

JULY 8, 1876

For Vice-President
William A. ...
of New

THE CENTENNIAL FOURTH.

How it Was Celebrated in Franklin County.

AT BLOOMINGTON.

At an early hour in the morning the firing of artillery on the great square commenced, and was continued with great activity until the exercises at the arbor had well commenced. The procession was a very respectable one, and spoken of as presenting a very creditable appearance.

The exercises were opened with a prayer by Rev. D. Edgerton, which was followed with music by the band. The Declarations were read by Mr. Wilmot, and Judge Moulton delivered the principal oration, which, by the way, was a fine historical review of the past hundred or more years, requiring considerable thought and labor, was well worth listening to, and was received by an appreciative audience, and was pronounced by many as being as good, if not the best of the kind, ever delivered in the county. Our space will not admit of a review, but we can assure the Judge that he acquitted himself with honor.

The President, Mr. Thomas, of Turkey Creek, then announced an hour's intermission for dinner, after singing a well known verse of praise, the audience proceeded to arrange themselves here and there into little groupes. Some of three or four, different families, others more or less, and almost simultaneously all had their picnic dinners spread, without noise or confusion, and were taking their respective lunches, in a free and easy, happy and independent way, and merry voices attested that they enjoyed themselves. For well they might, as our reporter chanced to give a stray glance around, he came to the conclusion that there are a good many cooks who know just how to fix up a fourth of July or any other dinner in a style to be appreciated anywhere, and they displayed in a tempting and inviting manner in the center of the respective groups, which had arranged themselves into squares and circles, the bowery, and with a plentiful of ice water, and an addition of beef, according to programme, by the way the people were induced. Messrs. Pugsley and Perry, they sumptuously.

The playing of a number of live by the band brought the audience to their seats again, and Mr. Calhoun

the vicious. an ar to aid on, the ser the great candidate to. does the fifth. armies have marched north to battle than the one above. If there certainly was never a more courageous one, and they are prepared to take land offices, post-traderships or anything in the shape of "stamps" that can be conquered. Our News is flashy and brilliant, and as its editor has frequently said that he would not support any man unless he was paid for it, as it was money he was working for, the query now is, how much did Hitchcock's pay him for his editorial music? He knows the county of Harlan is almost solid against Hitchcock, and that he has no influence in changing this righteous public sentiment, and if he still adheres to the money principles he enunciated to the different candidates last fall, he has been paid for turning his back upon the people. In the past politics and principles meant the man with the most money, and unless he has been converted by some miraculous power, it still stands to reason, in accordance with his former statements to the writer and other parties, that he supports men for money. But as near we can ascertain, he is moderate in his demands, charging only from \$5 to \$10 per head on candidates for inferior positions, and from this we can approximate the price on senator.

Why it is that men claiming to be Republicans and in favor of reform, pure and honest men in official stations should espouse the cause of Hitchcock, is beyond comprehension. There are many charges against him of corruption, which he never has had investigated or explained, and he is not entitled to Republican support on account of this alone. But there is another good and sufficient reason why he should not be re-elected: He has not the ability to fill the position with credit to himself or honor to the State. Nebraska might as well have a wooden man in the Senate as Hitch. He can vote and that is all. But he has whined about him most of the appointed federal positions in the state, and in this source alone he gets his strength. Newspaper men with principles and local politicians who know the meaning of the word "ambitious" are anxious for an appointment of such kind, are easily caught by the tinkers of the senator. They think combinations are powerful enough to start the will of the people, and they are to be on the winning side to gather up the crumbs that are cast into this corrupt cess-pool. Trading, buying and selling out is to be the order of the managers of the Hitchcock campaign. For instance: Franklin county is claimed by

BLACK HILLS.

Great and Bloody Butchery of Soldiers.

The latest reports from the Black Hills give the account of an encounter with the Sioux on the Little Horn, by General Custer, in which engagement 17 commissioned officers and about 300 soldiers were brutally murdered by the Indians. General Custer, his two brothers, and brother-in-law were killed. Not one of his detachment escaped. Gen. Reno's command was surrounded and cut off from all water for 12 hours, until they were relieved by Gen. Gibbon's command. The Indians got all of the guns and ammunition of the soldiers.

No estimate can be made of the loss to the Indians.

The dispatches are rather indirect and it is to be hoped they are exaggerated, although it is feared they are only too true.

It is to be hoped now some action will immediately be taken to save the miners and other white men in the Hills.

The United States loses one of her best officers in General Custer, besides the brutality with which the whole affair is attended.

While Mary, she who sits at the editorial shrine of the "News," is extending her advice, she had better take in Flavius, and see that he does as he agrees with the neighboring town's livery men and pay them their just dues, or his future visits to this place may tend to fit him for the garden beside her canary.

