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Thinking that I might in that flourishing town obtain a second-hand blanket, I rode up to
REED BROS.'
store, and hitching my mule by the ears to a large freight wagon loaded with goods for the Plattsmouth retail trade, I entered. Judge of my surprise when I was promptly met and offered a complete outfit, from a pair of stubbed boots to a goose-quill toothpick, for the paltry sum of nine dollars and sixty-two and one-half cents, the 2½ cents being the profits on the goods. * * * If you want anything in the miscellaneous line, call on them, and if you don't see what you want ask for it. I would remark here that they are generous, liberal, good looking and truthful to a fault."

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THE ELECTIONS.

OHIO.

The latest news from Ohio is to the effect that Hays, Republican, has been elected Governor over Pendleton, copperhead, by about 8,000 majority, and that the Republicans have carried both branchos of the State Legislature—the Senate by one majority, and the House by three majority. This result will secure the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment by the Ohio Legislature.

In 1867, the "cops" elected majorities in both branches of the Ohio Legislature.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Geary's (Republican) majority for Governor is about 5,000, and both branches of the State Legislature are largely Republican.

IOWA.

Republican State ticket elected by 35,000 majority, and the Legislature nine-tenths Republican in both branches.

In Pottawattamie county the Republican State ticket received a majority of 125. Chapman's majority for Treasurer is about 130, and the other county officers on the Republican ticket have majorities ranging from 25 upwards.

NEBRASKA.

Although party lines seem to have been rather loose all over the State, and people voted about as their inclinations directed, regardless of party, yet the results show that Republicans have been elected in nearly every county in the State. Otoe and Douglas have both elected a majority of Republicans, and Sarpy, Dodge, Johnson, Washington, Cass, Lancaster, Saunders—in fact, every county we have heard from—have elected Republicans to office.

ELECTION IN NEMAHA COUNTY.

A dispatch from Calhoun, of the Brownville *Democrat* to the Omaha *Herald* says the "Peoples Ticket" is elected in Nemaha county by 250 majority. We think this statement should not yet be considered as entirely correct.

SAUNDERS COUNTY ELECTION.

We have heard nothing definate yet from the Saunders county election, but have a rumor that the straight Republican ticket is elected, as nominated at Eldred. Should this prove correct, it will be an evidence of great Republican strength in Saunders, for there were three tickets in the field—Republican, Peoples, and Independent Republican. The Democracy supported the People's ticket.

ON THE INCREASE.

The recent elections show conclusively that the Republican strength is on the increase in this county, rather than on the decline. A few more votes would have elected either of the Republican candidates for County Commissioner, over the united vote of the democracy on Albin. We think we are safe in saying there are to-day, in Cass County, two Republican votes to every democratic vote.

BELLEVUE GONE REPUBLICAN.

BELLEVUE, Oct. 13, 1869.

FRIEND HATHAWAY:—I send you vote of Bellevue Precinct. Majority for Goss, 64; average Democratic majority on Commissioner, 28; on County Treasurer Democratic majority, 6; Republican majority on County Clerk, 49; Republican majority on Probate Judge, 27; Republican majority on Sheriff, 37; Bepublican majority on Superintendent Common Schools, 22.

I will send you vote of County when received in full. Yours, &c., C. C.

DRIVING PILES WITH STEAM

Is a lively business compared with driving pegs with a sledge hammer. The President brought over a steam pile driver yesterday, and to-day she was moored along side the site selected for a landing for construction material, and the driver set up. We witnessed its operations for a short time, and concluded it was ahead of the old style of winding up by hand. The hammer weighs over 2,000 pounds, and strikes at the rate of eight times a minute.

BUCKEYES MOVING WEST.

