

## CENTRAL CITY.

It Grows From a Mere Way Station to a Bustling, Thriving City.

One Railroad Already There, and the Prospects Good For Two More.

Merrick County Strongly Republican and Anti-Monopoly—Odds and Ends.

Correspondence of The Bee.

CENTRAL CITY, October 22.—Before the Union Pacific railway entered the Platte valley Lone Tree ranch was a way station for the Overland Stage Company. There was only one house and no effort was made or thought given to farming.

After the advent of the iron rails Lone Tree, as the station was then called, grew slowly, and the surrounding country gradually settled up. In those early days Edward Parker, or as he was commonly called "Lone Tree Ned," was the ruler of this section. Parker was handsome, witty and supple; a backing broncho or an obstreperous buffalo was his select amusement, and no one could take better aim on shorter notice, and few could drink more whiskey and stand straighter than he. The latter tendency, however, was the bane of "Lone Tree Ned," and under its influence he lost wealth, position and friends, and has now drifted into obscurity. Poor Ned! There is not "an old timer" on these plains that does not have a sigh of regret when he hears the story.

A year ago the past summer the B. & M. sent one of its branches into Central City and that caused a boom which is still booming. One of the finest bank buildings in Nebraska was erected by Metcalf & Persinger, and new blocks, churches and residences, are in course of construction or being contracted.

I could hardly recognize in the Central City of to-day the station of a few years past.

There are three times the number of business men here now that were here at the time of my last visit, less than three years ago.

R. R. PROSPECTS.

Two lines of railroad are better than one, and freight rates to Central City since the B. & M. came to compete have been reduced fully one fourth on Omaha or Lincoln shipments, but there are more lines than one looking this way, notably the O. M. & St. P. road that has run its preliminary lines from Niobrara with the evident intention of finding the best route to Central City. The three great roads of Nebraska would certainly make this a central city.

CAPITOLS.

Yes, the town is rightly named for it is not only a center for railroads but it is central, geographically considered, for both the state of Nebraska and the United States, and, apropos of that fact, it is not out of the way to state that Central City has a lofty ambition to secure both of these bonanzas. There are ten thousand reasons why the United States capitol should "go west" and grow up with the country and help to make the country grow and if Moses Sydenham's Central Star magnet can't draw the thing then I move that the powerful intellect of Cox or that of mental giant, the editor-in-chief of The Courier, be employed upon this undertaking. Albeit they are modest, shrinking fellows who talk of cheek but have none, yet they might sacrifice their feelings and go and get the capitol and carry it over from Washington simply to benefit their town and country.

MERRICK COUNTY LANDS

are now being sold at lower rates than the same kind of land north and south of it, and just why this is can readily be seen. This section has not received the advertising accorded to the more fortunate surrounding country.

TOPOGRAPHY.

With its smooth, level and velvety bottom and table lands, and graceful, undulating uplands, the landscape of Merrick county presents most beautiful and pleasing picture to the eye, and forms one of its chief attractions. A large proportion of the country is composed of bottom and low table lands, covered by luxuriant and nutritious grasses, and through which run numerous streams of pure, living water. With the exception of a line of low bluffs near the Loup river on the north, the whole country is a vast valley, whose surface is smooth and level, almost every foot of which is tillable and ready for the plowman.

Bayard Taylor, the eminent traveler, author and correspondent, who visited nearly every civilized country of the globe, speaks of this same section in the following complimentary manner:

"The country is one of the most beautiful I have ever looked upon. I am more than ever struck with the great difference between this region and that to the east of the Mississippi. There is none of the wearisome monotony of the prairies as in Illinois, or swampy tracts as in Indiana or Ohio. The wide, billowy green, dotted all over with golden islands of harvest—the hollows of dark glittering maize—the park-like clumps of timber along the course of the streams—these were the materials which went to the making up of every landscape, and of which in their sweet, harmonious, pastoral beauty, the eye never grows weary."

The above description pictures with fidelity the upland prairie beyond the Platte valley.

For further particulars about lots or lands, wild or cultivated, the reader should address N. R. Persinger, U. P. and B. & M. land agent.

