

There were thirteen car loads of tea passed over the B. & M. R. R. Tuesday, direct from China.

We noticed a large amount of lead pipe going west yesterday, to be used in the round house of the B. & M. R. R. at Lincoln.

The committee of arrangement for the opening of the Fitzgerald Hall are requested to meet at the residence of Father Hays on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Farmers, bring your grain to headquarters if you want the highest price. Eighty-one cents for wheat to-day on 'Change' Job work neatly executed at the HERALD office.

Plattsmouth is now the best market for farm produce, lumber, coal, etc., in the State.

Work on the great Central R. R. Bridge over the Missouri river at this place will go slow during the winter. The company will content itself with making its banks secure against the spring rise.

The Headquarters offices of the B. & M. R. in Nebraska were removed to the new depot building, north of the HERALD office, this morning. The ticket and freight offices will be transferred in a few days.

D. H. Wheeler & Co., Real Estate Agents of this city, have perfected arrangements for issuing a monthly paper to be called the Nebraska Land Agent, devoted to the Real Estate business, and to advertising our State, county and city. The first number will appear about the 15th inst.

The Y. M. C. A. Reading Rooms—free to everybody—is becoming the most popular evening resort in the city. The room is now supplied with about one hundred newspapers and magazines many of them daily, embracing many of the leading papers of the day. Call and spend an hour at the Hall and you will not fail to continue your visits.

We are authorized to state that the citizens of Avoca precinct will hold a meeting at Factoryville at 1 o'clock Friday December, 9th for the purpose of ascertaining what they are willing to do in the way of aid to the O. & S. W. R. R.

The clerk of the Farmers Home in St. Joseph, was robbed last Monday morning of some \$70 by three men who entered his sleeping apartment and threw a coat over his head and held him down till they "went through" his pockets. We learn from the Union.

Another new business house is going up on our west of Oldham & Sons Grocery Store. We understand that it is being erected by the Messrs. Oldham, to be occupied by them as a store.

A cave of unknown capacity, but evidently very large, has been discovered near Georgetown, Missouri, which has indications of having at some time been used as a haunt for either robbers or refugees. A company of explorers are about to endeavor a solution of the mystery.

Mr. John B. Furry, U. S. Mail Agent was in the city this morning. We learn from him that changes in our mails have been recommended which, if carried out will greatly facilitate the people of Cass in obtaining their eastern mails. Furry is a wide awake man, and is constantly on the watch to serve the interests of the Department.

Hereafter passengers on the evening train from the east will be crossed from the lower depot on the Iowa side.

We noticed, last evening, a large quantity of beef and pork, dressed, on the platform of the B. & M. R. in Nebraska, for shipment west. Plattsmouth is fast becoming the great stock market of the west, as well as the grain and lumber market. With the completion of the O. & S. W. R. R. through our city and county, we will take rank as the best market west of the Mississippi river.

We learn from the Nebraska city papers that butter in that city is only worth 30 cents, eggs 20 cents, chickens 12 cents per pound, potatoes 20 cents and turnips 15 cents per bushel; while in Plattsmouth butter is selling 40 cents, eggs at 35 cents, chickens at 15 cents a pound, potatoes 35 cents and turnips 25 cents per bushel. These and other things are what bring farmers to Plattsmouth from within a few miles of Nebraska City. Time was when things were not thus, but the "wheel of fortune" has brought Plattsmouth on the up grade.

The Chronicle of Nebraska City, boasts of a turnip that measures 31 1/2 inches and weighs 7 pounds. We can discount that, Waters. We saw one in this city, which measured three feet in circumference and weighed seventeen and a half pounds.

Messrs. John Teschner, Henry Van Armand and Alvin made the rounds last night in the capacity of serenaders. Mr. Alvin's violin and Teschner and Van Armand with the guitar, together with Teschner's voice is equal to a whole band of ordinary musicians. They render "Sherman's March to the Sea" with sufficient power to make one feel as though he "would like to be a soldier." Come again, boys.

Mr. C. Edmunds is in our city for a day or two, gathering statistical information relative to our city and county upon which to have an article for the Omaha Tribune. Mr. Edmunds makes this business a specialty, and knows just how to go at it. We would suggest that copies of his letter sent east would no doubt do much towards advertising our city and county.

Carter's Theatrical Troupe were performing at Nebraska City a few days since. We invite them to Plattsmouth as soon as "Our Fritz's" Hall is completed—say in two or three weeks.

