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**FRANKLIN NOTES.**  
 Correspondence of this file.

FRANKLIN, NEB., December 11.— Franklin is situated on the Republican river, and the Republican Valley division of the Burlington and Missouri river railway, about seven miles north of the state line, and in the center of Franklin county, east and west. A more beautiful town site could not be found in the west.

It is composed of business men; a class who make it their business to be business men, and consequently the town prospera.

**BUSINESS HOUSES.**  
 The woolen factory here is conducted and owned by Mr. Bruce, and is doing a large business. Cloth of the best quality can be obtained here for low cash figures. He also manufactures yards of good quality. Sheep raisers find a ready market for wool at this place.

The grain business is conducted by W. H. Austin, who does a large business.

Cohiff & Worth are dealers in general merchandise; no house in the valley sells more than they.

Buck & Greenwood also carry on a business in dry goods and groceries. Buck & Greenwood commenced business several years ago in Franklin, and when Franklin died out moved to Bloomington; but when Franklin began to build up again they came back and are now doing a good business.

Dr. W. H. Byerly, physician, runs the drug store.

The bank is run by Yard, Gage & Co.

Mr. Blum runs a good restaurant. The Grand Central hotel is managed by R. F. Miller, ex-superintendent of public instruction.

The Nalley house is run by Mr. Mayes.

The Franklin mills are run by Rice, James & Garret, and they turn out a good quality of flour.

Our deputy agent, H. N. Henderson. He is also the telegraph operator.

F. H. Bowman is the dentist.

Our lumber yard is run by T. F. Ashby, the representative-elect from the Fortieth district.

The blacksmith shop is operated by Mr. Briggs.

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Our gentlemanly postmaster, Mr. Hart, owns the livery stable.

**FRANKLIN.**

Army officers.

First Lieutenant George B. Davis, Fifth cavalry, A. A. Q. M., Fort Niobrara, Neb., will proceed, under special instructions from the office of the chief quartermaster of the department, to Norfolk, Neb., to inspect the quality and ascertain the price, in seller's stake or in government stake, of a quantity of bran proposed to be delivered at that point to the quartermaster's department.

Upon completion of this duty Lieutenant Davis will rejoin his proper station.

To carry out the instructions contained in general orders No. 135, current series headquarters of the Army, Captain Walter Reed, assistant quartermaster, U. S. A., is relieved from duty as attending surgeon at these headquarters, and will report in person to the commanding officer Fort Omaha, Neb., for duty.

Upon the recommendation of his company and post commanders, the unexpired portion of the sentence awarded Private William H. Richard, company K, Seventh infantry, by sentence of a general court-martial, promulgated in general court-martial orders No. 109, current series from headquarters department of Dakota, is remitted.

To comply with requirements of General Orders No. 135, current series from Headquarters of the Army, on completion of his duties as a member of the board convened by paragraph 3, Special Order No. 113, current series from these Headquarters, First Lieutenant E. D. Thomas, Fifth Cavalry, will be relieved in his duties as Acting Assistant Quartermaster at these Headquarters by First Lieutenant J. A. Sladen, Fourteenth Infantry, A. D. C., and will then rejoin his troop (G, Fifth Cavalry,) at Fort Washkita, Wyo.

To comply with requirements of General Orders No. 135, current series from Headquarters of the Army, First Lieutenant William L. Carpenter, Ninth Infantry, instructor in rifle practice, will be relieved in his duties by First Lieutenant Joseph A. Sladen, Fourteenth Infantry, A. D. C., and join his company (B, Ninth Infantry,) at Fort Niobrara, Neb., to take effect January 1, 1883.

The leave of absence granted Maj. J. W. Wham, paymaster U. S. army, in paragraph 1, special orders No. 128, current series from these headquarters, is extended to ten (10) days.

Maj. Joseph H. Bill, surgeon, U. S. army, having reported at these headquarters in compliance with paragraph 10, special orders No. 273, current series from the headquarters of the army, will report to the commanding officer Fort Omaha, Neb., for duty, to relieve Capt. H. S. Turrill, assistant surgeon, U. S. army.

Capt. H. S. Turrill, assistant surgeon, U. S. army, upon being relieved from duty at Fort Omaha, Neb., will proceed to Fort Fred Steele, Wyo., and report to the commanding officer of that post for duty thereat.

