

The Lincoln Asylum.

One of the first acts of the republican administration was to remove the incompetent officials from the asylum at Lincoln and place in charge of the institution a man known for his integrity and business ability, and of national reputation as an expert in the treatment of insane persons.

Through the excellent management of the present superintendent the state is being saved fully \$30,000 per year, the figures being based on the expense per capita. In the mass of juggled figures recently sent out from fusion sources the large increase in the number of patients was ignored, the attempt being made to fool the people with mysterious and often mythical "totals." They did not give credit for the \$35,000 unpaid bills left for the republican officials to pay in addition to the "deficiencies."

The "economy" boasted of at the Lincoln asylum was the sort which lined the pockets of the fusion officials. One employee was permitted to spend his time making ink which he sold to the state. Another raised ducks on the premises and sold them to the institution. Still another sold all the calves on the premises to his father at from \$2 to \$3 per head—animals which now sell for five times that much. Land Commissioner Wolfe sent six hogs to the institution to be "boarded" at state expense, and eight months later worked off one of them on the institution at the exorbitant price of \$140. At about the same time C. S. Jones, who was living at the Home for the Friendless and raising hogs on his own account, bought six shoats from the asylum at \$2 apiece.

This is another brand of "economy" for C. Q. DeFrenzy to explain. It is like the "economy" practiced at all state institutions under fusion management.

A Clean Candidate.

Nebraska voters never had a cleaner candidate for governor than John H. Mickey. He has never been a manipulator of conventions. He has not been an intriguer for power. He has not been a party boss, neither will he be, for he is not built that way. He has been a practical worker in practical every day affairs. As governor he will be a practical helper in the state government just as he has been a practical man in Polk County for the last thirty-five years. His business qualifications are first-class. He is in the prime of life now and his working capacity is at the best. He is never sick in body and is never discouraged in mind. His purposes and his activity are always along the higher lines toward something that is good. He is a common man in his personality with an uncommon capacity for doing things and doing them well.

A Factory Chapel.

For more than half a century the lace manufacturing firm of Messrs. Thomas Adams & Co., Nottingham, England, have insisted on all their work people, who number some hundreds of both sexes, attending a short service each morning prior to commencing their day's work. The firm have a large chapel underneath their warehouse, with an excellent organ, while the choir, composed of their own employees, is one that would do credit to many of our leading places of worship. A local clergyman attends each morning for the service, which usually lasts about half an hour, and a sermon is preached three times a week.

Dog Announces Crossings.

A blind man and a spaniel dog leading him with the aid of chain furnished a curious sight on Chestnut street the other day. Pedestrians looked on in amazement, and many followed the blind man and his friend to see if anything curious would happen when they reached a street crossing. Strange enough, the dog barked when the curbstone was reached and in that way informed the blind man that he should be careful and step down.—Philadelphia

Words In Use.

Ordinary well educated people use from 3,000 to 4,000 words in conversation. Accurate thinkers and reasoners, who avoid vague and general expressions and wait till they find a word that exactly fits their meaning, employ of course a larger stock; eloquent speakers may even rise to a command of 10,000. Shakespeare, who had a greater wealth of expression than any other writer, produced all his plays with about 15,000 words. Milton's works are built up with 8,000 and the Old Testament contains 5,642.

Our language therefore is not, after all, so formidable as it seems when we hear of a dictionary of 250,000 words. Skeats' Etymological Dictionary, which is limited to primary words (that is to say, it would explain luck, but not lucky or unlucky or luckless), deals with no more than 13,000 and among them are some really antiquated ones which were used some centuries ago, but are now to be found in the dictionary only.—Blackwood's.

Clever With Her Mouth.

To write and even to sew by means of the lips and tongue alone would seem a sheer impossibility, and yet Dr. Rubinstein of Wertheim-on-Main, a medical expert of reputation in Germany, according to the London Globe, vouches for having himself seen an authentic instance. The case was that of a young girl, paralyzed in all her limbs from the age of seven to fourteen, when she died. This afflicted little creature, by a triumph of will and patience than which, in its own way, few finer achievements have been recorded, trained lips and tongue to do the work of the hand, and to do it well, for she could not only sew, but could do it with neatness and speed, even arranging pieces of light stuff in their places by the same means. In three weeks she embroidered designs in silk on a piece of canvas some yards long.

Criers at the Paris Halles.

The position of crier at the Paris halles, or central markets, is one which, in view of recent revelations in a case before the law courts, ought not to be despised. The men who cry Gattin's fowls for sale earn £20 a month. Those who sell Brittany fowls get £16 a month, and those who dispose of ducks only receive £10 per month. Rabbits bring the crier only a pittance, for £6 a month is all he gets. Not everybody can be a crier, for unless you have sound vocal chords and a passable voice you will not be engaged. It also requires a man with a strong constitution, for the crier is at work from 6 o'clock in the morning till 8 o'clock in the evening, and on an average he should sell 2,000 fowls per hour.—London Globe.