U. S. M. TAKE NOTICE. A regular meeting of the Nebraska Chapter, No. 3, will be held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, December 13th, at 8 o'clock, p. m. A full attendance is desired. The annual election takes place on that evening. Transient companions are invited to be present. D. H. WHEELER, H. P. deWid. W. W.

PERSONAL. Hon. A. B. F. Her, of Ashland arrived in the city by the 4 o'clock train. Maj. D. H. Wheeler and J. C. Fox, Esq., left for Omaha this evening. Anson C. Tichenor—he of oil, coal, and Tichenor House Lottery fame—came in on the 4 o'clock train from Lincoln and left immediately for the east.

FIRE AT NEBRASKA CITY. Another fire at occurred at Nebraska City last Sunday morning, which destroyed three buildings on Main street, between 9th and 10th streets. One building was empty, the others were used as grain warehouses by Mullholland & Thatcher and Thos. McLoughry.—Loss of buildings \$2,000; loss of grain about \$5,000—no insurance on building, grain fully insured. The fire originated in the vacant building, which is considered conclusive evidence that it was the work of an incendiary. This is the third fire in Nebraska City within a short time. A much greater conflagration was only prevented by the prompt action of the fire company. We learn the above from the Chronicle.

"JOAN OF ARC." Is the title of the Lecture to be delivered by Gen. Geo. H. Roberts next Saturday evening, at the Hall of the Y. M. C. A. This is probably one of the finest lectures we will have during the course, and we would advise those who expect seats to go early. The number of seats will be doubled for this occasion, in order to accommodate as many as possible.

THE INSANE. Dr. Larsh, Marshall Hastings and Hon. Geo. P. Tucker, came through from Mt. Pleasant this morning with a special car containing the Insane of this State who have been under treatment at that place. There were eighteen patients in all, five females and thirteen males. The car was transferred at this place and its occupants were not required to leave the car from the time they entered it at Mt. Pleasant until they arrived at Lincoln. The Dr. informed us that they had no difficulty with any of the patients, although one or two were inclined to be troublesome when they first started. Among them we noticed the familiar face of Godfrey Fickler, who looked quite well. He was not talkative but looked and spoke cheerfully.

OUR WHOLESALE TRADE. As an item of interest to those who sneer at the statement that Plattsmouth is the great commercial center of the west—the point from which the vast region of country lying between the Missouri river and the Rocky Mountains and between the Platte and the Republican rivers draws its supplies, and through which its products are shipped eastward, would notice the fact that eleven car loads of merchandise were shipped west by the 5 o'clock train this evening. How will that do to wind up the week's work?

THE GRAIN MARKET. There was a little flurry in the wheat market this forenoon, and the bidding climbed up to eighty-one cents a bushel. This works to the advantage of the farmers, and they are not slow to take advantage of it. We venture the assertion that this is ten cents per bushel more than was paid to-day in any other market west of the Missouri river. This favor of our city as a grain market is having a good effect on the general business of the city. It brings farmers here with their grain from neighborhoods heretofore unknown to Plattsmouth merchants, and the money received for their produce is left in the various stores, lumber yards and manufactories—or at least a fair proportion of it is so distributed. As the markets now stand it will pay the farmers living in the vicinity of Nebraska City to haul their grain to Plattsmouth—as many of them are doing.

THE HAWK-EYE ARMOY. The above is the title of the very excellent lecture delivered by Prof. Magoon last evening in the Hall of the Y. M. C. A. of this city. It consisted principally in a report of what the Professor saw and thought during a year's sojourn in Europe, and was replete with contrasts between American and foreign institutions, manners and customs.—Some of his comparisons in manners made the American custom look exceedingly boorish, while the comparisons of the political institutions of the different countries made America stand out in grand proportions, and caused the listener to feel a just pride in being called an American. The Prof. is one of the finest speakers we have heard for many days. His articulation is of the very best, and his sentences composed and delivered in a style rarely met with in the west. The hall was well filled, and the lecture committee of the Y. M. C. A. may justly feel proud of the success of this, the first lecture of the season.

Tickets for this Lecture can be obtained at the Bank—the Post Office—the Drug Stores, and from F. P. Todd. The price is so low we hope our citizens will take hold of this matter in a friendly spirit, and give the Professor a full house. The Lecture Committee has taken a great deal of pains to secure good Lecturers—they have a fine Hall, well lighted and comfortably arranged. Turn out, everybody, and hear the Lectures. Ladies press your husbands and sweet hearts to take you to the Lecture.

Dr. Blue and J. Sterling Marton, of Nebraska City, have been engaged to lecture at Brownville. We were surprised to learn that Dr. Marton was to lecture on "Horns" and the Dr. on "putty." We hope to hear them in Plattsmouth before the close of the season.

