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National Republican Ticket!

1880.

For President,
JAMES A. GARFIELD,
Of Ohio.

For Vice-President,
CHESTER A. ARTHUR,
Of New York.

CAMPAIGN RATES!

TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS!

The HERALD from July 1, 1880, to Dec. 1, 1880, Five Months, for **SIXTY CENTS.**

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The next ten months will be full of interesting political events, both of State and National importance. The nomination of State and County officers, the elections in October and November, the meeting of the State Legislature in January and the inauguration of the President in March.

The HERALD will endeavour to supply its readers with data of the above events, and one portion of it, our county news, can only be obtained from home papers.

In order to place this news before as great a portion of Cass county population as possible we offer to all new subscribers the above rates; the first offer, to December 1, will give all the news of the November elections, and the second, to March 15, will give the proceedings of our State Legislature and the inauguration of the President. We trust this liberal offer will call to us many new subscribers, to whom, as also to our old ones, we will endeavour to give full satisfaction for moneys received. tf

I-O.

The campaign rates on the Inter-Ocean is only 50 cents for six months. Remember the rates! We will take subs. for the same. tf

MAUD S.—2:13¼—the gamest little mare yet.

HANCOCK's letter is coming in earnest this week.

THE hot and cool weeks take turns. This is hot week again.

GROUND has been broken at York, Neb., for a M. E. Seminary.

FRED NYE edited the Republican Tuesday. Know his ear-marks.

THE Black Hills Daily Herald is received. It has the other side of the Holden affair, making it much more favorable to Mr. Dorrington.

THE full programme of arrangements for the Soldiers' Reunion at Central City, under the auspices of the G. A. R., will be given in our next issue.

—Remember the public meeting of the Garfield & Arthur Club on Friday evening, August 6th. Hon. J. L. Webster and other speakers may be expected.

AND the hand of Fred Nye crops out in the Republican in little anti-Grant and Conkling squibs.

"You may break—you may shatter, &c."

THE G. and A. Club meeting Saturday night was very satisfactory. A glee Club will be formed soon, and a public meeting is set for Friday night a week.

JUDGMENT was affirmed in the case of Fitzgerald vs City of Plattsmouth, by Supreme Court, last week; that is to say the City has to make good Fitzgerald's orders.

W. B. HAMBLIN, late freight agent of the B. & M., at Lincoln, was presented with a handsome easy chair last week, by his late associates and employees. Good for Hamblin!

J. N. WISE was one of the nominees for chairman of the Democratic State Central committee, but declined in favor of Mr. Morton. Nat. Smails, of Fremont, was elected secretary.

DR. TANNER passed the thirtieth day of his fast the 27th. Reports are somewhat conflicting as to his condition, but on the whole he seems to be doing well. Has lost 28 pounds of flesh,

WE have often heard of doctors recommending gentle exercise on an empty stomach, for some diseases; but Dr. Tanner is taking the most exercise on the emptiest stomach we ever heard of

TIPTON evidently knew what his hearers needed most and so he went through the whole Constitution and explained it to 'em. The old document has been forgotten or unused by the Democrats of late years.

THE abolishment of the publication of the tax-list by the last legislature is beginning to tell; the Lincoln Democrat has an article showing the hardship it works to poor people, but exonerating Clerk Helmer from blame.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO NEBRASKA HERALD

The State Convention.

The Republican State Convention will be held at Lincoln, September 1st, at three p. m. MACMURPHY.

ONE of the most absurd propositions put forward by the democracy is that the election of Hancock means the supremacy of the civil over the military authority. Absurd, because their whole record from ante-bellum days to the last riot in Omaha, shows that they invariably called for and used troops, when it would aid their side; invariably were the first to talk of a resort to arms in every difference of opinion, from the days of Calhoun to the era of Kansas border ruffianism. From the inception of the Rebellion to the latest Ku-Klux devilry south, they have always shown an aptness to override civil law by brute force and military strength, that has been unequalled by any other party in existence, either in this or any civilized country in Europe.

