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BURLINGTON JUNCTION.

A Prosperous Town on the Banks of the Nodaway in Northern Missouri.

The Thriving Villages on the Way.

Correspondence of THE BEE.

BURLINGTON JUNCTION, Mo., March 2.—From Clarinda we follow the valley of the Nodaway into Missouri, southward, passing a half dozen stations, to Burlington Junction, the crossing of the Villisca branch of the "Q" and the Wabash, a town of perhaps 1,200 inhabitants, and situated on a projecting point of the second bottom, or first table land, ten miles from the Iowa state line, about twice that distance east of the Missouri river, and about 85 miles from Omaha.

As we follow the river from the Iowa line, the valley widens, until at this point it seems to have almost lost its identity, as the Genesee does below the city of Rochester, N. Y., and the great variety of grasses, the even surface, deep, narrow cuts, washed out by the little streams, and the styles of building, fencing, and farming of the eastern settlers who have located here, call to mind, promptly, the scenes in the farming settlements along the shores of the great lakes, and relieved us from surprise when told that this is called "The Ohio," or "The Ohio settlement."

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad has probably done more to encourage and build up the town along its line than almost any other road. Here, at the junction, the company purchased a large tract of land as soon as the road was located, and proceeded to lay out a town, and have faithfully stood by it ever since, and much of the growth and many of its advantages are due to the liberality of the officers of that company.

The Wabash branch to Clarinda starts from the main line of that road nearly a mile east of this place, where a hotel and a half dozen station buildings form the "Roseberry Junction," which is apt to mislead the stranger who expects to find a village and post-office.

The two roads from Clarinda run side by side most of the way and separate as they near the main line, but it is understood that arrangements have been made to make the curve westward and be neighborly and so join interests and use one depot for the three roads, a great convenience to the people of the town and the traveling public. To this end Mr. C. R. Doe, so many years the obliging and respected agent of the "Q," has packed up his goods and started for Chariton to take charge of another station, while a compromise agent fills his place. We passed Bradyville half way from Clarinda, and noticed a fine mill seemingly doing a good business, and the half dozen stores, two hotels, and clean school houses and churches, indicated a business thrift among the farmers, and an enterprise and success among the 300 burgers.

Maryville, fourteen miles to the southeast, a town of 4,000, is the county seat of Nodaway county, and is the queen city of this corner of the state.

To the northwest three miles, is Dawsonville, on the Wabash, a village of 100, with a large new steam elevator, and "piles of corn," while five miles further is Elmo, with its 200 living souls, a dozen stores and trading houses, elevator, lumber yard, plenty of wood, and struggling to get a new label put on to its postoffice, which at present is Ebony. The oak stumps along these hill sides, and the new buildings going up constantly remind us of the smaller hills about Washington in war times, where the timber had been cut away to clear the ground in front of the forts, or to get their signs, leaving the stumps nearly covered by the young sprouts that come up about the roots.

The enterprising firm of Colvin & Murphy do a large business in lumber and farm implements, and read THE BEE as do many others in this thriving young town. Mr. Colvin states that he has sold nearly a dozen plows within the past week, and this indicates enterprise and an early spring so far. Several other young, or new, business houses have quite recently hung out their signs, here, indicating that the place will soon open its present clothes as it has its name. By the politeness of Mr. J. B. Chrisinger, of the Junction, who is agent for the railroad lands, sells musical instruments, is postmaster, and is a motive power in a half dozen other kinds of business, we took a ride with him five miles to the northwest to the growing city of Clearmont, a town of two hundred inhabitants and two depots, seven stores, two churches, a graded school, two hotels, blacksmith shops, meat market, livery stable, lumber yard, broom factory, a beautiful masonic hall, a brick yard just hatched, and a "big gun club," or a big club of shootists, who brag on their "best twelve" and their captain A. M. Scott. The enterprising firm of Craig & Smith have a good stock of general merchandise in one of the best buildings in this section and also another store of hardware, and oh! their bees! the whole yard was full of the hives and a beautiful circular building in the center looked as though it was a house built for the "queen" to live in. We were informed that the bees are as much of a success here as anywhere. Here we find plenty of "worm fence," or rail fence, and the blackest kind of black soil, and such apples, and small fruit, cattle, hogs and fine horses, and the old fashioned large barn, that looks strangely enough to us, who have been tying our horses to a wagon and called it "putting them in the barn," because in our childhood days we supposed horses needed some shelter. Burlington Junction, without any church spires and its flat roofs resembles the accounts of old Greek cities, for the early Greeks, it is said, despised high buildings and spires, and preferred the flat roof, and no where do we read in the history of this ancient people of a young man lodging at the top of 200 stairs, as they did in the city founded by Romu-

lus. With its depots on each side, it is like old Corinth built between two seaports, and noted for a wonderful fountain in the top of the rugged hill, which has the reputation of medicinal properties which the Corinthian could not boast of. Mr. Samuel Corken, a mile south of town, has a medicinal spring, famed for its curative properties, and J. W. Anderson has found the same mineral water in a well near the Merchants hotel. The scientific experts and the hundreds of invalids who have come here for assistance have thoroughly tested the healing benefits offered by mother earth. Both of these gentlemen are fitting up accommodations much larger and more extensive than before used, and expect to see full houses this coming season, and as there are quite a number of hotels and boarding houses, there will be room for a multitude.

The fire fiend destroyed three or four stores in the center of the town a few days ago, and as might be expected there is "some talk" of organizing a fire department and preparing for protection against another such calamity. With the streets in good condition and sidewalks almost everywhere, the few private lamps used to light the streets, make it compare in this respect with many other young towns.

The Catholic church has the only church building in town, and the Christian church is holding services at present in an upper room over Ware's bank, where a revival has been in progress for some time.

