The Nebraska Herald.

LOCAL NEWS.

From Monday's Daily.

The telegraph will be in operation between this city and Ashland to-morrow.

That street sprinkler would be a pleasant thing to one such a day as this. Are we to have it?

Mr. H. S. Fuller, of Ashland, was in the city to-day. He is a young lawyer of ability, and is making a good reputation at Ashland.

A large number of country people are in town to-day to attend court. The Judge had not arrived at three o'clock.

Lambert, who had $2,000 stolen from him last week on section 23, probably did not know there was a bank of deposit in this city, where his money could be kept perfectly safe.

A private dispatch from Fort Benton says the river is booming there. A big rise may be expected shortly.

We are pleased to see E. A. Kirkpatrick on the streets again to-day. He has been ill for about a month, but is all right again now.

J. Sterling Morton has raised aloft the temperance banner, and has cast aside his bottle. We are truly glad on Morton's account, for we trust and believe it will do *him* good; but we tremble for the cause of temperance if it obtains many such supporters.

Among the guests at the Brook House reception, we met Mr. J. A. Best, of Chariton, traveling agent of Philip Wadsworth & Co., one of the oldest clothing houses of Chicago.

We interviewed Mr. Billing's orchard a few days since, and find that he will have a good supply of all kinds of fruit, notwithstanding the damage by wind. Many of the trees will not bear so full as though they had not been lashed by the wind, but the general average of his orchard shows a good yield.

Hon. S. H. Calhoun, of Nebraska City, arrived in town this morning to attend the session of the District Court.—He informs that a report prevailed at Nebraska City that Court had been adjourned here, consequently several lawyers of that place who have business here did not come.

We are in receipt of a Chicago publication called the "Bench and Bar," which is undoubtedly a very fine thing for lawyers. It is sent gratuitously to such as notify the publishers of a desire to receive it. It contains between sixty and seventy pages of reading matter in each number, and is published quarterly. Address Callahan & Crackcroft, Chicago, Illinois.

The Brownville *Democrat* says the rumor prevails in that locality that Judge Mason is about to resign his position as Chief Justice of Nebraska.

Mr. Wm. Gilmour, of Rock Bluffs, informs us that the recent wind done serious injury to his fruit, especially to his cherries and gooseberries.

The Lincoln *Journal* says the Governor has appointed F. A. Baiyon, of that city, as Immigrant Agent. He speaks the German, French and Scandinavian languages, and is an energetic young man.

A young man named Plants, while in the woods recently near Ottumwa, Iowa, came across a large grey she wolf and her two cubs, killed one of the cubs and took it home with him; but not without a severe fight with the maternal wolf. He "walloped" her with a stick. A hunting party was organized next day to find the old one, but without success. The other cub was found and killed.

Speaking of the prospect of civilizing the Indians, Mr. Stocking, who has been in the west for the past twenty years, says: "When Beecher enters Milton's Hell, and spite of Beelzebub, Belial, Moloch and the rest, wins from there one of the fallen angels, there may be grounds to hope for some elevation of the redskin race." Mr. Stocking evidently understands the Indian character pretty thoroughly.

There was a "corner" on corn this afternoon—at least several men cornered another, and he bid up to seventy-five cents for one lot, and was offered seven thousand bushels at the same figure. Plattsmouth is the best corn and wheat market in the West. Farmers do not have to deliver grain *across the river* when they sell at Plattsmouth, but unload into the cars at the foot of Main street.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Would not a fire be a very interesting thing to the citizens of this city such a day as yesterday? Which would pay best, a fire or a fire engine?

The winds for the past few days have not been calculated to favorably impress strangers with the beauties of this climate. They do not continue so hard the year round.

Reed Bros., of Weeping Water, are just receiving the finest stock of goods ever carried into the interior, which they offer at prices as low as can be found west of Chicago. may17d&wt

Mr. John Robertson, living in Clay Co. Mo., while attempting to mount his horse near the end of the Kansas City bridge met with a painful accident in the following manner: He had in one pocket of his coat a loaded revolver, the hammer of which was upon a cap of the cylinder. As he swung himself up from the ground with one foot in the stirrup, the heel of his boot struck upon the pistol in his pocket, the cap exploded, and Mr. Robertson felt a bullet go very comfortably through the fleshy part of his right thigh, some four inches above the knee. Beyond the pain of the wound, there may be nothing serious. His horse was sent home, and Mr. Robertson was taken to the house of a friend, where, the *Times* says, he will have to remain several weeks.

An Englishman wishes to know if the children of Ham were Hamericans.

No mails yesterday on account of high winds.

The new hotel at Ashland was opened yesterday.

C. Heisel, Esq., fired his first brick kiln last evening. One keg of beer was "nowhere."

Streight & Marshall have just set up a Soda Fountain which cost $1,200. It almost makes one feel cool to look at it.

The present proprietors of the ferry boat Mary Magee are doing all that men can do to satisfy the traveling public. They came across after dark last night with a party of footmen, and went back again to meet the train.