O. & S. W. RAILROAD. The people of Eight Mile Grove held a meeting last Saturday, at which it was determined that they would vote \$25,000 in precinct bonds, to the above named railroad company provided the road should be run via Eight Mile Grove and a depot located and built not more than 15 miles from the church; and, provided further, that \$25,000 in stock of railroad bonds should be issued to prepay for the \$25,000 in bonds.

NAOMI INSTITUTE. We are pleased to learn, as we do from Prof. Patterson, that the Naomi Institute, situated at Rock Bluff, is in a flourishing condition. The Prof. is a man of indomitable energy, with a determination to accomplish some good in the world, and such men cannot fail of success, neither can those who are placed under his care. The Fall Term of this favorite school commences on Tuesday the 13th of December. See advertisement.

TEMPERANCE. We are pleased to learn that a large number of the mechanics in the Railroad Machine shop, including that thorough going man, Michael Eagan, foreman of the establishment, have joined the good Templars' Lodge of this city during the past few weeks. We know that this action on the part of these men will be viewed with much favor by the managers of the railroad company, as well as by every good man and woman in the country. Especially is it a pleasure to us to know that hard working men, who have families dependent upon their earnings for support, have determined that no more of their hard earned means shall be squandered in drink. We believe in temperance in all things and at all times; but more especially believe in it for a laboring man or mechanic, if for no other reason than a financial one.

THE TRUNK RAILROAD. A Proposition from J. F. Joy. We have authority for saying that J. F. Joy, the great Railroad King of the west, has made a written proposition for building the Trunk Road through from the State line—to which point he has already contracted to build—to Plattsmouth, and to have the cars running into this city before the first day of January 1872. Mr. Joy will ask aid in the different counties, either in precinct or county bonds. His proposition in regard to the aid is that the bonds be voted, issued and placed in the hands of trustees, to be delivered to him when the cars run into Plattsmouth, the bonds to draw only eight per cent. interest, and interest to commence until the road is completed and the bonds delivered. We shall speak further of this matter when we have more space. In the meantime it would be well for our people to consider this feature of our railroad enterprise.

We had a call this morning from Mr. A. L. Fox, of the firm of J. M. Wing & Co., publishers of the Land Owner, of Chicago. Mr. Fox has made a proposition to our business men which should be accepted at once. It is to the effect that he will make a cartoon of our city 10x12 inches, publish it through the entire edition of the Land Owner, 10,000 copies—together with an editorial article showing the location of our city, and will then furnish the stereotype plate for use here, for the moderate sum of \$100. The editorial article alone is worth the money, and we hope the offer of Mr. Fox will be accepted at once. He left for Lincoln this morning, and will be in our city again in a few days. During his absence Maj. D. H. Wheeler will canvass the subject of the cartoon.

The first issue of The Cass Democrat was distributed this morning, dated Friday, December 24. It is an eight column paper, is got up in fair mechanical style, devotes a reasonable amount of space to local matters, and believes that all things which look bad in the history of the Democratic party, should be considered dead. The Democrat is published by Messrs. Fox & Fullow— the former from Illinois and the latter from Missouri—both of whom we welcome to our city as men who, having charge of a newspaper, are expected to do much towards advancing the interests of our city, county and State. We hope to labor amicably with them in the accomplishment of this object, as we believe we shall. Time will test the power of the Democrat in the accomplishment of good, as it has done for the HERALD. Wade in, neighbors, and assist us in making the greatest city in the west, and we will say "bully boys."

We were shown a book by Major Wheeler a few days since, the property of Judge Child, which is something of a curiosity. It is entitled "The Code of 1650, being a compilation of the earliest laws and orders of the General Court of Connecticut," etc., to which is added some extracts from the old "Blue Laws." The volume is antiquated in appearance and does not much resemble a "Code" of the present day.

We heard some excellent music at the Sociable at the Y. M. C. A. Hall last Monday evening. The singing by Prof. D'Allemand's class was particularly fine; also the instrumental and vocal music furnished by Mrs. Guard, Miss Meyers, and others. These Sociables are a fine arrangement, and should be encouraged.

The Chronicle says Maj. Pearson received an order for one dozen cherry trees to be sent by mail.

The City Hotel at Hamburg, Iowa, was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 24th.

M. W. Jacobus, D. D., Commentator, and Professor in Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa., says of "Our Father's House": "The topics are fresh and suggestive: the style is highly cultivated and ornate; the book is fascinating in its structure and elevating."

