

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF.

THURSDAY JULY 8, 1875

STATE NEWS.

The severe storm of Saturday night, June 26th, completely demolished the Catholic church at Palmyra. The family of Sylvanus Robinson, six miles north of town were all more or less injured.

Many unpleasant incidents occurred at Lincoln during the Saturday night storm but no serious damage was done to any buildings, and none to individuals.

A barn belonging to Mr. Boater, of Nebraska City, was struck by lightning and burnt, June 26th.

There are already several pupils at the Institute for the Blind at Nebraska City.

Mr. Carothers of Harlan Co., has given \$1,000 bond at the next term of the District Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sewall of Lincoln, celebrated their tin wedding on the 26th of June, and W. B. Slaughter and lady celebrated their 20th anniversary.

They pay \$34 per month for a building to use as a court house in Harlan county.

The Bloomington *Guard* comes out in a new form in the last issue.

Franklin county means to have a Fair this fall, "grasshoppers or no grasshoppers." It will be on the 15, 16, and 17 of September.

Miss Ida M. Rich read the Declaration of Independence at Bloomington on the 4th.

A man on the Sappa died lately of hydrophobia, from the bite of a skunk.

Work on the Republican river bridge at Bloomington will soon be commenced.

A pig was killed by the hail at Columbus.

Peat has been found in Madison Co. Who's Peat?

A \$2,000 school house in Alexandria was destroyed in the storm of July 26. Many houses and a few persons in Meridian were injured.

The Catholic Church at Pleasant Hill was demolished by the storm.

Butter 10 cents per pound, eggs 10 cents per dozen, in Lincoln.

Red Willow Co., up to the 29th of June was suffering from drought, and grasshoppers. Many people were getting ready to leave, never to return. This we have on good authority.

The Saline Co. Post is grateful for the privilege of printing the New Constitution, considering that they receive pay for the ink, and can well afford to pay the compositors themselves.

"Not a church in Tecumseh has a preacher," and not a preacher in Red Cloud has a church. Let's compromise.

The Nebraska State camp meeting will be held at Table Rock, beginning August 10th, and continuing ten days.

The A. & N. depot and telegraph office at Sterling, was injured by the storm last Saturday night so that it was expected to fall.

A Beatrixian club 118 cats in three minutes by the light of the silver moon.

There are only 11 physicians at Falls City, two of whom are lady practitioners of the Homeopathic persuasion.

A boy named Ford was killed by lightning at Grand Island in Saturday's storm.

It takes ten girls and two boys to buy one yard of 8 cent calico in Lincoln.

When Elmer Faulkner, of Richardson county, arrived home the other day from a short trip he found safely installed there, a pair of twins. Pretty good for the grasshopper regions.

Corn of the *Aurora* planting is two inches high and looking well.

They have a new city editor semi-occasionally at the State Journal office. Mr. Isbell has resigned and Mr. Geo. V. Kent takes his place. Next?

Peter Bartlett Lee, the American Star, robbed the editor of the Lincoln Star, Mr. Catbourn, of a pair of pants, and completed his suit by walking out of Cretin with one of the editor's shirts. By some strange circumstance, probably because of the near approach of the 4th of July, Cal, had another pair of 'em, and there was another shirt belonging to the Cretin firm.

The wife of August Falken, formerly Co. Clerk of Richardson Co., recently died under very suspicious circumstances. After weeks of illness and neglect at the residence of her father-in-law she was removed to her mother's house. She was covered up with a mattress and innumerable quilts and the inference is that she smothered to death just before reaching home. Public sentiment is very strong against Falken and his father.

Dr. Freeman, late Principal of the Peru Normal School has gone to Penn. Prof. Nichols has been elected Principal for the coming year.

The Brownville *Adver* commenced its 25th year, July 1st.

The Lincoln brass band played for the Omahos on the 3rd.

Prof. C. D. Willer says that he has an abiding faith in this country and he proposes to stay with it. He is now on a western tour with eastern money, hunting up suitable locations. - *Saline Co. Post.*

Falls City is to have a \$20,000 school house.

ORATION DELIVERED BY HON. JAMES LAIRD, OF JUNIATA, ADAMS CO., NEBRASKA.

