

CATERPILLARS are doing great damage in the vicinity of Belknap Springs, Oregon.

BEN COBE'S safe at Lincoln was opened last Saturday evening and \$265 in gold abstracted. Capt. Henry Bowman was arrested on suspicion.

A FEW casual readers will doubtless note that when young Mr. Nye came back to the Republican he brought his spleen with him.—Lincoln Journal.

The Lancaster County Coroner's jury rendered a verdict Saturday that Elijah Van Ancken came to his death by a pistol shot feloniously fired by Alvin J. McGuire.

THE Bee will be excused for crowing a little over Omaha's three first-class hotels, new court-house, water-works, sewerage, and scores of business blocks and factories.

NEBRASKA papers seem almost unanimous in favor of the re-nomination of Hon. Samuel Maxwell as supreme judge. Hall county may be marked down for him, first, last and all the while.—Grand Island Independent.

The agricultural society has received a proposition from the Hon. Schuyler Colfax to deliver two lectures here during the fair for \$75. The society will take the matter under consideration at the next meeting.—Schuyler Sun.

AMONG the recent sales of lots in Chicago we notice the following prices paid for 20x157 ft., \$57,000; for 75x129 1/2 ft., \$30,000; 75x125, \$12,500; 60x170, \$11,400. This is enough to show that soil is somewhat valuable in the great western metropolis.

God created man, man created congress and congress created monopolies. Monopolies control congress, congress defies man and man is like the first Creator, before the flood, wishing he had turned his attention to something else and not have created.—Dawson Co. Press.

It seems that a member of the Nebraska legislature who wouldn't give his real name to the court was taken up and fined for drunkenness at Omaha last week. He was without money to pay his fine, but a friend came to his rescue, says the Bee, and he was released. The Bee adds the remark that he voted for prohibition.

The newspapers generally in the section interested (outside of Lincoln itself) are "going for" Gale's road, Gale's steal, some of them call it in a way that is not altogether child-like and bland. At a recent public meeting at Lincoln Mr. Courtney said that Lincoln had voted \$500,000 in bonds in the hope of getting competing lines and had not got them. The Omaha Republican says that at Fremont Gale told the people that the new road would give them the B. & M. system. Mr. Gale will get into bad odor if he isn't a little more careful in his methods.

The Inter-Ocean criticises Mayor Harrison of Chicago for encouraging by word and act, the drinking of intoxicating liquors, and remarks: "We do not say it is possible to stop the flow of stimulants, but we insist that it is unnecessary to counsel or encourage its increase"; which reminds us of a remark once made by the noted itinerant preacher of early times, Lorenzo Dow, in answer to a man who said one couldn't be responsible for evil thoughts—"you can't prevent the birds of heaven from flying over your head, but you needn't let them build their nests in your hair."

SENATOR AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE died suddenly Tuesday morning of last week, at his home in Rhode Island. During the war he was commander of the Ninth Corps in the army of the Potomac. While never regarded as a great general, his courage and loyalty and honesty were never called in question. Under McClellan and Meade he did noble service; and when the Union forces under him were defeated at Fredericksburg he promptly tendered his resignation to President Lincoln, who as promptly refused to accept it. Gen. Burnside will live in history as one of little Rhody's best and bravest men.

The State Fair at Omaha last week was very largely attended, and the receipts are said to be the largest of any fair ever held in the State. While the display of stock and farm products of all kinds was not so good as could be wished, and not nearly so good as it might easily have been made, yet it was sufficient to convince any doubting strangers who might have been present that Nebraska is among the front ranks this year. Over nine thousand dollars were taken in at the gate last Thursday. It is, perhaps, well enough that the "wonder" part of the projected performances was a failure more or less complete, because too much attention is generally bestowed on the shadows and too little on the substantials.

The Nation's Dead.
Our good president is dead. No more words can fitly express the grief of the American people over the grave of their second martyred president; the heart of the nation has been wholly with him since the assassin's bullet struck him on the 22d of last July, and nothing in all the history of the country, except the intense sorrow over the grave of Abraham Lincoln, has so affected all.

Perhaps, in all the qualities that go to make the good as well as great man, none of our presidents equalled him, but this is not the time and place, if we had the space or ability, to review his career.

The memory of his worth, of his patriotism, and of his matchless courage and patience during the seventy-nine long days of his suffering, all, will be treasured in the hearts of the people so long as they shall be capable of sympathy, or be touched with patriotism.

