The Nebraska Herald.

LOCAL NEWS.

From Wednesday's Daily.

☞ The Glenwood *Opinion* corrects our statement a few weeks since that the P. M. at that place came near being blown up. It was the Postmaster at Council Bluffs.

☞ They are discussing the question of "Woman's rights" at a debating society in Nebraska City. They will probably discuss the subject of "Woman's wrongs" next week.

☞ The Omaha *Herald*, of the 15th, contains a letter from George Francis Train to the citizens of Plattsmouth, in which he conveys the idea that the people of this city are very anxious to have him lecture here. He takes occasion to decline a pretended invitation, although he does not publish the invitation, or even show who it was from. Now, we do not believe he received any invitation from here; and if he did we would be pleased to know who sent it. He was invited here some time since, and accepted the invitation; but Rev. Mr. Betts, whose parish invited him, saw fit to release him from his acceptance, after learning that he had willfully defamed the Christian faith, in his lectures at Omaha; and had used such language in relation to the Christian religion as to render him an object of disgust to the religious part of our community. This man Train has a very cool way of publishing his acceptance or rejection of an invitation to lecture at some point, whether he was invited or not; and he is not particular about publishing the invitation, so he gets a chance to make George Francis Train and his great nets the principal theme in his answer. Neither is he particular about those to whom it is directed ever seeing it, so the people in general see it and learn what a great man Train is. When he is needed or desired at Plattsmouth, the people will let him know; and in the meantime he can devote his leisure hours to writing puffs for himself, to be published in his poster, at Omaha.

From Thursday's Daily.

☞ Hon. P. W. Hitchcock, Delegate in Congress for Nebraska, has our thanks for valuable Public Docs.

☞ Col. A. R. Gilmore, an old and respected citizen of Omaha, and favorably known to most people in the Territory, died at his residence on Tuesday last, after an illness of only a few hours.

☞ "Straws Show," &c. A large amount of mail matter came directed to this city this morning, intended for citizens in and about Omaha, with the request that our P. M. forward it to its destination. What is the inference?

☞ Bro. Miller says it is "a real misfortune" to have to publish a newspaper in Nebraska City. Well, we are sorry for you, and hope your town may flourish until publishing a paper there will be more pleasant business.

☞ The Council Bluffs *Nonpareil* argues that their interests and those of Omaha are not identical. The people of Omaha have a base little way of trying to get other towns to cut their own throats by telling them that it is to their interest to work for Omaha; that if Omaha fails all other towns must. Other towns "can't see it" in that way any longer, and most of them prefer setting up business "on their own hook."

☞ The Nebraska City *Press* accuses us of "drawing comparisons" between that place and this which shows best for Plattsmouth. Well, Bro. Miller, we did not think you would object to our trying to let people know that we have a good second city here, notwithstanding it has been the general rule to "choke" Plattsmouth down for these many years. We are extremely sorry to give offense to any one, but we have promised our patrons if they would stand by us in our attempt to establish a "live newspaper" in this city, we would make known to the world that there is such a place as Plattsmouth, and also that it has superior advantages to any other point on the Missouri river. We desire to see Nebraska City prosper, but the *Press* cannot expect us to make a big showing for that city and say nothing about our own. If these "comparisons" do not tell well for Nebraska City, we are sorry for it (for Nebraska City), but feel in duty bound to let the truth be known.

From Friday's Daily.

☞ A destructive fire occured in Council Bluffs last Wednesday night, destroying property to the amount of $20,000.

☞ Yesterday was a lively day in town; the streets were filled with teams—not "wood haulers," as some of our neighbors boast of, but teams from the west, in the city for the purpose of taking loading to the western counties; farmers teams loaded with pork, corn, wheat and other productions of the banner county.

☞ The painters are at work painting the shelving, &c., in the east store room of Masonic and Odd Fellows Hall building. This room will be ready to receive goods by the 10th or 15th of next month. The west room of the building is now ready to have the mortar spread, and will probably be finished next month.

☞ We are pleased to learn that our worthy citizen, Samuel M. Chapman, has been appointed as Local Agent for the Farmers & Merchants Insurance Company of Quincy Illinois—the leading western company. It being safe and sound, with a heavy accumulative capital, we hope that Mr. Chapman may receive the patronage that its promptness and satisfaction of paying losses has so richly deserved.

☞ We are pleased to see that Hon. Marcus Brush, Representative from Saunders county, although claiming the name Democrat, does not work in the same traces of Democracy as they are prescribed by Morton, Miller, Mageath, and other political tricksters of the Democratic party. Mr. Brush was one of the committee to whom was refered the Heath case, and he and Mr. Cronnse made a minority report, in which they showed conclusive argument why Mr. Heath should be admitted to his seat. We think Mr. Brush has about "soured" on the Democracy of Nebraska.

☞ The *News* says the council effected an organization through a "compromise;" that the Democrats elected Mason as President on condition that Republicans would allow Faulkner to hold a seat.—That sheet has been famous for "compromise" in days of yore, but we can see little to the credit of any one concerned in this "compromise," provided there was anything of the kind—which we do not believe. The acknowledgement of such a transaction is sufficient evedence that the *News* did not consider Mr. Faulkner entitled to a seat, and that he did not obtain it through the justice of his claims, but through a "compromise." Faulkner obtained his seat through the same kind of "compromise" that Heath was deprived of his—the power of corrupt partizans.