We are in recipt of the Platte Valley *Independent* published at North Platte, Nebraska, by Maggie S. T. Eberhart and S. P. Mobley. It is a neat paper, and takes hold of local matters in a way that shows a determination to succeed.

In our last Weeping Water letter the types made our correspondent say, in speaking of the Congregational church, that "the church, when completed, will cost about two hundred and fifty sand dollars." It should have read "will seat about two hundred and fifty persons." The estimated cost is $2,500.

A gentleman who is constantly traveling, remarked to us a day or two since that Plattsmouth was the livest town he had seen west of Chicago. We agreed with him exactly.

We notice several of our wholesale dealers advertising in the Ashland *Times*. This looks prosperous, and indicates a determination to do a heavier business than heretofore. They would not miss the mark by doing the same thing at Lincoln and Seward. Judicious advertising always pays.

The Nebraska City *Chronicle* has a lengthy article from the Sandwich Islands, written by Ensign A. C. McMechan, formerly of this State.

A correspondent of the Ashland *Times* argues that Ashland is the place for the National Capital. We shall not object if the entire people of the United States wants it there, and the people of Ashland are willing. Bring it along.

The train from the Bluffs and Omaha ran through an open switch last evening at the Bluffs, and was delayed several hours in consequence.

Mr. Henry Thomas, and Mr. S. P. Chase, of Fall River, Massachusetts, arrived in our city last week with a view to establish themselves here. They were connected with the Fall River Manufacturing Company, and come well recommended as business men. We hope they will able to suit themselves here, as they are the style of men we like to see commence business in our city.

"The Laws of Business," by Parsons, and "Eminent Women of the Age," are the titles to a couple of books for which the agent is now soliciting subscriptions in this city. They are both good books, and well worth the money asked for them. The "Laws of Business" should be in the hands of every business man, as it will teach him many things which would otherwise cost him more money. No well regulated household can afford to be without "Eminent Women of the Age," at least one of them.

We were pleased to meet Judge Cadman, J. P. Lantz and S. B. Galey, Esq., of Lincoln, at the Brooks House reception last week. They are all active men, and are doing much to forward the interests of the city of Lincoln.

We call upon our brick makers to prepare for making a bountiful supply, as we are satisfied every brick that can be obtained in this city will be used in building before cold weather. There is hardly a possibility of getting too many brick on hand. Let it not be said that the growth of the city was retarded because of a scarcity of brick.

The farmers of Cass and adjoining counties are beginning to understand that there is money to be made by taking the *daily* edition of the HERALD. It only costs them $10 a year, and there is not a farmer in the country who cannot save $25 by the information he can gain from it relative to prices of produce. We are receiving subscriptions from the surrounding country almost daily.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mr. Wilson, one of the Penitentiary Inspectors, left the city yesterday morning for Lincoln. He will remain at the Capitol until after the land sales.

The steamer Glasgow unloaded a large quantity of freight at our landing this morning.

A large number of prominent Republicans from different parts of the State are in the city to-day, to attend the meeting of the State Central Committee.

In these times when "woman's rights" and "woman suffrage" are being agitated, every one should have a copy of that exellent book. "Eminent Women of the Age." It is a very readable book, and well worth the money asked for it, It can be obtained only by subscription. The agent for this locality will call on our citizens within a day or two.

There is a man at Camden, on the Blue, who fills the positions of township assessor, school director, hotel keeper, land agent, town proprietor, farmer, and is superintendent of the propagation of horses. He is eminently a western man, and his name is Roper. He is not unknown in this locality, and will soon be known to some if he continues to progress.

It is not determined yet whether active operations on the railroad bridge across the Missouri at this point will be commenced this season, or whether it will be delayed until next winter. The company cannot afford to delay very long, and transfering freight across the Missouri by boat is an expensive arrangement.

General Augur has been ordered to detain, for the present, the Big Horn expedition.

Several boys and a skiff or two were kept busy for a time yesterday hauling ashore the timbers which escaped from the car at the railroad landing.

We copy to-day several very nice notices of the Brooks House opening. We return thanks to the brethren.

Among the arrivals in the city last evening we notice Col. T. J. Majors, U. S. Internal Revenue Assessor for the District of Nebraska; Capt. E. K. Valentine of the U. S. Land office at West Point; Col. Hinman Rhoads, of Johnson county; Hon. E. E. Cunningham, of the Falls City *Journal*; H. M. Adkisson, of the Beatrice Land Office; Prof C. H. Gere, of the Lincoln *Journal*; Mr. Kellogg, Governor's private Secretary, and Mr. Tisdell, of Brownville.

THE R. R. Telegraph will be completed to Ashland to-day. An effort should be made by the people of this city and of Lincoln to induce the company to push the telegraph through to Lincoln *at once*, in advance of the road. The people of both cities, as well as of other parts, feel the want of telegraph connection with the capital every day. This want will be especially felt during the coming land sales, unless the company can be induced to crowd the line through immediately. The line could undoubtedly be completed in ten days time. Will we have it?

