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THE Red Cloud Chief run out of paper, it seems.

KEARNEYISM is the latest for rattle-headed fanatics of finance and labor troubles.

THE funeral of 25 persons recently killed by a tornado, took place at Wallingford, Conn., on Sunday.

THE OMAHA HERALD states that Mr. Finch will be in Omaha the first of September.

THE Ashland Times moves to Wahoo, and leaves the Reporter alone in its glory.

NEBRASKA CITY must have a north and south outlet to ever become a first class city. Will the B. & M. come to our aid?—Press.

ALL our Western Exchanges say a bridge across the river at Plattsmouth must be the outcoming of the extension of the B. & M. West.

THE report from all parts of the State are cheerful and encouraging crops, although damaged somewhat by the many rains are not so badly injured as at first supposed.

WE have received a copy of the notice of meeting of the Second Annual Field Encampment, of the Knights Templars of Nebraska, which takes place at Camp Wheeler, near Omaha, on the 3d, 4th, and 5th, of September.

WE have received a beautifully printed complimentary to the Cass County Fair, which will be held at Plattsmouth, Sept. 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20. J. P. Young, Secretary.—Free Press.

THE finances of the country are in a good condition, and if not tinkered with by fools, we shall soon be more prosperous than ever. Labor wants to be "re-districted," as our democratic friends do republican states. There is a demand for labor in the right place, all the time.

THE utter absurdity of the demands of such labor reformers as Kearney are shown in the demand that the government should take charge of every thing, thus creating a vast monopoly of more strength and power than any we have now, and bringing us back to the very evils we fled from in establishing this free government, viz: too much governmental interference.

THE decision of Schurz in regard to railroad lands, brings more and more complications. In an interview with Mr. Poppleton, Attorney for the U. P., the Omaha Herald says: It is the opinion of good lawyers that should the courts sustain the holding of the Secretary and decide that the lands revert to the government, all taxes paid for the past three years and over would revert to the railroad companies, or others paying them, and at a rough estimate, this is over a million dollars Nebraska would have to pay back.

THE Omaha Republican has an elaborate article in its Sunday Edition about the Railroad prospects of the eastern end of the State. Its theories about the O. & N. W. do well enough but when it comes to guess at the B. & M.; it don't guess worth a cent. To relieve its mind about that $14,000,000 we will tell what is to be done with the money. About 9,000,000 is to pay present indebtedness. One million, or thereabouts, to be expended in the extension from Hastings this summer and the rest will be hung up to gaze at until we get ready for a bridge here—not at Childs Mill—or to fight pro-rata; or to give to charitable institutions. Anything to help the people and keep the ball rolling.

Have we a Democratic Party among us?

In looking over our exchanges we are struck with the bitter vituperation that so called Republican journals bestow on each other and upon Republican candidates. The whole fight seems to be between persons and papers calling themselves of one faith. Is there then, no democratic party to beware of; no greenback element that needs attention? Have we indeed become Kilkenny cats, and do we mean to eat each other up? Politics used to be a war, as one might say, between different political parties, with different aims and objects. In this state it has become a war of factions entirely. Why the bitterest democratic papers do not say as harsh things of our candidates as we do ourselves. Can the party stand this long and hope to succeed? We trow not.

Greenback Convention.

The Greenbackers of this country met according to call at Louisville on the 10th, Geo. Shrader in the chair and D. W. Foster, Secty.

They elected the following delegates to the State Convention to be held at Lincoln on the 14th. Delegates—F. Carruth, H. Hubbard, B. F. Allen, D. W. Foster, James Clerk, J. J. Roberts, T. J. Welborn, C. F. Came, J. Mc F. Haygood, Jno. Ramsey, L. L. Hansen.

No proxies were allowed and the delegates present were allowed to cast the full vote of the county. A convention to nominate county ticket, etc. was set for the 13th of September at Weeping Water.

PERSONAL politics has nearly ruined the party in this County and in this State. Instead of the welfare of the masses being looked after, and the good of the party, it has been the personal fortunes of individuals.

