

We are thinking seriously of compiling another "Poor Dick's Almanac." For instance in passing a group of men on the street Saturday we overheard this proverb "Just as well act a man all the time as part of the time." Later on we heard this one: "Every man is just as lazy as he dare be."

We have received many words of commendation for our suggestion about dividing the city into three wards. People tell us that the benefits to the city would be many and they would like to see such an arrangement made. The cost would be but \$100 for the extra councilmen which is an insignificant sum as compared with the good received.

What has become of our chicken enthusiasts? Not so long ago when three or four men happened by chance to meet on the street one might be sure the topic of conversation was about a new bird of the Plymouth Rock variety, or it might be about the possibilities of the next chicken show. Where are these fanciers now?

Why not revive the enthusiasm and have another poultry fair. They are more valuable now than ever before and we are confident such an undertaking would be a success.

Bloomington is a city where they do things. Not long ago the editor of the Advocate was sued for \$10,000 for alleged libel, later a reformed spelling newspaper was installed and now Bro. Crane has called some one a liar. The word was printed in bold black type and could be easily read. What will happen next in that town of wonders can hardly be approximated by the most vivid imagination.

Perhaps they have solved the problem of keeping the boys from crowding to the busy city with all its enticements. Just about the time the boys up there get ready to tee to the metropolis something happens and they stick it out a little longer. We have been wondering for some time whether these excitements are purely accidental or whether they are a part of a pre-arranged plan wisely figured out by a thoughtful commercial club.

We would advise any youth, to whom has come the longings for undying fame or for the fulfillment of some lofty ambition, or to whom the craving for excitement is so insistent that it has become a paramount issue, as it were, to his himself with all speed to Bloomington where all these undined ambitions may be realized and experienced with all the fervor and force of a career like Tom Carter or a Diamond Dick.

A few days ago the Daily Journal published a report that the Burlington freight and passenger divisions would move from Red Cloud to Superior. For several days the Burlington has had a gang of surveyors at work in the company yards here surveying and making drawings of the grounds. These men say they do not know what they are sent here for, but are obeying orders. But a later report from persons in a position to know now claim that the Wymore division will also be located here, claiming it to be an equal distance from Superior east to St Joe and west to McCook. We certainly hope these reports will be confirmed later.—Superior Journal.

Why not add that the railroad managers are also thinking of moving the Chicago and Denver divisions to Superior? The good people of Superior have never out grown the boom days of thirty years ago. Not long ago good cement making material was discovered near the windy city and a company has been organized to develop the find which is all proper enough but some pen pusher gifted with a vivid imagination flooded the state papers about flowing oil wells, deposits of gold and iron ore, natural and unnatural gas, and the like, and wound up with the expression that town lots might in the near future be worth five or even six dollars apiece.

Between the realm of prosaic fact and the land of dreams is a "twilight zone" where Superior dwells.

Some of our leading business men are contemplating the advisability of organizing a municipal development company. The general idea advocated is to incorporate with a million dollar capital and a hundred thousand dollar paid up fund. One hundred men are to take shares at \$1000.00 each payable \$100 yearly.

In the formation of such a company it is pointed out, a great amount of good could be done toward developing the resources of the city and surrounding country.

We are much pleased that a movement of this character is being agitated as we have felt for some time the necessity of our citizens banding themselves together in some enterprise that will not only develop infant industries but will also bring the merchants and others into closer relations with each other. Our people are progressive, energetic and loyal to Red Cloud interests but each on a plan of his own. Co-operation is the only solution to the problem and a company of the kind mentioned could crystallize all our impulses and latent possibilities.

Such an organization could and would do much for this community. There are a number of small industries that with the proper help at the right time could be installed and operated to the advantage of this entire section.

We sincerely trust that this agitation will result in action as the city is sadly in need of a co-operative movement of some sort that will knit together our scattered activities.

We expected much, perhaps too much, from the Commercial Club but it seems that men are so constituted that unless they have a financial interest in an undertaking they are apt to pay but little attention to the real needs or possibilities of a municipality. Opportunity is knocking at our doors, continually, insistently. Let us awake from our lethargy, arise and meet our responsibility like men.

A number of our people had the pleasure of seeing the famous Halley comet last night. It rises in the west and looks like a big ball of fire, the tail not being very plain as yet. This is the comet that is expected to hit the earth along about Feb. 1st. What harm will be done to the earth, scientists are unable to predict. It has been figured that the tail to the comet is 110,000,000 miles in length, or something like that.—Commercial Advertiser.

Bro. Hosmer is usually so accurate and authoritative that we marvel at his blunder in the above article.

The only explanation of this mistake that we can imagine is that his astronomical editor was taking his annual vacation and this department was for the time being, turned over to the sporting editor. As a matter of fact the appearance in the western sky was not Halley's celebrated comet but a stranger of much smaller magnitude which may or may not have been visible before. The University professors call it De Rakes comet. For the benefit of our readers we quote from the Scientific American an accurate statement as to when Halley's comet will be visible to the naked eye and where it will appear. Save this number, or cut this article out and paste it on the wall, for future reference.

