

The eastern states look with more anxiety and alarm at the disposition of their children to leave the cover of their wings and strike out for themselves. They run clucking and cackling about like old hens, whose chickens have crawled through the fences which are impervious to them, albeit the chickens seem well content with the picking and scratching in the new field.

The eastern papers just now are giving their undivided attention to the grasshoppers. The Beecher trial has lost its interest. Grant's removals or appointments are no longer monopolizing their attention. All these subjects are staling, while the future grasshopper is growing more fresh and interesting every day. This is the season for immigration, we may expect consequently the most gloomy accounts of the grasshopper ravages in eastern papers, until the season of immigration is over.

The Toledo Blade enjoys the largest circulation of any eastern paper in this vicinity, perhaps, and it is particularly discouraging in its account of the condition of things out west. It has always advised its readers to stay at home, and has clucked and cackled excessively over the transients who have sought richer and wider fields. Eastern people seem to forget that their states were once new and their settlements attended with more troubles and hardships than we have encountered in Nebraska. We have had no swamp fevers like those which have retarded and blighted the early settlement of Illinois and Missouri; no dense forests to be cleared, as was the case in Ohio. We have simply had a locust raid. It would have been strange if a young state should have no disadvantages and no set-backs. We acknowledge our hardships. But what are they? The small crops which we had been able to plant last spring were destroyed. But their destruction would have been but a sm. It evil had it not been for the general poverty which is always incident to the settlement of a country however rich and fertile. Those of our farmers who have been here four or five years are not discouraged and would hesitate long before exchanging farms here for farms in Ohio or Illinois. They have tested the productiveness of the soil, and are assured of abundant harvests. The grasshoppers were no more to them than what would have been the chinch bug or potato bug. Were the farmers of this country on their feet, and situated as the farmers of the east, an occasional loss of crops from grasshoppers or the drought would be of no more consequence to them than a like calamity in any other state. We have talked with gentlemen from the eastern part of the State who have been in the State a number of years, and they say that the locusts are not a new thing. The northeastern counties have been settled eighteen or twenty years. The grasshoppers have ravaged them from time to time. Yet the farmers are prosperous and are rapidly accumulating wealth. We have overestimated our disaster. If we would imagine the cornstalk black with locusts, and not only the corn but the wheat and other small grain, it would still be no greater evil than we have previously experienced in the east from the chinch bug. It is not difficult to recall the keroseene oil we poured over our potato vine to secure them from the potato bug. It is easy to recollect the time when it required all that could be raised from 30 acres to pay the taxes on one hundred and sixty. Last year the drought threatened to diminish our yield of corn. Other states were similarly afflicted. There have been famines in Ireland, and Persia; old as it is, was only recently in the greatest destitution, and received aid from the west. Hardships and disasters are the lot of man go where we will. Yet the face of providence is not always hid behind a frowning cloud. We are not justified in expecting another failure this year. The crops are unusually promising now. We have had an abundance of rains. The grasshoppers have not made their appearance except in the older states. To all accounts and promises of eastern papers, we put in our unqualified denial.

LETTERS FROM MISSOURI.

AUSTIN, Cass Co., Mo.; May 13th, 1875. ED. CHIEF:—Thinking that a line from this State may not be void of interest to the readers of your paper, especially as it is about grasshoppers, chinch bugs, and dry weather; three plagues with which the people of Nebraska are somewhat acquainted. Two years ago we had a dry season, consequently only half a crop of corn and very few potatoes, wheat and oats light, fruit none to speak of. Last season we had no rain to wet to the roots of the corn, from the first of June until it was harvested in the fall. The chinch bugs went from the wheat and oats as soon as they were harvested, which they badly damaged—the corn and wheat before it ought to have been ripe, it was so dry that people were obliged to cut it in the night in order to save it. Night work of this kind was carried on for about two weeks, and when it was over, it was very poor. But still of the corn in this part of the country yielded five bushels to the acre. Most of the farmers

thought they had feed enough and to spare, but long before grass came, a great many of them were out of feed, and there was general scarcity—feed was not to be had at any price, consequently many cattle and horses have died of starvation. What remains alive are in a poor condition in deed. People missed it sadly in making calculations on chinch bug corn. The grasshoppers came too late last fall to do us any damage but they deposited their eggs and they have hatched. Now they are doing their best to clean us out, and judging from present appearances one would naturally think that they will succeed. Already they have taken oats, flax and timothy, clean, and are taking the corn as fast as it appears above ground. Most of the people have planted and are now watching proceedings with anything but pleasant countenances. Our prairies look as bare as they did two weeks ago. Of course there is some grass in places, but scarcely enough to sustain life for our stock. Since last fall on this range we have lost nine head of cattle, fifty head of sheep and one hundred lambs, and we did our best to save them. The people are suffering very much, and unless they receive help soon, starvation will stare them in the face. Committees have been appointed to solicit aid, and are now busy at work. If the grasshoppers do not leave us soon, we will be obliged to seek quarters where we can live, for we surely cannot here. Now do not think Nebraska and Kansas are the worst places in the world for pests, for if you excel in grasshoppers to a certain extent, you cannot come up to Missouri on chinch bugs. More anon H. C. RUNDLELL.

