

Written on the anniversary of the death of Anna D. Raymond.

Anna! Anna! through regions of light  
Return from thy blissful abode;  
And with angel pinions shall bear thee  
To-night  
Down the unseen but long-trodden  
road.

Anna! Anna! how dark is the time  
Since they bore thee, a spirit, away,  
Our hearts bleed afresh, sad as bells in  
their chime  
As they tolled on that sorrowful day.

Anna! Anna! how bright is that home  
With thee in its mansions of peace,  
An angel to meet us tho' far we should  
roam,  
When life with its labor shall cease.

"Mother! mother! your Anna is here,  
With lilacs divine in her hand;  
Sweet emblems of peace, thy whisper  
of cheer,  
And joy in our new summer-land."

"Mother! mother! I call thee again,  
Think not that thy life-work is o'er,  
My flowers are crushed with thy sorrow  
and pain  
And I sigh on that fair sunny shore."

"Mother! father and brother, I come  
And look with regret on your fears;  
A sadness is felt in that beautiful home  
And my garments are damp with your  
tears."

Patron, Neb. MRS. MARY B. FINCH.

### Rising, Rising.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—In my last I promised to note improvements in our busy little city. A little over one year back, it was scarcely dreamed of by any one; now the buildings extend one hundred and twenty rods north and south, and pretty close together on each side of the main street; and some forty rods east and west. Pretty well for a one year old. Is it not? The building this fall has been nearly all on the north side of the railroad, and consists of a fine large residence built by Mr. Thelen, the partner in the drug store with Dr. Englehard; this firm has also built a large furniture store. Dr. Englehard has built a large and costly residence, and moved a good house into town, to rent; a good house has been built by an employee of the R. R. Co. A good meat-market building has also been put up, and doing a fair business. Mrs. Benedict has built a good building which she occupies as a residence and millinery establishment. A. R. Day has built a lively stable north of his hotel; a bakery has been built, and now is in operation; and a nice building is now nearly completed, to be occupied by our harness maker, as residence, sale and work-room. The Congregationalists have their church building nearly finished, and there are quite a large number of other buildings of more or less importance, besides additions to others. Mr. Turner would not know the country through which you drove that flock of sheep some years back, were you to pass through it to-day. The amount of grain handled here is far ahead (I have been informed by those who ought to know) of any other point on the road; the business done in "fat porkers" is also very large; and this large business of course makes business not only lively, but also very profitable to all of our merchants that are doing business here. A very large amount of corn is now put in cribs here by buyers, and we think the amount will surprise you when I give the figures in the JOURNAL, at the commencement of the new year; and still nearly all will keep plenty for the hogs and other purposes. A cornet band has been organized, and after a little more practice, our city will have fine music on all necessary occasions. That jeweler that we need here (pardon me, Mr. Editor, but it is the first time we have had to ask twice through the JOURNAL, for the thing we need) can have a corner in one of our best stores. Now will he come? Why Not?

### FLAX.

We hope that our farmers will, this winter, agitate the subject of raising flax, and arrive at some satisfactory conclusion, the result of which will be, that before seed time we shall see them investing in flax seed. Farmers must sow something else beside wheat, oats and barley if they would reach the goal for which they are striving, namely: Wealth and Independence. And one of the surest plans lies in diversity of crops. Sow flax seed, and Harvard and other towns in the county will reap rope walks. It is nonsense to send abroad for a single pound of rope, when we have everything at hand to make just as good an article as can be manufactured anywhere, and for as low price. And another point to be gained will be an increased demand for everything they can raise, for the men who are required to manufacture the rope will need something to live upon.

The cry is often raised by farmers, "Oh! there is no use of my going outside of grain, there is no demand for anything, and not even for the wheat and barley we raise, sufficient to give us a decent price." This is a weak argument indeed! Raise less wheat, barley, oats, etc., and devote part of your time to something else, and you will not only get an increased price for your grain, but you will more be recompensed by a flow of money from other sources. Is the experiment worth trying or will you continue to plod along in the same old channel, and come out at the end of each year in debt? It is a fact that all farmers cannot be successful cattle and sheep raisers, but all can command means sufficient to become large flax growers.—Harvard Sentinel.

