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Our Club List For 1879.

- List of names and subscription amounts for the year 1879, including names like J. A. MacMurphy, J. M. Smith, etc.

CONGRESS has enacted a law allowing women to practice law in the Supreme Court.

HON. S. F. NICKOLS, one of the promoters of Nebraska City, died in Salt Lake on the 14th inst.

The Soldier's orphan's asylum at Columbus, Ohio, was burned to the ground on the 16th inst., the six hundred inmates being with difficulty rescued.

FINCH & Co. are going to meet H. C. & Co. on the temperance question, in Omaha, soon. The Republican says bellows and beer mugs will be at a premium.

The bill introduced in Congress by the late Frank Welch to provide for the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at Decatur passed the Senate on the 17th inst.

We have received the report of the joint committee to consider the expediency of transferring the Indian department of which Senator Saunders was chairman. Senator S opposed the transfer and Carl Schurz backed him up.

SENATOR BRUCE, of Mississippi, presided over the Senate of the United States one day last week, and Senator Bruce has negro blood in his veins. The first time in the history of this government that a colored man has enjoyed that honor.

MANY of our State exchanges come to us with accounts of numerous deaths from diphtheria, in some cases two or more, and sometimes all the children of a family. Plattsmouth has so far been mercifully free from this scourge, and we hope may continue to be so.

The feeling in this State is in favor of reducing the salary of Chancellor of the State University to a sum not to exceed three hundred dollars more than is paid the professors. The office itself should be abolished, and the office of President created. The idea of Chancellor of the Nebraska University is absurd.—Fremont Tribune.

SUPPOSE Sammy Tilden should succeed in lifting himself from the cipher slough, how shall he escape from the "income tax swindle," "the railroad wrecker business" and Cronin's nose? The fact is while Sammy is ingeniously raising one leg out of the mire the other goes down kerchuck into a worse bog.—Fremont Tribune.

MR. TEFFT showed his good sense in one thing at the beginning of the session, when he offered a resolution to the effect that the Senate receive the commissioner's report on revision and pass upon it without amendment, (except for clerical errors,) and either accept or reject. The experience of the past two weeks demonstrates that this would be the best plan.

Judge Gaslin called a special term of Court at Hastings to try the man James McElroy alias Brown, arrested for the murder of Henry Stutzman on the 8th day of February. He was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hung on the 23rd of May. A few more trials like that will go far towards checking the lawlessness which has prevailed in Nebraska.

W. H. B. SROUT'S proposal to construct cells for the State Prison provided his lease is extended seems a good one, if the prison labor system and the leasing of the same is to be continued at all. He is well known to be responsible and is here among us. A change that might bring in an irresponsible stranger as a Contractor would be of no benefit to the State.

UNION Pacific stocks took a sudden rise in Wall Street on the 17th inst., going up from 66 to 78 and then fluctuating from 75% to 77%. All sorts of rumors were extant as to the cause, the principal one being that Jay Gould had made arrangements by which the control of the road passed into the hands of a syndicate composed of prominent Wall street men. Gould is said to have sold 100,000 shares at about 70, having begun to purchase stock at something below 50. It is said Gould calculated nothing from active business. A man having tasted the sweets of power and using still on the topmost wave isn't very likely to do that.

Contentment.

(For the Herald.) We sigh and lament For the joys we have not, Complaining to God For the ills we have got. Yet never a soul So helpless and sad, But may find a companion More happily had. The joy that we covet In other folk's lives, When thoroughly seen, Is a sorry surprise. By plucking the thorn, In the lordliest house, Is the skeleton born. 'Mid toil, woe and want, Is innocence reared; In poverty's dwellings The light is not feared. J. G. MCM.

The bill providing for publishing county commissioners' proceedings, officially, and paying for the same a reasonable compensation, is so manifestly just and ought to pass that we hope it will not meet with factious opposition.

One thing observable in this Legislature as a rule, they pay no attention to the recommendation of the State Officers in the reports at all. It is no use publishing reports and giving their experience of what is demanded if no use or no attention is paid to the same.

