

PUBLISHERS' NOTICES.

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Local Notices. An ordinary trading matter, will be charged ten cents per line, each insertion, except in the case of those who are in arrears, who will be charged twenty-five cents for each advertisement over the first time, at the rate of five cents per line for each subsequent insertion.

Arrival and Departure of Mails. Northern Daily by Railroad—Arrives 11 a. m. Leaves 12:30 p. m.

City and County. Goods expressed free, by Stevenson & Cross.

Gen. Furnas informs us that on last Monday he closely inspected his fruit bins, and reports that he found them safe and promising.

The Epizoot has frolicked around here in mild form, and is fast disappearing. We long to see the disappearance from our streets of Buck and Bright.

The weather so far has been very promising for our winter wheat. Snow fell early and the wind did not blow hard.

Gen. Furnas and F. A. Tisdell, Jr. start for Omaha on Thursday, there to attend a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture on Friday.

W. A. Polack, our worthy P. M., will please accept thanks for a box of "Golden Crown Cigars" given this afternoon the day after Christmas.

Christmas passed off very quietly hereabouts. On Christmas eve and Christmas night a number of festive occasions passed off with merriment.

Who sells cooking and heating stoves, with the latest improvements? Tisdell & Richards—They purchase their stoves from the cheapest and best manufacturers, and they can sell you a better stove for less money than any dealer in the west.

It is a singular and noticeable fact, that notwithstanding the prevalence of the Epizoot in our midst of late, the epidemic did not invade the stable of Gus Borden.

Our State Legislature will convene on Thursday of next week. On that day Gov. James' Valedictory will be delivered, and on the following Monday Gov. Furnas will deliver his Salutory. We propose being present during the opening days of the Legislature.

On last Saturday County Treasurer Bratton received from Lincoln the school funds belonging to Nemaha county for the last half year, being \$7,396.50, an increase over the amount received in July for the first half of '72, the amount then being \$6,638.36.

This will, after the County School Superintendent's apportionment, go into the pockets of our teachers, and from them into the coffers of our merchants, and be sensibly felt by many.

MARRIED. At the residence of D. C. Cole, Esq., in Peru, December 28th, by Rev. H. Burch, Mr. John J. Chapman and Miss Ellen Swan.

By the same, at the residence of Isaac Black, Esq., in Peru, December 19th, Mr. Jasper J. Stone and Miss Emily W. Taylor.

DEATH. Again we are called upon to chronicle the death of one of our citizens, and one of the early settlers of this county, viz: Mrs. David Campbell, wife of our City Marshal, who departed this life on last Sabbath morning. Her bereaved husband has the unforgotten sympathy of all our people.

About the same hour Peter Vanhousen, of London, died. Mr. Vanhousen was the father-in-law of H. P. Manning and was aged 73 years. He was ill but three days and died of pneumonia.

Epizootic Among the Mail Sacks.

The mail carrier on the route from here to Tecumseh, by way of Glen Rock, Grant and Spring Creek, has been prompt and on time for several months, until Friday, Dec. 20th. The service is semi-weekly, leaving here Wednesday and Friday mornings, and returning Thursday and Saturday evenings. On Wednesday, 25th, (Christmas day) he did not start, but on Thursday he started. His horse gave out at London and he was forced to return. On Friday he started again, and arrived at Grant about dusk. His horse was very tired, and the night was dark and cold, and he wanted to stay at Grant, but the Postmaster refused to take care of his horse, and the P. M.'s son told the carrier that they "didn't care whether he stayed or not." The carrier is an old man, and had to travel across the prairie, after dark, six miles to Spring Creek. The thermometer was nearly or quite down to zero, and it does seem as though common humanity should have made the Grant people keep the man and his horse, on such a night as that, and not force them to cross the prairie after dark.

The week of prayer will be observed by a union prayer meeting on Monday evening in the Methodist church, on Tuesday evening in the Baptist church, on Wednesday evening in the Presbyterian church, on Thursday evening in the Methodist church, on Friday evening in the Baptist church, on Saturday evening in the Presbyterian church. All invited.

A Happy New Year to All. W. T. Den returns his thanks to his liberal patrons and the public. For the last sixteen years he has been in business in Brownville, and by strict attention to business and selling goods as low to a boy as to a man, and by keeping first-class goods and selling them at small profits, as I have done, I hope to merit that liberal patronage for the next sixteen years to come.

Your respectfully, W. T. DEN.