Grant says: "Hancock's record is good, but the record of the party that nominates him is bad!"

This is the party record on military rule. What is Hancock's? Order No. 40, instead of placing the civil over the military, simply proposed to undo what Congress, the only legitimate civil authority, had ordered, and under the plea of States' rights nullify all proper governmental civil action, and replace it with the power of the military, acting under so-called State law. Hancock was sent to Louisiana for that, and nothing else, and was a willing tool to help undo all reconstruction, i.e. all civil acts of the administration of Lincoln.

Hancock's letter to Sherman, offering to recognize Tilden, should he even take the oath of office in New York, and, of course, back him up by the troops under his command, is certainly no very conclusive evidence that he valued the civil arm of government above the military; but rather that he proposed to use the military force, accidentally at his command, to override the real civil power, and thus let might make right. The undoubted thought, at one time, of a number of Major Generals in the army, that they could march on Washington, overthrow Lincoln and the Cabinet, and form a semi-southern military government, savors but little of respect for civil law over military; and of this scheme Hancock seems to have had knowledge, and if not active, has never to this day protested against its great wrong and overwhelming treachery. The devil seems to have more respect for the civil law than either the democracy or its chosen leader.

The telegram given above conveys intelligence of the action of the State Central committee which met at Lincoln yesterday, in regard to our State Convention, to be held at Lincoln, Wednesday, Sept. 1st, at 3 p. m.

A BAD bolt has occured in the Cleveland (Ohio) District, one third of the delegates bolted the nomination of Amos Townsend for a third term. It will probably be healed, however, before Election as its continuance would give the District to the Democracy.

COME now, farmers, what about voting on U. S. Senator? Do you want to try it? Would you really like to know what the county wants, once? We can do it, if we've a mind to. State Central Committee or not, State Convention willing or not willing. Write us something about the matter.

"It will be an evil day for the republic," said Secretary Schurz in his late speech at Indianapolis, "when we inspire generals in the army with an ambition to secure the highest power by paving the way to it with political pronunciamentos." Yes, especially when written by professional politicians.—[Bee.

Good for Schurz.

THE famous obelisk, "Cleopatra's Needle," which has just reached New York, is a veritable white elephant on the hands of the New York authorities. Some objections having been made to its removal, they are afraid to receive it for fear of prosecution, and the needle floats and rocks upon the waters, shunned by all.

ALL old ex-soldiers of the late war should join some Post of the G. A. R. at once. There is to be a grand reunion of the G. A. R. and ex-Union soldiers at Central City, this State, on September 13th next. Gen. Phil Sheridan, Gen. Logan and others are to be there, and accommodations are provided for 20,000 people. Send in your applications, old vet's, and let's have a good time at Central City.

WE copy the following from a review of the student life of Gen. Garfield, in the Boston Herald, as showing the intimate acquaintance of Prof. Wilber, of this state, with him at that time:

He was a very industrious student, and was somewhat remarkable for his perseverance in the pursuit of knowledge where others would have given up in despair. When he first came here he was accompanied by Chas. D. Wilber, of Ohio, who afterwards became the state geologist of Illinois. Both Mr. Wilber and young Garfield had previously had some preliminary correspondence with Dr. Hopkins, then president of the college, and it was on account of the encouragement received by the young student from Dr. Hopkins, that he decided to enter Williams. To Mr. Wilber, however, Garfield was indebted more than to any other man for an early lift in the pursuit of knowledge. Mr. Wilber became interested in the progressive youth on account of the choice and effective language which he had often heard him use, when talking with his rough and illiterate mates on the canal boats. He recognized the genius and intelligence of the lad, and extended the needed encouragement at a time when it seems to have been quite effective.

State Holiness Camp Meeting.

The regular annual meeting for the promotion of Holiness and the Salvation of the people, will be held rt Bennett Camp Ground, commencing Aug. 10th, 1880. One and one-fifth fare for round trip, baggage free, will be charged on the B. & M. R. R., from Omaha, Plattsmouth, Columbus, Crete, Falls City, Nemaha City, and all intervening points.

