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## Bloomington Guard,

RALPH K. HILL,  
Editor and Proprietor.

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THE GUARD is the oldest paper in the Republican Valley; the only paper in Franklin County, and is located at the U. S. Land Office town in the southwestern land district; its circulation is the largest of any paper in the valley, and parties east who wish to obtain news from the valley will find it to their advantage to patronize it.

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### Mail Schedule.

Mail arrives from the east (Lowell) daily at 4:50 p. m., and departs at 9:20 a. m. Mail arrives daily from the west at 6 a. m. and departs at 5 p. m. Office hours from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.  
SOL, MALES, POSTMASTER.

### Religious Services.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Preaching every third Sabbath, at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7 o'clock P. M.  
W. N. LORD,  
State Supply.

Pioneer Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Riverton Neb., meets 2d and 4th Saturdays of each month. All visiting brethren in good standing cordially invited to attend.

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

### LOCAL MATTERS.

March first was ushered in with a blustering nor-west wind. Rather Lyonish we judge.

March 28 is Easter Sunday, but eggs at 25 cts a dozen are too dear to have such days come.

Elder J. N. Martin, of the United Brethren church, held a quarterly meeting at this place last Sunday morning and evening.

Go to Downing's for seed corn, wheat oats and barley. 18

We are under obligations to Capt. Zediker, for the Report of the Committee appointed to investigate the Penitentiary proceedings at Lincoln.

The daily Press, of Kearney, comes to hand regularly now. The Press is the only paper west of Omaha that receives Associated Press Dispatches, and in every particular is a live western daily. Try it three months.

Lookout for a new advertisement next week from F. A. Harman at the drug store. He is in receipt of a new lot of goods.

Tinkham Bros. are in receipt of a large assortment of new goods, this week.

March 6th and yet we are not sowing or plowing for the coming crop.

We wish to inform the squash-head edition of the Lowell Register, that the U. S. Land Office is at Bloomington, and the Pioneer Stage line runs to Kearney, notwithstanding his map or bold assertions.

A bill passed the legislature and became a law making a three-fifths vote necessary to locate or move county seats.

✓ We understand the town school will commence April first under the auspices of Miss Jennie Williams, who is now teaching music at place.

J. R. McDonald, Geo. W. Dorsey, and D. L. Ashby, spent a couple of days in Harlan county the first of the week.

Judge J. N. Lucas and Mr. C. B. Fox, two of Republican City's, lively boys, who have been spending a few weeks at Lincoln, gave us a call Thursday afternoon. Come again gentlemen.

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We hear people enquiring about the facilities for reaching Kearney from this point, in answer to which we direct attention to the card of the Pioneer Stage Company in another column, and assure the public that they can reach the valley from Kearney by this line, making quick time, comfortable coaches and safe and reliable drivers. There is no line of hacks from Lowell.

The King Bridge Company were the successful bidders at the letting of the bridge at Republican City. The bridge was let for \$5,740,00, Mr. Cook's plan being adopted.

The legislature closed its labors without moving the capitol from Lincoln, whereat the Journal and the denizens of the Capitol city, rejoiceth much. While it is not desirable to cast the seat of government from pillar to post promiscuously, no better time could have been sought to start capital to stiring than the coming summer, which must of been the result had the legislature been so disposed.

### The M. & B. Association.

The following contracts have been entered into by this association, looking to the erection of their building this spring and it is expected that there will be no slacking up until the building is ready for occupancy.

Messrs. Brown and Murphy for digging the cellar and work is being pushed forward daily. Messrs. Sweany and Jackson for fifty cords of stone to be delivered forthwith, and J. J. Shaffer

that a thorough and complete reformation be had in the treatment of the convicts and more careful attention by the Inspectors, that they may have a better knowledge of the affairs than can be gained from the mere examination of the books. They recommend more liberty of the prisoners on Sabbath day and the abolition of the bull-ring, and stocks and a more humane treatment generally. From the charges made and testimony given by prisoners who have been confined and released, we should judge that the affairs of our State Penitentiary were in rather a dilapidated state of affairs. It would seem that with a judicious selection a warden could be put at the head of this institution that would attend to the different duties of that office honestly and in a manner becoming a human conscience.

### Bridge Contract Let.

As per advertisement, the Co. Commissioners opened the Sealed Bridge Bid's at their session on Thursday, and yesterday, (Friday,) awarded the contract to Z. King & Son, for a Z. King's Patent Tuber Arch Iron Bridge, at a cost of \$9,800. Several bidders submitted plans, but this one appeared to be the choice of the Board. This is the first Iron bridge across the river and to say that we will get a bridge to be proud of is not the half. Work will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit and Mr. King thinks it will be completed within ninety days.

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R. L. Downing has just opened a new Flour & Feed Store at Lowell. Best Flour in the market. 21

The weather is mild and pleasant again and the approach of spring is felt by all.

