

THE DAILY BEE. OMAHA. Thursday Morning, Dec. 27.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STATE ALLIANCE.

A special meeting of the Farmers' State Alliance will be held at Kearney, Neb., on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 16 and 17, 1884. All alliances which have at any time been organized in this state are earnestly requested to send delegates to this meeting...

THE WEATHER.

For the upper Mississippi valley: Colder and fair weather, preceded by light snow, northwesterly winds higher barometer, followed in the northern portion by falling barometer and winds shifting southerly.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Himebaugh & Taylor, Omaha, sell Buffalo U. S. Standard scale. Write for prices. If an adjourned meeting of the city council will be held this evening.

Max Meyer & Co. distributed a large number of boxes of cigars among their friends and patrons.

Judge Benke presented each member of the police force with a box of cigars Monday evening. He also presented Marshal Guthrie with a fine gold pen and holder.

Travel, which was light before Christmas, seems now to have considerably increased. The B. & M. train which came in last night, was crowded with people returning to the city and going east after their Christmas visit.

The Leonard Grover company gave its second and closing appearance at Boyd's opera house last evening, presenting Mr. Grover's comedy, "My Son-in-Law." Owing to the cold weather the audience was small. The play was very well given.

The W. C. T. U. will meet this afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at three o'clock. All members are requested to be present, as important business is to be transacted. Mrs. Marian B. Baxter, from Michigan, will lecture at the First M. E. church Friday evening, December 28.

There was a number of swearing by the car drivers and passenger yesterday. The heavily cars have insisted upon running off the track at every turn, and to add to the enjoyment the car horses, at least some of them, were given to halting and utterly refused to pull up hill.

Although the sleighing on Farnam street on Christmas day was not particularly fine, yet one man in the city took advantage of it, and the novel appearance of his rustic sleigh was a source of considerable delight to many pedestrians who saw him, though probably not so much so to the jaded horses that drew him.

A. L. Wyman and Miss Julia Harlan were united in marriage at 7:30 last evening at Trinity cathedral, in the presence of a limited number of intimate friends. The ceremony was performed by Dean Millspaugh immediately after which a reception was held at the new home of the young couple where congratulations were extended by a large number of warm friends.

PERSONAL. F. M. Sackett, of Albion, is at the Paxton. M. Mupleman, of Fairmont, is at the Paxton. S. C. Webber, of Schuyler, is at the Paxton. D. F. McFarland, of Plattemouth, is at the Millard. J. H. Hungate and son, of Blair, are at the Millard. John N. Peters, of Clear Creek, is at the Paxton. Mr. Frank Rogers, of Washington, Ia., is in town. Geo. L. Scott, of Ashland, is a Paxton house guest. F. W. Barkly, of the Perkins hotel, Platte mouth, is in the city to-day. Mr. G. N. Crawford has returned from Idaho, and will remain here until March. Mrs. W. L. Van Alstine, of Lincoln, is visiting at her brother's, Mr. J. H. Winterstein, in this city. Mr. G. N. Morgan, the Tenth street ticket agent, has gone south for his health, and will probably spend the winter there. Ben. F. Hildebrand, managing editor of the Pawnee Press, Pawnee City, Neb., called at the Bee office to-day. W. D. Motter, of the firm of Kennard, Motter & Co., was married yesterday in St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Motter will return here at once to their new home, 1814 Webster street. Capt. Bourke, aid-de-camp of Gen. Crook, and wife, formerly Miss Mollie Horbach, returned to Omaha from their European wedding tour. They have been absent four or five months. A reception will be given them on Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Horbach. W. J. Cuddy, now located at the flourishing town of Caldwell, Idaho, where he is publishing a lively little paper, arrived in the city on Christmas day, and last evening he started on his return to Idaho accompanied by his family. Mr. Cuddy has excellent prospects in Idaho, and his many friends will be glad to learn this fact. Hon. William Anyan, United States land officer at Grand Island, and Postmaster Howard, of the same place, are in the city. Senator Van Wyck, who returned from Washington on Tuesday, is in the city.

A Very Remarkable Recovery. Mr. Geo. V. Whiting, of Manchester, Mich., writes: "My wife has been almost blind for five years, so helpless that she could not turn over in bed alone. She used two bottles of Electric Bitters, and in two weeks she was able to get up and do her own work. Electric Bitters will do all that is claimed for them. Hundreds of testimonials attest their great curative powers. Only fifty cents a bottle at C. F. Goodman's."

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS. The Various Festivities of the Present Season.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL.