### NEBRASKA.

An excursion train passed over the new extension of the E. V. R. R. from Battle Creek to Oskdale, Sunday. It was an occasion that caused the people to feel jubilant.

An oil mill and rope manufactory will be built on the Cedar next summer, if there should be good prospects for next year's flax crop, the seed for which has already been distributed.—Argus.

The contract for building the wing of the State House was let to "Boss" Stout, of Lincoln, last week. Messrs. Kilpatrick & Co., of Beatrice, had in a lower bid, and their bonds were signed by men representing over \$150,000; but the fat must be kept in the ring, so Stout was awarded the contract.—Leader.

We believe that Omaha will this year prepare a larger quantity of sugar cured hams than any other city of its size in the United States. The sales of our packing firms extend to the mountain region and the Pacific coast, also in New Orleans and Cuba. "Nebraska Hams" have become household words in the markets.—Portfolio.

The Omaha packing houses are all running at full blast at present. The weather is all that could be desired, and hogs are coming in quite freely. James E. Boyd killed last year 66,000, and this year will reach 100,000. Roddis & Thrall, the second house in capacity, are now killing 250 per day, and are prepared to increase their work as fast as they can get supplies of hogs to work on.—Portfolio.

Messrs. Roberts and Boston came from Iowa last week and determined to start a new banking house and purchased the property of J. B. Parrott for that purpose; and on Monday a meeting was called to invite Mr. Fred Gassman to enter the same kind of business which will make three banking houses in our city. No one need say that there is any fear of a monopoly in that business.—Schuyler Democrat.

With a vote in 1880 of 100,000, Nebraska will take a seat several places higher in the National spelling class, and begin to carry a little more weight in Washington than she has for the past ten years. Some of the boys at our public schools to-day will sit in Congress one of these days with a Nebraska delegation of fifteen to twenty members. "Westward the star of Empire takes its way."—Lincoln Journal.

Messrs. Clarkson have originated a boom of their own. It's the hay business, and a genuine boom it is. They average three cars per day from this place, and about one and a half cars from Richland. They have four machines at work with a combined capacity of forty tons per day. We learn from Mr. T. S. Clarkson that hay in the Leadville market is worth the enormous figure of \$150 per ton. This market they are prevented from reaching through their inability to secure transportation.—Schuyler Sun.

We are informed by R. D. Babcock, that the planting of cottonwood and box slder trees on lands embraced in timber-culture entries is not a compliance with the act of June 14, 1878, of which it is amendatory. In nearly every case in this county, parties have planted the varieties of trees above referred to. This decision was made by the Secretary of the Interior lately, and parties having T. C. Entries will do well to be on their guard, as nearly every entry under this act is liable to be contested.—Hastings Gazette.

We learn from parties just in from the Republican valley that the report prevails in that section, and is believed to be true, that the B. & M. surveying party have found a fine coal vein of coal, equal in quality to the celebrated Wyoming, in the extreme western part of this state. The citizens of the valley are jubilant in consequence, as well they may be, for if true, it will give them cheap fuel, as soon as the road is complete to where the mine is located, and materially reduce the price in this vicinity.—Harvard Sentinel.

This season "Uncle" Bailey, of Ord, Valley county, has the pleasure of eating fruit from his own orchard. A number of his trees, standard and transplants, bore, which is still additional proof of that success which will attend the labors of any careful person who interests himself in fruit trees. Mr. Bailey is of the opinion that only a careful study of the nature of our climate, and of the soil, and the advantage that knowledge is necessary to insure success. He has a grove on three sides of his orchard, and is now preparing to plant a grove on the south, to give it that protection, which he considers necessary to insure the safety of his trees. The experience of those who are successful is worthy of notice.—Harvard Co. Advocate.

