

Nebraska Advertiser

JARVIS S. CHURCH, Editor.



BROWNVILLE, THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 1867.

To the Voters of Nemaha County:

With a view to a more perfect understanding of the Railroad proposition now pending before the people, and to be voted upon January 7th 1868, the officers and directors of the Brownville, Fort Kearney and Pacific Railroad Company, hereby represent and guarantee...

JOHN McPHERSON, Pres't. R. W. FURNAS, Vice Pres't. JOHN L. CARSON, Treas'r. J. W. BLACKBURN, Sec'y. LUTHER HOADLEY, Dir't. THEODORE HILL, Dir't. JOHN C. DEUSER, Dir't.

I certify the above to be a true copy of an article now on file in the Clerk's office of the county of Nemaha, and State of Nebraska.

Witness my hand and seal of said County this 26th day of December 1867. JAMES M. HACKER, County Clerk.

To the Hon Board of County Commissioners of Nemaha County.

The undersigned Officers and Directors of the B Ft K & P R R Company respectfully represent to your honorable body that the progress of the times in which we live, and the necessities of the section of the State in which we are located, demand other facilities and outlets commercially, than those afforded by the Missouri River. That Eastern and Western R R connections are desirable and called for; that such advantages are now within our reach by use of proper efforts; that to obtain such benefits, which are general in their effects, it is but proper that all, both individuals and property should proportionately contribute.

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By the politeness of James M. Hacker, our County Clerk, we are permitted to print the above, which is an exact copy of the petition of the Railroad company to the County Commissioners of Nemaha County, made and presented before them on the day they granted the order for an election in January next, and in conformity to which the said order was made.

Shall We Make the Law or Not?

There is no law now in force in this county under and by virtue of which the County of Nemaha can aid in the construction of a railroad running thro' the county. There is a provision on p. 40 of the Revised Statutes of the State if strictly complied with, under which the County Commissioners may be authorized to render this aid if so desired. We know of no law or provision of law whereby the Commissioners of this county can be compelled to render this aid, even if every man in the county should cast an affirmative vote on the 7th day of January next. By our vote next January we may or we may not make a law authorizing, not compelling the Commissioners of this County to aid in the construction of the B Ft K & P R R through the county of Nemaha. The manner and mode in which the Commissioners may render this aid is not defined or specifically set out either in the law or in the order for the vote.

We understand that there are those who admit that our County Commissioners are not only able to but will see that the interests of the County are subserved in all their official acts as new authorized, ever that if you extend their authority on the 7th day of January, then they will be too feeble - too inefficient - to look after the interest of the county any longer. They will have then to submit to be plundered, and to the ruin of the county, without lifting a hand, and without a word of protest. Preposterous ideal! We further understand that there are those who aver that to authorize the Commissioners to aid in the construction of a road is equivalent to giving to the road, and that they must give whether they will or no. We admit that this is

one way to aid but not the only way. It is our opinion that taking stock of the company in any given amount, or loaning the company the bonds of the County for any given time, is as virtually aiding in the construction of a road, as making a donation to the road, and we doubt not this is the opinion of all right minded men upon the same subject.

When will the Bonds be Issued?

If the vote on the proposition submitted to the voters of Nemaha County, on the 7th of next month results favorably, then, thereafter, an effort will be made to obtain Congressional aid. It will take work of the tallest kind to get an act of this nature through Congress before the first of August next, which will then be too late to do any work in 1868 on the B Ft K & P R R. So it may be seen that it is not probable and hardly possible for work to commence under the most favorable circumstances on this road before the Summer of 1869, at which time the valuation of this county will have reached the sum of \$4,000,000.

This Company is made up of stockholders, of which the County of Nemaha will then have the controlling power. By the general law of the State on incorporations, assessments are to be made upon the stockholders as the work progresses, by the officers of the corporation which are to be elected annually. If the County issues these bonds, and takes this stock, and does not like the present officers, they can elect officers from among the stockholders as do such firms.

Thus it will be seen that no work can be done before 1869, consequently no assessment of the stockholders can or will be made before that year. Now what is to be done when an assessment is made? This, and nothing more. Each individual stockholder must pay his assessment. The County, as a stockholder, must place sufficient of her Bonds into the market to raise the money to pay the amount of her assessment. This being done in 1869, the first tax on the county will be levied in that year, and such a rate will be levied as to meet the interest on the estimated amount that the county will be required to pay during the ensuing year. And we think it reasonable to further suppose, that not more than one half of the stock subscribed will be used up the first year, and perhaps the balance may be issued in 1870. Now all this is predicated upon the supposition that everything works favorably and that there will be no hindrance to progress of the work. We conclude then that under the most favorable auspices that a light tax may be required in 1869, and the full tax of three mills on the dollar will be required in 1870 to meet the maturing interest of the bonds to be issued in those years, but in all human probability, we are at least one and perhaps two years in our calculation, in advance of the requirements of the road and its officers. If so, then the bonds will not be sold nor the tax levied so soon by the same length of time.

