THE HERALD.

J. A. MACMURPHY,.....EDITOR

PLATTSMOUTH, MAY 2, 1878.

PLATTSMOUTH, Weeping Water, and Center are on hand, Rock Bluffs and Louisville to hear from yet.

WEEPING Water offers $5,000 worth of buildings, and McDonagh offers the High School at Plattsmouth, for the county seat. Next!

THE third annual public shearing of the Southern Nebraska Sheep Breeder's and Wool Growers' Association takes place at Beatrice, May 2d.

MACMURPHY never said Chase limped off like a horse, &c. If the Col. ever limped it was after he met the enemy fairly and squarely, front to front—as he always does—and got wounded in brave battle.

WE seriously advocate the adoption of the Moffet bell punch system in this State and City. It is the most equal distribution of the tax on spirituous liquors yet tried, making those who drink foot the bills.

THE Omaha Herald has two "preserved" candidates for state officers, it seems. C. S. Chase for Governor, and D. H. Wheeler for Lt. Governor. We are of the opinion that saltpetre, even, won't preserve one of them long enough to nominate him. Guess!

THE Detroit Free Press buildings were destroyed by fire on the morning of the 29th. The fire was caused by an explosion of a gas pipe and all floors were ignited at once. Two men were burned and a large part of the materials. The loss is $40,000 besides personal property and documents in the editorial rooms.

THE HERALD contained the best and most convincing statements on the county seat question last week, viz: The votes of three years by precincts and the census increase, just what the people demand to know and what it is necessary for them to know in order to form an honest opinion. These facts and figures were worth a dozen flabby editorials on the subject.

THE indications are favorable and the enthusiasm greater among republicans in Washington for the fall campaign than they have been since the campaign of 1876. The republican congressional committee will go to work at once canvassing the doubtful districts and the districts in the south known to have large colored majorities. The conduct of the democrats toward colored citizens will be noted and the pacification policy tested. The President will co-operate with congressmen, and a successful campaign is anticipated.

THE Executive Committee of the Neb. Press Association and the Committee on Co-operative printing met at Lincoln on Friday last. We were very much pleased with the results of the meeting and with the disposition shown to push forward the work undertaken.

It must not be expected that the evils of many year's growth can be cured in a few months, nor that the benefits of the changes we desire will appear at once. Radical changes come slowly, we are perfectly satisfied with the progress made and predict success for the future. A synopsis of the proceedings will be found in the Journal, and the full proceedings in the Fremont Tribune of this issue.

WHILE at Lincoln last week, through the kindness of Gen. McBride and C. H. Gould our little Editorial party visited the State Penitentiary and saw the new cast-stone cells being made. Capt. Nobes showed us around and kindly offered us a fancy cell, which, strange to say, we all declined. The prison seems to be managed excellently under the new system. They are manufacturing wagons, harness, cigars and clothing and have a Laundry running. There are over one hundred prisoners. Four women (in the laundry department) Capt. Nobes "says one woman is in for murder, one for burglary and the other two—" They do very nice work here and things look as clean and neat as at anybody's house.

IF Mr. Hayes' title stood on proving false returns in the counting of votes in Florida, or Louisiana, or anywhere, we could see some sense in bringing the matter up and shouting fraud, or listening to "confessions" of what might chance to throw light on the subject; but he holds his title by virtue of a decision of the Electoral Commission which expressly refused to go back of the returns in these or any other States, and seated Hayes in preference to Tilden on that ground. If the commission had examined the returns and come to a false or corrupt conclusion and the President knew it, there might be a show of justice in disputing the title; but as it is, for Congress to investigate his title is to acknowledge they had no right to create the commission. There is a way the matter might come into the courts; but that does not seem to be tried, and we conclude it is political capital and not justice that is wanted. The fact that Hayes has gone back on the Republican party, that he may have sold out our rights, has nothing to do with the manner of his election. He could have done that just as well, and would probably, had he been elected by an undisputed electoral majority in the first place. What any Republican can have to gain by aiding to unsettle the country we fail to see, and think our delegation voted just right on the Blair resolutions.

JOHN MORRISEY is really about on his last legs. Another attack of paralysis—and he was about to succumb.

THE Grand Jury were only in session from Monday afternoon till Tuesday noon. Jos. Johnson was foreman and all the business was finished.