Col. R. W. Furnas says this about raising peaches in this State: "We are pleased to see a practical exemplification of our theory of treating peach trees, besides on our grounds. We say our theory. It is ours. It is an old theory long practiced by most successful peach cultivators. That is heading back—keeping low head trees. To simply cut back in early September or late

in August, one-half the limbs of current year's growth. This hardens or well ripens the wood growth, and excites fruit buds. We had the pleasure of seeing some peach trees grown and treated in this manner by F. M. Vancil, Bloomington, Franklin county, this State. The trees were on high open prairie, bore fruit this season, and were filled with well developed fruit buds for next year. Another feature of peach culture in Nebraska is, that this season our best fruitage has been in the interior portions of the State—over one hundred miles west from the Missouri river, on our high prairies. We refer particularly to Clay and Franklin counties, where we have visited in person. We are pleased too, to know that actual experience is verifying a prediction we made years ago, that fruit can be successfully grown in all parts of the State. Plant trees and give them as much attention as you ought to a crop of corn, or a pig, or a calf, and you will in due time have fruit."

### From the French of Lamennais.

A PARABLE.

Two men were neighbors, and each of them had a wife and several little children, and neither of them had anything but his own labor for their support. One of these men was ill at ease within himself, saying: "If I should die, or if I should fall sick, what would become of my wife and children?" And this thought never quitted him, and it gnawed his heart, as the worm gnaws the heart of the apple in which it lies buried.

While the same thought came in like manner to the other father, he never stopped there, for said he, "God, who knows all his creatures, and keeps a loving watchcare over them; God will watch over me, and my wife and little ones."

And so it came to pass that this man lived happily, while the other never tasted a moment's repose nor a heartfelt joy. One day while he was working in the field, sad and depressed in spirit, because of his fear, he saw some birds fly into a bush, come out, and soon after go back again. Drawing near he saw two nests, built side by side, and in each several little unfledged birds. After he had returned to his work from time to time he lifted up his eyes, and watched the birds, who were coming and going, bearing food to the little ones. But while he was looking, only a moment after one of the mothers had brought her beak full, a hawk swooped down and bore her away in his talons; and shrill were the cries that poor mother uttered struggling vainly under his grasp. At this sight the laborer felt his soul more troubled than before; for said he "The death of the mother is the death of the little ones—just so mine have only me—What will become of them if I am taken away?" All that day he was sad and sorrowful, and that night he could not sleep.

On the morrow, returning to the field, he said, "I long to see the little ones of that poor mother. Most of them are without doubt already dead." And he bent his steps toward the bush. Looking, he was astonished to see them all looking hale and strong—not one had even pined. Wondering above measure, he hid himself to see what would come to pass. After a little time, he heard a gentle cry and saw the second mother bringing in haste, the food she had gathered. Perched on the twig she divided to all the little ones alike. She had enough for all. The orphans were not neglected in their misfortune.

In the evening, the father, who had so distrusted Providence, told the other father what he had seen. And the other one said, "Why are you anxious? God never forsakes his children. His love has resources which we do not understand. Let us have faith; let us hope on, let us love one another, let us journey on our ways of life in peace. If I die before you, you will care like a father for my children; if you die first, I will be a father to yours; and even if we both die, before they are old enough to take care of themselves, they will have for their father the Father which is in Heaven."

From the French of Lamennais.

Thurlow Weed's Story of Old Zach Taylor.

The conversation turned upon leading rebels. Mr. Weed related an anecdote of considerable historic interest. "When," said he, "California was about to be admitted to the Union, the slaveholders' party in congress, as you know, were determined that the state should not have a free-state constitution. Then, on the floors of congress, Toombs and Stephens, of Georgia, threatened what really took place in 1861. About that time I called on President Taylor at the white house, and he said to me: 'Did you see those d—traitors when you came in?' I replied that I had seen some gentlemen, Messrs. Toombs, Stephens and a North Carolina senator. 'Well,' said President Taylor, 'those were the men I meant. But the biggest conspirator of all didn't dare to come.' I asked him who that was, and the president answered, 'My son-in-law, Jefferson Davis.'—N. Y. Cor. Boston Herald.