TUESDAY morning John Simpson, expressman between here and the Junction, brought word that the express car on the K. C. train had been robbed the night before of $5,000. Yesterday's telegrams confirmed the fact. Four men jumped on the platform of the south bound train as it left Winthrop, a small station in Mo., about 1 o'clock in the morning. As soon as the train was fairly in motion they pushed through into the express car, holding pistols to the conductor and baggage men's heads. The express messenger, Frank Baxter, had his safe open and bills on his lap. They ordered "hands up," grabbed the $5,000; ordered the conductor to pull the rope to slow the train, and left; cool, easy and comfortable, all the time. The following is the description obtained: One heavy, large man, six feet high, weight 200, light moustache, light chin whiskers, brown hair, broad red face and wore a broad brim slouch hat. The one who went through the safe was tall, wore a slouched hat and had on a light coat reaching below the knees. The other two were of medium stature, rather short built, dressed in dark clothes, and wearing slouched hats.

Hot St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, July 30th, 1878.

DEAR HERALD:—Thinking you would be anxious about one of your subscribers in the hot place since old Sol made a target of the Mound City, I will endeavor to contribute a few lines on the same. Whew! talk about heat! the tidal wave struck us like an East India sirocco, broadside, melting everything in its path, and roaring like a blast furnace! Man and beast withered under its melting rays! The home of our City Fathers was turned into a vast dispensary, and many ambulances were kept busy, patients coming in as fast as voters on election day. A corps of medical skill was brought into requisition, and the wildest excitement prevailed. But we were soon soothed by the announcement of the leading papers that it was only the inebriates and tipplers that had perished, that there was no danger for the temperance people. Then we straightened up our backs and stood the heat like a bronze statue, that was such comfort for us. You will know by this that I am temperate for all the rest were cremated. All business was suspended, and every salutation was about the heat. We have an elegant comfortable morgue, which was so well patronized that it was altogether inadequate to the demand. It is right under the dome of justice and the stench was so strong that justice had to be suspended for a time. A remnant of our defunct whiskey ring was about to form a stock company with an illicit still to extract whiskey from the dead carcasses, but they found it would not do under the present administration so they could not let the old machine run. I think it was a pity that the wave did not strike us while they were trying the whiskey ring; it would have done them justice and saved the Government a great expense.

We had a rumor that our great iron bridge was melting and the excitement was fearful! Also that a young lady in one of our fashion bazars had really dissolved all but her hair; upon investigation she turned out to be wax.

Old Tice came in for his share of comment when he set the 17th for the hottest day we have had in one hundred years. That alarmed us for he generally hits the mark, and even the total abstinence people took fright and when the morning dawned with the mercury up in the ninetys we commenced to strip off our flesh and sit around in our bones. In that way we managed to keep cool. Night came, and it turned out to have been less hot than the previous day, and then they commenced abusing old Tice most unmercifully. He got disgusted, run down his signal at half mast, let go the weather throttle and the wave went bounding to the seaboard. It struck them like a boomerang for slandering us as they had done, and made them squirm like an eel on a gridiron.

Now as the wave has not been partial and has given the whole country a taste, I hope they will give us a rest, for we still lay some claim to a summer resort. We still have enough left to bury the dead and a few to spare.

YOURS anon., RED HOT.

The City of Plattsmouth.

Has a population of about 3,000. It is a well built town with a splendid high school, churches and other public buildings. The town is finely located on the west bank of the Missouri, just where the broad Platte debouches into the Missouri, and its sheltering bluffs are richly clothed with wood. On the east side of the Missouri is a terminus of the C. B. & Q. Railroad. The Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company in Nebraska, has its construction shops at Plattsmouth; and at Plattsmouth is one of the eastern termini of the road, the railway starting west at this point and running through the county on its way to Kearney. The traffic across the Missouri is by a couple of steamboats, owned by the B. & M. R. R., and four miles west of Plattsmouth a branch of the road starts for Omaha, and thus the farmers of the county have railroad openings east, west, north and south. The other towns on the railroad are Louisville and Greenwood, both active and thriving places, where good business openings may be found; and Weeping Water in the center of the county. The county has about seven flowering mills in different locations; and in the neighborhood of Louisville there is an immense deposit of Kaolin porcelain clay—which can be utilized for the finest pottery, but meanwhile it will be converted into good bricks.—Neb. City Press.