THE Omaha Bee of the 29th published a letter from an Evanston Wyoming correspondent signing himself "Fair Play" in which he, the correspondent, attempts to refute the statement made by Gen. Thayer in his interview with the Omaha Herald reporter when in Omaha. Among other statements made in the letter is one that the active opposers of Judge Peck do not member over fifteen. The falsity of this needs no showing when the territorial legislature passed the bill against the judge by two thirds majority and received the approbation of the people as a body. If the correspondents statement's were true and would stand testing why the need of assuming the non de plume of "Fair Play"? The Bee may expect to bolster up "its administration" by statements from unknown correspondents; but Gen. Thayer has too many friends in Wyoming and Nebraska to be injured by anything published and issued from the hive of pacification.

WE can't for the life of us see that Mr. Wheeler or Mr. Wheeler's paper has thrown any light on the county seat question in the wonderful article of last week. He does not "rise and explain his position," nor offer any argument pro or con. The HERALD, on the contrary, said all there was to be said on the subject at that time, and it met with the approval of the people of the county, generally, whether it did Mr. W's or not. Under the circumstances, and knowing that "Bro. MacMurphy"—as you call him—came home on Tuesday from a long journey, that his paper goes to press Wednesday and he had no chance to look around while you were on the ground all the time, don't you think it was your place to say something about the county seat in your issue of April 18th.

You were here, knew of the move, posted in all the points, went before the commissioners and tried to have the election put off (until you could get in your work before the County or State Conventions for political nominations this fall, so said.) The "one eye" business is impossible; now don't you think, Dan, that you were the undecided chap? We do; and moreover the citizens of *Cass County* would like to see *you* get down off the fence, and the HERALD would like to see a little more original matter in your paper. With one side printed in Chicago and the other filled with cribbings marked "Ex.," it is getting too thin to be even a respectable target for us to waste time and space upon.

From Plattsmouth Again.

In considering this county seat question there is a great deal of time wasted in finding the geographical center of the county. Why not look at the population center a little? I assert, and it cannot be disproven, that Plattsmouth to-day accommodates more people in the county, by long odds, than any other point yet mentioned; but, if for any valid reason it is insisted that Plattsmouth must lose the county seat, why not talk a little about the justice to the population and get the centre of that, which would be nearer Eight Mile Grove. Why be so particular about rods and links and chains and acres? Why not average the people? This geographical business does not always count. There may be a good deal of acreage and not many people. Gen. Thayer just got scooped out in Wyoming on this business. We believe the district they assigned Judge Peck to, had land enough, but it lacked people and he rebelled. Geographically it might do, but populationally it didn't suit him: I also believe it will be a great deal more expensive to tax-payers to run the county seat at W. W. Centre or way out west anywhere than at Plattsmouth or near the centre of population. Yours, &c.,

A. LAWYER.

TELEGRAPH.

Warlike Signs.

By Cable to The Inter Ocean.]

The Herald's special correspondent at St. Petersburg telegraphs since midnight that very alarming rumors suddenly sprung up in the Russian Capital last night, and he simply forwards them for what they may be worth. It is reported that Turkey refuses to fulfil the stipulations of the treaty of San Stefano, and that it has been decided that the Russians will occupy Constantinople immediately.

The rumor that Prince Gortschakoff's illness was a pretense to protract the negotations proves to be one of those infamous theories, always current in diplomatic quarters, that are improved for the purpose of explaining a situation known to exist. The facts of the case are that Prince Gortschakoff's illness is of the gravest character. The gout is ascending his lower limbs. In the event of the Chancellor's death, it is considered probable that General Ignatieff, and not Count Schouvaloff, will be his successor.

LONDON, April 30.—The first contingent to be dispatched from this country to Malta will number 5,000 men and two batteries of artillery, all of which are under orders for embarkation.

BERLIN, April 30.—Intelligence from what is considered a trustworthy source states the Italian government is making warlike preparations on a somewhat large scale. The object, it is said, is to dispatch a force to Albania.

LONDON, April 30.—Considerable excitement seems to have been produced in Berlin by the announcement that an English fleet is being fitted out for eventual operations on the Baltic.

Weeping Water Column.

The Offer of Weeping Water.

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Cass County, Nebraska, have called a special election to be held in said county on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1878, for the purpose of voting upon the relocation of the county seat of said county. Now, therefore, we the undersigned citizens of the town of Weeping Water, do hereby agree that in case the votes of said county shall at said election remove the county seat of said county to the town of Weeping Water, to furnish the county with good and commodious offices for the officers of said county, and with a good and suitable court room for court purposes, and with a good and safe jail of sufficient size to meet the wants of said county, for a term of five years, free of cost to the county, and also to remove the county books, safe, desks, &c., from the City of Plattsmouth to the town of Weeping Water, free of expense to the county, and to donate to said county such lots and lands as may be necessary for county purposes free of all cost or charge.

