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NORTHWEST NEBRASKA.

The Sioux City & Pacific Railroad in Brief—Its Course Through Elkhorn Valley.

Its Towns, Farming Interests, and Facilities.

Correspondence of THE BEE.
Your correspondent left Blair (of which he has already made mention), skipped the thriving city of Fremont and found himself in the picturesque little town of

NICKERSON.
This town consists of a mammoth elevator and hog yards owned by Mr. Wilson, of Fremont, and under the able management of R. B. Schmeder they do a tremendous trade, which is bringing the town into notice. The postoffice and station business is controlled ably by O. B. Rippey assisted by his both affable and beautiful sister, Miss Libbie Rippey. This at present is all of the business part of Nickerson. The great need of a general store to supply the wants of the surrounding farmers will soon be supplied, for in a few weeks there will be such a store opened by O. B. Rippey and a young man who is so bashful he does not want to see his name in print. Also, you might add a blacksmith shop, and then I think this town will at once make a different showing. The farming country around it is superb and all it needs is a push and the ball will keep rolling. Next in line I came upon

HOOPER,
which loomed upon my vision a bustling business town of many stores, two grain elevators and cattle yards. If time and space were not limited I could speak for some time of Hooper, but suffice it to say they do an immense trade and all take THE BEE, therefore being happy and prosperous, with a bright future ahead of them.

NORBINE.
Having stopped at this town only a few minutes I can only speak from a rapid glance and a hasty hand shake with numerous friends. Scribner is on the boom, making money rapidly and expect big returns for labor rendered, which in all cases they receive, no one, it is said, being idle in or around the town who desire work at fair wages. Next in order comes

WEST POINT.
This is where the noble Valentine when worn out by his arduous duties at Washington comes to recuperate his wasted strength and where in his massive mind he imagines this to be his freehold as well as stronghold; but let us warn the chairman of the agricultural committee that THE BEE has been to work and has sown seeds of discord among his brethren, causing them to rise in their might and put down his and his boss's (the Union Pacific) despotic rule and trample it under foot.

WINNER
next appears on the scene with its fine stores and good hotel. This is a good business point but appears to the untutored eye, as I suppose mine is, to lack energy in all branches but in the selling of liquors. This business is carried on with the greatest amount of vim and enterprise. The next town of any size is

STANTON,
which, although I was there only for a short time, yet I can see that they are a mean business. They have recovered from the effects of the cyclone, and are building rapidly. On the old hotel site now stands as pretty a little hotel as is in Nebraska, under the management of J. L. Avery, the station agent, and it is a first-class house in all of its appointments. I wish Stanton well, and hope it may meet with success in the future. Next comes

NORFOLK.
This point is destined to be a town of importance, having now three railroads centering in it. It promises to be a good wholesale center, and also has fine facilities for manufacturing. In an prophet ought to see a bright future in store for it. I almost forgot to mention friend Harvey of the Norfolk Junction house. He has one of the best houses anywhere on the road.

Next in order are Battle Creek, Burnett and Oakdale, which are all small thriving towns with good farming country around them, and therefore drawing them a good trade, and by this keeping the merchants all good natured and having their minds free from trouble, so that when the day's work is done they can sit down by the fireside and read in comfort THE OMAHA BEE.

NELIGH.
This is the most prominent town west of Norfolk, doing a large trade, having fine banking facilities and good hotels. It is, in fact, in all points, a live, energetic business point and in all respects is a BEE town, everyone, with hardly an exception, reading it. The next town of any size is

O'NEILL CITY.
This is the county seat of Hall county, and deserves a good trade. Everybody that has traveled in Nebraska knows Mr. Pat Hagerty, who has kept the largest store in O'Neill for many years. He expresses the feelings of all the citizens when he says "THE BEE is the best paper in Omaha and I would not be without it." They intend starting a new paper here of good solid principles under the able management of Judge Cleveland, the newly elected county judge, and I wish them success in all points.

ATKINSON
is a small town, but full of grit, does a big business and has four stores. It is in a new country and will improve, for it has the right kind of men in it, and they all read THE BEE.

LONG PINE
is the terminus of the main line. It is a new town, roughly built, as of course is all towns of a few months growth. It is improving rapidly. It has several stores and a good hotel, and is learning like a sensible infant not to read trash, but to take all the best reading matter to store its young mind; therefore it has chosen THE BEE.

