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LOCAL MATTERS.

The County Commissioners meet next Monday, the 7th.

Gid. Pugsley is happy again. It's a boy and as bright as a dollar.

Gloves and Mittens in profusions at Darby & Hisey's. Take a look at them

Another building has been raised and enclosed this week, in town. We believe it is to be used as a dwelling for the present.

Read the Proclamation by the Commissioners, relative to the bridge and court house bonds proposition. Several corrections have been made in it since the last issue.

The Mock Congress, Thursday evening, we are told, was quite a success. It is a very good place for our young people to pass an evening instructively, and we hope they will feel an interest in the matter.

Read the new advertisement of F. A. Harman's drug store, in this issue. He has just received his full stock including glass furniture for his own use, and has it so neatly arranged that it makes a very handsome appearance. Step in and take a look.

Several gentlemen from different parts of the county have called to see us during the week, all of whom we were glad to meet, and hope to extend our acquaintance pretty generally over the county, ere many months pass.

Personal.

Jud. Rich, of Republican City, was in town Saturday.

Messrs. Mose & Smith, late merchants of Republican City, gave Bloomington a glance Tuesday of this week.

Geo. W. Hulbert, general agent of the Pioneer Stage Company, came over from Lowell Saturday last and stopped in the valley over Sunday.

Jno R. Huffman, late editor of the GUARD, moved to his farm in the "modoc" neighborhood Saturday last, enjoying the luxuries of the tooth ache to its fullest extent.

Charley McPherson, of Republican City, paid Bloomington a short call last Sabbath evening.

Our popular druggist, Mr. F. A. Harman, left Monday morning for a visit to Blue Springs, in Gage county, his former place of residence. He will also visit St Joe. in rambling.

Mr. Miller, one of the B. & M. agents at Lowell, and a very fine appearing young man, made us a call Thursday. He was returning from up the valley.

The Beatrice Express finds its way to our table as an exchange this week. Its familiar countenance is thrice welcome.

Charley Walker, Esq., returned from an absence of a few days east, Monday, feeling as good natured as usual.

N. C. Sawyer, who has a claim on Rebecca creek, and is an old subscriber to

Salutatory.

In taking charge of THE GUARD we shall introduce ourselves to its readers with as few words as possible. We cast our lot in this new field of labor, for the purpose of building a paper that will be sought by the public, and to become one of the permanent fixtures of Franklin county. Although rather a discouraging time at present to newspaper men, as well as others, we have the utmost confidence in the valley of the Republican, and for the up-building of the towns and our county, we shall ever work.

We take THE GUARD from the control of one that is deserving of great credit for the energy and perseverance manifested in its behalf and hope to maintain for it the good reputation it now has. We are an entire stranger in the county, and start out with malice to none—good will to all, and shall endeavor to do according to our best judgment for the interest of the town and county, and hope all will overlook our short comings for the present. Politically we stand with the tried and true republican party, and shall work in unison therewith as long as the party continues true to its principles.

For the present the paper will be the same size as heretore, but we shall soon change it. Short communications relative to matters of interest to citizens in the county will be admitted, but no personal controversy will be allowed. In all cases the writer's name must accompany contributions, but not necessarily

Two men attempted to assassinate Mr. Geo. Woolsey, cashier of the Nebraska City National Bank on the night of the 19th inst., but were unsuccessful. Mr. Woolsey was awakened in the night by two men, who were upon his bed and trying to smother him with the bed clothes. He struggled hard to free himself and finally got his revolver, and fired at them twice, but failed to hit the scoundrels. One of them fired at him, but did no damage; they then fled.

On Saturday night two men by the name of Brewster and Kimbal were arrested for the crime. After a preliminary trial, Kimbal was discharged, and Brewster held on \$1,500 bail, which he had not furnished at last accounts.

This is one of the most daring deeds that has been recorded for some time, and the villains ought to be found and made an example of.

Subscribe for the GUARD.

