FROM NEBRASKA TOWNS.

News and Boomlets From Various Points In the State.

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Crete's Flattering Debut.

CRETE, Neb., May 21.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—Crete at length has made her debut. She has been very modest about parading herself before the public until she was arrayed in reception toilet, but now that her plans are all laid for an extended campaign, instead of looking up to her elder sisters, who hitherto have regarded her with disdain, she feels within herself the power to cope with the best of them. With her recent important acquirements, the new railroad, electric lights, and water works at no distant day, she has possessed herself of charms unequalled by any town in the west, the allurements of which soon will bring scores and hundreds to her feet for favors. Possessing the finest water-power in the state, she offers inducements to factories of all kinds. Her citizens, imbued with enthusiasm, are ready to encourage any worthy enterprise with ready hands that go deep down into their pockets. Her educational facilities are of the highest grade. With Doane college on the hill, excellent high school and graded schools, and the Nebraska Chautauqua in the summer, what wonder that her atmosphere is so surcharged intellectually that it resolves itself into numerous literary societies—in the college the Hesperian and the Philomethean; in the high school, the Tigro and the Irving; in the town, the Round Table, the C. L. S. C., the Congregational club and the S. L. C. Every year the society tone is elevated. The standard for the youth of our town is placed one notch higher and the outlook for Crete grows broader and fuller.

The summer assembly is the grand climax of the literay work of the year. Here can be enjoyed intercourse with those who have been pursuing like thoughts and subjects, and lectures upon these subjects by some of the finest scholars and literati of America. Lectures in great variety have been provided for this year's programme by those who have a familiar acquaintance with both literature and history, whose chief aim will be the teaching of a higher and broader conception of humanity and a fuller appreciation of the pure and noble in our lives. It is most wonderful to think that this young assembly can offer a programme unexcelled by older and wealthier ones; yet such is an actual fact. Some doubt may be expressed concerning the attendance of all the lecturers and instructors announced, but when it is remembered that the programme of last year was carried out to the letter with one or two exceptions, that these failures were announced before hand so none would be disappointed, and furthermore that these men are bound by contract to come unless prevented by sickness, credulity will obtain. It is confidently predicted that this year will see twice as many visitors as we had last year. President F. I. Foss has made arrangements for one hundred and fifty more tents this soon. Many wise ones will "take time by the forelock," put in their claims early and thus secure satisfactory accommodations and save an immense amount of confusion at the last. Superintendent Waterman is ready to satisfy all demands. He has kept a force of men at work this week repairing the damage done to the assembly grounds during the heavy rain of last week. From this time on, the termination of all pleasure rides will be to view the progress of affairs on these beautiful grounds.

The cottage of Rev. H. K. Smith of Exeter, is almost completed. President F. I. Foss is remodeling his cottage by the addition of fashionable verandas.

Rev. Willard Scott of Omaha, during his stay in Crete for a few days, let the contract for the Congregational headquarters, which will add wonderfully to the dignity of our grounds, as it is to be a fine building; also the contract for his own cottage.

Plans are on foot for a supply of good boats, say twenty-five or thirty, which shall have exclusive right to the assembly side of the river. This is a good idea to carry out, as many could not enjoy the pleasures of the river last year without waiting until thoroughly wearied, and until the desire for boating had passed. As such wants are realized they will be met by the hearty co-operation of the citizens of Crete to further every interest of the assembly. The want of better light was sadly felt last year and it is a question which may be settled most satisfactorily by carrying electric lights from the town. This question is being discussed and I doubt not our citizens will be entirely willing to bear the expense.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stephens, of Earl, Ill., with a grandson, Mr. Farrar, have come to spend some time, intending to remain until after commencement and the assembly. Their visit will be the occasion for a general family reunion. Mr. Farrar is looking toward Doane as his future alma mater. Should he decide in her favor he will remain until the fall term commences.