The Cleveland (Ohio) journals complain of the general disposition existing among the farmers of Northern Ohio to move west. Families are leaving daily, and more preparing to move. The inability to dispose of their property retains a great number, while others have the Western fever so badly that they pull up stakes and come, leaving their farms in the hands of real estate agents for disposal. The poor crops harvested the last two years seem to have disheartened the farmers, and the accounts of the astonishing yield of fruit and grain in this and neighboring States so work upon their feelings that they are willing to make any sacrifice in order to secure a share of the good fortune that awaits them here. Nor is this movement confined to the farming population alone.—Trade has become dull and unprofitable, the downward tendency of values eating up all the margin, and a number of dealers are drawing out with a view to finding a better field for enterprise in the growing towns of the West. The prevailing dullness also tells heavily upon the industrial class. Wages are low, employment uncertain, and a mechanic has hard work in supporting his family the year through. This unpromising state of things leads a large number to turn their thoughts westward.

We have in Plattsmouth a full complement of loafers and men who expect to make their living by their wits, but we need a hundred more mechanics and laborers. There is employment enough for all who desire to work, but a poor chance for those who expect to make money through trickery.

MILLFORD LETTER.

MILLFORD, Nebraska, Oct. 11.—

So blue you winding river flows,
It seems an outlet from the sky,
Where waiting till the west-wind blows,
The freighted clouds at anchor lie.
All things rejoice in youth and love,
The fullness of their first delight,
And learn from the soft heavens above,
The melting tenderness of love.

These hazy mornings and golden sunsets reminds one that there is work to do, and if well done he too may hope, when life's course is run, to sink to rest, sending back golden rays of a well spent life, illuminating the way for others to follow.

The bond question is settled, and Seward county feels assured that within twenty months two railroads will be in running order, at least to the Blue river, but the people wishing to place the name of our county among the highest in the history of Nebraska, have kept the ball of progress in motion. The last and most important step taken is that of organizing an association for the purpose of instituting an academy, under the style and title of the "Southern Nebraska C. C. Academy" situated at Millford. The trustees (17 in No.,) are representative men living in different parts of the State, and were selected for their known ability and friendly feelings towards the educational interest of the State. The main building is under course of construction. The officers and trustees of the association are putting forth every effort to have it completed by the first of November next. The people generally are taking a lively interest in it, as they see that this structure is one of the mile stones that mark a new station and a new advance in the educational history of our young State.

The academy will be opened to the youth of both sexes and from all parts of the State. The tuition will be five dollars per quarter for non-residents of Millford. G. B. France, the principal of the association, is a graduate of Oberlin college, and brings with him to this important position ability and energy; and we are assured will labor zealously for the success of the institution.

This is an undertaking that merits the well wishes and support of all.

While not neglecting other important duties, let a good share of our time be devoted to the consideration of the means for developing and improving that system which the intelligence of the country recognizes as the best agency for educating the youth, and the most potent instrument for protecting general progress and enlightenment.

We are now favored with tri-weekly mail; F. Durrington has established his stage line to this place from Lincoln; busses arrive here on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, returning on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday to Lincoln.

Milford is in great need of a good hotel; it would return large revenue for the money required to build and furnish it; this is the furthest point west that can be reached by stage in Nebraska South of the Platte river; after crossing the Blue, the traveler finds a more level country—just rolling enough to be beautiful, and level enough to be desirable for farmers.

But few years ago the buffalo roamed over these same plains with none to molest him but the Indian and an occasional emigrant train. It was here the red man wooed and won his dusky mate; but they, like the buffalo, have fled to the shady side of the Rocky mountains, while their old hunting grounds are being converted into magnificent farms, and the church bell rings out the glad tidings of civilization.

LEZAH.

How to Ship Them.

The Lincoln *Statesman* is responsible for the following:

The following strikes us as being from a person who has rather crude ideas of doing business. We believe that in his reply the Register informed the gentleman that as good way to send his patents was to ship them by a Justice of the Peace if there was one 'sailing' soon; if not, by registered letter would be fully as cheap, and just as safe."—Here is the letter, omitting the signature:

"SULLIVAN, SULLIVAN Co. IND.,
September, 29, 1869.

"*Register of U. S. Lands of Neb.*—
"DEAR SIR—Please let me know if my Patents have come from Washington, D. C., and instruct me how to procure them, and how to ship my Certificates of Entry—whether by Justice of the Peace or otherwise, and oblige.
"Yours respectfully, ———."

