

HOLI COUNTY.

Statistics Showing its Wonderful Growth and Prosperity

Correspondence of THE BEE.

HILLSDALE, IOWA, December 6.—This thriving little business centre of two or three hundred inhabitants, in five miles east of Glenwood, on the Wahaboney, and is asking for articles of incorporation.

The rolling prairie seems relieved by these valley and side-hill villages, and here we have one of the quietest little towns in Western Iowa.

J. B. Lewis has the "boss" grocery house, and as might be expected, a good growing trade, for he was the first subscriber for THE DAILY BEE in the village, and when the mails carry THE BEE past this office and delay its delivery, he places the fact on his outside bulletin board, thereby saving trouble to himself and poorer neighbors, who are always waiting for its arrival, regardless of all other papers.

Micklewait & Coats have the finest steam elevator in this part of the state, with a capacity of twenty or twenty-five thousand bushels, and storage for a hundred thousand bushels of corn in the ear. They do a large business, which draws heavily from the adjoining towns, and read THE BEE.

There is one natural curiosity found here. It is claimed that one tradesman of the burg, believes that the earth is not round, and has for some time been trying to demonstrate that it is without motion, much to the amusement of the boys who watch his system of "sighting the North Star," ranged in line with two tack nails driven into the door post. We entered his dark, gloomy and silent store, and found him sitting by the stove, all absorbed in the sweet music of a mouth organ, which he reluctantly neglected long enough to inform us that "all newspapers were useless to him, and that he was too poor to take one if he desired to do so," and then quietly resigned himself to the serene music of the mouth organ. BUCKEYE.

Iowa State Asylum for Feeble Minded Children.

This institution was established by the general assembly of the state of Iowa in the year 1876, and located at Glenwood, Mills county, in the building formerly occupied by soldier's orphans. The object of this institution is to provide special means of improvement to that class of children so deficient in mind, or afflicted with such marked peculiarities of intellect as to deprive them of the benefits and privileges of other educational institutions and ordinary methods of instruction.

The education imparted to this class, includes not only the simple elements of instruction of our common schools, where that is practicable, but embraces a course of training in the more practical matters of every-day life, the cultivation of habits of cleanliness, propriety and self-reliance, and to develop and enlarge their capacity for useful occupations.

Idiot and imbeciles are feeble in body as well as mind. Their gait and voluntary movements are generally awkward and slow, and their special senses inactive and undeveloped, and are wanting in nervous and muscular power. Physical training and development, therefore, are essential, in order that their mental improvement is made permanent, hence the importance and necessity of gymnastic and calisthenic exercises in their treatment.

The very feeble power of attention must be cultivated and increased by the most attractive means. The special senses must be trained and educated, vicious habits are to be corrected, and the ideas of obedience and moral obligation must be planted and nourished; and all this must be accomplished by special means adapted to the individual, as well as the general treatment peculiar to such institutions; and it is only in such asylums, directed and arranged for the accomplishments of these special objects that they can receive such benefit.

We find here children and young people, graded all the way from the "dummy" in our common schools to the idiot, classified and at work, and we find the boy, who could not count or repeat a short sentence or stand with ordinary composure, can now put to shame some of our headless, neglected boys, who have been spoiled by their smarts.

The school is a very important feature of the institution. Here we find a choice combination of kindergarten training, calisthenics, and mental gymnastics, offered so kindly, introduced everywhere so artfully, and insisted upon so winningly, that everywhere we find order, cheerfulness, an interest in the task; and the most complete confidence in the teachers and superintendent.

The kind-hearted people who are spending the best part of the lives in this noble work, have great responsibilities resting on them, and quite often are placed in very trying circumstances, requiring great patience, and the utmost self-command, while at the same time it is necessary to possess a native polish of manners, an inborn dignity and grace in every movement, and an all pervading spirit of Christian earnestness and love for the noble work to which they have given themselves.

Very many of the boys and girls who have every advantage, seemingly, in our common schools, would blush with shame to see these poor, deformed and simple-minded children going through their exercises cheerfully, promptly, and with all the enthusiasm and pride of the "smartest boy in school" who knows he can "spell the school down;" and the careless self-important teacher who has attained notoriety as a "machine" teacher, might well take lessons from these patient, quiet, Christian young ladies who are helping these children to work out the problem of life and immortality, and demonstrating to the thoughtless world the wonderful power and mysterious influence that cultivated and refined Christian ladies may exercise over vicious and idiotic pupils of any age.

Dr. O. W. Archibold, M. D., the

prime factor in this institution from the beginning, is the superintendent, and to him, we may properly give credit for the success and perfection in the accomplishments attained here. Dr. Archibold has had the advantage of training in quite a number of our leading medical schools, including Bellevue, New York University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, and for years has given his whole soul and thought to the work of such asylums, and is the right man in the right place. Of pleasing address, a polished gentleman, a hard student and thorough practical physician, all absorbed in the great work before him, he carries with him an atmosphere of kindness that seems to be appreciated by every one around him, and yet sustains that native dignity, inborn nobleness and untiring energy which commands and "leads the way" in all the daily work, and his work exemplifies in the strongest way, the character-forming element of example and influence of refined and cultivated Christian ladies and gentlemen.