The revision business grows worse and worse. It is an unsafe measure, to pass it as it now stands. No one knows what is in it, or how much is left out. Several important omissions have come to our personal knowledge, and changes have been interpolated not made by the Committee and for whom no one seems responsible. The only safe way it seems to us is to print it as it stands and let the people see what it really contains and then pass upon it next winter.

"A movement is now on foot," says the Ashland Reporter, "to have a new county made with Ashland at or near the center. It is proposed to take a slice off Cass, Saunders and Lancaster counties, and make a new county." Saunders and Lancaster might spare quite a chunk with impunity, but Cass wouldn't make more than four or five counties.—York Tribune.

My goodness gracious! is dot so, and we're about here never learn tell of it before. Boys, wake up! go away from home to read the news. The white citizens of Alaska consider themselves badly treated by the United States which has withdrawn the troops formerly held there for their protection, and now being threatened by the Indians in the interior they have applied to the United States to protect them. Having been disregarded they have now called upon her Majesty's Man of War at Esquimaux to aid them until the United States awakes from its slumber and concludes to protect those whom it has sent to colonize its outlying territory.

Last week's Plattsmouth HERALD bristles all over with the finger touches and wit of MacMurphy. In fine, it is "Tip-top" all over.—Fremont Tribune.

By Jovel we didn't know it, but then come to think it over bristles all over this year it brought bristles down. The Tribune may not have such a good bristle market up there, but it evolves a good deal of sound common sense in the course of a year, and we'd almost swap even, brother Michael, on the bristles.

The high license bill of Mr. Howe came up in the Senate in committee of the whole, last Friday, for discussion. They took all the afternoon to it, and amended and cut it and altered it until Howe couldn't swear to his own banding, and gave it up in despair. Charley Brown walked through it, like new lace through a two-inch faucet; Constant laid over it a network of legal lace, and VanWyck legged in the University professors in a body to amend it with. When it came to a vote the body was a tie, 14 to 14, and the chairman, Senator Norvall, promptly voted "No," giving as a reason that it was amended to death.

A PERSON to visit the B. & M. depot just now would naturally suppose the springtime of immigration was coming in. Every train that arrives from the East contains from ten to thirty cars loaded exclusively with goods and stock belonging to immigrants who are making Nebraska their home. If the immigration that is now pouring into our State is an index of what we may expect when the spring opens there is no telling how soon we may see every vacant eighty acres of land in Western Nebraska blossoming as the rose. Up to last evening there had been received at the B. & M. depot, saying nothing about the A. & N. seventy-nine cars loaded with stock, farming implements, and household goods, belonging to immigrants who will settle in Western Nebraska.—Journal.

Two young men, named Bertz and Fees, en-route to Utica, this state, with a car-load of horses met with an accident last Friday which has finally terminated in the life of both of them. The train containing the car arrived at Lincoln Friday morning early, and while switching, the two young men stepped on the back end of their car to raise a horse which was down, one being inside and the other standing on the bumper, when the horse kicked the one standing inside and knocked him against the other, both falling on the track, and before they could get entirely off the car passed over them, badly crushing both feet of Bertz. Fees' leg and Bertz's feet were amputated by Drs. Davis and Livingston. Fees died the same evening and Bertz, on Monday. They were fine young men, of eighteen and twenty-two, or thereabouts, and this sudden ending of their lives is most sad.

Delinquent Tax Lists.

This is what the Fairbury Gazette says about the delinquent tax business, and it is about right too: If the present legislature want to father the Committee's report on this, all right we can stand it if they can:

The revision committee in the Legislature propose to strike out of the clause in the revenue law providing for the publication of the delinquent tax lists. We thought the legislature had about reached the limit of measures when the law was enacted providing for letting the work to the lowest bidder, as in most counties by ruinous competition, the work has been done at too low a figure for profit. While under the present law the amount realized by publishers for the work may be inconsiderable there are other reasons why the proposed change should not be made. The members of the committee may think the expense a needless one and that the lists are evil-reading, but it would be a libel on their constituents to suppose them equally ignorant. In a new county especially, where property is rapidly changing hands, the list should be published, for it often happens that land is encumbered by taxes unknown to the owner at the time of sale. It is true he might consult the records but his attention would much more likely be called to it in a printed list. Then, too, mistakes are frequently made by the treasurer in making receipts and marking the list which first comes to light by publication. Without the notice no one could find ignorance of the law, but there are very many who never think of paying their taxes unless thus notified of the day of sale, and that their property will pass into other hands. The advertisement serves to call attention to the fact and they pay up rather than submit to the additional costs. Keeping the time of sale as quiet as possible would doubtless operate in the interest of the purchaser of the tax titles but we can see no way in which it would help the resident. Should the change be made delinquent lists will increase at least 50 per cent.

