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Webster County Condensed.

Webster Co., Neb., lies in the Valley of the Republican, is 150 miles west of the Missouri River and touches the State line on the South. Winters are mild and dry: very little rain or snow falls in that season so little in fact that cattle live all winter with no hay or grain. Plenty of rain falls in the spring and summer. The summers are not disagreeably warm, as there is always a cool breeze especially in the evenings. The county first began to settle in 1870. In 1871 the county was organized with a population of 45. Its population is now between 2500 and 3000 and is rapidly increasing. There are at present 38 organised school districts within its boundries and school facilities are therefore ample—better than those in some Eastern States. The apportionable school fund furnishes nearly enough money to pay teachers' wages. Farmers can buy R. R. land from $1 50 to $6 per acre—with ten years time. There is yet a considerable amount of government lands for homesteads and preemptions. As a stock raising country it is hard to excel. Cattle do well, and for sheep it cannot be beaten. It is just suited to that. Fortunes can be easily made by raising sheep as the expense of feeding is very small. That corn, oats, barley, potatoes, buckwheat, and all kinds of roots and vegetables, are grown here with little labor. 35 bushels of sod corn to the acre is nothing new. Wheat averages about 25 bushels to the acre. Fruit does extremely well. Every farmer has his orchard growing. Forest trees grow rapidly. Cottonwood, boxalder, whitewood, soft maple, and many other kinds of trees grow into timber large enough for fuel in about three years. Osage orange plants do nicely, and in a few years your live fences can be made. Mechanics find employment and fair wages. The very best and purest water is obtained by going from 5 to 100 feet. The cost is very small when the well is bored—These wells never go dry. The streams of this county are the Republican and its tributaries which are as follows on the south side of the river, Walnut, Dry, Buffalo, State Ferry, Cedar, Rocks, Ash, and Guide Rock creeks. On the north side are Willow, Elm, Cottonwood, Crooked, Indian, and Farmers Creeks. In the north part of the county is the Blue river and its tributaries.

The soil of Webster county is a dark, rich vegetable loam. The wild grasses are nutritious and abundant, and make cost excellent hay. Timothy, clover, Hungarian and millet will undoubtedly prove a profitable production. Those who have tried them so decide at least.

Our railroad prospects are good, and we will have a road as soon as we really need one. But the farmers for years will find ready sale for surplus productions in the newer counties west and to new settlers. By the time these markets are closed roads for cheaper transportation east will be opened.

Our climate is healthful, the air pure and bracing, and sickness of any kind is almost a stranger to the people here.

The county seat, RED CLOUD on the Republican river, near the center east and west and a little south of the center north and south. In it are chances for business men of every branch of trade. The country around is such as to warrant a good business in every kind of merchandise. Red Cloud and Guide Rock are the only two laid out towns. Further information can be obtained from any land agent who advertises in this paper, or at this office.

How many of our readers remembered that last Tuesday was Washington's birthday. Unless the almanac deceived us, last Tuesday was the anniversary of the birth of this truly great and good man. In our youth his name was venerated by all classes. If our memory serves us right, he was first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen. Every patriotic mother named her first born after him, whenever the little stranger was that kind of a babe. Sunday School Superintendents stimulated the piety and honesty of the Sunday school children with fictitious yarns about his piety and truthfulness. Teachers aroused the drowsy ambition of the boys by pointing to his example. But time has largely done away with all this. Children are not named after George Washington any more. Of the 100,000 who had been so named, none ever became presidents; 65,700 took to drinking; 18,200 have been in prison; 16,000 died in infancy. Of the remaining 100, 83 work by the day; 9 have joined the church, 4 are preaching in Dakota, 2 are teaching school, one is running a billiard hall and the other is a poet. All the Sunday school children to whom the story of the hatchet was wont to be told have since lied. George Washington's name has ceased to be a tower of strength. He is no longer the Father of his country. He is only, "the old man," the governor and "dad," now.

We notice an item going the rounds of the press to the effect that a Brownville man will take a billiard table to the Black hills, and we think it incomplete without the additional statement that he will take a barrel of water and a quart of whisky.—*Beatrice Express.*

Brother Bowen says that it is his opinion that his brother Beecher is an "adulterer, a perjurer and a hypocrite;" and brother Beecher fraternally retorts that his brother Bowen is a "slanderer and liar." And so the matter stands at present; but the Plymouth Church committee has summoned Bowen to appear before it to tell upon what grounds his opinions are based. Bowen indicates his readiness and willingness to gratify the committee.—*Ex.*

Gen. Ord, commander of the department of Texas, is of the opinion that the Mexican raids on the Rio Grande can only be checked by increasing the cavalry force. The Mexican government gives each State control of its own affairs, and can therefore do nothing to prevent these outrages or to punish offenders.

The lower House has very wickedly refused to give Pat O'Hawes a seat in Congress, and Nebraska an additional representative. But in all seriousness Pat's claim was just, and had not the Democrats been inspired with terror by the thought of making another Republican vote in the electoral college, he would probably have been admitted.

Cost of Narrow Gauge.

The Vice President of the Des Moines and Ames (Iowa) narrow gauge railroad gives its cost of construction as follows:

Grading, per mile	$ 500
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Iron and spikes and slices	3000
Track-laying and surfacing	400
Engineering	200
Right of way	200
Bridges and culverts	300
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Total	$5 700

The cost of rolling stock and other equipments is put at $1,455 per mile. This counts one engine to every twelve miles, one box car for each mile, a flat car for every two miles and a passenger car for every fifteen miles, which is an unusually large allowance.