Parties desiring to attend from places beyond these points can get reduced fare by notifying Rev. H. T. Davis, Lincoln, before August 1st. Boarding can be had at reasonable rates. Ground rent for tents, to all except share-holders, $1. The grounds are beautiful, in fine condition, and very easy of access. Abundance of excellent, pure, cold water.

A sale of lots will be held on Saturday afternoon, 4 p. m, Aug. 14th. Parties from all parts of the State can reach the grounds by 3 p. m. the same day, as trains all connect at Lincoln, at 1 p. m.

While the special object of the meeting is for the promotion of Holiness and the up-building of believers, yet every effort will be made for the conversion of sinners, and therefore a most cordial invitation is extended to all classes to attend and enjoy the meeting.

Bring Bible, Methodist Hymn Book, and Beulah Songs.

WM. WORLEY, Pres't, Mt. Pleasant.
J. M. MCKENZIE, Secretary, Peru.
H. T. DAVIS, Cor. Sec'y Lincoln.

Items from Omaha.

OMAHA, July 24.—Odell, the suiciding printer, died this evening.

Lowrey, the dead fireman, will be buried Sunday afternoon, by the fire department, with honors.

M. A. Pell, of Iowa is elected superintendent of city schools, and F. I. Lyons principal of the high school, by the board of education.

Not Fair Shakes.

When two parties agree to leave a disputed question to the decision of a special tribunal, it is mean and cowardly for the defeated party to denounce the result as a "fraud."—Boston Herald

When, in addition, they have a chance to nominate the victims of the "fraud," and don't do it, it is about time to have a political funeral.—Cincinnati Commercial.

Funeral has been arranged for when the cold weather opens, along early in November.—Tazewell Co. Republican.

Bill English on the Black Man.

[From a speech in Congress in 1860.]

The truth is, the free negro, as a general thing, is unfit to govern himself; and, under the most favorable circumstances, in free states, it is said he has but three rounds in the ladder of his ambition—to be a boss barber, have a banjo, and marry a white wife. The inferior being we find him, the Almighty, for some wise purpose—"He doeth all things well,"—seems to have designed him. A negro He made him, and it is not in the power of the abolitionists and republicans on earth to make him anything else.

This is the Democratic nominee for Vice President.

Fine Races at Chicago.

CHICAGO, July 24.—The Jocky Club races were attended by 8,000 people today. The track was in best possible shape, and all conditions favorable to fast time. Sport was exciting throughout. The race was 2:30 class, $100 entrance, $500 added. It was hotly contested and the favorite Hambletonian Bashaw, was beaten. Time, 2:25, 2:21¼, 2:22½, 2:23¼, 2:22½, 2:25¼.

The second race was the most important of the day, and in some respects the most important of the meeting. It was for special purse of 1,000, between Maud S. and Trinket—$650 to first, and $350 to second. Maud S. won in three straight heats. Maud had the race all her own way, winning in 2:19. In the second heat Maud S. carried Trinket to a break at the quarter pole, and made the first half in 1:07½. Around the turn she slackened up and made the mile in 2:24½, easily beating Trinket. All interest was centered in Maud S., who made the first quarter in 33 seconds, the half in 1:05, the three-quarters in 1:37¾, and the mile in 2:13½. At the close she received an ovation as she stepped past the stand to her stable.

The third race was for Willoughby, Hill & Co.'s stake, 2:25 class, $200 entrance, $1,000 added. Monroe Chief was barred in the pools, and in the three heats he was put to his speed only by William H. The following was the score; Monroe Chief, 1, 1, 1; William H., 2, 3, 2; Dream, 3, 2, 3. Time 2:18¼, 2:21½, 2:19½.

Nasby on the Nomination.

