

A THRIVING PAIR.

Missouri Valley and Malvern, Iowa, Mated in Print.

The Prosperity of the People Told by Themselves.

MALVERN.

MALVERN, Mills County, Ia., December 16.—It is often said that there seems to be a very perceptible change in the soil when we cross over the Missouri river. Be that as it may, the traveler at once notices there are many things strongly contrasted in the sister states on either side of the Big Muddy. Quite prominent among these is the fencing of fields. In our childhood days, in the old home on the shores of Lake Erie, we used to listen to the tales of wonders in "the west," and especially of Iowa, and look longingly at the old map of the United States that hung on the wall, to find, at the extreme left hand, a part only of that mysterious "territory" given. We hoped then that some day we should see that wonderful land of fruit and farms; and associated the thoughts with the "land of spring" and the "fountain of perpetual youth," so much sought after and dreamed of.

But probably our ideal of perfection has been much modified by the experience of years, and we search for other things and are satisfied with life as it is. And so, when we look upon the wide-awake young city of Malvern, we are led to exclaim "Eureka!" Thirty or forty miles from Omaha, by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and Wabash & St. Louis railroads, its business houses conveniently distributed in the valley of a fine creek, while up the gentle slope and on the plateau we find elegant residences, surrounded by fruits and flowers, and all the signs of healthy, happy homes. This village, of perhaps ten or fifteen hundred inhabitants, has already assumed the air of a city, although it lacks the fashionable "luxuries of a city council, composed of leading sports, four-in-hand carriages, and big law suits, paid for by the people to satisfy their fatuous leaders, and even the ordinary church quarrel and school clashing fail to grow, or die a natural death. As a fair sample of what men may do when they are willing to work together like brethren, we notice that a fine brick public school house has been outgrown, and the second built, and with the basement of the Presbyterian church, still failing to supply the need, the business men of the place formed a company and built a school house that may, perhaps, when finished, cost \$30,000, and have opened a normal school, and nobody is called the "opposition" or the "kicker." The whole people seem happy in enterprise, and take an honest pride in it. On Sunday afternoon a horse stepped through a plank crossing, and what was our surprise to find a new plank in its place early on Monday morning. This led us to enquire more carefully into the workings of the city government and we found a mayor and council who do the business, with few words, while behind them is the board of trade, a voluntary organization of forty or fifty of the leading business men, who really control the great enterprises of the town. The object of this organization is to unite the business men of the place in their efforts to secure good streets and sidewalks, the proper lighting of the town on dark nights, regulate in a proper way the police and fire department, interest capital to invest here in worthy enterprises, and maintain a confidence among business men. Of course, courts and law-suits are not plenty, and there is little rowdiness on the streets.

The fair association buildings are quite ornamental, and add to the scenery. Four churches, three or four hotels, two lumber yards, a magnificent elevator, opera house, nearly complete, that will probably be equal to anything between Omaha and Kansas City, a normal school on the modern plan, an industrial and invited class of business men of universal temperance habits, a location in the center of the county, and every grocery selling apples grown in the county, with railroads stretching through four quarters, with farms everywhere being fenced in and thousands of cattle in sight, as indications of thrift and general business prosperity, with brick-villages that supply a good article in abundance, a pork-packing house just about planted and a creamery beginning to grow, two good banks, and a long list of brick buildings going up this coming season, including another elevator, it would seem as though it were but a question of time as to its becoming the county seat, although all are content to "let well enough alone." One of the best indications of the tone of the people for morals and good society, is seen in the conduct of the school children. The Western Normal and Business Institute is largely the reflex of Prof. L. D. Davidson's ideas. Mr. Davidson came from Lebanon, Ohio, looking for a place to locate such a school, and found here sympathy and money to help start. The school is at present under the management of Lewis and Davidson, principals, and happily do they work together. The student here is taught to think and investigate for himself, while being led through a course of training which provides a business course, a course in science, classics, fine arts, preparation for teaching, or music. We have seldom found a class of young people in the west who seemed to vie with each other so earnestly in good manners, civility and politeness, and in those nobler qualities that make the purer atmosphere of our best schools. The school has a commercial department under the management of Prof. E. D. Lowe, who, as a penman, has few equals in the west, while Prof. M. Lewis has given his life to the classics and seems most happy while reveling in the mysteries of Virgil and Homer, and it is expected that the coming spring will introduce a thorough department of music that will present the same advantages offered in any school in the west. Certainly a school

without government because no government is needed, with such thorough and modern teachers, offering all the advantages of a full college course and the pleasures of a family, that makes itself a great necessity as a teachers' training school, growing and fully up to the times, although in its infancy, is worthy of more than a passing notice, and deserves and will get the patronage, and is another example of the truth of the saying that when the people of a town will defend the educational interests of their place, and jealously support the honor and popularity of their schools and teachers, the school will soon become all that it is desired, but when the public make an orphan of it, its usefulness fails, and often dies an untimely death.

