

LOCAL NEWS.

From Monday's Daily. The editor of the Rulo Register says it isn't him who wants to go to Congress, but that it is his child.

A. Carmichael, Esq., injured himself severely a few days since by lifting too heavy a load.

The mercury indicated 95° at 3 p. m. yesterday, on the north side of E. T. Duke's store, in the shade.

Hon. T. M. Marquett has recently added about \$1,000 worth of new books to his law library, making it now one of the most complete libraries in the west.

Mr. Thos. Thomas has procured a number of the finest blood sages he can find, and will experiment somewhat in their culture.

Hon. S. M. Kirkpatrick, of this county, fell from a wagon one day last week, the wheel passed over his foot and injured it severely.

Miles Fellows, Esq., of Mills county, Iowa, invaded the HERALD sanctum to-day. Mr. Fellows was one of the early residents of Plattsmouth, and has many warm friends in this locality.

A long row of piles are already driven from the President's landing down towards the foot of the canal, says a St. Louis informant, that he struck rock yesterday only a few feet below the surface of the soil.

Many of the Democratic papers of the State are calling loudly on Mr. Callhoun, chairman of their State Central Committee, to issue a call for a convention.

Sec. Kennard, Hon. H. W. B. Stout, and Hon. M. Edwards of Sarpy county, came in from Lincoln on last evening's train and proceeded immediately to Omaha.

We publish a letter, to-day, written from our city by Prof. J. D. Butler, LL. D. He is a splendid and able gentleman, and of cultivated ability.

A very interesting package arrived from the east yesterday by Express, addressed to our worthy fellow-townsmen, Capt. H. E. Palmer.

A man from the Rakes neighborhood, in the southern part of the county, was in the city this morning, a doctor, saying a man was about to be hanged, and that it didn't hurt his head, either.

We venture to rejoice that there is more enterprise in McCann's new corner, than in Plattsmouth.—Neb. City Times.

Is it kept at wholesale or retail, and does the vendor pay his license promptly. "Dirty Jimmy" is the classical cognomen of a fellow who attempted to make off with a pair of gaiters, yesterday, from the store and shoe establishment of Wm. Stadelman.

He had bought a pair, wore them a day, came back and claimed the privilege of exchanging them for a new pair. The clerk "couldn't see it," and "Mr. Jimmy" started to quarrel with the new pair. Our wide-awake Marshal was on hand and dissuaded him from his purpose.

Almost every stranger who visits our city expresses astonishment at the life and business manifested. They do not stop to consider the fact that the agricultural regions of the Salt Creek and Wahoo Valleys, the immense regions along the Blues and the Republican. This, in some measure, accounts for the great amount of lumber, grain and stock handled at this place, and consequently the enormous sales of all kinds of merchandise.

John Kiley, recently discharged from the County Jail, was up before His Honor, the Recorder, this morning, charged with an attempt to defraud the property of Mr. Daniels, in the rear of the Exchange Saloon. After hearing the evidence the prisoner was discharged. His Honor being fully convinced that Kiley was the man but that Kiley was not the crime he was endeavoring to commit.

It may be news to some of our readers to learn that "A. White, President, etc." (do not mistake the name) is once more just going to commence "active operations" on the Midland. A citizen of Nebraska City recently informed us (and the report is confirmed by the newspaper) that the aforesaid White contemplated employing a gentleman who lives west of Nebraska City, and who is the owner of a white mule, to spend his spare time, together with that of the mule, in working upon said road. The company expects to "strike iron" soon.

Mr. Richard C. Cushing, book keeper and business manager for John Fitzgerald, Esq., purchased a farm to-day twelve miles south of this city on the road to Wescott, Water Falls, Mr. Cushing has become satisfied that there is no country equal to Nebraska, and that now is the time to invest.

Hon. C. W. Seymour, writing from this city to Nebraska City (this home) recognizes our importance as a commercial point. Others would do the same thing if they would only come here and stay a few days, as Mr. Seymour did.

The Nebraska City daily Chronicle comes to us enlarged four columns, making it now one of the largest and most interesting papers in the State. The Chronicle is emphatically the people's paper, and is being liberally sustained.

A secret order, with ritual, signs and grips, called the Earthquake, has originated in Tipton, Indiana. Its objects and purposes are unknown.

Valleys & Ruffner are putting a pair of platform scales opposite their store on Main street.

The railroad company are putting in culverts across the track north of Main street. Not a bad idea.

"Chance" Harris, of the Council Bluffs Times, gives our city a good "setting up," which we copy to-day.

A lad sold six young buzzards the other day to a Chicago flat for eagles.—He didn't discover his mistake until he went to making inquiries as to the habits of the bird of freedom, its proper food, etc.