PLATTSMOUTH, Dec. 2d, 1870. Pursuant to call of the Committee a large number of the citizens of Plattsmouth precinct assembled at the Court House at 2 o'clock p. m. On motion Jacob Valley Jr., was elected Chairman and H. D. Hathaway chosen Secretary.

Gen. Livingston stated the object of the meeting to be to ascertain what the people of Plattsmouth were willing to do in the way of aiding in the construction of the O. & S. W. R. R. through our county, also to express their preference as to the route, as no route had yet been determined upon.

Col. Van Armand was in favor of giving precinct bonds in aid of the road. He was willing to give in proportion to his means. If we could not get the road for \$50,000 he was in favor of giving more. He thought we should have a larger turnout of the people, and suggested an adjournment until evening.

S. Duke Esq., said he thought the company had set their figures pretty high, and that he understood they only asked of Oros county \$100,000 in bonds. He thought Plattsmouth precinct could afford to give \$50,000 in precinct bonds provided the road came through the corporation. He did not believe bonds could be carried unless the road did come through the city. He thought the road could be brought through on the "telegraph line" without so high a grade as was talked of.

Mr. Valery said engineer Wellington had surveyed the route through with the "telegraph line" and said a road could be built with a grade not more than 50 feet to the mile.

Dr. G. H. Block thought there was no use to hold any further meeting, but wanted resolutions passed to the effect that Plattsmouth precinct would vote \$25,000 and the city of Plattsmouth would vote \$50,000. Dr. Block moved that the secretary be authorized to notify the company that we would submit a proposition to give the \$75,000 in city and precinct bonds provided they would run their road through the city, and that otherwise we would not give them a cent. After some discussion this motion was laid on the table until 7 o'clock this evening.

Meeting convened at 7 p. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Chairman. The action taken by the afternoon meeting was reported. The motion of Dr. Block was taken up and discussed by Messrs. Wheeler, Livingston, Van Armand, Dr. G. H. Block, Fitzgerald, Chapman, Smith, Mickelwait, Lyman, Dr. John Black and others. Several amendments were offered and suggestions made, and it was finally decided to await a survey of the "telegraph line" route before making any definite proposition to the Company.

On motion, the whole question was laid on the table, and the Secretary was instructed to notify the Railroad Company of the sense of the meeting.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet on a call of the President and Secretary. JACOB VALLEY, Ch'n. H. D. HATHAWAY, Sec'y.

MONSTER SAFE. We noticed, a few days since, the arrival of a safe for the County Treasurer's office. At the time we made the notice we supposed the safe was one of ordinary size and build, hence we only spoke of it in general terms. Come to see it in the office and see its ponderous doors ajar it looks more like a moderate sized house than an ordinary safe. It is of the celebrated Hall manufacture and is seven feet high, six feet wide and four feet deep. It is provided with the usual large doors, an inside pair of heavy steel doors, and inside of all is a third door opening into a burglar proof vault as large as a common safe. Each door is provided with a combination lock of the most approved pattern, each different from the other, rendering an entrance by any other person than the one having the knowledge of the different combinations an utter impossibility. The weight is 10,000 pounds, and the cost, besides transportation, \$1,500. This monster safe is large enough to hold all the money and valuable books and papers our county will ever have, and in case of necessity one corner might be set apart to confine refractory prisoners in.

The North Platte Advertiser hits the Omaha Tribune in the following style: "Why will not the Omaha Tribune support an honest man for Senatorial honors? We would then respect it."

What makes the Omaha Tribune contemptible is this: from the first day of its existence it has assumed to be the special mouthpiece and shrieker of political morality in this State, and yet for the same length of time it has supported the Senatorial claims of a man whom it does not deny to have been as deep in the Omaha mire as even it accuses any one else of having been.

A GENTLEMAN in Maryland sends for the Tribune because he says, "I saw some extracts from your paper in the Plattsmouth HERALD, and I like your doctrine."—Omaha Tribune.

RECORDER'S COURT. Nov. 30.—"It never rains but it pours" was illustrated yesterday in the Recorder's Court. A dearth of dissipation was followed by a "heap of fines and drunks." Two, who shall be nameless, were found trying their physical powers in a famous resort for the thirty, and both were brought into court and duly fined. One paid, the other gave security. Officer Williams, in his peculiar "back or nothing" way, tried to procure order in court, and succeeded.—Two of our colored friends, brothers, grandmother's aunts and such, had a slight unpleasantness in the rear of the Brooks House first block for the dishwasher. The dark knight of the saw and buck was flanked and forced to beat a hasty retreat, somewhat demoralized, and a trifle scattered. When we came from the court the case had not come up for trial. The items were obtained from officer Williams.

