

Brownville School District.

We have obtained the following statistics with regard to the financial condition of this School District:

The amount of indebtedness to teachers is \$250.

The amount levied for the continuance of schools and which will be due in June is \$270 60.

The amount of Territorial Fund cannot be less than \$125.

The Charter of Brownville City provides that not less than \$25 License shall be collected from every store and Saloon retailing Spirituous Liquors.

The License Law as amended provides that each establishment retailing liquor shall pay into the County Fund at least \$15.

There will be therefore, (if all is collected) in the Treasury of this District, by July next, exclusive of money derived from fines Stray Law, &c., \$530.

We think the sum derived from fines will be at least \$70 which will make the amount \$600. We believe also the money received from the Territorial Fund will be \$100 more than we have estimated it.

But counting the total sum \$600, and deducting the present indebtedness \$250, it will leave a surplus of \$348 in the Treasury.

It is not probable that the entire amount of tax levied in this District for School purposes will be paid, but we may safely count on three-fourths which would still leave a balance of between two and three hundred dollars.

The indebtedness on the Special Fund is \$161.66. The levy for Special Fund \$275.68.

Balance due from last year \$55, making \$330.68. Deducting the indebtedness, \$161.66, leaves a balance of \$169.02. We think hereafter there will be no necessity for the District to be in debt.

The Homestead.

With some there is a misunderstanding with regard to fees paid on taking the benefit of the law. Each person entitled to land under this law can take at their option, either 160, 120, 80, or 40 acres; but they must in every case, pay to the Receiver at the Land Office, the sum of \$10.

The Nebraska First.

We have received a letter from our old friend, Lieut. Polock, which we will publish next week. The Regiment is now probably at Batesville, Arkansas.

There has been but one death (Mr. Clark) in Co. "C," since they left Helena. Mr. P. writes, there is now but one (Mr. Little) on the sick list.

LADIES' FESTIVAL.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that the Ladies will give a festival on Friday evening, Feb. 13. The proceeds of the supper are to be devoted to the purchase of a Melodeon for the Presbyterian Church.

As this Festival is to be gotten up and presided over by the Ladies, it cannot fail to be agreeable to all who attend. We understand they will have a Post Office in connection with the Supper.

As it is on the eve of Valentine's day, it will doubtless be extensively patronized.

Ice.—Those desiring to fill up their ice-houses this Winter, had better delay no longer. Ice, fully two inches thick can be obtained along the edges of the Missouri within five miles of Brownville.

None need expect a better opportunity to collect it than the present. Three weeks more and Winter will have passed, and with it, perhaps, all traces of ice.

Next week we will publish a speech delivered by Hon. H. B. Wright, of Penn., in reply to VALLANDIGHAM. Mr. Wright, though opposed to the Administration, and a thorough Democrat, disagrees entirely with Vallandigham in regard to a prosecution of the War.

He indignantly denies that the Democrats are in favor of Peace, until the traitors are whipped. We have no doubt a majority of the party agree with him.—Eren Seymour has disappointed the Southern Rebels and the Northern Secessionists. They expected him, after his election, to advocate immediate submission to the Rebels.

The White Cloud Chief "gives the Stage Company Fits," on account of the irregularity of the mails, and their abuse of horses. They deserve it. We notice some of their horses are so lame and poor as to be scarcely able to stand alone. The company should be prosecuted for their cruelty to dumb animals.

Rev. A. S. BILLINGSLEY, for several years a resident of this place, but lately of Colorado, is now spending a few days in Brownville. He is going on a visit to the East.

ARKANSAS TRAVELER.—We have received from Capt. Matthews a copy of a paper of the above title, printed on Fools Cap, and published in Gen. Blunt's Army.

Territorial Items.

The Omaha Republican urges on the citizens of Omaha, the necessity of bridging the Loup Fork and Platte River.—If that is done, it says Omaha will become the principal point on the Upper Missouri.—We notice by the Republican that Capt. Carran is at Omaha, enlisting men for the Nebraska First.