STATE NEWS.

Over 70,000 acres are in cultivation in Gage Co., crops are looking well, and the grasshopper pest is growing "beautifully less" every day.

A Musical Convention will be held in Brownville on the 8th of June. Prof. Perkins, of Chicago, manager.

The State Medical Society convened in Plattsmouth on Tuesday June 1st. A man named Daniels fell from a scaffold forty feet to the ground. He was engaged in the construction of the Baptist Church in Seward.

Prof. Thompson, of the University, is appointed Principal of the Normal School in place of Dr. Freeman, who resigned.

There are no grasshoppers in Nuckolls Co.; wheat and all kinds of grain are looking well.

N. W. Smalls, who has been connected with the Lincoln press for several years, has gone to Colorado.

We notice by the Lincoln Journal that Mr. Laird is in favor of the abolition of the Grand Jury. We are too, unless a man is taken into another county than where he resides for securing an indictment against him.

There can be nothing more certain than that there are no young grasshoppers in this section of the State and that those have hatched out, and that there were no eggs deposited here last summer. This is indeed encouraging.—Junata Gazette.

They want to have the grandest and gloriousst Fourth of July in Junata that was ever held, and all on the 3rd, too.

Benj. G. Rice, of Merrick Co., died on May 23rd, aged 27 years. He was Principal of the Grand Island Public School, and a graduate of Michigan University.

The U. S. Land Office at Beatrice has been newly painted and fixed up generally.

A brick-yard has been started at Sutton.

Two hundred Mormons passed through Omaha last Saturday, on their way to Utah from Europe.

The grasshoppers are doing serious damage in Richardson county. One man at Falls City advertises for "persons, to plant corn on about 250 acres where the wheat has been destroyed by grasshoppers." Thousands of acres of spring wheat, says the Journal, have been swept away, and as yet there is no abatement in the work of destruction.

The indebtedness of the State of Neb., over and above resources, is \$109,147.02.

Three small children, girls, were burned to death recently in Platte Co., near Columbus. They were in bed upstairs, their parents visiting at a neighbor's house.

A German farmer living near Lincoln lately received notice of a legacy left him by his father-in-law who died in Europe. It amounted to nearly \$100,000.

Prof. Thompson has not yet accepted the position of Principal of the Normal School. The appointment was made with his knowledge.

Gov. Furness has had destroyed by the grasshoppers, over 40,000 young trees; spruce trees stripped of their fruit, hundreds of grapevines raised, strawberries all gone, sweet potato vines cut down to the ground, and a large acreage of small grain swept away. He will replace his grain fields to corn.

The press generally seem to think that the members of the Com. Gen. are doing too much legislating: When from 15 to 20 days were supposed to be sufficient to do the work in, it would be a pity to have the session adjourned by the people after a four or five weeks session.

Last Tuesday they had a trial of speed between several of the fast horses of Brownville, after which came a walking match by 11 young gentlemen, either clerks or working under cover. They started to walk five miles. Some gave out at the end of the first mile, some walked two miles, while four walked the whole distance; two—Adams and Baker—coming out even Time, 58 minutes.

Vice President Wilson arrived at Omaha from Denver on Friday last. He was surprised to find Omaha such a flourishing city. He pronounced the High School the best public school building he had ever seen.

The following is from the Kearney Press:

Section 4 of the report of the committee on Bill Rich, according to the Lincoln Journal, Lincoln Star, and Nebraska City Press, commences with the declaration that "All persons have a natural and 'indefeasible' right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences." All along we have been aware that the people of Kearney and the western part of the State were short at least on right, and this explains it. The "indefeasible" has never before been guaranteed to us.

At Indianapolis, Red Willow County, last Monday, the 17th inst., W. H. Burger, one of the commissioners of that county, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. When the storm commenced he was at work putting his cattle into the corral, and while so engaged was killed. No marks of any description were made upon his person by the lightning. He was one of the old settlers and leading men of that section.

IMPORTANT TO GRASSHOPPER SUFFERERS.

WASHINGTON, May 24. The Commissioner of the General Land Office decide that the benefits extended by law to pre-emptors who, by reason of the ravages of grasshoppers, are compelled to leave or be absent from their claims, may also be extended to pre-emptors whose crops have in like manner been destroyed, but who have nevertheless continued their residence upon their claims. Those whose crops were destroyed or seriously injured in 1874 will be entitled to an extension of one year from and after July 1st, 1875, and when an injury occurs in 1875, the extension will date from July 1st, 1876.

COMMUNICATED.

RIVERTON, Franklin Co., Neb.; June 2nd, 1875.