Hon. H. S. Kaley, of Red Cloud, was in town a day or two this week, attendant upon land suits in the Probate Court here. We acknowledge a pleasant call from him.

The Farmers Blade, of Lincoln, has become the property of the Sheriff. Thus ends the career of another evening paper at Lincoln.

Lots of new goods came over from the Junction the last of the week, and our merchants are all busy.

Strangers are beginning to visit Bloomington now-days and things will soon brighten up we opine.

Drag Teeth one cent per pound less, than can be bought elsewhere, at Downing's, Lowell. 21

We furnish envelopes with a business card stamped upon them for one dollar

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Messrs. T. B. Brown and J. C. Murphy, were awarded the contract of digging the cellar of the M. & B. Association and have been very busy at work most of the week, and will push it to an early completion.

While the ground was being taken off from the space for the Mechanic's & Builders Association building cellar, we noticed that it was frozen about two feet in thickness. No better indication of a bountiful harvest the coming year is needed than the fact of the ground freezing to so great a depth.

The resolution expunging from the records of the State the proceedings relative to the trial and impeachment of David Butler were lost by one vote.

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### The Governor's Veto.

The bill exempting a large amount of the railroad lands of this State; which passed the legislature while it was nearing its closing days did not meet the sanction of the Governor and consequently did not become a law. Whether the Governor's course in this matter is questioned or not, it is no less a fact that it will receive the endorsement of nine-tenths of the honest people of the State, who believe that this bill would never been subject to his rejection had the legislators had interests of their constituency at heart. Of all the public officers of the State there is probably none that enjoy more of the confidence of the people than does Gov. Silas Garber, at present, and the vetoing of this Railroad Tax Bill will only serve to strengthen their faith in him. The newly elected Governor has been very sparing in the use of his power, and this is the first veto, but doubtless others could

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### Mechanics & Builders Association.

The Regular meeting of the Stockholders was held at the U. S. Land Office in Bloomington Neb., March 1st, whereat the following business was transacted: The president upon request of one of the members stated the progress of the Association since last meeting, which was satisfactory. On motion the Association proceeded to elect five directors, by ballot for the ensuing year, when the following members were elected said board. Geo. W. Sheppard, J. J. Shaffer, Thos. Kirtley, F. A. Harman, and J. W. Darby, after which the meeting adjourned sine die.

F. A. HARMAN. G. W. SHEPPARD.  
 Sec'y. Pres.

Immediately after the above meeting, the directors held a meeting and elected the following officers: G. W. Sheppard Pres. F. A. Harman Sec'y, and J. J. Shaffer Treas. J. W. Darby, Thomas Kirtley, and J. J. Shaffer building committee.

### Chattel Mortgage Sale.

WHEREAS on the 24th day of December A. D. 1875, James D. Calhoun executed and delivered to L. M. Moulton, a Chattel Mortgage to secure the payment of one promissory note of that date, for the sum of Seventy-nine Dollars. (\$79,) due on the first day of March, 1875, with interest thereon at ten per cent per annum from

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### Notice

Is hereby given that I will examine all persons who may desire to offer themselves as candidates for teachers in this (Franklin) county, on the 1st Saturday of each month, at Bloomington, in said county and such other times and places as necessity may require. Examination to commence 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.

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M. V. WORTHINGTON,  
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## Continental Hotel!

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T. MUNHALL,  
Proprietor.

We furnish envelopes with a business card stamped upon them for one dollar a hundred, about the same as they cost at retail without.

Vancil, at the Illinois Store, has just received one of the largest and best assortments of tobaccos, and cigars in town. His smoking and chewing tobacco varies in quality and prices, and you can suit your taste and purse both.

Downing will sell stoves two dollars cheaper than any other man in the country. 18

We understand that Wm. McBride has received the appointment of postmaster at Riverton in this county. He is a good man.

Mr. M. T. Dolan, of Petrelia City, Pa., has been in town most of this week with a view to permanently locating.

Judge Moulton was busy the first of week with Probate business and as a consequence happy.

Mr. I. Sluyter, whose pocket-book we advertised a few weeks since called this week, and identified it. He states that it contained \$17.25 in cash when lost, the absence of which he cannot account for.

Capt. Zediker has been appointed disbursing agent for this county by the Independent Order of Odd Fellow's State Relief Society, and has a small amount of money in his hands for distribution to the needy brethren of this county. Those interested, should call on him.

Harman bought the lot north of Gid. Pugsley's building east side of the square last week.

McGreer sold his little dwelling west of the U. S. Land Office, to Darby & Hisey, a few days ago.

A law requiring a two-third vote after the first of December, to issue railroad bonds or to any individual enterprise become a law this winter.

