

"FIDDLESTICKS" HEARD FROM.

A fellow writes to the Omaha Herald from this county, and signs himself "Fiddlesticks" (an avulgarism of "fiddlesticks"), and he proceeds to tell all about the recent election and the Republican convention, and other things, which he knows as much about as he does about "the man in the moon." He writes flippantly about "rings" and "bolters," and about individuals of whom he knows nothing. He endeavors to create a feeling of dissatisfaction among Republicans by making incorrect assertions; but he will find he has his hands full if he attends to the Democratic party of this county, without meddling with and misrepresenting the doings of Republican conventions. The facts are—although we have said but little about the recent convention or the election—that the Republican County Convention in this county was one of the fairest and fullest—every vote being cast—that ever was held in the county, and we have every reason to believe that the nominees gave general satisfaction. Of course men have their preferences, and some one must always be disappointed; but in the recent convention here, there was no issue made for or against any particular interest, and the man who attempts to create dissatisfaction between his fellow men, simply that he may be counted as a successful meddler, may well sign himself "Fiddlesticks." The Republicans of Cass have completely "soured" on democratic interference, and they propose hereafter to manage their own affairs without consulting "Fiddlesticks" or any other would-be meddler, as the recent election demonstrated. There is a principle yet to contend for by Republicans, which "Fiddlesticks" democrats would very much pleased to have forgotten, but which cannot and will not be lost sight of while the "democrats" of war times stand before the people asking to be placed in office instead of a Republican. Try some other chute, "Fiddlesticks;" for you have failed in this.

SENSIBLE WORDS ABOUT ADVERTISING.

The following is from the financial article of the New York Journal of Commerce, and we commend it to every business man in this vicinity for a careful perusal and due consideration. It is a fact worthy of note that most of the shrewd business men of the United States are returning to the old method of liberal newspaper advertising, after having tried the drummer method and found that it did not bring trade proportionate to the expense when compared with newspaper advertising: "People who sit nervously in counting-houses, or behind their goods, waiting for customers to take them by storm, and making no effort to let the world know the bargains they have to offer, will find the season very unpropitious. Many of those who spent large sums in hiring drummers and paying for other well known appliances of trade, have effected large sales, but swallowed up a large share of the receipts in such enormous attendant expenses. The best remuneration has been found by those who have returned to more legitimate old-fashioned methods of pushing their business. We say it, not simply because we are interested in this line of expenditure, but as our best advice to all who wish to be enterprising and to secure a larger custom, there is nothing now so effective to this end as judicious advertising. A little advertising may be like a gentle touch of the whip to poor Dobbin's horse—a mere throw away; but a liberal, outlay is almost certain to bring it in a large return, and this will last even beyond the current season.—We do not believe that any one who has valuable service or desirable property to offer can fail of reaping a rich harvest by continuous advertising on a large scale."

THE WESTERN FIRE.

The Pawnee Tribune of the 14th contains the following in regard to the fire which swept over a portion of the west recently: Last Saturday evening a fire broke out in the western portion of the county, and continued to burn all night, and until Sunday morning, when a high wind rose and fanned it into a mighty conflagration, which traveled with fearful speed, consuming everything in its way, and leaving devastation and ruin behind. Persons living in the vicinity through which it passed report it as the largest and most destructive they ever witnessed.—It seemed to travel with the speed of lightning. Those who saw it coming began making efforts to save a portion of their effects, but found it impossible to do so, and were compelled to flee to save their lives. We have not learned the full particulars, but it is estimated that a number of people in the eastern and northwestern part of the county had their houses, grain, hay, and barns burned to the ground. It is also reported that a number of horses and cattle were burned to death. At the same time a large fire was raging a few miles east of town, though not so fearful as the one west. The wind blew a perfect hurricane all day last Sabbath, which rendered the flames unmanageable, and they swept on in their mad career, carrying destruction in every quarter, even where persons thought themselves secure. So far, we have heard of no lives lost.—Many escaped with severe burns.

Hidden Treasures.