Commissioners Proceedings.

Board met Monday, August 5th, 1878 pursuant to adjournment. Present B. S. Ramsey, Henry Wolfe, and James Crawford Commissioners and J. W. Jennings Deputy Clerk.

The hour of 4 o'clock having arrived, the following bids were opened for building bridges as per advertisement.

Walter J. White bridges 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 at $5,60 per foot.

Walter J. White, bridges 11, 12 and 13 at $5,25 per foot. Removing and rebuilding two bridges $50,00.

Sans & Fitch No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 at $4,90 per foot. Removing and rebuilding two bridges $80,00.

Stephen Robinson, all bridges cash $25,22; warrants $26,40.

Order allowed S. M. Davis on his road district No. 23 for $20, 71, and an order on H. A. Waterman & Son for 2428 feet of lumber.

On motion contract was awarded to Walter J. White for bridges No. 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 all to be pile bridges at $5,25 per lineal foot.

Contract awarded to Sans & Fitch for bridges No. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, bent bridges, at $4,90 per foot, lineal measure.

On motion board adjourned to 8 o'clock a. m., August 6th.

TUESDAY, Aug. 6.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, full board present, same as yesterday.

Order allowed Eli W. Pitman, supervisor road district No. 4 on H. A. Waterman & Son for 756 feet of lumber; also order for 8 lbs of spikes on E. G. Dovey & Son.

The following orders were allowed on bridge fund: H. H. Gullion assisting to stake bridges, $3,00; G. W. Fairfield for locating bridges, $47,20.

On general fund, G. W. Fairfield fractional maps $16,50.

On poor fund the following claims were allowed: Henry Boeck, coffin for pauper, $3,75; Henry Boeck, coffin for pauper $9,00; Henry Boeck, coffin for pauper $12,00. J. C. Eikenbury, boarding paupers for July $45,40. E. G. Dovey, sundries for poor, $21,05. C. G. Herold, clothing for paupers $1,50; John E. Barnes, digging grave for pauper, $3,00.

Contracts for building bridges entered into between County Commissioners and Walter J. White, and Sands & Fitch.

Ordered that the Clerk be instructed to notify N. G. Douge, late Supervisor of road district No. 59, to turn over to his successor in office 200 feet of lumber, being the amount appropriated by him of County lumber.

Order allowed Jesse Erwin, supervisor of road district No. 39, on H. A. Waterman & Son for 480 feet lumber.

Settlement made with N. G. Douge, supervisor district No. 59.

Petition for appointment of W. B. Porter as supervisor of road district No. 15, granted.

Bond of W. B. Porter as supervisor of road district No. 15, with W. R. Murray and G. W. Fairfield, approved.

Order allowed J. W. Adams, supervisor of road district No. 20, for 1740 feet of lumber on H. A. Waterman & Son, and also on his road district for $4,66.

Order allowed W. B. Porter, supervisor of district No. 15, for $15, on his district fund.

Order allowed Henry Stoll, supervisor district No. 42, on H. A. Waterman & Son for 1448 feet of lumber, and on E. G. Dovey & Son for 20 lbs spikes.

Order allowed W. J. White on bridge fund for $500, as part pay on contract of June, 1878.

On motion claim of Wm. L. Wells and R. W. Hyers, costs of Clerk and Sheriff in case of State of Nebraska vs. Wm. H. H. Kellogg, suit in ejectment from school lands, which was rejected July 2d, 1878, said action is hereby reconsidered and referred to F. M. Davis, Land Commissioner of the State of Nebraska.

Bond of W. J. White was, on motion, approved.

Petition of Orlando Tefft and others for the appointment of J. B. Carter as supervisor of of road district No. 56, granted.