The S. L. C. met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. James Clarey. This being the last meeting of the year, it was very well attended. All back papers were brought in and the art programme completed. A table talk on Roman architecture, the pantheon and colliseum occupied the first half hour. Interesting papers were read by Miss Eyster, Mrs. F. B. Stephens, Miss Anna Reid, Mrs. E. O. Stebbins and Mrs. W. H. Barston, after which the secretary read a beautiful note from the Rev. W. F. Eyster in acknowledgment of the statuary recently presented him by the society. Another note was listened to with great pleasure from the secretary of the Round Table, bearing an invitation to the S. L. C.'s and their husbands to take tea with the Round Table June 3, at 6:30 p. m., at the residence of Mrs. D. B. Perry. The election of officers for next year resulted as follows: Mrs. James Clarey, president; Mrs. E. Brong, secretary; Mrs. E. O. Stebbins, treasurer, and Mrs. W. H. Barston, corresponding secretary. The committee to prepare a programme for the first meeting of next year, and to decide upon a course of study for the year, Mrs. George D. Stevens, Mrs. Welch and Miss Eyster. It was voted to have a society picnic on the Assembly grounds June 7, and the society adjourned to meet with Mrs. Welch Oct. 5, 1887.

The entertainment at the opera house last evening, given by the Irving society of the High School, well repaid the large audience gathered to witness the contest for the medals. The instrumental trio, James Prochaska violin, Harry Buchanan cornet, and Miss Grace Buchanan at the piano, was one of the best productions of the evening, and was so well appreciated by the audience that the performers were compelled to return and give another selection. The recitations given, in every instance showed much care and study in preparation, and not a little talent.

Railroad Prospects at Fairbury.

FAIRBURY, Neb., May 20.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—There is considerable excitement among the denizens of this bustling burg regarding railroad building at this time. A bond has been signed by over two-thirds of the voters that the city will vote to the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska—the Rock Island—the sum of $11,000 to aid in the extension of the Rock Island southwest to Bellville, Kan.; thence west to Denver. This pledge is given that the city will vote bonds for the reason that the railroad company want to go to work at once and cannot wait until an election can be called and bonds voted. We will be, in addition to the division point which we already are, a junction. The talk is that in addition to the southwest line the company will build this summer from Fairbury to Omaha via Lincoln. The railroad committee of the board of trade went to Wymore the other day to interview the officials of the Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern in regard to running through Fairbury, and were assured that the prospects were good. The officials are expected here next Monday to look us over and have promised to make a survey soon. Railroads will get so thick here soon that a man can't sleep nights because of the racket.

Town lots are in active demand and no let up on sales. Buildings are still going up and no mechanic is compelled to be idle for want of employment.

Work on the Fairbury and Stromsburg branch of the Kansas City & Omaha is being pushed. They have built a switch 2,500 feet long in the south part of the city and are piling up their material along the track.

A committee of citizens of Steele City are here to-day and are now in consultation with the railroad committee of the Fairbury board of trade. The subject of their consultation is a branch of the Santa Fe road from Topeka northwest through Clay Center and Washington, Kan., and Steele City and Fairbury, Neb. This is another railroad making entrance into our city and country. There is also a strong probability that the Rock Island will build north and south from Fairbury to Clay county, Kan., and connect their two lines. These two last schemes are rather new, and we don't know whether they will materialize or not, but we have considerable faith.

Asa Ray, an old settler and Free Mason, died to-day after a long and painful illness.

Our saloons contribute to the school and municipal funds the sum of $1,000 each, and there are five of them.

A Solid Young City.

NEWMAN GROVE, Neb., May 18.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—The Scribner and Oakdale branch of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railway completed the track through this place about a month ago, and in the course of two or three weeks will be into Oakdale on the main line west of Norfolk, and as soon as completed to that point regular trains will be put on. Until last fall Newman Grove was nothing but a little postoffice village, consisting of a blacksmith shop, general store and two or three residences. To-day nearly every branch of business is represented here, and by enterprising and wide-awake business men. Two elevators are now being erected. A first-class brickmaker is now putting in yards and will soon be able to furnish a No. 1 quality of brick. The dam for a grist and flouring mill is now being put in. The town is beautifully located in the Shell Creek valley, in the southwest part of Madison county. The country surrounding is as fine as there is in the state and is populated by a thrifty class of people, the majority Arenians, and the remainder Swedes and Norwegians. The lots first platted in Newman Grove have all been sold and another addition was laid out last week and nearly half of it has been sold already.