When a person comes to a new place with the intention of "casting lots" with that community, we are, to say the least, curious to know what brought him here. A passenger on the down trip of the stage to Nebraska City one day last week accidentally was thrown in company with Judge Graves, of Herkimer, N. Y., and that *curious*-ness cropped out; so much so that he came directly to the point and asked him: "What brought you to Lincoln, any way?" The Judge then went on to say that he was sitting quietly in his office one morning, when a friend brought in a circular signed by the Governor, Secretary and Auditor, and suggested that "that was a pretty good place to go to;" that he took it and perused it carefully and decided before noon of that day to go to Nebraska; that he so stated his determination to his wife, and invited her to accompany him, but she declined coming, but gave her free consent for him to come. During the day he told some of his friends that he was "going to Nebraska." "What," said they, "you going way out there? Why, don't you know the Indians are killing off all the white people there, *you* going to Nebraska?" And so they went on. All sorts of nonsense is afloat in Eastern journals regarding the West. For instance, there appeared in a Pittsburg (Penn.) paper a short time since an item in which it was stated that "*Lincoln was being built of Freur Stone!*" Judge Graves came; he invested largely in real estate here, and has gone home with the intention of returning again in the spring. We shall welcome him and his family to a home in the West. The Indians they read about have migrated.—*Lincoln Statesman.*

A BEWITCHED BLACKSMITH.

A Very Singular Story from the State of Maine.

From the Lewiston (Maine) Journal, Sept. 27.

A man named Downs, who was in the army, and for all we know, a respectable man, had for years lived in Auburn. A shoemaker by trade, he has been known to his friends to possess a curious power of putting other people into unconscious states, in which he could do anything with them he pleased. On Thursday he came into the inner sole manufactory of Mr. Charles Woodward in Auburn, and being an old friend, threw his arm casually around Woodward's neck, thinking nothing of the act, and soon after left the shop. Woodward says that he remembers nothing occurred until Saturday noon. After Downs left the shop it was noticed that Woodward behaved strangely—danced, sang, &c. Thursday night he did not come home, but about 2:30 on Friday morning put in an appearance and went to bed. He boarded with Mr. Edwin Blake on Spring street, Auburn. Mr. Blake thought Woodward acted strangely, Friday night he made inquiries for him and found he had been to a dance—had been down to a shanty and got something to eat, and had acted very badly in other respects. Blake naturally thought he was on a spree, and finding Woodward at last, got him home, though he made a stout resistance. Friday night and Saturday forenoon Woodward continued in this hysteric state; he would tell any one who came in all their family secrets—matters he never could have known—but yet he faithfully revealed everything. Mr. Blake saw clearly that it was not a case of intoxication—for it appeared Woodward went into the store suddenly at his place of business, and continued in it many hours after he could have had access to liquor. Other than that, he seems to have been a man of temperate and excellent habit.

At last a physician was summoned, who thought it was a hysteric fit. It was recommended that he be rubbed in strong mustard water. While Mr. Blake was doing this, suddenly Woodward came to his senses, while Blake was instantly attacked with a nervous tremor. his muscles contracted, his body writhed, and soon it became evident that he was himself unconscious. The "demoniac possession," the witchery, fit or whatsoever you please to call it, had left Woodward, and Blake was now the victim.

Blake was now found to be entirely unmanageable. He showed thrice his ordinary strength, attacked with damaging effect a plethoric physician who was summoned. He would dance and sing, and cut up all sorts of antics. Nobody could do anything with him. He seemed to see beforehand what the intention of those around him was. Finding that it was impossible to cure the case it was asked, "Where is Down's?" It was found he had gone to Gardiner. It was then determined, as *dernier resort*, to carry Blake thither. Accordingly, Suneay forenoon he was secured in a carriage and taken to Gardiner.—They found Down's at a hotel there, and brought Blake to the rooms where he was. Downs put his hands on him, and suddenly Blake's muscles relaxed; he was restored to consciousness. Blake says the last he remembered he was rubbing Woodard in his own house.—"Where am I?" "How did I come here?" these and similar questions gave expression to the Rip Van Winkle wonderment that naturally possessed him on coming to his senses. The story was soon told, but Blake was forced to see that the explanation only made it still more blind; indeed that the explanation itself needed explaining.

