

The Fremont new school-house will cost \$7,444.

NEBRASKA has a newspaper for every 2,400 citizens.

QUEEN VICTORIA's health had greatly improved last week.

ALDERMAN Wm. Meagher has been elected Lord Mayor of Dublin.

The Catholics of Sioux Rapids are about to build an \$8,000 church.

ARCHBISHOP Wood died the other night at his residence in Philadelphia, Pa.

The President has appointed Col. D. B. Parker to be postmaster of Washington.

EMER bodies of drowned persons were found last week along the shores of Staten Island.

The supreme court of Ohio has decided that the Scott liquor tax law is constitutional.

The United States treasury reserve, which has recently been steadily increasing, amounts to \$142,481,930.

Three hundred Chinese shoe makers struck at San Francisco for an increase of 2 cents on a day's wages.

It is claimed that eighteen persons in the United States and abroad hold \$27,000,000 of our government bonds.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has approved the finding and full sentence of the court martial in Paymaster Wasson's case.

The Nebraska University confers the degree of LL. D. on Mayor Chase of Omaha, and no dissenting questions asked.

The residence of E. M. Patterson, at New Brunswick, N. J., was robbed the other day of \$12,000 in gold and bonds.

The Chicago Times calls the democratic party the mule party—"no pride of ancestry and no hope of posterity."

It is still charged that the city of Omaha is full of thieves, and that burglaries continue with great frequency.

It is stated that payments to be made for the month of June on account of pensions will not exceed \$11,125,000.

At the latest accounts nine frail damsels of Omaha were in jail, and other places had been marked for investigation.

The Oceanic brought to San Francisco the other day 700 cases of opium, valued at half a million. The duties were \$172,000.

HON. MONTGOMERY BLAIR was reported the other day as dangerously ill at his summer residence near Silver Springs, Md.

A big storm of wind and rain visited Loup City and Hastings, Neb., last week, doing much damage to property at both places.

A woman's rights meeting was recently held at London at which Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton made addresses.

The Nebraska state teachers' association have made their plans to send an excursion to the White Mountains during the summer.

The state appropriation for the support of public schools this year exceeds a dollar for each pupil, and aggregates \$200,000.

For the last four years the rainfall in Denver for the month of May has been steadily increasing, 1883 over 1880, being nearly 400 per cent.

The Omaha Republican says New England pays the Methodist minister an average salary of \$500. A western tramp gets more money than that.

The city administration of Omaha is to be highly commended by her citizens for their efforts to suppress gambling and prostitution in that city.

The municipality of Paris voted the other day 10,000 francs to defray the expenses of the delegates from Paris to the forthcoming Boston exhibition.

A HAWK caught up a weasel and flew off, but fell to the ground shortly, and lay motionless in death. This is not intended as a political fable.

The opinion is growing among London newspapers and in European centers that the difficulty between France and China will be settled amicably.

CHAR. T. GOODWIN, cashier of the Lake Shore freight department at Cleveland, Ohio, has been missing for several days. His accounts are said to be all straight.

GEN. SHERMAN says that the society of Washington is full of holloweases, hypocrisy and snobbery. He will live at St. Louis which is, presumably, not so far from right.

A son of Bishop Simpson, of the M. E. Church, Mr. M. V. Simpson, was married week before last to Miss Emma Lathers, daughter of Colonel Richard Lathers, of Pittsfield, Mass.

The toy pistol and the bathing water places are gathering to their long home a large number of boys. At present water claims the most victims; after the holidays it may be reversed.

An English writer seems to throw some doubts upon Shakespeare's idea of the influence of music upon the character. He does not think Nero's fondness for the violin purified his character.

TAXATION of mortgages is easily demonstrated to be legal robbery, as it is taxing the same property twice, but it is the law, and the best way is to gracefully submit until the law is repealed.—Lincoln Journal.

SECRETARY TELLER at Washington was last week investigating the charge that some registers of land offices in Nebraska lay the position to forward applications late, certain newspapers at the expense of the settlers.

RECENT advices received at Washington City state that a general outbreak of small-pox among the Arizona Indians has occurred, and Commissioner Price has ordered a supply of virus matter to be sent there at once.

A SEWARD boy put a slate pencil into a toy pistol and the thing went off, accidentally, of course, and plowed a furrow round his hand that the doctors had to harrow, and give a toy-dressing. Toy pistols are not always funny.

The republican state convention of Iowa nominated the following ticket: B. R. Sherman, for governor; H. Manning, lieutenant governor; Prof. J. W. Akers, sup't. public instruction; Judge Reed, of Council Bluffs, for supreme judge.