Ez to the nominashen uv Hancock, wat more cood we want? Wat difference does it make to us who the candidate is? Wat we want is results. I want the post offis that I may live in comfort and pay wat I owe to the citizens of the Corners. [Wild cheers.]—Isaaker Gavitt wants to be collector, and Capten McPelter wants a place in the revenoo, and Deekin Pogram wants to be suthin or other. Then the Corners wants Seceshin crik slak watered, and a raierode connecting it with the Suthern Pacific, and a custom house, and she wants her suthern soljers penshund, and the losses they have sustaned made good by the federal guvernment.

Ef Hancock is elected, is he a goin to continyoo the nigger Lubbock in the post offis? Is he a goin to continyoo Pollock, the Illinoy disturber, ez collector? Is he a goin to refuze the Corners the internal improovments they want? Ef we, wich elected him, wants penshuns and pay for our losses, is he a goin to refuze?

Not much! The creatsher kin never be sooperior to the creator.

It is we wich will make him president. It is to us that he will owe his rise, and he can't go back on us.

I aint afrade uv any man wich will take the nominashen at our hands. A northern man will do that may be counted upon to carry out the bargain that gave him to us, for he hez nuthin else to do. Wen such a man cums over to us he burns his bridges, and is ours for keeps.

I hed rather trust him than a suthern man, for he hez everythins to make by bein troo to us, and nuthin to lose.

Yoo say we mite hev nominated a suthern soljer just as well. Troo, but we could not hev elected him.

The north wood resent that, and we should hev bin no better off than we are now. But Hancock will git the northern votes necessary to elect him, and ez he will do our work just the same ez a suthern man, wat difference is it to us? I don't keer wat yoeniform a soljer wore in the war, so that he does wat we want him to do now.

We want post offises and appropriations, and if we elect him Hancock we get 'em, and if we don't we don't. Let us be ez wise as serpints, anyhow, jist now, and the dove bizniz we will consider hereafter.—[Nasby, in Toledo Blade.

Total Amount of Realty in Cass County Nebraska, for 1880.

TOWNS.	No. lots.		Value.
Plattsmouth City	2 254		$198 555
Greenwood	697		12 650
South Bend	129		7 115
Louisville	752		14 194
Rock Bluffs	1 038		3 924
Weeping Water	504		17 302
Total	5 374		$253 740
PRECINCTS.	**No. acres.**		**Value.**
Tipton	21 322 37	$	123 759
Greenwood	21 267 71		116 337
Salt Creek	14 229 44		73 597
Stove Creek	21 573 54		88 522
Elmwood	20 870 48		83 477
South Bend	17 120 26		90 474
Weeping Water	21 984 81		104 455
Center	21 772 90		116 170
Louisville	12 293 71		57 725
Avoca	21 041 95		78 261
Mt. Pleasant	21 333 87		97 312
Eight Mile Grove	24 122 02		135 545
Liberty	30 567 77		151 995
Rock Bluffs	32 445 53		176 743
Plattsmouth	28 414 10		237 460
Total	330 317 56		1 731 832
Total in Towns			253 740
Grand Total			$1 985 572

Eight Mile Grove G. & A. Club.

A meeting of the Republicans of Eight Mile Grove Precinct will be held at Schafer's school house, on Friday evening, August 6th, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a G. & A. Club. All are requested to be present.

C. COMMITTEE.

From Mt. Pleasant.

ED. HERALD:—I see in your paper of July 8th, a few lines from a scribler of this place, in which the writer says that "the school directors are opposed to the Order of Good Templars, and have taken the authority upon themselves to forbid them the use of the school house." I would just say that in regard to their being opposed to the order, that it is false, and the writer, if he knows anything about the school board, should know better than to make such assertions through the public prints; because one of the members of the school board is a member of the Order of Good Templars, and the other two are sober men and good citizens.

But what the board is opposed to, is the manner in which the lodge is conducted. They think there is too much intemperance for a little temperance. It is publicly known that there have been several cases of drunkenness among the members of the lodge within the last few years. I do not wish to be understood that many members are intemperate. Far from it; for there are some among them as moral and good Christians as there are anywhere. But they are in the minority; and the young and giddy elect their officers and run the machine, when it should be entrusted to older heads.