Dec. 1.—There was "silence deep as death," and the Recorder held his breath "for a time," upon the appearance of James, alias Candy, alias Pretty Brady. His stalwart frame had hardly daunted the threshold of the court room when expressions were heard, asking "can such things be!" one young, so fair—famed for his honesty, temperance and industry, brought into court upon the paltry charge of being drunk? Most strenuously did he deny the charge. The Recorder was referred to Stadelman & Co., Marshal Murphy and Mr. Curran, who would give the required testimonials. Fine and costs, the result, with the remark from the Recorder that he stood in great danger of being "busted with a board" upon a repetition of the offense.

One Waif who flew out of the River House and lit about ten feet from the door, plead guilty to having undertaken a feat that required assistance to give him a start. His "vaunting ambition" overleaped itself, and whether from the bench or lightning too quick was the cause, we did not learn; but he is now boarding with Joe.

Dec. 3.—We had the exquisite and great honor of being made acquainted with Henry Comb Burns only son of Robert Burns, old Scotch Bard, as he is called. He is a young man of fine talents, and we believe they propose to construct other lines to different parts of the country as they get the stock taken.

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BOY RUN OVER AND INSTANTLY KILLED. We learn from officer Williams of a horrible accident which happened on the opposite bank of the river this afternoon, as follows: A little son of Mr. Cooley, who lives near the railroad freight house on the Iowa side, got on a loaded wagon belonging to our townsman, Walter J. White, to ride over to Plattsmouth.—Coming through the village of Belshiem the little fellow (who was only 12 years old) was jostled from his seat and fell to the ground immediately in front of the fore wheel of the wagon, which passed directly over his head before the team could be stopped, crushing the skull as though it were an egg shell.—So sudden and so complete was the whole thing that the little fellow did not utter a cry nor make a single struggle.

Gov. Butler publishes the following card: "Editor State Journal.—I notice that in the advertisement of Tichenor's Real Estate Gift Concert, my name is appended as a recommendation of the enterprise to the people of the State, and I signed such a recommendation or authorized any one to use my name in the affair, and it has been done without my knowledge or consent."

GREAT WESTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY. As many citizens of this State, and of this city, have paid money into this company on shares, we doubt not the following expose of its mode of doing business will be of general interest. We extract from the monetary column of the Chicago Tribune of Nov. 29:

A reader of the Tribune writes from Kansas City, in behalf of himself and others, as follows: "Can you give me any information in regard to the standing of the Great Western Telegraph Company? Have they ever paid a dividend, and if so, how much, and was it legitimate? Many of the readers of the Tribune here are interested in this company, and would like to know."

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FILLMORE COUNTY. "JOTTINGS BY THE WAY"—TO THE REPUBLICAN VALLEY AND BACK. Mr. EDITOR.—Shortly after our last writing, we started with all our boys (except the titan), and several of the youths of the neighborhood, for a visit to and a hunt on the Republican and Fillmore counties. As our entire party were boys, we laid aside all reserve, and became a boy with the others. And we must say we never have experienced a more pleasant, joyous, happy time, since the days of "long ago."

In order that the readers of the HERALD may follow our trail, we will give you our "jottings by the way." We started from sec. 10, town 8 of range 5 west, at 10 a. m., Nov. 27. At night we camped in a beautiful grove of School creek, sec. 3, town 7, range 5 west, beneath the wide-spread branches of a giant old elm, which has drawn abundant nourishment from the rich soil, the clear, pure water of the sparkling stream, for ages past. About 6 o'clock a strong southwest wind commenced blowing and driving the smoke and flames of a prairie fire, which we had seen in the distance, through the afternoon, into the camp, and all hands, and after two hours hot work, we succeeded in extinguishing the flames and saving our camp. As we stood upon an eminence, watching the crackling, devouring fire, as they raged over the prairie at race-horse speed, we saw several deer spring from in front of the fire. At the same time we heard the well known crack of our old rifle, and on turning, saw our youngest "spring" through the fire with a fine buck's head. As he drew his knife from its sheath he shouted, "hurrah! first blood, my lingo, lead a hand boys to bring in the game." The night was spent in the clear, pure water of the sparkling stream, for ages past. About 6 o'clock a strong southwest wind commenced blowing and driving the smoke and flames of a prairie fire, which we had seen in the distance, through the afternoon, into the camp, and all hands, and after two hours hot work, we succeeded in extinguishing the flames and saving our camp.

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