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COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

The biennial choice of County Superintendents of Public Instruction is soon to be made in the different counties of Nebraska. The choice of candidates for this office of course, rests with the people, through the agency of the caucus or convention.

While we concede to the convention the *ability* to make wise selections of candidates, yet we deprecate the custom of bringing this responsible office into the turmoils and broils of political caucuses. Now, of all the county offices we deem that of County Superintendent at least, among the most responsible and important.

The County Superintendent is, in fact as well as in theory, the head-teacher of the county. He is supposed to pass judgment on the moral worth, and intellectual attainments, of the large corps of teachers in his county. These teachers, through his recommendation, are entrusted with the moral and intellectual education of the children of the county; and in this we observe that the influence of the County Superintendent, is not only exerted upon the teachers, but also, indirectly, upon every child in the county. Nor is his influence confined to teachers and children; the duties of his office requires him to spend much of the time among the people; the parents and guardians of the children. Disputes often arise among the citizens of a district; he is called upon to adjust the differences, and here again he is supposed to wield an influence upon the parents, no less potent than upon teachers and children.

The County Superintendent is not confined to a particular locality. He is required by law to visit every school in the county at least once a year. Here again we find him among the parents, teachers, and children nearly all the time. He must visit every corner, yes almost every spot of the county, at least once each year, laboring for the advancement of education, and thus secure the elevation of the standard of general intelligence. His duties are not only such as the law imposes, but if he be a faithful officer, his duties take a wider range. He must work with heart and mind, especially here in the west, for the advancement of the great cause, the care of which the law imposes upon him. The educational prosperity of every county is measured, to a great extent, by the ability and faithfulness of the County Superintendent.

If the duties of this office are discharged faithfully and efficiently, the cause of education advances; if on the other hand, the County Superintendent be incapable and incompetent the cause retrogrades, and ignorance advances.

We trust that the importance of this office will not be overlooked by the forthcoming nominating conventions. Fealty to party should not form the basis of any candidate's claim. We do not believe political considerations should enter into the nomination of their candidate at all. We, of course, have no particular objections to urge against *availability*, but the main points to decide a candidate's claims should be: 1st. Does the candidate possess the proper scholastic attainments? Is he a person of good moral character? Has he energy, and force of character sufficient to work in the cause of Education?

Now, this office is one in which there is, comparatively speaking, but very little pecuniary gain. No one can, therefore, aspire to it, with the hope of a large pecuniary reward, and in no instance, where the present incumbent has proved himself entirely worthy, would we advise a change. Even where little errors have crept into the administration of the affairs of the office, the *general good accomplished* should be duly considered.

We look upon the Superintendent very much as we do upon the teacher. The longer a teacher works in one particular school, the better qualified he becomes to teach that school, that is, if he be a *teacher* in the proper sense of the term; so it is with the Superintendent: the longer he serves in that capacity, the better he understands the wants of the people, and the better qualified he becomes to serve them.

One, two, or even four years, in many instances, are necessary to start the Educational machinery of the county. These years, may have been years of the hardest toil, and of the most solicitous care, yet the people may not see, just what has been accomplished.

Time is just as necessary to build up Educational interests, as it is necessary to the acquirement of an education. Then we would add, that whenever the people have efficient, working, county Superintendents, re-nominate and re-elect them. They will accomplish more good during the succeeding two or four years than they have done in the year just past.

CROPS ABROAD AND AT HOME.

The Harvest in Europe Generaly Deficient—A Poor Yield of Wheat and Rye.

