was over 100 feet long and carried an insurance of \$2,600.

The citizens of Lancaster precinct will be addressed Thursday evening by Hon. J. S. Bradley, a populist speaker of national reputation. Mr. Bradley is a resident of Texas and an organizer of great ability. After the address the Bryan club of this precinct will elect permanent officers and otherwise complete their organization. At Beecher's hall, 7:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Professor Alabaster's residence, now being papered and painted, will soon be ready for occupancy. It is an excellent adjunct to our city.

Mr. F. S. Allen (a resident of University Place, has lately purchased the grocery store of F. J. Frits. Besides greatly enlarging the stock, he has remodelled the interior in an attractive manner.

By strenuous effort the ladies' aid society of the M. E. church has purchased two very desirable lots for the location of the new church. It is seemingly queer that a town of 1,700 population has never been able to erect a suitable place of worship, but as disagreement on location was the chief impediment we now hope for an elegant church.

Mr. J. Duncan, a former grocer of this place, has sold his residence and will locate in some eastern Nebraska town.

Mr. G. W. Barnes, an old resident, is removing to Geneva, Neb., at which place he expects to establish a lumber yard. Miss E. W. Noble has purchased his residence and will occupy it shortly.

The republican voters of this precinct have organized for the purpose of aiding in the campaign. Several meetings have been held in Beecher's hall.

The University Place Press, a weekly newspaper, edited by H. E. Moore, has recently been inaugurated. Guaranteed circulation 500.

We boast of having had the largest representation at the Epworth assembly of October 1st.

Sunday night, August 12, lightning struck the Bircham house, descending from gable through bedrooms in both stories and burying in the ground. No serious damage resulted.

Mr. Alva Butler, who some weeks past received a severe fracture of the lower leg, is swiftly recovering. The breaking of a double-tree under great tension caused the accident.

A brick sidewalk has recently been laid on the residence lots of Messrs. Burns and Taylor on St. Francis street. Mr. John Beck, formerly of the State Journal, has lately returned from the western portion of the state.

Tuesday afternoon a severe electric storm accompanied by tremendous wind and rain, struck this city. Chimneys were destroyed, either by lightning or wind on the residences of Hill-acre, Coleman and Carroll. A stairway in the rear of M. L. Fuller's hardware store was blown down and wrecked and twisted. A small barn of Mr. Erskine was blown from its foundation and badly wrecked. The residence of Mr. J. A. Elliott was struck by lightning which entered at the gable, then emerging in the room below, where it tore off plastering and descending again split the baseboard in the lower room from whence it emerged into the hall and then appeared. The large ice house of Mr. W. H. Horn was partially blown down and the remainder badly damaged. Five large glass windows were broken in the university building. Much destruction is noticeable among trees, vines, etc. A trolley wire was torn down and two motors burned out in the street cars. Over two and a half inches of water fell in forty-five minutes. As an electric storm this is unsurpassable in the history of University Place.

Miss Ocean Dalley of the state normal faculty is visiting her parents residing here.

No unrented houses can be secured. Real estate is rapidly advancing and several changes are under negotiation.

Tuesday afternoon Mr. William Rogers, a resident, lost two young bay horses by their contact with a live trolley wire which had been blown down. Mr. Rogers was driving in a carriage across the track when suddenly one horse fell dead. The other animal in attempting to pull away stepped upon the wire hidden in the grass and fell immediately. The gentleman, quite mystified, was just in the act of touching one of the animals, which would have resulted in his immediate death, when he was warned of the danger by some boys coming up. A motorcar was immediately after the storm, been notified of the condition of the