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Jersey jackets at Kramer's.

Lippitt, Leak & Co. are manufacturers of California Buck Gloves, and are not ashamed to brand their own name on every pair.

A soaking rain last Wednesday night with a big electric accompaniment settled the dust and purified the air, and life again seems all too short.

Some fine specimens of native apples, which point to the bright possibilities for Platte county as a producer of this splendid fruit, are on exhibition at this office. They were grown in the northern part of the county by John Jackson.

A lodge of the order of United Working Men was instituted at the Knights of Pythias hall Wednesday evening last. We believe the organization purports to be beneficiary and protective to its members by insurance on the endowment plan.

George Burke and mother, of North Platte, on their return from a visit to Omaha and the State Fair, stopped off here Thursday evening and were visitors in the family of Mr. John Rickly until Sunday night, taking the Denver train for home.

A U. P. excursion train carrying passengers from the Missouri Pacific attend the state fair at Omaha on Wednesday last, within eight miles of the city, collided with a freight train, coming west, and several persons were badly injured, but no one killed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Arnold returned last week from a trip to Missouri. Friends were visited near Marysville and Al. picked up some of the surplus stock cattle of the neighborhood, starting home with about 125 head. Having a favorable offer at Council Bluffs he disposed of the major portion of the lot.

We note the following among the representatives of Columbus as the state fair at Omaha: H. J. Hudson and wife, Jas. Galley and wife, Judge J. G. Higgins and wife, John Macfarland and wife, Benj. Cowdery and wife, Guy Barum, Sr., Judge A. M. Post, C. A. Speice, J. E. North, Abner Turner, J. W. Early.

The Wheeler County Gazette is a new venture in the newspaper field that is "scoring" for a position among the press of the state at Cummingsville. The editor and proprietor is A. L. Stewart, late of the Seward Blade, and a good practical printer, which is attested by the clean, bright appearance of his paper.

Word reaches us that on Thursday last week the wife of Mr. Chas. Radat, presented him with a bouncing girl baby, and that the whole town of Norfolk became very hilarious over the happy event. Charles, there are lots of your friends here who exert with you. We'll take one of Scheck's best!

Lightning struck the residence of Charles Matthews in the northwestern part of the city last Wednesday evening. No serious damage was done though the escape from a fatal casualty was very narrow, as the plastering from the sleeping room of Miss Nella Matthews was torn away close to the bed in which she was lying.

Mr. James McNulty, the late able editor and proprietor of the North Platte Telegraph, made the JOURNAL a pleasant call last Saturday. He is one of Nebraska's native productions in the editorial profession and has had a thorough practical drilling in the newspaper business from washing rollers to wielding the faber. He goes to Ogden soon to accept an editorial position on one of the dailies of that city.

Out of charity for the editor of the Wahoo Tribune we are willing to believe that the misstatements in its wholly unfair and incorrect account of the recent ball game between the Keystones and Wahos at that place did not come of a personal observation of the game by any responsible person, but is the version given by its "kicking" ball club in a vain effort to shield themselves from the censure of all honorable persons, by turning attention from the real cause of their acting—a dirty collusion with the betting element to break the game up in a row if it was likely to go against them—and throw the responsibility on that much abused individual, the umpire. As to the charge of having given the Keystones two or three bases on balls, the record of the game will show it to be entirely false. In fact the account, as written up in the Tribune, is as false and imaginary as are any grounds for complaint by the ball players. In the haste in selecting a point to make the "kick" on, when all hope of winning by fair play was gone, they tackled a point that was so entirely untenable and flimsy that they must needs change it or acknowledge that their complaint was entirely unfounded; and they now claim that the umpire had staked money on the game and offer to back the assertion with responsible (?) witnesses. Any person who has had experience in the matter of honesty of Wahoo ball players and their backers will not doubt their ability to prove anything, if misstatements go for anything. The umpire did not bet upon the game and says that not to exceed twenty-five cents ever passed out of his hands while at Wahoo. Were he dishonest enough to bet upon a game in which he was umpire, it is not to be supposed for a moment that he is fool enough to boldly hand over the money at the ball grounds. As far as the Keystones are concerned, let it be understood this matter is settled. They accomplished all they had in view, which was to beat the Wahoo fairly and they did it—did it twice and got all the money that was at stake by them and that was only their share of the game money. And now they are through with them.

Base Ball Short Stops.

The B. & M's. of Omaha were not prepared to meet our boys on Saturday last, which was quite a disappointment to devotees of the game.

Seventeen to nothing in favor of the Keystones was the result of the second game with the Millfords. Wake's twisters and the new angled rules broke 'em all up.

The Fremont Herald is in error as to the score of the recent game of the Keystones and Wahos. At the time of the kick the game stood 6 to 5 in favor of the Keystones in the last half of the eighth inning, the Keystones at bat, two men out, and man on second base, they going to bat last.

