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In a few weeks the tide of immigration will begin to flow from the eastern states to the west. Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, and the territories, will receive new life and new energy, in the shape of stalwart men and noble women, who leave their narrow homes in the east with the hope of bettering their condition and that of their children, by securing homes on the broad and fertile prairies of the west. A great many of these emigrants will, of their own accord, select homes on Nebraska's fertile acres, with the intention of growing up with the country, and will in a few years become well-to-do farmers. A great many will pass on to the west or south in search of broader fields and greener pastures. This may all be well enough, but at the same time, we should, as citizens o this great and growing State, and o this fertile valley use our best endeavors to induce immigration to our respective localities. Send copies of your county papers to your friends in the east, and if they contemplate moving west, explain to them the advantages of your locality, and by this means you may be able to benefit a friend and add to your county and state a good citizen.

The debt statement shows a decrease in the national debt during January of $2,069,669.

An effort will be made to impeach Attorney Gen. Roberts, for malfeasance in office.

The readers of Dr. J. C. Ayer's almanacs will probably be surprised to learn that he is now hopelessly insane.

The compromise bill has become a law, and the fifteen dignitaries have begun the laborious task of canvassing the electoral votes.

Henry Ward Beecher in his travels as a lecturer is accompanied by two young men, as a body guard, to keep the old wretch out of scrapes, we suppose.

Adam Forepaugh, the circus man, is again in luck. One of his performing elephants has given birth to a young elephant. The first ever born in America.

If the present legislature have accomplished anything of importance since it convened, except to elect Gov. Saunders to the position of U. S. Senator, we are not aware of it.

An exchange says that a Virginia lady has not tasted water for seven years. Tea being her only beverage There are men in this town who probably have not tasted water for a longer period than that, and tea is not their beverage either.

The secretary of treasury says he has not sufficient silver to meet legitimate demands, and declines to reexchange U. S. notes for silver brought to the department in sums varying from ten to five hundred dollars.

The "Local Option Bill" now before the legislature, prohibits the issuing of a license to sell liquors, in any town city or precinct, where a majority of the people of said town, city, or precinct decide that there shall be no license; and the bill fixes the sum to be paid for a license, at $500, in all cases. Ye Gods! if this bill becomes a law, won't the dealers in intoxicating beverages, and the consumers thereof, have to pay for their "whistle."

Eldorado Territory.

Dr. C. G. Meyer, editor of the Deadwood (Black Hills) Pioneer, arrived here yesterday forenoon from Yankton, and went east to Washington on the afternoon train, having been chosen, by election, by the people of the Black Hills, to go to the national capital and present their interests to congress. The immediate object of his mission is to urge upon the house of representatives the ratification of the latest treaty with the Indians; also to press the necessity of making a new territory, to be set apart from adjacent territories as follows: 28,000 square miles from Dakota, 14,000 square miles from Montana, and 14,000 square miles Wyoming. It is proposed to call this new subdivision Eldorado territory. It is thoroughly a mining country, and Dr. Meyer thinks it would soon possess sufficient population to enter the Union as a state, for he believes in a great future for the Hills. He says the immense development of the gold region will be the salvation of the country.—*Omaha Republican.*

IMPENDING DANGER.

[From the Omaha Republican.]

The most serious question agitating the minds of western people to day, even more than the compromise bill or national party issues, is that involved in the thretened invasion of the grass hopper army. The conference of western governors in Omaha, together with the facts and theories there advanced have resulted in much agitation and consequent good The feeling of distrust and fear is veering away under positive knowledge of the strength of the enemy and the kind of weapons that must be used in its destruction. All over the states and territories involved in the annual visitation of this plague, a careful watch is being kept of the dormant foe, now embedded in the earth in the shape of beds of eggs. Experiments in hatching out the young, subjecting them to cold and freezing are in order to learn what part nature will act in their destruction when the ground thaws and freezes again in early spring.

A description of the young insect may not be uninteresting and we give it as a correspondent states it. He says:

"In the first place they are placed in their earthly bed with the end up in which the head will appear, and from about 5 to 20 eggs are deposited in a bunch surrounded with a protecting sheath excepting the top which is covered with a whitish substance; and this extends up towards the top of the ground. When the hopper comes forth leaving the shell, there still clings to him a white tissue enveloping his rear extremity and hind legs, causing him to fall on his side or back almost helpless; but pretty soon he works his hind leg loose, turns right side up, and if you disturb him he's off like a flea.

