

THE JOURNAL.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF PLATTE COUNTY.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31, 1879.

Communications, to insure insertion in the next issue, should be in hand on Monday; if lengthy, on Tuesday preceding issue-day. Advertisements, of whatever class, should be in hand by noon, Tuesday.

Advertisements under this head 15 cts. a line first insertion, 10 cts. a line each subsequent insertion.

The JOURNAL establishment is now permanently located on 11th street, up-stairs in the JOURNAL building.

Men's boots at \$1.50 a pair at L. Kramer's.

Thos. McPhillips was in town the other day.

H. Elliot of Postville was in the city Saturday.

Albert Russell, of Lost Creek called on us, Monday.

Shooting match New Year's day near the Loup Bridge.

Fritz Garber lost a child by diphtheria last Friday.

Business houses were generally closed on Christmas day.

J. C. Elliott has moved into Walter Phillips's old stand.

Children's Balmoral hose at 5 cents a pair at L. Kramer's.

Thermometer Christmas eve, reported at 27 deg. below zero.

A Watch meeting will be held at the M. E. Church to-night.

A party of hunters were seen leaving the city on last Sabbath.

If you want toys of every description go to Ed. Fitzpatrick's.

G. W. Clark is out again, and seems to walk about as good as ever.

At Lamb's new store you will find goods at bottom prices for cash.

Dr. A. G. Morey was in town yesterday looking hale and hearty.

For a first-class and neat-fitting boot or shoe, go to J. M. Honahan's.

The K. of H. of both Jackson and Genoa, give a New Year's Ball.

The different ice houses are being rapidly filled with excellent ice.

Wm. Becker sells the celebrated and unsurpassed John Farman wagons.

John Hammond established a G. A. R. Post at Silver Creek Saturday last.

Black Cashmere at 40 cents at L. Kramer's New York Cheap Cash Store.

The Janaschek troupe have ordered their Columbus mail to Cheyenne.

The Sisters' Hospital in the eastern part of the city is going up rapidly.

Ed. Kisher, of Jackson lost week, making three.

A car-load of best Colorado flour received at Herman Ochelrich & Bro's.

The best stock of boots and shoes in town at J. M. Honahan's, on Olive street.

Saturday was warm and delightful, and a large trade in the city all day long.

R. Miller of Polk county was in the city Saturday. He reports that county as looming.

Palmer's Perfume in bulk, the best in the world, at Doland's Columbus Drug Store.

The natural roads in Nebraska are simply splendid. As solid generally as a pike road.

You can buy your groceries cheaper at Lamb's than at any other place in Columbus.

Hearty thanks to friends who have stepped forward and settled their little bills with us.

Lamb will pay the highest market price in cash for butter and eggs. Second door north of post-office.

Sassafras cures chapped hands. It never fails. Try it. Prepared and for sale only by A. W. Doland.

On account of sickness Janaschek and troupe did not fill their engagement in this city Saturday evening.

The Kummer Guards give a shooting match to-morrow, and a silver medal will be given to the best marksman.

A social meeting will be held this evening at the Congregational church to watch the old year out and the new one in.

To see the gentlemen promenade the streets with their mustaches covered with ice, is a strong indication of cold weather.

John Linley, Plaintiff, against Luther H. Jewell, before Justice McAllister Monday. Judgment that Defendant pay costs.

Lee D. Mills of Alexis, Butler county, was in the city Saturday. He came over for medical treatment, suffering from a fall.

The Watch-night social at the Congregational Church this evening. Music, Tableaux, Refreshments, etc., No Admission fee.

Watch night meeting at the Methodist Church commencing at 9 p. m. to-night and continuing until the ushering in of the New Year.

Diphtheria still prevails in this community. Several cases have been reported and some dying from the effects of this dread epidemic.

The east-bound express Thursday, Friday and Saturday, were very late. Snow blockades on the Colorado Central caused the irregularities.

Happy New Year to all.

Blind Tom to-morrow evening.

When you want good Tea, call and see Lamb.

Dan. Kavanaugh returned from Milwaukee last week.