He adds; "The cost being so much less than the broad gauge, we are able to freight under the Iowa law, with a fair profit," as the other roads declare they cannot do.

This looks very much as if the narrow gauge is the railroad for the people, and a promising agency for the grangers to use in breaking down high railroad freight and passenger tariffs. *Is this the reason the broad gauge roads are so bitterly opposed to it?*

PROTECTION TARIFF VS FREE TRADE

In the last number of the CHIEF, the article entitled "Dull Times and the Cause," seems to have the true ring to it, especially where it touches upon the subject of free trade. This topic has been argued *pro* and *con* ever since the formation of our government, and still is argued by the defendants of either side. The matter seems so simple that no argument seems necessary to prove the necessity of a protection tariff in opposition to free trade, which like "Freeloveism," is detrimental to our best interests. Now let us suppose a case which is not far from an actual reality. The farmers of this valley, in and around Red Cloud, or any other thriving village, sell their wheat, corn, wool, &c., at the railroad for a low price, and take in exchange such products as flour, woolen goods, and other necessaries at a high price, which are soon disposed of, either by being consumed or worn, and in a short time nothing is left to buy more, and what was bought, has, as it were, taken wings and flown away. Here is exactly the condition in which the free-traders would place our country,—constantly sending to foreign countries, our money and produce, and taking in return what might be produced at home, and leaving us without means to obtain more. Again, suppose the farmers generally, and the freighters should make the freight, or tax on goods carried out or brought in so high that it would be cheaper, for the people themselves, to grind their wheat into flour, weave their wool into cloth, thereby encouraging home manufactories, keeping their money and products in circulation, and sending the overplus away to bring in more money. How soon the prospects would brighten,—and this is what the protection tariff men want to see between our government and others, ensuing to ourselves all the money which it costs to live, by its being returned and circulated over and over at home. But says some one we have a protective tariff, then why such hard times? Our great bonded indebtedness, caused by war, contraction of currency, immense speculations of crafty and designing men, tell too well the story.

Now while our factories can scarcely move on under this pressure, their situation under free trade, can be appreciated by every one who hauls his produce away from home, and the profits of the final sale are used outside of home circulation and never comes back to him, either to lighten his taxes, or fill his pocket book. Would we see greater prosperity, then encourage home industries. Assist and support our mills and factories already built, and strive to get more men of capital, who shall, instead of sending to a foreign market, make one at home, by erecting more factories, thus creating competition, and building up the great industries of Southern Nebraska.

By this means it may be made a rich valley, where in common with our great country, our products and our profits shall continue to revolve from producer to consumer, and back again to the producer.

SCRIBENDO.

RED CLOUD, Feb., 1876.

The Plattsmouth *Herald* contains a glowing account of a visit to the Rock Bluff coal mine. There seems to be no doubt but what this is a settled fact that there is an unlimited amount of coal near that place. If this turns out as the appearances at present indicate, and the coal proves to be of a good quality, it will be an immense source of revenue to that portion of the country, and a blessing to the State in general.

F. W. Van Roburgen escaped from the jail at West Point, last week. He was assisted by parties on the outside. A reward of $50 is offered for his recovery, and $100 for information that will lead to the detection of the parties who assisted the prisoner to escape.

NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Bloomington, Neb., February 4th, 1876.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Rebecca P. Timmons against Charles A. Sparrow for abandoning his timber culture entry, No. 420, dated April 27th, 1874, upon the northwest quarter Sec. 33, township 4, range 21 west, in Furnas county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry: the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 3rd day of April, 1876, at 9 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

WEBSTER EATON, Register.
28-4t EVAN WORTHING, Receiver.

NOTICE

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Bloomington, Neb., February 8th, 1876.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Geo. W. Tarver against Francis Colegan for abandoning his timber culture entry, No. 548, dated May 26th, 1874, upon the northeast quarter Sec. 27, township 4, range 16 west in Franklin county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry: the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 27th day of March, 1876, at 1 o'clock p. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

John S. King will take notice that Nancy E. King, did on the 4th day of February, 1876, file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in Webster Co., Neb., her petition, the object and prayer of which is that she may be divorced from you, for extreme cruelty and also praying custody of minor children and alimony.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 10th day of April, 1876.

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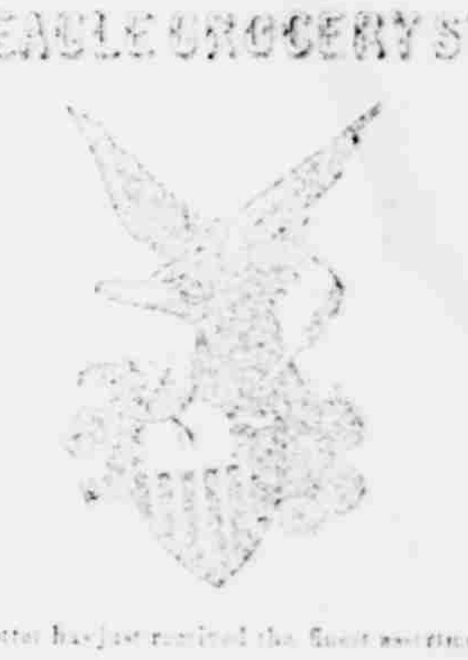

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