A workman in the R. R. Machine Shops had a piece of steel extracted from his finger yesterday, which had been there nearly four years. The piece measured three-fourths of an inch in length by about one-fourth in breadth in the centre, and narrowing to a point at each end. He had felt but little inconvenience from it until yesterday.

A Nebraska City correspondent writes to the Omaha Herald bewailing the death of that aged concern the News and thinks they will never be able to find another such man as J. Sterling. He praises Sterling because he stood by Pap Price's boys when they were friendless—when they were strangers in a strange land—when Penick's men were after them with sharp sticks.

Married on the evening of the 25th inst. at the residence of the officiating clergyman by the Rev. Daniel W. Cameron, Capt. HENRY E. PALMER, of the firm of Vivian & Palmer, and Miss LAURA Z. CASE, all of Plattsmouth.

A nook marriage was recently performed near Albany, Mo., by which a young girl was grossly deceived. The perpetrators should be given time to reflect over the enormity of the crime, at the expense of the State.

If you would prevent sunstroke this hot weather be temperate in your eating, strictly avoid all alcoholic drinks, keep a moist handkerchief or green leaves in the crown of your hat. If this does not prove effective, subscribe for the HERALD and say for it in advance, and we will insure you.

From Wednesday's Daily. Mercury up to 105° to-day.

The steamer Columbian, which was sunk recently, is believed to be a total wreck.

Harpers Weekly, for July 2nd, contains a "striking" representation of Cuban affairs. It will be found on the last page and is worth the price of the paper.

Did you ever think of it, that one good draught from Johnson's soda fountain is worth more as a promoter of health than half a dozen doses of medicine, and is far more palatable. Try it.

The Cass County Bible Society have just received a full invoice of Bibles and Testaments at their depository, with Clerk & Plummer. They are sold at the actual cost of manufacturing in New York, and given to those who are unable to purchase.

The Methodist Convention is in session in this city to-day. The attendance is very large, judging from the large number of arrivals by last evening's train.

A young man named Bailey was seriously injured at Nebraska City a few days since by being run over by a wagon.

Austin, the wounded printer at Council Bluffs, was not dead at last accounts, but it was not believed he could last much longer.

We learn that the interesting package received by Capt. H. E. Palmer, spoken of yesterday, consisted of a fine silver tea set, valued at \$150.

Chicago theatre audiences are judged from a moral point of view by the number that go out between the acts to "see a man." On a recent occasion, at the principal theatre, the whole audience, except two men, went out to drink.

Waterman & Son have reduced the prices of lumber from \$28 and \$32, to \$28 and \$30. See advertisement.

Chief Engineer Donno and his assistant, Mr. Holbrook, have gone west to-day to look after the work on the new contract west from Lincoln. They will make the necessary surveys for bridges, so that they may be ordered at once.

We are in receipt of a very readable magazine entitled "Good Health," which is published monthly by Alexander Moore, Boston, at \$2 a year or 20 cents a month. Its name indicates its mission. It takes the laws of life and the conditions of health as recognized by the great masters of the Anatomical, Physiological, Medical and Educational science, and unfolds and enforces them in a peculiarly effective and popular style. Send to the publisher for a single copy, and see how you like it.

The people of St. Joseph are becoming very anxious about a bridge across the Missouri at that place. The great difficulty about bridging at the different points where bridges are desired along the Missouri is that there are only one or two points on the upper Missouri where a low bridge (with a draw) can be constructed, and that the foundations are too deep to make a high bridge a success. Plattsmouth is the only point where a low bridge can be built successfully, as it is the only point where the channel never changes. Rocky Point, just below town, is the historic point mentioned in the report of Lewis & Clark, in their expedition through this then western wild, some forty years since.

Sheriff Johnson will start for Mississippi, Iowa, to-morrow with an insane man named Herbert Wolcott, a resident of the southern part of the county. He is about 22 years old, and his insanity dates back to a spell of sickness some six years ago. He is tractable most of the time, but occasionally attempts to destroy himself, and has once or twice attempted to take the lives of others.

The fruit prospect in Kentucky is glorious.

The census returns for this county will reveal the fact that Cass is far ahead, in agricultural matters, of what she is generally supposed to be.

Mr. Carmichael informed us yesterday that he had had, a few days before, a party of men with their families going west. They told him that when they entered Iowa at the northeast corner they were told that just a few miles farther on the crops were nearly all destroyed by drouth. When they arrived at the supposed destitute part they were told that a little farther west the drouth had ruined everything, and thus the story continued, and the crops continued to get better all the way across Iowa.—When they got to the other side of the river they were told that everything was parched up even in Nebraska, but when he got onto this side he found the finest crops he had ever seen anywhere. His drouth is following up after the "Great American Desert," and they will be found together.