More than a hundred of these wards of the state have been refused admission for want of room, and the fact that two hundred and fifty are admitted into that crowded institution at present, tells how easily a state with a 2,000,000 state population, can overlook the needs of these suffering children of affliction. The present building is intended as a wing to the main building, and it is a wonder that human ingenuity can invent ways of supplying the demands of the poor as well as it is done with the small appropriation and the crowded condition of the building. Laying aside the question of steam-heater, laundry, new sleeping apartments, and many other much needed improvements, more room is needed, and it seems to us, demanded, that the classification might be improved. As it is, children from all varieties of families must here mingle more than they should; and the boy, who cannot speak a word intelligently except to swear, must bring that evil into the presence of the child born and reared tenderly by some faithful and trusting mother, and the child born of abnormal passions must require untiring care and continual watching, when allowed to mingle with boys and girls in any school or home.

What would be done with these children should an epidemic appear in that peaceful home? is a problem, and to intensify the question we must remember that many of these children inherit disease, and the faithful physician often finds his wits puzzled to handle these safely, under the anxious and undivided attention of the mother, but what can be accomplished in these crowded rooms?

The aggregate expense of this institution, including teachers salaries, amounts to about twelve dollars for each child; while most of the institutions of this kind reach a sixteen or twenty dollars for each child, each year, and usually the produce of a good farm besides. Such attention has the success of this enterprise awakened, that the national association of officers of similar and kindred institutions in the United States and Canada are to hold their next meeting here in June to satisfy their desire to learn of the ways and means of accomplishing these grand results. Miss Jennie Van Dorn, the principal teacher in the school, has been in her responsible position from the opening of the asylum, and is a lady of large experience in schools of this kind, thoroughly qualified and accomplished, and is a master spirit in the school. Miss Lucy Russell and Miss Laura Baker have been with this school for some time, and are filling the positions nobly. Miss Phoebe Coffin and Miss Mattie McLean, come fresh to the work with hearts full of sympathy with all the duties they so nobly discharge, while Mrs. S. A. Archibold, as matron, has her hands and heart taxed every day, to mother all those dear children, and look after their child-ways, their joy and sorrows, and supply their wants.

As a pedagogic for years, we have visited a great many schools, and seen human nature in many forms, and to us, the grandest triumph in this institution lies in the complete harmony of all its workings. That entire confidence that every child has in the teachers, and the perfect understanding between teachers, the unbounded praise awarded by the parents, and the reciprocal cheerfulness, obedience, and family co-operation that seems to pervade the whole institution marking it grand success and an honor to the State. BUCKEYE.

The Historian's Relative. NORTH UNION "SHAKERS." CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 23, 1880. H. H. WARREN & Co.: Friends— I take pleasure in saying that I have used your celebrated Safflower and Liver Cure, and that it cured me of Bright's Disease after I was given up to die and all other remedies had failed. I am now in good health and feel as well as ever. JAMES S. PRESCOTT.

The Utes. The Ute commission has been in session in Washington for the last week and have made a report to the secretary of the interior. The report shows that the Ute Indians number in all about 4,000, and are divided into four bands, each under charge of an agent, who has heretofore held direct relations with the government. The "Uintals," living for the last ten years in the neighborhood of the Uintah river in Utah, have made the most progress in civilization, many of this band dwelling in well built houses and on well tilled farms, and sending their children to well taught schools. The White Rivers, the least civilized of all, since the massacre of their agent two years since have been wandering in the mountains of northwestern Colorado. It has been the desire of the government to settle these Indians upon Uintah river, in order to bring them under the civilizing influences of this more advanced band. This has been an important part of the work of the commission the past season, and they report some success.

The "Uncompahgre" band, heretofore dwelling in the valley of the Uncompahgre River, in southwestern Colorado, have also been removed to a point in Utah where Green River makes its junction with White River

with this band seems to have been highly successful in every particular, and they are now well settled in a fertile and healthy region. An attempt has been made to settle the Southern Utes upon certain rivers in southern Colorado, near the line of New Mexico, but for various reasons this has not been regarded as desirable, owing partly to a lack of agricultural lands. The commission consequently recommends the concentration of these Indians with the Uncompahgre in Utah. The grand purpose of this government through this commission is to break up the wandering habits and tribal relations, and to settle the Indians on farms held in severalty, so they may gradually become citizens. In this work the commission felt assured of complete success. At first the Ute Indians would hear nothing of houses, farms and schools, but at length in all the bands many of the head men and chiefs have become hearty friends of the new departure.

The Growth of O'Neill City.

Correspondence of THE BEE.