From the Nebraska City papers we learn that some excitement has been occasioned by a mob driving away several contrabands passing through.

The contrabands were peaceable, free men, on their way to some point up the river. Stopping at night in this city, a citizen permitted them to sleep on the ground floor of his blacksmith shop, rather than see them sleep on the frozen ground outside.

After dark a mob appeared, and with threats induced him to turn them out. A resident of this city, who had known the negroes in Missouri, had brought some blankets to the shop to keep them from freezing, and endeavored to persuade the mob to permit them to remain until morning, when they would leave the city. But he was also threatened, and found it necessary to get out of the way. The negroes were marched, just ahead of loaded revolvers, towards the river, and have not been seen since.—Press.

The editor of the News justifies the action of the mob.

C. W. Wheeler is getting subscribers for Lloyds Steel Plate Map of the United States and Canada. This splendid Map shows every Railroad and Station, the distance between each station, also 300,000 Towns and 30,000 Railroad Stations all from surveys of 1861. It is a County and Railroad Map combined.

Monday last was ground-hog day. Ex-Gov. Morgan has been elected U. S. Senator from N. Y.

Religious. Mr. WHITE will preach to-morrow (Sabbath) in the forenoon at the Methodist Church.

Rev. A. S. BILLINGSLEY will preach in the evening at 7 o'clock, at the Presbyterian Church.

Letter from the Army.

HEADQUARTERS, Co. "G," SECOND KANSAS VOLS., ARMY OF THE FRONTIER, Boonsborough, Ark. Jan. 1863.

FRIEND FISHER.—Arkansas was always more or less bore. Her citizens, many of whom are refugees from justice from more favored localities, have found in her uninviting rocks and mountains a retreat from the scourge of offended justice and outraged humanity.

Accustomed to no control inside her domain except that bounded by passion and the knife of the assassin. He is at present in sackcloth and ashes. The demon of treason, so long fostered in the bosom of her people, has well nigh gnawed into her vitals, and she trembles to her very center. Her mountains have been scaled at the point of the layonet by the (to them) horrible Kansas "Jayhawkers."

The graves of their fathers have not been desecrated. The chastity of their daughters not violated. Nor the horns of the Jayhawkers lopped off. Her grand army of traitors are defeated demoralized "skedaddled." Arkansas humbled, is using efforts through her misguided children to impress upon the world the idea that she in this part of her border at least, has been hoodwinked, cheated, misrepresented, humbugged, and imposed upon generally.

Many of them profess to have believed that the hordes of abolitionists who were coming down on her border actually had horns. That they murdered women and children after glutting their base passions, and frequently upon entering the domicils I have been met by the women and children in tears imploring me not to murder them.

And I have seen astonishment and boundless pleasure beaming through their tears when I have succeeded in persuading them that the soldiers of the loyal army were not engaged in desecrating their homes and despoiling their virtue by blood and lust. And hundreds of those who were prone to see on our first approach, now flock to us for protection.

And many not only of the citizens and soldiers but the officers of the rebel army (and I have conversed with many) seem to have suddenly received new light and are constrained to confess that there are not only men in our army but even gentlemen with whom a southern man might without contamination associate on terms of equality.

Hundreds are availing themselves of our protection, and fleeing many of them from comfortable homes to a country of which they have heard but have not seen, a very cold country "way north" where they may rest secure, and not be forced to fight "agin their will," or lay out in the brush in fear of the terrible Jayhawkers and move to their dangerous Rebel soldiers. They scarcely know how to credit the fact that we in the north, live in peace and security. Here every man suspects his neighbor; there is no confidence in any man in the South it is a complete reign of terror. Their masters deal in deceit and treachery only.