Ed. CHIEF:—"Billy Kennedy's ram," is a queer kind of a genius. What did he do yesterday, while "Vinegar Hill" was diligently employed in boring a well; but go down to the addition, drive his tube into the earth about twenty feet and draw water from there in a twinkling, merely to aggravate the poor fellows on the hill, who were spending time and money in trying to squeeze blood out of a turnip, or as much as to say, "Here is where you can get your gas pure."—Then complacently went off to his business.

Next, we find Billy's Ram in the post office, looking for his mail, or trying to dead-bait his peanuts, candy, dry goods, groceries, pot, beans, or upset a tank full of kerosene oil, until Mr. McBride, the postmaster, with the help of a half a dozen city police, managed to lasso him around the horns, with a coil of his new lariat rope, and led him down to Mr. Harsh's tin shop, for his office, from the large coffee pot over the door. Here his ramship was let loose again for another frolic. The first thing there that attracted his attention, was a pair of large shears, and a roll of sheet iron, and he made straight for them, when Billy himself came upon the scene and by the means of a tin horn just finished by Mr. Harsh, soothed the savage beast; but before the animal would quite give up his mischief, Mr. Harsh had to silver mount his antlers with tin, and deck his wooly neck with a brass collar, bearing this inscription,—"I am Wm. Kennedy, Esq.'s, hi-pholkin Ram who can supply Vinegar Hill with water."

DEATH OF M'WATERS.

Last Wednesday (May 26th) an incident occurred in the Penitentiary which people will undoubtedly read with a feeling of content that this desperado has at last met with his just deserts. We clip the following from the State Journal:

Scarcely had the news been sent broadcast of the suicide of Geo. W. Williams, and fatal accident of Oleson, when McWaters came manly to shoulder with the terrible fate he met with. His desperate efforts proved fatal to him, while a grateful public cannot help but regret the lamentable affair.

GREAT EXCITEMENT. prevailed in our city yesterday upon a rumor being set afloat that McWaters had been shot. As usual, a SOLEMN REPORTER, hastened to the Penitentiary to examine into affairs. Arriving there he found the rumor was confirmed.

M'WATERS HAD HEAD in the stone house. The facts, gleaned from the guards, Wardens, and other responsible men, are about as follows: THE CONVICTS HAD COME TO whom, and were apparently very diligent picking away as steady as clock work. John Geary asked leave to go to the privy, and was gone a short time, when

M'WATERS HELD UP HIS HAND and also received permission to visit the stone place—not, however, until Mr. Edward Oleson the overseer, seen Geary make his exit. The convict met directly under the guard-logs (the same being about six feet from the ground) and when passing each other, McWaters pushed Geary with his hands, at the same time exclaiming, "I'll fix thee—of a surety." The guard heard the noise, but was not quite sure whether it was meant for him or not, but being in-

structed, prior to yesterday, to be on the look out for danger, he quickly picked up his gun, and got ready for emergencies. In the meantime M'WATERS HAD PICKED UP TWO STONES and was about to throw one of them at the guard. But before he could accomplish the act, an onrush burst westward from the guard's carbine, and what was once the notorious McWaters soon ended in a corpse. THE BALL STRUCK M'WATERS IN THE LEFT JAW, shattering the same very badly. It then took a downward course, passed over the jaw, and entered the neck near the collar bone, severing the carotid artery in such a manner, that the blood streamed out the size of a man's wrist. The ball continued its downward course, and must have passed through or near the heart, as the leaden missile came out just above the left kidney.

M'WATERS NEVER SPOKE after receiving the shot, neither did he cry out. For a second he stood upright, then walked some twenty feet, and was caught by Cochran, who had by this time rushed forward to keep the wounded man from falling among the convicts, who had been ordered to continue their work. THE UNFORTUNATE MAN WAS DEAD even before he touched the ground, and he was quickly laid down by the overseer, who rapidly glanced about him to see the position of things.

As soon as the guard had fired and noted the fatal effect, he re-cocked his gun and that caused the other guard (Geary) who was making some station, and the condition of McWaters, the steady hand of the guard, and, withal, that ugly missile pointed at his head, probably persuaded him to obey the command, and "GIT BACK TO WORK!"

at any rate, he got, and then the guard in the cage gave a general alarm, by ringing the large bell in the yard, and also the smaller ones in the Warden's and Deputy's rooms. Some time since we gave a description of these bells, and as most of our readers are doubtless familiar with the same, it is unnecessary for a repetition.

The alarm brought out Mr. H. M. Gould, Inspector, Capt. Wyman, the Warden, and Mr. Nobes his Deputy. The fact that occurred between the three men was related to us rather amusingly. They arrived at the stone house just in time to see the guard take his aim off Geary, and order was at once restored, upon the appearance of the officers.

THE MEN WENT TO WORK as if nothing had happened, but in a short time they were marched into the main building where they received the same treatment they have always been subject to, albeit two extra guards were stationed to watch over them.

And thus ends a most notorious man, who valued life of man no more than that of an animal.

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