We publish this week a part of the Oration of Mr. Laird's. Lack of space will not permit us publishing only a part. We regret this very much, as we think all of our readers who did not have the pleasure of listening to Mr. Laird would undoubtedly enjoy reading the whole. He spoke as follows:

Turn back one hundred and one years come September next. It is the occasion of the first Congress ever assembled on this continent. The time is 5th September, 1774 and the place Old Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia. Boston is blockaded—The British fleet lies broadside up against the town. Trade is dead, but the spirit of resistance does not sleep. Sam Adams has called a Congress. It has met. 52 members, delegates from all the colonies save Georgia. There are the Adamses of Mass., Jay of New York, Dickerson of Pa., Bondolph, Washington, and Patrick Henry of Virginia, and Gadsden, and the Rutledges from South Carolina. It is the second day of the session. The doors are closed. The preliminaries despatched. An oppressive silence prevails. No man seems willing to break that silence. They perhaps begin to notice for the first time the full sublimity of their position, about to throw down the challenge of defiance not only to England, but to all the world. The country flames with impatience. Massachusetts claimed another Prometheus to her own royal rocks, because she, like him, brought fire from heaven—waits bravely for deliverance. Still they pause, but thank God not as cowards. It was the grandest gathering of strength for the grandest leap that ever nation has taken yet into the bloody pool of war. What though before their vision come obstacles so enormous as to obscure the hope of others, these were to them but stimulants—for when right commands there is no retreat, and added danger does but doubled honor give. What though before them rose the stake the better or the tomb, they were in such course to either fortune equal. Freedom never knows despair, and the right shall come to empire though steel of armies and the crash of doom oppose. Suddenly, one of their number stood up—tall, swarthy, large mouth, high forehead, burning eyes. He began hoarsely, stumbling through the first sentences as though oppressed with the weight of the position. He reviews the wrongs of the colonies for the last ten years, and presently his eyes flash fire; his voice rings out like the pealing of the trumpet that never calls retreat. He seemed to speak, (say the reports) not like mortal man. He is in advance of all the delegates save Gadsden and the Adamses. He says, "An entirely new government must be formed, this is the first in a never ending succession of Congresses, and then turning upon the assembly, he seemed to thunder so sublime was the voice, he uttered the whole history of the Revolution in one sentence, "British oppression has effaced the boundaries of the several colonies, / I am no longer a Virginian I am an American." Greece stood on the platform with Demosthenes; Outraged Rome thundered her maledictions against Catiline with the tongue of Cicero; The proud eloquence of the orator sang the triumphs of the English name; France stood still to hear her Mirabeau; Ireland herself pleaded for liberty when Grattan spoke, and the voice of Patrick Henry was the voice of America struggling to be free. The tide of debate rolled on high and full. Dickerson the Pennsylvania farmer spoke into existence that universal weapon—"No taxation without representation." Gadsden said replying to an expression of fear regarding the coast towns: "Our towns are built of wood and brick, if they are burnt down we can build them up again, but liberty once lost is lost forever." Washington made this most eloquent speech, "I will raise a thousand men, subsidize them at my own expense, and march with them to the relief of Boston." Now with the first and last Congress before you, I ask you to draw the line and strike a balance. The 1st against the 43d, and tell me whether we have kept the faith? Do not shrink from the test. We are citizens of this republic, equal sovereigns of one of the proudest realms from the Gauges to the icebergs have high and mighty responsibilities to discharge. Reverse the century, put the 43d Congress where the 1st one stood, and tell me, would you not be less or more to-day? I do not know, but if the black omens do not lie, then judging from the latest Mollifier, the salary grab, the Pacific mail robbery, and the general subsidy rottenness, instead of standing where we do on the heights with the proud republicans of the 1774, we are in a position under the feet of empire, still feeling the weight of British chains,—chains all the more galling because riveted by England's accursed gold. The crimes of recent legislation cannot be stoned by saying there is no more corruption now than there was then. There has gone to less or more drifting surely to an ignominious doom, and if so by whose fault?—by our fault. Let us meet the issue squarely. But you say, are you not a Republican? I am. Why then assal a Republican Congress? Because corruption is not Republicanism, it is crime. And if it were the one or the other, then let us answer manfully this, before we are Republicans or Democrats, we are Americans, before we are partisans we are citizens; not of this or that party, but of the country, and to her we owe first, last, and forever, our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor. We will stand for our parties as we stand for our country—not right or wrong—but because it is the right of the nation and because the party that under cloak of partisan fealty shall attempt to shelter the perpetrators of crime

against the country. Party, what is party? It is a combination of men who think alike for the sake of the good of what they consider the public good. It is the action of principles upon intelligence, having for its object the government of the country. Parties in this country are the trees of knowledge, and men are as leaves to its branches. Shall the tree perish because the leaves wither? Shall we, because the leaves wither, perish the leaves, but live the good old oak eternally, if it will, while states flourish beneath its shadow. To day we meet not as partisans, but as citizens; not as politicians but as Americans,—having but one platform, the constitution and the laws; but one guide, that of unselfish patriotism; but one boast, and that of you flag that floats so proudly in the winds exalting in its freedom.

FELLOW CITIZENS: A few words upon a second proposition, and I am done. It is this, that there is a lack of patriotic public spirit on the part of the people in the nation of politics, as witnessed the Credit Moblier, the Salary Grab, the Pacific Mail Robbery, and the general subsidy legislation.