Hoping I may not have occasion to refer to the matter again, I sign my name SCRIBBLER, No. 2.

Luella Notes.

JULY 26, 1880.

ED. HERALD:—Harvest is over, and small grain promises a fair yield. Corn looks well; early potatoes nearly a failure; later planting look more promising.

John Clark and Frank McKay found land on the Niobrara river that suited them, and both took homesteads. D. D. Johnson has sold the Mulford place to Mack Dowler; we hear Dan is soon to move back onto his farm.

Mrs. Pine, from Bayliss, Ill., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. P. Piner. Luella has a "Mc" neighborhood—McCrary, McCaig, McMahan and McCarty—and their lands all join at one corner.

The political pot begins to simmer in this vicinity. We concur with the HERALD in saying that the coming election will be a very important one. In view of this fact, we hope the convention for nominations will be called early, giving plenty of time for a full, fair and thorough canvass. We are of the opinion that if more time were given between the call for primaries and the time of holding them, it would give better satisfaction. It would give no chance for complaints about "snap caucuses."

We hope the great race for the White House (which of late years means but little more than a race for public patronage and political spoils) will not divert the minds of the people from questions that interest them more directly, as Nebraska is not a doubtful State, but that they will give more attention to the selection and electing of candidates for the several important offices to be filled this fall. We are in favor of selecting those who are not bound hand and foot to the U. P., B. & M., or any other corporation, but those who are competent and will represent the whole people, the railroads included, but not exclusively.

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Weeping Water Items.

Much rejoicing prevails at W. W., for nearly all the farmers bring in reports of harvested and standing crops promising in the estimate, a far better average than has been known for several years. In small grain, where it lacks in quantity, it more than exceeds in quality.

Corn is reported as never having promised better at this season of the year.

So much for farmers, and our business men share with them in a steadily increasing trade; which tends to inspire everybody with confidence for a prosperous future.

John W. Sperry and S. W. Coglizer will give a Harvest Ball, at W. W., Friday, August 6th.

Refreshment stand and Swing will be on the grounds.

If you want a No. 1 Bored Well, warranted, apply to S. W. Coglizer, W. W., Neb.

The following are per request:

* How long after construction has a Bridge in this County, to stand, before being graded ready for travel?

Also.—Required by law that all Road Supervisors work their E. and N. section lines—but, if on account of Creek Bluffs, a part of a road is required to be laid out ¼ of a mile N. of said N. section line, and a bridge constructed there across the creek, whose duty is it to do the grading for said bridge, the Supervisor in Dist. N. or S. of before-mentioned section line? †

Our photo-man, Mr. McAdie, is here again.

S. A. Ripley has moved into his new meat market; he has had it refitted, painted, etc., and it looks nice now. Just call and see for yourselves.

Mr. Bert Clinton is with us for a short season, to spend vacation.

Mrs. W. D. Gibbon has just returned from a visit at Rev. E. Wilkinson's, Valparaiso. Mrs. Wilkinson is also visiting here.

B. C. Yeomans and Mr. Sidmore have started a livery stable; they have two stylish outfits for hire now.

Yours, TRIXY.

*There is no time fixed by law; but common sense would dictate that after the County has been to the expense of building a bridge, and the tax-payers have been mulcted therefor, it ought to be usee or swapped off to some County that has use for it, and the money "covered" into the Treasury again.

†The Supervisor in the district north of the section line from whence the original road was varied.

Scenes in Damascus.

Fraser's Magazine.

