

THE HERALD.

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PLATTSMOUTH, JUNE 5, 1879.

The Ohio dems. put up Tom Ewing.

Russia has opened the ball by hanging four nihilists at Kiev.

Gen. Jas. Shields is dead. He died suddenly at Ottumwa, Ia., at 10:30 p. m., June 1st.

The Omaha Evening News has opened a column to the temperance people, and it is bedeviled by Malams Charlton Edholm.

By some means the copy of a communication from Greenwood signed "Nubbins Uncle," received last week was mislaid until too late for publication. We regret the mistake.

The resignation of Judge Dillon has been accepted by the President to take effect on Sept. 1st. Sect'y McCreey will be appointed in his stead. Judge Dillon takes the head of the Columbia law college, N. Y.

A TELEPHONE exchange is to be started in Omaha. Already seventy-nine parties have subscribed to it, some to run to their business houses and some to their residences. Pretty soon all Omaha will be talking to each other by means of the telephone.

Miss LaFlesche, a member of the Omaha tribe of Indians, who with her father Joe LaFlesche, went down to the Indian Territory to ascertain the truth of the Ponca statement as to the unhealthiness of their reservation, has obtained the autographs of all the parties who were connected with the Ponca case. We remember Susy, as she used to be called, when a modest little girl, she attended the Mission school at the Omaha Agency.

The Ohio convention nominated Hon. Chas. Foster for Governor after a severe contest. Judge Duff was the other candidate, and the general opinion seems to be that Foster is the stronger candidate. The Ohioans seem to think that their election determines the presidential contest. It is a very important election, but we guess the rest of our sisters, and our cousins and our aunts will have something to say when it comes to '89.

We have received a pass from the New York and Manhattan Beach Ry. Co., for the opening of the summer season at "Manhattan Beach" June 14th, together with an invitation to attend the same. The programme set forth is alluring. P. S. Gilmore's little band has been engaged for the season, a balloon to make daily ascensions. Electric lights, facilities the most improved for surfing bathing, grand hotel, largest of its kind in the world, clam-bake every day—if we could only bridge the gap between Plattsmouth and New York think we should start immediately. Perhaps some of our readers had better go and report.

The latest from Washington since the last vote is that the majority will pass the legislative, judicial and army appropriation bills, providing, however, that no money shall be used for transporting troops to or from the polls or to or from any place where they may be used at elections; nor shall any money be used for the purpose of paying U. S. supervisors of elections or U. S. marshals. The purposes and uses of each dollar is distinctly set forth, and any other use forbidden.

They think the President will not dare veto this bill and they will thus gain their point in establishing the principle that the United States cannot regulate even the manner of its own elections. If the President does veto this last arrangement they think they can go to the country on the issue.

The plan is at best but a subterfuge to override if possible the President's well-stated objections to the former measures.

A TERRIBLE CYCLONE.

Passes Over Southern Nebraska, Northern Kansas and Part of Missouri.

Again we have been fortunate in this section of country, for while our rains have been full and strong they have caused no damage to life and property, but in other parts of our state and neighboring ones they have been less fortunate.

A terrible storm of wind and rain passed through Richardson county and did great damage along the A. & N. at Denison Mills, Neb., the Catholic church was destroyed, the store of Mead, Riley & Co. and several persons injured. In Kansas however it was frightful, a dispatch to the Champion says: At Irving 12 persons were killed and 29 wounded, so that many will die. At Delphos, Ottawa Co., 15 dead bodies were brought in from 2 square miles of territory.

The citizens of Atchison raised \$1200 for the sufferers, besides medicines, blankets, food, &c.

In Jackson Co., Mo., Mr. Harris and his wife and children were carried up into the air clear out of sight and dropped in different places and directions from site of the house they occupied and varying in distance from one to two hundred yards. Mrs. Harris and one child were killed outright; Mr. Harris died several hours after; one of the other children was found in a pool of water fifty yards from the house with a large bunch of wet straw and grass wrapped so tightly around his head and shoulders it could only be removed with great difficulty. The child was but slightly injured, his escape being attributed to the mysterious bandage around him. When last heard from the storm was traveling northward and had entered Lafayette county.