[From the New York Tribune]

The harvest in Europe are generally deficient. From a most trustworthy authority, the Mark Lane *Express*, we have more unfavorable reports as to wheat in England, which in many localities is not expected to equal even the very poor yield of last year, and there are strong hints as to danger of sprouting in the shock from present occasional showers. In France storms have done much damage, and a deficiency of at least ten to twelve per cent may be relied upon. There are accounts of increased prices at many local stations, and paris flour has considerably advanced. Old wheat has to-day disappeared from the market, and new is supplying its place at higher prices. Rye—an extensive bread crop—in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, is reckoned as very deficient and rates are rising. In Hungary the condition of the crop has been greatly overrated, and from the prevalence of cholera an interference with the work of harvesting is threatened. In Germany only an ordinary yield is hoped for.—The Express sums up the situation abroad by saying that with a deficient crop, exhausted stocks, and but generally moderate prospects in Europe, low prices seem almost impossible next season. This well-informed journal is the organ of the grain dealers and millers, and its judgment, if biased in any degree, would naturally lean to the interests of the purchasers. It may, therefore, be very satisfactorily concluded that as sellers we may take its prognostications as pretty certain to be fulfilled. We read further, touching the foreign outlook, that the International Corn and Seed League, recently held in Vienna, with an attendance of 1,500 persons, formed an estimate that the Austro-Hungarian Empire will exhibit less power of export than usual—say only to the extent of 800,000 quarters in wheat and about 1,100,000 quarters in barley; whereas, in favorable season, Hungary alone has exported three times that amount, while the important article of rye is so deficient that imports will be required for consumptive wants.

At home the wheat crop has been safely gathered. Oats, except in later districts, have also been secured, and although the present weather is unfavorable for harvesting those still uncut, yet oats is a crop that will withstand a good deal of rain without injury, and probably there will be little loss on this account. As to the yield, all accounts agree that it is quite equal to an average, and many estimate it as above an average crop in quantity, while the quality is excellent. At the same time there is an unfavorable prospect for corn, and it is probable that a large portion of the crop will be unsound. Fortunately our farmers have now an opportunity to avail themselves of the situation. Europe demands our breadstuffs, and we have sufficient to supply them; and we can in a measure fix the price. The surplus of last year's corn crop will be needed to supply the deficiency of the present crop, and there will not be this season the dead weight of low-priced corn to drag down the general market. At the same time the prospects of the money market are assuring. The country has made a gain of at least $50,000,000 in the adverse balance of imports over exports as compared with last year. The West has marketed the wool crop favorably, and has a general ease in financial matters. The cotton crop has improved in condition since July. In the large producing States—Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina—the plant is reported as well formed and well fruited, and although picking will be from two to three weeks late, yet the estimate, so far as any can be formed at this early date, points to a full average crop, if not more. The fruit crop may be set down as a failure. Peaches are coming in plentifully, but of excessively poor quality. Apples in the East will be very short, but after last year's profusion this is inevitable. The recent rains, which have been general throughout the country, have much improved the pastures, and there will now be no scarcity of fall feed. This will insure a fair supply of dairy products and the entry into winter quarters of stock in fair condition. On the whole the outlook is cheerful, not only for us west of the Atlantic, but for those in Europe who stand in need of our surplus.—New York *Tribune*.

ATTACHING A RAILROAD CAR.

The Trouble of an Inexorable Creditor.

[From the Boston Gazette.]

Speaking of the attachment of railroad trains by deputy sheriffs just as the hour arrives for their departure from the depot (of which outrage there have been at least two exhibitons lately), Mr. Superintendent A. A. Folsom recalls an instance wherein the game of the officers was effectually blocked. It occurred during the administration of his predecessor in the superintendency of the Boston and Providence Railroad. Just as the morning shore line train was about to leave, one of the creditors of the Providence and Stonington railroad placed an attachment upon a car belonging to that company and located in the middle of the train. Mr. Nason, then superintendent, requested that it be vacated, but the creditor was inexorable. The dangers of a delay were explained, as was also the fact that a hundred innocent people were being made to suffer for the wrong doing of a corporation, but all explanations were in vain, and the creditor continued stubbornly to insist on what he deemed the maintenance of his legal rights. Finally, after the train had been delayed fifteen minutes, Mr. Nason hit upon a bright idea.