The Last Hours.
The dailies of Sunday give full particulars of the unfavorable turn taken by the late president's troubles. Saturday forenoon he was attacked by a chill lasting half an hour and followed by high fever and profuse perspiration. He rallied somewhat in the afternoon and the pulse fell. The temperature fell below the natural degree, and artificial means were used to keep up the temperature. His temperature had never been so low before, as it was on Saturday. Says the Chicago Tribune (from which we condense this statement) only once at any hour has the same figure been reached, and that was on Sunday, July 31, when all supposed him to be dying.

Eight weeks previously he had his first rigor or chill. The very day before his condition had been more comfortable than at any time since he was shot. Suddenly, without warning, the rigor seized him, the pulse bounded up to 130, the temperature went to 104, and respiration 26. The physicians knew the cause to be pus, confined somewhere, and searching ascertained that a cavity had been formed below the rib. The knife used by Dr. Agnew opened the cavity and gave instant relief. No doubt exists that the rigor of Saturday morning was caused by confined pus. Some of the physicians were of the opinion that many small abscesses existed in the lungs, similar to those that appeared in the parotid gland. Since leaving Washington the president had coughed constantly and raised the mucus and the pus which gathered in the lung. But for twenty-four hours previous to the rigor of Saturday he had not coughed so much and raised less foreign matter. This was regarded as a very unfavorable indication, and, added to the debilitated condition of the patient, caused the greatest apprehension of a fatal result.

From the Omaha Republican of yesterday we condense the telegrams concerning the last hours. A chill on Monday morning lasted about fifteen minutes. Another chill at 1:30, pulse 140, and the patient growing weaker. The president died at 10:30, seemingly from sheer exhaustion. "At the president's bedside, holding his poor emaciated hand and watching with anguish unutterable the fast-fading sands of life sat the faithful, devoted wife during the closing hours of the president's career. Around him were other weeping friends and the physicians lamenting their powerlessness in the presence of the dark angel of death. Towards the last the mind of the sufferer wandered. He was once more back at Mentor, amid those scenes where the happiest hours of his life were spent. He sat in the dear old homestead again, with the loved ones around him, his aged mother, so fond of her big boy, his faithful wife and beloved children. It was a blissful dream that robbed death of its terrors, and rendered the dying man for the moment unconscious of the cruel rending of his once vigorous frame that was constantly going on. The moan of the restless ocean mingled with the sob of loved ones as the lamp of life flickered and went out forever. Nearly every one around the president clung to hope to the last, and refused to believe approach of death until the shadow deepened and the Destroyer's presence could be no longer unfelt."

The David City Republican gives four planks of a platform built by Mr. Boas of Butler county, who is a staunch republican, one of which, on the transportation question contains, in very brief terms, a world of good common sense and common honesty—"That wholesome, but not oppressive railroad legislation, comprehending a gradual reduction of passenger and freight tariffs, that will result in mutual benefit to the railroads and the people, by developing and advancing the interests of the producer and the carrier at the same time, thus avoiding a bitter and expensive fight, is what we need."

The Lancaster Co. Treasurer has been "showing up" to an investigating committee. He lugged in from the banks gold to the amount of \$60,000 and in currency \$23,000. The committee have not yet reported the results of their examination.

Superintendent of Schools.
A very estimable man and one who, irrespective of party predilections, takes an active interest in public matters, makes suggestion that the JOURNAL call the attention of those who are managing the party machinery on both sides to the fact that Platte county should have candidates for County Superintendent of Schools who shall be above reproach in any sense as intelligent gentlemen; men of learning, not only, but men of strict integrity and of exemplary conduct, fit counselors for our teachers, and guides for the youth who are in attendance on our schools, and who are apt to copy the manners and habits of those placed in authority over them.

The JOURNAL has always considered the formation of character as above every other work, and in which nothing that bears upon it, however trivial it may seem, is to be lightly regarded. How often has it happened with the maid or lad of feeble will and limited knowledge that an unclean word or leer has led them toward perdition, deep and dark! How many a youth has gone astray through the influence and example of companions older than themselves in years and badness!

How true it is that the best days of life are often spent in "unlearning what was learned amiss"—in correcting the mistakes of early or later youth! This would not be so deplorable if it ended with the individual, which it does not, but is entailed upon posterity, who must either suffer an untimely death, or, through enforced warfare against inherited evil inclinations bring their constitutions back into line with nature's just and inexorable laws. The formation of character is of such infinite importance that no incident bearing thereon should be disregarded. Of what benefit will your life upon this earth have been, excepting you have in some way bettered your own condition and that of those within your influence?