The Christmas tree entertainment at Trinity cathedral last evening was a very pleasant occasion. It was given for the benefit of the children of the Industrial school and the Sunday school. Despite the severe cold weather of the evening, the cathedral was filled with little people. The room was handsomely decorated. Three or four trees were loaded with gifts for the children.

In addition to the Christmas distribution there was an award of prizes to the Industrial school children for attendance and scholarship. Books were given as prizes. Fourteen children received prizes, as follows: First, Amy Barker; second, Sadie Hamilton; third, Jennie Yates, William Loomis, Minnie Hennessey, Carrie Gardner; fourth, Harry Yeats, Lulu Dolan; fifth, Charles Yeats; sixth, Minnie Hambleton, Ira Loomis, Arthur Angell, Walter Grinnell, Flora Frost, Sarah Badger, Lena Kay. In the cases where several children received the same prize it is because they tied in their grade.

Toys and candy from the trees were given to all the children present. The children repeated several carols from the Christmas exercises.

During the evening Dean Millspaugh delivered a short address. Altogether the occasion was a very happy one and the children and all who participated will pleasantly remember it.

CONCORDIA SOCIETY.

The Christmas tree festival of the Concordia society was held last evening in the new German school building on Harney street. In addition to the usual festivities of such an occasion, the members of the society gave a concert, and the evening closed with a ball which lasted until the early morning hours.

The vocal entertainment furnished by the society was excellent. In addition to the choruses, solos were given by Messrs. Meyer, Pechtel and Grobner. Messrs. Meyer and Pechtel also gave a duet.

Hoffman's orchestra furnished the music for the evening. The Concordia society is one of the oldest and best known musical organizations in Omaha. The success of the celebration of last evening is largely due to the hard and effective work of the committees.

An excellent supper was spread from 12 to 1 o'clock. The following were the committee on arrangements: H. Schwake, L. Heimrod, J. Lund, L. Raapke, L. Grobner, C. C. Stratman, M. Becht, and F. Blankenfeld as director of the concert.

OTHER EXERCISES. Christmas services were held last evening at St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church. There was a carol service at St. Barnabas last evening.

The Southwest Presbyterian Sunday school held a Christmas tree to-night at the school house in Lake's addition.

TO-NIGHT. The entertainment of the First Congregational church will be given to-night. The annual dinner of the city Mission schools will be given, at noon to-day, at the Y. M. C. A. hall. At 9 o'clock in the evening there will be a concert and a Christmas tree in the same place.

St. John's Mission Sunday school will give a Christmas tree to-night at the school house in Lake's addition.

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CHRISTMAS DAY.

Beautiful Weather and an Unusually Quiet Time - Amusements of the Day.

We doubt if there has ever been a time, not for many years at least, when Christmas day was as mild and pleasant as was Tuesday. Instead of the bleak and chilling blasts of December, the clear sky and balmy breezes of spring were here, and, as we listened, we fancied we could almost hear the song of the robin or the chirp of the cricket.

"How little it seems like Christmas," was the remark on every side - and how true it was. The word Christmas indicates the merry jingle of sleigh-bells and the happy sleighing party, and a Christmas without snow is like a Fourth of July without fire-crackers.

This may, in a measure, account for the quietness of the day in this city. The places of business were all closed early in the day, and the streets presented more of a Sunday appearance than of a holiday.

There was nothing in particular to attract the attention of the public, and the people wandered listlessly about the streets during the forenoon, with no apparent object in view.

After the Christmas dinners had been disposed of, however, the numbers of people upon the streets increased, and they were going up and down, some to visit friends and some to other places.

AT THE MATINEE. Boyd's opera house was well filled in the afternoon with people to witness the production of "Lepset, the Tomboy," by the Leonard Grover Comedy company. The company were very well received, and some parts of the play were well rendered and called forth hearty applause. The same play was given in the evening.

AT THE ROLLER RINK. In the afternoon the attendance was not so large, but in the evening a large crowd assembled to witness the exhibition skating by Prof. Daniels and Master Bert Biles, a ten year old from Des Moines, Iowa. Together they did some very fine work and the little skater is certainly a wonder on wheels. He is as graceful and active as he can be, and his double is the prince of roller skating in a few years.

After the double exhibition, Prof. Daniels delighted his many admirers by an exhibition of his skill. It is needless to say that it was immense.

Good music was in attendance and everybody had a most excellent time. Under the management of Mr. Daniels, the roller rink is becoming a most favorite resort for male and female, both young and old.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL. Appropriate Christmas services were held in Trinity Cathedral Tuesday forenoon and evening. The music prepared for the occasion was most excellent. The church was beautifully trimmed and decorated for the occasion.

