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We call attention to the splendid Club List offered. It is our desire to place before the people of Cass Co. every opportunity for information and instruction.

RAILROADS IN NEBRASKA.

We publish the article on railroads from Rock Bluffs with pleasure, because we desire to know, and the people of the county have a right to know both sides of this question and to hear all that may be said for or against the present proposition.

The HERALD, along with the rest, gave its views on railroads in the State last week, and it does not exactly agree with the Rock Bluffs view of the matter; nevertheless, we are just as glad to hear from them, and we desire to state again that we would avoid this matter altogether in our paper if it were right that we should, or if our duty would permit us to keep "mum."

We want it distinctly understood that the HERALD has no axe to grind in this matter, and no prejudice for or against any party of your county, but honestly and earnestly desires to see all parts and every prospect prosperous and thriving. Remember the motto: THE GREATEST GOOD TO THE GREATEST NUMBER.

On this basis alone shall we discuss this railroad question. And no person should feel hurt that we do not agree with him because we ask no one to accept our views, only so far as they command his reason and his judgment, and each and every one has the right to reply; our columns are open—make it short—is the only restriction.

We recognize the wrongs of Rock Bluffs; we understand their situation exactly, for we have lived in just such a town, and spent our money there, and know how it goes ourself.

We were not in the county when the B. & M. bonds were voted, and of course had neither lot nor parcel in that matter, nor will any person well informed accuse us of any hand in the getting up or urging of the present proposition.

We were not present when the county committee met and know not why or wherefore they changed the original proposition, except as we have been told, viz: that it was to give all parts of the county a fair chance to get a railroad.

Neither as an Editor, nor an individual, can we have anything but sympathy and kind feelings towards Rock Bluffs and her people. Many of our patrons and readers live there, and furthermore we are not tied hand and foot, nor bound down to Plattsmouth. We dissent wholly and unequivocally from their view of the matter—not on local prejudices, but because we are down on and oppose any more Transfers across the Missouri river that drain our State and beggar our counties.

If Rock Bluffs could to-day secure a transfer there and connection with the B. & M. R. R., it would not be another cause to herself, to the county and to the State. From Sioux City to Rock Bluffs we have been making transfers and building capital in outsiders' pockets, putting up towns and creating taxable values over in Iowa to the detriment of our own State. We are not jealous of our sister State. We have no quarrel with her; but self preservation is the first great law of nature, and should be of States. We cannot afford to do this business any longer.

In answer to Rock Bluffs on the Trunk Road: It is just as likely to hit that town as anywhere else. It and the W. W. R. R. do not ask for \$330,000, and the company that propose to build the Trunk don't care a penny for Plattsmouth or any other point particularly. They want the bonds and will run their road where it is the cheapest. They mentioned Plattsmouth, not the people here, because after a close calculation it was proven that no bonds could be carried without the consent of Plattsmouth; and as to its making Plattsmouth or there not being any depots, &c., south of here, that's all sheer folly. In the first place railroads don't make towns. They can't; and in the second place, they'll make a depot wherever there is grain, cattle, and other products to ship. Of course they get off with just as few as possible to begin on. You get your capital, your buyers and your brains to work at Rock Bluffs or any other point, and it will get a depot fast enough.

Lieutenant W. F. Cogswell (having been West during the past summer and secured to himself a wife) will, on the opening of Congress, appear as reporter in the Senate, while Mrs. C. will act as reporter in the House.—Newspaper Reporter.

MARRIAGE UNDER DIFFICULTIES. A Correspondent of the Evening Mail Gets Married in a Hurry—Judge Ellison in Demand—All the Preachers in town on the Hunt—Gay old Witnesses, &c., &c.

At early dawn on Monday, December 2d, 1872, two solitary persons might have been seen in a carriage coming down the long hill that leads to Plattsmouth. One was a newspaper man and the other was a lady; and the first thing they asked for on arriving at a lively stable was a Palfrey?

As the zot had got all Buttery's horses, "Ed." lit out on a double-hen-center for brother Palfrey. Bro P. was eating watermelons over at his uncle's, and Ed., after telling all the folks he met to hunt a preacher up quick, came back.—The newspaper man of the Mail facing that the mail train would leave him, had left himself for the depot, to make sure of the thing, and about now the HERALD comes on the scene.

Sitting calmly in our most sacred and torn rush bottomed chair, quietly conversing with two celebrated friends from Omaha, one a high government official, and the other a man who only missed it by nine votes—Judge Ellison, our favorite Judge, rushed up the steps, and with disheveled hair and raving looks, in a voice tremulous with emotion, said:

I hereby give notice to all concerned that an application has been filed in the office of the Probate Court of the county of Cass and State of Nebraska for the appointment of an administrator on the estate of George Thomson deceased; that a hearing will be had on said application at my office in the city of Plattsmouth, in said county, on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1872, at one o'clock P. M.

Given under my hand and seal at my office this 30th day of November, A. D. 1872. H. E. ELLISON, Probate Judge.

Tip Top, my boy, we're going to marry a Mail man at the Depot at once, and there's an item for you, come along.—We "kum," and our two Omaha friends followed in speechless wonder, as we gravely informed them that we always did things so in Plattsmouth.