Cromwell and Christmas.

During the commonwealth in England, when puritanical feeling held sway, many determined efforts were made to put down what were termed superstitious festivals and among these that of Christmas day. The holly and the mistletoe bough were to be cut up root and branch as plants of the evil one. Cakes and ale were held to be impious offerings to superstition. Thus in 1647 the Cromwell party ordered throughout the country by the mouth of the common crier that Christmas should no longer be observed.

Waste and Poverty.

With regard to waste, which lies at the foundation of nearly all poverty, the working classes have exalted it into a principle of action. An English servant, as a rule, wastes as much of her employer's substance as possible. When she marries and has children she continues to be wasteful in her own home.—London Hospital.

Physical Evidence.

"Do you know," said a Sunday school teacher, addressing a new pupil in the infant class, "that you have a soul?" "Course I do," replied the little fellow, placing his hand over his heart. "I can feel it tick."—Moberly (Nev.) Monitor.

DANBURY.

Philip Gliem went to Lincoln, Wednesday.

Jerry Noe has bought the grandma Eifer property.

E. M. Pratt and family have moved to Napoleon, Neb.

Eben French was an Oberlin, Kans., visitor, last Thursday.

Dorothy Clouse is under the doctor's care with remittent fever.

Murray Johnson started for his home in Oklahoma, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Stilgebauer were over from Bartley, Sunday.

Milton Eifer and mother left for Colorado Springs, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Marxmiller of Shelbyville, Ill., are here visiting S. W. Stilgebauer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eno of Valley, Wisconsin, visited relatives in Danbury the latter part of last week.

Maude Eno of McCook was here visiting the first part of the week. She went on to Fruitland, Colo., where her father has bought a fruit farm.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY NO. 1.

W. P. Broomfield's little girl is much better now.

G. Fred Randel is expected home, next week.

C. W. Roper was hurt, recently, while building a granary for Henri Meyer by a timber falling on his foot, and is resting up at Joe Down's a while.

While Miss Geneva Fitch was recently in Colorado, she had the distinction of walking up to the top of Pike's Pike, in company with her uncle G. B. Nettleton, formerly of McCook. It is claimed that her uncle is the oldest man who ever walked to the top of the peak, he being in the neighborhood of eighty years of age.

William Byfield is expected home, Sunday. He visited his brother John in Oklahoma and mother in Toronto, Canada, while absent.

James Hatfield has rented his big farm to Henry Brening, and expects to shortly come to McCook to live.

Miss Jeannette Dutton departed on No. 2, Friday morning, for Hastings. After a brief visit there with friends, she will go to Lincoln to resume her studies at the university.

LEBANON.

A. C. Bartholomew has a new granary.

John Webber has a nephew here visiting from Illinois.

Fay Stephens was visiting at Ernest Fiechter's first of the week.

Those attending the national encampment at Denver report the finest kind of a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Adams and family are home from the exposition at Portland.

BANKSVILLE.

Paterson and Rowland's steam thrasher was at Jake Croker's, Tuesday, doing his threshing.

H. Cunningham, agent for the Crete Nursery was looking over this county to induce people to plant orchards.

Uncle Jake Rowland and Johnny Rowland went to Banksville, Tuesday evening, with a full load of watermelons, probably for McCook, Wednesday.

Massachusetts' Single Tax Proposal.

At the coming session of the Massachusetts legislature a bill will be offered giving to each city and town the privilege of raising money for municipal purposes by such methods as the town or city may deem best. This is the single tax proposal which was defeated in the last bay state legislature.

COLEMAN.

When a man up here wants a little spending money, he just draws off a 1,000 bushels of wheat.

Myrtle Bates, the little girl that ate over twenty strychnine pellets, last week, is up and lively and ready for another dose.

Mrs. J. N. Smith, who was laid away to her long rest, last week, came here in 1885, and lived in this township twenty years. She was always interested in any work intended to elevate mankind, and many lives were made brighter and sweeter by a good act, or a kind word spoken. She had a smile and a kind word for everyone. She practiced "Scattering Sunshine all Along the Way," but her work is done and well done, and she is gone, but her influence for good will flow on and on, and bless the rising generation. She is sadly missed in the home, and in the social circle. When the call came it found her ready.

BARTLEY.

Dr. Hathorn and wife will return, this week.

Henry Conrad and wife have gone to the Portland fair.

Ira Sheets is having a well and wind mill put on his place.