Or in lieu of the above proposition, if the County Commissioners shall so elect, the citizens of Weeping Water agree to furnish to the said County of Cass the sum of five thousand dollars, the same to be furnished to said county in cash, labor and building material, the same to be used in the construction of county buildings in the town of Weeping Water, Cass County, Neb.:

NOW THEREFORE, know all men by these presents that we, D. D. Johnson, H. G. Race, J. N. Woodford, E. L. Reed, W. D. Gibbon, L. F. Reed, Wm. H. Reed, S. L. Graham, David Woodard, A. W. Beach, Jas. Clizbe, Geo. W. Adams, of Weeping Water, Cass County, State of Nebraska, are held and firmly bound unto the County of Cass in the State of Nebraska, in the penal sum of twenty thousand dollars. The payment of which sum well and truly to be made to said County of Cass, each and every one of us do bind ourselves, our heirs and assignees firmly by these presents. Dated this 16th day of April, A. D. 1878.

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the undersigned bounden parties, their heirs, executor or administrator, or any of them that shall do and perform what is set forth in the foregoing proposition then this bond to be void; o herwise to be and to remain in full force and effect in law.

D. D. Johnson,	H. G. Race
E. L. Reed,	W. D. Gibbon
A. W. Beach,	L. F. Reed,
Wm. H. Reed,	Jas. Clizbe,
Geo. W. Adams,	S. L. Graham.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, } ss
CASS COUNTY, }

On this 20th day of April, A. D. 1878, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified for and residing in said county, personally appeared D. D. Johnson, H. G. Race, E. L. Reed, W. D. Gibbon, A. W. Beach, L. F. Reed, Wm. H. Reed, Jas. Clizbe, George W. Adams and S. L. Graham, to me well known to be the identical persons who subscribed to said instruments and acknowledged the said instrument to be their free and voluntary act. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal at Weeping Water, Neb., in said county, the day and year last above written.

J. CHASE, Notary Public.
Cass Co. Neb.

I hereby certify that the within instrument and bond is a true copy of the original now on file in this office.

J. D. TUTT, Co. Clerk.

From Weeping Water.

Weeping Water is situated one and one half miles south-east of the geographical center of Cass County, on a stream from which it takes its name. The scenery surrounding the village is the most romantic of any in the State. It has now eleven business houses, one wagon shop, two blacksmith shops, one large stone flouring mill, two fine stone churches and one large public school house, two stories high. Within one and one half miles of town are two more flouring mills, and either way from them lie many mill sites still unimproved. The Weeping Water Valley is famous for the excellent quality of its building material.

Being in the practical center of the county, Weeping Water has for a number of years been looked upon as the future county seat of the county, and it now offers to save the county every dollar of expense connected with the removal of the county seat, by furnishing buildings and moving out the records, &c. (The proposition is published in another column of this paper.) So that those who would raise the cry of economy are silenced. It is economy to remove now, not only because Weeping Water has entered into bonds to bear the expenses incurred by removal, but because the continual agitation of this question is a constant expense to the county, and the source of so much contention and jealousy that every interest of the county is neglected, and the west are now so intensely roused to the work that the conflict promises to be "irrepressible" until the county seat shall finally be located at *Weeping Water*.

THE prospects for the future of the farmers of Cass County never looked brighter, grasshoppers a myth of the past. Hog-Cholera almost corralled, spring nearly a month ahead of time, and the County Seat muss in a fair way to be settled permanently.

HERE'S only a few of the supposed candidates this fall:

Crounse, Briggs, Manderson, Welch, Gerrard and Guy Barton for Congress; Uriah Bruner, for Governor; White, of Tekamah, Capt. E. S. Butler, of Stanton, and Wm. Adair, of Dakota City, for State Treasurer, and W. M. Robertson, of Madison, for Attorney General, with Wolcott and Williams for the State Superintendency.

CENTER SHOT!

A LETTER FROM FAIRFIELD.

George being a kind of an "Infiddle," does not believe in any other Center but His Own.

He spends Sunday Figuring on it.

23--11--11 does it.

PLATTSMOUTH, April 29, 1878.