THE SOUTH M. E. CHURCH. The Sunday school of the South Omaha M. E. church, gave their entertainment at their church, corner of Tenth and Pierce street, last night.

The Christmas tree was a large one, and was fairly loaded down with presents for the little ones.

Gen. O. O. Howard delivered a very fine address to the little ones, which was anxiously listened to. W. T. V. Bils had charge of the singing, which was good.

The little ones enjoyed themselves hugely.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH. The Christmas festival for the Sunday school of the Baptist church, was held last evening and was a thoroughly enjoyable affair. The entertainment consisted of recitations, dialogues, solos, duets and choruses by the children, and these were well selected and well rendered.

The room was handsomely decorated with flags, mottoes and other things, being, of course, the Christmas tree, well laden with handsome presents for the children. The appearance of Santa Claus, who distributed the presents, assisted by six little fairies, was the closing and most attractive feature of the evening. The house was packed with people, many being obliged to stand the entire evening.

AT THE FIRST M. E. CHURCH. A large crowd of children and grown people gathered Tuesday evening. A Christmas tree was the feature of the evening, but members of the Sunday school contributed to the evening's enjoyment by recitations, song, etc. It was a joyous occasion and every one was happy.

AT THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL. The services were as usual grand and impressive. High mass was celebrated at five in the morning by the pastor, Rev. Fr. O'Connor. The church was thronged. The main altar was beautifully decorated with natural and artificial flowers, and lit up by dozens of tapers. Above all the illuminated star told the story of the birth of the Saviour as plainly as columns of print. The side altars were profusely decked with flowers and burning tapers, the latter in the form of the letter "M" and "A."

Fontinal high mass was celebrated by Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Connor, with a corps of assistants, beginning at 10:30. The choir faultlessly rendered St. Cecilia's mass at both services.

ORAINE VS. CRAINE.

A Chicago Divorce Suit, in Which a Former Omaha Man is One of the Parties.

W. N. Craine, formerly of Omaha, but now of Chicago, where he is the Equitable Life Insurance agent, has been sued for divorce by his wife. The Chicago Tribune of Tuesday says: "Last Thursday Mary W. Craine filed a bill in the circuit court against her husband, William Niel Craine, the local agent of the Equitable Life Insurance company, charging him with cruelty and asking for a divorce. Yesterday Craine filed his answer, denying all the accusations. Mrs. Craine claimed that her husband, since their marriage in 1873, had often beaten and choked her; that in 1880, when they were at the Gardner house, he struck her a violent blow in the face, and on another occasion, when she was sick in bed and so ill she could not raise her head, he treated her cruelly, calling her opprobrious names and sneering at her. He refused to provide her with necessary food and medical assistance, and she had to borrow money to pay her bills. In April, 1881, he locked her out of her rooms, and in August following pulled her out of bed while she was sick and ill-treated her, and when others interfered he drew a revolver and threatened to kill some one. She also claimed his business was worth \$100,000, with a salary of \$8,000 or \$10,000 a year, and she wanted alimony and an injunction to prevent him from disposing of his property. Craine, in his answer, denied specifically that he has ever treated his wife badly, and claims that he has always supported her tenderly and liberally; that she has a large wardrobe of great variety, with valuable jewels and other personal ornaments, and that he has provided her with the best food that the finest hotels and markets supplied. Immediately after their marriage they boarded in one of the best rooms at the Gardner House for several months, and then went to live at No. 109 Rush street, paying \$80 a month rent. They were compelled to give up this place because of Mrs. Craine's health, and went back to the hotel where they lived until May following. A new venture was then made in housekeeping at No. 286 Michigan avenue at \$100 a month, where they staid one year. After that they stayed at the Matteson house until April last, when Craine rented a flat at No. 65 East 12th street, at \$1,200 a year, and spent \$6,000 in furnishing it. Last Thursday he was served with a summons in the divorce case, and when he went home he found his wife had carried away every article of furniture, completely gutting the rooms. As to the medical services Craine says he had such physicians as Drs. C. G. Smith, Lyman Ware, H. A. Johnson, and W. S. Johnson. He further denies he is worth \$100,000, that he gets \$8,000 a year, and claims he owes the company \$30,000. His wife is comfortably off, being worth \$20,000 in her own right, besides the \$8,000 worth of furniture she took from him. A few days ago Craine began a suit for \$10,000 damages against W. S. Johnson, the lawyer who advised his wife that she had a right to carry off his property, and there is a prospect of some epic litigation in the two suits.