Like all Eastern cities, the interior is disappointing. The streets are dusty and narrow, and the effect of the shabby houses and dilapidated walls is rather that of a collection of villages huddled together than of a large and important city. Our first call was made at an excellent hotel kept by a Greek. Its court-yards with fountains playing and large orange trees shadowing the whole place, looked so enticing, its myrtles and jessamines and marble floors so cool, and its bedrooms so clean and comfortable, that we felt quite sorry it had not been arranged that we should stay there, instead of pitching our tents in one of the far-famed gardens of Damascus. From the hotel we made a progress through the picture bazars. Here there are covered-in buildings, swarming with people in every variety of oriental costumes. Turks, Syrians, Maronites and Druses of the town jostle each other. Now a Bedouin of the desert rides by on a beautiful Arab mare, with his long-painted lance at rest, followed by other Bedouins on foot and in rags, unsuccessful robbers, possibly. Friday is the Mohammedan Sabbath, and they make it market day as well, so the Bedouins of the desert who come from long distances may combine their temporal and spiritual duties comfortably and do their marketing and go to the mosque on the same day. The streets were even more crowded than last night, with varied and wonderful costumes, so closely packed that it was difficult to make one's way through them. In the corner stood a Bedouin Ananzeh, of the tribes from near Palmyra, bargaining for a cane to make a spear, his goat's-hair cloak, with its broad black and white stripes, hanging from his stalwart shoulders. Another of the tribe hard by seemed to be doing his best to sell his horse, while others again rode by with an abstracted air, the graceful mares which they bestrode often followed by whinnying foals.

Numismatics Reviving.

Philadelphia Record.

The coin collectors are among the individuals who realize the impulse of improved times. They report that the "craze for coins" has revived to a wonderful extent. Old numismatics are taking more interest in their hobbies, new ones are into the field, and, as a result, coins are growing scarce and prices daily tending upward. Among the coins for which there is now great demand are the dimes, quarter dollars and half dollars of 1879. Only $15,000 of these coins were issued from the mint, whereas the average issue of previous years has been larger. Collectors are now paying 75 cents for the half dollar; 35 cents for the quarters and 25 cents for the dimes of 1879, while the figures obtained by the dealers from their private customers are nearly 25 per cent in advance of buying prices.

E. E. Mason, Jr., a numismatist of this city has a Washington silver dollar of 1795, which is believed to be the only one in the country, and to which a history is attached.

When Washington was in the height of his popularity it was proposed to place his bust upon the coinage. This was done in some silver and copper issues of 1791-'92; but Washington objected so vigorously that the coins were withdrawn from circulation. Again in 1796 it was proposed to place his head upon the dollars, but once more he objected, and the idea was not persisted in. Two or three coins were however, struck off, and the one just now turned up is of the number. The obverse has a military bust of Washington, facing left, surrounded by the legend, "Washington, President," and the date 1796. The head is surrounded with a laurel wreath. On the reverse is a spread eagle, surrounded by fifteen stars. A broad milling extends around the margin. The obverse has the name "Birch" in very small letters beneath the head. This was the designer.

The Secret of It.

Comparatively few men show their real disposition to the girls they select as life-companions, and the bride who has formed her own ideal is often disenchanted during the honeymoon—the most trying period of married life. This is the secret of many unhappy marriages; the husband is not nearly as devoted as was the lover; and perhaps his tastes do not harmonize with those of his wife. The fate is horrible which a pure and faithful girl may endure by encountering in him whom she marries, not mere actual cruelty or injury, but stupid incompetence to understand a woman's needs, dull forgetfulness of the daily graces of life, and oblivion of the fact that while men have the world women have only their home. These grossnesses of masculine ingratitude do not, indeed, often lead to visible catastrophe, nor grow into such absolute tyranny, but they equally tend that way. They drag down a wife's soul to the point where she must despair; they change the sublime meaning of marriage to vulgarity and weariness; they spoil the chance of that best and finest of all education which each man obtains who wins a reasonably good woman for his companion and they completely destroy any hope of domestic happiness. What right has a man to expect happiness in a home who brings no sunshine into it? What right has he to look for the graces and refinements of early love when he violates them by rough speech, ill manners, and the disregard of little things upon which the self-respect of a wife is built and maintained? The cynic who rails at marriage is generally one and the same with the thoughtless egotist who flings into the presence of his wife careless, stubborn and sour-tempered, though he never went to his *fiancee* except on his best behavior.

