

BLOOMFIELD BREVITIES.

The Leading City of Franklin County Shows Signs of Improvement.

A Remarkable Growth Since the Town Was Started in 1874.

The Crops Not in Very Good Condition—Another Railroad Probable.

Correspondence of The Bee. BLOOMINGTON, Neb., Aug. 6.—The city of Bloomington now has the U. S. land office, the court house of Franklin county, and best and most important, its tributary country has good crops.

The railroad came the next year. J. D. Calhoun, now on The State Journal, brought in the first newspaper press and he also built the first mill in the whole Republican Valley region.

The first fair in the valley was held at Bloomington in the year 1874. Ex-Gov. Furnas was the orator.

The first celebration of the 4th of July that the Republican Valley had was given at Bloomington in Pugsley's grove on Big Cottonwood Creek in the year 1871.

Speaking of Pugsley's grove reminds me of the fact that one of the best known men in the state of Nebraska, and one whom every one of Omaha's old settlers will remember in connection with good fare at the Florence hotel, is one of the men who fought the battle for Bloomington. I refer to Mr. J. F. Pugsley, now landlord of the Franklin house at Riverton.

Franklin county for three years took the first premium for farm and garden products at the Nebraska state fair and the soil is just as good now as then.

The state encampment of Good Templars was held at Bloomington in 1880.

This record shows nothing very striking, but crimes and convulsions do not add honor to any community, though without them history may seem tame, but the heroisms of those who, through long years of toil and privation battled with frontier hardships, insect pests and drouthy seasons to found homes where the geographers had written desert across the face of the country, was such that the mural crown should be theirs, and now that the unoccupied quarter sections are very scarce and sold equally so, with waving corn fields everywhere and fifteen bushels to the acre gleaned from the wheat fields they can feel a pride and a satisfaction in the results, such as are only felt by the most successful consequences.

CROPS.

There are dark shades in all pictures and there are one or two in this. The first spot where I have heard complaint on the crop question was at this town, and certain it is that many fields of wheat and corn in this immediate vicinity were severely injured by the terrible heat of that long-to-be-remembered Wednesday, Aug. 2d, but on the high divides no injury whatever resulted therefrom, and there the crop is above the average. Rain is badly needed now, and without a good shower soon serious damage will be done to the rapidly maturing corn.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Away in Kansas there is a branch of the Central Branch R. R. that starts north and stops short at Burr Oak. Certain railroad officials, with a view to feeling the Bloomington pulse, have been corresponding with leading men of the town and now there are great hopes of securing this projected road, for it is the design of its owners to push through to a connection with the U. P. at Plum creek. However, I have found that projected railroads are first cousins to the flea Paddy owned. When you put your finger on them they say "good eve," and off they go to another town.

A first class flouring mill has just been completed on the Big Cottonwood creek near town. A fall of fifty-five feet gives great power to the stream at this point.

THE LAND OFFICE.

is doing a very fair business considering the fact that July is not the month when land office business is booming. The following exhibit kindly furnished by Mr. Switzer tells the whole story:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes U. S. Land Office Report for July, Prescriptions, Soldier's Homestead Declarations, Homestead Entries, Final Homestead Entries, Final Cash Entries, Timber Culture Entries, Warrant Locations, and Work amounting to over \$15,000.

STRAY NOTES.

The prettiest court house in the valley is Bloomington's, and under its eaves thousands of swallows find shelter. Around the building is a park planted with forest trees and kept in very fair condition, something that is uncommon in western towns.

The trains have again abandoned Republican City as a dining place, but really it is doubtful if the quality of the fare is not improved at the Bloomington dining cabin whether the passengers will stand the racket or not. They are now doing some loud swearing.

The Republican river bridge went

out last spring and this cuts off trade to the south, but a new one will be built in time for next season's trade. For business directory see 5th page.

THE STATE FAIR.

Des Moines (Iowa) Register. Mr. H. C. Wheeler, one of the directors of the state fair, and O. W. Mumell, the superintendent of the fine art department, made a visit to the grounds and buildings last week, and have concluded to make some changes in the fine art hall. The large doors will be taken off and hung on the outside for more safety, and also transom lights will be put in over the doors. Several windows for light and ventilation will also be placed in the building. The scientific department, which was so badly crowded last year, will be enlarged. Many other improvements will be made for the comfort of visitors as well as exhibitors.

NOTES FROM SALT LAKE.

The Death Rate Assuming Alarming Proportions.

Laying of a Corner Stone—A Tame Election—Movement of Troops—Other Items.