Platte Baker and lady of Genoa were in the city, last week.

Fancy box paper 15 cts. at Doland's Columbus Drug Store.

School books at Ed. Fitzpatrick's, opposite the post-office.

Good undershirts and drawers for 25 cts. each at L. Kramer's.

Herman Heiken and Fred. Seeborg have dissolved partnership.

There is talk of organizing a sportsman rifle club in Columbus.

Miss Minnie Born of Genoa was visiting friends in this city Saturday.

Joe Post, Deputy Post-master of this city, had an attack of neuralgia Monday.

Hon. T. C. Ryan and "Dick" Rossiter of the Centre were in the city Christmas.

We hear that two couples of the Kendall troupe were married at Kearney recently.

The finest and most elegant toilet sets ever seen in this city at Doland's drug store.

Bro. McCune of the David City Republican, and E. R. Dean, Esq., called on us Monday.

Maj. Wm. Burgess, of the Genoa Magnet, and lady were visiting friends in this city last week.

Geo. Brindley received the second prize for graceful dancing at the Fireman's ball Christmas eve.

The Janaschek party left Lincoln Saturday and were to play at Grand Island Monday evening.

The first prize at the Fireman's ball for graceful dancing, was awarded Mrs. Platte Baker of Genoa.

J. B. Wells has been suffering with a severe cold for some time, but was around again Saturday.

Lamb pays cash for all the good butter and eggs that come along. Second door north of post-office.

Buy your Christmas and New Year presents at Doland's. He has the most elegant assortment in town.

Good skating now-a-days, and the lovers of that delightful sport may be seen going to the river every day.

Dave Dowty, the genial clerk at A. W. Doland's drug store, was suffering with diphtheritic sore throat Monday.

Dr. Anna Potts left for Kearney, Saturday. She was in the city visiting friends from Tuesday to Saturday.

Lecture to young people at the Congregational church next Sunday evening. Subject: "Eat, drink, and be merry."

Beautiful glove and handkerchief boxes, card-cases, vases, and fine box stationery at Doland's drug store.

There was an auction on 11th street, Saturday at the checkered, stable. Horses, cows, wagons, etc. were sold.

Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson, with their little grand son Halley Spielman, spent a portion of the holidays at Omaha.

No matter how cold the weather may be, the sleeping apartments should be well ventilated, in order to prevent sickness.

The Firemen's ball Christmas eve was a success in every feature of the entertainment. Largely attended, and a good time.

O. A. Stearns wants everybody to know that he is now getting out the best photographs ever seen in Columbus. Give him a call.

The Press says that David City has somewhere near forty thousand bushels of corn cribbed. The bulk of it was sold for 30 cents a bushel.

An auction sale at Johnson's stable Monday afternoon. A good team of horses, several scrapers, and a plow were disposed of at low figures.

Hon. D. C. Loveland took a trip through Howard and Hall counties last week, and reports the outlook in that part of the State as very promising.

Go to J. C. Elliott's new pump house if you want pumps, wind mills, corn shellers, horse powers, and feed grinders, for cash or on time.

Charlie Harrison, the gentlemanly agent with Dr. Anna Potts, was the guest of E. J. Potts last week, taking his departure for Kearney Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Foxwell, Mrs. Wm. Winterbottom and Miss M. E. Crites have all lately been suffering with diphtheria, but we learn that they all are improving.

Madame Demorest's reliable patterns are conceded to be the very best. Go to Kramer's New York Cheap Cash Store and look at the catalogue and buy a pattern.

The Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church, Wednesday evening, was loaded down with presents. The ladies planned everything, and it was successfully carried out.

Chicago markets on the 28th. No. 2 spring wheat sold at \$1.32, and \$1.33 for cash delivery. Cattle prime to extra graded steers \$5 and \$5.25. Hogs, choice grades \$4.60 and \$4.65.

Don't forget that J. C. Elliott sold the combined sheller and grinder that grinds the feed for Baker & Gillett. He has also large power shellers.