The sheriff of Phelps county has been cutting up some queer freaks, of late. He has built a dug-out, strongly fortified on all sides, and ensconced himself therein. He threatened to put one of the commissioners under the ground for instigating impeachment papers against him, and also fired fifteen shots in as many minutes, a few days since, at one of his neighbors who was hunting stray cattle in the vicinity of his habitation.

The intent of of this conduct is a mistery to the good people of that county and an effort is being made to induce him to explain.

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AND
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J. J. SHAFFER,

Justice of the Peace and
COLLECTION AGENT,

Bloomington, Neb.

Blank Deeds, Mortgages and all other legal blanks on hand. All legal papers correctly filled out. 18-6m.*

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
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BLOOMINGTON, FRANKLIN, CO., NEB.

J. N. LUCAS,

Att'y at Law,
Offices at Republican City, Harlan co.
and Culbertson, Hitchcock co.,
Will attend to Legal Business in Frank-
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ere many months pass.

If the first three days of December, this year, prove true to the old adage, that in accordance with them will be the three winter months, what a blessing it has fallen our lot to share. The first days of the present month have really gone beyond Nebraska's past record for good weather, and our greatest hope is that the winter may be in accordance.

Kearney is agitating the question of building a narrow-gauge railroad from that place to some point in the Republican valley, but just what place they propose to strike we do not know. A preliminary survey will be made in time to apply for a charter this winter. Such a road would be a great benefit to Kearney but we opine they will overlook minor items, in days like these of capitol removal and senatorial questions.

We shall continue to send the GUARD to a number of subscribers in the county who are in arrears on the books, unless otherwise ordered, and when the day of peace and plenty shall come we hope to find all prompt to settle up.

Read the new Livery advertisement of messrs. Barnum & Dorsey, in this issue. These gentlemen have a good barn, plenty of stock, and are prompt and courteous to their patrons.

NOTICE—Very excellent White Mediterranean wheat for seed, quite free from weeds for sale by S. A. GROUT

N. C. Sawyer, who has a claim on Rebecca creek, and is an old subscriber to the GUARD, gave us a call Tuesday, while on his way home from Lancaster county.

Mr. J. F. Zediker, of this county, has a well written communication in the State Journal of the 28th ult., in which he states things in regard to our situation in a matter-of-fact style.

Mr. John R. Huffman, the former publisher of the Bloomington GUARD, has "stepped down and out," and leaves the office in charge of Ralph K. Hill. The GUARD is one of our extreme pioneer papers, and has always been a racy little sheet. We regret to hear of Mr. Huffman's withdrawal, but hope the credit of that paper will be maintained by the present editor and publisher, Mr. Hill.—State Journal.

Have you seen those Hats and Caps just received at Darby & Hisey's.

Rev. Mr. Robinson, Presbyterian minister of Nebraska City, and Rev. Mr. Lord, of Melrose, conducted services at the school house in this place last Saturday evening and Sunday morning and evening. Both of these Revers were good speakers and good congregations assembled to hear them. Mr. R. came into the valley with a view of organizing branch societies. Several names were taken and trustees appointed for the organization of a society here, and

all cases the writer's name must accompany contributions, but not necessarily for publication. With these few impromptu remarks, we are,

Most Respectfully,
RALPH K. HILL.

Grain Report.

Mr. D. H. Delano, of Macon, who has been running a threshing machine in this county the present season, kindly furnishes us with a report of the number of bushels of grain threshed by his machine, which is as follows: Wheat, 10,143 bus; oats 2,670, bus; rye, 90, and in the late files of the GUARD, we find a report from Mr. B. F. Judd, who gives 3,840 bushels of wheat, 890 of oats, and 60 of rye, threshed by him this season. Adding this together we have 18,983, bus. of wheat, or about 9 bushels to a person, as the population of the county at the last census was about 1900, which has not lessened any since.

Taking these facts into consideration it will be seen that we have but a small allowance to feed our people through the season, say nothing of the amount needed for seed next spring, and of the proportion of the number of bushels raised that is being fed to horses and other stock.

Then again it is estimated, upon authority, that there are in the county, 1200 work horses and only 3,560 bus. of oats, or 2 bushels and a fraction to

him to explain.