They grow fast if well taken care of, but freeze if the mercury settles to 20° above zero, or 12° below freezing. They have plucked enough to live at 4° or 5° below freezing. It takes about 12° below to eternally quiet them. The hoppers when hatched will freeze, but the eggs remain in a liquid state even in solid frozen ground, and the 'hopper partially matured at that."

The Sioux City *Journal* strongly recommends the sowing of barley as a means of securing a crop, which furnishes one of the best sources for stock feed. It is more nutritive than oats by 12½ per cent., and makes better pork than corn. Barley as an ordinary crop is underestimated but it is gaining favor in Iowa, now third in the list of barley growing states. The yield here averagede in 1875, 27½ bushels per acre, and it is always in demand at high prices.

Four or five years ago as soon as the pest were able to commence skipping around they worked a little damage to growing grain, destroying perhaps a tenth of the crop, and then took wings and flew away. Our harvest that year was a large one. May not the 'hoppers that hatch out the coming spring do likewise?

We will have to remind the public again of the purport of the law governing and protecting news papers, which says that an order of discontinuance must be accompanied with cash to pay up all arrearage. Unless this is done the publisher can continue to send the paper, and collect by law whether they are taken out of the Postoffice or not.—*Ex.*

Farmers of Nebraska, look to live stock to make your revenues. Cattle, sheep and hogs will pay your grocery bills, and put money for you in the banks. There is one article which the masses of this country and England cannot do without—except under compulsion; and that is animal food. Where in the wide world can beef be raised at a cheaper rate than in Nebraska; and, as for the market, why that is world wide. The experiment of shipping fresh beef from the United States to England is now no longer an experiment, but an assured success. We read in the latest issued report of the department of Agriculture that six steamers of the Anchor line have been provided with refrigerating apalatus for the transportation of fresh meat across the Atlantic. Cattle are brought by rail to the sea board and killed the night before they are shipped. A current of cold air, driven by steam power kept up all night, sets the beef and and extracts the animal heat. The caarcasses are cut in quarters and placed in a refrigerating compartment of the vessels, and these are hermetically sealed, and kept cool by means of air in the next rooms. The temperature is kept down to 38 degrees—not suffered to go to freezing point, as that would injure the flavor of the meat. It is being found that the transportation of live cattle cannot be maintained in competition with the dead meat trade. This latter trade is enlarging rapidly; and arrangements have already been made to ship 200 carcasses per week to Glascow alone. We hesitate not to give this as good news for Nebraska. Our prairies will grow and fatten any quantity of the best beeves; and with a demand for American beef not only at home but in the great consuming market of England, the time is coming when stockraising will be the special work of the prairie farmer.—*Lincoln Journal.*

Chas Collins, Chief Engineer of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, committed suicide in Cleveland recently. It is believed that anxiety on account of the late accident at Ashtabula affected his reason.

Communicated.

NOTES FROM HICK'S CREEK.

February 34, 1877.

ED. CHIEF:—We like your paper, but would like it better if it contained more communications from the various parts of the county. We think that person very selfish who sits and reads those letters and never thinks of contributing one himself. That's too much like riding a horse and never feeding him, or like forever sucking the honey from a flower and never watering the plant. We don't expect this to be a "big feed for the horse," nor a copious shower for the plants," but if you can't find room for it in the columns of the CHIEF, perhaps you can find a place for it in your stove

The people on this side of the river are anxious to hear the snort of the iron horse in our county, and so far as your humble servant is conversant with the wishes of the people, they are unanimously willing to support railroad bonds.

Every one seems to be busily engaged minding his own business. We hear of no broken necks, weddings, or newly born babes. C. H. Smith is wintering 1 400 head of sheep, and judging from the amount of feed and shedding, and the manner in which he handles the flock, he has had much experience with sheep, and will undoubtedly make it pay. A Harvy is our school director, one of our most enterprising men and likes fun as well as any one. Mr. Beauchamp seems to take the lead among the jockeys. There are a great many hogs about Mr Wagoner's place, but there are so many bachelors there you can't tell who owns the hogs. Our school is taught by D F. Wagoner, and will speak for itself. The present term will expire in three weeks. We might tell you more but for fear you will only find room for what is told we'll "wipe our quill."