Crops are looking fine in this vicinity. Farmers rejoiced exceedingly over the showers of last week.

Waftings From Wahoo.

WAHOO, Neb., May 18.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—Yesterday afternoon while Mrs. Dr. Soule and her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Simpson, were out driving, a bolt holding the shafts in place came out, frightening the horse and causing him to run away and overturn the buggy, throwing both occupants out and dragging Mrs. Simpson some distance before she was freed from the wreck. She is badly bruised about the face and head, and has remained unconscious up to this writing. It is thought that she is injured internally and will scarcely survive. Mrs. Soule was also frightfully scratched and bruised, but her injuries are not of a serious nature.

The time of the district court since it opened Monday has been occupied principally with preliminary matters. The case of the Saunders County National bank vs Herman C. Te Poel, involving a question of commission and usury in a $4,000 loan, was submitted to the jury this morning and a verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount with interest was rendered.

In the case of the State vs Joseph Barrett, charged with selling intoxicating liquors without license, the defendant plead guilty and was fined $200 and costs. In the State vs John Lundin, charged with stealing his employer's pocket-book, containing $41 and other valuable papers, defendant plead guilty and was this morning sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

In case of the state vs J. J. Kelly, charged with burglarizing the gun store of James Morrison on the 3d of last January, the jury, after being out thirty-six hours, stood as at first, ten for acquittal, and was discharged. Charles Gibson, charged with malicious mischief, was acquitted by the jury. Court adjourned till Monday next.

Among the non-resident attorneys in attendance were J. J. O'Connor, of Omaha; N. C. Abbott and W. R. Kelly, of Lincoln; J. B. Hawley and E. F. Gray, of Fremont.

Reynolds' Matrimonial Event.

REYNOLDS, Neb., May 19.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—Last Sunday Mr. J. M. Hench led to the altar Miss Gertrude E. Parker, where they were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. Asby at the M. E. church of this city. Mr. Hench is a rising young attorney at this place, and since his advent here about eighteen months ago has made many friends, besides meeting her who will in future years be his comfort and helpmate. Miss Parker is the daughter of Judge W. C Parker, one of the most thrifty and enterprising merchants of Jefferson county. The affair was indeed a grand one, there being some 200 guests present, as per invitations previously sent, and the little church was crowded to its utmost capacity. After the ceremony the happy couple repaired to the residence of the bride's parents, where refreshments were served and congratulations tendered.

A Booming Colorado Town.

STERLING, Colo., May 18.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—The town is all excitement. A dozen business buildings are now in course of erection, and more would be under way if there were carpenters to do the work. Several large brick blocks are to be put up as soon as brick is burnt, which will be in two or three weeks. Business men are eagerly seeking locations for every branch of business. Trains are crowded with settlers going on to government land, and many are coming by team. Real estate men are crowded with work. Work on the new Burlington grade both east and west is being pushed with the greatest possible speed. The force is being increased as rapidly as men and teams can be procured. Four new additions to the town are being laid off this week. Capitalists are eagerly seeking investments, and sales of real estate are daily increasing in numbers and value.

Grant's Splendid Prospects.

GRANT, Neb., May 20.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—Several months ago Grant nestled down on the plains of Keith county, twenty miles south of Ogalolla, and began to grow into a fair young village, and with great expectations awaited the extension of the Holdrege branch of the B. & M. railroad.

A great many people in the eastern and central portions of the state had an eye on Grant, and speculation was rife as to the probability of it ever being a railroad town. A great many thought that the B. & M. would not push further west than Curtis, in Frontier county, for at least two years to come, and then the construction of the extension would not exceed forty miles per year. Ah, but man, in his shrewdness, could not see all, nor foretell all.

