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Seeking a Railroad in Vain-- New Newspaper Talk-- Other Notes.

Special Correspondence of THE BEE. LINCOLN, Neb., March 24.--A delegation from the Lincoln board of trade has just been to Atchison on a visit to Superintendent Talmadge, of the Missouri Pacific road. They petitioned him, in the name of the city they represented, to build a branch of his road into Lincoln. Mr. Talmadge is reported to have said that personally he would like to build such a branch, but gave no indication of what the company's intentions might be in the premises.

The articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state for a railroad running from Arlington, Washington county, through Dodge, Douglas and Saunders counties to Ashland. The incorporators are all citizens of Arlington, and the capital stock is put at \$500,000. The Union Pacific company is now making its fifth survey between here and Beatrice. It is conceded that this line will be built immediately.

The vacant store rooms which have been so conspicuous in Lincoln all winter are gradually filling up. A new furniture house, and flour, wall paper, millinery, and candy stores are the latest accession.

A bicycle club has been formed here, with about ten members. The spring vacation at the university begins to-day, lasting ten days.

Throat Disease Often Commences With a Cold, cough, or unusual exertion of the voice. These incipient symptoms are allayed by the use of Brown's Bronchial Troches, which if neglected often result in a chronic trouble of the throat.

LOST TWENTY-ONE YEARS A Valuable Time-Piece Long Missing, Strangely Recovered.

Thirty-one years ago a gentleman now occupying an important place in Masonic circles in this city, then residing in an interior country of the state sent an order to London for the manufacture of a fine gold watch, of English make, a duplex movement, heavy gold magic cases and appropriate movement scroll work. During the following year the watch, a masterpiece, costing \$400, was received, and was carried by its owner for the next nine or ten years. In 1861 a friend started for this city on a visit, bringing the watch with him, since which time nothing has been seen or heard of him, the supposition being that he was murdered and plundered by some of the hard characters that were so prevalent here at that time. The missing man had abundant means, and left behind him a piece of mining property worth \$30,000 or \$40,000, which, by the lapse of time, and the local mining laws, passed into other hands, showing conclusively that, at least, some account had been taken of him. The owner of the watch mourned the loss of his friend, and regretted the missing time-piece, and after some years moved to this city, where in time the above incidents became to memory as a dream. A few days ago he was conversing with a friend in a jewelry store, when a stranger stepped up along side of him, laid a watch on the counter and asked the proprietor to purchase it, and to the astonishment of the whilom interior resident he recognized at the first glance the missing time-piece he had lost twenty-one years previously, and of course immediately claimed it. The stranger explained that he was simply disposing of the watch for a lady in destitute circumstances, and naturally insisted upon having some proof of the claimant's ownership before recognizing the claim. The two, by agreement, went to another jewelry establishment, the proprietor of which had cleaned the watch once or twice twenty-odd years before. The watch was handed him, and before anything had been said in reference to it he said, "Why, this is your watch, the one you lost." Another friend who had last seen the watch in 1856 recognized it at first sight. Subsequent investigations revealed that along about 1861-2 a gentleman of this city had purchased the watch of a man, possibly one who had murdered the visitor from the interior, for \$350, and had carried it up to the day of his death, which occurred in Tucson, Arizona, about a year and a half ago. In the settlement of his estate the watch was appraised at the low valuation of \$125, and the sister of the deceased, knowing it to be valuable, took it as a portion of her interest in the property. Becoming reduced in circumstances she put it in the hands of a friend to sell for her, with the result as above narrated. Not wishing to involve the lady in legal proceedings, and sympathizing with her destitute condition, the pleased owner of the newly found treasure magnanimously paid her \$100 for the return of his property, which was found to be in as good condition as the day it was bought.

Fortunes for Farmers and Mechanics. Thousands of dollars can be saved by using proper judgment in taking care of the health of yourself and family. If you are in any way afflicted with a cold, cough, or any of the ailments of the chest, or if you are generally debilitated, do not delay a moment, but go at once and procure a bottle of Dr. J. C. Ayer's Cherry-Bitters, which never fails to cure, and that for the trifling sum of fifty cents. (Tribune. Sold by Schroter & Becht.)