Complaint was filed against Wm. Gerhold Saturday for trespass on real estate. Tried before Police Judge. McAllister, Tuesday - too late for particulars.

Frank Quinn, one of the two burglars confined last summer in the Platte county jail and escaped, was lately captured at La Cross, Wisconsin, and imprisoned.

Jake Gregorius's pony ran away with him one day last week on 12th street. He was thrown from his backboard bruising his face considerably, and breaking his harness.

T. J. Ellis froze his ears and nose the other day at Grand Island, while driving cattle. He says that on Wednesday last, near G. I., a rail on the U. P. track was broken into three pieces by the intense cold.

Dealers were out of coal, Monday. Other towns along the road have been placed in the same dilemma several times this winter. For some cause the company have been unable to supply the great demand.

Lute Jewell, and Harry Magoon, of Lost Creek, were in the city Saturday. Lute reports the Lyceum at Waverly as flourishing, and that there are quite a number of dances in that neighborhood this season.

We learn from the Grand Island Independent that Miss Annie Plunkett, daughter of Charles Plunkett, was married at Cheyenne, Dec. 25th, 1879, to C. I. Spren of Grand Island, formerly with Dr. C. B. Stillman of this city.

Upwards of one hundred reserved seats tickets were sold for the Janaschek theatre, and the lady's non-appearance is a great disappointment to many. The money is being refunded, some taking tickets in exchange to hear Blind Tom.

Just think of it! At Cadiz, O., the *Seafarer* says, Dec. 25th, "The reign of mud has commenced in our midst, and our citizens will feel glad to know that it will end some time late next spring." If you have any desire to travel on good roads, come to Nebraska.

Over a dozen postal cards from Alfred Woods to his brother Henry of this city, shows that he has not reached destination as yet, but is having a good time along the road. He had got as far as Humboldt Mountains the 20th. His destination is Wash. Territory.

Patrons and friends of the JOURNAL will confer a special favor on us by requesting their attorneys and others, who have legal notices concerning their affairs for publication, to place them in the JOURNAL, which has the largest circulation of any paper published in the county.

A select social party was given Monday evening at the new hall of the Maennerchor of this city, by some of the young gentlemen. From the amount of choice eatables we saw loaded into a covered carriage on 12th street the same evening, they must have had a good time.

Prof. McGintie received notice last week that Judd M. Chaglin will deliver a lecture in the city on the evening of the 12th of January 1880. Mr. McGintie has made arrangements for the use of the hall at the school building in Dist. 13. Subject: "A Tour Across the Continent." Lecture free.

Edmund Kenn, of the New York state, is gaining quite a reputation as a pedestrian. He walked the other day from this place to Jackson, by the wagon road, a distance of eight miles, in one hour and twenty-five minutes. He can have substantial "backing" in any future contest of the sort.

The family of Farralls, living in the eastern part of this city are truly the subject of pity and charity. They are in destitute circumstances, and three of the children have been down with diphtheria and we learn that Saturday evening the Messenger carried out of earthly misery one of the precious souls.

The following persons were elected officers of the M. E. Sabbath school of this city for the ensuing year: Superintendent, A. C. Tigner; Assistant Superintendent, Miss Mattie Kennedy; Secretary, Albert Moorefield; Treasurer, Miss Lizzie Davis; Librarian, Miss Cassie Brooks; Organist, Miss Mamie Hunneman.

At the meeting of the Endowment Rank, K. of P., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, B. E. Rogers; Vice President, J. N. Lawson; Chap. M. Whitmoyer; Sec'y, and Treas., E. L. Higgins; Guide, D. C. Loveland; Guard, John Elliott; Sentinel, J. W. Early, Medical Examiner, E. L. Higgins.

Nance county has two distinct sets of officers. Chas. Rakestraw the specially appointed county Clerk, issued certificates of election to those receiving the highest number of votes, as the returns indicated according to order of the court but upon tendering his resignation lately, the old board of Commissioners accepted it, appointed a new clerk, and he has issued certificates otherwise. When will Nance county's permanent organization be effected, and this political strife ended, is the question we propound.

