

NELIGH.

A Growing Town Full of Go-Ahead People. Extensive Improvements Going On and More Talked Of.

The Crops in the Valley Good—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Bee.

NELIGH, Neb., October 4.—Through the kindness of the well known and highly respected attorney, D. A. Holmes, your correspondent had a very pleasant buggy ride to Neligh, the new land office town of the North-western Nebraska land district.

This is one of the most progressive towns in the state. It has had a long and hard fight for supremacy, and the United States census having accorded it a population of fifty-two people in excess of its lively competitor six miles south, your correspondent not being inclined to "go behind the returns," is willing to "count it in."

Yes, for enthusiastic and continuous "get up and get," Neligh is hard to beat. Her victories have been many and glorious, her defeats few and unimportant. The past is wonderful, but the future is promising as the rainbow.

IMPROVEMENTS. The Congregationalists having received a liberal endowment from the people of Neligh, have begun work on an academy, which is to open up to the yearning minds of the northern youth the inexhaustible riches hid in the mine of knowledge.

A brick block that would do credit to any town in the state is now nearing completion. Neligh has a mill that is second to none in Nebraska, being built of brick and furnished throughout with the best machinery.

The two biggest hotels in the county are here, and, in short, this is anything but a snide town.

THE PEOPLE are enterprising, cosmopolitan and public spirited in a marked degree; and here I must say a word for that noblest Roman of them all, Dr. J. I. Leas. Where there are so many excellent people it may seem invidious to make particular mention, but Dr. Leas worked for a long half day with all his characteristic energy to secure for the BEE a big list of subscribers, and for the city he loves a full and fair representation for its various resources, and hence I can do no less than doff my hat, make my best bow and hope that, should any of our tens of thousands of readers wish to investigate further or make an investment in real estate, that they correspond with Dr. Leas, for he has handled lands and lots more extensively perhaps than any other man in town.

Mr. Mead, an old-time friend, who was chief engineer of the Grand Island eating house in the days of long ago, is now landlord of the Commercial at Neligh. The boys stop with Mead.

N. Burr, a former resident of Omaha, and father of our respected townsmen, Dan Burr, is now farming a section of Antelope county land, running an agricultural implement store, and looking after the greenback party. At all three Mr. Burr is a hard worker.

The prettiest drug store I ever saw in a country town is at Neligh, and I am almost willing to give the name of its owner. I fear that it will be thought that I am advertising some people, but where I ought I will mention names, even if it does advertise a little. The owner of the store is F. L. Gregory.

Mr. Carl Roben has been widening out and improving his store and his stock and they are now hard to beat.

POLITICS. The great local issue here is whether Neligh shall win the nominees or the rival town of Oakdale and when there is any reasonable excuse for it each town runs its own ticket, having its own nominees and then the western Rome and Carthage, make the air thick with words of direful meaning and editors run out of adjectives, the opposite of complimentary.

Sioux City and Omaha papers receive correspondence charging corruption vile and rings "for evil firm combined" until the average reader concludes that all of Antelope county is a seething mass of rottenness; but the authors of these fulminations don't mean anything serious. Antelope county is as good a county as there is in northwestern Nebraska, and its leading men are a good deal ahead of the average, judging from those I have met.

THE CROPS here, as further down the valley, are very good, especially corn, which is the leading crop, and THE CATTLE on a thousand hills are fat and sleek, and so are the pocketbooks of their lucky owners, but I am requested to state that the cattle here live in a civilized country and are not sayages, and that the Republican, to the contrary notwithstanding Mr. C. H. Martin was neither shot nor killed by cowboys or anyone else, but is alive and well.

BUSINESS is booming right along and all branches of trade report a prosperous season. Mr. "Drummond" from Omaha is a numerous gentleman here and hereabouts, and he says the orders are plenty and voluminous, and that the Elkhorn valley, especially the upper end of it is about as good a location as the knight of "the grid" can strike, and thus may it ever be in this land of plenty, where so many sterling men are building towns, turning up the sod and cultivating the contented steer.

For business review see advertising columns. RANGER.

WELL KNOWN NEW YORKERS

Their Domestic Life and Habits—How Elegance and Comfort are Combined. New York Star.

"There are wealthy men who are content to transact their business in dark, dingy offices that are located in the upper stories of buildings in the lower part of the city; but these same men are, as a rule, very fastidious in regard to their residences," was the remark made to a representative of the Star by a man about town one day last week.

"Now, for instance, there is Mr. Cyrus W. Field. His down-town office is, perhaps, pleasantly enough situated, yet it is plain enough to suit a Philadelphia Quaker. The quarters in which Mr. Field carries on business, involving many millions of dollars per year, comprise three small rooms. The rooms are very cheaply furnished. An inexpensive carpet covers the floor. The desks and chairs are exceedingly common, and a few cheap pictures adorn the walls.