Husbands, preserve after marriage those pleasant manners, thoughtful cares, attentions, and careful ways which contributed so much to win the woman of your choice; they constitute the true secret of happiness.

Considerable light has been thrown on the cause of the facility with which the Nihilists have been able to provide themselves with passports, and thus to travel about Russia at pleasure. An official employed as courier in the Ministry of Domains, has, it has been discovered, been instrumental with the assistance of his wife and son, in procuring no fewer than 14,000 passports, made out in false names, all within the past eight years. It is estimated that for his services in the matter he must have pocketed large sums, as much as 92,000 roubles having been found in his possession, supposed to have been mostly received as passport fees.

In 1436, Jean de Grouchy, aided by 400 inhabitants, took Harfleur from the English, who had held that town for twenty years, Jean himself perishing on the ramparts. Since that epoch on each anniversary of the recovery of Harfleur, it has been usual for the Grouchy family to distribute 400 loaves of bread. Two years ago, the inhabitants in a sudden fit of patriotism, erected a statue to the hero who fell more than four centuries ago, thus showing that national gratitude may waken up after a very long slumber.—The Marquis de Grouchy, accused of having caused the loss of the battle of Waterloo by obeying the distinct orders of Napoleon, was a member of this family.

Rural Life.

City life has its pleasures and gayeties, which we all like to enjoy when opportunity offers, yet for real, solid comfort and genuine enjoyment, give us the free, fresh air of the country. To one who is an admirer of nature in her best aspect, the country offers rare opportunity for research and study.—The botanist here has spread before him subjects for investigation and study in the greatest profusion, from the tall, commanding forest trees to the tiniest shrubs or flower which grows. The naturalist here can study nature, free from the many disadvantages which are found elsewhere, for here things are in their home, and free and untrammeled, and can be studied in all their varying aspects and conditions.—The habits, forms and conditions of birds can be studied with the most favorable opportunities of arriving at just conclusions, while myriads of insects can be caught, impaled and preserved, while their habits can be clearly defined. Each and every branch offers a life-time study to one who is a born naturalist, and there is not the least danger of ever exhausting the subject, for it is as exhaustless as nature herself. Look what a wealth of minerals are stored up for the use as well as the study of man, and to trace through long ages of time, the processes and the forces which produced these results is in itself a life-time study.

However, those who are kept so continually on the go in the city, from day to day and year to year, are generally the ones who are ever sighing for a trip to the country, or who expect, ere long, to own a comfortable country or rural place, where they can pass the downward grade of their lives in peace and quietness, and in a whole-souled communion with nature. This longing seems to be implanted in the breasts of all who are gifted with the finer feelings of humanity, and it is well that it is, else talent and energy would soon wear itself out between endless rows of brick and stone.

Points about Welding.

The *Blacksmith and Wheelwright*, a journal that ought to know, says that to obtain a good sound weld, the following points should be observed:

The scarf should be sufficiently larger than the finished side to permit the weld to be well drawn out after welding. The joint surface of the scarf should be slightly rounding, so that, when the two pieces are placed together to weld, there will be no air inclosed between them.

They should be heated in a clear fire of bright and not gaseous coal. Thick pieces should not be heated too quickly, or the interior metal will not be brought up to the required temperature. They should be frequently turned in the fire, to insure uniformity of temperature, and made as hot as possible without burning them.

They should be withdrawn from the fire occasionally, and sprinkled with sand, which serves to exclude the air from the surface and prevent oxidation, and at the same time cools the outer surface and thin edges, giving the interior metal and thicker parts time to become heated all through.

When the pieces are placed upon the anvil to weld them, they should be quickly cleaned with either a wire brush or a piece of wood made ragged by having been hammered. The scarfs should be placed to well overlap each other, and should receive light and quickly succeeding blows at first, and heavier ones afterward.

As soon as the pieces are firmly joined, the hammer blows should be delivered with a view to close the edges of the scarf, so that the joint of the weld shall not show where the job is finished.

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