ED. HERALD: As I have received many letters from different persons in regard to the exact center of this county, geographically, I sat down Sunday and figured on the thing carefully. Taking all the measurements and meanderings on the north and east sides, I made the most accurate calculation I could, and feel that I can state the exact center of this county almost to a nit's eyebrow. For the benefit of all parties interested in the real truth, and to save writing so many letters, I send you the result of my work.

The geographical center of Cass Co. is 28 rods south and 16 rods east of the quarte section corner on the west side of Section 23, Town 11, Range 11; or in other words: The center of Cass Co. is in the north-west quarter of the south-west quarter of Section 23, Town 11, Range 11, east of the 6th P. M., today, to-morrow, and for all time, in my opinion. Several have offered me pay for this information, but I hereby give it freely, hoping it may do all those good who hope good from it, and no one harm who can't be harmed by it.

Respectfully, &c.,

G. W. FAIRFIELD,
Co. Surveyor.

P. S. Furthermore I can state that the piece of land on which this happens to drop is a broad beautiful prairie, with Cedar Creek running through it, and would make a splendid town site. It is two miles and a half north of the present village of Weeping Water, and one half mile west.

For my part, I hope if the County Seat must leave Plattsmouth, that it will go to Center. If the object is to suit the people, and the *sine qua non* of the county seat business is to have it in the exact center, let's put it on the very clod that stands equi-distant from the north, the south, the east and the west; likewise corner-wise, and it's no use otherwise. G. W. F.

Why We Went to Washington.

The Watchman, and some other persons in private life seem worried a good deal to know what the editor of this paper went to Washington for. To tell the truth and say we went there to get well, have some fun, see the boys and get some peaches does no good. In its anxiety the Watchman has invented the Governorship of Wyoming for us, given us a Post Office and the mission to San Stefano—whatever that is.

Rather than have McDonagh and others endure this suspense any longer we propose to tell our own version of the trip and its results.

REALLY NOW,

we wanted to see Tom Majors inaugurated, that was one thing, then we wanted to see how a left handed Republican Congress and President would lock, and above all we wanted some real fresh oysters, right on the half-shell, before the "R" months played out. Baltimore and Washington oysters are the best, you know, in the market.

Tom's matinee didn't come off as soon as expected and we missed that.

We were received very kindly by both Senators and Representatives, who offered to show us everything to be seen, and give us anything we asked for, even a lock of their hair. Not being after scalps, we declined this offer and went off with Tom Majors to hunt up Col. Irish and Jim Moore in the Treasury department. We found them both hale, hearty and saucy as usual. James thought that his pile of greenbacks every night rather oversized the funds of the State Fair, but except a little rheumatism now and then he was happy and sent his respects to all his old friends in Neb.

COL. IRISH,

finding we were intested in the Greenback question kindly gave us a permit to go in and win all we could from Uncle Sam's pile, under guard and watch all the while. We went through the greenback outfit and saw just how easy it is to make money by the million, million dollars, if you only have the people to back you. How hard it is to get these same greenbacks after they are made we all know and no amount of persuasion has yet induced Uncle Samuel to hand them out freely and cheerfully, just like the blessings of Heaven, as many persons think he should do. It is a wonderful place, this greenback factory of ours and a very interesting article could be written on its inner life and various hues, but we took no notes. When Mr. Moore introduced us to the gentleman who piloted us, he said: "Show him everything as he is an Editor, and will write it all down." Appreciating his kindness fully, we hereby apologize for not writing it down because we really and honestly came away to rest, and for once were bound not to make work of our play as we generally have done.

One regulation we shall notice as many are unaware how track is kept of the piles of money handled here. Every sheet issued (the denomination being decided on) is called money and is charged to the person receiving it as so much money. Every morning each division superintendent receives his or her pile and is charged with it—each package, in every stage, when counted bears the name of the person handling it. At night all work is returned to the vaultkeeper, the books are balanced, the same as a cash account at the bank and if there is a sheet or a bill missing it must be found or accounted for before the employes are let out of the building.

A HAZY ENTERPRISE.

Of course we wanted to see the President, and one fine morning Senator—offered to introduce us to his excellency. We marched out of the east door a big man and a little one, and got into a chariot. Now don't stare, our Senator is not expensive, this chariot is a very Republican institution—eight rides for a quarter.

In due season we arrove at the front door of the White House and went in.

TALK.