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SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 5.—The mortality in Salt Lake city during the month of July was 79, or more than double the average of the last ten years. The cause of this high death rate baffles our physicians, but it must be local, as Ogden is exceedingly healthy.

Amongst those lately deceased are Obed Taylor, Esq., the leading architect of this city, and Mr. William C. Staines. The latter carried, sometimes styled Bishop Staines, is well known to the business and railroad men of Omaha, having been for many years the New York agent of the Mormon church in emigration matters, and it is estimated that fifty thousand passengers have passed through his hands whilst acting in this capacity. He was a gentleman of great conversational powers, pleasant address, business tact and undoubted integrity; and has been almost as highly esteemed by the non-Mormon element in Utah as by his religiousists. He will be accorded a public funeral at the new assembly hall, the most commodious and beautifully finished house of worship in Salt Lake.

To-day the corner stone of the Academy of Music and Temperance Reform Club building was laid under the direction of the Masonic fraternity with elaborate ceremonies. This is only one of the numerous public buildings now in course of erection in this city. Among the most prominent are the Mormon temple, the university of Deseret, the St. Mary's hospital (Roman Catholic), and various blocks of business buildings, especially those on Main street the property of Hon. W. H. Hooper and Gen. H. S. Eldridge.

Sir Samuel Baker and his lady, the well known African explorers, are now in this city on their way to the Powder River country. The number of tourists passing through here was very large this season.

Two comets are now plainly visible to the naked eye in the northern heavens during the very early morning, (say 2 a. m.) We know not if Omaha is equally blessed. Some however have an inclination to attribute the present long continued stretch of oppressive weather to these unexpected heavenly visitors.

The election last Monday was a most spiritless affair, in almost every portion of the territory. Neither party made any effort. As an example, only about one hundred votes were polled for the liberal ticket in the whole of this, the most populous county in the state.

Your Ogden correspondent a few weeks ago, chronicled the visit of the old folks annual excursion to that burg, and the generous hospitality that was extended to them by its citizens. Also a mark of the appreciation felt by the people of Salt Lake for the kindness, done to their aged friends on that occasion.

The Tabernacle Choir, considered by some the best in America, will, on the 10th inst., proceed to Ogden and give an open air concert in the public park. These mutual courtesies will do much to increase the cordial feeling of the two cities, between whom there is some slight rivalry. As Salt Lake is the ecclesiastical capital, so Ogden desires to be considered the commercial centre of this region. The new developments in railroad matters will, however, tend to strengthen Salt Lake's grasp of the business of the territory.

The electric light, of which we have been deprived for several weeks, through leakage of the boilers, again illuminated the city on Monday evening and burned steadily.

On the evening of the 1st inst., telegraphic orders were received at Camp Douglas to dispatch four companies of troops to the Uncompaghe Indian agency in Colorado. These will be engaged in assisting in the removal of the Utes, and will not return here. It is understood the Sixth Infantry will exchange posts with the Fourteenth, when the White River and other Utes are removed to the neighborhood of the Utah reservation. Northeastern Utah will be crowded with Indians; most of them of kindred tribes, and some pretty ugly customers.

BLUFORD. The Harmonic singing society have a very fine hall on Tenth, between O. and P. streets, which they have recently dedicated. It is elegantly furnished, the side walls are nearly covered with pictures and decorations, and altogether is the finest society room in the city. Our German friends do nothing by halves. They, with the co-operation of the other societies, never have selected a committee for the purpose of soliciting aid for the sufferers by the cyclone, which lately devastated the town New Ulm, Minn. This is a worthy object, and ought to awaken the sympathy and open the purse strings of all.

A large amount of new hay was offered for sale on our streets on Saturday and sold readily for \$3 per load.

LINCOLN NOTES.

A Lively Campaign Between the Several Candidates For Assistant Treasurer.

Escape of Three Convicts From the State Penitentiary.

LINCOLN, August 8.—War! Gora! First blood for the "Democrat." The hall has been opened and Victor C. has dropped the first shell into the camp. The fur will soon begin to fly. Candidates for county treasurer begin to bow and shake hands with those they meet, and enquire particularly after your health and that of your family. Those whose names are at present before the people (quietly as it were), are Messrs. Hardenberg and McClay on the republican side of the house, and Messrs. Cayney and Brockstaff, Democratic candidates, and it is whispered amongst the knowing ones that R. B. Graham will be an independent candidate. We may expect to see the mercury in the thermometer go up to 120 in the shade soon at Lincoln, notwithstanding Venno's predictions to the contrary, as soon as the friends of the several candidates begin to get in their work, for there is every appearance that hot times will be in order.