The K. of H. elected the following officers for the ensuing year Friday evening: D. J. M. Kelley; V. D. A. M. Jennings; Sec'y, Rev. E. L. Sherman; Finan. Sec'y, H. P. Coolidge; Treas., Chas. H. Davis; Guide, H. P. Smith; Guardian, C. H. Matthews; Sentinel, C. Wake; Trustees, Chas. A. Speice, Chas. H. Davis, John Wiggins.

CHARLEY ROSS.

The Wallace Sisters at Opera House Monday, Jan. 5.

Poor Charley Ross! Never in the whole range of fiction, was anything more mysterious than the abduction and concealment of this child - with the exception of the Beecher-Tilton case, and the Nathan murder, nothing has so agitated the public mind for years. The most stringent search, conducted by the most experienced detectives, has hitherto failed in bringing this mystery of death of his abductors, coupled with the confession of one of them, still seems to bring us no nearer the end. Truth is indeed stranger than fiction.

Yet the story of this poor child, which equals, if it does not surpass the widest romance, may, if the facts should ever be discovered, prove to be very similar to John Brougham's highly sensational drama of "Minnie's Luck"; or the story, who stole from motives of revenge, goes through a series of the most exciting adventures, is personated by Miss Jennie Wallace, the star of this fine troupe. Her sweet and musical voice, and touching and interesting manner, impart a wonderful charm to the character, which could not be equalled by the most experienced actress not favored with her natural advantages. Her sister, Maud, by her liveliness and grace, and the spirit and vim which she throws into her specialties, is a welcome relief to the sadder portions of the play. The actors who support them are all artists of ability, and selected regardless of expense, from the best theatres in the United States, for their particular adaptation to the roles they represent. After passing through a series of most intensely interesting adventures, Minnie is at length restored to her bereaved mother, and to wealth and happiness. We trust that Providence, in his own good time, may, in like manner, make glad the hearts of the now desolate parents of poor little Charley Ross.

Phid. City Item.

Attempted Suicide.

On Sunday, about half-past 12 p. m., a young lady called at one of the city drug stores and procured a small vial of laudanum. It being no uncommon occurrence, the druggist let her have it, she giving her name as Mabel D. Martin, stating that she had the tooth-ache, for which complaint the medicine was to apply. About 2 o'clock she returned for more, stating that she had broken the vial that contained the other, on her way home. She was given an other ounce, and she went to the Depot and was seen drinking it. She became stupefied, when Dr. Higgins was called for and administered some emetics. At 6 o'clock in the evening we learned she was recovering. It was thought she did not take all the laudanum, and that if she had she would certainly die, unless habituated to its use. We did not learn the cause of her strange action, nor any further particulars.

A telegram was received last Saturday at 9:20 a. m., by Wm. Hunneman, stating that Janaschek would not be here that evening on account of illness. Her failure to come was a great disappointment, but we are glad to know that she didn't give us the "go-by" any more than she did Council Bluffs, Sioux City and other places of larger population than Columbus. If it should suit her convenience at another time to appear in Columbus, she will be greeted by a large audience.

At the annual election of Mystic Council, No. 130, on Dec. 27th, 1879, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. A. Smith, Regent; J. H. Galley, Vice Regent; H. J. Hudson, Orator; W. B. Dale, Sec'y; H. P. Smith, Collector; C. A. Newman, Treas.; J. J. Slattery, Chaplain; H. G. Carew, Guide; Bert High, Warden; V. T. Price, Sentinel; E. L. Higgins, Past Regent; J. W. Early, H. J. Hudson, T. E. Mitchell, Trustees.

An open meeting of the A. F. & A. M., of this city was held at their hall Friday evening, and was a very pleasant affair. The following officers were installed for the ensuing year: W. M. R. H. Henry; S. W. C. A. Speice; J. W. J. D. Brewer; Treas., J. P. Becker; Sec'y, Gus G. Becker; S. D., H. P. Coolidge; J. D. J. Slattery; Stewards, Julius Rasmussen, J. W. Early; Tyler, M. Weaver.