Mr. Hayes looks just like the picures of him; he asked us at once what office we wanted and how long we meant to stay. [By the way, Eastern congressmen have two stories on the West current in Washington; one is, that a Neb. man called on Gen. Devens, sent in his card, &c. The General looked at it—"From Nebraska, eh—for God's sake don't let him in, he'll never let up until he gets what he wants, and I'm busy with the war in Europe now," Another went to Secretary Schurtz—he was admitted and the Secretary says: "Now what do you want, say it quick, I might as well give up first as last for when one of your Western chaps gets inside the door, on track of an office, its surrender or stop the government until you've had your talk out. There's no rest here till the office is filled."]

Let's see, where are we? Oh yes! we modestly informed the President that "our friends" insisted on our coming to W. to take a hand in managing affairs and we would be thankful for some small place or other bein' a patriot of some years standing. The President thoughtfully stroked his chin and says: "Mr. Mac—what do you want now, what would suit you like."

"Well," says we—"There's Schurz' place, we think we could fill that nicely."

He rather started at this and looked troubled; says he: "I'd like to do it, it would relieve me of a heap of trouble, and that Nebraska delegation wouldn't be down on me so, I suppose, but then there's Rosewater—he and Schurz—you know how it is yourself, I'd do it for your sake, though you ain't from Ohio, but truth is I darsn't, I don't believe Carl would like it."

Well "McDonagh wan's me to be Governor of Wyoming; couldn't you do that?"

"Let me see—There's Thayer ain't worth a cent on a *veto*, and there's Hoyt—and Peck's a class mate—and civil service demands—can't do it, would like to, for McD's sake."

"Ain't there ary a consulship?"—shakes his head.

"Place in the Army?"—shake—"Navy?"—shake—"Mint?" "Indian Agent?"—"Preachers snatched them all baldheaded"—"Doorkeeper, come now, Polk's bound to go, give me that?"

"They wouldn't do it if I asked 'em, and then you've been a soldier of the Union, no go, my boy."

"Looks so, don't it. There's the Marshalship of Wyoming, I just heard Sweezy's busted?" "Can't do it, (musingly) Church Howe was down here all winter."

"Hello, what'd Church want?" (Waking up.) "None of your business, young man, but that's spoke for, anyway."

"Oh!"

"Mr. President, did you ever hear the story of the fellow that came from Kentucky to see Gen'l Jackson about an office?"

"No, how was it?"

"He came from the backwoods, same as we do, came in home-spun clothes, he had fought bled and died for his country, his president and his party; got his Senator to introduce him, told his story and the General seemed favorably inclined; wanted to know what he wanted, &c. Old home-spun asked first for what he thought he could fill, Post Master General, or something. Couldn't get it; went through the gamut, Army, Navy, Printing Office, and so on—all no go. At last he says:

"Look here, General, can't you give me an old pair of trowsers to wear home? I've most worn this pair out behind, waiting for you to give me an office."

"Well, really, Mr. Mike Murphy, I—"

"Hold! don't you go for to call us Mike Murphy, he's a good for nothing postal clerk out on the U. P., and he robs—"

—"The mails," shouted the President; "Here Key, come here quick, here's a fellow in your bags—"

"Shut up, Mike Murphy ain't in no bags; he gets our sewing machine and fish, and lays his beer cans on us and all such tricks, because his name sounds like ours, don't call me Mr. Mike—"

"Never mind, never mind! Tell you what I'll do. You know McDonagh, out there; half-crazy Irishman, too much brains you see—runs a lop-sided Democratic paper, half on one side and half all round; you go home and tell him I want to see him right off. If he'll come out and support my policy, I'll give him a post office at once. I'll do it. With Schurz to manage the Germans and McDonagh to rope in the Irish we'll make the riffle or bust the government this fall. You tell him so."

Saying good morning, with a weary step we followed the Senator out. A pretty hard dose to go home and tell McD. that, but then he's always been on tother side, and—

"Hold on Mr. Senator, I want to run back just a minute!" Rushing in we said:

"Mr. President, you forgot to say anything about Wheeler!"

"Wheeler, what Wheeler, Wm. A?"

"No! no! Dan'l H,—our man."

"Don't know him. Does he want an office?"

"No-sir-ree!"

You see there may be some things we are on the fence about, but not for a minute about D. H.'s not wanting an office! we know our ground there! And so ended this interview with R. B. H.

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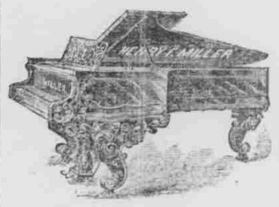

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