Having briefly sketched the town

along the main line of this new road, I will now take the reader down the Niobrara branch, first stopping at

PIERCE.
This is the county seat of Pierce county, and has three stores and a good hotel, all of them doing a good business. Although it has a large town near it, yet it has a fine country around it and draws a good trade.

PLAINVIEW.
This town is still young, but withal thriving, and presents a fair future. The merchants are hopeful, and have good cause, for there is an admirably good chance for them.

CREIGHTON.
This also is a new town, but is quite large and still growing. It has a fine trade and good facilities of advancement and growth. Its merchants are pushing young men and cannot help prospering. There are two good hotels at this point, both of which have all they can do. This is the terminus of the Niobrara branch. We left Creighton by stage, passing through the thriving little village of

BAZILE MILLS.
This town has a trade that is surprising for so small a town. It is said that one firm here alone, Messrs. Brooks Bros., does \$90,000 worth of business yearly. This very plainly tells what a magnificent farming country this part of Nebraska must be. The next important point reached is

NIORARA.
This town your correspondent did not have a very good chance of seeing to good advantage, as they are moving upon higher ground about two miles from the old site. But from all that could be seen it is doing a big trade and is in a prosperous condition, and the majority of the inhabitants in all cases read THE BEE.

In closing let me say that never in my experience have I more enjoyed a trip than this, owing entirely to the cordiality and friendship of all the residents along this road. They know THE BEE and appreciate its worth, and therefore treat its representatives with all the kindness. If this should reach the eye of any contemplating a change of home let me advise them to come here for a warm welcome and fine land at a low figure; in fact it is as said, "A free home for the million."

Thanks.
Thos. Howard, Bradford, Pa., writes: "I enclose to you for Spring 1882, 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.

THE SMOKEY CITY.

Astride the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers.

The Mammoth Manufacturing Industries of Pittsburgh—Characteristics of the People.

Correspondence of The Omaha Bee.

PITTSBURG, Pa., February 9.—This city is built between the hills, on the hills and under the hills. It is a wealthy city. The assessed valuation of real and personal property for this year will be close to the enormous amount of one hundred millions of dollars. Yet the taxes are high. It has 36 wards, and 180 policemen. It did have 220, but now only 180. Their salary is the miserable pittance of \$2 a day, and they furnish their own suits—pants about \$10, coats \$25 each. They should get not less than \$75 to \$100 per month. It is a disagreeable job at best, besides the constant danger of being killed. These iron and glass men, when drunk, are not easy to handle. The mayor gets \$6,000 from the city and \$1,000 from the county per year. He appoints deputy mayors. There are now five aldermen acting as such; one in East Liberty, one in Penn and three in Monongahela river. They only get fees for warrants issued, nothing for cases brought before them.

IT IS A WELL GOVERNED CITY,
when you consider one mayor and five deputies and 180 police looking after the best interests of life and property for a city of nearly 170,000 people, with its enormous iron, steel and coal and coke interests, employing regiments of men. The American Iron company, on the South Side, employ about 4,000 men, skilled and unskilled laborers. A large number of the mills employ from 400 to 1,500 men boys. It is a wonderful industry, this iron and steel. It requires about one hundred million of dollars to carry it on in this immediate vicinity. Coal and coke business, including land, machinery and fleets of water crafts, to handle it, takes about the same amount, or more, of ready cash. Some companies here use and control ten millions of money. Some go after the black diamonds from three to seven miles under the hills, and run it out and down incline roads. It is dirty work, with much money in it. Coal sells here in small lots dearer than in Cincinnati or St. Louis. I have seen it sell in the yards here for ten cents per bushel.

Certain classes of iron and steel goods, made in Pittsburgh, can be purchased of retail merchants in New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati or St. Louis, or Chicago, cheaper than the same line of goods can be purchased here from merchants adjoining the great works which produce them.

THE GLASS INDUSTRY
gives employment to a large number of men and boys. All kinds of glass ware, and even elastic ware for ladies, is manufactured on the south side. It was a real pleasure for the writer to see the different goods made. It is estimated that sixty millions of dollars are invested in the glass industry. The old city of Pittsburgh was formerly confined between the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers, but her restless ambition and industry was not fully satisfied—she induced several adjoining small cities to partake of her municipal misdeeds and joy, as it might afterwards prove. There are three very steep incline ways used for passengers to ascend up the hills 400 to 600 feet, from the valley of the Monongahela.

It is a dizzy ride up, up 600 or 700 feet, all in one and a half minutes for five cents.