A COURT has held that sleeping car companies are liable for valuables stolen of their patrons while asleep, on the ground that the sleeping being helpless and in the charge of the company they are responsible for interference of this kind.

A RECENT break occurred in the Chicago and Alton embankment of the Mississippi, and 20,000 acres of land under cultivation were inundated. The damage through loss of live stock and other property is estimated at half a million dollars.

The New Zealand passenger vessels, the Aurani and Waitara, collided in the English Channel the other night, and the latter went to the bottom in two minutes. The steerage and second-class passengers, numbering twenty-five were all drowned.

The river at St. Louis had fallen five inches on the 27th ult. The stage marks thirty-four inches. The water in East St. Louis is declining. The general feeling is that all danger is over. At St. Joe the river fell five inches during the night of the 27th.

MA. BLAINE's new book will be known by the title of "Twenty Years of Congress, from Lincoln to Garfield." It will show the remote and immediate causes of the civil war. Fine steel portraits will illustrate the work which will be complete in two volumes.

NEBRASKA soil will receive more rain than any other state we have any knowledge of without injuring her crops, and on the other hand her soil will bear more drought than any other state in the Union, without destroying her crops of every kind and description.

In Deoria, on the shore of lake Como, during a show performance the building took fire and was entirely destroyed. Forty-seven lives were lost. After the fire was extinguished forty-seven charred corpses were found near the table, including the bodies of the showman and wife.

THE JOURNAL has heretofore mentioned a decision of a U. S. circuit judge given recently to the effect that if parties desired so to do they could contract to pay attorney's fees in the collection of a note. Our Nebraska courts have held otherwise, under the statute, and will probably continue so to do.

THE suit brought some time ago by the United States against Robert Gleason, proprietor of Hussey's express in New York, to recover penalties for violation of the postal law in conducting a post-office business and delivering letters over post-office routes, ended the other day in a verdict for the government.

DR. ISAAC J. HATHAWAY, of Philadelphia, in whose cellar the remains of many infants were found, was convicted the other day of having performed a criminal surgical operation upon a servant girl in April, 1881, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and undergo seven years imprisonment, the fullest extent of the law.

THE recent changes made in the internal revenue collection districts have been promulgated by an executive order from the President, which took effect the 1st of July or as soon thereafter as practicable. The number of the districts is reduced from 126 to 82, a reduction of forty-four. Nebraska and Dakota go together.

MAJOR WASSON received a severe sentence last week that he be discharged dishonorably from the service, to be confined at hard labor in a penitentiary for eighteen months and to have the facts respecting his crime and its punishment published in the newspapers of Iowa, the state from which he was appointed to the army.

CAPT. JOHN TURNER, of Savannah, Ga., recently took into that city a monstrous turtle weighing 400 lbs., which he caught on the beach at Raccoon Keys, near Oonahaw Sound. The female had just gone up on the beach to deposit her eggs. The captain searched and found her nest, which contained 180 eggs. This is a fair turtle story.

THE Ohio legislature has forbidden the sale of toy pistols. The numerous fatal cases of lock-jaw caused by them have been sufficient to call public attention to the toy. The trouble is that the pieces of the paper cap are sometimes, accidentally driven into the tender hand and the pus or matter produced travels in every direction into the fingers and up the arms.

THE saloon keepers in Ohio seem to cheerfully submit to the decision of the supreme court declaring the Scott law assessing the tax on liquor and beer constitutional, and at once commenced paying their taxes and in a short time they are \$300,000. The total will reach over \$300,000. Some of the saloon men display this kind of cards: "This is a law-abiding establishment."

THE bursting of a furnace at the Chicago Rolling Mill Company's works in South Chicago the other day entailed sufferings on a score of workmen such as no pen can describe and which will assuredly result in claiming for life a dozen workmen. It is claimed that the company is justly chargeable with the neglect which resulted in the bursting of the furnace.

At Lincoln the other day a number of mortgage holders or money lenders were cited to appear before the board of equalization to show cause why their assessments should not be raised by the amount of the mortgages held. The Journal says that nearly every man cited deposed that he was in debt deep enough to offset his mortgages and leave a handsome balance. Mayor Moore made complaint:

1. That all real property is assessed at less than one-third its cash value.

2. That all personal property is assessed at less than one-fourth its cash value.

3. That all merchandise is assessed at one-seventh its cash value.

He, therefore, asked that citations be issued to all owners of real and personal property on the assessment rolls of Lancaster county, to cause them to appear before the board of equalization and show cause why their assessments should not be raised.