THE ALDINE for December comes to us in good time and as usual freighted with all the good things of art and literature. This being the holiday number of the year, it need scarcely be said that pictorially it fills the very sense of satisfaction. For pictures of the seasons, Spring, Summer, Autumn & winter, each with a verse of illustration, present at once some of the most pregnant designing and the finest engraving and printing to be found even in this high-class publication. The Old Mill in the Jura Mountains, after C. E. Dubois, a young American artist of great promise, has a world of rugged strength and design, blended with elaborate detail. Two charming pictures appropriate for the season, Winter Pastimes, and The First Lesson, tell pretty and interesting stories in a graceful manner; and the same may be said of Caught! which develops one of the dangers of the protrusive petticoat, and The Rivals, which shows that there may be other jealousies than those beating under broadcloth or flounced silks. Jno S. Davis seems to have given us one of the most careful of his embodiments of a sad idea, in Mary of the Wild Moore, the pictorial story of a well-known tragic ballad.

The Aldine Company has determined to establish an Art Union, similar to the well-known Art Union in England, and

Quince at Republican City,
and Culbertson, Hitchcock co.,
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Rates.

Blank Bonds on hand for the use
of County and School District Officers. 44.

Notice
Is hereby given that I will examine all
persons who may desire to offer themselves
as candidates for teachers in this (Frank-
lin) county, on the 1st Saturday of each
month, at Bloomington, in said county,
and such other times and places as neces-
sity may require. Examination to com-
mence at 9 o'clock a. m.

CYRUS B. CHILDS,
Co. Supt. Pub. Inst.
Dated this 1st day of Sept. 1874.

Notice.
I would respectfully notify the public that
I am now prepared to do all kinds of
BLACKSMITHING.
Axes and other edged tools repaired, and
warranted. Give me a call.
M. V. WORTHINGTON,
Bloomington, Neb.

Illinois Store.

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Every accommodation afforded by a
first-class hotel. Stage leaves this house
daily for all points north, east and west.

NOTICE—Very excellent white me-
diterranean wheat for seed, quite free
from weeds, for sale by S. A. GROUT.

The St Joe Herald of the 10th says
The Grand Island, Hastings and St
Joseph Railroad has been turned over
to the Union Pacific Railroad company
who will complete the work at once.

Charley Ross, has been found again,
this time he was found in West Virginia.
And which has been the case every oth-
er time he is the real Charley.

The Ottumwa, Iowa, coal mining
company, recently telegraphed a coal
merchant at Lincoln, that that company
would donate six car loads of coal to the
Nebraska sufferers, and asks for direc-
tions regarding shipment.

A grand ball is to be given at the new
mill on Turkey Creek, next Friday even-
ing, December 11th, by Messrs. Crum
& Davidson, Milwrights. We are as-
sured that nothing will be left undone to
make this an enjoyable affair, and those
who attend may expect a good time. The
public are invited to be present. Sup-
per and dance \$1.00.

Dr. Maynard, of this place, has left
at our office, a collection of Indian bones
discovered in digging the Turkey Creek
mill race. He says that quite a num-
ber were dug up, including grown In-
dians and children, and gives it as his
opinion that they were victims of an
Indian massacre, as no relics, such as
are usually found in Indian graves, have
been discovered, and the bodies appear
to have been piled up promiscuously near
a bank. In all probabilities the dirt
with which they were covered, caved
from the bank over them. No farther
investigation has been made than was
necessary in making the race, but bones
were found as far as the workmen dug.
He thinks there may have been fifty or
more bodies in this deposit.

were taken and trustees appointed for
the organization of a society here, and
the propriety of building a church soon
was favorably considered, a fact we are
glad to note. We hope to see more
than one church edifice grace our town
site before another season passes.

Mr. Lord will preach at this place
three weeks from last Sabbath, after
which he will have regular appointments
here.

