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LOCAL MATTERS.

River low.
Rain at Riverton the other evening.
Considerable travel.
Nights cool and pleasant.
Mosquitoes not so bad of late.
Vance! landed in a fine lot of rad-
ishes to-day.
Wheat will soon be ready for the
alkali.
Corn shoulder high.
Olds about to erect a good build-
ing in town.

Expected to move the GUARD of-
fice into McGowan's new build-
ing. It will have the most elevated
view of the valley.

Observed it was hot?
Just returned with a sup-
ply of Julyables.

Guarants, blackberries, apples
now here.

Moulton presented Gid Pugsly with
a link eagle, the emblematic bird of
the country. He is just big enough to
shake of his hash freely and
eat the goods.

Well left a good specimen of
our office yesterday.

Creek school district has
a school bond election, and have
nothing to do with it.

Business growing in town,
Candies at Vance!'s.
Bloomington will now build in earn-
est. Look out for the best town on the
valley—'tis not all moonshine this time.
From what we can learn Bloomington
has more friends in the county now
than she ever had before.
Farmers, don't fail to step in and see
Vance!, when you go to Bloomington.

There is hardly an hour in the
day at any time but that the streets of
Bloomington are full of teams, and the
hitching posts in front of the stores full
of horses. This has something like the
appearance of business.

The Turkey Creek Grange has
received its regalia, and the members
are coming down to celebrate the 4th
at Bloomington.

Supervisor Peery has been busy
this week on the road just west of town,
and what may possibly remain undone
in putting the road in good travelling
order is no fault of his, as those work-
ing out their poll-tax well understand.

The Riverton boys of the bat
were down at Red Cloud, Saturday, and
took a friendly game with boys of that
place, and were only beaten three runs.
The Red Clouders are pretty good play-
ers, but the Bloomington boys think
they can get away with them.

THE FOURTH.

Next Saturday is the Fourth of July,
the 98th anniversary of our National In-
dependence. This is the happiest day
of all the year, and the one we look to
with great pride. For almost a hun-
dred years we have stood as a free nation
before the world, and from a small con-
federation of thirteen States there has
been a steady outgrowth of freedom
that reaches from ocean to ocean and
even far beyond. The capability of a
free government to maintain an exist-
ence has been fully proven by the severest
test known to nations. The ship of state
rode the storm tossed waves in triumph,
though her captain was washed over-
board and she was left for a time in the
care of incompetent officers.

Let us cherish the memory of those
who laid the foundation upon which
all our institutions have been built and
others are building. For, in truth,
we as a people of every class, enjoy a
wider berth of freedom than any other
upon earth. Therefore let us celebrate.

Franklin is, we learn, getting up
a joint stock company, for a newspaper.
This makes the third or fourth effort
of theirs to get a paper, and they are scour-
ing the county o'er both far and near,
gathering the promises of nickle contri-

While we look upon the advantages our
county has over her neighbors in the fu-
ture, we must not forget the present.
The surest sign of the healthy state of her
constitution, is the interest her people
take in the matter of school house building.
Every district, either has a school house,
or, is seriously agitating the question of
how to get one. The people seem to be
alive to the importance of educating the
young, or at least, placing the means of do-
ing so within their reach; and, this spirit
does not appear to be confined to those
people having children alone, but to all
persons without distinction, married or
single. From this we should infer that the
class of people who have settled up this
county, understand the value of educa-
tion. That they are not of those who
make speculation in land their prime hob-
by, nor care what the result of the future
will be, provided they can enhance the
value of their present holdings so far as to
enable them to sell at a high figure as early
as possible, but persons who came here
solely to build homes and a permanency for
the future dependence for themselves and
families.

There is no other consideration of great-
er importance to a homeseeker with chil-
dren, than how to find land convenient to
a school house. There is nothing which a
parent can bestow on a child, less cumber-
some or of more benefit to it through life
than education. Beside this heaven-sent
gift to man, every other acquirement is of
no account. The miser drunk with the
glitter of his hoarded wealth in ignorance is
not half so rich as the poor man, having a

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INDEPENDENT

Readers.

Capt. P'erson and others are ex-
pected this way shortly.

Salutes at sunrise on the 4th by
the artillery.

Go to Vancil's New Store for your
groceries.

If we had a section of our old bat-
tery, the 1st Iowa, during the Fourth,
it would evidently rain by night, or else
some one cremated.

Getting dry.

Mr. Stevens started yesterday to
Lowell for lumber.

Males has weatherboarded his
store building. Bloomington is fast im-
proving in appearance.

Elder Townsend has harvested
his rye. It is reported as being quite
good.

Eansom will have his reaper on
hand by Monday ready for business.

It is feared that some of the wheat
in this section is going to be light on ac-
count of the dry weather, but as far as
we are able to judge, with the exception
of a few pieces that were sown too thin,
we believe the greater portion of the
wheat is filling all right. Corn is not
yet suffering, and it is very seldom a 4th
of July goes by without rain.

Mr. F. M. Diinnuy, State agent
for the National School Furniture Co.,
and his brother are in town. Mr. D. is
making proposition to our school board
for the erection of a school house. If it
is anything near what is wanted, we ad-
vise them to take him up.