There are many fine brick blocks in the business part of the city and the residences are of a neat and substantial kind, some of the better class costing three or four thousand dollars, while the neat fencing around the dwellings, the flowers, trees and fruits everywhere show evidences of thrift and enterprise and that the proprietors have evidently determined to stay and "grow up" with the place.

Burlington Junction is pre-eminently a "hotel town." The City hotel, near the station, is a good place for the traveler and a home for the stranger, but the "commercial man," who knows all the hotels from "Chicago to Frisco," is completely non-plussed when he sits down to dinner at the Merchants hotel. The house was badly damaged by fire early in the winter, but since its reopening, a month ago, its old popularity has returned sevenfold. Certainly there are few tables in our larger cities that are set so gorgeously and offer such a bill of fare, or where your wants are attended to more promptly. A handsome park is being fitted up, joining the yard, and before many years the reputation of the house and the mineral spring near by will have made this place famous, if nothing else does.

The leading societies here are the Masons, Old Fellows, Workman, and a temperance society. The Methodist church, near town, on a beautiful elevation across the river, is about changing into a Methodist seminary, and the new M. E. church will be built on the up-land in the city.

The authorities have secured ground for a large public park, and the coming season they intend to take the initial steps toward making it a "thing of beauty."

A saw-mill two or three miles from town is furnishing lumber in limited quantities, made of the native oak, and the sight of the saw-logs on their way to the mill is a novelty to a child of the prairies.

Mr. J. T. Anderson, the genial proprietor of the large livery stable on the main street, is a native of the state, was one of the first to invest here, and is one of the prosperous and successful business men, doing a large business in handling cattle and horses and real estate, and has the finest house in the city.

Geo. H. Hotelling & Co. are the old stand-by lumber merchants and are managing lumber yards in several other towns. Mr. H., the head of the firm, is one of the few men found in our business circles who does a great deal of successful work without talking to his neighbors about it, and is respected everywhere as one of the prudent, cultivated gentlemen whose word is as good as an endorsed bank note.

Mr. James Jones, the gentlemanly manager of the other lumber yard, is just opening a full stock, and has the confidence of the people and it is expected that these two firms will do a plenty of business the coming season.

The Post is edited by Bryant & Charles, two clear-headed, energetic young men of cultivation and ability, and their spicy, wide-awake paper is a credit to the town and an honor to themselves, as well as paying investment.

There are a half dozen stores of dry goods and general merchandise, as many physicians, half as many grocery stores, and the banks, hotels, grain firm, livery stables, lumber yards, clothing stores, drug stores, hardware stores, furniture stores, mineral springs, editors, churches and rail road stations, are in duplicates, or two of a kind, while the lawyers, real estate and insurance offices, organ and sewing machine agents, millinery shops, jewelry stores, barber shops, stock dealers, hide, wool and fur dealers, restaurants, blacksmith and wagon shops, feed stores, and photographers, are sandwiched along in their appropriate number and places, and the boarding houses not counted.

We find here the best of water with in thirty feet, coal and limestone conveniently near, plenty of timber for fuel at low figures, a healthy and delightful climate, a soil as rich as the valley of the Nile and capable of bearing all the fruits and grains usually cultivated in the time, including wheat, timothy, and clover, flax, broom corn and tobacco, and the variety of grasses, including the blue grass and white clover, which furnish pasturage almost from June to June, and corn to supply all Egypt (not one-third of a crop last year), and timber in great variety along the streams all over this historical region known as the "Platte Purchase" of northwestern Missouri, whose hills and valleys are endowed with a black alluvial soil from two to twenty feet deep and as rich and free as an old garden.

Burlington Junction wants some manufactures and some one will yet set up a good steam mill in the town and take the one or two thousand dollars offered by the citizens to help start the enterprise. BUCKEYE.

The Widow's Might.

St. Louis News, Feb. 20th.
Mrs. Mary J. Penn, a Missouri widow, from Trenton, has been assisting the new Pension Agent at Topeka, Kan. Her soldier husband was disabled in the "late unpleasantness," and drew a pension until the time of his death, in 1877, since which time his relief has been drawing \$8 per month for herself and \$2 per month each for her 14 children. And here is the astonishing birth record: Mary E., June 9, 1864; William S., June 20, 1865; Charles N., June 8, 1866; Maybell, July 6, 1867; John C., Sept. 3, 1868; Alice and Albert, Dec. 14, 1869; Oscar and Oliver, July 20, 1871; Grace and George, Aug. 6, 1872; Jesse, Nov. 16, 1875; Lathie, Jan. 7, 1877; Ernest, March 9, 1878. Here the record ends. The husband died in Nov., 1877, and his last child was born the March following, making in all 14 children in 14 years. Mrs. Penn married a second time five years ago and moved to Kansas, and her pension stopped, but the 14 children are entitled to \$2 per month until they are 16 years of age.

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Large Sale of Lands in Kansas by the Union Pacific Road.

A Port Jervis (N. Y.) dispatch says: A very important and extensive land sale has been concluded between Sidney Dillon, President of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and Henry R. Low, a prominent capitalist of Middletown, Orange county, N. Y. The latter has purchased from Mr. Dillon all of the Central Branch lands in the state of Kansas, amounting to about 55,000 acres. The lands lie in the counties of Atchison, Brown, Marshall, Nowata, Jackson, Pottawattamie and Riley. The sale also includes about 5,000 town lots and blocks in the villages of Farmington, Edingham, Muscotah, Whiting, Newawa, Wetmore, Goff, Corning, Centralia, Vermilion, Frankfort, Barrett, Irving, Blue Rapids and Waterville—all towns located on the line of the Central Branch road. This great transfer of property enables the railroad corporation to suspend business at Atchison, and the land office at that point will be closed in the future.

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