WANTED.—A boy to learn the printing business, at this office. The proprietor does the loafing for the concern. w&dtf

FIFTY CAR LOADS A DAY.

Not less than fifty car loads of construction material goes West from Plattsmouth on the B. & M. Railroad each day. The Company is getting ready for pushing another section of the road through.

COMING, COMING!

This portion of the "footstool" is being filled up at the rate of from fifty to one hundred wagon loads a day, besides the many that come by rail and boat.—We anticipate a fine showing for Nebraska, and especially for this portion of it, by the census returns.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT.

Grading Commenced in Earnest.

John Fitzgerald, Esq., has been awarded a contract for grading the different streets in the city, and commenced active operations a day or two since. It does not take Fitzgerald a great while to do a reasonable sized job of grading, as he can put on a heavy force if necessary. The south side of Main street will be filled up to the grade line, and the approaches to the different bridges will be completed. What more is to be done probably depends upon the result of the vote on the 20th of June.

COURT ADJOURNED.

A telegram was received from Judge Lake this afternoon, in answer to one sent from here, stating that there would be no court here until Monday, the 23d inst. It is singular that no notice of this adjournment was received before. The town has been filled with jurors, witnesses and parties to suits, since yesterday morning, expecting the arrival of the judge every moment.

ANOTHER CONTRACT.

Another contract will be let soon on the B. & M. R. R. in Nebraska, west from Lincoln. The President has been busy transferring construction material all spring, and the company will be able to crowd the line rapidly after starting west from Lincoln.

1,500,000 Brick.

Mr. Hallowell informs us that he will burn at least 1,500,000 brick the present season, and if no one else wants them put into buildings he will use them himself. That is the spirit that wins, and we venture the assertion that Mr. Hallowell will sell every brick he can manufacture; also that each of the other yards will do the same thing.

A BOLD ROBBERY.

Robbers Enter a Lighted Room and Rifle it without Waking the Inmates.

The Ottumwa *Courier* of the 9th says: "On last Saturday evening, the house of Mr. C. W. Lane was entered, and $153 taken from under his pillow—his wife and himself being in bed at the time, and a lamp burning in the room. Also, Mr. Joseph Boling had $48 stolen from him, the same evening. This bold and daring robbery was committed in Dahlonega, four miles north of our city.—As yet no clue is had of the robbers.—We learn these items of Mr. Wm. Lowenburg, a resident of that place. Mr. Lane was recently engaged in the grocery business here"

CHANGE OF ARRANGEMENT.

Three Trains Daily Between Plattsmouth and Chicago.

Through to New York in 56 Hours.

From Superintendent S. H. Mallory, who arrived in the city to-day, we learn that a change has been made in the running arrangements on the B. & M. R. R., by which we are hereafter to have three trains daily between Plattsmouth and Chicago. Trrins will leave East Plattsmouth as follows:

Mail	7:40 a. m.
Mixed	10:40 "
Atlantic Express	5:40 p. m.

And will arrive as follows:

Pacific Express	8:35 a. m.
Mixed	12 m.
Mail	6:40 p. m.

The express train is the same as heretofore, but we have the addition of the morning departure and evening arrival of the mail train, which goes through to Chicago in 25 hours, connecting with fast train to all points east. Passengers by this route can arrive in New York in just 56 hours after leaving Plattsmouth. This looks like business.

ACCIDENT TO THE R. R. BARGE

One Car Overboard, and the bow of the Barge Stove In.

As the railroad transfer boat "President" was rounding to at her Nebraska landing last evening, while the wind was blowing severely, she was caught by a sudden gust and the bow of the barge driven heavily against the landing. There were four loaded cars on the barge, and the collision forced the forward car overboard and stove a large hole in the bow of the barge. The car was loaded with square timbers, many of which floated, off down the river. The barge was headed around and the bow run into the bank to prevent her sinking It will take a couple of days to repair the barge The car was fastened to the adjacent piles, and will be taken out without difficulty.

A HEAVY SPECULATION.

"Live and Learn" Practically Demonstrated.

Something over a week since a prominent citizen of Ashland, (name not given out of respect to the family) concluded he could purchase and transport a few goods of which he stood in need cheaper by going to Omaha than by coming to Plattsmouth. He hired some teams, got them across the Platte on a flat boat, and proceeded to Omaha. We shall not mention the difference in price paid, but our Ashland friend proved the *speculation* and "learned by living" when he started home with his teams. He found that there are rules which he failed to learn or teach in the school room, which will *not* work both ways. He had successfully crossed to the north side of the Platte with empty wagons, but could not get back with loaded ones. The teams were compelled to retrace their steps to Omaha, cross the Missouri to Council Bluffs come down to Plattsmouth and recross, and this morning they took up their line of march from this city to Ashland.

Moral.—Always buy your goods in Plattsmouth and ship them by the B. & M. R. R.