An Institution. A Charter Oak Cooking Stove is absolutely necessary for life and liberty to all women, for it lightens their labors, preserves their health, cheers and soothes their temper, economizes their time and strength, and extends their leisure.

\$1000 REWARD is offered by the proprietor of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for a medicine that will equal it in the cure of Bronchitis, severe Coughs, and the early stages of Consumption.

GRAND OPENING. A Feast for the Eyes. On Monday last we spent an agreeable hour in inspecting the best and most approved styles of watches, jewelry, silver and gold ware ever exposed for sale outside of the larger and more pretentious cities of the Union, and to Geo. S. Dunn attaches the credit of making such a display.

Collars and ties of the latest styles at Bennett & Dolen's.

Turkeys, chickens, quails, butter and eggs, by Stevenson & Cross.

CLOTHING—the best stock in town, at Theo. Hill & Co's.

If you want a stylish suit made call on Bennett & Dolen.

Leather and Shoemaker's findings at Stevenson & Cross's.

Those owing us will please be so kind as to acquit the amount of their accounts. THEO. HILL & CO.

Goods expressed free, by Stevenson & Cross.

New and fresh goods arriving daily at Theo. Hill & Co.

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Ladies' hats and ribbons, at L. Lowman's.

Collaps Bro's No. 3 is a tip-top smoking tobacco.

Brushes, Combs, Pocket Books, &c., at Lett & Creigh's.

L. Lowman is in receipt of another fine stock of shawls.

The Red Store is the place to buy Choice Family Groceries.

Received a large assortment of ladies' furs, at L. Lowman's.

Pure California Wines and Brandy at McCreey & Nickell's.

Stoves and Tinware low down for cash, at sign of red stove and plow.

Large assortment of lazes, embroideries and fancy goods, at L. Lowman's.

Moore has on hand a good supply of all the books used in our public schools. He sells at eastern prices.

The Red Store is the place to buy Choice Family Groceries.

Best grades of fall wheat flour, at F. E. Johnson & Co's.

Building paper, which is better than plastering, at McCreey & Nickell's.

Our stock of dress goods, shawls and furs is larger than ever. THEO. HILL & CO.

Call and see us at No. 66 Main street. BROWN & FRENCH.

L. Lowman has moved his large stock of goods to his new store room—No. 81.

Collaps Bro's No. 1 is the mildest smoking tobacco in the West. For sale by all respectable grocers.

Ready-made clothing, gents' furnishing goods, hats and caps, boots and shoes at L. Lowman's, 81 Main St.

Large supply of Blacksmith and Carpenter Tools, at sign red stove and plow. Best and cheapest in market.

Carpets and Oil Cloths just received at Theo. Hill & Co's.

Fresh cranberries and other nice things for Christmas, at Gilmore's.

Santa Claus.

Santa Claus has arrived and made his headquarters at Rossell's. It makes the heart of a little girl or boy, swell with pleasurable emotion to feast eyes upon the immense assortment of fancy goods, toys of every description, dolls of all sizes, etc., on inspection at Rossell's. And Rossell invites the little ones to call and see Santa Claus, and the seniors to select holiday presents for the small folks.

A full stock of the best brands of chewing and smoking tobacco.

Holiday Goods, Books, Toys, Toilet Sets, Games, Vases, Match Safes, Jewel Cases, Gold Pens, Pencils, Albums, and everything needed, at Moore's Book Store, sign of the Big Pen.

Coal Oil forty cents a gallon, at Stevenson & Cross's.

Fresh Mackinaw Trout, by Stevenson & Cross.

Coal Oil forty cents a gallon, at Stevenson & Cross's.

Book Store. School books, slates, ink, paper, pens—everything for the school, all office material, such as letter-books, presses, inkstands, blank books, note books, cases, etc., etc., always on hand, and for sale at lowest cash prices, at Moore's Book Store.

BLANK BOOKS—Cheapest in town, at McCreey & Nickell's. 6-3m

Just Received. Fresh invoices of both Rio and Java coffee, at Brown & French's.

Fresh candies, raisins and figs just arrived at Brown & French's. Just the place to supply your sweethearts and children.

FURS for ladies, in great variety. OVERCOATS of all kinds, at reduced prices, at Geo. Marlon's.

Country produce of all kinds wanted at Brown & French's, for either cash or groceries. Farmers, give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

Jacob Marohn still lives, and is as defiant as ever of competition. His stock of piece and furnishing goods is complete, and his tailors busy turning out good fits.

Hats, caps and gloves cheap at Bennett & Dolen's.