The owner of this office has taken pains to have the doors, closed between the inner sanctum and the reception room. Visitors are not required to send in their cards, and Mr. Field always meets them with a cherry salutation and the query, "Well, my friend, what can I do to make you happy to-day?"

The plain, old-fashioned business office of the man whose efforts brought about the laying of the first Atlantic cable presents a striking contrast to his city residence or his palatial country house at Irvington-on-the-Hudson. In his two homes there is everything that taste and wealth could desire. Elegant carpets, costly furniture and paintings by leading artists are there to be seen in profusion. The owner takes great pride in his houses, and nothing gives him greater pleasure than to extend hospitality to his friends. When Dean Stanley, of England, was in this country, he was the guest of Mr. Field, and when he returned home he wrote a letter to a friend in America, in which the following complimentary statement was made: "While in the United States I had many opportunities to observe the home life of many well-known and wealthy Americans. I was the invited guest of at least half a hundred different gentlemen, and I can say that at no place did I feel more at ease than I did at the elegant and home-like country residence of Mr. Cyrus W. Field, at Irvington-on-the-Hudson."

The home of the venerable philanthropist, Mr. Cooper, is not remarkable for elegance or lavish display of wealth. A reporter for the Star, who visited Mr. Cooper's residence, was ushered into the parlor, where he was kindly welcomed by the old gentleman himself. "I have called," the scribe began, "to obtain the facts for a brief description of your home life."

"All right, my friend," responded Mr. Cooper. "I have no objection to having you write about me. I am not ashamed to let the public know just how I live. As you will see by an inspection of my home, I am not of that class of people who believe in gewgaws and useless finery. My motto is 'comfort before elegance,' and if I am pleased myself and do not set a bad example to others, I am satisfied."

The reporter looked at the carpets and furniture in the parlor. It was evident that the venerable philanthropist had carried his ideas into practice. The carpet was of an old-fashioned pattern, and in places was worn almost threadbare. The sofas and chairs were of the style manufactured twenty-five or thirty years ago. They were covered with hair-cloth and were somewhat out of repair. Upon an antique center table were several books. One of the volumes was a church hymn-book. The leaves of the volume were well thumbed, and the binding gave evidence of long use.

Upon one of the flaps of the volume was written the name of a lady who, as Mr. Cooper said, was a daughter of his, who died many years ago. A portion of the extension back of the parlor is devoted to Mr. Cooper's private library. Nearly all of the books are devoted to political, historical and financial topics. There were several large volumes made up of pamphlets written by Mr. Cooper in advocacy of his pet theories regarding the greenback system and the United States finances.

Judge Henry Hilton's residence is in many respects a marked contrast to that of Mr. Cooper. The house occupies two lots of ground, has an elegant stone front and imposing vestibule, heavy, carved front door, elaborate cornices, and all its appurtenances are of the most costly and elaborate character. The carpets are of the most elegant patterns, imported by A. T. Stewart & Co. And the furniture, which was manufactured expressly for the owner, is very elegant and substantial. One of the important features of this palatial residence is the picture gallery, which contains some very valuable pictures by home and foreign artists.

The home of Mrs. A. T. Stewart has been so often described in the public prints that it is needless to devote space to an enumeration of its features. The late Mr. Stewart expended an enormous amount of money in erecting and fitting up a home, which has few equals on the American continent.

A light stone chateau building in Fifty-second street belongs to Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt. Mr. R. M. Hunt, the architect, employed six draughtsmen for nearly three years besides making an elaborate model in plaster of the outside of the house, costing several thousand dollars. Upon the stone carvings of the two street facades of this house sixteen sculptors have been employed for two years, all the fine carving having been done after the stones were in place. The house is not yet finished.

Three brown stone houses in the block on the west side of Fifth avenue, between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets, attract much attention. The larger, which is Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt's and the others are two married daughters of Mr. Vanderbilt—Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard and Mrs. Henry T. Sloane. Brown stone is used throughout, and the style is nondescript blending of renaissance with cabinet work in details. A band, four feet wide, of grape leaves, is cut into the stone, and runs around the two houses. There are two of these bands at different heights.

The three houses referred to above are three stories high, surmounted by a fourth, the windows of which are hidden by an open framework of stone. The only material except brown stone which is used in the facades is bronze, of which an elaborate cresting is used at different points. The main staircase, thirteen feet wide, is of oak, oiled. The stairway of the house rises to the roof and floods the inside of the house with light, coming through some good specimens of glass-work. On the second floor is Mrs. Vanderbilt's bed-room, finished in white marble, rosewood and ebony, the walls being hung with silk. The ceiling is to be covered with a painting by the French artist, Lefebvre, representing the dawn of day. Through all the rooms of the second floor much use is made of tapestries, silver, marble and different costly woods polished to a mirror-like surface. The height of the ceiling is fifteen feet. The gas fixtures are from the firm of Darbedienne & Co., of Paris. Much of the woodwork of the second story, the carpets, tapestries, leather, silk hangings and decorative paintings also come from there. A series of eighty small panel paintings, done in Paris at a cost of \$100 each, will adorn the rise of each step in the chief staircase, two panels finding a niche in every rise, on each side of the strip of carpet, or tapestry, or gold cloth, upon which persons will be expected to walk up and down stairs. The window-sashes throughout the house are finished in mahogany and brass.