During this period (January 1st to March 24th) the comet will be visible, with the telescope, in the western evening sky, but on March 24th, when passing back of the sun, will be invisible for several days. The distance between the earth and comet at this time will be 165,000,000 miles.

When the comet next emerges from the rays of the sun it will have shifted to the morning sky, rising before dawn, and for the first time becoming an interesting object to the naked-eye observer. The earth and comet will now rapidly approach each other and the latter will greatly increase in brilliancy.

About April 20th it will pass its nearest point to the sun, and on May 18th will again disappear in the sun's rays—this time, however, passing in the front of the great luminary. It is predicted that the nucleus will cross the sun's disk about five minutes of a degree from its center, thus furnishing an opportunity to observe whether the nucleus is opaque to the sun's rays.

The transit will not be visible in the United States as it will occur after sunset here.

On the night of May 18th the earth and comet will rush past each other and the earth will probably sweep through the tail of the comet. They will be only 17,000,000 miles apart. After May 18th the comet will attain its maximum of splendor in the evening sky, and in a few days thereafter its glory will rapidly fade.

The next time one of the children catch cold, give it something that will promptly and freely but gently move the bowels. In that way the cold will at once be driven out of the system. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup moves the bowels promptly and freely, yet gently, and at the same time heals irritation and stops the cough. It is especially good for children. Sold by all druggists.

Farmers' Institute

**Red Cloud, Feb. 10-11
 The Program**

The committee on arrangements for the Farmer's Institute to be held in this city Feb 9th and 10th have acted with energy and dispatch. The session promises to be an interesting one as one may readily see by reading the program following.

THURSDAY
 Free basket dinner
 MUSIC

Opening prayer..... Rev. Cressman
 1:00 pm..... Small grain crop
 A. R. Nelson

Music
 2:00 pm..... Saving the corn crop
 Discussion by J. H. Ellinger, Joe Gurney, J. M. Steward

Music
 3:00..... Care, cooking and cutting meats
 Miss Myrtle Kauffman, Lincoln
EVENING SESSION

Music
 7:30 Planning the meals of the day to economize in time, labor and expense—Miss Kauffman

Music
 8:30 Agricultural for our rural schools
 Mr. Nelson, Rev. L. Aa. Hussong
FRIDAY

Invocation—Rev. Stiffler
 11:00 Rotation of crops, C. D. Lyons, Georgetown, Ohio

Nomination of officers
 MUSIC

Election of officers
 1:30 Problems in pork production—S. R. McKelvie, Nebraska Farmer, Lincoln. Discussion by S. W. Hogate and J. H. Hamilton

Music
 2:30 Tillage and its importance—Mr. Lyon. Discussion by C. J. Platt Ora Pitney.

Music
 3:00 pm. Should we keep dairy cattle? Discussion by A. F. Hartwell, J. F. Buckels, Wm. Lippincott and Prof. Lyons.
EVENING SESSION

Music by Orchestra.
 7:30 pm. Poultry on the farm—Mr. Lyon Discussion by W. A. Hasebrook

Music
 8:30 pm. Nebraska Farming—S. R. McKelvie
 Fr. Fitzgerald will speak Friday evening on "semi-precious stones of Webster county."
 Everybody invited

SCHOOL NOTES

(BY WHISPERING SMITH)
 Mrs. Caster is able to attend to her school duties again. Rev. Hussong taught in her place the first of the week.

The Tenth grade was entertained last Wednesday night at the home of Mabel and Cecil Essig. Everyone reported a delightful time.

January 19, being the anniversary of the birthday of Robert Lee, the famous Southern general, the High School had the pleasure of hearing the story of his life given by Judge I. W. Edson. We were really surprised that we knew so little about the life of such a famous man.

Rev. Cressman was a pleasant visitor in the High School Monday morning. We are always glad to see anyone interested in our school work.

Have you noticed the long faces and worried looks of the pupils this week? It is "examination", that dread disease which all must suffer sooner or later, and which is oft-times fatal to those who have not a strong mental constitution.

The following Program was rendered Friday evening January 21, at the High School:

Instrumental solo..... Hazel Stiffler
 Vocal Solo..... Susie Cary
 Recitation..... Hazel McKeighan
 Oration..... Lois Simmons
 Instrumental solo..... Pearl Sherer

DEBATE:
 "Resolved that there is more pleasure in the sense of smell and taste than in the sense of seeing and hearing."

Affirmative— Aaron Hedge, Clara Rasser.
 Negative— Marie Hollister, Anna McPartland.

Decision was in favor of the Negative.

Some of the High School students have symptoms of "Spring fever" already. What will they do in a couple months from now?

Widow's Pension.
 The recent act of April 19th, 1908 gives to all soldiers' widows a pension of \$12 per month. Fred Maurer, the attorney, has all necessary blanks.

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Back Combs set with brilliants and solid gold inlaid at \$2.50.

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