4 WEEKS FREE.—Now is your time
to get four numbers of the GUARD free.
We will send the paper to all who sub-
scribe between now and the first of Jan-
uary, 1875, until January 1st 1876, for
\$2.00, thus all those who sub-
scribe this week or next, will get a
month's paper free

Darby announces a dance in his new
building about christmas night. Look-
out for a good time.

Gen. C. J. Dilworth, the gentleman
elected prosecuting attorney for the First
District, is probably the best man that
the people could have selected for that
office. The general is a man who will at-
tend to his duties, whether it rains or
shines. When elected he made the re-
mark that he intended to earn a name
in this new capacity, and we believe he
will do so. He has a large field to work
in, and no doubt will crown himself with
glory and do excellent service for the
people. These are the men we want in
office, and the quicker we give them
power to transact our business the better
it will be for us.—State Journal.

The mennonites of Clay County have
put into use a bake-oven, which con-
sume straw for fuel. It takes only about
twelve pounds to keep up fire twelve
hours. They are said to be equal to the
best Charter Oak stoves for cooking and
are splendid heaters.

1200 work horses and only 3,560 bus-
of oats, or 2 bushels and a fraction to
each animal, to keep them in working
order during the season. These figures
look bad enough on paper but when the
facts are brought right to our own
homes, the need of aid is so apparent
that further comment is not necessary.

Mr. D. starts this week for northeast-
ern Iowa, for the purpose of procuring
seed and feed for use in the spring. He
is sent back by a number living in the
eastern part of this county, who were
formerly residents of Iowa, and we hope
he may meet with that success of which
he is so justly deserving.

Married.

Saturday, Nov. 28th 1874, at the
house of Frederick Chapman, in Frank-
lin county, by Hon. L. M. Moulton,
Probate Judge, Mr. Enoch Gamble, of
Holt county, Mo., to Miss Mary Chap-
man, of this county.

Monday, Nov. 30th, 1874, at the resi-
dence of Esq.; W. R. Patterson, by Hon.
L. M. Moulton, Probate Judge, Mr.
Alexander Wilson, of Gage county, to
Miss Margaret A. Patterson, of Frank-
lin Co. Neb.

RIVERTON ITEMS.

Steven Taylor Sr., fell into the mill
race the other day and got his "west
end" wet.

The bridge men worked on Sunday.
wicked set they are.

Ed. Kennedy has gone east.
Wm. Thompson, has gone after a
steam saw mill.

Thos Vallentine is in town.
Wm. Ashburn is sick with fever.

A gentlemen from Hastings had a
mule die while in Riverton, on his road
to Bloomington.

Shooting match thanksgiving day—
ball at night. MUGINS.

to establish an Art Union, similar to the
well-known Art Union in England, and
distribute its works of art, both sculpture
and paintings, which are constantly col-
lecting, among its subscribers. Sub-
scription tickets, at \$6.00 each, entitles
the holder to The Aldine for a year, to
the new chromo, and to a ticket in the
distribution of art premiums. The Al-
dine Co. publishers, No. 58 Maiden Lane
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RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—Presbyterian
preaching once in three weeks on Sabbath
evening regularly. E. N. LORD,
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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
belly and small horns. The calf is a steer
about four months old, red with spotted
face, which I intend to have appraised ac-
cording to the Statute in such case made
and provided.

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

Special Session.

Special Call of Board of County Commis-
sioners, to be held on December 7th 1874,
at Bloomington Neb.

All Road Supervisors in Franklin Co. are
hereby notified to appear at County Clerk's
office, at 10 o'clock, a. m., to make annual
settlement;

Also to consider the mode of issuing Cer-
tificates of Indebtedness:

Also for Auditing Accounts;
Also appointing precinct officers and ap-
proving bonds;

Also to make some disposition of Frank-
lin County History;

Also to reduce Licenses;

Also to appoint Road Commissioners to
view, locate roads and report on the same;

Also to contract for court house, to be
built for the lots given for said purpose, and
for bonds to be voted on for said building or
so much of said bonds as will be necessary
to complete said court house if voted.

This 27th day of Nov. A. D. 1874.
10-2 J. B. McDONALD, Co. Clerk.