The first number of The Polk County Herald, edited and published by Belter & Nunnally, at Osceola, Neb., has been received at this office. The Herald makes a very neat appearance, and, what is commendable in its publishers, is the fact that they neither use a patent inside or outside, but print all their matter at home. They deserve success in their new enterprise.

A. W. Lawrence's penny team ran away from him Saturday in the country. When they started to run he guided them for a hay-stack to stop them. An old hay rack lay along side the stack, and they went flying over that, breaking his buggy all to pieces, and seriously injuring his bay pony. Mr. L. has had several runaways, but this one proved more disastrous than any before.

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We return our most sincere thanks to Mrs. Snell, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. Clark and other neighbors who have shown themselves friends indeed in the time of the sickness of our dear children. Their kindness will ever be remembered.

Card of Thanks.

Charles H. Davis, Sarah E. Davis.

Blind Tom.

What is he? An enigma, a mystery. A something that no man can understand, a phenomenon no living man can explore. His performances are astounding; they are more-marvellous. What secret power, what comprehension can there be in that scattered and ill-balanced mind that can grasp, aye, master, a sonata of Beethoven, the immortal, of Chopin, a rhapsody of Liszt! Yet he does it. That unseemly skull of Blind Tom's envelopes a brain that is the strangest compound of weakness and strength, obtuseness and perception, imbecility and genius that every mortal man beheld. Blind, uncouth, unnatural, incoherent in thought and speech, he yet performs great things, things that many a bright and penetrating mind would aspire to in vain. No more striking or improbable contrast could well be imagined than the grinning, swaying, gesticulating Tom that stands waiting before an audience, and the masterful and inspired Tom seated at a piano revealing in the grandeur of rhapsody or sonata. The subtle power, the erratic genius that holds sway over him is incomprehensible. Let him that can unravel this mystery, this creature of impulse, this mental phenomenon, do so. It cannot be done. Blind Tom appeared before a splendid audience last evening, at the Opera House, and filled a programme that ranged from Tom's own incoherent talk to the profoundest creations of Chopin, Beethoven, Liszt and other composers. The audience laughed over his simplicities, and listened with bated breath to his melodies. None would have missed it, none would miss it again. Wonderful and inexplicable Tom.—*Jacksonville (Ill.) Journal*, Oct. 29.

District No. 1.

As stated last week, the last three days of the term were devoted to examination. They were entirely written. The first grade were examined in percentage, discounting notes and equation of payments; in physiology (Dalton) in digestion and the portal circulation; in algebra from equations of the first degree to equations of the second degree; and in grammar and natural philosophy throughout the whole text. The examinations were all fair, and some of them very superior.

The second grade were examined in partial payments, discount and compound interest in review, and showed a thorough and masterly acquaintance with the subjects. In grammar and geography the standings are good, and in mental arithmetic and spelling, fair.

Owing to the crowded condition of the schools, the third and fourth grades have been urged as much as possible, and their grading necessarily shows a greater diversity, but all except one or two passed with credit.

The third grade in interest and partial payments, and the fourth in compound numbers sustained themselves splendidly.

The examinations in the intermediate department are all creditable, and some of them very superior. Below the seventh grade they were necessarily oral, and the results are equally creditable with the others.

In the primary department an oral review took the place of the examinations, and showed diligent work throughout.

The examinations were all bro't to an abrupt close on Wednesday afternoon by the appearance of the veritable Santa Claus, who made a clandestine entrance at the back window of the primary department. Word was sent to the other rooms, and all hands adjourned to give him welcome.

The enrollment for the term in the upper room was 50, in the intermediate department 75, in the primary 85, making a grand total of 210. The prevalence of the diphtheria has reduced the attendance greatly, and has proved fatal in several cases.

The next term begins on Monday, the 5th of January.

Extracts from a Private Letter from Dendwood.

December 20, 1879.

Carpenter and masons work are nearly closed up here for the winter, but I think there will be more or less painting until spring opens again.