Quite flattering news about the
land office has been received.

Our friends down the road need
not flatter themselves in regard to their
holding the county books and property
with their appeal—may be they can,
maybe they can't. The last is the most
probable.

Vancil keeps the best stock of staple
and fancy groceries in the county.

The men and boys of this vicinity
turned out in good number yesterday.

The Kansas Stage Co. entered
upon their line of duty to carry the U.
S. Mail from Lowell to Orleans via
Franklin, Bloomington and Republican
City, yesterday. They have a good out-
fit, good coaches and horses and will
make regular trips once a day each way
to the convenience and comfort of the
traveling public. The time has also
been changed, by which means we are
enabled to get our mail on the same day
it leaves Lowell. Instead of having to
wait till the next as heretofore. Taking
it altogether, we are well pleased with
the appearance of this arrangement, as it
advances our new country from the wilds
of savagdom another step farther to-
ward civilization and its improvements.
For the present we are satisfied with
the old-fashioned stage coach.

We are in receipt of the July Al-
dine, which contains a very fine collec-
tion of thirteen pictures, all fine works
of art. We have only space for a cas-
ual glance at a few of them: "A storm
in the mountains," full of the midsum-
mer splendor and action of a July thun-
der storm; "Watt and the Kettle;"
three charming pictures of Pennsylv-
ania scenery is turned to, then we have
a fine representation of "An Indian
Scout," then "A Connoisseur" shows
the interior of an artist's studio, and re-
veals a whole volume of romance at a
glance. "Our Pef," a fine profile.
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graphic view of a fight at sea, where the
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ors are leaping overboard. Three views
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School officers need not be de-

liberal education, and here are going to make
a desperate effort to have one this time at
all and every cost. That's right, wade
in, but unless you continue your liber-
ality as profusely as you promise, God
help the poor printer devil you may in-
tice to take it.

We are in receipt of a marked
copy of "The Cattle Trail," a weekly
paper published at Kansas City, Mo.,
and is devoted to the interests of the
live stock market. It contains an arti-
cle under the head of "A New Enter-
prise," which, it alleges, will be the
means of adding millions of dollars to the
wealth of the Lone Star State. It be-
lieves that thoroughbreds can be suc-
cessfully introduced in Texas, notwith-
standing the many failures to do so here-
tofore. Messrs. Mathews, Kingsbury
& Co., live stock commission merchants
of that place, undismayed by the former
bad success of those who have attempted
to cross the common herds of Texas with
thoroughbreds, have entered into the
business and feel confident that they
have discovered a safe way to introduce
Durhams into Texas without loss.

A boy 16 years old was mowing with a
sythe. A little sister, three years old,
was sitting in the tall grass unobserved
by the brother, who mowed on, and
finally struck the point of the sythe in
the neck of the little one, cutting the
throat from ear to ear. This happened
in Highland presinct, Lancaster Co.,
as we quote from the Journal.

It seems that there are some persons
left yet who are either given over to
carelessness or indulge in high exer-
citations, as per example a Phillips-
burger, in a letter to the Sentinel, gives
the synopsis of a buffalo hunt and a wolf
fight he and a couple others got into
lately. They first killed a bull on the
47th shot, then a cow—dropped guns
and walked up to her, and then had to
cut dirt in a lively manner for a quarter

liberal education, and here are going to make
a desperate effort to have one this time at
all and every cost. That's right, wade
in, but unless you continue your liber-
ality as profusely as you promise, God
help the poor printer devil you may in-
tice to take it.

Aside from the subject of school houses,
there is another consideration of vital im-
portance to every intending settler having
their future welfare in view in this county.
It is the fact that no intoxicating liquors
are sold therein. This one fact alone ought
to be sufficient recommendation for our
county to every wellmeaning man. This
parasite that gnaws at the root of every so-
cial institution, with us is dead; and if the
commissioners of this county, had no other
quality that would deserve the thanks of
the people, this one act of theirs alone, has
merit in it, that should not soon be forgot-
ten.

The parent with a growing family, and
who desires to see that family brought up
away from the temptations and vices at-
tending drunkenness, can find no safer as-
ylum to take them to, than Franklin
county, where every facility is afforded
him for their education, and where the
boon companion of his child cannot be a
drunkard. Where morality and intelli-
gence are the leading characteristics of the
people. Where vice and folly are unknown
and where good example in the field of in-
dustry may be copied from off the faces of
the communities at large.

These are some of the moral advantages
we can offer at present to every homesee-
ker coming among us, and every sensible man
will say they are no mean ones either.
While the natural productiveness of the
soil cannot be disputed—capable of growing
to perfection anything that can be raised
within the belt of the temperate zone—with
a climate so healthy that sickness and death
are scarcely known, and where building
material is so abundant and cheap, that
the man of limited means can erect himself
a comfortable building suited to his wants,
for half the outlay required elsewhere

To remind those, living here, of these
things, is unnecessary, because they know
them to be facts. For them this is not
intended; it is for those who look to the
press for a light to guide them, that they
may know the hope within us.