Mr. McCracken is putting up a barn on his lots in Bartley.

H. L. Brown, wife and babies visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs, Sunday.

Perry and Fred Premier visited with their father Sol Premier, this week.

C. E. Mathews is putting down the foundation for Mr. Cox's new house.

Will Reimer is here from Lincoln visiting his mother and many friends.

Theo. Faubin has quit painting and is employed in the Hoover livery barn.

Mrs. Ben Sibbet of Maywood is here visiting with her daughter Mrs. E. R. Moon.

Mrs. G. W. Jones and her son John were business visitors in Indianola, last Wednesday.

The Free Methodists are holding an interesting camp meeting in the grove near Richard Gevitt's.

Miss Mattie Beeson commenced a school in the T. W. Short school house, Monday, of this week.

Dodd and Dodd are improving their store room and when completed will be 50x70 and well arranged to wait on their many customers.

James Carnahan was in town, Tuesday, making arrangements to erect a residence on the block he recently purchased of W. F. Miller.

Robt. Fischer has had teams excavating for the foundation of his new store building, this week, which will be 25x50 and will be completed in a few weeks.

Mrs. Dr. Brown and her mother Mrs. Gillet arrived in Cambridge, Iowa, Wednesday evening of last week, and are enjoying a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. W. Bell fell from a ladder in the barn, Wednesday, and received a fracture of the right fore arm. Dr. Abogast assisted by Dr. Brown adjusted the fracture.

Dr. W. D. Mackechnie of Indianola, was called, Monday, in consultation with Dr. Abogast to see Bert McCracken's child which was very sick. It is now improving rapidly.

S. J. Rouse of Onassa, Mich., with his wife and daughter Mrs. O. M. Stever are here on a visit with Mrs. R. Cox, daughter of Mr. Rouse. Mr. and Mrs. Rouse will return to Michigan, next week. Mrs. Stever will make an extended visit to her sister Mrs. Cox.

BOX ELDER.

Miss Allie Graves left Wednesday for her home near Sulphur, Kentucky.

Mrs. J. K. Gordon is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Stone of Garnett, Kansas.

James Oakley of Colwick, Kansas, is here looking after his farming interests in this vicinity.

Mrs. Martha Johnson is enjoying a visit from her brother, George Bond of Urbana, Illinois.

Rev. Kerr preaches, next Sunday, morning, at 11 o'clock to the children. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

INDIANOLA.

L. B. Korns and family have returned from Denver.

John Ervin of Missouri Ridge was in town, Tuesday.

Mrs. J. S. Philips is visiting in Denver among relatives.

Fred Premier of Bartley was an Indianola visitor Sunday.

Mrs. Weaver living northwest of town is reported very sick.

Roscoe Korns got back Tuesday from his Colorado outing.

James McCallum is expected home from Okerne, O. T. this week.

Mr. John Broomfield sold his farm last week for a fair consideration.

Mrs. A. H. Reynolds returned from her trip in Illinois, last Saturday.

Mrs. D. W. Schoenthal arrived home from her visit to Bennett, Monday.

H. W. Keyes made a business trip out through the north country, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Carmichael attended the state fair in Lincoln, last week.

Sadie and Lula McNeil are visiting their uncle living fifteen miles out of Denver.

Miss Claudia Hatcher has gone to Minco, Indiana Territory where she will teach this coming winter.

Mr. Puckett's new house in west Indianola is under good head-way, and when finished will be a nice residence.

Mrs. Emma Noe left for her home in Danbury, Saturday morning, after a week's visit with friends and relatives.

G. W. Short is having a sidewalk built in front of his store. The sidewalk will be of cement, executed by W. P. Elmer.

R. E. Smith came home last week from a few days visit with the home folks returning to his work at Danbury on Monday.

Leonard Smith and son Kenneth arrived home a few days ago from their trip to Cheyenne where they viewed the big show.

Miss Reasoner of David City is in town the guest of Mrs. Welborn and Mrs. Mackechnie. She will teach the Red Willow school this winter.

Mrs. Edith A. McCasick and baby of Bison, Oklahoma, arrived in Indianola, Wednesday morning, for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith.

Mr. Stilgebauer, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mrs. G. B. Morgan and many others unknown to your correspondent came down from Denver, Saturday morning.

Mrs. Chris Jensen came home on No. 5, Friday night from Illinois whither she had gone to visit her son James also a sick sister who died during her stay there.

Aleck Strain and sister Miss Libbie came down on No. 12, Saturday morning, on their return trip from Denver. They drove over to Danbury, their home, during the day.

ESTRAYED—Last Saturday, a black horse, twelve years old. Weighs 900 pounds. A. D. Green, McCook, Neb. Combination box 123.

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