Christmas Dinners. At both the Millard and Paxton hotels Tuesday elegant dinners were served and a large number of our citizens partook of the repasts. The bills of fare were elegantly and tastefully gotten up. At the Paxton a fine roast of beef was served with the following attached: "This roast of beef was cut from the carcass of the imported Hereford steer 'Marmion,' a prize animal in the class of three year olds at the late Chicago fat stock show exhibited by George Leigh, Beecher, III, and slaughtered by John Ford, the Adams street butcher, Chicago, Ill. Compliments of F. E. Her."

BURIED ALIVE. Charles Forrest Caught Beneath a Falling Bank Tuesday.

A Sad and Solemn Christmas Journey From This Life Into the Great Unknown Future.

Yesterday afternoon as three workmen were engaged in excavating under Dr. Peabody's house, corner Fourteenth and Jones street, the wall of dirt gave way, burying one of the men, Charles Forrest by name.

The bank was about eleven feet high, and the men had dug under it for a distance of eighteen inches, when it caved in upon them. The falling dirt caught Forrest upon the legs and buried him nearly up to his hips.

He was immediately extricated and moved to his residence, only a few doors distant, where he died about 4 o'clock.

The coroner was notified and immediately empaneled a jury, who upon hearing the evidence, state that they found that the deceased came to his death by a mass of earth falling upon him at the place above mentioned.

It is the prevailing opinion that a large chunk of dirt must have fallen upon him in such a manner as to have injured him internally.

He was about 37 years of age and leaves a family in mournful loss.

His funeral will take place to-day.

A POINT OF LAW.

The Responsibility of Cities in the Disposal of Street Railroads.

The supreme court of Colorado recently rendered a decision of a question likely to arise in this city should the property owners on streets given to the Belt road appeal to the courts. The property owners in Denver sued the city for giving certain streets to the Circle railroad. A test case was taken to the supreme court on the question whether the city or railroad company were liable for damages to adjacent property, and the following decision was rendered:

The three questions passed upon are (1) as to the right of an abutting lot owner in this case to compensation where the adjacent street is occupied by an ordinary railroad, and his property is thereby injured; (2) if he is entitled to compensation, did the city of Denver become liable therefor by the action of its council in granting by ordinance a right of way to the railroad through the street; and (3) if the lot owner is entitled to compensation, what is the measure of damages.

As to the first question, we say that under the peculiar language of our state constitution, which requires just compensation where private property is taken or damaged for public or private use, the abutting lot owner is entitled to compensation in a case of this kind. In the first place the abutting lot owner has rights in the street which are not shared by a general public. Without this easement connected with his lot the property itself would generally be of little value. Such rights or easements are properly within the meaning of our constitution because they are absolutely necessary to enable him to use and enjoy his property. But while he is entitled to compensation in a case of this kind for any interference with these rights which diminishes the value of his property, yet there are cases in which the courts pronounce it a damage without injury and deny compensation, as where the injury results from a reasonable and appropriate exercise of the power to control the streets by the city council in improving the street for the benefit of the public. While the railroad is a public benefactor and a great advantage to a town or city, yet its construction and operation through or in the street are not such a use of the street as is contemplated in its dedication, it is not a local enterprise for the benefit of the local public, and it is an additional burden of servitude not comprehended within the easement for an ordinary public street. The question as to whether or not the abutting owner also owns the fee of the street, under our constitutional limitation, immaterial. A similar constitutional provision has been construed in the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Georgia, and Kansas, and the courts have there gone further in allowing compensation to the abutting owner for such damages than we do in this opinion. The case of the Colorado Central railroad company against Mollanburg, heretofore decided by this court, did not construe this constitutional provision, because of the fact that the rights of the parties were acquired prior to the adoption of the constitution, and it nowhere discussed or referred to the statute of 1868; hence the words "injuriously affected" in that statute received no interpretation in that case. English statutes and English authorities interpreting them, similar to the statute of 1868, were also referred to and discussed.

Under the second question, if the city council by the ordinance purporting to grant the right of way did not undertake to deprive the abutting owner of compensation, but simply declared the consent of the city and the general public to the use of the street by the railroad, no one would contend that the city is liable in this action. On the other hand, if they attempted to confer the right to use the street without such compensation their action would, in this respect, be an usurpation of power not possessed and in conflict with the constitution, and under the law it would not be binding upon a municipal corporation, so that the city could not in either event be held responsible.