The danger of the 19th century is from within and not without. And that danger will arise from this, the impatience of the people, their lack of appreciation of the reason in which they stand to the general government, and a want of public spirit in the matter of giving the right direction to the incipient forces which culminate in the state and national governments. The caucus governs the republic, and the caucus instead of being ruled by ten millions of voters is ruled by less than one. This simply means that the government instead of reflecting in its legislation the honesty and wisdom of its ten millions of voters, reflects more likely the dishonesty and un-wisdom of the perhaps two hundred thousand managers of the caucuses and conventions, of this, state, and national. A few years ago the South introduced us to King Cotton. Still a few years, and the farmers introduced us to King Corn, and now Congress and the subsidy lobbyists have introduced us to King Caucus; and judging of the works of this questionable monarch, it seems as though we are to be alive to our duty. Who that is conversant with the legislation of the last few years does not agree with me when I say that indifference to any necessary part of our political machinery is a crime? We have a right to do as we please, you say,—to go or stay from the caucus and election. You have a right to do as you please only if this far, you can burn your house, provided it stands where your burning will not injure the property of others. But it stands in the streets of your town, you cannot destroy it without committing a crime. So you have a right to neglect your duties as a citizen, providing you know it will not imperil my rights, or the rights of the forty million others equally interested with you in good government, and not only them, but the one hundred millions that will come before the necessary for good laws will die. Gentlemen, your talk of smart talk, and your not need compulsory education half so much as we need compulsory voting, and not compulsory voting at the elections, but at the caucuses. For nine times out of ten an erroneous step taken by the caucus or convention is never remedied. You talk of women voting. Don't talk that, until the men have nerve and education enough to turn out. In some places it is popular to enter at politics, and defile the caucus as corrupt. If corrupt, what is the duty? Is corruption cured by sneers and curses. Where the rasals are it is the place for men to talk. Don't talk that, until the men who lie and sin themselves into the glorious light, which honest men have wringed from the angry fates, by the force of the bullet and the ballot. The caucus is the cradle of our laws. From it go forth the infant republicans, which when nurtured become the governing forces of the country at the caucus, would, I suppose, sneer at a baby, exclaiming, what is the good of a dirty baby? It is this good, that it may become a man, with patriotism and eloquence enough to well support the fools who dare not touch the mental forces of our government for fear of defilement. This is not a question of choice. The duty is enforced. We must govern or go un-governed. The government is what we make it, and we are what we make ourselves; as we are, must it be.

But so are we governed through the ballot box for one year—provided ten ladies make the attempt to secure the magazine Gen. Bowen, J. M. Abbott and I. Darling may be the judges. Adams Co. Gazette

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We want systems for its impatience, just as christianity was systems for the impatience of its religious belief. The political God of all nations is the God of the country. In conclusion, would I have? I would have every one of you possess a loyalty high and sublime and immoveable as the rocks that underlie and overtop the sea. And I would have engraved in your mind your country and all her glory even as the rocks are forever engraved on the face of the placid sea. I would have it stern, I say, and high as the hills, but I would have it restless as the ocean that never slumbers and is forever full. I would have it warm and beautiful in peace as the sea at calm. But should I would have it terrible as the restless ocean smitten by the storms, which grinds in its furious embrace the troubling rocks to powder, and lifts its raging crest against the frowning heavens. Do you tell me we are safe. I answer yes, to-day safe, but safe, only in this, that you are ignorant of dangers. It is that man safe who is drifting in the awful descent of Niagara. Safe for a day, he may be,—but safe for years and ages only on the condition that he pull up stream with a greater force than the waters pull him down. Hag no delusive fancy, to-morrow will cure the differences of to-day. Age will not perform the promises of youth, and to you who would build the hopes of a grand nation hereafter upon the premises that the sky of to-day is clear, and that the clouds of danger ever impending to overshadow men and nations are dispelled by the sun of our prosperity, time shows THE CHIEF is ever celebrated in the annual of Farm Machinery. In a brief period this machine is widely known and FULLY ESTABLISHED, as the LEADING IMPROVED REAPER MACHINE.

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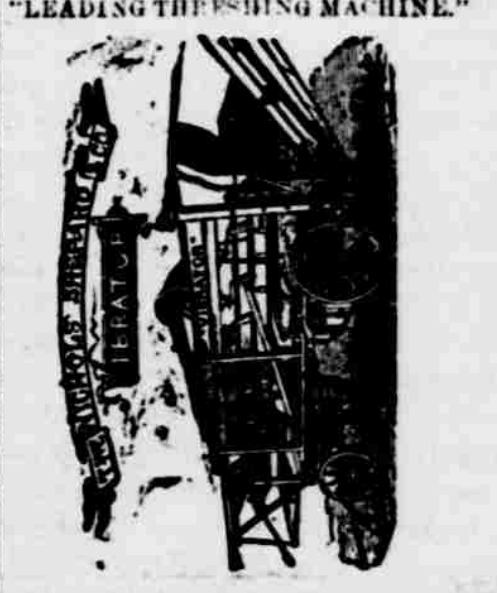
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