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Notice IS HEREBY GIVEN,
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persons who may desire
to offer themselves as candidates for teach-
ers of the primary or common schools of
this (Franklin) county, on the 1st Saturday
of February, May, August, and Novem-
ber at Franklin; at my office in Riverton
on 1st Saturday of all other months, or such
other times and places as necessity may re-
quire. Regular examinations commencing
at 9 o'clock a. m.

Dated this 8th day of January, 1874.

CYRUS B. CHILDS,
Co. Supt. Pub. Inst.

FOR SALE—A FIRST CLASS YOKE
of work cattle are offered for sale at a
bargain for the next 30 days. Enquire
of J. W. Gehr, living three miles east of
Franklin.

Telegraphic.

Milwaukee, June 37-

About fifty persons were injured by
the blowing over of the tents of Fore-
pugh's circus at Point Washington to-
day.

Columbus June 26.

A report from Starsville, O., states
that the union coal miners to-day com-
pelled other miners to abstain from work
by threats of hanging.

turned out in good number yesterday.
and under the efficient direction of Supts
Haynes and Earsom, the frame work of
a commodious arbor was erected on the
fair ground. The covering of the arbor
has been deferred until to-morrow at-
ternoon, in order to have the boughs as
fresh and green as possible for the 4th.
Those having tents or wagon covers to
lend for the occasion will confer a great
favor on the committee by bringing
them in to assist in making a good shade.

It is a nice thing to have a news-
paper in a town, but it isn't a very nice
thing for a newspaper to be in a town
that can't support it. But the county
seat ring is getting desperate, and like
the boy after the woodchuck, they are
out of meat and they MUST have one.

A little information has just been
received at this office that would be
pleasant to the majority of our readers,
but forebear giving it publicity for the
present.

The fact that all the railroad lands
in the vicinity of Bloomington are with-
drawn from market, and not throughout
the county, would of itself give reasons
for suspecting that the land office is com-
ing here.

Mr. Stevens has commenced the
erection of a good hotel in town, and
will doubtless have it soon looming up
in good style. This is something we
have long felt the want of in this town,
and will add materially to the prosperity
of the place.

Mr. Bond left us a fine specimen of
catfish that were caught with a seine the
other day. They made a fair haul.

School officers need not be de-
terred from building school houses for
reason of their being located upon pre-
emption and homestead claims, provided
the holders of the same shall transfer by
warranty to the district the portion of
such land selected for the purpose. See
page 602. U. S. Statutes, vol. 17:

"Be it enacted, etc., That any person
who has already settled or hereafter may
settle on the public lands of the United
States, either by pre-emption, or by
virtue of the homestead law or any
amendments thereto: shall have the right
to transfer by warranty, against his or
her own acts, any portion of his or her
said pre-emption or homestead for
church, cemetery, or school purposes,
or for the right of way of railroads across
such pre-emption or homestead, and the
transfer for such public purposes shall in
no way vitiate the right to complete and
perfect the title to their pre-emptions or
homesteads."

A Cemetery.

We would suggest to the citizens of
Bloomington and vicinity the propriety of
purchasing a few acres of suitable ground
for a cemetery. It is true, we have little
use for one at present, but it cannot always
be thus, and it takes time to beautify and
suitably arrange such grounds, and it
should be done at once. Who will move in
the matter? Who will sell ten or twenty
acres conveniently near for such purposes?
X.

The Texas cattle herder is said to be
capable of using 246 different oaths, and
Chicago editors might as well own up
beaten.

culprit in a lively manner for a quarter
of a mile to get away from her before
she died. Afterward they were digging
out a den of young wolves, when the
mother of them pounced upon the men,
who were only armed with a spade and
butcher knife, and a fierce battle ensued.
The men claim the victory and nine
cubs.

The following is the official vote of
Oregon for the officers named: Congress-
Ladow. (dem.) 9,642; Williams, (rep.)
9,340; Davenport. (ind.) 5,350.

THE FOURTH

AT

BLOOMINGTON

A Gala Day Anticipated.

Everybody
INVITED TO ATTEND.

State News.

Grand Island has 407 buildings.
Pleasant Hill has been burglarized.
A vein of coal is said to have been found
in Saline county.

An Oakdale guzzler recently died of de-
lirium tremens.

A Schuyler man recently had his back
broken by falling under a hand car.

The Omaha Herald is building a fine
newspaper office.

Adams county is having a little excite-
ment on the Court House question. The
commissioners have let the contract for a
\$15,000 Jumata court house, and Hastings
is mad.

A man and wife in Johnson county were
killed by lightning last week. They were
out riding, and the stroke killed them both
while a little son in the wagon escaped un-
injured.

The State Register has been consoli-
dated with the Blade.

A dry-mouthed individual very cau-
tiously informed one of our druggists,
last week, that he was affected with a
sore tongue and that his physician re-
commended him to moisten it with
whiskey. He had a bottle with him only
wanted a pint. He was politely inform-
ed that a prescription was required to
obtain the necessary. When last seen
his individual's tongue was traveling at
a terrific rate, notwithstanding the disab-
led condition of that useful member.—
Ashland Republican.

The general assembly of Rhode Island
has adjourned without electing a U. S.
Senator.