

Correspondence. We are desirous of receiving correspondence from all parts of the State...

RAILROADS.

The Burlington road is now being rapidly constructed through the counties east of us. A town is laid out at the junction of that road with the Council Bluffs & St. Joseph road...

HERD LAW.

ROCK CREEK, Dec. 31, 1885. Mr. Editor:—I thank you for the privilege of discussing the "Herd Law" in your columns.

This law, Mr. Editor: would be a boon to the poor man, for the expense that it requires to fence a small farm, would purchase enough of our States virgin soil to elevate him to the position of landed proprietor...

principle, object to all improvements, for every farm made, every tree planted, every dwelling, schoolhouse and church built...

Others object to this beneficent law because we farmers winter our cattle in our field on standing cornstalks and straw. To such I would say, it will pay far better to save your corn fodder at the proper time...

Among the minor advantages of this law are first,—one breachy animal will not lead into mischief and learn or spoil the many. Second,—one farmer having one or more breachy animals, cannot compel all his neighbors to build extra fences to protect their grain...

Now, friend Hathaway, these are some of the arguments which favor the "Herd Law." Were it not that this article is probably already too long, I might prove the facts by figures...

These are not fancy pictures, garnished by the phreased imagination of some land shark or land agent, but were dictated to the writer by the poverty of supply in fencing material and fuel, and the consequent want of neighbors and improvements...

LETTER FROM MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Dec. 30, 1885.

Boston, the so-called Athens of America, we think justly merits the classic appellation. The number and the general standard of excellency which characterize her public and private schools and colleges, affords her no little preeminence and prestige...

Some object to such a law because they think it would be difficult to have grounds to herd on. This we are frank to admit would be the case in some instances, but we think the amount of loss sustained annually by stock breaking into grain fields would...

Boston than in St. Louis, Chicago, or Omaha, (Chicago No. 2) Two hundred and thirty-six years ago, the first settlement was made upon the ground where Boston now stands. The Naragansetts previous to that time, and for quite a period afterward, paddled their birch canoes through the placid and beautiful waters of what is now Boston Harbor.

The Pawnee Museum of Natural History contains a large and nicely arranged collection. Here I observed several familiar contributions from Colorado and Montana. Among them a bird's nest containing four eggs, in a state of petrification. This institution is free to all visitors on Saturday of each week.

As it is now growing late we will hurry up Tremont street to Bowdin Square, enter a horse car for Mount Auburn, and, for the present, say to your numerous readers adieu.

STATE NEWS.

The following item we clip from the Blue Valley Record. We have been shown what is generally regarded as a Mastodon's tooth. It was dug up, two feet under the surface, by Mr. Nyhart, a few days since while engaged at work in the quarry a few miles South of Beatrice.

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his huntsman's trophies for the year 1885: 3 raccoons, 3 minks, 24 gophers, 31 striped squirrels, 16 rats, 29 hawks, 4 owls. One of the latter, a horned owl, measured from tip to tip of wings 4 feet and 10 inches.

The Pawnee Tribune says that the Pawnee Coal Mining Company are about to commence work. The large Stone Store of Curtis & Peavy is finished and filled with goods. The Masonic Hall is also completed.

At a railroad meeting, held December 6th, in Pawnee city, resolutions were passed, looking to raising by selling county bonds, the sum of \$150,000, payable in twenty years, and give the same to the first railroad coming within one half mile of Pawnee City.

A SINGULAR LOSS.—We have all heard of losses in unusual ways, that are therefore more particularly noticed. One of these occurred to Alderman P. Isaacs last Thursday as we are informed. During the day some dealer had paid him a fifty dollar greenback. At the time Mr. Isaacs put it carelessly into his vest pocket, and as evening approached went to his home.

CRAB ORCHARD.—This Post Office, which was discontinued some two months ago, has been removed to a place two miles lower down the creek, near where Mr. Howard lives.

We glean the following from the Chronicle. Good Snows.—Father Emmanuel Hariig, who was instrumental in getting up the late Catholic Festival, informs us that after liquidating all bills incurred in getting up the Festival there is a nice little balance of almost six hundred dollars.

A man was stopped on upper Main Street on Friday night by three men who no doubt, intended to relieve him of any little change he might have about his person. A sudden "change of base" and precipitous retreat, saved him the vexation of "forking over."

IRON BARGES.—It is stated that a fleet of iron barges is now in process of construction by an organized company for the purpose of grain and other transportation on the Mississippi river. They are more especially intended to run as feeders to a line of steamers to New Orleans, thence to New York and Liverpool.

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In the same paper we find the following:—Mr. George Bird (our namesake) is one of the oldest and best known citizens of the town of Florence. Thirteen years ago he settled on a farm in that town, and has steadily pursued the honest calling of a tiller of the soil from that time till now.

Dr. J. W. THOMAS. Having permanently located at WEeping WATER FALLS, Neb., desiring professional services to be of use to the community, he is located at Weeping Water, Neb., Jan. 7, 1886.

United States Mails.

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14462 From Columbus to Madison 30 miles and back, once a week. Leave Columbus Tuesday at 6 a.m.; arrive Madison Wednesday at 6 a.m.; return Madison Wednesday at 1 p.m.; arrive Columbus Thursday at 4 p.m.

14470 From Ashland, by Cedar Bluffs and Beatrice, to Lincoln, Monday at 6 a.m.; arrive Lincoln Tuesday at 6 p.m.; return Lincoln Tuesday at 12 m.; arrive Ashland Wednesday at 8 p.m.

14475 From Elk Horn Station, (near) Forest City, Elk Horn and Ashland, to Lincoln, 60 miles and back, once a week. Leave Elk Horn Station Tuesday at 6 a.m.; arrive Ashland Tuesday at 6 p.m.; return Ashland Tuesday at 12 m.; arrive Elk Horn Wednesday at 8 p.m.

14476 From Lincoln, by Ashland and Beaver-Creek, to Fort Kearney, 150 miles and back, once a week. Leave Lincoln Monday at 7 a.m.; arrive Fort Kearney Tuesday at 12 m.; return Fort Kearney Tuesday at 7 p.m.; arrive Lincoln Wednesday at 7 a.m.

14477 From Little Sioux, (near) a branch and Leavenworth, to West, 20 miles and back, once a week. Leave Little Sioux Tuesday at 7 a.m.; arrive West Wednesday at 7 a.m.; return West Wednesday at 7 a.m.; arrive Little Sioux Thursday at 7 a.m.

14478 From Beatrice, by Iowa City and Council Bluffs, to Lincoln, 60 miles and back, once a week. Leave Beatrice Monday at 6 a.m.; arrive Iowa City Tuesday at 6 a.m.; return Iowa City Tuesday at 12 m.; arrive Beatrice Wednesday at 6 a.m.

14480 From Nebraska City, by Beatrice, to Lincoln, 60 miles and back, once a week. Leave Nebraska City Monday at 6 a.m.; arrive Beatrice Tuesday at 6 a.m.; return Beatrice Tuesday at 12 m.; arrive Nebraska City Wednesday at 6 a.m.

14481 From Beatrice, by Clinton (n. o.) and Kansas City, to Lincoln, 60 miles and back, once a week. Leave Beatrice Monday at 6 a.m.; arrive Clinton Tuesday at 6 a.m.; return Clinton Tuesday at 12 m.; arrive Beatrice Wednesday at 6 a.m.

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