Near Lee's Summit, Mo., it tore a furrow through the earth about a hundred yards wide and 10 miles long, leveling everything in its track, killing and wounding people and stock.

These storms are awful and we can only be too thankful that thus far we have been wonderfully spared.

DEATH! DEATH! DEAD!

TWO SUICIDES IN TWO DAYS.

Singular Pertinacity in Shifting from Known Evils to those of the Unknown.

On Saturday morning the town was startled by the report that an unknown man committed suicide at the Platte Valley House during the night. The HERALD reporter repaired to the spot and found only too truly that a German, about 48 years old, had arrived there the night before from the Omaha train. He enquired for a German boarding house and had been directed to the Platte Valley. He retired at once to his room, after giving the clerk about \$30 in money, for safe keeping. In the morning the clerk went up to get an extra basin from his room, and found the man dead. By his side were found two bottles of strychnine, two empty and two about one-half full, and a 4-oz phial of chloroform, nearly one-third used.

He had taken his boots off, hung his watch on a nail, evidently took the poison, prepared the handkerchief with chloroform, then blew the candle out and stretched himself outside the bed-clothes, fixed the handkerchief over his chin, crossed his hands on his breast and apparently died with scarcely a struggle.

The sheriff and Dr. Richmond were at once notified, and later, Dr. Livingston and others. After a brief examination by the surgeons a jury was empaneled by Sheriff Hyers, acting coroner, as follows:

JURORS: W. D. Jones, H. W. Sage, Alex. Schlegel, Jas. W. Woodson, P. P. Gass, J. W. Johnson.

The following witnesses were subpoenaed and testified to the facts briefly as follows:

Dr. S. H. Richmond was called to the room about 6:30 a. m. May 31st; found man lying on his back, cold and dead. Found strychnine, &c., and that man came to his death from combined poison of strychnine and chloroform.

Dr. R. R. Livingston was called later in the day; testified as to position of body, finding of strychnine, chloroform, &c., stated probable quantity of each taken. Said the bottles were marked from some druggist in Omaha, but the name was carefully scratched off.

E. P. Waterhouse (clerk) sworn. Told when the man came, about going to room, &c., gave him room 12; man came down about 10:30 and wanted to see clerk or landlord, wanted some water, took water up and he handed me his pocket book and told me to take care of it; asked how much there was, he untied it and counted it—about \$28 in bills and some silver, \$39 in all; turned it over to Mr. Bons. Next morning wanted the basin and went up, found man dead and note on table.

(The note was in German, and says, his name was Herman Rheinfield, born in Hanover, been in America five years, often sick, and had been out of work three months, had not much money and would rather die than live.)

Irving Hill, P. H. Thornhill and Wm. Splain, who had adjoining rooms all swore to about the same state of facts.

P. B. Murphy told that he was called to room 12 about 7:30, saw man dead, &c.

The evidence seeming clear and complete, the jury very shortly brought in the following verdict:

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Decoration Day.

Last Friday, the 30th of May, the day set apart to commemorate the heroism of our soldiers brave, and to decorate their graves with floral offerings was more generally celebrated throughout the Union than in many years before.

From our telegrams and exchanges we learn that great preparations; large processions and patriotic speeches by great men were made in every large city; and each smaller hamlet and village in the states, where so many of our brave lie buried, turned out in greater or less numbers to show their devotion to, and belief in the cause these patriotic men lost their lives to maintain.

This in spite of the advice, beforehand, of several large newspapers (which think themselves influential) to the effect that "Decoration day" had better be abandoned, it should be now obsolete, all well enough at first &c.—but at this late day it was only a reminder of sectional strife.

The late attitude of Congress, that is the majority, no doubt aimed to draw out an unusual protest from the survivors of those who lost friends in the war for the Union, to show that the cause of this war and its results were not forgotten, by the loyal men and women of the North, nor the preservation of the Union on the basis settled at Appomattox an obsolete idea.

We have not space to detail a minute portion of the celebrations in different places, we shall barely touch those nearest home.