COMMUNICATION.

ED. HERALD:—I see in this evening's paper the proceedings of a so-called Board of Real Estate agents, and that one of the so-called Board offered among others the following resolution:

"That we extend to the "*Land Owner*" our cordial support, assuring them of the hearty co-operation of this Board in their efforts to elevate the profession—purging it from the baneful connection of such persons as have hitherto failed to understand the responsibilities which are attached to a Real Estate agent; or who knowing them have, by their bad faith toward their *clients, disgraced* the profession."

Now, this resolution in itself is all very well, but what is the reputation of certain Real Estate men in Nebraska?—and do not the public generally understand how some of these Real Estate purgers come by *a reputation*. It seems an attempt is made in these resolutions to convey the impression that all members of that Board are true to their clients; also to give some of those members a reputation for good faith and strict integrity, that they do *not* posses where best known. What is the real object of this Real Estate Board? to protect the innocent agent or the susceptible client with a high sounding code of morals to cast a reproach upon the non-affiliated agents who would dare do business without the pale of this organization. As a spectator we must be allowed to take an interest in such organizations, especially when coming before the people with such a manifesto. AMOS.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

May 13, 1870.

Council met in special session.

Present, Mayor; Aldermen Clements, Donelan, Heisel, Lazenby and White.

Reading of the journal dispensed with.

Alderman White moved that there be an election held in the City on Monday, June 20th, 1870, to authorize the City Council to borrow money, not to exceed in amount $10 000, to pay for building bridges, grading and improving the streets in the city; to issue bonds therefor, payable in one and two years, and bearing 10 per cent. interest per annum; and the Recorder be instructed to have legal notice given. Carried.

Council Adjourned.

S. F. COOPER,
Recorder.

HEAVY ROBBERY.

Two Thousand Dollars Stolen and the Thief Escapes.

Mr. John Lambert, a section boss on the railroad, stationed on section 23, west from Plattsmouth, has been (very foolishly) keeping about $2,000 in money in his possession for some time past, it being his savings from wages for the past three years. He kept this money in an old trunk, without a lock, and he also kept several boarders about his house. Last Tuesday morning he missed the money, and at first supposed it had been taken by a woman who had staid at the house Sunday night. He followed her to Lincoln, had her arrested, but found no money. He then returned home and told his wife he thought one of three men who were working for him had taken the money. It appears the men heard him make this remark, and the next morning one of the men was missing, and has not since been heard from, although diligent search has been, and is still being made in every direction.—There is no doubt he has the money—$2,040. This fellow is about 5 feet 7 inches high, light complexion; red hair; very light moustache; had a cut under his left eye, caused by a blow received in a fight; weighs about 140 pounds; and is about 25 years old.

One of the other hands acted very strangely after the departure of the thief, which gave rise to the suspicion that he was an accomplice. He has been arrested, and is now in jail at Ashland awaiting further developments.

THE BROOKS HOUSE.

The Reception Last Evening.

The House Filled to Overflowing.

Strangers From all Parts of the Country.

Grand Success of the Enterprise.

The Brooks House Reception came off last evening, and we are enabled to day to chronicle the fact that it was the most complete success of anything ever attempted in this city No fault could be found with the entertainment unless it be that the guests were so numerous as to detract somewhat from the enjoyment of the occasion. Large numbers arrived on the morning trains, and every succeeding train, from north, south, east and west, added to the list of arrivals until it became apparent that the attendance would be far greater than any one had anticipated, and the committee in charge began to feel uneasy about accommodations for the guests from abroad. All the hotels of the city were filled, and many of the citizens opened their doors for the accommodation of such as could not find room at the hotels. We shall not attempt to give a detailed account of the doings of the evening, as the press was well and ably represented, and we shall take pleasure in copying what others say of the affair, rather than to attempt a description ourself. The following is the list of arrivals, as shown upon the Brooks House Register:

FROM NEBRASKA CITY.

J. Dan Lauer and wife, C. W. Seymour and wife, Mrs. W. H. Waters, Mrs. J. S. Lauer, Dr. Renner, Mr. Monrenstecker and wife, L. C. Wunn, Mr. Herrick.

FROM LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.

John I. D. Bristol.

FROM OTTUMWA, IOWA.

Miss Mattie Hayne, Miss Mina Wood, Miss Alice Prugh, Miss Emma Taylor, Miss Mattie Peck, Miss Alice Warner, Miss Lila Moore, Miss Esther Lyons, Mrs. C. D. Hendershott, Mrs. H. B. Hendershott, Mrs. M. A. Pinney, Mrs. J. W. Garner, Robert Fellows, W. L. Cope, J. W. Garner, J. K. Prugh, H. W. Nunamaker, Frank Warden, Mose Koons, M. B. Walker, Andrew Peck, June A. Wentz, Asbury Taylor, C. D. Hendershott, Robert Fellows, M. A. Pinney, J. J. W. Norris and wife, ——Tilton.

FROM RED OAK, IOWA.