The Omaha Sportsman's club at their annual hunt invariably send representatives to Merrick county and

they have always fared well. It is nothing uncommon for good sportsmen to kill several dozen geese in a day. Ducks, prairie chickens and jack rabbits also abound, the latter hunted with greyhounds furnish royal sport.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Central City, having drifted a few blocks eastward from its old trade center, J. H. Berryman & Bro. have for the last few years been practically "out of town." For twelve years they have been in business on west Front street, but now they have rolled under their store and they will go east and will shortly open out in the heart of town with a bigger store than ever before. This firm has some farms that were picked out years ago, when there was all out doors to select from, and now they have put these farms in the market.

J. S. Tyndale, a gentleman who formerly engineered a yard-stick in Montreal, P. Q., is the sole proprietor of the dry goods business, unmixing with vulgar groceries or other miscellaneous truck. Now there is nothing new or strange about this, but the fact that real lace and the latest and the most costly ideas in silks and satins are here, way out on the frontier, kept in stock and sold as well, is really a quite a curiosity, at least to your correspondent.

Alex. S. Bleyer, a good-looking gentleman, has two very good-looking, very young children of exactly the same age. They are jewels of the first water.

N. W. Hutchins has a new store and two acres covered with a new stock of furniture.

Mr. James Fisher lost twenty-five tons of hay yesterday from a fire set out by some crazy fool. The bank of Merrick county, Joseph N. Osterlind & Co., is now fully established. Mr. Osterlind, accustomed to the slow methods of eastern people, expected in the course of time to obtain a paying business, but he is here, way out on the frontier, kept in stock and sold as well, is really a quite a curiosity, at least to your correspondent.

The Platte river mills, burned down some three years ago, have been rebuilt and the owner, Mr. J. G. Brewer, is very busy now.

Mr. F. Swain is making such a rapid run for the county clerkship that he is expected to beat the best score on the Merrick county roads.

E. Hanson & Co., have brought customers a long distance with their high rates for grain. The freight rates are lower here, and Central City is bound to get the grain and with it the farmers trade if a few cents on the bushel will control the business.

Mr. I. B. Traver is an old war horse in the anti-monopoly camp and he is this fall loaded to the muzzle with facts and figures for the people.

Morgan L. Wright, one of the live men of Central City, has retired from the Central City office, but J. S. Greaser, formerly of Plattsmouth, is now filling the bill.

POLITICAL NOTES.

were furnished your correspondent by a well posted republican anti-monopolist:

Politically Merrick county is republican by a handsome majority, and fortunately anti-monopoly. The railroad bond fight a few years ago opened the eyes of the people, and to-day it would be impossible to elect anything but an anti-monopoly man to office, and the voters of Merrick county are very fortunate to have two sets of anti-monopoly men to choose from. The republicans have placed in nomination good reliable men—men who have been tried and found true to their trust. Those who seek re-election have proved faithful and efficient officers and the new men on the ticket are supposed to be eminently qualified to fill their respective positions credibly if elected, which the whole ticket certainly deserves if, as we are informed, the men are anti-monopoly.

The farmers' alliance also have a good ticket in the field. Some of the candidates on this ticket have been elected the people of Merrick county asking their suffrage before and are well known. This ticket is championed by men who have been prominently connected with all the political movements in the county and are well known all over the country and need no praise at our hands. But, as we have said time and again, so we say now, where the republicans place good men in nomination, men who can be trusted, vote the republican ticket and we bespeak for the ticket in Merrick county a handsome majority.

I cannot bid good-bye without thanking Mr. Mayne of the railway land office for energetic work in behalf of The Bee, and Mr. Hostetter, of Hostetter & Brininger, general merchants, not to be more subscribers in shorter time than any aid to camp that ever was on my staff. Mr. Hostetter served his constituents in the legislature last winter and served them faithfully. He voted with "we-uns" every time.

For business review see advertising columns.