The Opposition.

Major Daily, Dr Neal and S. P. Majors are the only persons in the county actively opposing the county aiding in building a railroad. They acknowledge that such a railroad would be a good thing for the county; that it would increase the value of our property, though not to the extent claimed by its friends; and say they would be glad to have the road completed. Major Daily says he is going to Washington and will do all in his power to secure for the road a land grant.

What Guarantees Have the People?

The County Commissioners, when authorized by your vote, may subscribe to the capital stock of the Railroad company the \$350,000. They may give it to them or they may loan them that amount. There are at least then three ways in which they may aid in the construction of the railroad. They have the power to make the subscription the gift or the loan, upon conditions which they think will best subserve the interest of the county, and secure the completion of the road. Until they do make a contract with the railroad Company by subscribing, or agreeing to, by loaning, or agreeing to, or by giving, or agreeing to, the bonds of the County, there is no such meeting of the minds

of the contracting parties as will form a contract that can be enforced by the courts.

One condition of the contract ought and should be that the company should construct a certain amount of road before they could make an assessment upon the subscribed stock of the County. Another should or may be, that all assessments made upon the subscribed stock of the County, should be payable in twenty-seven per cent bonds of the county. These conditions the County clearly has the right to make a part of the contract. Now, if the voters of the county think the present County Commissioners will not make proper and adequate provisions to fully protect the County against all loss, then before the bonds will be called for, other Commissioners can be elected who will. As for ourselves, we have no such fears. We believe the present Board competent and we know of none more desirous to see that the County has value received for all her expenditures. Are not the guarantees sufficient and ample for all who sincerely wish the road built? If there are any who are disposed to cavil because they do not want the road built under any conditions at all such, we have no word of explanation.

Otoe County.

Heretofore voted, \$250,000 to aid in securing an eastern connection, and has now just voted \$150,000 more to build a road west from Nebraska City through the county of Otoe.

Editorial Increase.

We are pleased to announce that Col. R. W. Furnas has agreed, so soon as his health and business will permit, to take charge of the Agricultural Department of the Advertiser. With his attention this Department will become one of the leading departments, and will be of great advantage to Farmers generally, and an inducement for them to subscribe. All are acquainted with the Colonel's ability, which has been demonstrated heretofore, and will be felt through our columns.

We send many persons this No of our paper who are not subscribers with a view of inducing them to take the paper on trial for three or six months, or longer, if they desire. Every man-raising a family of boys and girls, should furnish them their county paper and encourage them to read it. In this way the most valuable part of their education can be obtained. A man, and especially a boy, appears bashful and diffident in society more from ignorance than from any other cause. If you wish your children influential, and their society and influence sought after and respected, furnish them among other things with your county paper. The subscription price for three months is fifty cents; for six months one dollar, and at the same rate for a longer period. Try it.

B. F. K. & P. R. R.

We support this company and ask the county to aid in constructing this road because there is no better company in building a road. We have a general interest in common with all owners of real estate and residents in our county and want the road built at the soonest possible moment and at the least possible cost to our citizens. We care not a fig for the present company or its officers, but if through our votes and taxes and the aid of Congress, they will give us what we so much desire a Railroad through our county, sooner, and as cheap as any other company now or hereafter to be organized then we propose, and will give them whatever of influence, time and money, which a well formed judgment dictates to be wise and necessary to accomplish that object.

The Railroad.

The following communication from one of the wealthiest and most enterprising farmers of this county, speaks a sound word to the few who may be opposed to the railroad subscription. Read it:

NEMAHA COUNTY, NEB., Jan. 23d, 1867.

Mr. Editor: The railroad enterprise now before the people of Nemaha County, I regard as the most important question that has ever been, or is ever likely to be presented to them. The progress of the times in which we live, demand, and must have increased facilities for transportation and communication, that nothing short of railroads will satisfy. All around us the railroad enterprise is being discussed and its advantages being sought. Everybody and every locality seems alive and determined to "be up and doing." Shall we, the people of Nemaha, fold our arms, and allow the golden opportunity to pass? - an opportunity, in all probability, will never be presented to us again. I hope not, I believe not. More favorable prospects of having a railroad were never enjoyed by our people. A little effort will secure it.