T. H. Alexander and wife, D. W. C. Rowhan, Dr. Purcell and wife, Mrs. Bosworth, Miss Lulie Merrill, Miss Hannah Cox, Ed. Loomis, T. H. Lee, J. F. Somes, Isaac Norris, John Bower, Ben. B. Clark, A. J. Poach, G. J. Sheldon and lady.

FROM AFTON, IOWA.

P. P. Himmelrich, H. Hurstein.

FROM GLENWOOD, IOWA.

Edward Persing, Miss Georgie Persing, Dr. M. H. McClusky, Miss Hattie Harrison.

FROM OMAHA.

Ex-Gov. Saunders and wife, Jno. Hollins, L. H. Stillwell, E. L. Armstrong, R. H. Willis, C. H. Byrne, J. I. Allan, M. H. Beardsley, John M. Burke, Jesse Turner, John A. Parker, John M. Burke, R. H. Hill, F. H. Howard, John T. Clark and wife, John A. Parker, jr., Lew W. Hill, Mrs. Cassidy.

FROM LINCOLN.

J. J. Brownlee, J. P. Lantz, B. F. Cozad and ladies, John Gillespie, S. B. Galey, J. Coleman, Mrs. Cooper.

FROM ASHLAND, NEB.

W. F. Kramer and wife, T. J. Saunders.

FROM CHICAGO.

E. W. Strong, J. A. Best.

FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS.

A. J. Hall, C. L. Harris, C. H. Babbitt, Frank Parish, Mr. Dening.

There were many besides these, who stopped at other hotels and private houses. We were pleased to notice the magnanimity with which our own citizens gave way for the accomodation of guests from abroad. Many citizens who had made arrangements for attending, when they saw the unexpected numbers arriving, gently laid aside their anticipations of a fine time and decided to stay at home, and those who did attend generously stood aside and allowed those from a distance to take what pleasure they could.

The Press was well represented. The following is the list: A. J. Hall, and the irrepressible Chance Harris of the Council Bluffs *Times*; O. H Byrne and Jas Allen, of the Omaha *Herald*; J Dan Lauer, of Nebraska City; J Q Brownlee, of the Lincoln *Journal*; Wm P Clarke, correspondent of the New York *Tribune*; J C Gleason of the St Joseph *Gazette*; John I D Bristol, correspondent of the Detroit *Commercial Advertiser*; Dr F. Renner, of the Nebraska City *Zeitung*.

Ottumwa had the honor of furnishing the largest delegation and one that came for the purpose of having a fine time.—Among the number from that city we formed the acquaintance of Mr. June A. Wentz, General agent of the B. & M. R. R., with headquarters at Ottumwa—a brother of C. H. Wentz, B. & M. Ag't. at this city.

Nothwithstanding the crowded condition of the hall, all seemed to enjoy the occasion, and the dancing did not cease until about 4 o'clock this morning.

The receipts were something over $750. There were about two hundred dance and supper tickets out. The supper consisted of all that the country affords—served in a style not surpassed in the west, and demonstrated to all participants that J. C. Higby & Son know exactly how to keep hotel.

[From the Council Bluffs Times.]

The Brooks House, lately taken charge of by Messrs. J. C. & Ira Higby, was opened on Thursday night last, under the most favorable auspices. The hotel is certainly located and a model of convenience, luxury and comfort. A description of its interior has been published in the TIMES, hence we shall not devote space to a repetition.

THE GUESTS,

Among whom were Gov. Saunders and Major Armstrong, from Omaha; Dr. Renner, Nebraska City; Mr. DeForcest Porter, Brownsville; Hon. John Gillespie, Lincoln; Gen. Livingston, Maj. Wheeler, Plattsmouth; E. D. Snow, Council Bluffs; D. L. Shea, Sup,t Telegraph of Nebraska, C. E. Yeates, do, of Iowa; J. R. Brownlee, Lincoln *Journal*; C. H. Byrne and J. A. Allen *Herald*, Omaha; H. D. Hathaway, *Herald*, Plattsmouth; J. C. Gleason, Jt. Joe *Press*; W. P. Clark, Correspondent New York *Tribune*; J. D. Bristol, Detroit *Commercial Advertiser*; A. J. Hall and C. L. Harris, Council Bluffs *Times*, arrived early, and by 8 p. m. over two hundred couples had assembled. Representatives of the Press were present from Saint Joe, Kansas City, Leavenworth, Council Bluffs, Omaha, Ottumwa, Lincoln, Brownville, and even New York, Detroit and Chicago.