We saw a few days since a curious specimen of the annual creation, in the possession of Dr. Rawlins. The animal was apparently of the locust species, but so different from anything we ever noticed in these parts that Dr. Rawlins decided to send it to an eminent naturalist at the east. We shall endeavor to obtain his decision also a description of the animal.

Rev. J. J. Roberts is in the city for a few days. He is now stationed at Blair, in this State.

A drove of nearly 300 Texas Cattle arrived in the city this morning for shipment east. Dealers are finding that this is the best point for shipment, as it saves crossing the Platte and is on the shortest and best route to Chicago.

Passengers on the B. & M. R. R. will be carried for half fare on the 4th of July—i. e., they will be carried to any given point and return for the price of the fare one way. This is done for the purpose of giving all an opportunity to spend the 4th in a pleasant and agreeable manner.

Less than a year ago we had a daily hack running between this city and Lincoln which was carrying, in cases of emergency, nine or ten passengers. The proprietors of the line thought they were doing a good business if they had a daily average of three or four passengers each way. We now have two daily passenger trains each way on the railroad, and they are often crowded with passengers.

We venture the assertion that Plattsmouth will outstrip all competitors this season in the way of improvements.—New houses are springing up in every nook and corner, and they are not slow in springing up, either. We were told by a gentleman this morning that he had recently noticed the lumber for a house being delivered on the ground in the morning, and passing the same spot in the evening he found the house up and a family living in it. Can anybody beat that for "high"?

There has been a great many new business houses opened in our city during the present season, and we have naturally felt an inclination to know whether or not the proprietors were disappointed in their expectations. We have asked many of them how they were succeeding, and they have invariably replied that they were doing a better business than they expected to when they opened.—That is certainly encouraging. Who could ask for a healthier sign for a town.

From O. A. Derby, Esq., who left Burlington at 7:20 last Saturday evening we learn that a destructive fire was raging in the lower part of the city when he left, although it was believed its force had been checked. The fire broke out in Cook & Hooper's shingle factory, near the Railroad Bridge, and had destroyed seven buildings when the train left. The fire damaged the C. B. & Q. R. R. track so as to prevent the passage of trains for a short time. Two fire engines were in successful operation when Mr. Derby left, and no further damage was anticipated.

A few days since we were handed a paper containing a letter written from Fremont, in this State to a Canada paper, wherein the writer labored long and hard to dissuade people from coming to this country. We read and wondered why this man was so bitter, for he was bitter, and he asserted many things which are untrue. Near the close of the letter we found the solution of the problem. He would up all the reasons he could manufacture for not coming here by saying: "Do not come to this country unless you are willing to hear the 'old flag' and the 'government' abused." That's what's the matter! Here we detect the secret.—This Later of Nebraska is also a hater of our Republican form of government.—We agree with him, that persons who think more of the "old flag" and the "government" of any other country than they do of this land of the free, had better stay away. We have no use for them here.

In every age the heart of man has been blessed by flowers. They wreath the cradle and the tomb, they deck the bridal and the bier. The Cupid of the ancients tipped his arrow with flowers, and with us orange blossoms crown the bride. Flowers garlanded the Grecian altar, and to-day they hang votive wreaths on the votive shrine. Flowers are always symbolical; on the brow of wedded beauty they are a lovely type of marriage, they twine around the tomb an emblem of the resurrection; they should festoon the place of offerings, for their beauty and fragrance ascend in perpetual adoration before the Most High.

Does not that look very much like the great "war horse" was "going back" on the party, and like the Register endorsed?

Brigham Young paid seventy-five dollars to take his family to a circus, the other day, and only took part of the children at that.

It is with feelings of mingled pleasure and regret that we notice the departure for the east of Mr. Cyrus Woodman, Vice President of the B. & M. R. R. Co. in Nebraska. It is a source of regret to lose him from our midst, as our relations with him as a man and an officer of the company have been of the most pleasant nature, and yet it is pleasant to know that he is to remain for a time with his family in the east, surrounded by all the social and domestic joys to which one of his great worth and his honorable men who alone succeeded without other help than their own energy, ability and straightforwardness.

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The Commissioners appointed by the Governor to inspect and report upon the B. & M. R. R. in Nebraska, under the provisions of the law granting State lands, have to-day inspected the third ten mile section of the road, and the lands will be selected at once. This will complete the State land donations to this road. We remember, very distinctly, that when the bill was up before the Legislature many of the wisecracks of the State looked upon the B. & M. as the most uncertain line contemplated, and the belief was almost general among the members that it would be as tardy in building as any line projected. Time works wonders, and to-day we find the B. & M. about completed to the capital—a distance of fifty five miles from Plattsmouth—and the only road which has secured more than the first ten miles of its lands under that law, and the only one being built with a view to making a legitimate line of railway, if we except, perhaps, the Omaha & Southwestern, which is now operating on the second ten miles, and is pushing through as rapidly as possible to a connection with this city, and a prospect of continuing through this county in a southerly and westerly direction.