THE recent high waters have played havoc with many of the railroads southeast from this point. Last week the Omaha extension of the Missouri Pacific was running only to Hiawatha. It is badly washed north of that point. The Atchison & Nebraska has not run regular trains the past week, and has suffered great damage. The St. Joe & Western was almost entirely destroyed for a distance of sixty or seventy miles. Hardly a single bridge or embankment is left. It is estimated that the damage to all roads centering into Atchison, Kan., will reach half a million. Some of our Columbus citizens were caught in the floods at St. Joseph, Mo., last week and could only get away by a tight squeeze by the way of Atchison, Kan., Hastings, Grand Island, Neb., to Columbus, adding several hundred miles travel to their trip.

THE Blue Valley Blade says of the action of the county commissioners of Lancaster in going through the records for the purpose of finding out who has money loaned on mortgages, with the view of assessing their investments for taxation: "This is a step in the right direction, as vast sums of money invested in this way escape taxation all over the state. If our commissioners should go through the records of Seward county they could doubtless find thousands of dollars that ought to be assessed for taxation."

If other county records besides Seward were examined thousands of dollars might be found and legally placed on the tax lists for taxation, which if done, would make the taxes more equal and just among those who pay the largest portion of our taxes.

JOHN M. ANDERSON of Humphrey, Platte Co., was the first settler in this township, and that was only one year ago on the 10th of May last, and now he can look around him and see his neighborhood dotted with dwellings, some of them frames of no ordinary character; as to our artisans in this immediate locality we have three sons of Vulcan, two of them in full blast, the green prairie the shop, and daylight the chimney; but small beginnings have had great endings, and so I hope it will be with these hardy sons of toil; one shoemaker, three carpenters, one bricklayer and plasterer, two wig makers and hair dressers, both young ladies from Wisconsin, each of whom has entered three hundred and twenty acres of choice land, and have had erected thereon a neat house; they intend starting a store there in October. They seem to be women of great nerve and pluck, as one of them stood by all the time during the erection of their house and superintended the whole affair until it received the last stroke of the brush. Frank Hart was the architect and builder throughout. Mr. Fry is building and intends stocking the same with a general assortment such as will supply the demands of his many customers in this locality.

As I was perambulating over the prairie last Sabbath, I was not a little surprised in this region of hides and horns to meet two of my old well wishers from Platte in the persons of J. F. Dineen and H. C. Carrig of Lower Shell creek, two sterling young men of promise who arrived in O'Neill the day before they came out here in the hope of taking up a cattle ranch, and they succeeded, as each of them located 320 acres of No. 1 hay land near Cottonwood lake, sixteen miles south of Atkinson. There are plenty of antelope and deer in this country; I had the pleasure while here in company with my Lower Shell creek friends to witness a chase between an antelope and Ben Woods' greyhounds "Warrior" and "Jowler"; the dogs started their game in the sand-hills and ran him towards the plains where we had a full view for miles; the noble canines did their level best and in about four miles from the starting point they overhauled "ant" as he was running across Spring branch, when his seemingly victorious speed was somewhat retarded I presume by the softness of the ground where "Warrior," who was in the advance a few paces, sprang upon his defenceless victim and seized him by the haunch when "Jowler" made one desperate spring into the water and seized him by the throat; by this time a few of the horsemen came up to the scene of action but could not put their steeds into the mire where the brave hounds and noble antelope had a fearful struggle but at last the watchful harbinger of the hills had to succumb to superior force, and was soon a mangled corpse, when Jeff Scott of his band notoriety threw a loop over his head and soon landed him on terra firma; at this juncture there was great rejoicing, it being the first test of greyhound speed in these borders, though the rejoicing was unbounded I felt somewhat sorry as I gazed on the graceful animal as he seemed to look at the crowd with his lustrous and polished glassy eyes and as his muscle seemed to quiver and his lips yet moved, I judged he was giving us all his last benediction, as if he were saying, "ah, human man, at your advance breath, all nature seems to disappear," but these thoughts were soon dispelled, as it was soon understood that the

A Little Descriptive Geography.

FRIEND JOURNAL:—I am at present with Col. N. B. Bibeck, the local surveyor, roaming over the vast watershed that is the source of the main Elkhorn, the south fork and the big Cedar, the Beaver, Cache, etc. as Swaw, Willow, Cottonwood and other small lakes are virtually the reservoir from which these copious streams derive their supplies, although the Beaver might be said to head in the buffalo flats in Wheeler, but by close observation I find that this chain of lakes which divides the waters running northwest from those running southeast to the head of the above mentioned streams. Grass and water are here in abundance which gives it the name of the stockman's paradise, and I want to say from the way stock is pouring in here the ranchman believes in the name as he is decidedly taking advantage of the opportunity now laid before him by a generous government. Just imagine how delightful it must be to the grazer as he looks over the vast expanse till the drooping horizon shuts out the view, to behold this great tract of meadow waving before the wind like an ocean under a light breeze, which goes far to show that this region will in the near future become conspicuous for its celebrated beef, as its juicy steak is masticated by the hungry millions of Europe and our eastern thoroughfares.