PROF. AGUEHY delivered his lecture on the "Ice Age" to an audience of about seventy-five last Friday evening, half of whom were children. The lecture was a most interesting one, treating of the age in which this section of the country was covered with glaciers such as now cover Greenland and Iceland, given in a manner which showed the speaker to be perfect master of his subject. Only about thirty-five of Plattsmouth's citizens, exclusive of children, were engaged interested in this subject to listen to it, as expounded by a man who has become an authority not only in America but even in Europe on points pertaining to the geological formation of this portion of the country, which scientific men are beginning to consider one of the finest storehouses of fossil remains on the globe. A man who people elsewhere flock to hear in numbers and crowd the buildings in which he lectures. But Plattsmouth isn't going to waste her time on such dry subjects, when her young men have a jolly saloon or billiard hall to go to and her business men can sit back and calculate how much longer before the B. & M. will build a bridge here and thereby raise Plattsmouth to a level with Lincoln or Omaha, without any efforts of theirs.

It will be many a day first, fellow citizens, for a town so sunk in the single idea of money making and whose citizens seldom spend a cent to improve their minds or those of their children or to find out what the great world outside of them is doing, the world of science, of literature, of art, of business, and allow their children to grow up in the same way, indulging only in the doubtful instruction and amusement which a fourth rate theatrical troupe or a minstrel show or a circus can give will require more boosting than half a dozen B. & M.'s and bridges can afford to raise them where any ideas will strike them, and it is ideas and knowledge, keeping abreast with your neighbor throughout the world, and if possible a little ahead, that wins the day, not B. & M.'s and railroad bridges.

Last week we attended a scientific lecture in Lincoln given by Prof. Collier, at which were present at least 800 people, about one in fifteen of the population, and this is their average attendance at lectures of that kind. Now let us see, seventy-five is about one in forty of Plattsmouth's population, and that represents the proportion of her citizens who aid in any public enterprise which will redound to the credit and good standing of the town, or who are interested in any subject, scientific literary or historical, for under those heads are included the three lectures of the course which have thus far been given in Plattsmouth, and which have averaged about that attendance.

Lincoln and Omaha have always been famous for the generosity with which they have supported enterprises of this sort, and therein is one, by no means small, element of their success and growth. Plattsmouth is just as famous for never supporting anything of the kind, and has turned away many people thereby, and many enterprises which would have repaid her fourfold for all investments.

We have not said this a great many times, when tempted, because we hated to publish our willful ignorance and apathy abroad, but when we find that it is already so well known that we cannot make it any more public, when we are told again and again that Plattsmouth bears the worst reputation of any town in the State for supporting any kind of a first-class lecture, concert, or other entertainment, we conclude we can't make a bad matter worse; and we have a faint—very faint—hope we may make it a little better, and arouse the people a little to receive a new idea or two, even at the risk of animosity to ourselves.

Editorial Correspondence.