Downs said that ever since he had left Auburn he had had a notion that something there was not right, but he could not tell exactly what the trouble was—he had been unusually nervous and restless, and had a presentiment that he was needed there. After he took on himself the affection of Blake he could for a time hardly contain himself. A young man who accompanied Blake says when Downs restored him to consciousness he himself felt a loss of nervous control, and feels that had it not been for Downs being there he should have been "possessed" in the same way.

Woodward states that he knew Downs in the army, where Downs was quite notorious for mesmerizing people. He says he has seen him mesmerize many different persons, was himself mesmerized by him in those days on several occasions. On one occasion, while in this state, Downs sent him through two picket lines and back, which he thinks he could not have passed in his right mind. Downs states that on Thursday he had not the least idea of "mesmerizing" Woodward, only after he left and went to Gardiner he was troubled about something—he knew not what.

Such a wierd story as the above, if we should hear it from almost any ordinary source, we should discredit altogether, or credit it to the whisky bottle. But in the present instance, there is every reason to believe the facts are substantially as above given. We have them from the lips of Woodward and Blake, and those who took care of them. Mr. Blake is well known as one of the most reliable and Christian young men in Auburn. His father is Rev. Mr. Blake, of New York city. Mr. Woodwad, so far as we know, has always borne himself in this community well, and the fact is well established that his condition, as above given, was due alone to some indefinable mesmeric influence.

Blake and Woodward are now confined to their rooms, where we saw them today. They say they feel as though they had been "pounded"—every muscle in their bodies being swollen and sore.—They are thoroughly prostrated. "What is it?" is the question. To answer it by saying "mesmerism," is only to jump out of the frying pan into the fire. It is certainly a wondrous proof of the effect of one mind on another, of will on will, of animal magnetism—a physical wonder—as well established as any other in the nineteenth century. In Cotton Mather's time they hanged witches; lucky for Downs that he lives in the noonday century, else he might have been hanged long before from the bottomest limb of a live oak!

A libel suit against the Baltimore *American* is being tried in the Superior Court of that city. It grows out of the publication of a statement relative to attacks made upon passengers in the cars passing through from Washington, in October last, immediately preceeding the Pennsylvania election. Damages to the amount of ten thousand dollars are claimed.

The principal of a young lady's seminary in Massachusetts has advertised in the papers that his grounds are protected with powder and ball. He expects the "cousins" and friends of his fair pupils to take warning.

Louis A. Walker.

This gentleman was a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, and up to the day of the meeting of the Republican County Convention, we had supposed that he intended to submit his claims to that body, and abide the result. He has heretofore claimed to be a Republican, of the straightest sect, of the most radical type. What was our surprise, therefore, when Mr. Walker, finding that he could not be nominated in the Republican convention, arose in his place, asked the Republicans to *excuse* him from serving as a delegate, and announced that henceforth he would act with the Democrats, whom he had so persistently fought and denounced for many long years, and through all their anti-war and treasonable career! His place as a delegate was promptly filled, and he was "*excused*" by unanimous consent.

Two or three days after this strange exhibition of political summersaulting, the Democratic Convention met in this city, and Mr. Walker was nominated by acclamation by the men he had fought so desperately and resolutely ever since he came to Nebraska, and the Omaha *Herald* proceeded to whitewash and compliment him, after a fashion peculiarly its own. Repeated "puffs" of like character with the first, followed in rapid succession, and were continued up to the day of election.

The result is before the people. Mr. Walker is beaten by nearly *four hundred* majority. He has received his pay, promptly and to the last cent. He attempted to woo the Democratic party, but he has been jilted. His addresses were rejected with contempt.—*Republican.*

Terrible Railroad Ride.