"The light of other days"—Flint and steel.

### Only Christians.

John Wesley once was troubled in regard to the disposition of the various sects, and the chances of each in reference to future happiness or punishment. A dream one night transported him in its uncertainty wanderings to the gates of hell. "Are there any Roman Catholics here?" asked the thoughtful Wesley.

"Yes," was the reply.

"Any Presbyterians?"

"Yes," was again the answer.

"Any Congregationalists?"

"Yes."

"Any Methodists?" by way of a clincher, asked the pious Wesley.

"Yes," was answered to his great indignation.

In the mystic way of dreams, a sudden transition, and he stood at the gates of heaven. Improving his opportunity, he again inquired: "Are there any Roman Catholics here?"

"No," was replied.

"Any Presbyterians?"

"No."

"Any Congregationalists?"

"No."

"Any Methodists?"

"No."

"Well, then," he asked, lost in wonder, "who are they inside?"

"Christians!" was the jubilant answer.

The train had pulled out. A young man rushed breathlessly in. The Old City Derrick tells the rest of it: "Got left did you?" "Well, ain't I here?" he responded. Then one said he could go across the bridge and catch it, and another told him when the next train would go, and made various suggestions. The chap looked at the disappearing train a few moments, when somebody asked, "Where were you going?" Then the wicked fellow said: "Oh, I wasn't going on it, but there was a fellow on the train to whom I promised to pay a bill."

The friends of the late George Henry Lewes have founded in his memory a scholarship for the encouragement of physiological research, the only condition being that the holder shall devote himself to this occupation exclusively. The student gets \$1,000 a year for three years, and the prize is open to either young men or young women.

The grandma of a little four-year-old had been telling her one day not to say people lied, but rather that they were mistaken. Her grandmother, to amuse her, told her a bear story, which was a tough one to believe. After she had finished, the girl looked up into her face and exclaimed, "Grandma that is the biggest mistake I ever heard."

The every-day cares and duties which men call drudgery are the weights and counterpoises of the clock of time, giving its pendulum a true vibration and its hands a regular motion, and when they cease to hang upon the wheels, the pendulum no longer moves the clock stands still.—Longfellow.

"My boy," said a solemn-visaged evangelist to a boy who had just emerged from a hair-pulling match with another boy, "do you expect to rove hereafter in a land of pure delight?" "No," said the lad; "I've burst another button off'n my trousers, and I expect to get licked for it."

"Wish I were you for about two hours," she said with great tenderness. "And why, my dear, he asked with considerable interest. "Because," she said, toying affectionately with his watchchain—"because then I would buy my wife a new bonnet."

Josh Billings wisely says: "My dear boy, always keep something in reserve. The man who can jump six inches further than he ever has jumped is a hard customer to beat."

A poetess sings: "The I were dead my heart would beat for thee." This would certainly be a "dead-beat," and it strikes us the poetess assumes too much poetic license.

A man has no more right to say an unwell thing than to act one; no more right to say a rude thing to another than to knock him down.—Dr. Johnson.

A clergyman, who was annoyed by the squeaking shoes of his parishioners, remarked that some people had "too much music in their soles."

One of the most wonderful things in Nature is a glance; it transcends speech, it is the bodily symbol of identity.—Emerson.

A little girl suffering from the mumps declared that she "feels as though a headache had slipped down into her neck."

Books are men of higher nature, and the only men who speak aloud for future time to bear.—Mrs. Browning.

What bird is in season all the year round and extra when necessary? The weather-cock.

Doctors never allow ducks on their premises, they make such personal remarks.

A social glass to which ladies are addicted.—The mirror.

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