The houses of Mrs. Shepard and Mrs. Sloane are extravagantly rich in decoration. One of the best bits of work is a mantlepiece of oak, inlaid with red marble, in the hall of Mrs. Shepard's house, and a mantle of bluestone in the library. These two houses are more superbly finished, so far as expense goes, than any house in the city. Mr. Vanderbilt's house is six times as large as a "full-sized" house, 25 feet wide and 60 feet deep. The house of Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt is connected with the others by a covered portico, the steps leading to which are about 45 feet back from the avenue. The entrance to this portico is at the middle of the block, the sidewalk at that point consisting of one enormous slab of bluestone, 15 feet wide and 25 feet long, which weighs forty tons and cost \$5,000. The other flagstones which surround the house are each 15 feet wide and 15 feet long. The inside of the portico is a room 40 feet square, the walls being paneled in Scotch granite, highly polished.

Mr. Vanderbilt's and Mrs. Sloane's houses are entered from the portico, the entrance to Mrs. Shepard's house being on Fifty-second street. The doors of Mr. Vanderbilt's house are to be of bronze, and are said to cost \$20,000. The entrance to the house is narrow considering its immense size—74 feet wide by 115 feet deep. The ceiling is 17 feet high. Facing the visitor who crosses the threshold is a monumental fireplace as wide as it is high, ascending to the ceiling, one mass of carved wood and marble. The walls are frescoed in red and gold very solid and bright. To the left, on the Fifth avenue front are three rooms—a parlor in cherry, library in ebony and drawing room in mahogany.

On the Fifty-first street front is the dining-room, 28 feet wide by 36 feet long, containing a mantlepiece of oak almost as large as that in the hall, and buffets of oak and porcelain. There are sixteen panels around the walls in which paintings of sporting scenes, fish and game are to be placed. The butler's pantry, adjoining the dining-room, is paneled in oak, ceiling and all, in a style which would be considered extravagant for most drawing-rooms. The western hall of Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt's house is given up to a picture gallery 48 feet long, 20 feet wide and 35 feet high. There is a smaller room adjoining to be used for water cooler. A balcony in the picture gallery will be used by the orchestra at balls.

Mr. Vanderbilt went to Europe with Hester to order all the glasswork, chandeliers, carpets, hangings, marble work and much of the furniture. The only art work done in this country for the house are the bronze railings around the house and the bronze cresting around the roof. This work was done in nine months by a Philadelphia firm for \$42,000. The chandeliers, including one of solid silver weighing half a ton, for the ball room or picture gallery, are now being made by Darbedienne of Paris. Vanderbilt has two of Hester's men scouring Europe for whatever may be unique in furniture. Cost is said to be of no importance whatever. From careful estimates it is thought that the three houses in that one plot of ground will have cost, when ready for house-keeping, about \$34,500,000.

Jacob Martzell, of Lancaster, N. Y., says your Spring Balm was well for everything you recommend it myself, wife and children have all used it, and you can't find a healthier family in New York state.—Oct. 5, 1880. Price 50 cents, retail bottles 10 cents. oct5oct11w

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Proposals for Sewer Bonds. Sealed proposals will be received until October 29th, 1881, at 12 noon, by the City Clerk of Omaha, county of Douglas, State of Nebraska, and will, at that hour, be opened for the purchase of \$50,000.00 of the issue of \$100,000.00 of Sewer Bonds, First Series, of the City of Omaha. Said bonds are dated September 1st, 1881, are in sums of \$1,000.00 each, bear interest from their date at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable at the office of Knutson Bros., New York, semi-annually, upon coupons attached to said bonds, issued under the Charter power of said city after election duly held authorizing their issue for the completion of Sewers partly constructed, and for the construction of additional Sewers. The \$50,000.00 now offered are the first sold of said Bonds. Bids will be addressed to the undersigned, and must state the full name and address of the bidder, the amount of said Bonds desired, and the price proposed to be paid. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. J. J. L. C. JEWETT, City Clerk. 1880. SHORT LINE. 1880. KANSAS CITY, St. Joe & Council Bluffs RAILROAD IN THE ONLY Direct Line to ST. LOUIS AND THE EAST From Omaha and the West.

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Burdock Blood Bitters. Mrs. J. G. Robertson, Pittsburg, Pa., writes: "I was suffering from general debility, want of appetite, constipation, etc., so that life was a burden; after using Burdock Blood Bitters I felt better than for years. I cannot praise your Bitters too much."

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