The surveyors on the Lincoln and Fremont road are at it in good earnest. Eleven cut a conveyance Saturday morning at the corner of 110th and P. streets, and started out for the country, where stakes are being driven, and surveying being pushed forward rapidly.

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Warden Nobles has returned to Lincoln after his second unsuccessful search after the escaped convict Poole. It is a little discouraging, to say the least, when we consider that the warden is expected to liquidate all expenses from his own pocket. But friend Nobles never says die, and if the man Poole is in the land of the living and an inkling to his whereabouts can be obtained, no money or time will be spared until he is again an inmate of the penitentiary.

Manager Church, of the opera house, is compiling a list of entertainments to be given here this coming season, and from what he says we can make up our minds that we shall be royally entertained.

Building still continues with unabated zeal. Ground is being broken for the second wing to the new capital building and work will be commenced on the foundation walls early this week. We hope there will be no drawbacks similar to those encountered on the first wing to retard the early completion of the second.

Humphrey Brothers' new building is gradually assuming shape and the iron front of the first story is all in. It will occupy two full lots fronting on Ninth street and run back to the alley on O. street. It is to be three stories high, with two stores below, office in second story and a large store room will comprise the entire third story, which will be used for storerooms, carriage, wagon material, &c. &c. When finished it will be an ornament to that part of the city.

Burr's block, corner 9th and P. street is rapidly approaching completion and will be another fine building to be added to the catalogue of those already finished.

The Journal building is not finished yet, and it is a monument illustrating the fact that the extent to the amount of time which can be consumed by contractors in erecting a building of ordinary size. We do not know as we ought to complain if The Journal proprietors do not, and so will rest quietly for another year, and by that time, we trust, it will be finished, or nearly so.

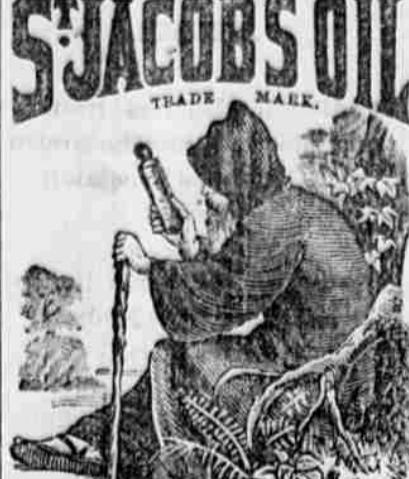
Little's block, Twelfth and N. streets, will (although only two stories high) be an addition to that vicinity. It contains seven stories, on the first floor, and the second story is divided into a large hall and office. Mr. Little, out of the kindness of his heart, has given the free use of the hall to the Y. M. C. A. of this city. The foundation walls of the Odd Fellows building are nearly completed. This will be a fine structure. The corner stone is to be laid the first of next month. We understand that the Knights of Pythias (who will occupy the hall with the Odd Fellows) have been invited to participate in the ceremonies upon that occasion. The building is on the corner of B. and Eleventh streets, and occupies a full lot.

The building which is being erected on the corner of M. and Eleventh streets, is most ready for occupation. The county offices, and court rooms are to be located here, the building has been planned with that object in view, and is commodious and convenient in every respect. Our county officer will now have room to move about, and those in search of information obtained only here will find much better accommodations. The building is very neat in appearance—three stories high and trimmed with white stone sills, doors and window caps and iron cornice.

Three convicts escaped from the penitentiary last night. They were what is called brickmen and attended the kilns at night. The report is that the guard went to sleep and the convicts took advantage of it and skipped. Their names are: S. M. Goddard, Lancaster county, horse thief; James Kennedy, Richardson county, horse thief; George Davis, Douglas county,

grand larceny. A reward of \$50 is offered for the capture of each. H. F. D.

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NOTICE OF SITTING OF CITY COUNCIL AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE. OMAHA, August 1, 1881.

IN accordance with section 30 of the Omaha city charter notice is hereby given that the city council of the city of Omaha, will sit as a board of equalization for five days, commencing on Tuesday, August 9th, A. D. 1881. Said sitting will be held in the council chamber and commence at 10 o'clock a. m. each day. Section 17 of the city charter is as follows: Section 17. The council shall have power to act as a board of equalization for the city, to equalize all assessments, and to correct any error in the listing or valuation of property, and to supply any omissions in the same, and shall have the same powers as county commissioners have in similar cases. J. J. C. JEWETT, City Clerk.

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