

From a report of the census of Chicago, completed October 1st, we take the following: Population, 252,054; valuation, \$290,247,000; taxes levied, \$3,223,457.

Omaha City is soon to have gas. After sinking about seventy thousand dollars in the quicksand of the bottom, they are now erecting works on the higher lands, on 12th street.

During the past year the public debt has been decreased thirty-five millions of dollars. A few years will relieve the nation of what has been regarded an overwhelming burthen.

Home Gear has done the readers of the Gazette real service by noting the improvements of the year in and around Tecumseh. The record is a valuable one, and the continuance of the same from year to year will be an item of much interest to the old settlers.

On Friday the temporary railroad bridge at Omaha gave way and the entire structure, with the exception of about one hundred feet on each side, went down the river. The shifting sand bottom loosened some of its piles, and the floating ice soon completed the wreck. A passenger train had crossed the bridge ten minutes previous to the destruction.

A man came into Judge Hewitt's Law Office one day last week and commenced to draw up a deed. He started off with, "Know one woman by these presents." "Stop," says the Judge; "you should write, 'Know all men by these presents.' The stranger said 'he could not see the difference, for what one woman knew all men soon find out.'

We learn by the Blue Valley Record that a new town has been laid out in Jefferson County, in this State. It is opposite Jenkins' mills, on the west side of the Little Blue. Quite a number of buildings are in process of erection and others contemplated. It is located on a beautiful site, and may ere long become a place of some importance; though the Record thinks it too far south to ever be made the county seat.

The Blue Valley Record of December 6th, says: Through the kindness of Mr. J. D. McFarland we have been furnished the following exhibit of the business transacted at the U. S. Land Office at that place from the opening of the Office on the 11th of November up to the 30th, inclusive: Homestead entries, 5952 acres; cash entries, 7973 acres; final homestead, 949 acres; land warrant entries, 1080 acres; pre-emption, 2720; making a total of 18,674 acres.

"As we go marching on" despotism has been overthrown in Spain. The Liberal party has triumphed in England, and now the Prussian Diet has adopted a resolution in favor of entire freedom of debate, and the same has been approved by the Crown. Poor France is back in the cold, and her press under the iron heel of despotism. The Virginia of Europe will ere long be liberated when she too can join the glad refrain "As we go marching on." The world moves.

On Wednesday of last week Hon. T. M. Manly and Col. J. P. Warner, two of the Presidential Electors for Nebraska, met at Omaha, and Hon. Louis Algewah, the third Elector, being absent, Judge Clinton Briggs, of that city, was chosen, as directed by law, to fill the vacancy. The electors then proceeded to cast the vote of Nebraska for Grant and Colfax for President and Vice President of the United States. Col. Warner was chosen messenger to transmit the vote to Washington, and has gone to fulfill his mission.

Thirty years ago Prentice owned the Louisville Journal, and his influence for years thereafter was extensive in public affairs. To-day his apprentice of thirty years ago owns the Journal, and Prentice is almost a perfect wreck, caused by intemperance, and is employed by the Journal at a nominal salary, incapable of work, and nothing is expected of him. Young men should take warning. Outside of the paths of temperance and virtue there is no safety; while these vices lead many of our brightest intellects to sure destruction.

The Nebraska City News of a late date, urges the young men within the Democratic fold to organize now for the future political campaigns. It asserts that herein consists the great strength of the Republican party, and from this fact solely, it attributes the unparalleled success of the party for the past eight years. Taking for granted the correctness of this position, then we conclude that in sections of our country where education and general intelligence are the most diffused among the people there, the Republican party is well organized, while on the contrary in those sections where ignorance, vice, immorality and a low state of civilization exists, there we find the Republican party unorganized.

Now, while we admit these to be facts, we do not so readily conclude that our success in these several sections depends alone upon organization. The Democratic leaders will not, or can not comprehend the fact that a large majority of American citizens act from principle. They, from long association with the stolid ignorance of the men they lead to the polls, and by participation in the notorious corruptions by which they succeed among those who congregate around sinks of corruption and iniquity, would believe that organizations alone can vote any amount of patronage and fees. So long as Democracy will insist upon this view of the case, so long must they expect to be ignominiously defeated, no matter how well and effectually they may be organized.

OUR CHICAGO LETTER.

Chicago, Dec. 7, 1886. In a growing city like this it is the duty of the authorities to look after the interests and comfort not only of its present inhabitants, but also of those that are to follow. Among the grand games that have been advertised are one of very large proportions to get possession of a tract of land immediately in front of the city, partially covered by water. It is just and right that the proposed should be for the city as a whole, and the steps which have been taken will probably secure it for the benefit of the corporation. The most important part of the advertisement appears not to have become thoroughly known, but it cannot be over-estimated. Our river dockage is fast being overruled, and the lake in this place will be just the locality for an immense harbor. Now is the time to lay the foundation for a magnificent wharf, and to secure the same once for all shut out all private claims.