On arriving at the spacious and well ventilated depot of the B. & M. R. R. in Nebraska, the Judge with wonderful suavity of manner, stepped up to a handsome looking couple, standing "at ease" in the middle of the floor, and in quicker than ten minutes two people were made one, and that one looked awfully happy. The HERALD looked bashful, was afraid to kiss the bride, but wished them all good luck and bon voyage.

Our friend, the Doctor, who went along to see fair play, told so many little stories on the way up, that he wouldn't be in bed, and we had to go it alone. Just then the whistle sounded, and here ends our romance of a wedding in Cass county.

SPECIAL ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the several precincts of Cass county, Nebraska, at the usual places of holding elections, on Saturday the 28th day of December, A. D. 1872, for the purpose of voting on the following proposition, viz:

At a session of the Board of County Commissioners of Cass county, held at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1872, it was, by the said Board resolved, that the following proposition be submitted to the electors of Cass county, Nebraska. Shall the said Board of County Commissioners, issue and give to the St. Louis and Nebraska Trunk Railroad Company, their successors or assigns, one hundred and thirty thousand dollars of their coupon bonds, in aid of the construction of the St. Louis and Nebraska Trunk Railroad through said Cass county, from some point on the south line of said county, in the direction, and passing through the corporate limits of the city of Plattsmouth, and shall establish and maintain a passenger and freight depot therein, at which all trains shall stop, and be connected with the Union Pacific Railroad at or near Omaha, and securing to Cass county a direct connection with the north and south lines of the State of Nebraska; and a direct southern connection to St. Louis through the State of Nebraska; said bonds to be issued and dated, January 1st, 1873, and bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, the principal and interest payable in the city of New York, the interest payable semi-annually, on the first day of June, and on the first day of December, of each year, and the principal payable twenty years from date; said bonds, when so issued, shall be deposited with Jacob Vallery, Jr., M. C., in trust for said Railroad Company, and to be delivered to said company, so constructing a first class western railroad upon the following conditions, to-wit:

First—Sixty thousand dollars of said bonds shall be by said trustees delivered to said company, when they shall have located, graded and bridged the line of their road between Cass County and the same shall have been so certified to said trustees under oath of the Chief Engineer of said Company; provided, that the said bonds shall be for the completion of any ten consecutive miles of grading and bridging, in Cass County may deliver a portion of said sixty thousand dollars of said bonds, not exceeding the rate of three thousand dollars per mile of bonds on such completed work, for the purpose of securing more speedily the construction of said Railroad. And the remaining forty thousand dollars of said bonds shall be due and delivered by the said trustees to said Railroad Company, when the ties and iron have been laid, and the road fully completed and ready for operating.

Second—The said several hundred amounts so assessed and levied on said lots and parts of lots, shall be apportioned to the said lot and parts thereof, in the following manner, to-wit: On lot No. seven (7), in block No. 12, the sum of fifty dollars and thirty cents for each front foot thereof fronting and abutting on Sixth street.

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HEALTH AND HOME.

Comes to us with Edward Eggleston's new story, "The Mystery of Metropolitanville," a purely western yarn. Having a lively recollection of the '56 and '57 days, and all the speculation connected therewith, and being able to point out several Metropolitanities on the banks of "old muddy," the story will be just nuts for us to crack this winter.

Health and Home is a very fine paper and we eagerly hunt for it among our exchanges, but as it criticizes pretty severely all errors found among its contributors, and withal is "rather" hard on western folks without "ideas," we merely suggest that the engraver or artist who drew "Whiskey Jim" never saw a stage driver hold his lines as the "Superior" being does in Health and Home, and that whip isn't just the thing. Remember, Mr. H. & H., that we westerners can drive stage any way, and the old freight days are but as yesterday, in Nebraska.

A Letter of Thanks to the Caricaturist. (From the Washington Chronicle.) General Spitzer, Colonel Alonzo Bell, of the Second Auditor's office; Mr. Lockwood May, of the Census Bureau; Mr. Church of the Congressional Globe, and Mr. Robert W. C. Mitchell, of the Treasury, all New Yorkers, returned to their respective duties on Monday, after performing good service in the Empire State. Mr. Mitchell was the bearer of a cordial letter of thanks from the Republican Congressional Committee to his friend Thomas Nast, of Harper's, for his excellent and stirring work during the recent campaign. It was at Mr. Mitchell's suggestions that the committee determined to introduce Nast's masterly cartoons into the documents of the campaign; the manner in which they were called for was a sure evidence of their convincing and telling power.

Mr. Mitchell visited Nast at his pleasant country house in Morris-town, New Jersey, and found him highly interested over the great victory, and hard at work on a crushing picture for the next issue of Harper's. He is very pleasantly situated in his elegant home, surrounded by a very interesting family, having a most estimable Yankee girl for a helpmeet, and three bright, well-mannered children to brighten his household. His house is most cosily furnished, and displays high artistic culture in the selections and groupings of the various and rich works of art and ornamentation. In his library are many valuable works, chiefly pertaining to art or history, giving evidence of the care exercised in making selections as to the accuracy and value of the matter between the covers of said important information or glitter of banding. His portfolios contain many rare and exceedingly fine engravings and drawings, embracing different styles or methods.