When I was here last March I went home by the way of Cache creek and the Clearwater, and on the head of the former stream there were only four claims entered, and now there are forty families in that neighborhood, and in the township I am in, houses are going up so fast that a person tainted with the least superstition might think that the magic wand was brought into requisition, buildings go up with such despatch; here you may throw yourself down on your face at night, and imagine you are an isolated being and wake up in the morning and behold three or four shanties in sight, the result of only a night's work. Don't talk any longer of the industrious ant or the busy bee that improves each shining hour, for here we have characters that improve the hours that don't shine when the sluggish ant is dreaming of his mound building on the morrow.

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barbecue was to come off at Col. Prisher's.

I forgot to state that while John Dineen was getting supper one evening H. C. Carrig dug me a splendid well; he didn't go quite 120 feet from the surface, still he found the required liquid.

I am sorry that Dineen, Carrig and Jerry Shanahan were not at the Pickrel lake chase as I hear they are both turfmen and own dogs unparalleled for speed. WALKER.

Shot dead at O'Neill.

[Special to the Omaha Daily Republican.] O'NEILL CITY, June 24.—Michael O'Laughlin was found dead in the road this morning at 10 o'clock, four miles north of town, with the warm blood still flowing from a bullet hole through his head. During the month of May 30th an attempt was made to rescue the stock from the possession of O'Laughlin, who was holding them for damages. He was on the alert, however, and sent a ball from a needle gun through the heart of one of the party named Ed. Gallagher, killing him instantly. The others fled. O'Laughlin came in and gave himself up to the sheriff and on examination was held before Judge Cleveland, who bound him over in the sum of \$1,000, which bond he gave. Gallagher's friends seemed dissatisfied that he should be allowed to give bond at all, although no evidence was given in except that which O'Laughlin and his wife gave. This sentiment, it seems, has resulted as above stated. No clue as yet to the author of the terrible crime.

LATER.—Jerry Fitzgerald has been arrested for the murder of O'Laughlin this morning. He is only a boy, 16 or 18 years of age, and is probably the wrong man.

While the people of Butler county are congratulating themselves upon their escape from paying \$75,000 of railroad bonds with interest on for some twenty years, the lawyers who had a hand in the contest are quarreling over claims for service. We would be pleased if some one of the numerous newspapers over there would give the exact points in the case that determined it in favor of the county.

Those who wish to read sermons by able preachers can find them in the great Chicago Monday dailies. These papers deserve the thanks of the great reading public for their ability to present them with such choice productions, and the probability is that the congregation reached by the printed word will have greater influence upon the progress of the race than the spoken word to the listeners.

In the recent news from Vienna much uneasiness is felt in diplomatic and military circles by the continuance of Russia's policy of massing troops on her southeastern border in a position to move quickly and easily into the provinces of Asia Minor. A dispatch from Odessa of a recent date announces that the Russian military forces there have been greatly increased.

Fourth of July.

Hurrah! hurrah! for the glorious Fourth, Let's give full sway to joy and mirth; Of pleasures let there be no dearth On Independence day.

This Independence our fathers won, Long live the name of Washington Who led them on while tyrant run And Freedom gained the day.

A hundred years since then have passed Our liberty we still hold fast; Then to the winds let care be cast, On this our natal day.

Our state was then a pathless wild, Inhabited by the "forest child," Who o'er these plains to battle fled, A painted savage throng.

Their day is done, they're left the scene, Nebraska's hills and valleys green, With flocks and herds of cattle team, And progress rules the day.

To all who feel oppression's band From every clime and every land We offer all a friendly hand And welcome to our shore.

Then all unite both old and young, We'll run the race, and fire the gun, And dance until gray morning's dawn, To celebrate the day.

MRS. E. J. YOUNG.

COLUMBUS MARKETS.

Our quotations of the markets are obtained from reliable sources, and are correct and reliable at the time.

GRAIN, AC.

Wheat 72
Corn 28
Rye 30
Flour 3.00-4.50

PRODUCE.

Butter 10-12
Eggs 12-15
Potatoes 5-8

MEATS.

Hams 10
Shoulders 16
Sides 10

LIVE STOCK.

Fat Hogs 4.50-5.25
Fat Cattle 3.00
Sheep 3.00

COAL.

Iowa 85
Hard 83
Rock Springs 75
Rock Springs lump 70
Kansas 70

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts \$98,869 19

Overdrafts 79