O'NEILL CITY, Neb., December 7.—Seven years ago last May, this colony was located here, and for some time, the settlers had to go or send to Neligh, in Antelope county, for their mail, which was fifty miles distant; but to-day we are somewhat annoyed by petitions of parties wanting the postoffice in this town, which position, I understand, is tendered to W. D. Matthews, of The Frontier, Mr. Hagerty, the present incumbent, having been removed. From good authority I learn that the office and its requisite are worth \$1,000 per annum. What a change in seven years. The assessed valuation of the county last June was about \$716,000, an increase over the previous year of nearly 100, and I believe the assessed valuation next year will be over double what it was this, or nearly one million dollars, on account of its rapid settlement and miles of railroad built this season.

You will see by returning to the official returns of the vote cast for judge of supreme court that Holt, ranks the 30th, and of the 64 counties of the state, casting a larger vote than several counties which were settled several years before her. We cast in this county a larger vote than either of the following counties of the State, viz.: Antelope, Boone, Cedar, Cheyenne, Custer, Dakota, Dawson, Dixon, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gasper, Greeley, Hitchcock, Howard, Kearney, Keith, Knox, Lincoln, Merrick, Nance, Nuckolls, Phelps, Pierce, Red Willow, Sherman, Stanton Valley, Wayne, and Wheeler. While we did not cast to exceed five-eighths of a full vote, which remark I presume will apply with equal force to the rest of the counties of the State, the vote for our County Treasurer was 42 more than for Judge of Supreme Court. Making the 900 votes cast as equal to five-eighths of the full vote we would have 1,440 voters in this county, and taking 4 1/2 as a basis of population to each voter—and I do think that too high where there are so many Irish families—we would have in this county, 6,480 people. We still have room for twenty times as many more, and men of every race and creed can come and take land in this county by simply paying the government fees of \$14.00 for a quarter section; be free from taxation for five years, with a good home and western market for everything they raise; with railroads at their doors; they will search far before they find everything to suit them as the can in the valleys of the Niobrara and Elkhorn.

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Selling a Watch.

Detroit Free Press. "Yes," said the auctioneer, "standing up here and selling goods hour after hour and day after day as I do, a fellow gets so that he can tell whether a man wants to buy anything, or whether he merely comes in to 'gawp' around the show cases. Now there's a man coming in whom you couldn't sell silver dollars at fifty cents apiece." The stranger carried a black leather valise with the glazing worn off at the corners, and though respectfully dressed, there was a shiny appearance to the sleeves of his coat that indicated a long-forgotten tailor. He looked longingly at the yellow watches, but finally, with evident reluctance, moved along down the show case, past the hunting-cheap silver watches to where the cheap open faced ones were displayed. Here he paused, and commenced scrutinizing them as if computing their probable value, and how much his pocketbook would have to shrink to effect a purchase.

"Hugged if I don't think the moozer wants a white super!" exclaimed the auctioneer in a low tone as he darted around behind the counter and assumed his professional smile and voice. "Wish to buy a watch this morning, sir?" "I would if I could afford it." "Anybody can afford to buy these watches. It is actually cheaper for a man to buy one of them than to go without. You don't believe it? I'll prove it to you." The other day a fellow who was going out into the country for a few days came in here and bought one of these solid filled hunting-cased, stem winding and stem pushing, thirteen jeweled, Howard movement watches of me for \$14— "Fourteen dollars!" exclaimed the stranger, in a tone of surprise, now regarding the yellow fraud with new interest.

"Yes, \$14. That's all the cost. He was only gone three days, during which time he became engaged to marry a girl worth \$40,000, and when he came back he had swapped that watch off for a four-year-old colt that he sold for \$85. He came right in here and got three more of the watches, and has gone out into the country to swap them off with an old farmer for a pair of bay mares six years old, that can trot better than 240 in double harness. Expect him back to-day." "He did very wrong," said the stranger, sentimentally. "Eh? Oh, of course! Certainly,

I told him so. Told him he ought to tell the farmers that they could get the watches here of me for \$14, but he is one of those wild, speculating fellows, and I couldn't control him. Will you have one of them, sir?"

The stranger's right hand started towards his pocket, hesitated a moment, and then drew forth a well-worn but very corpulent wallet. "Yes, I'll take one," said he hesitatingly. "You see I am going up into the Lake Superior country to preach among the lumber camps this winter, and a watch will be a good deal of company for me," as he laid down his money on the counter.

"Are you a preacher?" inquired the auctioneer, with a look of surprise on his face. "A very unworthy one," was the meek reply. "Why in thunder didn't you say so, then? I always sell cheaper to preachers. That watch only cost me \$11.25, and you can have it at cost. Yes, confound it! for \$10, and here's a chain in the bargain. Now get out!" as the stranger began muttering thanks.

After he was well outside the door, the auctioneer explained: "I'd rather give \$10 than have that fellow buy that watch. I never cheated a parson before. Confound it! I won't be able to sleep all night. How he did take me in! Who'd a thought he was a parson? Hugged if I didn't think he was either an out-and-out seed or a green policeman playing detective. Well!" with a little nervous laugh, "if he preaches by that watch, he'll be tried for heresy within a month."

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