From Saturday's Daily

☞ A letter was received by a gentleman in this city last week, stating that agents of the B. & M. Railroad company were employing machinists in the east preparatory to commencing operations on this end of the road in the spring.

☞ Prof. Miller, Councilman from this county, arrived in the city yesterday, on a flying visit. By the way the Omaha *Herald* seems to think that the Professor is out of place in the legislative halls. What is the trouble; won't the Prof. be neither bought nor bullied?

☞ The *News* says (now that the Democracy have control of the Legislature) that "the State question is gaining ground." We contend that the "wait and see" feeling is gaining ground. We do not believe the South Platte members are in any particular hurry about organizing a State government, even if the *News* does think the feeling in favor of it is on the increase.

☞ What about that fire engine?—Fires are prevalent at this season of the year. St. Joseph has had a fine flouring mill destroyed, and Council Bluffs has lost $20,000, within a few days. If a fire should break out in this city, then everybody would "shell out" the greenbacks necessary to purchase a fire engine.—Would it not be well to get the engine before we have the fire, and thus be enabled to prevent the great destruction of property which would ensue should we have a fire and no engine.

From Sunday's Daily.

☞ Hon. S. Maxwell has our thanks for Legislative documents.

☞ Pat Murphy starts another train for Denver to-morrow

☞ The mercury stood 20 degrees below zero at half past 8 last Saturday morning.

☞ Read the card of S. H. Walker in to-days paper. Give him a call.

☞ Don't forget the donation to-morrow evening. Go and hear Marquett deliver a lecture that cannot fail to interest and instruct you, and at the same time give your mite towards assisting a worthy minister.

☞ Some of our Territorial papers are "making faces" at Gen. Heath because he wrote a poem and published it. This is all wrong; because you cannot write "verses" you ought not to sneer at people that can. If the Gen. is of a poetic turn of mind, he should be encouraged in it. But then, newspaper men, as well as other people, will get jealous; and we suppose "that's what's the matter.

☞ A law will probably soon be passed in Congress giving an extra $200 bounty to such soldiers as enlisted under the $100 bounty clause. Soldiers entitled to this bounty will do well not to trust their business in the hands of eastern bounty agents of whom they know nothing; but wait until the act has become a law, and then get some agent at home to attend to the matter for you, or attend to it yourself

☞ Through carelessness we omitted to call attention to the card of Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock when it first made its appearance in the paper, but take pleasure in doing so at this late day. Their school is one of the best in the country, as the proficiency of their pupils will bear evidence. They can accommodate only a few more pupils, and those desiring to enter this school will do well to apply at as early a day as possible.

☞ The Omaha *Herald* is jubilant because they have a steam "whistle" up there; and one would suppose, from their great joy, that the eyes, thoughts, and "ears" of the whole community, were turned toward this—the great center of attraction in Omaha. This "whistle' appears,—if we take the *Herald* as an index of the feelings of the community—to be as great a wonder to the *natives* of Omaha, as was Freemont's "shooting wagons" to the natives of the Rocky Mountains.

From Tuesday's Daily.

☞ We see that Hon. Mr. Arnold, of this county, has given notice of a bill for an act to establish a Registry law. Good for Mr. Arnold. We will now see who opposes and who favors keeping the ballot box pure. Place yourselves square up on the record, gentlemen it may be of importance in the future.

☞ The Probate Court is still at work on the estate of the late Col. P. A. Sarpy.

☞ We would call the attention of our druggist and others to the advertisement of Penick & Loving, in to-days paper. This is one of the heaviest firms in the west; and their immense sales for the past year are a sure guarantee that their terms are reasonable. Send your orders, and they will be filled with as great care as though you were there to select the articles yourself.

☞ J. T. Campbell, Asst. Gen'l. Agent of the Fire & Tornado Ins. Co., arrived in this city last evening, looking after the interests of the company. This company has been doing a very successful business in the Territory during the past summer, and bid fair for a continuance, being represented by active and energetic agents. We will publish their statement in a few days.

☞ We venture the assertion that not less than one hundred new buildings will be erected in this city next summer, and it would not be a matter of surprise should there be double that number. If any one doubts that the improvements in this city will be immense during the next twelve months, we would cite them to the season just past. It is a common remark with those who visit our city that she has "moved" more within twelve months, in proportion to her size, than any other place on the river. Last year this time there was but little said about building, especially good buildings, yet there was more of it done during the summer than had been done before in three years.—This winter we hear of men every few days who intend building in the spring, but, what is best of all, a good proportion of them will put up good substantial brick work. They not only talk about it, but they are making the necessary preparations. This is as it should be, and indicates that our people are satisfied that the future of our city is certain They have been waiting for a long time to see whether we were to have any future as a city of importance—which was all very well, as our citizens are naturally cautious about their investments—and now they are awake to the fact that they must be up and doing unless they are willing strangers should reap the harvest they have waited so patiently for.