THE OPENING,

for which magnificent preparations had been made, passed off in a manner which reflected the highest honor upon those whose duty it was to look after the interest of the guests, and now forms a subject of pleasing reminiscence for the participants. Bevys of magnificently drossed ladies thronged the parlors, reception rooms, halls, corridors and balconies from dusk till dewy morn. Bright, flashing eyes, gorgeous apparel, sparkling diamonds, are still vivid in our recollection, and will never fade from our memory. The sweet faces, wreathed in smiles, the forms of grace and beauty, the elegant toilettes, all moving amid the myriad gleams of dazzling light, which cast over the scene a fairy-like witchery; the fragrant odors, flowing tresses, costly drapery, heaving bosoms, swan-like necks, rounded arms, and euphoneous gush of silvery laughter that burst upon our ears from time to time, all helped to dazzle and bewilder our brain, until we reveled in a sea of joyous delight and intoxicating pleasure—an enchanted guest in Beauty's camp.

THE DANCING

was indulged in by nearly all who kept time to the merry music furnished by the military band of Omaha. The enchanting waltz, the many schottische, the lovely polka, the rapturous quadrille, were all indulged in and every available space crowded to delightful suffocation. No sooner was the smooth floor vacated by one set than it was refilled by another, more anxious, if possible, to join in the delicious and intoxicating revel of terpeschore. To describe

THE TOILETTES,

is an utter impossibility. They were rich beyond comparison and nicely adapted to the occasion, but the throng was too great for a proper display of their beauty and elegance. Many of the ladies were compelled to carry their trails upon their arms, so dense was the assembly, yet every person enjoyed it, and not an unpleasant word or frown mared the happiness of the occasion.

THE TABLES

were one luxurious load of delicacies and costly substantials, superbly arranged uder the direct supervision of the accomplished hostess, Mrs. J. C. Higby, who could not but feel flattered, could she have listened as did we, to the thousand compliments and encomiums paid her by the fair and brave members who partook of the choice viands or indulged in the different condiments.

THE CLOSE

was equally joyous with the opening, and every ody retired feeling they had enjoyed the actual reality of one ball where the desire for pleasure was satiated in the actualization of anticipation. The lower portion of the house,

THE OFFICE AND BAR,

were also properly conducted, the first looked over by Ira Higby in person, who made, if possible, a thousand more friends by his urbane and gentlemanly courtesy. His father, too, Mr. J. C. Higby, was seen in different parts of the house looking after the comfort and attending to the wants of the guests, useful and pleasant everywhere. Mr. James Hines presided over the wine and liquid department with that grace and gentlemanly air so natural to him in this sphere, and gave that unbounded satisfaction which only one in a thousand can do. All in all the party was a glorious success and a universal testimonial of its beauties, its delights, its unalloyed pleasures, its charms and graces, met with a unanimous acknowledgment from every participant.

[From the Omaha Herald.]

Thursday evening was truly a gala night for the cozy and thriving city of Plattsmouth. As the great railroad system which promises so much for this State is being perfected, the necessity for providing the best accommodations for travelers becomes apparent, and impelled by this fact, Plattsmouth has put up a house which ranks most creditably with any in Nebraska.

The Brooks House, which has been taken by Messrs. J. C. Higby & Son, late of Omaha, is situated on Main street, between Fifth and Sixth, in the very centre of the town and most easy of access. The building is three stories, contains upwards of forty large, airy, comfortable rooms, and is furnished throughout with rare completeness and good taste. On the first floor is situated the office, over which Mr. Ira Higby presides with an amiability and courtcousness deserving of mention. In the rear of the office is the bar room and barber shop. The ladies reception room and parlors, on the second floor, far surpass in size and arrangement any of our own hotels.

The good people of Plattsmouth were determined to celebrate the opening of this fine house to the public, in a befitting manner. Invitations were extended the country round to join in the grand ball and banquet which was fixed for Thursday evening last. From early morning until after dark the guests poured into Plattsmouth from all directions, Omaha, Council Bluffs, Glenwood, Ottumwa, Nebraska City, Brownville and Lincoln, contributing their very best citizens and families to partake in the celebration.

The committee, of which General R. R. Livingston was chairman, and Mr. Charles H. Wentz was secretary, perfected their arrangements most creditably, free transportation being provided over all the roads leading to Plattsmouth.

As the shades of night fell, every place where a stranger could be stowed away was secured, and many had to prolong their amusement until dawn, for the very reason that was the only thing they could do to make time pass rapidly. An idea of the number who visited Plattsmouth on this occasion can be gained from the fact that upwards of two hundred guests registered at the Brooks House alone. A fine large room, which ultimately will be used as a billiard room, was used as the dancing hall, and answered the purpose nicely. Omaha sent down Messrs. Beard & Thiele's orchestra, than which there are none better, and very naturally the most important feature of a ball, the music was splendid.

The supper was indeed a great feature of the affair. The tables presented an elegant appearance, and were filled with the very best that money could purchase or energy secure. In this, we could distinctly see the work of the kind hearted hostess, Mrs. J. C. Higby, whose quiet supervision of the arrangements won the admiration of the ladies and the thanks of the gentlemen present.

A very neatly arranged order of dancing was gone through with, much to the immense delight of all who participated.

