

Sleighing continues good—much better than is usual in Nebraska.

"Old Muddy" is now effectually bridged at this point, and teams are constantly crossing, free of charge.

Wood is being brought across the river in considerable quantities, and the high prices paid heretofore will be heard of no more this winter.

People should be careful about picking up loose staves of wood near other folks' wood-piles, as many of our citizens are inclined to experiment with gun-powder by placing a small quantity in a stick of stove-wood.

The Judiciary Committee of the House has agreed to report a bill striking out the word "white" from the charter of the city of Washington.

The Fenian Senate adjourned on the 16th inst. Several of the Senators have gone home.

Hon. Tom Corwin, of Ohio, was struck with paralysis on the 15th inst., while at an assemblage of distinguished Ohioans, in Washington city. He is considered dangerously ill.

Official information has reached the Department of State of the ratification by the legislatures of Indiana, Georgia and Alabama, of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States on the subject of slavery.

This part of the country was favored with another heavy fall of snow last night, and what is still better, no wind accompanied it. The ground is now covered to the depth of about one foot.

C. P. Huntington, Vice President of the Central Pacific Railroad has received from the Treasury Department \$11,000 in bonds, on account of the second division of that road, which is completed.

After the 1st of December no clerk in the Quartermaster General's department will, with the exception of a few experts, receive more than \$150 a month.

St. Luke's Fair. The ladies have spared no pains to make this fair a success. The supper will be one of the finest ever prepared. A large and varied assortment of Toys and other Christmas presents will be displayed. Let all come and make their purchases for Christmas presents on Saturday, the 23d, at the School-house.

NEWS DEPARTMENT.—About the 25th of the present month we will be prepared to furnish the reading public of Plattsmouth and vicinity with any quantity of reading matter, in the way of Newspapers and Magazines. Also, the Tribune Almanac, German Calendars and Pocket Diaries for 1866.

We have now on hand a fine assortment of Photograph Albums, Photographs, Children's Toy Books, etc., for the Holidays. Call and examine.

A few of the young men of this city have formed themselves into a debating society, for the purpose of mutual improvement. Meetings are held once a week, at which questions relating to the present times are discussed. The question for debate at the next meeting is whether State Government for Nebraska, at the present time, is expedient. This course of debates not only serves to improve the participants in oratory, but is an incentive to store the mind with useful knowledge, in transactions of the present day as well as historical facts. Let our young men lay hold of this matter with a will. It is far better employment than loafing about saloons, or passing their evenings in idle and frivolous conversation.

George Francis Train is in Omaha again. He is trying to make the people there believe he is a "heavy" chap, by telling them he is going to build an hundred houses there—if the capitalists of Chicago will furnish him the funds. Who wouldn't build houses if one would furnish them the wherewith? We know a "feller" that will do the same by Plattsmouth, and not think of claiming any particular credit for it. Train, however, is doing one good act, he gave a lecture last evening for the benefit of the poor of the city of Omaha.

I have thousands of good apple-trees in the Plattsmouth nursery, of good size, and good varieties. Also a variety of other fruit, ornamental trees, shrubby evergreens, &c. Anything in the nursery line not to be had in my nursery, will be furnished to order as early in the spring as the first of April. See advertisement in another column.

Stray Notice. Taken up from my farm 2 Steers, yearlings, part black and white, and one cow, spotted, marked with blue on the right ear. Also one red spotted calf, about 12 years old. If any one has any information as to where they are, please call on me, or write to me at my farm, near the depot, N. T., to wit, on the 12th day of November, A. D. 1865.

Stray Notice. Taken up from the undersigned, living on the farm of R. G. Doon, 4 miles south of Plattsmouth, one yearling Heifer, red and white spotted, marked with blue on the right ear, and upper half crop in the left ear. Also one black and white yearling Steer, under half crop in the right ear, and another cow in the left ear. The owner is requested to call and prove property, pay charges, and take them away. B. F. WISE, dec'd 17.

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WAGON AND BLACKSMITH SHOP. Geo. Boeck & Co.

NEW TWO-STORY BRICK SHOP, North-west of Boeck's Old Stand. WAGONS, BUGGIES, Plows, Horses, Mules and Oxen Shod in the best style and on reasonable terms.

JOB-WORK. Particular attention paid to Repairing all kinds of MACHINERY AND CASTINGS of such. Ox-Yokes, Bows, Steeple, Cable-chains, BOLTS of all sizes, WAGON BOWS, &c.

Geo. Boeck & Co. Satisfaction Guaranteed or Money Refunded.