Now, upon the third question, the measure of damages, where the party is entitled to compensation at all, is the actual diminution in the market value of his premises for any use to which they may reasonably be put, occasioned by the construction and operation of the railroad through the adjacent street.

The judgment of the court below is reversed and the case remanded to the district court, with directions to said court to dismiss the action.

THE OPENING OF WINTER.

About 11 o'clock yesterday morning the weather, which had up to that time been pleasant, suddenly changed, and the mercury fell rapidly. A strong wind came up from the north, accompanied by a snow storm. The storm, however, did not continue long, but the weather remained cold. It was a very sudden change. Last night was the coldest of the season. Winter may now be considered to have fairly opened.

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alive to the best interests of the town, and makes a good postmaster. The Arlington house is presided over by J. B. Gowen, who is very attentive to the wants of his guests.

A very sad affair occurred here yesterday in the accidental shooting of the 14-year-old son of Amos Burcked. The discharge came from a shotgun and lodged in his side just below the heart, causing death in twenty minutes.

The train men on Conductor Williams' train are deserving of much commendation, they having "thrown in" and purchased bags of candy, toys, etc., and distributed the same along the route to those farmers' little children living in sod houses, thus making their little hearts beat with joy over Xmas presents they would not otherwise have received.

It was my intention of going on to Sargent - the Omaha town - but conveyances were scarce, and hence I will write it up again. For all those looking for homes we would advise them to take a run up the famous Loup valley.

A Narrow Escape.

A narrow escape from a serious fire occurred in Kuhn's drug store last Christmas eve. A clerk while moving a step ladder accidentally knocked a lamp out of the chandelier, which, falling to the floor, exploded, spreading a blazing mass of fire. It was immediately extinguished with clothing, though at first it apparently threatened the entire store.

THE FAMED LOUP VALLEY.

A Trip From Fairfield to North Loup - Lively Towns by the Wayside.

Correspondence of THE BEE. NORTH LOUP, December 25. - Your correspondent left Fairfield on the local freight Monday at 1 p. m. Coursing along over these broad prairies in a caboose attached to a freight train enables one to get a fair view of the surrounding country, with plenty of time to see the towns and villages. As we drew out of Fairfield on the St. Joseph & Western railroad, the sun was shining pleasantly and the air bore a calmness equal to that of a September morning. Our first stopping point was at the busy little town of Glenville, in Clay county. Glenville has a population of about 200, is a good grain shipping point; has a large gas elevator at the depot. Near by are the railroad stock yards, in which were confined some very fat hogs ready for shipment. From the train you have a good view of the town - the large school building, situated a little west of the town, being a most prominent feature. Many new buildings are in course of construction, stores of all kinds, lumber yards, etc.

The next place reached was the city of Hastings, the queen city of the prairie, with its 5,000 population. Hastings is situated at the crossing of the St. J., W. & R. M. railroad, and has, as its main feature, one of the best conducted daily newspapers outside of Omaha. Leaving Hastings, we passed through the towns of Hazen and Doniphan, crossed the Platte, and arrived at Grand Island at 5:30. Between Hansen and Doniphan the country was noticeably thickly settled - white frame houses dotting the prairie on all sides, with here and there fine groves, immense haystacks, and plenty of grain being hauled to market. Grand Island is a lively town, and seems to have a little more of the get-up about it than its rival - Hastings. The buildings are large, commodious, well built of brick, but their sidewalks are miserable - being built of boards, half of them loose, some of altogether, making a very unsafe walk - especially after night. We found the city dressed in its holiday attire and her streets and stores filled with buyers. One thing needed here very much is a daily paper. If they had one such as Hastings possesses, it would indeed give the town an air of importance which it would benefit much from. Grand Island has one of the very best hotels in the Jordan house, conducted by Captain J. B. Jordan. This house is built of brick, three stories high, contains some sixty rooms and is well and tastefully furnished throughout. Although the house is only a month old, it enjoys a most liberal patronage. Leaving Grand Island at 9 Christmas morning, we passed through the towns of St. Libory, St. Paul, Ainar, Scotia, and arrived at North Loup, the terminus of the road, at 11:30. The trip from Grand Island to North Loup is one of the most picturesque of Nebraska. Soon after leaving Grand Island the prairie becomes rolling - so much so that one in search of a home would soon become discouraged if he knew nothing about the sublimity of the Loup Valley further on. Shortly after leaving the station at St. Libory, we merged into the valley, crossed the Loup river and pulled up at St. Paul. St. Paul is a live town of some 700 souls, and is situated nicely on an elevated piece of ground and has a very large grain elevator at the depot. The railroad crosses along the south bank of the Loup and crosses the river just before reaching Scotia. Just before crossing the river here, the road branches, the main line running to North Loup. The train does not divide here, but runs up to Scotia and then backs again to the main line and proceeds on to North Loup, the present terminus. The two towns are within eight miles of each other, not being more than two miles apart.