Bain Wagons, just arrived, at Stevenson & Cross's.

For the best axe in the world call on Tisdell & Richards. They sell Simmons' diamond steel head cutters.

For Guns, Pistols, Ammunition, &c. call at the gun shop of Emaddock & Son.

Velveteens for cloaks and suits, at Theo. Hill & Co's.

Strangers in the city will find the Union Hotel first-class in every particular. The rooms, beds, tables, and in fact everything that tends to the comfort of the traveler, are carefully looked to by George and his estimable lady, assisted by a first-class corps of waiters in the dining room and kitchen. Try the Union once, and you are sure you will not go away dissatisfied, but will stop at no other House while in the city.

Best dry and green wood, delivered, \$5 and \$6 a cord, by Stevenson & Cross.

Government overcoats, one case just received by THEO. HILL & CO.

If you wish good chewing or smoking tobacco call for Colhapp Bro's and take no other!

Staple and Fancy Groceries in abundance, at F. E. Johnson & Co's.

Wm. H. Hoover, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer. Court Room.

Paints, Oils and Glass, at reduced prices, at McCreey & Nickell's.

Wall Paper and Window Shades, cheap, at McCreey & Nickell's.

For a pleasant smoke get Colhapp Bro's No. 2. Take no other.

Goods expressed free, by Stevenson & Cross.

If you want to buy a good boot, and cheap, every peg and stitch of which is warranted, call at Denny's, next door to Carson's bank, there you will find just what you want.

A Booth's Fresh Oysters, 60 cents a can, by Stevenson & Cross.

Hezel is desirous of closing out his mammoth stock of clothing, underwear, furnishing goods, &c., and guarantees that he cannot and will not be undersold by any house in town or state. Just try him.

Ladies, gents and boys' skates, by Stevenson & Cross.

Lotz patent bed lounges at J. L. Roy's.

Coal Oil forty cents a gallon, at Stevenson & Cross's.

Large supply of Blacksmiths and Carpenters Tools, at sign red stove and plow. Best and cheapest in market.

Cash and prompt payers will make money by calling on us before buying. THEO. HILL & CO.

Patent Chimney-tops, to prevent chimneys from smoking, by Stevenson & Cross.

Attend our special sale, commencing the 16th, and save money. THEO. HILL & CO.

Leather and Shoemaker's finding at Stevenson & Cross's.

Low Prices! Low Prices!! My stock is complete in every department, and by fair dealing I find my business increasing. I feel able to undersell anybody and to please everybody. L. LOWMAN, 81 Main St.

Buck wheat flour very cheap at Gilmore's.

Stevenson & Cross Sells.

Old Government Java Coffee, \$3 1/2 lbs for \$1.00. Second best, \$2.00. Good Tea, 70 cents per lb. Best Soda, 10 cents. Best Spring Wheat Flour, \$3.10. Best Mackerel, four for 25 cents. Best Cranberries, 10 cents per quart. Booth's Oysters, 20 cents per can. Best G. D. Caps, 4 sets, per box. Toys from 1 to 10 cents. Molasses, 25 cents per gallon. Sugar, 9 lbs for \$1.00. Best Coal Oil, 40 cents. Buffalo Robes, Oranges, Feet and Wood. S. cheaper than anybody.

McCreey & Nickell have the genuine epizoot liniment.

Chinchille oil-coating and fancy mittens, at Bennett & Dolen's.

Den is the farmer's friend. He sells the best wagon in Nebraska for ten dollars less than any other man, and better groceries for less money than any other house in town.

Fine Esquimaux rubber boots, comfortably lined, for sale cheap, at A. Robertson's.

Large stock of boots and shoes on hand at former prices. THEO. HILL & CO.

Choice beans, hominy, meal, buckwheat flour and salt, at Swan & Bro's.

McCoy Bro's are always on the market, and will pay the highest price in cash for hogs, cattle and sheep. Parties desiring information regarding prices will please give them a call at their office, first building east of Post Office block, Brownville, Neb., or address Box No. 1, Brownville, Neb. 6-11

For Christmas and New Years. Raisins, currants, citron, lemon peel, choice apples, spears of all kinds, and a nice lot of new and fresh candies just received at Swan & Bro's.

Feed pickles by the dozen, gallon or barrel at Stevenson & Cross's.

For choice syrup, go to Swan & Bro's.

Hats, caps and gloves for the holidays, at Bennett & Dolen's.

Flavoring extracts of all kinds at Swan & Bro's, consisting of almond, lemon, vanilla, strawberry, cinnamon, &c.

