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ing cordially invited to attend.

R. B. FULTON, N. G. JNO. R. MITCHELL, Sec'y.

LOCAL MATTERS. 4400

Bloomington, Jan. 1st '75 ATTORNEY AT LAW the second A Sketch of its Population, Build-- . Nebraska. ings, etc., etc., etc.,

Republican Valley, buy and sell real estate, A Good Showing for a Town NOT FIVE Months Old.

Our reporter employed the waning hours of the expiring year in looking Ex-Gov. John M. Palmer, Springfield, Ill. around town and in enumerating the population, number of buildings and business firms now on the town site of our thriving little village. We think the showing is such as will compare very favorably with any town in the west, especially when it is considerd that this promising infant is scarce five months and this too in the face of the

George Wilson, Esq, one of Thayer F. Gardner, and Wm. Blakely. Fre- E. W. TINKHAM, Bloomington Neb. ve editor, gave us a call Sunday last, and | ing the next convention. left a nice viece of Buffalo meat, for which

our thanks are returned. He was coming from a hunt, and reported the capture of thirteen of the natives of the plains.

Rev Thomas Muxlow, gave us a pleasant call one day last week. We had for the success which must attend an some knowledge of the gentleman at industrious and worthy people in but a Neb. City soon after his arrival in this comparatively short future. While we countryfrom England, and are gratified to have all met with more or less disapknow that this county has been fortunate pointment during the old year, let us beenough to secure him as a citizen; he is gin the new one with a strong determinan able speaker Let all turn out to the ation to do our part to make the coming meeting Saturday and Sunday week

Republican City, at the Christmas treeflet is be thankful that it is no worse, and in this place last Friday evening. The remember that we are at the mercy of Doctor is a very genial gentleman and kan Alwise Providence, who has designed appeared to enjoy the festivities of the all things for the best. We are now but occasion highly. He showed his liber- lingeting, as it were, in the darkest hour ality by subscribing for the GUARD for before the dawn ot a cloudless sky, and six months.

With the beginning of the year is a good time to subscribe for your county paper. Try it three or six months and see how you like it.

The bridge bond election last week carried-over the left.

Spelling School at the Betts school house next Friday evening

The State apportionment of school

county's live citizens, and an friend of mont was the place fixed upon for hold-

Happpy New Year.

The GUARD comes greeting to its numerous readers this week and wishes them all a Happy New Year, throughseason reap for us a just reward. It is true we have been cut short for the pres-We were pleased to meet Dr. Rich, of ent in on rapid strides of progress, but if we but resolve to push forward in the right, we shall soon find ourselves standing in the bright rays of a mid-day sun, surrounded by one of gardens of eden of the earth. The GUARD hopes to continue its visits to the households of the

-Dear Sir-There will be 51 bbls Flour; 2 bbls Groceries; 18 sacks Meal; 1 sack Beans; 4 boxes Clothing, and bel Clothing, sent to Lowell, for J. Cruises Jr., in your care. Please act in conjunction with him in the distribution. Yours &c., O. N. BAMSEY, Sec.

buard.

MR. TINKHAM:

Dear Sir-We have made a close canvars of this precinct, and find there are fortyout. Let us now, one and all, begin four (41) faulties and hid these are follow anew; liven up our energies and strive ing of two hundred and forty 410 (245) persons. Twenty families that have from 20 to 39 day's supplies.

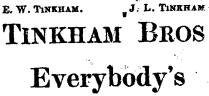
Yours, &c., A. J. WESTON, Sec.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by the undersigned living three miles south of Bioomington, 1 Texas steer, supposed to be 10 years old, light brindle color; branded ou the loft with W S; a crop off the left ear and upper bit in the same place. Also one Red Heifer, three years old; a white spot in the face, also white in each flack but no other marks with the each flank, but no other marks perceivable Taken up on the 20th day of Nov. J. W STINSON

SALOON. FRED'S NEBRASLA. BLOOMINGTON KOELMAN & ANDRA, Propr's.

Fresh Wines and Liquors and good Cigars, constantly on hand. The public are invited to give us a cail. West side of Public Square.



At the Stevens House last Christmas

1875.

county, and have an occasional word of

encouragement for all, and to see a great

change for the better, during the year

The Christmas Tree.