I believe, Mr. Editor, that railroads are doing more to develop the country than all else beside. I believe the time has come when our necessities require such improvements. I believe that a proper effort will secure them. I believe the people of this county can take upon themselves the tax proposed, and that the investment in a pecuniary point of view, will prove a paying one; and I propose to give the reasons that will induce me to cast my vote for the measure. Before doing so, however, I wish to say that my occupation is that of a Farmer, and I want to say a plain word or two to my fellow-farmers. No local prejudices or partialities should in any way govern our action. We, as a class, are to be more immediately and substantially benefited than any other. I have been pained to see since my brief sojourn in this county a bitter local feeling. As to the cause

of this I know but little and care less. I do know, however, that if persisted in, a general injury to the whole county will be the final result. We cannot afford to sustain divisions and contentions. Unity of sentiment and action is what we must need, and must have. So far as any particular benefit any particular point on the river may derive from the fact that it may be the starting point, I care not a fig. I would give my support if it was proposed that the road should start from either Peru, Brownville, Nemaha City, Aspirwall, or St. Deroin. Brownville seems to be the only point that has made any effort in the matter, and has done what has been done to get the enterprise in the shape we now find it. She is the largest and most wealthy town and is better prepared to do more, and more should really be expected of her. I am willing, therefore, that she may enjoy any incidental local advantages that may naturally follow.

Let us, fellow-farmers, discard petty excuses and look this matter square in the face like business men. Will it pay us to have this proposed road pass through our county? Can we afford the tax? These are, really the only two points in the question for us to consider. It is assumed, and generally conceded, that Railroads double the value of property in the section of country through which they pass. Government sets upon this understanding. Whenever she donates alternate sections to railroad companies, she immediately puts up the price of retained alternate sections to \$2.50 per acre - double what she was before selling it for. Now let us figure this matter a little. According to my calculation there are in round numbers 250,000 acres of land in Nemaha County. This at \$1.25 per acre - figuring even on the original cost - by doubling itself will make an increase at once of \$312,000. But let us take the actual taxable value of lands. By reference to the County Treasurer's Books I find the actual amount of taxable land in Nemaha County for the year 1867, to say nothing of town lots, is \$786,000. Now double that amount and we have \$1,572,000. Take from this \$786,000 of increased value the \$350,000 proposed bonds and we have a net profit in this investment of \$222,000. This calculation you will observe is made alone upon the lands of the county, leaving out entirely, town lots, merchandise, manufactures, &c.

Take another view in which the Farmer alone is interested. All admit that with railroad facilities which afford a means of transportation at all times of the year, that there is a difference in the price of produce. There is a difference of opinion as to just what that difference is. I have before me a weekly price current of produce issued by Strickler & Stephens, of Omaha, of date Dec. 12th, 1867, I find the price of "Corn new, in the ear, 75 cents, new Corn, shelled, \$1.00, old Corn, \$1.25." I need not tell you what the price of Corn in Nemaha County is. I have not heard of any selling for over 60 cts. Now, what makes this difference? Omaha, or rather Douglas county, has no natural advantages over Nemaha. She has a railroad which enables her to send away this and all other articles of produce at all times. This is the whole secret! Now, let us make another calculation based upon the land alone in this county and the single product, Corn. Taking the number of acres of land, as before stated, in this county, and it will be found that a tax levied upon each acre of about 7 cents per annum for 20 years - the time it is proposed the bonds shall run - will pay the \$350,000 and interest. Thus a difference of 1 cent per bushel on 7 bushels per acre of Corn alone would pay the tax. We see, however, that by actual comparison of prices the actual difference is over 30 per cent. Say 30 per cent, and actual Corn at 40 bushels per acre, and the actual benefits the farmer would derive - or rather what we are now actually losing - will be plainly seen.

I could enumerate many other advantages that inevitably follow railroads, but have confined myself exclusively to one or two important points in which farmers are alone interested. I hope our people will take a candid view of this question. The question of a railroad starting west from some point South of the Platte, to intersect the great Pacific Road, at or near Ft. Kearney, will be settled before grass grows again! If by our failure to improve the opportunity now presented, that point should be fixed either north or south of us, and our prospects forever blasted, let it not be said the question was not laid before us. Let us be wise.