General Hindman on coming up the last time to fight at Prairie Grove, told the citizens to just let him quietly take one half of their wheat and corn and all their serviceable horses and what beef he wanted and he would open a road to the Missouri River in ten days, and

then the old ladies might swim in Lincoln (Lincoln) Coffee for a long time to come. But alas, there is "many a slip twixt the cup and the lip," many of those gallant Knights (and they did fight like the devil at Prairie Grove) are now lying on the friendly bosom of mother Earth, and many others have sought our friendly lines giving themselves up, preferring to be prisoners with us than to longer follow the fortunes of their "Paper Confederacy," and the old ladies have no Linken coffee, except perhaps a cup now and then charitably bestowed by our gallant soldiers for which they seem duly gratified. To illustrate the character of some we have to deal with, I will tell you an anecdote. Not many days since I went out in command of a foraging party and when some miles from camp, I sent Sergeant Kern with a man or two in advance to reconnoiter for the required staples, I soon came up with him, he had corraled some corn blades in the stack which is all that he had used in this country. When I arrived I found the Serg't on his horse and an interesting young widow in the weeds standing by weeping copiously, the Serg't told me the lady wanted to speak with me, I presented myself on which she wept most piteously telling, me she was a helpless widow and said she could show me her kind husbands grave, that she was always a union woman and more that she had protection papers from General Blunt, the latter I found to be true. The General is a gallant man and could not well refuse so reasonable a document to a pleasant lady and to break a safeguard is death by the law. I had to beat a hasty retreat, besides I had no very strong inclinations to break thro' the tears of a lone woman, interesting to boot, but curiosity prompted me to inquire of the neighbors when her husband departed from this world of sin and sorrow. When to my surprise they informed me that the death of her husband was all bosh that he was in the Rebel army I cannot touch whether the fodder is in the stack, or not. Whether we will get another fight soon or not, I cannot say, dame rumor says one day Hindman is advancing on us largely reinforced, how true it is, we cannot tell, the next says he is still retreating. The truth seems to be, he is with his main body consisting of Infantry and Artillery on the South side of the Arkansas River, while his Cavalry under Marmaduke is this side about 40 miles to the south of us, the Boston Mountains between us. We do not know how long ere we advance, or whether we will wait for another attack from them. I am inclined to think they will make another desperate attempt to break our lines and advance northward, as there is no subsistence for animals south of us which is holding us in check, and another difficulty in our way is our supplies would be a great way off coming as they do from Ft. Scott, and our communication easily intercepted in this walden country.

A. W. MATTHEWS, Capt. Co. "G," Kes. Vols. (For the Nebraska Advertiser.)

Diversity of Human Races.

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11. Some apocryphal histories speak of aquatic men, living in certain rivers and in certain seas—subterranean men, living in the dens of the earth, like moles and rabbits—savages men, or a species of brutes rather resembling men, living on herbs, roots, barks, in the forests of Borneo Island and the Manila Islands. But those histories whose perilous narrations had been so greedily adopted by the author of Teliamed, and by some other writers of the same stamp, are now-a-days generally considered fabulous by all judicious and enlightened naturalists; and by gratuitously supposing them a certain degree of authority which they have not, they could prove nothing else but that there are certain species of brutes, in the solid or liquid portion of our globe, which have some resemblance with the human figure. The merman was seen, it is related, in the sea, near Martinique, in 1671, resembled a young man from the waist upwards: the other part of the body, which was perceived in the waters at a certain distance, resembled a fish, and terminated in a large forky tail. The wild man of Borneo, who, it is said, resembles pretty much, as to the figure, certain savages of Africa, is considered by the natives of the island as a real brute: he is hunted by them as here the deer is hunted by us, and this hunt is the king's most ordinary amusement.