The gentle winds that come up to us from the Mississippi valley and across from the lakes brought to us a plentiful rainfall and wafted to our doors the daring and venturesome "prairie schooners" in such numbers that the wide stretching plains of South Keith became thickly dotted with the cabins of the settler, with a rapidity that seemed like magic. The demand for fuel and the luxuries of life became so great that it become the part of wisdom and justice, to immediately push the road on into this veritable Eden of western Nebraska, and as we write the thud of the shovel, the clink of the spike driver, "the heave o hea" of the linemen and the throbbing pulse of the engine, that is bringing us a new life are only forty miles away and coming at the marvelous rate of two miles per day.

The Lincoln land and townsite company have just platted 165 acres adjoining the present site, and lots will be put on the market immediately. The platted and non-platted portion of the site comprises 1,020 acres of as fine laying land as was ever embodied in a town site in all Nebraska.

There is now located at Grant two banks, two general stores, two hardware, one grocery and one notion store, one hotel, two livery stables, three lumber yards, two law firms and four real estate offices; also two drug stores and ten residences.

Petitions are now in circulation for a division of the county on a compromise line and the division is assured, giving us a new county twenty-one miles in width by forty-two miles in length, which will in all probability result in making Grant a county seat.

The 1886 crop of Keith county was of the best in the state, her products that were on exhibition at the Omaha fair taking first premium.

An immense amount of grain has been and is being planted this spring, and the prospects are quite flattering for good crops of all kinds.

Settlers are jubilent, and, in fact, everyone, including the newcomer of yesterday, wears a broad smile and chuckles with delight as he anticipates the continuance of the good time that is now upon us. Come to South Keith and grow up with Grant. CEMCE.

Iowa Prison Statistics.

ANAMOSA, Ia., May 17.—[Correspondence of the BEE.]—The following are the latest statistics of the penitentiary: There is now 1 prisoner in for 22 years, 1 for 21 years, 2 for 20, 3 for 15, 4 for 10, 4 for 8, 3 for 7, 4 for 6, 16 for 5, 11 for 4, 6 for 3, 36 for 3, 38 for 2, 35 for 1, 42 for 1, 23 for 6 months:

The oldest convict is eighty-five years of age and is in for life, being the first man in the prison sent from Cedar Rapids, for killing his wife. He and another man's wife made an arrangement between themselves that he was to kill his wife and she her husband. When the time came for carrying out their conspiracy the female lost her courage and failed to fill her part of the contract; but he killed his wife and is now nearing the completion of his sentence at the hand of death, as he is very feeble and in poor health. The youngest convict is sixteen years of age.

The following is their religious training: Congregational 8, Christion 11, Reformed 5, United Brethren 6, Adventist 2, Episcopal 9, Protestant 3, Presbyterian 25, Lutheran 16, Jewish 1, Baptist 24, Methodist 72, Catholic 68, infidels 2. Thirty-two are in for burglary, 90 in for larceny, manslaughter 10, obtaining money under false pretenses 5, robbery 6, passing forged notes 5, rape 3, adultery 3. There are 12 females in the prison.

The South Omaha Land company have appointed C. E. Mayne sole agent for the sale of their lots. He will show the property and furnish all desired information upon application.

[Signed] W. A. PAXTON, President.

General John Stark, of revolutionary fame, is about to have a monument erected in his memory, the town of Manchester, N. H., having recently subscribed $5,000 for that purpose.

Sawdust only is used by an Oregon flouring-mill in the generation of steam. It would cost $100 a day to feed the furnaces of the mill with coal, while with sawdust it costs only $59 a day.

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Vegetables are arriving from the south at northern markets. One Charleston steamer brought 4,000 quarts of strawberries, marrowfat peas, cabbage and other vegetables.

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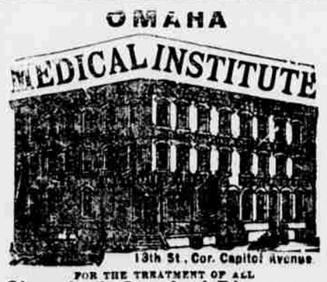

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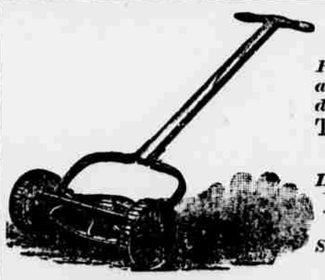

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