**Swindling a Settler.**

About the 1st of October a pioneer in one of the northern counties of Wisconsin was seated on a log in front of his cabin, waiting for his every-other-day shake of the ague to come along, when a covered wagon drove up. It contained a man and his wife, and a few articles of furniture, and they were looking for a piece of land on which to squat. It was nip and tuck which was the meaneest looking man. Both were ragged, down in the mouth, and had chills and fever as regularly as sunrise, and neither one had made a cent in the last ten years. It was a pretty even cross between the women. One was cross-eyed, and the other had a broken nose. One was almost toothless and the other had a stiff knee. One chewed slippery-elm and took snuff, and the other smoked plug tobacco in a clay pipe.

"Stranger," remarked the settler, after the four had looked at each other,

"I haven't any fodder for yer horses, nothing to get up a dinner with, and we git our drinking water from a creek half a mile away. Yer a man lookin' for fam'ly, and I'd advise ye to drive on."

"Stranger," echoed the other, "I wouldn't have stopped now but to offer ye a trade. My old woman don't like the woods and don't want to go further. How'll ye trade?"

The settler got up and walked around the wagon and whistled "Old Dan Tucker" twice over, and then replied:

"I reckon it's about an even thing."

"Yes, pretty even. What do you say, old woman?"

"Wall, I can't be much wuss off," she replied as she jumped down.

The settler's wife was not over seven minutes packing up, and as the wagon moved off she called back:

"Good-by, old man! Recken we don't owe each other nothing."

In less than a fortnight the settler appeared at the county seat to consult a lawyer, and great was his indignation as he explained:

"In less'n a week after that 'ere wagon driv off that 'ere woman went stone blind and likewise developed consumption, and yesterday morning she suddenly dropped off her chair and died without a kick."

"She did!"

"Aud I've got to bury her and break up and lose my squat. Now, then, what I want is to know if there is any law in this state which allows a stranger to tote a dying female around the kentry and trade her even up for an old woman who could chop a cord and a half of wood, per day and set up all night to keep the bars from holdin' a convention in the shanty!"

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**KALSTROM'S WIFE.**  
 A Romance of the Chicago Cris.

Chicago Tribune.

I wonder how many of the hundreds who look out at the lake every day and see the crib-tower rising up against a blue or a gray sky, as the case may be, know of a scene that took place there nearly three years ago!

I had a favor to do for me; and it seems that the heroine of the adventure ought to meet with some recognition, even though it be not a better hands than those of a "free lance," whose pen has to wag too nimbly to be either graceful or copious.

At the time of which I speak the crib-tower was a puny named Kallstrom, a gigantic man and heavy in proportion to his size. He was known about the wharves as "Big Charlie," and his claim to distinction was that he had, as he said, "commanded a bark of a thousand tons," in which he had sailed the North seas, and in which, viking like, he had carried his wife, a bright-faced Irish girl, from Denmark, one of the east ports of Ireland.

The wife was a small woman, with gray eyes and long black lashes. She had strongly marked eyebrows and a mass of waving black hair that crept in little curls around her temples and the apex of her neck. She had the pigmy nose of her race and a generous mouth filled with strong white teeth.

It was in March, and the day was one of those soft, treacherous ones that lure unwary flowers to their destruction, and saw pneumonia and bronchitis broadcast. The sun shone warmly and the great lake seemed to dream of springtime.

The crib-tower was like Mother Hubbard's. The crew and Kallstrom took his small boat and rowed across. In the few hours he spent among the shops and in taking a glass of beer with his friends, the wind changed, and when he reached the shore with his stores, he found the lake churned up to the fury peculiar to inland seas.

Twice he launched his boat and twice it swamped.

At dark the light gleamed out from the crib-top, but to Kallstrom's eye it had a baleful glare, and morning found him determined "To go ev I hev to swim vor it," as he swore with some round Scandinavian oaths.

Fortunately the wind was more quiet, and, after hard work, he came under the lee of the crib walls. His wife had spied him, and she cast him a rosy rope from the top story of the crib; for the waves rolled so high that all the storm doors and shutters were battened down, and the white caps spit at the lantern as they drove before the wind.

He caught the rope and passed up his bundle of supplies. She dropped a second line, and, just as he got it under his arms, a great wave swamped the boat, leaving him clinging to the wall, blinded and bruised, and depending on the woman up aloft for his life.

She began hauling on the rope, and had drawn him as high as the sill-frame—his thrashing fingers and toes into whatever crevices offered.

As he reached his right hand up the wind came round the corner with a yell, and tore him loose, dropping him into the lake, but the faithful Irish girl paid out the line as fast as she could, and he found himself with a chance for life still in his reach.

Up he came, hand over hand, and as he entered the window he saw her fall, and in the dim light he noticed a strange discoloration of her face, a black stain on the bright rag carpet, and the fact that her dress was torn to rags in front.

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