North Loup makes a favorable impression on the newcomer. The citizens are wide awake, go-ahead class, have excellent stores, good buildings and the best farming stock to be seen in the valley.

Your correspondent held a brief conversation with "Elder" Babcock, postmaster, and one of the earlier settlers. He homesteaded a claim eleven years ago, and is still residing upon it - being the present site of the town. The "elder" is a genial gentleman, accommodating,

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FOR RENT - House of six rooms and barn. Inquire at U. S. Hotel, cor. 10th and Douglas Sts. 562-251.

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A Trip From Fairfield to North Loup - Lively Towns by the Wayside.

Correspondence of THE BEE. NORTH LOUP, December 25. - Your correspondent left Fairfield on the local freight Monday at 1 p. m. Coursing along over these broad prairies in a caboose attached to a freight train enables one to get a fair view of the surrounding country, with plenty of time to see the towns and villages. As we drew out of Fairfield on the St. Joseph & Western railroad, the sun was shining pleasantly and the air bore a calmness equal to that of a September morning. Our first stopping point was at the busy little town of Glenville, in Clay county. Glenville has a population of about 200, is a good grain shipping point; has a large gas elevator at the depot. Near by are the railroad stock yards, in which were confined some very fat hogs ready for shipment. From the train you have a good view of the town - the large school building, situated a little west of the town, being a most prominent feature. Many new buildings are in course of construction, stores of all kinds, lumber yards, etc.

The next place reached was the city of Hastings, the queen city of the prairie, with its 5,000 population. Hastings is situated at the crossing of the St. J., W. & R. M. railroad, and has, as its main feature, one of the best conducted daily newspapers outside of Omaha. Leaving Hastings, we passed through the towns of Hazen and Doniphan, crossed the Platte, and arrived at Grand Island at 5:30. Between Hansen and Doniphan the country was noticeably thickly settled - white frame houses dotting the prairie on all sides, with here and there fine groves, immense haystacks, and plenty of grain being hauled to market. Grand Island is a lively town, and seems to have a little more of the get-up about it than its rival - Hastings. The buildings are large, commodious, well built of brick, but their sidewalks are miserable - being built of boards, half of them loose, some of altogether, making a very unsafe walk - especially after night. We found the city dressed in its holiday attire and her streets and stores filled with buyers. One thing needed here very much is a daily paper. If they had one such as Hastings possesses, it would indeed give the town an air of importance which it would benefit much from. Grand Island has one of the very best hotels in the Jordan house, conducted by Captain J. B. Jordan. This house is built of brick, three stories high, contains some sixty rooms and is well and tastefully furnished throughout. Although the house is only a month old, it enjoys a most liberal patronage. Leaving Grand Island at 9 Christmas morning, we passed through the towns of St. Libory, St. Paul, Ainar, Scotia, and arrived at North Loup, the terminus of the road, at 11:30. The trip from Grand Island to North Loup is one of the most picturesque of Nebraska. Soon after leaving Grand Island the prairie becomes rolling - so much so that one in search of a home would soon become discouraged if he knew nothing about the sublimity of the Loup Valley further on. Shortly after leaving the station at St. Libory, we merged into the valley, crossed the Loup river and pulled up at St. Paul. St. Paul is a live town of some 700 souls, and is situated nicely on an elevated piece of ground and has a very large grain elevator at the depot. The railroad crosses along the south bank of the Loup and crosses the river just before reaching Scotia. Just before crossing the river here, the road branches, the main line running to North Loup. The train does not divide here, but runs up to Scotia and then backs again to the main line and proceeds on to North Loup, the present terminus. The two towns are within eight miles of each other, not being more than two miles apart.

North Loup makes a favorable impression on the newcomer. The citizens are wide awake, go-ahead class, have excellent stores, good buildings and the best farming stock to be seen in the valley.

Your correspondent held a brief conversation with "Elder" Babcock, postmaster, and one of the earlier settlers. He homesteaded a claim eleven years ago, and is still residing upon it - being the present site of the town. The "elder" is a genial gentleman, accommodating,

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