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Early Fannies. Fannies can be brought along so as to bloom this spring, and verbenas may be made fine, strong plants for planting out when frosts are over. Sow the seeds in boxes or pots of light, fine soil, and cover very lightly. Water gently, and it will then be best

to cover the surface of the soil with a piece of coarse-textured paper, such as brown wrapping paper. The water can be given on the paper. The water can be given on the paper, and will then slowly filter through without disturbing the surface of the soil; besides, the paper will check evaporation and hold the soil in a moderately moist condition. As soon as the plants appear the paper can be removed. When the young plants are well up and have made two or three leaves they can be pricked out into fresh soil and be given room enough to continue their growth until another shift may be necessary, or they are planted out. Give the plants plenty of light when they begin to grow and are occasionally, so that they may be stout and stocky, and not weak and spindling, as they would be with a lack of light or air.

Gerrymander. Apportionment and re-arrangement of Congressional districts bring into frequent use the term gerrymander. This is a designation invented 70 years ago. In 1811, for the first time in many years, the Republican-Democrats of Massachusetts elected a Governor and both branches of the General Court, and to preserve their power they re-arranged the Senatorial districts and made them of irregular shape so as to give themselves a majority in as many as possible. The scheme met with great opposition, and Elbridge Gerry, the Governor, came in for a share of the wholesale denunciation of its promoters. One district was made of a line of towns on the westerly and northerly sides of Essex County, forming something like an irregular letter F. The Boston Centinel was the leading Federalist paper, and Russell, its editor, to show what was being done, took a map of the county, colored the towns on it included in the peculiar district, and hung it up in his office.

One day Gilbert Stuart happened to see it, and saying that it resembled some monstrous animal, took a pencil, and with a few strokes indicated upon the head, and claws, so that the new district looked like some kind of a strange dragon. "There," he said, "that will do for a salamander." "Salamander!" exclaimed Russell, "call it a Gerry-mander!" The election in the spring of 1812 revealed the efficiency of the scheme, but it created such an uproar that the gerrymandering was not allowed to stand.

Workingmen. Before you begin your heavy spring work after a winter of relaxation, your system needs cleansing and strengthening to prevent an attack of Ague, Bilious or Spring Fever, or some other Spring sickness that will unfit you for a season's work. You will save time, much sickness and great expense if you will use one bottle of Hop Bitters in your family this month. Don't wait. Burlington Hawkeye. mar17d2w

AN EDITOR'S EARS. Which Enabled Him to Learn Something of Prohibition in Kansas.

Mr. George R. Stevens, editor of the Mt. Airy (Iowa) Record, writes of Kansas prohibition as follows: On reaching Kansas I expected to find the cities and towns free from the blighting influence of the saloon and the grog-shop. But in Atchison, the first city I entered upon crossing the Missouri river, I found saloons open on every street and apparently running a thriving business. Upon enquiring about the matter, I was told that Atchison has seventy saloons, 20-25 twenty-five, Emporia seven, Florence nine, and this in the same proportion all over the state. I cannot vouch for the numbers, but I know they are legion, all kinds of stimulants being sold as plenty as though there were no law against it. This is the case in every city of two or three thousand and over. In some places it is sold "on the sly" by druggists, or shipped in by private individuals, with such labels as oil, turpentine, syrup, etc., and the law is powerless. The courts are full of whisky cases, which crowd out the regular business, and the litigants are clamoring for attention. The result is the business of the courts is very much retarded, and the whisky fellows having given bonds go on selling as before. Before the enactment of this law a great many of the saloon-keepers were passably good men; while now very few but thugs and footpads care to engage as open violators of the law. And further, while in Hutchinson, I ran across the revenue collector, and learned from him that before the new liquor law came into force he had issued but nine U. S. permits, and had issued seventeen since, and he said other places were pretty near as bad. I conversed with dozens of men on the subject, among whom were a number of strong teetotalers and friends of the temperance cause, who said that thus far the new law was a decided failure, but they hoped in time to see the state of things improved.

This article on the temperance law of Kansas is not in any sense my opinion. I have carefully refrained from giving other than a true picture of the hold this viper has got upon the commonwealth of Kansas. I sought information and give it as I got it, and uncolored by comment.

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