L. M. MOULTON. Attorney at Law. Notary Public AND Probate Judge of Franklin County. Will attend to legal business in this and adjoining counties. Office at the County Seat. ARCHIBALD K. KINNEAR. NOTARY FUBLIC. Real Estate Agent, + AND AUCTIONEER. All business strictly attended to and all correspondence promptly answered. Special attention given to payment of taxes. Collection and real estate practice. Riverton, Franklin county, Neb. 84y1. J. J. SHAFFER,

Justice of the Peace and COLLECTION AGENT, Bloomington, Blank Deeds, Mortgages and all other

legal blanks on hand. All legal papers cor-18-6m.* rectly filled out.

D. VAN ETTEN. Attorney and Counsellor at Law, Real Estate and Patent Office Agent, Civil Engineer and Draughtsman, Plano, Topographical, Architectural, Perspective, Bridge and Patent Office Plans drawr. Estimates made. BLOOMINGTON, FRANKLIN, CO., NEB. J. N. LUCAN.

old, and this too in the face of the The State apportionment of school ty good and substantial buildings, con- reach the different districts. sisting of commodious residences, store rooms, offices, etc., etc. There are three

store, a saloon, a billiard hall; a livery ance to those who wish to go east other stable, a jewelry shop, one meat market. | than by the B. & M. a shoe shop and a blacksmiths shop. There are six practicing attorneys, five | Way, our hardware merchant, has and surgeon and a practical civil engine shelving the same. The new shop will eer. A good steam saw mill is in con- be put up forthwith, and this will be unclass quality of native lumber.

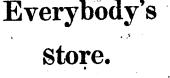
The Presbyterian, Methodist and tive and successful progression. An accompanied by the sender's name. interesting and instructive literary society is held weekly, and frequent irregnature.

Bloomington has an industrious and counties, and is in excess of any previous inlelligent population numbering about amount, but it will be nearly a mounth one hundred and fifty people; some fif- before it can be got in such shape as to

We understand that the mail from general stocks of merchandlise, one gro- this place is to run to Kearney in the cery and confectionary store, a drug future direct, a fact of no little import-

who deal in real estate, one physician received his hardware, and Greer is busy kind in the Valley.

At the Stevens House last Christmas Bloomington. The tree was a nice cedar. reaching to the ceiling of the dining room, and bore evidence of old Santa Clause's presence to tip of every bow, some of which were costly while others were not, but calculated to be useful as respectfully solicit a continuance of the well'as ornamental. About eight in the evening those present were seated in the sortment of room and Mr. Harman acted as proxy in the absence of old Santa, in distributing the presents. In this capacity he is a success and made it pass off right nicely. After the tree was cleared, the Groceries, Hats, and in pleasant conversation, in the sittinued operation turning out a first doubtedly one of the best stores of the itg room until supper was announced, when they surrouded the tables and were served with an oyster supper that did Missionary Baptists have an organization We have been a little late for the more than equal credit to the occasion, Neb. in the town, and public services are reg- past two weeks for various reasons; but after which the following toasts were ularly held by each. The preliminary it is our intention to issue promptly given: The day we commemorate + by D. steps have been made for the erection every Friday evening in the future. L. Ashby; The first settlers of Frankof a suitable church edifice and the Those who wish to contribute to the pa- lin county-by Judge L. M. Moulton; successful operation of a sabbath school. per should bear this in mind and hand Nebraska, the Youngest State in the A neat and comfortable school house has in their manuscript by Thursday night Union-by E. S. chadwick; Our Bachbeen erected and a good school in ac- of each week, all of which should be elor Friends-by F. A. Harman; The & C., & C. Ladies-by J. D. calhoun; Our Sister city, Republican city-by Dr. Rich of Our Congress is pushing right ahead. | that place; The Old Year-by Geo. W. ular meetings of a social and amusing Nearly every State is represented. Sev- Shepard, all of which were made intereral important bills, resolutions, etc., esting. Then the tables were cleared away



Returning our thanks for past favors, we patronage we have received while here, and shall aim to have at all times a full as-