RANGE ON RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

The Hon. John H. Reagan, of Texas, has written a letter to the executive committee of the Mississippi river improvement convention, to be held in St. Louis on the 26th inst., in which he says: "There is a suggestion in the circular which accompanies your letter of invitation which recommends the improvement of that great river as a national work to stand on its own merits and to be disconnected from any other object of appropriation. As this is a subject which has in past years occupied much of my attention and thought, I beg to make a suggestion in relation to it. This subject has been several times discussed in the house committee on commerce, and I fear that an attempt to secure separate appropriations for that great work will result in failure. One of the evils which has so far retarded our efforts at river and harbor improvements is that we have been unable to take up a given number of works of improvement and appropriate money enough to complete them. Partial appropriations for such work are very expensive to the government. But I have not seen the time when any but a general bill, which would cover the

more important works in all parts of the union could be passed. I do not believe you can get the representatives and senators from the Atlantic, the Pacific, and the great lake states to support a separate bill for the improvement of the Mississippi. Nor do I believe any bill of this kind can be passed which proposes to improve the waters of any portion of the union, disconnected with provisions for improving the waters of other portions of the union. I cannot now undertake to state the reasons for this opinion, but there will no doubt be members of the convention who understand and can state them if necessary. I make the statement because I think it might be unfortunate for the convention to take distinct grounds for a separate appropriation for the Mississippi. I would have no difficulty in voting for such a measure, but I feel sure many others would."

Palpitation of the Heart.

J. M. Light, Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "When I first commenced using your Burdock Blood Bitters I was troubled with fluttering and palpitation of the heart, I felt weak and languid, with a numbness of the limbs. Since using, my heart has not troubled me, and the numbing sensation is all gone." Price, \$1; trial size, 10-cents.

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Ayers O	Burns M W
Bonnie J G	Burns J H
Boree C N	Berg J A
Bolton W K 2	Bloom M
Brown T	Bohner L T
Callan J M	Clark M B
Cain J	Clinton J
Casson F M	Calken J
Davis J	Carl G
Dalle M	Dickman P G
Flanagan E F	French and Son
Farrell J	Fowler P
Garrett J	Green L J
Harrigan M	Greene J
Henry Bros	Harris K
Heywood J	Harford M
Huston J M	Hubbard D L
Julander F	Huckley W
Johnson J	Johnson R A
Johnson J A	Jones E O
King H H	Jefferson J
Kout A	Kay M
Lang M	Keller J E
Lange W H	Long S
Lee W E	Lundquist F L 2
Law A B	Lee D S
Lowe R	Lung M J
Le Roy J S	McDonald A B
Lewis H L	McDonald W M
McGowan B F	McDonald W M
Marshall W A	McNab M N
Martin W H	McNab M N
McDonald M	Murray G R
Miller J H	Murray J W
Nolan E	Norton O
Nichols T	Oswald W
Olson W	Orndorf M
Pietner A D	Pedrow L S
Payne J S	Pederson T
Reed A	Reinhold A
Reuben M	Reed C H
Rasmussen R P	Robinson J F
Reagan H	Rigby D
Reid C J	Ryan G F
Richard H	Schlotfeldt M
Saltrom A	Shamager F P
Sheldy Wm	Sherman C T
Sale T	Sherman W N
Snyder H W	Stanton C
Solomon D	Smith C
Springer C	Stark E L
Sunderland L A	Taylor R J
Tape T W 2	Thompson M
Thomas H G	Thomas G W
Thompson D C	Thompson W
Trumbull J	Townsend D K
Taylor C F	Trumbull B H
Thurman C	Van Fyue Mr
Wilkinson M	Walker H M
Withal A	Wright W A
Wolf C	Wendt P A

LADIES.

Anderson J Mrs	Ayers T Mrs
Anderson L Miss	Bishop R F Mrs
Betts A H Mrs	Bowers C J Miss
Crayton C Mrs	Crayton C Mrs
Commings L Miss	Carroll A Miss
Clarke S S G Mrs	Clifford F Miss
Denison D Mrs	Doel J Miss
Erickson A M Miss	Finnegan J Mrs
Gutan M Mrs	Gray P Miss
Gillespie Nellie	G-ruder M
Hughes J B Mrs	Hill M E Mrs
Holmes T H Mrs	Howland E H Mrs
Hazen G Miss	Harned C Miss
Hopkins J C Mrs	Johnson E Miss
Jerron E O Miss	Jones C Miss
Kahn L Miss	Locke M Miss
Logan N H	Lewis B Mrs
Le Lee J De Mrs	Mortimer M Miss
Myers L	Miller M
Proctor D Mrs	Murphy J Mrs
Ryan C Mrs	Reeves J Mrs 2
Richards C B Mrs	Stephenson L S Miss
Spark A Miss	Stanton M J Mrs
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