The Weeping Water club who were shut out at Weeping Water by the Keystones retaliated by downing the boys to the tune of 6 to 4 last Thursday on the Keystones' grounds. They are a crack club, fully worthy the steel of the Keystones, and as the result will show the game was both contested and very interesting, though it is only fair to say that the Keystones did not have their best nine in the field, and did not consider they needed them. The result will teach them not to rely too much on former victories as a criterion for future games. The Weeping Waters are a gentlemanly lot of fellows and defeat was deprived of half its sting by their manly bearing.

The Plattsmouth Herald comments on the recent game in that city as follows:

In the Columbus nine the players all showed that they were crack men at the game, and they opened up the first inning with a what-a-sof-man-see-we-have air, that was delightful to see, and they were a little surprised to see one of the Plattsmouth boys trot in over the home plate. The Keystones' catcher's hands were in poor shape, and so in the second inning a change was made with a sfielder and the home nine caught on to the inning to the tune of four runs; after this score hands and soft snaps were forgotten and the Keystones played for grim death and succeeded only with the aid of a rank decision of the umpire in tying the game at six and six at the close of the ninth inning. The tenth inning opened with immense excitement, Plattsmouth going to the bat and amid the wildest applause scoring three runs before the Keystones could retire three men. In their half of the inning the Columbus nine pulled one man through and did.

If the Plattsmouth nine will come up here the Keystones will give them a pointer or two on entertaining a visiting club, and give them a taste of their "for grim death" playing. That loud crowing is a little previous, as it's over the first game.

A Dramatic Treat.

Our citizens will be afforded an opportunity, Tuesday evening, Oct. 2d, at the Opera House, of witnessing the production of Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth's celebrated New York Ledger story, and the greatest of all southern comedy dramas, "The Hidden Hand," by the only standard dramatic company ever organized for an exclusive and special stage presentation of this fine play—Whitely's Original Hidden Hand Co. The company have met with phenomenal success everywhere, the press of our larger cities giving them the highest praise. Every member has been selected with a view to their respective adaptability to their various parts, and the entire drama will be produced with the Company's own special scenery, realistic accessories, complete stage mountings, appropriate plantation scenes, etc.

In the dual character of "Capitola" and "Archie, the Newboy," the famous singing soubrette and charming comedienne, Hattie Irving, is a strong feature of the company, while as "Wood," a "gemman of color," Billy Robinson, one of the best-known character comedians on the American stage, and late one of the principal members of Haverly's Maatodon Minstrels, etc., is sure to prove a favorite with any audience. The company announce an unusually strong cast, and as they play a new version of this well-known story, and the only one ever approved, endorsed or authorized by Mrs. Southworth as being her correct story, it is but fair to anticipate a better and more perfect performance of "The Hidden Hand" than has ever before been given by any traveling troupe. The Company come to us highly endorsed, and we bespeak for them a crowded house on their appearance in our city.

The complacent and self-satisfied air which farmers generally wear since the cold wave passed us without any frost is pleasant to behold. And when we come to think of the calamities that have fallen upon other states in the way of drouth, cyclones, devastating storms, and recently by the sharp frosts which even visited our sister state Iowa, as far south as Keokuk, and did incalculable damage to all kinds of products, we certainly have great cause to feel that fortune has favored us; and we should not be liable to the charge of boasting if we about to the unfortunate of other states that Nebraska is the haven that should be sought by all who would be prosperous and happy. Such inducements as Nebraska still offers the poor man as well as the capitalist will go to begging, and soon cheap lands will be a thing of the past, and the opportunities to grow rapidly rich by a small investment be the exception instead of the rule.

At the anti-monopoly judicial convention for the fourth judicial district, held in this city Wednesday last, Judge John G. Higgins, of Columbus, was nominated by acclamation for the office of district judge. W. H. Westover of Butler county was the unanimous choice of the convention for district attorney. A district central committee was elected as follows: Dr. S. C. Smith for Colfax, Neils Olson for Platte, I. O. Jones for Nance, S. S. Reynolds for Butler, W. H. Deck for Merrick, S. S. Reynolds of Butler, chairman of committee.

Orthography.

The etymology of the term leads us to consider spelling as an inseparable art in connection with a written or printed alphabetic language. It is to a considerable degree an imitation of the forms approved by others, and does not involve, commonly speaking, anything more than a retentive memory to become a good speller. The extent to which any one may perfect himself or herself in the ability to reproduce any certain combinations, otherwise known as words, abbreviations, etc., depends on three particulars, perhaps more, viz:

1. A preparation of the mind for this kind of thought. If it comes naturally to the student or child to combine letters into words, something has been gained by this talent. Should the child have an aversion to the laborious processes of transcribing his own thoughts, or the still more tedious one of copying piecemeal the ideas and sentences of others, something must be done to arouse or create an interest in the study for the training it involves.

2. An action of the muscles used in performing the mechanical part in harmony with the action of the mind itself. Every movement in the successive formation of letters must be subject to the control of the creative force of the brain. The muscles of the throat and the vocal organs are called into exercise in oral spelling, and promptness in correct spelling must result from a careful training of the voice on the alphabetic elements of words.