See it, then, so far as in your power, that the educational interests of Platte county for the next two years, are intrusted to a good man and a scholar.

Conjectures of the Weather.
There is so much apparent uncertainty to the ordinary man concerning the weather that it is to be, that conjectures as to its state are looked upon with indifference. It is not so, however, with politicians and representative delegates, entrusted with the function of determining who shall bear the standards of their party through the hard-fought battles of a political campaign. To men who push their way up the Mount of Vision, through the mists and clouds of personal friendships, into the clearer atmosphere above, and look out upon the "battle in the air" that is less or more plainly visible, the ordinarily unlearned forces show themselves in their due proportions, and the penetrating eye can discern with more or less accuracy the spirits that will probably materialize in the nominating convention. Political action is nearly always relative. Movements, like numbers, are only large or small when compared with others, and political parties are very apt to be thinking of what the "opposition" may do, before they make their own movements. A republican who has been upon the mountain before alluded to, and who thinks, or imagines that he thinks he has seen a thing or two, gives us the following as a probable, at least possible, ticket for the democracy of this county: Treasurer, John Stauffer; Clerk, J. G. Higgins; Sheriff, Dan. Kavanaugh; Co. Judge, J. J. Sullivan; Co. Commissioner, Jacob Ernst; Supt of Public Instruction, Ed. Newman; Surveyor, R. L. Rositer; Coroner, A. Heinz.

The JOURNAL professes no more accuracy in forecasting the political skies than other skies, but as our mountain-climber insists that his vision was clear, we give, what we would call his conjectures, to the public for what they may seem to be worth.

SEVERE apprehensions are already beginning to be felt and uttered in various portions of the east suffering from drought, of hardships to be endured the coming winter by those who have failed to raise their usual crops of grain, vegetables and fruit. The prices for breadstuffs and provender are high, and looking still higher, and of necessity the feed for both human and brute mouths must necessarily be stinted in many places. Those whose supply is short of a very reasonable demand for the common necessities of life, will be compelled to draw upon accumulated resources either of their own or others—and thus close economy will be the lesson of life the coming year in the suffering regions.

The press of Nebraska has done more for the state than all other interests combined, and yet the ungrateful legislature has shorn the press of the young state of all patronage enjoyed by papers in other states. In fact, the Nebraska legislature has signaled itself in this matter as a viper, biting the breast that took its chilled body to warm into life and health. The press of Nebraska should unite in one grand volley of contempt for the life-threatening tribe which congregates at Lincoln biennially to gabble at so much a day and skin their best friends. Hang such a legislature—the wall. —Omaha Times.

Glitches of Nebraska.
No saloon in Wisner.
Lincoln has 120 telephones.
Pawnee county has 55,000 sheep.
Fremont begins to build her Platte bridge.
Diphtheria is prevalent in Greeley county.
The Fullerton Loriot is reaching out for a dentist.
A number of buffaloes were recently killed at Sidney.
An iron bridge 120 feet long is to span Salt creek at Ashtland.
Blair is to have 15 acres of yards for feeding and holding stock.

The Presbyterian church at Waterloo is to have a 500 pound bell.
Fremont's cannery establishment puts up 500 cans of tomatoes a day.
A number of cattle have died in Dawson county, said to be black-leg.
A mad dog at Harvard succumbed to four loads of shot and an ounce slug.
The Catholic church at Madison was to have been dedicated Sunday last.

Artesian wells are talked of in Bloomington for irrigation purposes.
Thirty-three houses going up and fifty more under contract at Plattsmouth.
W. J. Heaton of Johnson county, recently sold 70,000 bushels of corn, for which he realized 64 1/2 cts. a bushel.
James Billings proposes to erect at Alma a steam flouring mill worth \$11,000.
Burglars entered Dale, Clarkson & Co.'s hardware store at Stromsburg, and got a revolver and \$50 in cash.

Jerry Bennett has hit it rich this year in an acre bed of onions, from which he gathered over 400 bushels, and he can readily sell them at \$1.25 per bushel. He also has a very good piece of corn and some excellent potatoes.—Arapahoe Pioneer.
The Platte river bridge at Columbus is completed, and that center of travel and traffic can again be readily reached from every point of the compass. It will be remembered that the floods of last spring carried away both the Loop and Platte river bridges, but with characteristic energy both have been restored.