Hon. C. H. Walker, returned last week from his trip to the eastern part of the State, accompanied by Mrs. W. Mrs. Miller, and "lastly and leastly," that new boy, who just now is attracting so much attention in that household. Mr. W. looks more pleased than ever and why not.

Capt. J. F. Zediker returned from Lincoln Tuesday, looking rather bleached as the result of close confinement and his arduous duties of his post as assistant clerk in the house, however he is in comparatively good health and will turn his attention to his interest in this county again.

The gentlemen appointed to locate the State Road from Kearney to the Kansas line, via Bloomington, are Messrs. Webster Eaton, of Kearney, Sidney Baker, Surveyor of Buffalo county, and Geo. W. Dorsey of this place, who are to meet at Kearney Junction on the first of April or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Mr. E. W. Tinkham, Co. Agent of the Relief and Aid Society; of Franklin County, left last Monday for a few days absence, to straighten up the account of this county with the State Society. He will first visit Lowell, thence Omaha and Lincoln. Through his efforts arrangements have been made by which this county will receive a greater supply of aid in the future and be more fully represented at the Society. Mr. Tinkham has taken a great interest in this matter during the winter and has conducted it in a straight forward manner, for which he deserves, and will doubtless receive, the thanks of our people. He has freely given his time and considerable money, in the cause, which will not soon be forgotten. While away he will take a run to Beatrice, his old home and we hope he won't do anything rash, or without due consideration, as the fair ones of this county could illy afford to let him slip from their grasp at this late date.

the use of his power, and this is the first veto, but doubtless others could have been made with equally as good results.

## Constitutional Convention Bill.

Which became a law, provides for the calling of a Convention to, revise, alter, or amend the constitution of the State of Nebraska, said convention to be composed of 69 members, elected and paid the same as members of the legislature. The election will take place on the first Tuesday in April, and the convention shall convene on the second Tuesday in the month of May, 1875, at the representative hall in Lincoln Neb; at 3 p. m.

Of the 69 members the counties of Franklin, Phelps and Gosper are entitled to one, a fact that should not slip the minds of the people of these counties, but a deep interest should be manifested, and the best man in the embraced territory sought and chosen to represent the interests of the people. Every man in this State and especially the western portion of it, has vital interests in this convention as it will doubtless frame a constitution by which we shall have to be governed for years to come, hence the necessity of getting one that will do the western portion of the State an equal justice to that of the eastern. Let us harmonize then a little, a strict clear-headed competent man, for the position, regardless of surroundings. Numerous candidates will be in the field to select from and we may as well be properly represented as otherwise.

## Penitentiary Investigation.

The committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the Penitentiary make a report anything but flattering to the warden, deputy, and one or two guards. It charges the present Warden, Wm. Woodhurst, with inflicting barbarous and inhuman punishment upon the prisoners confined therein, and recommends

seventy-nine months, 1875, with interest thereon at ten per cent per annum from date. Said Mortgage was duly filed for record on the 24th day of December A. D. 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., and is recorded on Mortgage Record in the office of the Co. Clerk of Franklin County, State of Neb., in Book No. one (1), on pages 89 and 60 of said Mortgage Record; and.

Whereas, said note has now become due and is now unpaid, and there is now claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of Eighty Dollars and Fifty-Seven cents, and the said Chattel Mortgage has become absolute. Now be it known that I the undersigned will on Wednesday the 31st, day of March A. D. 1875, at the hour of two o'clock p. m., at the county Clerk's office in Bloomington, in the Co. of Franklin, and State of Nebraska, offer for sale at Public auction the following described property, to wit:

A large pair of white and red spotted work oxen, each ox being eight years old, or thereabouts. Also one two-horse wagon in good order. Also the yoke and chain used upon and with the above mentioned cattle; being the property described in said chattel mortgage, to pay said debt interest, costs, and expenses.

Dated this March 5th A. D. 1875.

L. M. MOULTON,  
Mortgagee.

### Notice.

U. S. LAND OFFICE.

Bloomington, Neb., Feb. 27, 1875. }  
Complaint having been entered at this Office by George W. Prather against Walter Price for abandoning his Homestead Entry, No. 1410, dated Sept. 8th 1873, upon the s4 nw4 & w3 sw4 Section 32 Township two (2), Range thirteen (13) west, in Franklin county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this Office on the 6th day of April, 1875, at 2 o'clock p. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

C. H. WALKER, Register.  
EVAN WORTHING, Receiver.

### Notice.

U. S. LAND OFFICE.

Bloomington, Neb., Feb. 27, 1875. }  
Complaint having been entered at this Office by Geo. W. Rise against Oscar Kimball for abandoning his Homestead Entry, No. 1850, dated Feb. 4th 1874, upon the ne4 Section 24, township 2, range 13 west, in Franklin county, Neb., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this Office on the 5th day of April, 1875, at 2 o'clock p. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

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