Dry Goods, Boots, shoes,

Hardware,

Queensware,

Give us a call before purchasing, and we will do our best by your

	J. N. LUCAS,	nature.	eral important bills, resolutions, etc.,	esting. Then the tables were clearedaway	GRANGER'S STORE.
•	A tt ⁹ y at Law w, Offices at Republican City, Harian co.			and a few quadrilles were danced, when the company disbursed, feeling that their	
	will attend to Legal Business in Frank-	the established firtures of the country	of Wis alias Frank Kish Clerk.	first christmas tree in Bloomington was	NEW GOODS
	Will attend to Legal Business in Frank-	It is the county seat of Franklin county.	Crounse of Neb., alias W. M. Davis	a success.	MIN GOODS
	lin county. 18	contains the U.S. Land office of the	Treas.; Gunther of Ark., alias Thomas		
	C. R. TOWNSEND,	Republican Valley land district, and	Mullen, Teller, and Lewis of Alabama,	A meeting of the citizens of Bloom-	AT
	House, Sign and Ornamental	altogether the place presents one of the	alias Wm. Moran, Sergeant At Arms:	ington, Franklin Co. Neb., was held at	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	Painter,	most promising outlooks of any village	All are invited to attend. Meet Thurs-	the school house in said town on the	Grongon's
	BLOOMINGTON, NEB. 49*4	in the west.	day evening of each week at the school	26th inst. for the purpose of soliciting	
			house, Bloomington.	the necessary grain for feed and seed for	Prices.
	KVAN WORTHING. C. H. WALKER. G. W. SHEPPARD.	The weather for several days has been.	RIVERTON ITEMS.	the purpose of seeding the county.	
	WORTHING, SHEPPARD, & Co.	decidedly winterish.		On motion, E. Utter, was chosen as	
		A nice little snow, of some two or	Republican river bridge is completed	chairman and John Earsom secretary, Motion made by E. Haines that S.	Having recently moved to new quarters
	BANKERS.	three inches in depth, fell on the eve of	and ready for crossing.—Thompson creek bridge also completed.—Boss		and received a full invoice of new goods, I wish to call the attention of my old cus-
•		last Wednesday.	Cook and his man have gone to Red	Bush to solicit aid for the destitute of	tomers and the public generally, to the fact
	Bloemington, Nebraska, Office on First Floor U. S. Land Office	Attention is called to the new proc-	Cloud to drive piles in Webster County	Sheridan precinct. Moved by S. Peery	that I am bound to sell more goods for less money than any other store in Frank-
	Building.	lamation of the commissioners regarding	sandCommissioner Pugsley and Dor-	that E. Utter be requested to write back	lin county.
	Buy and sell Home and Foreign D1	bridges across the Republican.	sev. Tinkham and McDonald were in	to his friends to solicit aid. Moved by	My stock consists of
	Receive Deposits, and do a Gene	Mr. T. T. Rice, of Ash Grove pre-	town Friday; they pronounced the bridge	John Earsom that J. W. Darby be ap-	
	Hanking business. County and School Bonds	cinct, called Saturday and left a two dol-	a successWm. Ashburn, who has	pointed general distributing agent for	Dry Goods, Groceries,
	Bought or Negotiated at the Highest Market	lar William for the GURAD, that he	been sick with the fever, is convalescent	the society. On motion, J. F. Pugsley,	Clothing, Hats. Caps.
	Rates.	might know what is going on in the Co.	-The saw mill of Thompson & Phillips	S. Peery and Wm. Loyd were appointed to assist in such distribution. John	
	567 Blank Bonds on hand for the use of County and School District Officers. 44.	Bloomington needs a good harness	Is doing a good pusiness. Uncle will.	Brown was instructed to solicit aid on	
		maker, one that is industrious will do		his return east. It was resolved that	
.•	Notice Is hereby given that I will examine all	well to turn his attention this way soon.	House, and source O'Sullivan at Pacific.	the proceedings of this meeting be pub-	&c. &c.
	persons who may desire to offer themselves	Kizer has received an invoice of		lished in the Bloomington Guard.	+
	as candidates for teachers in this (Frank in) county, on the 1st Saturday of eac	clocks.	bridge proposition all O K.	E. UTTER, Cha'n.	+
	in) county, on the 1st Saturday of eac month, at Bloomington, in said county and such other times and places as neces		PLUG UGLY.	J. EARSOM, Sec.	I have a splendidlot of Dress Goods, such
	ity may require. Examination to com-	The Lowell Register is received again this time with patent inside. F. M.	The State Grange in session at Lin-	The following notices have been re-	ALPACAS. POPLINS. MERENOS,
	mence at 9 o'clock a. m. CYRUS B. CHILDS,	Comstock is its present aditor,. Long	coln last week elected the following offi-	ceived by Mr. Tinkham, county agent at	SCOTCH PLAIDS.
	Co. Supt. Pub. Inst.	may it live.	cers for the ensuing year:	this place, of supplies that are on the way	And many other new and fashionable
	Dated this 1st day of Sept. 1874.	John N. Brown of this place has	Master W. B. Porter, of Cass coun-	to the needy of this county. The first	And many other new and memories.
	Notice.	gone east to solicit aid for this county.	ty; Overseer, Wm. Stolley, of Hall;	lot of enprise come from the State Aid	
	1 would respectfully notify the public that	•	Lecturer, J. W. Skiles, of Antelope;	Socity, while the latter is an indepen-	A very large lot of
	1 am now prepared to do all kinds of	Vancil keeps a choice stock of staple	Stewart, F. J. Han, of Saunders, As-	dent invoice, shipped to the county by	•
	BLACK SMITHING. Axes and other edged tools repaired, and	and fancy groceries at the Illinois Store.	sistant Stewart, B. F. Smith, of Adams Chaplain, David Reed, of Gage; Treas-	Delaware Co. Iowa people, in charge of	BOOtS & Shoes.
	warranted. Give me a call.	The Franklin County Seed Aid Soci-	urer, Horace Taylor, of Lancaster; Sec-	Mr. J. Cruise, Jr., who will act on be-	
	M. V. WORTHINGTON, Bioonnington, Neb.	ety have perfected their organization		half of the donars in conjunction with the Aid Society, State and County, in get-	For men women and children,
	Illinois Store.	and sent out statements and circulars of the needs of the county, and solicit-	Gate-keeper, F. A. Burdick, of Harlan;	ting this liberal donation to these most	
		ing contributions for the same. *	Ceres, Mrs. D. McKinnon, of Saunders	needy. We shall have more full report	Have the best stock of
	STEVENS HOUSE	5	Pomona, Mis. C. C. Chapin, of Fill-	next week :	GLOVES and MUTIENS in the Re- publican Valley,
	-	A most exciting rabbit chase occured	,,		
	SIMON S. DOW, Proprietor,	in town on New Year's morning, viewed by a large number of citizens. The	<u><u></u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u>	CMAHA NEB., Drc. 26th 1874. E. W. TINEHAM, ESQ., Bloomington Neb.	From the finest Kid to the heaviest Buck and Sheep.
	BLOOMINGION, - NEBRASKA	redoubtable "Gip" overhauled the long	Nemaha. Several vacancies were filled in the executive committee constitut-	 Dear Sir_ I shipped to Lowell ob 10 - 2500. 	Can and Examine 19 8
	Every accommodation afforded by a first-	eared gent but Jack found refuge in a	ing it as follows: Allen Root H A		SOL. MALES.
	elass house. Stage leaves this house daily or all points north, east and west. 10	Prairie Dog hole	ing it as follows: Allen Root, H. A. Bruno, D. S. Gibbs, D. F. Moore, J.	O. N. RAMSET, Sec.	Bloomington Near
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Bloomington Guard.