A. FARMER.

We learn from W. B. Phillips, of Glen Rock Precinct, that a horse was stolen from C. E. Phippeny of that precinct, some time last month, and that a company of near sixty farmers in that vicinity, have paid about \$500, in searching for the horse and thief. They have not yet been found. The thief with the horse were traced to the Big Blue, from which place no traces of either have been obtained. This company of Farmers as we understand are pledged to each other to pay all expenses of overhauling and prosecuting thieves and to pay for all property stolen from its members when not recovered. For this purpose each member is taxed upon his assessed valuation.

GUARDIAN'S NOTICE.

To all whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the Probate Court of Nemaha county, Nebraska, has appointed the second Monday in January, 1868, to hear a settlement from Virginia M. Hunt, Guardian of George Ebbs and Lucinda Ebbs, now Mrs. Godfree. Given under my hand this 23d day of Dec. A. D. 1867. A. W. MORGAN, Probate Judge. Virginia M. Hunt, Guardian, 13 24

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Improved FARM For Sale. AN IMPROVED FARM, of 436 acres; 200 acres under cultivation, 136 acres in timber, two comfortable country houses, situated in the Missouri bottom on what is known as McKim's Island is For Sale, Rent, or Exchange for wild lands in Nebraska. As a stock farm it has no superior. For particulars enquire of R. W. FURNAS, Brownville, Neb. or H. H. CORDELL, Hamburg, Iowa. Dec. 26th, 1867. 11

VIRGIL S. HALL, Attorney and Counsellor at Law. Office over Dorsey & Bro's Clothing Store, Main St. BROWNVILLE, NEBRASKA.

J. L. MCGEE & CO., Dealers in GENERAL MERCHANDISE, McPherson's Block, Main street, BROWNVILLE, NEBRASKA.

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CLOCK & WATCHES, AND JEWELRY!! JOSEPH SHUTZ. Has just received and will constantly keep on hand a large and well selected stock of genuine articles in his line. One Door west of Grant's Store, Brownville, Nebraska. Repairs Watches. Of Clocks, Watches and Jewelry done on the shortest notice. WORK WARRANTED. Brownville, Neb. March 10th, 1868. 10-25-17

Brownville Union High School.

The winter term of Brownville Union High School will commence on Monday, the 16th inst., under the immediate charge of Mr. A. W. Nickell, assisted by Miss M. Wray and Miss Decia Johnston.

The Board finds it necessary to charge tuition for all who may attend, at the following rates: Primary Department - \$5.00 Intermediate " - 6.00 Grammar " - 7.00 Higher " - 9.00

The term will continue twelve weeks, and payment will be required invariably in advance for each month. Scholars from abroad for the present term will be received at the same rates as those from the district.

Ample provision has been made for comfort and convenience of all who may attend, and no pains will be spared to make the School in every respect deserving the public patronage. O. B. HEWETT, Director.

The preliminary organization of the Union Pacific Railroad Company was made in October, 1853. The first contract for construction was made in August, 1854; but various conflicting interests, connected with the location of the line, delayed its progress, and the first forty miles were not laid until January, 1856.

The Illinois Central Railroad Company on the 24th inst. paid into the State Treasury the sum of \$237,555.04, being seven per cent of the gross earnings of the six months ending October 31, 1867.

Some of our close-fisted, slow-going business men might take a useful hint from a late conversation between a merchant and an acquaintance, follows: "Why don't you trade with me?" The reply was characteristic: "You have never asked me, sir. I have looked all through the papers for an invitation in the shape of an advertisement, and found none. I never go where I am not invited."

Statement of the Indebtedness of U. S., June 30, 1867.

Table with 4 columns: TITLE, When redeemed, Rate of Interest, Amount outstanding. Includes items like Loan of 1842, Loan of 1847, Loan of 1848, Taxes indem., Old fund d'ty, Treasury notes, Loan of 1850, Loan of 1851, Oregon War, 20-year slices, 7-30 notes, Demand notes, Five-twenty, United States notes, Treasury notes, Gold certificates, Ten-forties, Five-twenties, Certificates of Indebtedness, Postal currency, Fractional currency, Treasury notes, Treasury notes, 7-30 Treasury notes, 7-10 Treasury notes, Five-twenty, Five-twenty, Union Pacific Railroad Co. bonds.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of and by authority of law passed by the Legislature of Nebraska, and approved February 12th, A. D. 1866, and under a resolution of the Board of the County Commissioners of Nemaha County, Nebraska, adopted December 30, 1867, a special election will be held at the usual places of holding general elections in the several election precincts in Nemaha County, Nebraska, on Tuesday the 7th day of January, A. D. 1868, from nine o'clock in the forenoon, until six o'clock in the afternoon of that day for the purpose of determining the following question, which is submitted to the vote of the people of the said county of Nemaha, that is to say:

"Shall the County Commissioners of Nemaha County in the State of Nebraska, issue the bonds of the said County of Nemaha for the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, redeemable at the option of the said County Commissioners at twenty years from date or less; and to provide for the payment of interest not to exceed seven per cent per annum on such bonds, and also a sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds; shall a tax be imposed to be levied annually until all of said bonds and the interest thereon shall be paid; the said tax not to exceed ten mills on the dollar of the county valuation, in any one year; and the said proposed bonds to be issued to aid in the construction of the Brownville, Ft. Kearney and Pacific Railroad in its course through the said County of Nemaha, from the eastern boundary of the said County to the western boundary thereof.

The ballots voted at said Election shall have written or printed thereon the following, to-wit: those in favor of the said question, and in favor of imposing and collecting the said tax, the words, "For Bonds and Tax." Those opposed to the said question and opposed to imposing and collecting the said tax, the words, "Against Bonds and Tax." And said election shall be held and the returns thereof made in all respects, or as near as may be, according to the laws governing general elections. Done by order of the County Commissioners, this 3d day of December 1867. Witness our hands the date last named F. G. HOLMES PHILIP STARR Co. Com'rs. J. L. MCGEE Attest, JAMES M. HACKER County Clerk.

THEO HILL & CO., FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC Dry Goods NOTIONS CARPETS, & C.

At the Fair of the Maynard Institute, which closed a few weeks since at Baltimore on the 27th of November, the superiority of the FLORENCE was again confirmed by the committee on Sewing Machines, who unanimously awarded it the GOLD MEDAL, the highest prize the Institute confers. On the 12th of September the great Fair and Exhibition of the American Institute was opened in New York. As usual, the display of Sewing Machines was large, and the competition strong; but after a six weeks trial, the friends of the FLORENCE had the satisfaction of seeing their favorite again triumphant, and for the second time bearing off the highest honors of the American Institute. Below we give an extract from the Report of the committee on Sewing Machines, read at the closing of the Fair: "The whole number of Sewing Machines on exhibition in this class; of these, twelve are entered for competition. The article bearing the No. 72 (FLORENCE SEWING MACHINE) is deemed to be the BEST on exhibition. It must also be stated, incidentally, that this is better than any of its class shown to the Judges."

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STRAYED.

From near London, in this County, sometime last Fall, one sorrel mare colt four years old in the Spring; 16 hands high. A valuable remark will be given for its return, or any information which will lead to its recovery. FRED. PARKER.

Fresh Tomatoes, in two and three quart cans, at SWAN & BROS.

TO PURCHASERS

SEWING MACHINES THE FLORENCE Lock-Stitch Reversible Feed



SEWING MACHINE

HAS AGAIN CARRIED OFF THE HIGHEST honors at the principal Fairs the present season, commencing with the New England Agricultural Fair, at Providence, in September, when it was awarded the highest prize, immediately when came the New York State Fair, at Buffalo, in October, when the committee awarded it the First Prize for a double-thread, machine.

Mechanics' Association at Lowell Where the Highest Prize THE ONLY GOLD MEDAL awarded to any Family Sewing Machine, was awarded to the

FLORENCE and that too after it had been on exhibition in competition with other

First Class Machines

for five consecutive weeks, when it had been examined by the best mechanics in the country, who pronounced it the best constructed and most reliable Machine, and one that on account of its simplicity would

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"Its merits are: 1st. Good material and thorough workmanship. 2d. More absolute novelty than marks the usual improvements in Sewing Machine.

3d. The ingenious arrangement of a positive motion for adjusting the thread during the passage of the shuttle and the gathering up of its tails at the end of the stitch. 4th. The reversible feed. 5th. The variety of work that can be done up on it. We therefore decide that it receive the award of first-class."

(Signed) WM. PHATT, I. R. S. GARDY, L. J. KENNELS, JNO. W. ORANBERG, Sec'y Board Managers. New York, Nov. 11th, 1867."

It would seem as though this success of the FLORENCE should be sufficient to convince every sensible person of the great superiority of the FLORENCE over all others as a Family Sewing Machine; and if anything more is needed to confirm the above, we might add that in 1864, the "Co." only sold 50 Machines, whilst last year there are over

40,000 IN USE, thus establishing the success of the FLORENCE beyond all question.

Every Machine is Warranted. Circulars, Price Lists and samples of work furnished on application.

JOHN W. HENDERSON Agent for Brownville and Nemaha County.

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