In the "green-room" in Dresden, where for centuries the Saxon princes have gathered their gems and treasures until they have become worth millions of dollars, may be seen a silver egg, a present to one of the Saxon queens, which, when you touch a spring, opens and reveals a golden yolk. Within this is hid a chicken, whose wings being pressed also dies open, disclosing a splendid golden crown studded with jewels. Nor is this all; another spring being touched in the center is found a magnificent diamond ring. So it is with every truth and promise of God's word—treasure within a treasure. The more we examine it the richer it becomes. But how many neglect to touch the springs!

Mr. Tilgham, of Philadelphia, has invented a valuable process of cutting glass or of grinding its surface by means of a jet of sand driven with great velocity, by air or steam, against the plate to be cut or ground.

NEBRASKA. THE FIRE FIEND.

Terrible Prairie Fires—Reported Loss of Life.

Destructive prairie fires have been raging in all parts of the West, and Gage county has suffered, among others. The continued warm weather had so dried the grass that a spark was all that was necessary to start a flame, which before the driving south winds of last week, was liable to become a terrible engine of destruction. On Friday of last week a fire started on the south side of the Blue, which traveled rapidly to the river, and up its course in a northwestern direction, as far as Cub creek. Opposite town it got into the hay stacks of Mr. H. L. Smith and G. P. Whitcomb, destroying about ten tons belonging to the former, and some seventy tons owned by the latter. Mr. James Marsh saved his hay, and stables by dint of hard work on the part of himself and a dozen others. On the outside we have referred to the very destructive fire on Mud creek. We do not hear that it reached any further to the north of that line.

ON INDIAN CREEK.

Last week Wednesday, Indian creek was visited by a fire, and several acres of loss of property. Mart Thompson lost 75 bushels of wheat in the stack, all his straw, and considerable timber, through which the fire ran. John Barnhouse lost about all his wheat and hay, how much we have not heard. Mr. Crossley suffered to the extent of 35 tons of hay. It is reported here that three children living somewhere between Indian creek and Nemaha, were burned to death, while their parents were at church, but we have been unable to learn the particulars of the terrible calamity, if true.

ON CUB CREEK.

The Sunday fire reached Cub Creek, and lashed by the fierce wind, wrought much destruction along that stream. Thos. Freeman had 500 bushels of oats and barley, which were totally burnt, together with about 5,000 feet of fencing, and much of his timber on the creek.

H. S. Odell had a hard fight with the fire, and came out with his face and hands badly burnt, and with a loss of about 160 bushels of wheat in the stack. John Collet did not succeed in saving any of his hay, or wheat, about one hundred bushels of the latter having been destroyed.

John Schewe's wood pile, containing 94 cords of hard wood, was licked up by the devouring element, leaving him only a pile of ashes.

O. Blandon and Aug. Myer, both lost all their hay, some 30 tons.

ON SICILY CREEK.

In the Blue Springs items will be found an account of the disastrous fire on Sicily Creek. Here, as elsewhere, many who suffered no loss, saved their houses, stables, grain and hay, only by persistent and laborious fighting, back firing and plowing. On the lower Blue, we do not hear of any damage, except to C. Young, who lost his hay. The loss sustained by this sweep will be severely felt in many quarters, while it teaches the lesson of precaution to those who make no preparation for these annual visitations. Hedge rows, and even creeks, will not stop such fires as these, and growing crops, and the crops they bear, are especially those with about \$200, as they would soon make money. The climate is first-class, and I can see all that is wanted is capital and labor. I should, I judge, my land would be worth in England £50 to £100 per acre at least. And now allow me to say, don't make such a boon of homesteads, as the terms of railroad land are such as you can recommend as liberal and good; I say this, as it will prevent disappointment to many. Please note this. I have seen Abbott, and a lot of the other fellows you sent out, they are up at Seward and Adams county. I think the railway people should be more liberal as regards excess luggage. Can't you do something in that way to get some of the help in getting my wife out this fall, with one or two children. I want you to place her under the care of some family coming this way from London. I want help in getting my wife out this fall, as expensive, as it is money I want here; my brother will wait upon you. Will you kindly do the best you can for her. I shall be happy to hear from you, and help me in getting my wife out to do. Excuse the paper.—Yours truly, THOMAS JARRETT, late of Cambridge.

