

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF.

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On general principles it is hardly appropriate or in good taste for a citizen to meddle in the local affairs of a county in which he has neither residence or property interest.

As all our readers are well aware, there has been a war of long standing between the rival towns of Hastings and Juniata.

The election on the question of relocating the county-seat came off on the 6th inst., on which day there was an election throughout the State for members of the Constitutional Convention.

Webster county happens to be districted with Adams and Kearney counties, and two members were to be elected by this district.

Now a good sound policy would have dictated that Adams county, with the home fight on hand, keep out of this matter, only so far as it was necessary to secure competent and worthy men to represent the district.

But Hastings was determined not only to run Adams county, but also, the remainder of the district. With a set of delegates in Convention, the greater part of whom were elected at hidden caucuses, they made nominations, without the least regard to the fitness of the men or the wishes of the people, or the interests of the district.

The only qualification asked or desired, was that the candidate be in favor of removing the county-seat from Juniata to Hastings.

The nominations made were so palpably and fearfully unfit that the people of the district could not be forced to swallow the dose. A general feeling of disgust prevailed and the consequence was that at the polls the convention nominees were defeated.

Will the editor of the Hastings Journal ever learn that he has got into a country where the people vote intelligently?

The people of Webster county voted for Thorne and Laird for the simple reason that these men were their choice.

The voters of Webster county knew almost to a man who the nominees were, and repudiated them upon that knowledge.

It is true that more voters knew who was nominated than that there was another ticket in the field, and many remained at home who would have voted if they had known of opposition.

The reiterated assertion of the Journal that it was only by the trick of keeping other ballots from the polls that secured the election of Laird and Thorne, is disgusting to the voters of this county, and is generally taken as a direct insult to the intelligence of the people.

Decade evidently thinks that voters are incapable of "voting understandingly." Keep on the same strain, while longer, if you are really desirous of making yourself as obnoxious as possible.

There is one thing sure, and that is that Laird did not and could not get a majority in his own county, Adams county, where they know Laird, has not now, and never has given him a majority.

The county could not be induced to nominate him. He never could have been elected had it not been accomplished by tricks played in other counties, through the treachery of such men as C. L. Mather.

The above issue of the many whines over the late election that escaped from the Senator's paper. It may or may not be true that Laird could not get a majority in his own county, but it is evident that he received a majority in his own precinct, where he is known, and also, a large majority in Wilson's precinct, where both were known.

Failure of crops in our sister States, Nebraska and Kansas, frequently, and out of our pithoric granaries have relieved the suffering and fastidious of these states.

It is well known that for a long time past Iowa has looked with a jealous and envious eye upon the many thousands who annually cross the State to seek homes in Nebraska, and many devices have been resorted to in order to arrest the tide of immigration and secure the same in that State.

But those seeking new homes prefer Nebraska, and thousands of our best citizens have even left the beautiful prairies and fertile valleys of Iowa for a new home in Nebraska, and are perfectly satisfied with the change.

The people of the precinct in Harlan county, which contains the rival towns of Orleans and Melrose, have voted bridge bonds and the Sentinel is not happy over the result.

J. F. Zediker, of Bloomington, has been elected to the con. con. from the district composed of Franklin and Phelps counties.

Geo. W. Lunsley, of Orleans has been appointed a guard in the Nebraska penitentiary.

The Orleans Sentinel gives an account of the death of A. J. Clark, of Harlan county by the accidental discharge of a gun in his own hand.

The same paper also contains two other accounts of the accidental discharge of firearms, by careless handling, but which, fortunately, injured no one.

Alma City, Harlan county, is a town site without an inhabitant, and yet contains the graves of one man killed by violence, and two killed accidentally.

In this way we can understand our friend and correspondent, when he asks us to contrast this country with west, and southwest of the Missouri river.

We give the above entire for the two fold purpose of showing the general ignorance of our Iowa brother on all matters pertaining to Nebraska, and to meet some of the objections therein given why people should not seek homes in Nebraska.

We have been a resident of Nebraska for ten years, and to use the language of our Iowa friend, have never known a failure in the agricultural products of the State in that time, from any cause incidental to the climate or soil, and but one general failure from any other cause—that of last year by grasshoppers.

We are willing to concede that Iowa has been called upon for help in the hour of our direst need, and give that State all honor for the benevolent and fraternal spirit shown by her citizens.

Several cases of scurvy have been reported in Franklin county, occasioned by the scarcity of vegetable food.

Chas. H. Vining, of Bloomington, died on the 6th inst., from the effects of a gunshot wound received some days previous.

Mr. Vining was one of the earliest settlers of Franklin county, and was much respected by all who knew him.

The vote for members of the con. con. throughout the State has been very light. In many precincts, no voters appeared at the polling places.

Schuyler has been visited by a water spout. It started in Butler county, moving in a northeasterly course, struck the bridge over the Platte, and passed through a portion of the town, tearing things fearfully.

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