LINCOLN, February 19th, 1879. Perhaps the most exciting thing going on now is the University investigation. It had become rather dull and monotonous until they got Regent Fairfield on the stand. Evidently tiring of the useless and frivolous charges of little omissions and peccadilloes on the part of either the Chancellor or members of the faculty he determined to give his views in full of the origin of the trouble and its continuation to date. His theory is that it has all grown out of religious differences. That when the Chancellor was selected he was largely selected through the broad-gauge influence, or as Fairfield squarely puts, the infidel wing in this city. When the Chancellor made his inauguration address he declared there was a God and he had something to do with the University of Nebraska; from that moment the battle began. The witness is very peculiar in his delivery, being physically nervous, not mentally (twitchings of mouth and eyebrows), and would be very dramatic if it was not so evidently unconvincing and his usual every day manner. The parlor were crowded as they have been until a late hour the last few evenings. There is no doubt but that the Regent is right as to the predisposing cause of the University trouble; but I cannot but feel that the investigation is a blunder—carried on in the way it has been—harmful to the institution, prejudicial to good morals and manners and injurious to true educational interests. The Legislature affected to inquire to ascertain that there was a radical disturbance, should have turned the whole matter over to the Regents with instructions to procure a new Chancellor or a new Faculty and let it end there. This sensational open investigation business night after night only to satisfy a morbid curiosity of lower minds to hear that professors and preachers have as many little small, unmanly and selfish attributes as the boys and girls they teach cannot tend to elevate the interests of humanity nor any Educational interest.

THE CAPITOL BILL Came up in the Senate yesterday and was amended badly. The proposition now is to take \$75,000 out of the present funds instead of levying a new tax. It was fought bitterly by the democrats and received but little real warm support from Republicans apparently outside of the Lancaster delegation. The whole business is likely to fall through and yet the State really needs a wing, a suitable building to transact business in for the next few years, and not an abortion and a scarecrow for a State-house. A good deal less money than \$75,000 will build this, though, and it can be saved in the expense incurred every session for extra committee rooms and outside accommodations for members.

CHURCH HOWE. When we arrived here yesterday the Hon. Church Howe was not in his seat. It was supposed that he had absent himself purposely to have a little fun on the Capitol bill, but too soon it was learned that the gentleman was dangerously sick of nervous prostration, at his room at the Commercial. It was currently reported as a case of cerebro-spinal meningitis, and his friends became very much alarmed for his life. Dr. Mathewson was sent for, and we are happy to announce that this morning he is much better, and the Doctor says may be out in a few days. His active, powerful, long-continued work for this session is over, though.

THE REFORM SCHOOL BILL Came up in the House in committee of the whole in evening session, last night, and it was located at Kearney. Whether Mr. Windham will make an effort to have this changed when the bill comes up in the House we are not informed at this writing.

I enclose a bill of Windham's which interests our people and for publication; another was introduced by him for the western members, to create an organized mounted police on our western frontier.

THE REVISION BUSINESS. Came up in the House, and a resolution asking for an extra session, at once, to revise the laws, etc., was passed by a vote of 44 to 38. The Governor will not call one, though, unless the Senate concurs strongly.

It is mad and slush here—outside and in, I guess. Our county seat bill was reported back without recommendation, and is in a ticklish position. It comes up this morning. MAC.

HOUSE ROLL 155—INTRODUCED BY MR. WINDHAM. A Bill For an act making certain taxes paid by counties under and by virtue of the provisions of an act entitled "an act to authorize the county commissioners of the several counties of Nebraska to purchase lands for their respective counties at tax sale," passed January 30, 1877, and under acts amendatory thereto, a perpetual lien with priority over subsequent purchasers for subsequent taxes.

Read first time, February 11, 1879; ordered to second reading, read second time, February 12, 1879; ordered to general file February 12, 1879; sent to printer, February 12, 1879. It is enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska: SECTION 1. That all counties of the state which have heretofore purchased or may hereafter purchase lots and lands at tax sale, under and by virtue of an act entitled "an act to authorize the county commissioners of the several counties of Nebraska to purchase lands for their respective counties at tax sale," approved January 30, 1877, and by virtue of an act amendatory thereto approved February 23, 1875, shall have a perpetual lien upon the lots and lands so purchased, for the amount of tax paid and twelve per cent interest: And, provided further, that said lien shall have priority over all subsequent purchases at tax sale, made by individuals. SEC. 2. That it shall not be an imperative requirement in order for said counties to maintain their lien, so se-

cured by reason of said purchases at tax sale, to pay subsequent taxes which may become due thereon, neither shall any subsequent purchases at tax sale prejudice or in any wise invalidate the claim or lien of said counties, or secure priority of lien by reason of their purchase: Provided, however, that the subsequent purchaser may redeem from the county by the payment of the county's lien with twelve per cent. interest. SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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