Foundation of Colleges.

The first college in the American colonies was that at Cambridge, founded in 1638. The first commencement was held in October, 1642, when nine students were admitted to the degree of Bachelors. It took its name, Harvard, from the principal benefactor. For more than sixty years, gentlemen in Connecticut sent their sons to Cambridge for an education; but in 1693, the clergy in Connecticut nominated ten of their number as trustees to form a college. These met in New Haven in 1700, and formed a society which was called the seven clergymen, and for the purpose of establishing and governing a college. A charter of incorporation was granted by the Legislature in October, 1701.—The first commencement was held in 1709, the students were placed at Milford and Saybrook, under different instructors, and so continued until 1716, when New Haven was made the permanent seat of the college. It is now Yale College, after the name of one of the principal benefactors.

No Hours—No Home.

What a misfortune! How sad the thought! No hours—no home—no knowledge of the blessed influence of comfortable homes; merely from a want of thrift, or from dissipated habits, a youth spent in frivolous amusements, and demoralizing associations, leaving them at middle age, when the physical intellectual man should be in his greatest vigor, enervated and without any inaudible ambition.—Friends long since lost, confidence gone, and nothing to look to in old age but a mere toleration in the community where they spend the remainder of their life; to fly to when wearied with the struggles incident to life; no wife to cheer them in their dependency; no children to amuse them, and no virtuous household to give zest to the joys of life. All is blank, and there is no hope or succor except that which is given out by the hands of private or public charities.—When the family of the sober and industrious citizen gather around the cheerful fire of a wintry day, the homeless man is seeking a shelter in the cells of the station house, or heaving for night, but in the out-buildings of one who started in life at the same time, with no greater advantages; but honesty and industry built up that home, while dissipation destroyed the other.

The fence is a costly fixture.

Illinois is said to have ten times as much fence as Germany, and Dutchess county, N. Y. more than all France. A narrow path divides farms in France, Germany and Holland. In South Carolina the improved land is estimated to be worth \$20,000,000; the fee for having cost \$100,000,000. The annual repair is a tenth of this. A recent calculation places the cost of fences in the United States at \$1,300,000,000. Nicholas Biddle, thirty years ago, said, the Pennsylvania fences had cost \$100,000,000. In Ohio they are put at \$115,000,000, and in New York at \$144,000,000. Some day, fences will probably disappear, and boundaries will be marked with wind and shade trees, or neat hedge-rows.

According to the London Telegraph.

"A large drove of wolves lately made their appearance in the suburbs of Chicago."

CHICAGO! LATEST PARTICULARS.

Chicago, Oct. 18.

The Board of Trade has decided to put up a tent of canvas, at once, somewhere in the vicinity of their old rooms. The directors of the Republic Insurance Company of this city have decided to purchase a new building, and their losses foot up to \$3,600,000, while their cash assets are only \$900,000. They will pay twenty-five cents on the dollar. It is not expected other Chicago companies will be able to do even this much.

The American Insurance Company, of St. Louis, commenced paying in full to-day. The directors of the Home Insurance Company, of New York, have resolved, unanimously, to fill up their capital to two and a half millions.

The largest of the three engines at the water works commenced pumping to-day, and by to-morrow morning the water will be on again over both divisions. The people have suffered great inconvenience from the absence of water, and their apprehension of danger from fire, and there is great rejoicing at its restoration.

The architects to-day surveying the Tribune building, and report that it can be restored and put in complete order for \$50,000. The original cost was \$200,000.

Potter Palmer.

The following was the cheering message sent by Mr. to Mrs. Palmer, from New York: I have particulars of fire. Am perfectly reconciled to our losses. We shall not be embarrassed. Have an abundance left. Be cheerful, and do all possible for sufferers. Will return on first train after funeral. POTTER PALMER.

Land in Nebraska.