Mr. J. M. Strahan, one of the old settlers, and president of the First National bank, has just built a beautiful brick residence in the upper part of the city, and always helps in the work of the public improvements. He has twelve or fifteen hundred acres near town, and one or two thousand and cattle, giving special attention to thoroughbred short-horns and Clydesdale horses; and three or four thousand acres in Wayne county, Nebraska, and stock there, also, and takes THE BEE as naturally as any Nebraska farmer.

Mr. J. D. Paddock is another of the trustees of the normal school, and president of the board of trade. The firm of J. D. Paddock & Co. have two stores at present, but when the large brick stores and grand opera house is finished, as it is expected to be, by the holidays, they will concentrate all in one mammoth general merchandise store, and the opera house will be a credit to any city in the west.

Hunter and Brown, the enterprising and gentlemanly editors of The Republican-Leader, have been here but a few months and yet they have gained the confidence of all, and furnish a healthy, wide-awake republican paper, that looks sharply for the interests of the village.

Munger and Goodwin have, perhaps, the largest drug store in the country and carry a large stock of books, silvers, jewelry, &c., with workshop in the rear for the repair of watches and jewelry. The success of this enterprising firm is revealed in three words, "buy as best." Another of our family is G. W. Boynton, of the bakery and confectionery, and when he tells us he has taken in \$3,000 in his stand in eleven months, we believe he has some energy and pluck.

C. Baird of the "Model Grocery and provision store," is an old settler in Western Iowa, and now holds forth in the city. His marble topped oyster-tables, tastefully arranged goods at living prices, with full weights and measures. There seemed to be a cleanliness and pleasant atmosphere at this house, and when your reporter asked for the health of the business Mr. Baird replied that he had sold five hundred pounds of flour in a month. He studies the market report in THE BEE.

G. W. Bates has the brightest and cleanest dining parlor in the city. His marble topped oyster-tables, tastefully arranged fixtures, and skill in understanding and satisfying the wants of the hungry are spoken of in high praise. He carries a select line of confectionery, fine crackers, stationary and notions, and does a business that keeps him happy.

The city marshal thinks Omaha detectives get too much credit for securing the party who set fire to Boyd's packing house, but "Tip Wilson" of the "one-horse livery," always assists your correspondent, and is perfectly willing to show a fine turnout as anybody when occasion demands it, while J. M. Barrett, the veteran stock man, swears he will sink the whole BEE office if the market reports are neglected.

The Jenkins House has been refitted and opened up quite recently, under the management of Frank Wilkerson, and the traveling men, who are so well acquainted with him, will be pleased to hear of him again ready to supply every want in the most obliging and efficient manner.

To Mr. J. E. Garrigus, of the enterprising firm of Young & Garrigus, attorneys at law, we are under special obligations for kind and efficient assistance in securing a good list of subscribers in this lively burg.

MISSOURI VALLEY.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Dec. 16. Correspondence of The Bee. Once more propelled by my quill-driving propensities, I endeavor to inform you of the life industries of Missouri Valleyites.

Carlisle Bros. have finished their new implement warehouse and have "chocked" it full of goods.

W. C. Ellis, grain merchant, has built a two-story office on Erie street, to be occupied by himself and Dr. E. J. Chapman.

Wm. Harmon will open in a few days, a complete news depot and reading room with billiards and pool in connection. Billy is filling a long felt want.

The railroad bridge to be built across the Missouri river between Blair and this place is an established fact. While a sad-eyed public, after a three days preliminary hearing, were tearfully awaiting the dropping of the curtain upon the last scene in the tragedy of Thanksgiving day, a very perceptible rift of mirth gradually relaxed the set features and influenced the mouth to creep out toward each ear as the Justice arose after all the testimony was in and arguments submitted and said "in reply to what has been said I will say that the wicked feed when no man pursueth and in default of \$2,000 bail I will commit the prisoner John Motson to await the action of the next grand jury. M. J. Bailey, attorney for defendant in the case, however, succeeded in getting Motson released on a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Reed at Council Bluffs, Ia.—so that the wicked "feed" just the same as though there had been no bid made for him by the justice.

Our unprecedented fine weather is being taken advantage of by the ruralites to market their corn and

wood, and hundreds of loads of the above mentioned articles of commerce are visible upon our streets every day.

Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, the Iowa lady lawyer, enlightened our population upon the mysteries of the proposed constitutional amendment. Mrs. Foster is a lady of fine attainments and sound judgment, is of quick conception and easy delivery. All we hear of her truly eloquent and united in pronouncing her an exception to her sex. May the time be not far distant when her fondest hopes may be realized (ideally) "don't you see?"

Some bold, bad, miserable, designing culprit has hinted that some of the holes in our sidewalks should be repaired, but such an one should be looked upon with suspicion and drummed out of town at the first opportunity for insinuating against any city official, when we all know they will fix them in the course of five or six months. HIGH HOPE.

Bradford, Pa. Thomas Fitch, Bradford, Pa., writes: "I enclose one for SPRING BLOSSOM, as I said I would if it cured me. My dyspepsia has vanished, with all its symptoms. Many thanks; I shall never be without it in the house." Price 50 cents, trial bottles 10 cents. dec19-odt1w

The Champion Stomach. Peter Johnson proved pretty conclusively last night that his digestive organs were such that to compare him with an ostrich would make that pebble-eating bird rank as a miserable dyspeptic. Mr. Johnson ate, and apparently relished seventeen raw oysters, nearly half a pound of common brown soap, the best part of a pound of white sugar, and drank a half gallon of beer. The exhibition took place at Arthur Chambers' "Champion's Rest," on Ridge avenue, immediately after a savage set-to between Lew Chambers and Jack McNally, who punned each other unmercifully.

A plain table was placed upon the sparring platform, and on it a dish containing two dozen raw oysters, a paper bag full of sugar, a bar of soap, a gallon measure filled with beer, a pound of sugar, and a knife and fork. Neddy Lunt, the master of ceremonies, jumped on the stage and announced the nature of the feat about to take place. "Any gentleman what doubts this 'ere to be soap," said he, "can take a dose and prove it." Then a lean and hungry-looking man with a bald head, a bad eye and a depressed stomach, got on the platform, and immediately ate three oysters before he made his bow. "Neddy" pulled his sleeve, and the human ostrich made an awkward job of the head, and then picked up the knife, with which he coolly shaved off a piece of soap, put a pinch of sugar in it, topped off with an oyster, and deliberately swallowed the mess entire. "Gimme a bowl," said he, without paying the slightest attention to the laughter and shouting of the crowd. The vessel was brought, and Johnson gravely chipped three or four ounces of soap into it, following with the same proportion of sugar, and a half dozen oysters. This he stirred up with a fork, and then took a long draught of beer. "This is an oyster's eye," said Johnson, taking a piece of soap on his fork and putting it in his mouth; "and this is the oyster," as he swallowed the pulpy part of one of the bivalves, which was coated with a sticky mass of sugar.

At this point a stout gentleman in the audience was observed to turn suddenly pale, place his hand upon his abdomen and retire in haste. Another man wearing a plaid coat and very tight pantaloons said "Ugh!" and followed the fat citizen down stairs and into the street, where they compared notes. Arthur Chambers, who had been watching the proceedings intently up to this time, made a break for the bar, gulped down several glasses of ice water. Mr. Johnson continued to feast on oysters, soap, and beer, and to all appearances without the slightest inconvenience. The only notice he took of the audience was to pause occasionally, smacking his lips and grin. Then he would say "Yum yum!" and go on eating.

Finally, when the sugar bag had been emptied, "Neddy" who was very white set on the stage again and whispered in Johnson's ear, and that gentleman, with an oyster in each cheek, halted a moment in his wild career of soap and sugar. "Gentlemen," said Lunt, with a hideous grimace, "I ugh—have been questioned by several—ugh—gentlemen in the audience to bring the performance to a close—and he retired precipitately. Mr. Johnson took one final bite out of the bar of soap, swallowed two more oysters, and with a last longing look at the gallon measure made his call.

That the soap and sugar were genuine was fully proven by The Press reporter both before and after the exhibition began.

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Matter of application of Chas. Rasmussen for liquor license. NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that Chas. Rasmussen did, upon the 17th day of December, A. D. 1881, file his application to the Mayor and City Council of Omaha, for license to sell Meats, Sausages and Vinous Liquors, at No. 1019 Farnham street, ward, Omaha, Neb., on the 1st day of January, 1882, to the 10th day of April, 1882.

If there be no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from December 17th, A. D. 1881, the said license will be granted.

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE newspaper will publish the above notice each week for two weeks at the expense of the applicant. The name of Omaha is not to be charged therewith.

J. J. L. C. JEWETT, City Clerk. A. G. TROUP, ATTORNEY - AT - LAW

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