We confess ourselves most agreeably surprised at the array of really brilliant ladies who graced the occasion, and whose excellent and cultivated taste in the matter of toilets was the subject of frequent mention. A large number of prominent gentlemen from all portions of the State were present—Governor Saunders and Major Armstrong, from Omaha; Dr. Renner, Nebraska City; Mr. De Forest Porter, Brownville; Hon. John Gillespie, Lincoln; General Livingston, Major Wheeler, Mr. Hathaway, and others, of Plattsmouth, were among the many who enjoyed the occasion most heartily.

Truly the inauguration of the Brooks House was an event in the history of Plattsmouth, and will ever be referred to with pleasure and gratification, and if earnest good wishes will avail Messrs. Higby & Son will have a prosperous career in their new enterprise.

[From the Ottumwa Courier]

BROOKS HOUSE,
PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA.
May 15th, 1870.

EDS. COURIER:—While backing in the moonshine of Nebraska, awaiting the departure of the homeward bound train, thought we would strike a match and tell you of our trip thus far.

Our party left Ottumwa at 10:20 Wednesday night, on one of those elegant trains over the B. & M. R. R., conducted by "Fatty" Miller (who by the way, is one of the best conductors in America,) and arrived at Plattsmouth about 9 o clock next morning. Nothing of interest transpired coming West, save the embarrassing position of a certain young gent, whose height is about 5 feet 10; complexion fair; moustache light; residence Ottumwa, Iowa. The anxiety of this individual to procure a sleeping berth caused much blushing and not a little gymnastic exercise. Will not attempt to relate what *did* occur, lest some one might guess his name. Suffice it to say that a young man should always know who is in the bed he attempts to occupy.

Immediately after our arrival at the Plattsmouth depot we were conducted to the Brooks House by Capt. Chas. H. Wentz, the gentlemanly agent of the B. & M. R. R., at this place. As soon as we had partaken of a sumptuous repast, such an one as would make glad the heart of any hungry traveler, we were seated in one of those elegant 'turn outs' from the Bonner Stables and took a drive around and through Plattsmouth.

In our observations we were frequently reminded of Ottumwa. Similarly situated, on the banks of the Missouri River, and at the foot of Waupsee Bluffs. Its population is about 3,500, composed mostly of Iowans, and among whom we noticed the following familiar faces: O. A. Derby, engaged in the manufacture and sale of furniture; Capt. Ed. Murphy and Fitzgerald, builders of the Brooks House; Fox, formerly in the employ of the American Express Company, at Ottumwa, wholesale and retail grocery; Henry Robinson, wholesale liquors; Major Strong, brother of Hon. H. Strong, of Iowa, attorney-at law; Capt. L. D. Bennett, 39th Iowa, real estate agent, and William Baker, an extensive Indian trader. Plattsmouth, with its natural advantages, and enterprising citizens, is destined to become the largest city (except Ottumwa) west of the Mississippi.

Have not the time to give you an account in detail, of the banquet at the Brooks House. It was a magnificent affair, and as a success, it exceeded the expectations of all.

If any of your readers desire to locate further west than Ottumwa, let them go to Plattsmouth. If they would stop in the best hotel in the West, stop at the Brooks House. If they want to see landlords who understand their business, visit Messrs. Higby & Son. If they want to meet an intelligent, courteous and accommodating gentleman, get acquainted with Charley Wentz; and if they want to have a good time generally, just get up an excursion party, and invite the young folks from Ottumwa. We leave for Iowa this afternoon. Will tell you of our trip home when we get there.

EXCURSION.

Our Plattsmouth-Ottumwa friends arrived safely home yesterday evening, in great glee, all collectively and each individually, declaring Plattsmouth a big thing, and the Brooks House very paragon of perfection. They are profuse in their praises of the Messrs. Higby, declaring them to be gentlemen who "know how to keep hotel." They are particularly loud in their praise of Mr. Charles H. Wentz, who kindly took the Ottumwa delegation under his wings and cared for them. And we should really think if red eyes are of any diagnostic value, if they have any significance at all, our friends must have enjoyed themselves hugely. We give a list of those we saw alight from the train:

Jas. Norris and wife, Robt. Fellows, M. A. Pinney, A. J. Peck, M. Coons, M. Walker, W. Cone, F. Warden, A. Taylor, J. Prugh, H. Nunnamaker, J. A. Wentz and wife, W. Garner, C. Hendershot. Misses Moore, Warner, Wood, Lyons, Haynes, Prugh, Taylor, Peck.

We understand there were others from Ottumwa there whose names we could not procure. It was, no doubt, a grand affair, and everything was lovely, (with few exceptions). We understand a couple of gentlemen had an extremely pleasant walk of a couple of miles to flag a train, this too, in front of an engine, which it seemed did not realize, that muscle could tire. We hear—but then "'tis idle rumor" that one young gent was heard on his return to sing in a subdued and choked voice:—

"Ever thus since childhood's hour,
I've seen my fondest hopes decay."

The occasion of this mournful strain we don't know, for we wasn't there *Ottumwa Receille.*

[From the Omaha Republican.]