The claim of E. G. Dovey & Son for sundries $14,99, allowed on bridge fund.

The following bills were allowed on general fund: State Journal Co., sundries $15,60; D. D. Martindale, Postage $1,30, and salary for July, 1878, $72,00; John A. MacMurphy, sundries printing $27,55; Eli Plummer, sundries $1,65; G. S. Smith, fee in Moore & Hobbs case $111,11.

Order allowed H. C. Calkins, supervisor of road district No. 18, for 1500 feet of lumber, on H. A. Waterman & Son, also order on his road district for $1,67.

On motion adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, August 7, 1878.

Present full board and J. W. Jennengs, Dept. Clerk. The following were the proceedings to-wit:

Ordered that an appropriation of not to exceed one dollar per week from the 1st day of May, 1878, be and the same is hereby made, out of the poor fund for the purpose of furnishing medicines for Samuel Yoder, and the Clerk is hereby authorized to draw warrants on same fund in favor of P. S. Barnes, druggist, in accordance with this order, until further order of the board.

Claim of Jones & Stroud, livery bill, $36,50, allowed on general fund.

Claim of Jas. Sans, recovering lumber, $12,50, allowed on bridge fund.

Claim of Commissioners of Insanity in case of Gerard, $29,15 allowed on general fund.

Claim of P. S. Barnes under order, for $13,00, allowed on poor fund.

Claim of H. A. Waterman & Son, $72,49 for lumber allowed on bridge fund.

Claim of Theodore Heim, $28,00 for building bridge, allowed on bridge fund.

Petition of C. Schlegel and others for vacation of county road between w. ½ Sec. 8 and 18, T. 12, R. 13, granted.

Proof of notice having been made, also bond filed and J. V. Glover is hereby appointed as commissioner to view and report on said road.

Petition of F. R. Guthman and others, for aid for Mrs. Koresky is hereby granted, and an order for $3,00 per month on F. R. Guthman, allowed until further orders.

Report of J. V. Glover, commissioner to view road petitioned for by A. Schlegel and others, commencing at South East corner Section 9 Town 12 Range 12, thence north two miles. Said Commissioner reporting favorably is hereby accepted and J. V. Glover appointed to locate said road.

Ordered that the Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to notify J. M. Stone to pay into County Treasurer the amount due by him to Estate of B. V. Bogle,

A claim in the case of Bogle $31 70.

Resignation of M. O. Alley as Supervisor of Road Dist. No, 38 accepted.

Order allowed Theodore Heim, Supervisor Dist. No. 11, for $19 62 on his Dist.

Ordered that the School House Tax on the s. e. of Sec. 23 Town 11 Range 13, $10 44, and on Personal Tax of Mymis Able $3 77 for the year 1877 be and the same is hereby exonerated.

Order allowed Wm. Lockwood, Supervisor Road Dist. No. 3, for $15 on his Road Dist.

Claim of R. W. Hyers Jailors fees and Boarding prisoners $33 50; Claim of R. W. Hyers, Insane Case A. Gerrad 23 25; Claim of R. W. Hyers and others, Inquest of John Henry 36 70.

Order allowed R. Morrow, Supervisor Dist. No. 19, on H. A. Waterman & Son for 3,000 feet of Lumber and on E. G. Dovey & Son for 15 lbs. of spikes.

Claim of B. S. Ramsey services as Commissioner, 42 15;

Claim lof Henry Wolfe for services as Commissioner, 48 90.

Claim of James Crawford for services as Commissioner, 41 00.

Claim of Streight & Miller repairing chair 1 75.

When Board adjourned to Sept. 2d.

THE truth of the matter is, these party jumpers have been treated too leniently by the straight Republicans. They have been repeatedly taken back into the fold without even the pardoning of their political sins. They have denounced nothing because nothing was required of them. The plan in Nebraska is now to draw the party lines closely; to lay down the doctrines of republicanism and to teach the same with catechetical strictness; and tell the factious Republicans that if they will give their support to independent and democratic movements they must do the same as democrats and quit the republican party.—Fairmont Bulletin.