Mr. LeComte who has traveled thro' the most interesting part of Asia, as an observer and philosopher, speaks in his memoirs of a species of monkey he saw in Asia, which has more resemblance with man than all the aquatic and subterranean men we have made mention of, and which may be nothing else but the wild man of Borneo. "This monkey," he says, "naturally walks on his legs, and does not sit on his haunches, but on his feet, which he bends but little, as a dog does that has been taught how to dance. He, like us, uses his two arms; his face is almost as well formed as that of the savages of Cape Good Hope, but the body is all covered with white, black or gray wool. He has a cry perfectly similar to that of a child; all his external action is so human, and his passions so vivid and so marked, that dumb persons cannot express their sentiments and

will any better. Those monkeys seem to be, especially, of a very tender nature, and in order to manifest the affections to persons they know and love, they embrace and kiss them with astonishing transports of joy. They also perform an act which is seen with no animal, and which is very usual with children, it is to beat the ground with joy or vexation when they are given or refused what they very passionately desire. Although they are very large (for those I saw measured at least four feet in height), their agility and adroitness is incredible. It is a pleasure which raises to admiration to see them run on the cordages of a ship, where they play sometimes, as though they had learned the peculiar art of vaulting, or had been paid, like our rope-dancers, to amuse the crowd."

Of all the different species of animals, terrestrial or aquatic, the monkey is the species which most resembles man; and among the different races of monkeys, that which most perfectly resembles man is the Orang-outang. This animal has a tongue like ours, but he does not speak nor think. Thus the interval which separates him from our race is total, immense, as great and as real as that of the conformity of his face neither draws him near to human nature, nor raises him above the nature of animals: in a word, if we deprive him of his mask, it remains of him but a monkey. Notwithstanding the most perfect resemblance of figure, it is evident that the man and the monkey are two species essentially different. Therefore, if it were true that there is in nature some species of fish or quadrupeds which should have more or less resemblance with the human figure, it cannot follow that those animals are of different species or different races of men.

12. It results from all we have said on the different varieties which we observe in the human species, that human species cannot and ought not to be divided but into three races, accidentally different, which are the white-race, the negro-race, the tartar-race; and such is the division given now-a-days by the most celebrated naturalists. We shall soon examine whether these three races may have a common origin, and how one may come from the other, or be metamorphosed into the other.

Concerning the propagation and the mixture of these different races, we know that the offspring of a negro and negress, is a negro, in Europe as well as in Africa, and that the sojourn of one or several centuries within the temperate zones will not perceptibly change the primitive color;—that the offspring of a white man and negress, or of a negro and a white person, is a mulatto, half white and half black;—that the offspring of a white and a mulatto, or of a negro and a mulatto, is a quadroon, the former three quarters white and one quarter black, the latter three quarters black and one quarter white;—that the offspring of a white and a quadroon, or of a negro and a quadroon, is an octroon, the former seven eighths white and one eighth black, the latter seven eighths black and one eighth white; and that the offspring of a white and an octroon, or of a negro and an octroon, of his own color, is the former, whole white, the latter whole black.

We may thereby easily conceive what may be the result of the mixture of the white race with the tartar race, or of the tartar race with the negro race.—The effective mixture of those three races has multiplied, as it were, ad infinitum, in Asia, the differential shades of the human species.

Some naturalists opine that that the human species ought to be divided only into two races, the white and the black, and that the tartar race is not sufficiently different from the white and black races, to make a race apart. The offspring of a negro and a mulatto or a quadroon, they say, would be a quadroon or an octroon, which the difference of climate and of the way of living would easily transform them into a tartar.

DIED.

On Wednesday the 4th inst. HENRY W. infant daughter of J. and HARRIS B. KAZANOVICH, aged one year, two months, and sixteen days.

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ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by the undersigned, living on the bottom between Brownville and Nemaha City, in Nemaha county, Nebraska, on the 1st day of January, 1883, one dark red cow with white face, short tail, about six or seven years old; also one brindle cow with white face, white hind feet, about six or seven years old. P. S. W. ALLEN, n27-3w-81-50 January 17th, 1883.

ESTRAY NOTICE. Taken up by the undersigned, living two miles southwest of Brownville, in Nemaha county, Nebraska, on the 1st day of January, 1883, one dark Filley, with some white hair in the forehead. Has been wounded in the left hind leg. JOSEPH BEARD, n27-3w-81-50 January 17th, 1883.