Mr. Nast was highly gratified at the contents of the committee's letter, and with modest pride expressed himself accordingly. There is very little romance about this artist. He is a man of practical ideas and clear conceptions, as well as an artist of masterly conception and exhaustive resources, never acting without a purpose toward. His talent is unimpeachable, and it, with his unerring pencil, he hits people who hardly deserve it, is because they are in the way or in the hands of the artist. They can't; and he don't believe an adversary should be handled with gloves, but rather aggressively; still always fairly. The campaign has been one of severe toil to Mr. Nast, but the consciousness of being right has given strength and agility to the artist's seemingly exhaustless power.—Washington Chronicle.

A "devoted" little wife in New York, seeing her husband blowing in the muzzle of a gun while holding back the hammer with his foot, tripped down to the milliner's to ask about the cost of full mourning.

Sometimes fate has much trouble with bureaus which advertise them as actors have with their managers. I have heard of much dissatisfaction of this kind recently; the lecturers bitterly censuring their agents, and the agents severely condemning the lecturers—the former denouncing the latter as soundrills, and truth, it is to be inferred, lies between the two.

The latest instance is that of Bret Harte and the Boston Lyceum Bureau. Harte was to lecture in that city on a certain evening, and before the time arrived, having taken offense at some arrangements of the bureau, he ordered all his engagements canceled. The agent of the bureau, James Redpath, refused to release Harte, and when the evening of the lecture came, without the lecturer, Redpath mounted the rostrum, and gave the assembled audience his opinion of Harte, in no wise flattering, as may be supposed to the author of "The Luck of Roaring Camp." Harte is mad, and so is Redpath. Harte threatens to pull Redpath's nose on the first convenient occasion, and Redpath menacingly plants his knuckles between Harte's eyes. So it stands.—Cor. St. Louis Globe.

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ORDINANCE NO. 36.

An Ordinance levying certain taxes for the purpose of providing Revenue. Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Plattsmouth, Neb. Sec. 1. That there shall be and is hereby levied on all the taxable property within the said city a tax of two (2) mills on the dollar for the year 1872. Said tax to be known as "School District tax" and shall be certified to the City Treasurer by the City Clerk on the tax list for said year and to be collected by the proper officers as provided by law.

Sec. 2. That there shall be and is hereby levied on all the taxable property within the said City of Plattsmouth a tax of four (4) mills on the dollar for the purpose of paying the interest as it may become due on bonds issued by said city for the purpose of erecting a high school building which said taxes shall be certified by the City Clerk on the tax list for 1872 to the City Treasurer and to be collected by the proper officers in the same way as other taxes collected.

Sec. 3. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage. Passed and approved November 23d, 1872. Attest: M. L. WHITE, Mayor. M. B. REESE, City Clerk. w362t

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that bids will be received by the City Council of the City of Plattsmouth for the construction of sidewalks on the East side of Chicago Avenue along the lines of the following lots in the City of Plattsmouth, to-wit: Block 42, lots No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. In Block 55, Lots No. 1, 10, 11, and 12. In Block 57, Lot No. 12. In Block 58, Lots No. 5 and 6. In Block 64, Lot No. 3. Sidewalks to be constructed in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 24, approved July 20, 1872, now on file in the office of the City Clerk. The estimate of the City Engineer of the cost of the material fifty six cents per foot and for cottonwood material fifty cents per foot, and no contract will be let for a sum in excess of said estimate. Said bids will be received until Saturday the 7th day of December, 1872, at seven o'clock P. M. M. L. WHITE, Mayor. Plattsmouth, Nov. 22, 1872. 12841t 34w4t

ORDINANCE NO. 35.

An Ordinance levying a tax on certain town lots to pay for the construction of sidewalks. Sec. 1. Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Plattsmouth, Neb. That there be and is hereby assessed and levied on the lots and parts of lots heretofore mentioned, a tax of the several sums and amounts annexed thereto, the said taxes being the costs and expenses paid by the city for the construction of sidewalks heretofore constructed by the Street Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 27, approved August 27, 1872, requiring the construction of a sidewalk along the East side of Sixth street, approved February 21st, 1872. Sec. 2. The said several hundred amounts so assessed and levied on said lots and parts of lots, shall be apportioned to the said lot and parts thereof, in the following manner, to-wit: On lot No. seven (7), in block No. 12, the sum of fifty dollars and thirty cents for each front foot thereof fronting and abutting on Sixth street.

On lot No. six (6), in block No. eight (8), of White's Addition to the city of Plattsmouth, (including all of that part of said lot south of the section line) the sum of fifty five dollars and thirty five cents which is apportioned on said lot to be thirty-six and one half cents for each front foot thereof fronting and abutting on Sixth street.

On lot No. six (6), in block No. eight (8), of White's Addition to the city of Plattsmouth, (including all of that part of said lot south of the section line) the sum of fifty five dollars and thirty five cents which is apportioned on said lot to be thirty-six and one half cents for each front foot thereof fronting and abutting on Sixth street.