BEGINNER.

SCOTT, Neb., Feb. 3, 1877.

ED. CHIEF.—The Farmer's Institute held at Walnut Creek School House, was a very profitable and pleasant affair and a disposition was manifested which will ultimatly result in good to the agricultural interests of our community.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves individually to use every effort to produce something for exhibition at our next fair, and to promote the interest of our agricultural society—also one requesting the President to call an institute at Red Cloud some time during the session of Court in February as he may deem best.

The present season of the year could be profitably employed in holding Institutes over the county in the various precincts and endeavor to create an interest in our calling, which will make our next fair a noticeable feature in our improved and progressive march toward success Farming.

R. B. F.

BATIN, Neb., Feb. 5th, '77.

ED. CHIEF:—I have noticed several communications from Stillwater, recently, signed W. W. B., who has evidently hit upon this plan to advertise his business. He urges the farmers to plant hedge and he agrees to put out the hedge for them and insure a live stand of plants for 25 cents per rod. The farmers to prepare the ground, and board the hands and teams while the work is being done. The farmers must also tend the hedge and keep it clean of weeds, and in a good growing condition. Now I would not willingly injure Mr. W. W. B's business, and do not wish to be understood as trying to do so, but cannot refrain from making a little calculation on the relative cost of hedge plants and the cost of putting out. Plants can be bought for $2 00 per thousand. Not more than 20 plants are required per rod, or 1,600 to the quarter mile, which would cost $3.20. One man would easily plant the 80 rods in a day at $1.50 per day, making the cost of plants and setting $4.70. Now for the difference W. W. B. would have at 25 cents per rod $20.00 for putting out the 80 rods. The difference in the cost is $15 30. Pretty good profit for one day's work.

C. N. R.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Charles H. Potter vs. Melvin C. Sherman, District Court, Webster County, Nebraska:

Melvin C. Sherman, non resident defendant will take notice of the filing of the petition of plaintiff praying judgment on the five following counts, to-wit:

1st, Note to plaintiff judgment asked for $14.85 interest and attorney's fees. 2d. Note to pl'tiff judgment asked for $15 int. and Att'ys fees. 3d. Note to pl'tiff judgment asked for $17. 50, int. and fee. 4th. Note to J. T. Norris or bearer, judgment $28.50 and interest. 5th. Money had and received by defendant from a third party and claim assigned by him to plaintiff, judgement asked for $10 and interest.

You will make answer or otherwise plead to the petition on or before the 19th day of February, 1877, or said petition will be taken as true.

JNO. R. WILLCOX,
24 4w Pl'ffs Attorney.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Mary Ellen Law, plaintiff, against Frank M. Law, defendant.

Notice to Frank M. Law, non resident defendant: You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court for the 5th Judicial District, County of Webster and State of Nebraska, a petition of the above plaintiff, praying for a divorce from you on the grounds of extreme cruelty, neglect and habitual drunkeness, and unless you answer thereto on or before the 26th day of February, 1877, the allegations contained therein will be taken as true.

KALEY BROS.,
26 4t Att'ys for Pl'tiff.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Dudley M. Steele and Samuel R. Johnson, plaintiffs against George W Beaman, defendant, District Court, Webster Co., Neb.

George W. Beaman, non-resident defendant will take notice of the filing of the petition of the plaintiffs in the above cause, the object and prayer of which is to recover a judgement against defendant for the sum of $213.40, with interest from November 10th, 1876, and costs; and that plaintiff seeks to take the property of defendant by attachment and apply it to the payment of the said debt. Defendant will answer said petition on or before the 26th day of February, 1877, or said petition will be taken as true.

JNO. R. WILLCOX
25-4w Pl'ffs Att'y.

Notice to Teachers.

Notice is herby given, That I will examine all persons who may desire to offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the primary or common schools of Webster county, at Red Cloud on the first Saturday in the months of February, May, August, and November A. D. 1877. Examinations will also be held in District No. 21 Stillwater Precinct, before summer schools commence.

A. A. Pope
Co. Superintendent.

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