Wayne, the coming metropolis of Wayne county, is on the boom at present, buildings are going up, \$2 land is going up to \$20 per acre, brick work is going up to \$10 per thousand, and delivered, and hogs and cattle are going up, and we predict before next spring a lot of speculators will be going if not gone up.—Ponca Journal.

Work on the bridge progresses slowly on account of the scarcity of workmen. The south channel is nearly finished. We understand about \$200 is yet needed to bridge the north channel. This amount can of course be easily raised, and ought to be at once, so that the work may not be allowed to drag.—North Bend Bulletin.
A. B. Veeder owns a fine farm near Grand Island, from which he will gather about thirty bushels of black walnuts this season. The trees were planted about ten years ago, and now have just commenced to pay for the care of raising them. Farmers, who set out trees of ornamental varieties as well in the future utility you profit and pleasure.—Phonograph.

As an evidence of the rapidity with which crops have matured this season, notwithstanding the backwardness of the spring, we are informed that Jas. L. Truman, residing in Woodville, near the north line of this county, has been using meal made from new corn, for more than two weeks, which was ground in his farm mill, run by wind power.—Genoa Leader.
Mr. N. W. Wells who returned from the East last week reports that the country is doing better than in, in addition to their other afflictions, are now losing their grass. A small grub working below the surface eats off the roots, leaving the stems standing and to die, and the farmer, notwithstanding, to marvel as the grass became lighter the sample taken from the grass, Nebraska is a favored country this year.—Schuyler Sun.

Two tramps boarded a west-bound freight train yesterday for a free ride. They got in a way car which was afterwards locked. The car was not very full, but the tramps were by the time they got to Plum Creek, for they discovered a keg of whiskey in the car, which they proceeded to sample frequently, and as the keg became lighter the samples became heavier. When the train arrived at this station the happy tramps called for the men "hic" let us out.—Plum Creek Pioneer.
A young man at work driving piles on the Norfolk branch of the St. Paul & Sioux City R. R. met with a painful accident last Friday. While placing a chip on one side of pile to keep it straight, the hammer slipped the hook and came down, falling some six feet, onto his right hand and arm. His hand was crushed and his arm horribly mangled to the elbow. For surgical treatment the young fellow was taken to Wisner, the nearest point, and the arm was amputated at the elbow joint.—Norfolk Journal.

The immense grass crop of Nebraska, added to the unprecedented amount of corn that will be gathered in this state is a god-send to the Mississippi valley, as well as prospective prosperity to our farmers. In Kentucky, Missouri, Southern Iowa and parts of Kansas, there is not feed enough to winter their stock. Nebraska can feed several hundred thousand extra head this winter, and there is little doubt that there will be a hegin of herds from our eastern neighbors. Nebraska is our surplus corn and hay. Let Nebraska farmers not presume, therefore, upon their big hay stacks as an excuse for not saving every ounce of fodder possible. There is likely to be a demand for everything that will grow in the west. Fill the grass grows next April or May. Make hay and preserve your corn stalks while the sun shines.—State Journal.

Telegraphic Summary.
DISASTROUS STORM AT DELULTE.
DELUITE, Sept. 17.—A violent storm raged here from 8 o'clock yesterday morning until about 4 in the afternoon. For fifteen minutes the velocity of the wind was seventy-one miles per hour and for four hours continued at the rate of forty-one miles. A new brick coal and lamp shed adjoining the engine room of the elevator was totally demolished. Scarce a vestige remains. In the east corner of the elevator the storm washed in boulders and gravel until there is about fifty feet square of dry brack inside the crib, where yesterday was water enough to float a steamer drawing 13 feet. The damage to Minnesota point dwellings is quite severe. Some buildings were moved from the former location by waves washing against them.

FIVE MEN DROWNED.
PORTLAND, Oregon, Sept. 17.—Ten men employed in cutting trees and clearing the track of the new railroad near Multnomah Falls, Columbia river, last night, attempted to cross the river in a boat. They were swamped and five of the occupants drowned.
A DOUBLE CRIME.
DYKES' MULL, La., Sept. 17.—A negro woman named Jane Campbell, near here, has been supporting herself and two children by washing and ironing clothes. The other day she became angry with her children for some trivial disobedience. Taking a pine knot, she beat out their brains. Coroner Sykes held an inquest. After the verdict was announced most of the blacks and whites gathered, seized Mrs. Campbell, tied her to a stake, and despite her cries for mercy, roasted her alive. The crime and punishment is unparalleled in the criminal statistics of this country.

THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER.
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 17.—Andrew Henderson, a well known and formerly a German, fatally hurt his wife and cut his own throat. A boarder whom he suspected of alienating her affections was assailed but not badly hurt.
A WHOLESALE MURDERER.
ROCKLAND, Me., Sept. 17.—Chas. Smith, a light shot, last night shot and killed his wife, infant son and mother-in-law, and attempted to kill Mrs. Metcalf, an old lady living in the house, but she with two children escaped. The murderer gave himself up. Cause, jealousy of his wife.

CAPTIVE OF A CONVICT.
ST. LOUIS, Sept. 17.—J. W. Brassfield an escaped convict, has been arrested for participation in the train robbery on the Chicago & Alton railroad. He claims he can prove an alibi. If innocent he will serve out his unexpired term for forgery.

WHAT HAS BEEN LEARNED REGARDING THE TRAIN ROBBERY.
CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—A. S. Trade who went from here as the special counsel of the Chicago & Alton railroad, in ferretting out the facts regarding the recent train robbery, states that his trip was brought to a halt by the head quarters of the C. & A. in this city of a middle-aged woman who, ten days ago, gave the company some valuable pointers tending to the apprehension of the outlaws. She revealed the fact that certain dark and mysterious persons had been seen in the net of St. Chapman, near the scene of the robbery, and gave the names of the participants. As a result of her talk and subsequent investigation Trade believes the robbery was planned by a man named Clark, an expert professional train robber, formerly associated with the notorious "Hoosier Bill," and the Reno gang. Clark is ostensibly a cattle dealer in Missouri. Trade thinks his assistants were hoodlums, green at the business, who believed their best chance was to make the day following the robbery Clark lost a large sum of money in Kansas City keno dives and raised more by sprouting jewelry. The woman had been ruined and deserted by two of the outlaws, and has long been waiting for revenge.

The gang were informed of the robbery early that some of them escaped, but more important arrests are expected. In this connection an officer of the Chicago & Alton recently stated that the road has served notice on the Missouri authorities that they will be held responsible for damages, precisely as the authorities of Pittsburg were in 1876.

The grand jury ignored the bill of indictment against Jefferson Hays, the man who ran off with the wife of Chas. Fanner, and was brought back to Columbus and jailed to await the action of the grand jury. He was charged with adultery, and by the statutes of the state a single man cannot commit adultery.—Central City Courier.
In the same number of the Lincoln Journal in which the above quotation appears, is an editorial referring the same to Platte county. Please consult us out.

The Columbus Democrat is responsible for the following sentiment. How do the Democracy of old Platte like it?
"The railroads rob the people of Missouri, and the people of Missouri in turn rob the railroads. Both classes are banditti, who ought to be brought under the operation of a rigid law."

PROBATE NOTICE.
THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss.
In the County Court, in and for said county. In the matter of the estate of John K. Kay, deceased, last of said county.
AT A SESSION OF THE COUNTY COURT for said county, holden at the County Judge's office in Columbus, in said county on the 10th day of September, A. D., 1881, present John G. Higgins, County Judge, on reading and filing the duly verified petition of Fredericka Karlin praying that letters of administration be granted to Andrew Matthis on the estate of said decedent. Thereupon, it is ordered that the 5th day of October, A. D., 1881, at 10 o'clock, p. m., be assigned for the hearing of said petition at the County Judge's office in said county.
And it is further ordered, that due legal notice be given of the pendency and hearing of said petition by publication in THE COLUMBIAN JOURNAL, for three consecutive weeks. (A true copy of the order.)
Dated, Columbus, Neb., Sept. 10, 1881.
JOHN G. HIGGINS,
County Judge.

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Land Office at Grand Island, Neb., August 21st, 1881.
NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of the District Court of Platte county, Nebraska, at county seat, on October 22d, 1881, viz: Geo. Lemp, guardian of Charles Nefzinger, minor heir of Jacob Nefzinger, deceased, Homestead No. 668, for the N. W. 1/4, S. E. 1/4, N. E. 1/4, S. W. 1/4, Section 22, Township 17 north, Range 2 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Blaser, Christian Buss, John Buss and Samuel Imhof, all of Cherry Hill, Platte Co., Neb.
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