IN OMAHA

They met at 10:30 in the morning and moved to the cemetery in the following order.

Col. R. H. Willbur and aids, General Frederick, James S. France and Sam B. Jones.

Band of the 1st U. S. Infantry, Floral Wagon.

Mayor Chase and Speakers of the Day. Police Judge.

Wagon Containing Thirty-Eight Little Girls, in White, Representing the Thirty-Eight States.

Double Quartette. Schumann Quartette.

Chief Engineer J. J. Galligan, and Page, Martin Ish.

City Marshal and Police.

Band of the 1st U. S. Infantry.

Durant Engine and Hose Company. Pioneer Hose and Ladder Company.

Omaha Engine Company No. 1. Fire Kings Engine Company No. 2.

Nebraska Engine Company No. 2. Assistant Chiefs of the Department.

Ambulance with Flowers. Phil. Kearney Post No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic.

Geo. A. Custer Post No. 7, Grand Army of the Republic.

Speeches were made by Hon. Mayor Chase, Pres. of the day, Gen. J. C. Cowdin, Judge Savage, Gen. Manderson and others. Gen. Manderson's eulogy of the dead Strickland was very fine.

At David City, Col. Paul Vandervoort spoke, and his closing sentences were as follows:

"Comrades, it is well that we should band together. The old veterans are being awakened; rusty sabres are being brightened; military companies are springing up everywhere; the patriotic flag is being hoisted on every hill."

In the name of the dead who perished from earth to save the nation, I appeal to you to cling to their precious memory. When this day comes strew their grassy mounds with sweet blooming flowers, and with bowed heads and tear-dimmed eyes vow eternal devotion to the cause for which they fought and died. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Stand on the alert. A soldier should never sleep on duty. Watch with bated breath and clenched hands all efforts to destroy the Union. Renew the old ties. Talk often of the past. Teach your children loyalty. Teach them to love and honor the flag, to love the land of their birth as a mother cherishes her children. When the steps falter, the hair grows white, and the face wrinkles, and you strike your tents and pass to the eternal camping ground, you will leave behind you 17 young hearts and willing hands that will forever preserve the heritage you left to them. This nation will never die. It is the reservation of the blood of patriot dead. It is the hope of oppressed nations everywhere, and God will ever bless and smile upon it.

The seventeen year locust, so called, has made its appearance among us, and so far as we can glean from our exchanges is infesting the eastern part of the state considerably. From the Nemaha Granger we clip some information in regard to them which may be of interest to our readers:

Just now a harvest fly, by some called a locust is attracting general attention. This fly is called by the Latin's *cecidia*, and is well known from remote antiquity. In America they are improperly called locusts. They have broad heads, large and brilliant eyes, and 3 simple eyes on the crown; their wings veined and transparent. The males make a loud rattling noise by means of an apparatus on each side of the abdomen. This is covered by two large oval plates and consists of a cavity containing plaited folds, of a parchment like membrane, transparent as glass; these are moved by muscular action, and are actuated by the rapid movement of the wings. The sound is rendered more intense by the resonance of cavities within the body protected by valves.

They have not the power of leaping like grasshoppers. In the perfect state they live but a few weeks, performing the work of reproduction and then dying, but in the larva state they are wingless, and live in the ground, subsisting upon the juices of roots and thus passing a series of years. One class is called the 17 year locusts, as the general belief is that they live that length of time in the imperfect state, appearing at intervals of 17 years, and by the Board of Agriculture, as well as those of the National Temperance Society and Publishing House; and that we call upon temperance men everywhere to organize at once and thoroughly for the enforcement of the restrictive features of our present excise laws.

3. Finally, we declare our solemn conviction that this whole reform, in all its features, and from first to last is of God; we exhort all who labor in it to acknowledge God; we invoke for it the co-operation of all servants of God; and we beg for its appropriate places in the ministrations of God's house, and in the prayers of His people. So sustained, though it may have its transient reverses, in the end, and that, we believe, not far away, we shall achieve a decisive victory, and this great Babylon be thrown down to be found no more at all. (Applause.)

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