A Miss Garrettson a lady of education and ability, was recently elected Lecturer of the Iowa State Grange.

From Riverton.

The address of Miss Julia Abbott, Delivered in the School House, in Riv e ton. on the night of Christmas, 1874. Gentlemen, Lacies, Children. Friends and Fellow Citizens,-Let us rejoice that

we are here to night, to enjoy the blessings of the Eigteen Hundred and Seven ty-Fourth Anniversary of the birth of our Redeemer, and participate in the pleasures this great festival is sure to bring.

The means at our disposal may not a low us to celebrate Christmas as well a we would wish to, nor permit us to bring that celebration up to the standard of what the rich and great, snugly ensconced in palatial residences, would call a celebration, but we can enjoy ourselves just as well, if we only take a common-sense view of life in all its bearings, and look upon ourselves as only acting our part in the mighty DRAMA.

Enjoyment does not consist in the world's treasurers we prossess, neither does real misery belong to the poor, for this world is just what we make it. In the face of this fact, then let us enjoy ourselves to-night, because it is a night of joy. Hear the Angels talking with the Shepards,- 'Behold! we bring you tidings of great jov; Peace on earth, and good will to all men." Hear the Angelic Choir singing, Hosanaha; let us join them in their Anthems. It is meet: it is proper; it is innocent, and that which is innocent shold be our first and only study, as the God of nature has made it our duty.

Through the length and breadth of this broad free land, from the President to the humble pioneer in his lowly-hut, standng on the line between civilization and barbarism. In every nation of civilized Europe, from the Monarch on the throne. whose will is absolute, to the simple peasant, ready to swear by their master. | On motion apiourned till 8 o'clock a m.

ccived and account allowed on the same tto-wit; and order to be drawn and poll ax to be receipted on road dist No. 10 received and accounts allowed to-wit:

N L Whitney 7 days as enperviser 2 50 \$5. On motion the report of C E Bud- is entitled to the assests of the late tirm. long road supervisor dist. No. 7 received and accounts allowed to-wit: CE Budlong warning out hands dist. 7. \$5; same 3 days supervisor 2 50 per day \$7 50.