Stevenson & Cross can sell, do sell, and will sell hardware and groceries cheaper than any other house in Brownville.

The noblest hats and caps that it has ever come to this market, at Bennett & Dolen's.

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Peru; weather still moderating; forty-three cases epizootic; the hunt of Monday postponed until the still further moderation of the temperature. Christmas toys going! going! like hot cakes. Additional subscribers to the ADVERTISER this holiday week. Our citizens appreciate a live paper. Merry Christmas to all.

W. M. Daily, M. D., was on a visit to his old home and friends this past week. His present residence is Corning, Mo., where he has an extensive medical practice. Mind you, he is Uncle Will now, and Uncle Will is Marshal Will.

G. W. Ralston has purchased the half lot south of and adjoining the property of the Masonic organization, Fifth street.

S. R. Daily, at the brick drug store, is selling "hosts of truck" for the holidays. If you would make little hearts glad and little faces radiant with smiles, visit Daily, purchase and present.

There is a gen lemon in this city whose lump of self-esteem has gone to seed. His head is as if two heads in the dough had been set together. Fowler would decapitate him for that cranium," so say "Peru Jottings," Dec. 29. Jot evidently possesses that power so much courted by Burns:

"To save some power the gift give us, To ourselves as others see us."

We congratulate Jot on its possession. The malformation of his cranium has long been patent to us.

The Continental Insurance Company of New York insures exclusively from property and detached dwellings at low rates and on the most desirable terms. P. M. Martin, agent for Nemaha county.

Mr. W. A. Joy, proprietor of the Peru ferry, takes some exception to an article appearing in our column of some weeks since in allusion to the ferry at this point. We do not remember the exact tenor of the article, but take pleasure in saying we intended no allusion to the management of the ferry by Mr. Joy, as the accommodations offered the public under his management has been fully as good, if not better than those offered for a long time. What we do desire to say is, that while the present manager uses all possible diligence to make our ferry one of the very best points for transfer on the river, a steam ferryboat is the one thing most desirable at this point, and we believe if the question was properly agitated among our citizens, the present management might be assisted in attaining this most desirable result.

Some misinformed ignoramus claims that "Jot quotes from Shakespeare." Who! do you think Jot would quote from Shakespeare or any other man. The original Jot is complete from top to toe, nothing like him under the sun, neither upon the earth, within the earth, nor in the waters, under the earth, neither beast, bird or fish. He might be classed as a whale. We consider him an intellectual giant.

Jaeger is sun in town with the Island Lily, but is preparing to leave. Come soon or you will be too late.

Moss Thompson gives evidence of a very great amount of energy and perseverance in promptly keeping up his mail contracts. His footmen are constantly on the alert. Well, Moss, while it's hard on the horses with us, it is truly "a time which tries men's souls."

A fine array of New Years presents at Barnes & Moodey's. Anything from an elegant dress pattern to a tiny vase. Lamps of the finest grades, and ornamental cups, vases, &c. call and examine.

Webster's and Worcester's Unabridged Dictionaries, anything in the line of school furnishing goods supplied by the National School Furniture Co., Chicago. Address P. M. Martin, Peru.

LATEST. PAST, PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE. A New Years greeting to the denizens of our little hamlet—the friends and neighbors all. With the tolling of the old and in of the new, another addition is made to the calendar of the ages. With the ushering in of the new year, we have thought a few items in review; a few "clips" from the pages of memory might not be amiss for the holiday attire of our column. As in the individual life, so in the history of a community or locality, a review of the past is always profitable. These are the mistakes and follies to warn us. The good accomplished, to cheer and encourage in a noble life-work, or to the building up of a record of permanence and value to our fellow-men. For facts and data, we are obliged to rely upon the statements of some of our older citizens, and we believe them to be in the main correct.

The location of the town-site of Peru dates very nearly with her neighbors, Brownville and Nebraska City, having been "laid out" as early as the year 1856, by Samuel Chambers, S. F. Nuckolls and R. W. Frame. It was not incorporated as a city however until 1860. It was then somewhat more substantial than a "paper town," with S. F. Nuckolls as agent, (late member of Congress from Wyoming.) Samuel Chambers as president and R. W. Frame secretary. Many lots were sold about this date at prices which, at no subsequent date could have been realized until quite recently. The first house erected was by Samuel Nuckolls, in '56, but this was afterward burned, and he supposing it to be the work of an incendiary, removed his interest to a point about where Nebraska City now stands, and this was perhaps the initial movement—the nucleus of growth for that now flourishing city.