STATEMENT OF THE FARMERS' AND MERCHANTS' Insurance Company, OF QUINCY, ILLINOIS. We, the undersigned, President and Secretary of the Farmers' and Merchants' Insurance Company, of Quincy, Illinois, do hereby certify that the said company is possessed of a capital, in accordance with the Charter of said company, amounting to Four Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-three dollars and no cents, being the amount of the first day of January, 1866, secured by lien on the real estate insured, amounting to over Nine Millions of dollars, and numbered more than half its value and, in addition thereto, the said company is possessed of Cash assets and Bills Receivable amounting daily, nearly all drawing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, amounting to Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Four Dollars, being balance on hand January 1st, A. D. 1865.

GOLD HAS FALLEN! Wm. Herald. Has moved into his new brick building on the corner of Main street and Levee, where he is daily receiving large additions to his already extensive stock.

BRICK CORNER. NEW Boot & Shoe Shop. The subscriber would respectfully call the attention of the citizens of Plattsmouth and the public at large to the fact that he has located one door east of Deane's Drug Store, where he intends keeping on hand and making up the shortest notice, every article in his line. His stock being selected by himself, and having spent the most of his life in the business, he feels confident that he can give satisfaction. Give him a call.

S. BLOOM, Dealer in READY MADE CLOTHING Gents Furnishing Goods Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Trunks, Valises, &c., &c., &c.

Also a large lot of RUBBER GOODS and REVOLVERS always on hand. Emigrants. Will find it to their benefit to examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere. Plattsmouth, May 25, '65

UNITED STATES MAILS. NEBRASKA.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. Washington, October 31, 1865. PROPOSALS will be received at the Contract Office of this Department until 5 p. m. of March 29, 1866, for conveying the mails of the United States from July 1, 1866, to June 30, 1870, in the Territory of Nebraska, on the routes specified by the schedules of departures and arrivals herein specified.

14401 From Council Bluffs, Iowa, by Omaha City, Omaha Ter., Elkhorn City, Fremont, Lincoln, Wallace, Beatrice, York, Columbus, Grand Island City, Junctionville, Abellville, White Cloud, Nebraska, Detroit, and Fort Kearney, to Kearney City, 195 1/2 miles and back, six times a week.

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FORM OF PROPOSAL, GUARANTEE, AND CERTIFICATE. The undersigned, residing at _____, State of _____, undertake that, if the foregoing bid for carrying the mail on route No. _____ be accepted by the Postmaster General, he shall, prior to the 1st day of July, 1866, enter into the required obligation or contract, to perform the service proposed, with good and sufficient securities.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS AND POSTMASTERS. Containing also conditions to be incorporated in the contracts to the extent the Department may deem proper. Bidders are allowed to each intermediate office, when not otherwise specified, for ascertaining the route, and for ascertaining the rate of exchange of the mail pouches.

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Music! Music! RAYMOND, MINER & CO. Piano Fortes, Melodeons, Music and Musical M'dses. COUNCIL BLUFFS IOWA AND OMAHA, N. T.

NEW HARNESS SHOP. M. B. MURPHY, Main St., opposite Platte Valley House. PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA. Has on hand a large stock of SADDLES, HARNESS, COLLARS, BRIDLES, WHIPS, SPURS, Curry Combs, Brushes, Cards, &c.

Outfit a Mule or Horse Train. My motto is "Quick Sales and Small Profits." Repairing done at all times, at reasonable rates. BLACK, BUTTERY & CO., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Drugs, Medicines and Oils, Fine Toilet Soaps, Brushes and Perfumery, Pure Wines and Liquors, for Medicinal use, Dye Woods, Dye Stuffs, and Fancy Articles Generally.

YOUNG AMERICA STORE AND TIN STORE. E. T. DUKE & Co., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Stoves, Tin, Sheet Iron, Brass, Japanned AND STAMPED WARE. We keep constantly on hand Emigrants' and Freighters' OUTFITTING GOODS, Such as Camp Stoves, Fryng Pans, Skillets and Lids, Ovens, Camp Kettles, &c. We also keep Chain Pumps and Fixtures, Hydraulic Cement, Sad Irons, Fruit Cans and Jars, Lanterns, Coffee Mills &c.

W. L. THOMAS' Picture Gallery. Pictures taken of all Kinds. Ambrotypes, Photographs, Gem Pictures, &c. A good assortment of Cases, Frames, Albums, &c. constantly kept on hand. Gift and Rosewood Molding, or Frames made to order, of any size.