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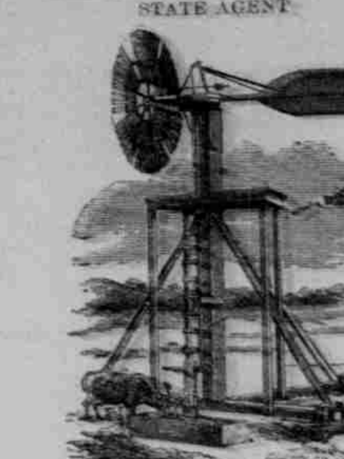

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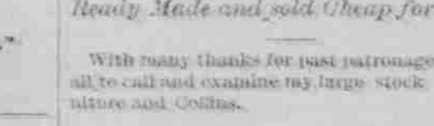

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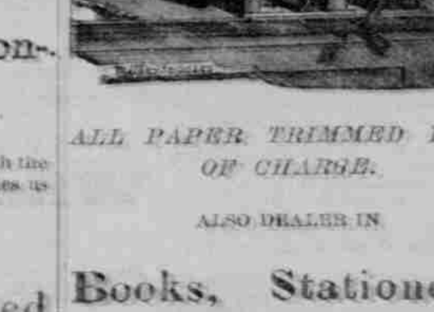

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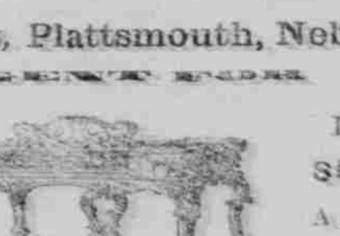

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Bilious, Remittent, and Intermittent Fevers, which are so prevalent in the valleys of our great rivers throughout the United States, especially those of the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, Cumberland, Arkansas, Red, Colorado, Brazos, Rio Grande, Pearl, Alabama, Mobile, Savannah, Roanoke, James, and many others, with their vast tributaries, throughout our entire country during the Summer and Autumn, and remarkably so during seasons of unusual heat and dryness, are invariably accompanied by extensive derangements of the stomach and liver, and other abdominal viscera. In their treatment, a purgative, exerting a powerful influence upon these various organs, is essentially necessary. There is no cathartic for the purpose equal to DR. J. WALKER'S VINEGAR BITTERS, as they will speedily remove the dark-colored viscid matter with which the bowels are loaded, at the same time stimulating the secretions of the liver, and generally restoring the healthy functions of the digestive organs.

Scrofula, or King's Evil, White Swellings, Ulcers, Erysipelas, Swelled neck, Goitre, Scrofulous Inflammations, Indolent Inflammations, Mercurial Affections, Old Sores, Eruptions of the Skin, Sore Eyes, etc., etc. In these, as in all other constitutional Diseases, WALKER'S VINEGAR BITTERS have shown their great curative powers in the most obstinate and intractable cases.

Dr. Walker's California Vinegar Bitters act on all these cases in a similar manner. By purifying the Blood they remove the cause, and by resolving away the effects of the inflammation (the tubercular deposits) the affected parts receive health, and a permanent cure is effected.

The properties of DR. WALKER'S VINEGAR BITTERS are Aperient, Diaphoretic, Carminative, Nutritious, Laxative, Diuretic, Sedative, Counter-Irritant, Sudorific, Alterative, and Anti-Bilious.

The Aperient and mild Laxative properties of DR. WALKER'S VINEGAR BITTERS are the best safe-guard in cases of eruptions and malignant fevers, their balsamic, healing, and soothing properties protect the humors of the fauces. Their Sedative properties allay pain in the nervous system, stomach, and bowels, either from inflammation, wind, colic, cramps, etc.

Fortify the body against disease by purifying all its fluids with VINEGAR BITTERS. No epidemic can take hold of a system thus fore-armed.

Directions.—Take of the Bitters on going to bed at night from a half to one and one-half wine-glassfull. Eat good nourishing food, such as beef-steak, mutton chop, venison, roast beef, and vegetables, and take out-door exercise. They are composed of purely vegetable ingredients, and contain no spirit.

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