Mounts Olivet and Washington are reached that way. She did not court so successfully her northern neighbors. As there is only the river between Pittsburgh and Allegheny City, which has 80,000 people—a beautiful city if only a little farther off from the immense volumes of Pittsburgh smoke. Pittsburgh tries hard to

TURN DAY INTO NIGHT,
and she certainly does not fail to annoy many good people. The writer has seen it several days this winter when he could not see one block ahead, and as for seeing the hills it is utterly impossible on a many day, or when the atmosphere is so heavy as to keep the smoke of the thousands of smoke stacks and chimneys low down. Yet, with all of its local disadvantages, it is a genuine representative of American energy and mechanical skill. If the United States will ever be known in the remote future it will be as the best manufacturing nation allowed to exist by the laws of God or man.

THE FUTURE
of these United States as a producer of breadstuffs and manufacturer of all the articles required, by our system of civilization is beyond the power of any man to properly estimate. America was reserved by the God of Nature to bring forth a better class of man and through Yankee ideas to educate all mankind to seek after more happiness and larger individual independence. The winter here has been very open and warm with considerable rain and little snow.

Things are as high here as in Missouri, Iowa or Nebraska, where they have railroad communication. Transportation is the vital question for the near future, and not so much the crop. Railroads have destroyed distance. The boatmen have plenty of water here this season; no ice on the rivers, only some floating snow and slush, but there is plenty of time before May day to have ice houses well filled. The Ohio river commences within the city limits of Pittsburgh, and is formed out of Allegheny and Monongahela.

THERE ARE NINE BRIDGES
crossing those streams, all toll, and are paying large interest on the cost. The length of them is from 850 feet to 1,200 feet. The Point bridge is the largest, and cost nearly \$500,000. Federal street bridge is 1,037 feet, and cost about \$300,000, and pay fifteen (15) per cent net on cost. There are two more to be built. All have double car and wagon tracks, with a steady stream of man and beast day and night. Tolls are light; foot passengers one cent on all except two. The Point bridge is 764 feet higher than low water. The river was 28 feet high on June 10th, 1881, which left still on 48 feet for boats to go under the bridge. Some days this week there was from 22 to 24 feet of water in the river. Some boats got damaged by the bridges. The tonnage of Pittsburgh is equal if not more than New York city. Pittsburgh is like Chicago. There are only two such cities in all the world. They should be seen to notice their several specialties; both true types of Yankee energy, push and pluck, and true models in their several spheres.

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Something About the Vatican.
An item in the cablegrams apropos the taking of the Italian census is so worded as to mislead the reader unfamiliar with papal court, says the Philadelphia Times. "Of 5,000 persons inhabiting the Vatican," says the item, one-third are women. The Vatican, it should be remembered, is not only the papal palace—it is, since the entrance of the Italian force, the papal city as well as the papal court. In its 8,000 apartments are lodged the lay as well as the clerical adjuncts of the Pope's government. On the ground is a barrack of 500 or more pontifical guards. These, in some cases, have their wives; all the officers have their wives. The Vatican is built for a third of a mile on the side of the old hill of Janiculum, as a consequence its lower, or basement portion, is far above the ground on the front looking toward the Tiber. In the upper apartments, reached by at least fifty steps, are the vast stately museums; above these again the paintings. To reach the vast stretch of apartments inhabited by the Pope, long flights of broad marble stairs, at least 100 in number, must be ascended. The Sixtine Chapel itself, with its wonderful "Day of Judgement," by Michael Angelo, and the fresco of Raphael, is fully 100 feet above the street level at the entrance of the palace. Scores of women are kept constantly employed in the endless suites of art galleries, libraries, kitchen and whatnots necessary for the maintenance of such an army of people, so that the proportion of one-third women to 500 retainers by no means corresponds with the bald and disingenuous cable item seen to imply.

Incredible.
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John G. Jacobs,
(Formerly of Osh & Jacobs),
UNDERTAKER
NOTICE.

Ezekiel Durrall, of Utah Territory, and Frank Durrall, of the State of Iowa, will take notice that Jesse Withers did, on the 17th day of January, 1882, file in the County Court of Douglas County, a petition to revise the judgment rendered by him in said court against the said Ezekiel and Frank Durrall, on the 5th day of January, 1882, for the sum of \$100, and charges on costs, and praying that execution be awarded for the balance remaining due, and it is therefore ordered that the said Jesse Withers and Frank Durrall show cause on or before the 15th day of March, 1882, why the said judgment should not be revised.

JESSE WITHERS,
By Clarkon & Hunt, his Attorneys,
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