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M. L. THOMAS, EDITOR. THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1881.

The Nebraska State Medical Association meets at Norfolk June 7th.

The Missouri river was eight miles wide at Plattsmouth last Saturday. The water covered the bottoms from bluff to bluff.

Hos. C. H. VAN WYK will please accept our thanks for copy of Mr. Mahone's speech delivered in the Senate of the U. S. March 28th 1881.

An exchange says that every man who is able to buy a farm upon which to bring up his sons should do so. It is on the farm that the best men morally and intellectually are turned out.

The Nebraska Press Excursion will leave Lincoln on the 18th of May, going direct to Chicago, where it is expected that the editors, their wives, daughters and sweet-hearts will have a gay time taking in the sights of the metropolis.

SOMEBODY told General Hancock the other day that Garfield had lost forty pounds in weight since his inauguration. "That is the first thing I have heard," quickly responded the General, "which causes me to regret that I was defeated."

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER. -WASHINGTON April 25, 1881. Winter is over and gone but the face that is going on daily at the Senate still continues. Senators have paired and gone 'till a bare quorum is now present in the city. For a time the galleries were crowded at every session but the thing has become so stale that benches are empty.

We have from time to time published some very flattering correspondence from New Mexico, and as the following, which we clip from the Lincoln Journal seems to show up the other side, we publish it.

This description of New Mexico was given by a Mr. Carlisle who has spent three years in that country.

He says that the railroads that are now being extended through the Territory are bringing in hundreds of people from all parts of the country, and scarcely a train arrives at Santa Fe that has not on board representatives from almost every state in the union.

Many of the passengers are invalids seeking health, and nine out of every ten generally find it, if they remain long enough; but the bulk of the new comers are wealth-seekers, and farmers who have left comfortable homes farther east to seek a fortune in the most barren country over which the American flag ever floated.

As an agricultural country, it is a failure. Here and there near the river courses may be found narrow valleys, from six hundred feet to a half mile wide, where the soil is rich and fertile, but they can only be made productive by irrigation. On the Rio Grande, the largest river in the territory, the land is very productive, but every foot of it is taken up by greasiers who ek out a bare living.

The farming is of a very primitive style. The plows, old fashioned things such as our grandfathers used, are drawn through the soil by slow plodding oxen, who stop when they feel tired, and are frequently found lying in the furrows chewing their cud, while the driver is on the shady side of them sound asleep. Cases of this kind says Mr. Carlisle, are common. The Mexicans are indolent, and as long as their stomachs are filled and they have plenty of tobacco to chew and smoke, they are perfectly happy.

The general face of the country would remind one very forcibly that a long and wide plow had run through the country at some time and ripped up an immense furrow, four or five hundred feet wide and about ten feet deep, and then a devouring fire had passed over it, leaving it as bleak, black and barren as the imagination can conceive. It is strictly a mineral region, but the great trouble is to find water, and the little food is of a very poor quality.

The towns are very ancient and dilapidated. Santa Fe, one of the oldest in Mexico, is divided into what is known as the Mexican and American quarters. The former town is very filthy and has a very tumble-down appearance. The American side is a little better—the adobe houses in most cases being plastered on the inside, and all of them have a window or two in the long, low houses, while the houses in the Mexican quarter have a couple of doors and perhaps one window.

The proprietors of the stores keep a general stock of merchandise, and Mr. Carlisle says he has seen a silk dress pattern and a glass of whiskey sold over the same counter. At all hours during the day a filthy pack of greasiers may be seen in the stores talking politics, but little, if anything, is heard of their pursuits in life. Instead of sitting on chairs, or boxes, or on the counter, as the Missourians in want to do, they may be seen in groups squatted upon the floor, and in many cases the front door of the store

their steps through the living mass of filth or jump over them.