Pet goats are the rage with Boston belles.

Magnolias were beginning to bloom at Nashville on the 3d.

ANOTHER MURDER.

A Woman Named Powers Shot and Killed.

Arrest of Gallant Rakes as the Supposed Murderer.

We stated yesterday that some person had been shot in the Rakes neighborhood. The following are the facts as near as we are able to learn them:

Mrs. Powers, a lady some forty-five years of age, lives in the southern part of this county, in a house adjoining that of Mr. John Rakes, with her son. Between nine and ten o'clock yesterday (Tuesday) morning she was returning from her garden, and when about 300 yards from the house she was shot in the back, by some person unknown to her, the ball entering near the spine, passing entirely through the body and coming out near the navel. Dr. Latta was sent for immediately, but the shot was of such a nature as to pierce her beyond hope. She died about nine o'clock last evening. During the day a large number of the citizens gathered at the house, and everything was done to bring to light the perpetrator of this foul deed. After putting together all the facts they could obtain, suspicion fastened upon Gallant Rakes, a son of John Rakes, aged about nineteen years. He was known to have been near where the shot was fired at the time and was known to have been armed with a revolver (which he carries all the time). He was working in the field near where the woman passed, and tracks exiting his room found going to and returning from a point very near to where the shooting was done. There are various reports in circulation regarding the affair, but as the matter is to undergo legal investigation we refrain from giving them. The circumstances were deemed sufficient to warrant the arrest of young Rakes, hence he was taken into custody last night by virtue of a warrant issued by Justice Allison. The prisoner was brought to this city to-day for examination; but it was deemed expedient to await the result of an inquest which is now being held on the body. The examination is set for one o'clock to-morrow, before Justice O'Neill.

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SECOND DAY. WEDNESDAY, June 29, 1870.

Convention called to order by the President, Hon. G. W. Frost. Opened by Rev. T. B. Lennon, with reading of the scriptures and prayer.

A full attendance of delegates was present. Some additional ones arrived this morning.

Consideration of sites for Seminary was in order.

The Commission on Education met and recommended the postponing of determining the site of the Seminary until the day previous to the meeting of the next annual conference. Pending this movement remarks were made by Messrs. Miller, Ritchie and others.

Motion for postponement carried.

Hon. E. H. Rogers, Hon. A. J. Crosey, Hon. J. H. Croxon, were added to the list of the Commission on Education.

An address on Public Education was delivered by Rev. H. T. Davis, of Lincoln. This address was vigorous and to the point. It was followed by a discussion led by Rev. J. B. Maxfield. Debate was participated in by Frost, Miller, Slaughter and others. Considerable spirit was manifested by different speakers. The speech of Hon. G. W. Frost was full of fire, and had the true western ring, and frequently elicited the heartiest applause. He evidently had the full sympathy of the audience. Methodist ministers pitch into each other with a vim which to an outsider is terrific.—Harmony prevails to a great degree, yet on questions of a local character sometimes provokes a warm debate.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock this P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

After an animated discussion of the question, "The relation of the State to the common schools," the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That at all hazards our system of common schools, should be sustained in its integrity, entirely independent of sectarian control.

The address on the above topic, from Rev. G. De La Matry, was one of rare ability. It had all the polish of high classical culture, evincing the utmost research and the deepest thought. Copious illustrations were drawn from the history of different nations, clear, pertinent and overpowering. None who heard this address could fail to see more clearly than ever before, the essential necessity of the common school system to the perpetuity as well as the prosperity of the State. To hear it was to feel an increased affection for this bulwark of our free institutions.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

All About Things in the Vicinity of Lincoln.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 27, 1870.

Ed. HERALD.—I now present for the first time, to illuminate the columns of your paper with one of my epistles.

The town is not unusually quiet now, and but little has occurred of late worthy of especial remark. People continue to buy corner lots, build, grow rich and laugh or repine at the stupidity of Eastern capitalists, who hesitate to withdraw their funds from investments from which they realize but six or seven per cent. per annum, and invest them here where as great gains are realized monthly.

Considerable dissatisfaction is manifested at the result, but too recently expected, of the Indian Peace now on, and the wish is frequently expressed that certain persons at Washington whose influence is used for the perpetuation of the present Indian policy, might be initiated into the "red order of the red man" after