The lightning express train, Conductor Holm, on the Lake shore and Michigan southern road, left Toledo on time, Monday evening with a little colored boy on board, who rode to Norwalk, under circumstances that fairly make railroad men tremble as they contemplate his situation. At Fremont the boy was discovered, for the first time, comfortably seated at the head of the engine, under the headlight. Being routed from that position, he disappeared in the darkness, and was supposed to have remained in Fremont. If the reader has never traveled from Fremont to Norwalk—thirty miles on this fast train, fairly flying at the rate of almost thirty miles an hour, a vivid conception of the perilous position of the boy, as he clung to a truck beneath the baggage car, blinded, covered, and almost stifled with dust cannot easily be imagined. When the thundering of the train had ceased, the inspector of its motionless wheels discovered the boy at Norwalk, and brought him out. His face was so whitened with prairie dust that an impression of the finger upon his cheek, drawn across the face, left a black mark. The ride was miraculous! Railroad men say they would not have attempted the feat for the value of the whole Toledo road. The conductor called out to the wheel inspector to bring the boy into the baggage car. Supposing that he would have to face greater danger at the hands of the Railroad men than he encountered under the train he shot out into the darkness and was not heard from again. The conductor wanted to give him a free ride in the cars during the remainder of the journey.—*Cleveland Plaindealer.*

A Strange Thing Found in a Strange Place.

[From the Lewiston (Me.) Journal, Sept. 18.]

Mr Charles True, of Lee, while on a voyage to Montevideo, in South America the past year, was on board of his ship, at anchor in the mouth of the river, about four miles below the city. On weighing anchor, a large quantity of mud came up on the fluke of the anchor, full of shells. Climbing over the side of the vessel to collect the shells, he noticed a curious looking stone, which he saved with the shells and brought home. It is a specimen of Egyptian porphyry, polished on two sides and beveled for a mosaic pavement, as used by the Romans The Roman cement still adheres on one side. There is no mistaking the specimen.

The New Pacific House.

This mammoth hotel will, it is thought, be ready for occupancy by the 1st of January, and will be opened by Messrs. Garth, Abell and Lincoln. The billiard hall will be the finest in the city—35x75 feet. Mr. George Beckman yesterday rented the billiard hall, and will have it fitted up with nine of Schulenberg's best tables, made expressly for him.—*St. Joe Union.*

St. Joseph & Denver City R. R.

The track of this road is laid about five miles beyond Troy. The hands are laying about three-fourths of a mile per day. The officers say beyond a doubt the cars will be running to Hiawatha by the 1st of December. The business of the road to Troy is increasing every month. The Company clears, after paying all expenses, over $1,200 per month.—*St. Joe Union.*

Round House.

The B. & M. Railroad Co. is building in this city the largest Round House west of Chicago, capable of containing forty-one Engines. One section, enough to house ten engines, is now nearly completed. It is totally indestructible by fire, being built wholly of iron, and of Myrick, Williams & Myricks A No. brick, burnt on the Ross place.—*Ottumwa Courier.*

Injunction.

The B. M. R. R. Co. has sued out a writ of injunction before Judge McDill, enjoining the County Treasurer, Auditor and Board of Supervisors of Montgomery county, from assessing the R. R. lands in that county. So says the *Express.*

The German papers tell a story of Richard Wagner to the effect that he sent "Das Judenthum in der Musik" to Offenbach, and that the later read the book, and pronounced his opinion in the following laconic manner: "Lieber Wagner! you had better write music."—Upon receipt of this note, Wagner sent him the score of the "Meistersinger."—Offenbach played it through in a short time, and then sent the following epistle through the post: "Lieber Wagner! you had much better stick to books."

Robert Bonner did well in offering a hundred thousand dollars for a horse, but he is not by any means the greatest horse-buyer in history. Richard III, bid a much higher price, although it is true there was a panic in the horse market at that time.

The London *Times* thinks Hyacinthe will "take root and fructify." We don't remember hearing of Hyacinthe fruit before; but the Pope will send him to pot, we presume, experimentally.

Miscellaneous.

The Century plant has been cut down.

There will be 50,000 feet of marble in the New York Cathredal walls.

The breastworks at Bull Run are being removed.

New Orleans banks are to establish a clearing house.

Subscriptions for the Humbolt monument are to be allowed in Russia.

Milk is twelve cents a quart in Hoboken, in spite of the recent rains.

The Siberian astronomers report their excursion not such a failure after all.

It is a $13 job to squeeze a lady's hand in Austin, Minn.

A New York optician placards himself "Opticus et Mechanicus." He must be what Artemus Ward used to call "a classical cuss."