The opening reception of the Brooks House, at Plattsmouth, on Thursday evening, was a very gay and a very successful affair. There were upwards of five hundred guests present from all parts of the country. Omaha, Lincoln, Nebraska City, Brownville, St. Joseph, Ottumwa and Council Bluffs were well represented. Every hotel and many of the private residences of the town were crowded, and so great was the rush that many strangers present were obliged to put up with very slender accommodations. The grand supper and ball went off with much eclat. Dancing was maintained with much spirit until the dawn of Friday. The Brooks House is described as a very commodious and well appointed hotel. The rooms, some forty in number, are very comfortably furnished and the reception and dining halls are of elegant and imposing proportions. Too much praise cannot be accorded to Mr. J. C. Higby and his son Ira, for the indefatigability which they manifested in looking after the welfare and comforts of the guests. Ira, particularly, was here, there and everywhere, and hardly a stranger escaped from being soothed by his kind ministrations. Among those present were noticed ex-Governor Saunders and Major Armstrong, of Omaha, and Dr. Renner, of Nebraska City.

There was quite an excitement the first of the week over a piece of railroad land lying just east of the State House, and one of the finest quarter-sections to be found around the Capital. There were seven applications on file for it, but they all had to go to headquarters at Plattsmouth before any one could get possession of it. Mr. B. M. Brake, one of the applicants, started off on Tuesday morning before daylight, arrived at Plattsmouth, paid for and secured the land, in the name of Marshall & Brake, just fifteen minutes before the mail arrived. We understand the price paid was about $3,500. "The early bird," etc.—*Lincoln Statesman.*

Gen. Remick, of Burlington, Iowa, is making a tour of Southern Nebraska with the intention of locating at some prosperous point. He is pleased with our own little city, and it is probable that he will interest himself with us at an early day. He is accompanied by Mr. Montgomery, of Iowa, who is also looking for a prosperous point at which to locate a mercantile house.—*Falls Register.*

Gen. Remick has already invested largely in property in this city, believing it to be the rising town of the west.

The Supply of Brick.

There has been an earnest call in this city for brick since the first opening of Spring, but none were ever to be had. The season has been bad for their manufacture, but we are glad to know that Heisel's first kiln will be fired in the course of a day or two, and that Merges & Co. have commenced active operations on their new yard. Get your rock work all ready, and the brick will be forthcoming.

WHERE THE R. R. LANDS LIE.

The first installment of lands now for sale by the B. & M. R. R. in Nebraska are situated as follows:

Counties.	*Acres.*
Lancaster,	155,520
Gage,	12,000
Saunders,	24,960
Otoe,	33,280
Cass,	63,280
Total,	290,160

Other Nebraska lands will come into market as fast as the railroad advances west.

INHUMAN TREATMENT.

A Wife and Five Children Deserted by a Drunken Husband.

She Attempts to Walk to Lincoln, but She is cared for by our citizens.

Seldom have we been called upon to chronicle a case such as the following:

A Krs. Hettie George, the wife of a monster named John George who resided at Eastport a year or two since, arrived in our city last evening from St. Joseph, Mo., accompanied by her five children, the youngest an infant at the breast. She related to His Honor, Mayor Pilion, the following particulars of her desertion:

For some time past her husband had been in the habit of getting drunk, and leaving her to gain a livelihood for herself and children as best she could—about one week ago he left for parts unknown, without money. Her destitution became known to the railroad men of St. Joseph, who kindly furnished her and the children a pass over the C. B. & St. Jos road to East Nebraska City. She arrived in our city yesterday afternoon without a cent in her pocket and too proud to ask for assistance. Immediately upon her arrival she commenced the journey of walking to her father's farm, within ten or twelve miles of Lincoln—when near the farm of that kind-hearted "rational man," Jed Gilman, she stopped for water and told her story. He immediately harnessed his horses and brought her back to the city. Mayor Pilion secured her comfortable quarters in the Farmers House, and to-morrow he will furnished transportation to her father's home.—*Chronicle.*

LOCAL NOTICES.

Vallerys & Ruffner have the largest stock of Groceries ever brought to the city, which they bought for cash and at reduced prices. Call and examine their stock. ap15dawtf

Go to Vallerys & Ruffner's to buy you Dry Goods. They are selling cheaper than the cheapest.

GREAT BARGAIN.—A farm of 160 acres for sale, 20 acres timber, eight miles from Plattsmouth, and five miles from Beaver's station on the railroad. Enquire of WM. STADELMANN. dawlt

26 acres of valuable timber land for sale within one half mile of the city limits. Inquire of MAXWELL & CHAPMAN. may12lw

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D. Schnasse & Co., at the New York Store, have just received the Largest Stock of New Spring and Summer Goods ever brought to this City. They sell you now the very best Prints, Merrimacks, Calicoes, &c., for 12½ cents, other Brands 8 to 10 cents, good Delaines for 20 cents, Ginghams 15 cents, all other Goods for the same low prices.