On motion the report of S C Horton was received and accounts allowed: Team 14 days, \$2 per day \$3; S C Horton 3 and a half days 2 50 per day \$8 75; same contracting for 3 scrapers \$2.00. On motion the report of Asaph Perry road comm'r. dist. 3 was accepted, and road declared public high' way according to said plat in town 2 range 16 west acts allwd to-wit A Perry commr 7 days \$3 per day \$21 00 T. F. Ashby surveyor 4 ds 5 ** 20 00 S S Phelps chainman 2 1-2 ds \$2 p d 5 00 J G Correll 5 00 6.6 5 00 A M deClercq axman 2

N E Phelps flagman 2

** 5 00 On motion petition of N E Phelps and four others to vacate a section line road commencing at the SE corner of section 10 town 2 range 16 west and running to NE cor. of said section in said town and range, the same not being practicable for a road; seconded and carried. On motion the damages claimed by R J E Hays for cutting trees, laid over till next meeting. The assessor of Grant precinct omitted to assess sections 1 & 2 in town 1 range 14 west, in the year 1874 and the Board of Commissioners ordered the Clerk to insert said sections in the tax list of said year, and also to place the said sections one and two at \$450 per and publisher of The Bloomington Guard be authorized to publish the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners in tull as recorded in Commissioners Record, at half legal rates. J.F. Pugsley made a motion to reduce the license for the sale of Malt.Spirituous and Vinous liquors to be placed at the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, which was seconded by B Ashburn, and the motion being put before the Board, J F Pugsley and B Ashburn voted in favor of reduction and C C Dake against. On motion the commr's decided to 'issue certificates of indebtedness to pay out standing debts of the said county of Franklin, said certo draw 10 per ct. per annum from date of

issue and to be numbered as issued, the the oldest account first as near as practicable, Daniel Geiger preferred charges against B Ashburn, Co Comm'r as follows to-wit: First for habitual drunkennese: Second for receiving bribes: Third for malfesance and corruption, and for mal-administration in office; Fourth for grose partiality and oppression.

Dissolution Notice

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Henry L. Stevens and S. S. Dow, doing business un-der the firm name of Stevens & Dow, at Bloomington Neb., is this 41h day of Dec. per day \$17 50; same for 14 trees furnish- 1874, dissolved by mutual consent. The ed for bridges. \$7 00; J D Gage for business will be conducted in the future by timber to build bridge across Crow creek | S. S. Dow, who assumes the liabilities and Dated this 4th day of Dec 1874.

HENRY L. STEVENS. 8. 8. Dow.

The former patrons of the Stevens House, and all others, will find the same good attention and are respectfully solicited to give S. S. DOW. me a call when in town.

TAKE NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Bloomington, Neb.,

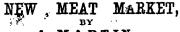
William E. Bower, having on this 10th day of December A. D., 1874, made application to enter the northwest quarter of Section No. thirteen in Township No. three north of Range nineteen west, under the provisions of the Homestead act of 1862; and finding upon the records of this office that Melmoth D. Trim has also filed a Preemption Claim on the same tract, I do hereby notify the said parties that I have appointed the 20th day of January 1875, as a day of hearing in the premises. On that day all parties in interest will appear at this office and show cause why the said William E Bower should not be allowed to perfect an entry of said land.

O. H. WALKER. Register.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up as an Estry, by the subscriber. at his residence in Sheridan township, in Franklin County, Nebraska, on the 19th day of November 1874. I have taken up a cow and calf. The cow is about six years old, red with partly line back with white acre. On motion Ralph K. Hill editor belley and small hornes. The Calf is a steer about four months old, red with spotted face, which I intend to have appraised according to the Statute in such case made and provided.

Dated the 19th day of Nov. 1874. 11-3 M. S. MORLAN.



A. MARTIN,

BLOOMINGTON, - - NEBRASKA, Fresh Meats of all kinds constantly on hand, of the best quality, and furnished as cheap as the cheapest. The public are invited to give me strial before purchasing elsewhere.

Shop one door west of the U. S. land office.

H. S. BARNUM. Pioneer Livery Stable,