The following is verbatim copy of a letter received by the London agent of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad Company (Mr. Hayward) from a settler, who left England for Nebraska by the steamship Scandinavia, on line, on the 31st July last:—"Dear Sir,—Just a few lines to say that I have arrived here safe, after a splendid passage of 14 days through to Lincoln. I have seen Mr. Harris, and have well satisfied myself with a half section of land (320 acres) at \$24 per acre, of some of the finest land in the world, in Saline county, well wooded and watered. You have no need to be modest in commending the spot, for here is where our farmers ought to come, especially those with about \$200, as they would soon make money. The climate is first-class, and I can see all that is wanted is capital and labor. I should, I judge, my land would be worth in England £50 to £100 per acre at least. And now allow me to say, don't make such a boon of homesteads, as the terms of railroad land are such as you can recommend as liberal and good; I say this, as it will prevent disappointment to many. Please note this. I have seen Abbott, and a lot of the other fellows you sent out, they are up at Seward and Adams county. I think the railway people should be more liberal as regards excess luggage. Can't you do something in that way to get some of the help in getting my wife out this fall, with one or two children. I want you to place her under the care of some family coming this way from London. I want help in getting my wife out this fall, as expensive, as it is money I want here; my brother will wait upon you. Will you kindly do the best you can for her. I shall be happy to hear from you, and help me in getting my wife out to do. Excuse the paper.—Yours truly, THOMAS JARRETT, late of Cambridge.

The U. S. Court House and Post-office.

Work on this magnificent structure is now progressing, very rapidly. The arches on the brick walls of the first story are being turned by the brick-layers, and the stone arches on the east and south fronts will be turned this week. Large quantities of cut-stone have arrived from Cincinnati and continue to be received daily. The force now employed by Supt. Gise, consists of 41 stone cutters, 20 laborers, 4 brick masons, 2 wheel setters, 2 carpenters, 1 blacksmith, several teamsters, 1 foreman, 1 watchman, and 1 clerk. The amount to be disbursed to these employees will reach about \$5,000 per week. About \$10,000 will be paid out for material during the same time. The work of construction will be vigorously pushed, as long as the season will permit.—Omaha Bee.

The Right to First Class Coaches in Payment of First Class Fare.

At last a suit has been brought against a railroad company, based on the right of a person who pays for first-class ticket to ride in a first-class car. The custom has always been to store a gentleman, unaccompanied by a lady, not understanding he may hold a first-class ticket, into a car crowded with a heterogeneous mass of reckless flesh and tobacco odor, to the great discomfort of those who do not use tobacco in any of its forms. Railroad men seem to argue, from the fact that some smoke and chew tobacco that no man is averse to sitting in tobacco juice up to his ankles, and to have the rest of his body enveloped in a cloud of smoke. Some men have not attained that degree of endurance, however. Among them is Benjamin H. Rugg, who took passage on the Cincinnati & Northern Railroad, in July, 1871. Having paid for a first-class ticket, he naturally sought the first-class car, but found its doors locked.—The Cincinnati & Northern Railroad is a first-class passenger and smoke. Being unwell, he declined entering the car, but waited until the conductor made his appearance. Of him he demanded admittance to the first-class car. Admittance was not only refused, but the conductor put him off the train. For damages resulting, the complainant asks \$5,000.—Cincinnati Commercial.

Smuggling Through the Mails.

The importation of valuable articles through the mails and evasion of the Customs Revenue laws has been the subject of consideration at the Treasury Department during the past week. To what extent the Government has been defrauded it is impossible to say, but the practice of sending diamonds by letter from Europe to this country, it is known, has existed for some time past. A silver letter-box, containing a diamond, is sent to the Treasury, which is forwarded to the Postmaster General, in a few days, a system of regulations for the protection of the Government. It is proposed that wherever foreign mails are a defrauded it is impossible to say, but the practice of sending diamonds by letter from Europe to this country, it is known, has existed for some time past. A silver letter-box, containing a diamond, is sent to the Treasury, which is forwarded to the Postmaster General, in a few days, a system of regulations for the protection of the Government. 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