In the winter of '57 the first saw-mill was started by Samuel G. Daily, on the bottom in the north part of town. This site has long since been claimed by the treacherous Old Muddy, and its identity is lost either on a desolate bar, or beneath the turbid

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waters. The mill, in '59, became the property of Thomas M. Green, who, in '60, attached a flouring mill, and who, in connection with these enterprises, and still later as proprietor of the "Peru Steam Mill," displayed that energy and business tact which makes the individual man so necessary to the growth and prosperity of a rising western town.

At that early date Mr. Sam'l G. Daily was first and foremost in every enterprise tending toward the growth and development of his town. And his services were recognized by the citizens of the county, in his election to the Territorial Legislature, and afterward by the State, in his election as Territorial Delegate to Washington, in which capacity he served with great acceptance, and ended his days at a comparatively early age, regretted by those who knew him best, and honored by all.

On July 4th, 1858, the first celebration occurred, with about 100 in attendance. Speeches, toasts, &c. were the order of the day, and as significant of the moral sentiment, we mention that the traditional barrel of emmonade with its tin dipper accompaniment, was the only and the strongest drink used. The city police were not in attendance, nor even the marshal with a posse, nor was there brawling, fighting or disturbance of any kind. The affair passed off very quietly and pleasantly, and then as now, strong drink was not exposed for public sale. In this connection, we remark that no murder has ever occurred in the place. What town where the whisky traffic is carried on can boast such a record for fifteen years?

As early as 1859 there were two business houses at this point, one by Carter & Patterson, the other by Medley & Compton. The first postmaster was R. W. Frame, succeeded in order by J. Chamberlain, Wm. Morrow, J. W. Bliss, D. C. Cole, D. C. Sanders, A. G. Maum, W. A. Joy, and the present incumbent, G. A. Brown.

The first church organization was that of the Protestant Episcopal, in 1856, with the Rev. J. M. Young now of Lincoln as pastor. The first church edifice was also erected by this denomination, but being destroyed by fire in 1861, has not since been rebuilt. The Methodist Episcopal organization was effected in 1858, with the Rev. J. Chivington as pastor, and proved an efficient and influential church, creating in the course of time a building for college purposes, to be placed under the patronage of the Annual Conference of the State. This was at length turned over to a Normal School, for the purpose of a Normal school, for which it has been used since 1867.

The first Territorial Representative from Peru was Maj. John P. Baker, and among those who have served in the Councils of State from among our citizens, we notice S. A. Chambers, T. J. Majors, William Daily and S. P. Majors.

The location of the State Normal School at this point, in 1867, gave to Peru a new impetus, and a steady and healthy growth has ensued. Within the past two years, the valuation of Peru has probably increased 50 per cent, and the natural outlet of a rich agricultural country, we only need those increased facilities which the Frank R. R. alone can give us to aid us in attaining our fondest anticipations.

From these unpretentious beginnings, we have not yet attained metropolitan dimensions, but let us in the ordinary manner of the New Years day, be thankful "that it is as well with us as it is." Look about us and view the Peru of to-day, an enterprising, intelligent population of 3000 four churches, three of them the leading branches of business fully represented; and with a few notes on our business interests, we close.

Annual sales of merchandise, about \$250,000; number of bushels of grain shipped, 255,000.

Of our business men, we note Barnes & Moodey's. This firm carry an average stock of \$120,000 to \$150,000. Their annual sales reach \$50,000 to \$60,000, all told. Gentlemenly and obliging, ever it is their boast that they have the best-paying customers, and as many of them as they could reasonably desire or expect. Certain it is with them, that a customer once gained is never lost. Their shipments of grain the past season amount to upwards of 1,000,000 bushels.

In the grain season, if you note an individual here, there, everywhere, you can gain his attention any time by bantering him for the purchase of your crop. He desires to buy, and he does the noble deed, after the manner of the ancient John. This is Birdick, the irrepressible, who shipped the past year 150,000 bushels of grain. His annual sales reach to \$25,000, and his stock of general merchandise reaches \$10,000. His grain trade has grown to its present proportions from his beginning in 1857 on 75 bushels.

Geo. A. Brown, our postmaster, established himself at this point as early as March, 1861. His hamp of stock-in-trade is in the common size, and the customers of ten years ago with him as his customers to-day. His annual sales are upwards of \$10,000. A worthy citizen. Long may he live.

Buck & Cogle, dealers in general merchandise, are always on the qui vive to suit patrons, and they do