3. The importance of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the written and printed form of one's own language, and the well known fact that many errors creep in through the misuse of the alphabetic forms, should cause every person who cares for literature or literary pursuits to expend the necessary effort to become a good speller.

Through the kindness of Col. G. W. Stevens the teachers of the institute were favored with an opportunity to examine Patterson's written speller, a system based on three points, to wit: the spelling of words, the definitions of words, and the use of sentences containing the words spelled and defined. The work is carried on through three stages. The beginner devotes his chief attention to the spelling of words; in the next stage, he also defines words; and in the third course the framing of appropriate sentences prepares the student for a course in language lessons, and for the more complex rules of grammar and rhetoric.

The Teacher.

If it is claimed that a man should be called of God before he enters the Christian ministry, how much more should a teacher be called—if not of God—of a deep, ardent love for his work? How many a young man is willing to serve the state in the school-room for a small salary until well, until he gets married? How many young men resort to teaching because they can't do anything else, while others, after leaving college, spend a few years in teaching before entering upon their chosen profession? Experience, bitter enough at times, and a little money may be gained thereby, but far too often at the expense of the pupils. Can such teaching be of the highest order? No doubt, the man will once make a better lawyer, doctor, or minister, but the school suffers. A good teacher grows; teaching the same subject over and over again will enable him to do better work every time. Directors would do well in refusing to hire one who does not intend to remain with them a reasonable number of terms.

A good teacher must be a great enthusiast; must be able to excite an interest in his pupils; must love to study; be apt to teach; must love the children; and be able to adapt his teaching to the one taught; must be of great hope and patience; willing to repeat and re-repeat; willing to forgive seventy times seven times. We all like to teach the bright boy (I suppose it is because he takes care of himself) but, when the dull one comes—and the average pupil is pretty dull—how few have the patience!

Education in its best and broadest sense is development, a generation of power. Boys and girls must be made to think for themselves. How sad it is to hear pupils glibly repeating forms of words, with which no fault can be found, except that they express absolutely no meaning to those repeating them! Follow teachers, may not this spectacle still be witnessed in nine-tenths of our schools? I presume you are thinking that I am telling you nothing new; but remember, the Book says that there is nothing new under the sun. In school teaching, as in everything else, the ideal best cannot often be done. We must try to do the best under the circumstances. That fellow was witty, as well as wise, who claimed to be a "mean" man all around.

TEACHERS.

Butler County Items.

RISING CITY, Sept. 12, '83.

EDITOR JOURNAL.—It is dry, here, more dry, and most dry, from the fact that we have had to quit plowing for the first time since we have lived in the state.

A good deal of corn will be loose on the cob, no matter how much Nebraska editors may blaw about the tremendous corn crop.

Our paper has changed to other hands and is a good deal improved.

A. W. Rising is putting up 300 tons of hay to feed.

All fenced pastures are running up to weeds, and will soon compel a seeding to other grasses.

Business is good in our village, and improvements many, which speaks well for this part of Nebraska, notwithstanding the storms of the last two summers.

F. A. Bly makes no sorghum molasses this fall, having sold his outfit to H. Gibson, who will do the evaporating of the "sweet" this fall. We understand that Mr. Bly cleared \$500 at the business in the autumn of 1882.

Any amount of dust colored prairie schooners on the move this fall, mostly steering northwest, but a few are pointed southwest. Such is poor human nature—never satisfied—moving, moving, although three moves is worse than a burn-out.

Since my last, Rising City has added to its business a jeweler, another lumber yard, one more wagon shop, a temperance billiard hall, etc. All our carpenters, good, bad, and indifferent, are still pressed with work, and the pressure bids fair to continue even until cold weather makes cold fingers.

Why Not?

Shell Creek Items.

Mr. Editor:—"Make hay when the sun shines," is an old saw, but farmers are so busily acting upon the advice as though it was the very latest discovery of this progressive age.

Miss Annie Duffey, who taught in district 36 the year before last, is on a visit to the family of a relative, Mr. John Degan. The young lady would be asked to teach the same school again if it was not promised already to another teacher. This speaks well for Miss Annie.

A couple of our highly esteemed Swedish neighbors northwest of us had a little disagreement and were on the point of lawing, but better counsel prevailed and they thought and acted like Gen. Grant—"Let us have peace."

Our Welsh neighbors had a visiting preacher here for a few days, and he preached and they attended diligently. He also delivered one sermon in English and to judge from that your writer considers him both a good and able man. The meeting was well attended.

Jack Frost tried pretty hard for a few nights to get in edge ways but did not succeed, thanks to a kind Providence, and now the danger is over, and the corn is maturing and ripening nicely. A large acreage and a good crop will give plenty of corn.

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Real Estate Transfers.

Reported for the JOURNAL for the week ending last Saturday, by Gus G. Becher & Co.:

Niels Anderson and wife to Hans Anderson, w. d. \$400; s 1/2 sw 1/4 30, 19, 4.

Abraham Maynard and wife to Geo. D. Maynard, w. d. \$1600; ne 1/4 32, 19, 2.