Commercial property is not the only aim or object to be sought by men engaged in building up a large city. It is not only a matter of public health, but it is a matter of public safety. It is a matter of public safety, and it is a matter of public safety. It is a matter of public safety, and it is a matter of public safety. It is a matter of public safety, and it is a matter of public safety.

Month after month the problem arises, how shall the city be governed? The most strenuous exertions on the part of our School Board have only succeeded in providing accommodations for about half the number of school age. It was only a few years ago that it was considered the height of extravagance to build a school house that would receive nine hundred scholars, now some five or six of these are built every year and yet the supply falls far short of the demand.

A most contemptible piece of extortion was perpetrated in some of our schools recently, which may not be amiss as I am on the school subject. Small change was wrung from the teachers by means of a extortion, in sufficient quantities to buy a piano. This was ostensibly for the school, but in one case it was transferred to the teacher's room, and the money was used for the purchase of a piano.

Mr. J. B. Johnson has just completed the Tax List of the City of Brownville, and by his permission we find by examining the same that the valuation of Real and Personal Property for 1886 is \$469,865.

General Tax Levied, \$1,179.56 Special " " 703.63 Bond " " 4,098.65 Total tax for City purposes \$6,581.00

The Electors of Iowa voted for or against amending their constitution, so as to allow of Negro Suffrage. Henry Polite, a colored barber at Wapello, was asked if he voted. "Yes," said Henry, "that is not 'sactly, I bought a pint of whiskey for a Democrat and he voted for the Amendment."

From the Quincy (Ill.) Journal. M. & M. R. A. L. Railroad. This much needed improvement, we are pleased to know, is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible, commencing at the west end of the railroad bridge across the river at that place, and thence to La Grange and Canton, thence westward through the northern tier of counties in Missouri river, reaching it at a point near Nebraska City—probably at Brownville, in Nemaha county. From thence a road is in contemplation, and indeed the project is organized to build a road to tap the main trunk of the Union Pacific Railroad, about 150 miles west and a little northward of the Missouri river terminus, and thence Nebraska extension of the line (at least we term it so) passes within a mile of the west capital of that young State—Lincoln City.

This is a matter of interest to Quincy, and in the M. & M. R. Air Line Railroad the city has subscribed liberally. It is an old project at least since the year 1860, for in 1860 a contract was made by the Board of Directors within a New York company to build and equip the road through to Brownville, and a work was commenced on the 23d day of July of the same year. During the year of 1860 and '61 the company had fifteen miles of track laid, and in 1862 twenty-five miles of iron on the ground, and twenty-five miles of grading and bridging done, besides twenty-three more miles of grading. The work was abandoned, and the road was never completed, and the rolling stock and iron already in use were taken off, yet leaving the company with its organization the same. Mr. H. Davis, of Canton, was the original President, and is today setting in the same capacity, indefatigable, untiring as ever, and generally beloved all along the line of the "rolling road."

This road will be of vast benefit to Quincy. It passes through as fine a country as Missouri can boast of, and is sufficiently new, but it abounds in trade of that rich and beautiful country along the southern border counties of that State. It is true, that country is comparatively new, but it abounds in all those agricultural and mineral resources which never fail to pay a road or make the people of the country rich by its development. Settlers are now passing through here daily by hundreds, bound westward to some of the counties along the side of the road. The road is a great benefit to the Valley, as the Platte County Railroad, at Maryville, in Nodaway county, one of the finest counties, by the way, in the State, as the road progresses northward toward Des Moines, the capital of Iowa.

We shall take pleasure in speaking of the progress of this road, its prospects and the country through which it passes, in a future article.

Brownville, Neb., December 3, 1886. My first sky ride in year 1868 before Christmas. The sky came to the school house and it was Mr. Leach and his play and that was Miss Menaughton and ada morgau and dellie Furrow and Teresa and Mary H. McLaughlin, and several boys, in the play when we left the school house Mr. Leach was taking Miss Menaughton home first, and all went well till we got by Mr. Dens and the sky ran over a stick and the sky broke and the children were all thrown to the left and to the right, and then Miss Menaughton walked home the rest of the way, and we were all on the ground and then we got out and staid by the sled till Mr. Leach fixed the sled and then we got in and all went well till we got by Mr. Dens and then the sky broke and the children were all thrown to the left and to the right, and then Miss Menaughton walked home the rest of the way, and we were all on the ground and then we got out and staid by the sled till Mr. Leach fixed the sled and then we got in and all went well till we got by Mr. Dens and then the sky broke and the children were all thrown to the left and to the right, and then Miss Menaughton walked home the rest of the way, and we were all on the ground and then we got out and 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