ESTRAY OX. Strayed from the subscriber, near St. Stephens, about the 1st of September, a brindle ox, with a Texas brand on his left side about eight years old; had long straight horns, and a long white neck. Any person returning the ox, or giving information leading to his recovery, will be liberally rewarded. SIMON MUTTER, n27-3w-81-50 December 26th, 1882.

Notice to City Tax Payers. All are requested to call on the City Marshal, and pay their taxes immediately. W. W. HACKNEY, Marshal. January 3d, 1884.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. The Co-partnership heretofore existing under the name and style of Lett, Strickler & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the firm will be settled by Brown & Strickler, to whom all debts due the house must be paid. JACOB STRICKLER, HENRY C. LETT, RICHARD BROWN.

STRAYED OR STOLEN. A bay mare, three years old, about fourteen and a half hands high, has a white blaze on her face, one hind foot white. Has a brand on her left shoulder, which is difficult to describe. Any one returning the mare to the residence of the subscriber near Nemaha City, or giving information that will lead to her recovery will be liberally rewarded. JOHN STRAIN, n27-3w-81-50 October 25th, 1882.

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FOR THE NEW YEAR.

It is with no fear of War's effect upon their literary fortunes, that the publishers of THE NEW YORK MERCURY, a knowledge of the unwavering loyalty of their subscribers, and the confidence of their patrons for them, and to all that the New York Mercury for this year (1883) will be richer in every luxury of Polite Literature than ever before. It is no vulgar speculation, no temporary "excitement," but a first class literary weekly, which has been familiar to the United States for a quarter of a century; and while the wishy-washy mushrooms of yesterday are still rotting down their talent, while they raise their subscription price, the New York Mercury maintains all its great staff of Romanesque, Poets, Humonists, Essayists, Story-tellers, and Editors, and promises to make it still greater for 1883. Its forty columns of reading matter per week constitute an unparalleled

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and its novels, Miscellaneous Tales, Beauties of Verse, and its regular contributions in several countries in Europe. The New York Mercury is also identified with the greatest patriotism of the age, for several members of its brilliant staff hold high rank in our own army, and have made themselves as famous with the sword as with the pen. The great Illustrating Artists of the New York Mercury, the Inimitable Danby, gives the paper the highest attributes of Fine Arts; and yet the largest literary weekly of the continent to surpass itself in all these respects during the New Year!

The first New York Mercury No. 1 for the New Year will be published in the issue of January 3, 1883, is called

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OR THE HEIRESS OF CASTLE CLIFF.

BY COUSIN MAY CARLETON, AUTHOR OF "GREY GOWAN," "SYBIL CAMPBELL," "KEMINE," "LA MARQUE," &c., &c.

The productions of this distinguished authoress need no eulogy. Public opinion has long since pronounced them superior to any other novelettes published on this side of the Atlantic; and the true test of their merit is found in the fact that they are eagerly reprinted, after their publication in the Mercury, by the English press. We may add that the new tale, "Victoria," is fully equal in interest and merit to any of those which have secured so large a share of public approval, and we can earnestly recommend it to all story-readers.

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FESTIVAL.

The Ladies of Brownville will give a Festival at DEN'S HALL, ON FRIDAY EVENING, 13th INST.

The object of the Festival is to raise funds for the purchase of a musical instrument for the Presbyterian Church. Good Music will be secured for the occasion. Admission and Supper.....50 cts. Doors open at 7 1/2 o'clock.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by the subscriber, living six miles west of Brownville, on the 20th day of January, A. D., 1883, two Entry Steers, 4 or 5 years old. One marked with an under slope in the left ear, white spot on the left side, and dropped horns. The other marked with a slit in the left ear. They are four or five years old. S. W. KENNEDY, n27-3w-81-50 February 7th, 1883.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Alfred Opitz, District Court