It is truly astonishing to see the amount of building that has been done here since the fire, and also the energy displayed in the completion of brick buildings that were commenced before cold weather set in. Whenever they can lay a brick without the mortar freezing before they get it on the wall, it is done.

School Dist. No. 1.

Report of the Longlook (Reed) school.

On account of the irregular attendance the first month, no report was made, except an official one. The irregular attendance is accounted for in this wise; farmers always have a great deal of extra work, on the beginning of winter, and the most of the scholars have had to help in doing it.

Report first month: Number enrolled, 19. Number present every day during the month, 2. Number absent only one day during the month, 2. Average daily attendance, in whole numbers, 12. Studies pursued in school, besides the general common branches, U. S. History and Algebra. Average per cent. of deportment, in whole numbers, 99; only four, of the above numbers, communicating in any manner whatever.

In the above report, there are none on the "Roll of Honor." The requirement is that each scholar must be present every day, not tardy any, and 100, or perfect, in deportment; any communication or disturbance of another scholar diminishes the per cent., one for each offense. Report for second month: Number enrolled during the month, 30. Number present every day during the month, 5. Number absent only one day during the month, 3. Average daily attendance, 20. Studies the same as first month. Average per cent. of deportment, 99; only 6, in this month, communicating, of the above number. Roll of Honor: Bertha Dunlap, Louise Reed and Eddie Tompkins.

M. A. COURTIGHT, Teacher.

The Dead Senator.

Under the above head, some of our exchanges speak of Senator Paddock, and mention as his competitors Van Wyck, Dundy, Nance and Dawes. We feel like getting up on our modest legs to say that in our humble opinion there is more man in Senator Paddock than the whole outfit. The recent 26,000 majority says that the next U. S. Senator will be a Republican, and we prefer it should be Paddock.

The above is pretty good for Paddock, coming from a Democratic paper, the David City Press.

Letter List.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the post-office, in Columbus, for the week ending Dec. 27th, 1879:

Barney H. D. Mignery Geo. F. Perregio Joseph Smith H. S. Skala Vronica Swella Miss Mary Stielck Gatliff Smith Phil C. Walker Chas. If not called for in 30 days will be sent to the dead-letter office, Washington, D. C. When called for please say "advertised," as these letters are kept separate. E. A. GERHARD, P. M.

DEATHS.

DAVIS—Alice, second daughter of C. H. Davis, Tuesday of last week, of diphtheria, after a short illness.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Advertisements under this head five cents a line each insertion.

—New Millinery at Galley Bros.

—Diaries for 1880 at Hill & Lubber's.

—Fresh sour crout at R. T. Bullard's.

—Cranberries 10 cts. a quart at Hudson's.

—Hurry for the Revolution Dry goods store.

—Dolls and doll babies at E. D. Fitzpatrick's.

—Heavy grey blankets for \$1 a pair at L. Kramer's.

—One-half barrel scalding kettles at the Foundry for \$5.

—The best Teas and Syrups in town at Geo. Rieder's.

—A good tread power for sale or trade at the Foundry.

—Skates! skates! of all kinds, cheap at Robert Uhlig's.

—Remember, we are undersold by none. Galley Bros.

—Chow Chow or Mexican hot, 15 cts. a bottle at Hudson's.

—Second hand school books at Ed. Fitzpatrick's opp. P. O.

—Hickories and Coconuts at Hudson's.

—A car-load of green apples at J. B. Deismann.

—Fresh sorghum and buckwheat flour at Bullard's.

—Fresh Oysters, by the can or dish, at Hudson's.

—Be economical and buy your goods of Kramer.

—For the next few days toys at cost at Hill & Lubber's.

—The largest line of Boots and Shoes at Galley Bros.

—Lemons, Jellies and Christmas candies at Hudson's.

—Maple Syrup and Buckwheat Flour at Geo. Rieder's.

—Boys' chopping axes at Robert Uhlig's hardware house.

—Good Waterproof Cloth for 50 cents a yard at Kramer's.

—All-wool socks for 20 cts. at I. Gluck's Revolution Store.

—Everybody rushes to I. Gluck's Revolution Store for Bargains.