Organ grinders are excluded from English cars and steamers. The "demnition grind" is not encouraged there.

Berlin treats velocipedists tenderly. The gutters of the city are to be narrowed for their accommodation.

The negro who shot an Irish rowdy in New York has been acquitted on the ground of justifiable homicide.

A geological survey of Georgia has been commenced, with a view to the discovery of a coal bed.

In the Chicago District of the Methodist Church there are 32 charges, 4,072 members, 479 probationers, and 38 churches, valued at $814,600.

Newspapers from various parts of the country are collected by the Boston Public Library, when any great incident like the late gale has occurred.

A machinist belonging to the Arsenal of Naples has invented an instrument called the Amismograph, which shows the velocity with which a vessel is traveling, the changes in the direction, and the deviation of the compass.

A man in Maine, who kept a store, when he sold a pint of rum always put his thumb into the measure—an enormously large thumb—and at the end of twenty years' practice estimated that he had sold his thumb for at least $5,000, and had it left, after all.

A New Orleans attorney had for a client a young woman, whose leg had been bitten by a dog, and had referred to the circumstance as an injury to "that elongated member which assists in sustaining the body in its efforts at locomotion.

Senator Pomeroy has been elected President of the Woman's Suffrage Association of the District of Columbia.—All the rest of the officers are ladies, and the fact is thus proved that they can get along without a single gentleman to help them.

A poor couple in London, taking counsel with each other how to retrench their expenses, decided to drown their dog, a great pet, but costing seven pence a week. The wife herself threw the animal from the bridge, but his loss preyed upon her mind till she went crazy and drowned herself also in the Thames a week later.

Josh Billings says: "You ain't obliged to ask a gal's mammy if you may go home with her from a partee; git the gal's konsent and sail in; it's proper enuff to ask her to take your arm; but, mind you, you hev no rite to put your arm around her waste, unless you meet a bear on the road, and then you are bound to take your arm away jist as soon as the bear gits safely by."

A Severe Rebuke.

The jury in the case of Griffin, the engineer indicted for causing the grand massacre of passengers at Mast Hope, returned a verdict of acquittal, whereupon the Judge gave them his opinion as follows:

"GENTLEMAN: You last night returned into court, after a hearing of two days, with a verdict of not guilty in the case of The Commonwealth against James Griffin. This was not expected, and your verdict was against law, against justice, and an outrage against humanity. You violated the obligations of your oath—a plain, simple obligation to render a verdict according to the evidence. Instead of that you rendered a verdict against every practice of evidence. The cause of the defendent was abandoned by his counsel. Drowning men will catch at straws. The theory of the defense is unknown to the law, and the counsel for the defendent did not believe it themselves. I was, and still am, astonished at your verdict. I am astonished that you should in this way set aside the law and violate your oaths; and I trust that the spirits of the dead, dying, bleeding, and burnt victims of Mast Hope will rebuke you as long as you live. We have no power to cure the great wrong which you have inflicted on the community.

"In future I hope you will feel a proper regard for your oaths. You are now discharged from any further duty in this court. You are not fit to sit as jurymen. I will not try cases before such a jury."

Go to Farming.

A good living is what comparatively few men succeed in making in village or city life, and yet nothing is more easy of accomplishment on a farm. Besides, there is a pleasure in cultivating and embellishing the earth, improving and increasing its products, and thus adding to the aggregate of human happiness. Why, then, should young men hesitate to be farmers? It is both profitable and honorable. It is the nearest approximation to independence that a man as a member of society can make. A gentleman farmer—and all farmers are or should be gentlemen—belongs to an order of nobility that is not indebted to place-holders for installation and may, if he chooses, be ranked among the greatest benefactors of the human race. Let all the idle young go to work on farms, and quit seeking third and fourth rate clerkships. In short, go to farming and quit begging.—*Brownville Advertiser.*

It is stated that in the Methodist Church the net increase of houses of worship last year was 570. Besides these, 140 new and improved churches were built in place of old ones, making the number of dedications of the Methodist Episcopal Churches during the last year 710. The estimate value of the new edifices, including the