The great ambition of the genuine greaser, says Mr. Carlisle, is to be the owner of a burro (a small jackass) and a pair of long-horned oxen. This with a goodly supply of corn-meal and plenty of tobacco and very little work, and he is as happy as a lord. The so-called Spanish landlagers are of frequent occurrence, and during their holidays they are kept up day and night for a week. Their great amusements however are ball-fighting and chicken mairs. Here is where the chivalry of New Mexico may be found dressed in his best bib and tucker, and ready to gamble his last dollar on the red or the black bull, or blue or gray rooster.

When away from the towns you meet a Mexican, the first thing he asks for is a chew of tobacco. If you have been in the country long enough to become acquainted with their customs, you carry your tobacco in very small pieces, and hand him out a piece. He sticks all of it in his capacious maw, and when your back is turned he takes it out and divides it, that he may have a piece left for a rainy day, which usually takes place in the month of July.

Mr. Carlisle says he met a few Nebraskans on their way to the God-forsaken country, but after he has seen Nebraska, he cannot imagine what they are going there for, unless it is for health. It's a fine country for consumptives; but a very poor country for those who are seeking homes, and his advice to all is to keep far away from New Mexico.

Polk county has twenty-five ministers. Wood River has organized a Land League to have a first-class creamery. Lyons is to have a first-class creamery. Hubbell has four agricultural implement houses. Lincoln's electric light company has been organized. Aurora's new \$5,000 school house is in course of erection. Clay county's jail has been provided with iron cells. North Bend has voted to invest \$500 in a brick school-house. A lodge of Odd Fellows has been instituted at Plum Creek. Over thirty dwellings are in course of construction at Blue Springs.

The Christian denomination at Pawnee City have decided to put up a church this summer. David City Methodists have secured the lot for their new church. Over 240 farmers' alliances are reported in the state with a membership of 420.

A cheese factory is to be established at Fremont and buildings will soon be erected. A stock company is being organized at Beatrice to put up an amber cane sugar manufactory. There is some prospect of the government locating an Indian training school at Genoa. The new \$50,000 B. & M. depot at Lincoln will be completed and in use by the first of May.

The proposition to fund the indebtedness of 'Union county was defeated at the late election. Two fourteen year old boys in Franklin county recently killed four large white swans at one volley. The rivers and lakes about Fremont are black with wild geese. They never were so numerous before. The fish commissioners of the state have proposed for the location of a fish pond for hatching purposes. Between fifty and sixty new brick buildings have been commenced or contracted for in Lincoln this spring. Oliver Campbell, shot a white swan on the Nemaha river last Friday which measured eight feet from tip to tip. Forty acres of sorghum will be planted by L. F. Gould, near Hastings, and his molasses factory enlarged. John Binder, of Colfax county, lost his entire flock of 400 sheep, with the exception of 19, during the late high water. Work on the railroad near Table Rock is progressing rapidly. The town will be leveled in with tracks when it is completed. A son of David Mooney, at Beaver City, was recently thrown from his pony onto a barbed wire fence and seriously lacerated. From fifteen saloons Columbus has now got down two under the new ordinance, made in compliance with the new law. The saloon of Wiely & Co., at Carleton was entered last week and the furniture knocked out of seven kegs and barrels, containing a loss of over \$300. Osceola has presented a petition to the county commissioners of Polk county, asking a special election to vote \$3,000 in precinct bonds for a new court house. Eight hundred people of Tecumseh, have signed a petition praying the governor to pardon Henry Parish, who is now serving a fifteen years' sentence in that penitentiary. Geo. Hart of Grand Island, while under the influence of liquor, deliberately shot three times Michael Cross for refusing to drink with him. The wounded man is in a precarious condition and the citizens talked of lynching his assailant. The Holt county authorities are looking for two more of the cow-boys, Stuart and Smith, accessories to the murder of Sheriff Kearns. The annual shooting tournament of the Nebraska State Sportsmen's association will be held on the fair grounds in Nebraska City on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th. No lives were lost by the high water at Nebraska, and the damage to the town was slight. The river at that point during the flood was about six miles in width. Its surface is now covered with broken ice. A few cities east of that point the breadth of the water was twelve miles, retaining the width without exception for forty-five

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