A sample of winter wheat at the hardware store, raised on the farm of Mr. J. L. Mumpower, in the centennial year, is pronounced by everyone to be the finest they ever saw. The berry is very large and plump and almost makes your eyes water, it's so nice.

The Thayer county Sentinel is all printed at home. Looks nice, but rather of an adventure.

New Photograph Gallery.

C. A. COE, Artist.

BLOOMINGTON, - - NEBRASKA. Photographs, gems, etc., taken in the best style, on shortest time, and for the least money. \$6.

New Millinery Goods.

And Dressmaking.

Mrs. J. T. Kellogg has just returned from Toledo Ohio, and brought with her a choice assortment of Millinery goods, consisting of Hats, Ribbons, Flowers, Veils, &c., which she will have at her residence at Bloomington, Nebraska, and will sell them at prices to suit the times. Those who intend to purchase for the spring wear should call soon and get the first selections.

NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE,
Bloomington Neb. June 20, 1876
Complaint having been entered at this office by Henry Huffman against Adam A. Saswell for abandoning his timber culture entry, No. 696, dated June 20, 1874, upon the northwest qtr section 18, township 4, range 16 west, in Franklin co., Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry: the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 1st of August 1876, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

WEBSTER EATON, Register.
MERRILL B. REECE, Receiver.

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RELIGIOUS—Methodist Episcopal services at the school house in Bloomington, the 1st Sunday of each month, at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. C. R. TOWNSEND, Pastor.

Preaching at the school house, in Bloomington, by Rev Thomas Muxlow, Baptist, on alternate Sabbaths, reckoning from the first Sabbath in March, at 11 a. m., and the third Sabbath at 7 p. m., and on Kebecca Creek alternate times of said days.

I. O. O. F.—Pioneer Lodge No. 45, meets at Riverton Neb., every Saturday evening. Transient brethren invited to drop in. A. J. WESTON, N. G.

C. B. CHILDS, Secretary. A. F. AND A. M.—Riverton Lodge, A. F. and A. M., U. D., regular meetings 8d Saturday night of each month, at Masonic Hall, in Riverton Neb. Brethren in good standing cordially invited to meet with us. J. R. McDONALD, W. M. J. D. GAGE, Secretary.

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Saturday, July 8, 1876. LOCAL MATTERS.

Hold your 'har.

Oat meal at B. & G's.

Centennial fans, at Mrs. Kellogg's.

Corn grows inches every day now—honest.

Not a man drunk in Bloomington on the 4th.

Messrs. Sheppard and Walker spent their 4th at Riverton.

Commissioners' proceedings of the 5th will appear next week.

Franklin furnished the banner precinct procession to our celebration.

A Hayes and Wheeler Club is to be organized. A good idea.

Rather more than our regular allowance of wind the past few days.

Judge Gaslin has gone to Maine to visit his friends at the old home.

The prairie part of the county is fast becoming well cultivated land.

Show us the man that "writ" the "centinental" history of Franklin Co.

Murphy run a lemonade stand at Ash Grove during the celebration on the 4th.

We are told that the little folks under Mrs. Walker's instructions are getting along nicely.

Nice new dress goods at Buck & Greenwood's, cheaper than dirt.

Judge Chadwick adds 45 volumes to his law library this week; Dan Ashby 11, and Shepp. 3.

A complete line of women's shoes, new and neat. Just received at Fuller & Wiat's, Riverton.

Horsethief Detective Associations are being formed in many of the adjoining counties of the State.

The celebration at old Ft. Kearney, in Kearney county, on the 4th, was a success and largely attended.

Harlan county adopts the premium list of this county as used last year, for its agricultural society this year.

The editor was absent the first of the week, and to J. R. Huffman, of the ...

New stock of ... at Wm. Feunimore's, Riverton, all styles and grades. Latest styles and lowest prices.

A boy named Scott, about 6 years old, was killed at Kearney on the 3d by the falling of the bower that was erected for the celebration next day.

WANTED.—We will take on subscription to the Guard, all kinds of vegetables, such as peas, potatoes, beans, &c., at the governing price.

H. W. Robb and J. C. Delano, from Macon, were in town Saturday. Mr. Robb, is one of the directors of the agricultural society from that precinct, and was in attendance upon the director's meeting.

The poor-dear people of Buffalo Co., have more sympathizers outside of its limits, probably, than any county in the state—all made by the libel suit. Strange that they are mostly leading politicians.

Mr. Paul Arnold, from Smith county Kans., has been engaged at Allen's store, and not F. M. Vancil, as we stated. Mr. Arnold is an old clerk of Mr. Allen's, and will do well by those who trade there.

Mrs. Bartlett, at the harness shop, has a nice assortment of millinery goods, and some unique centennial calicoes, for sale. She will do all kinds of plain sewing and invites the ladies and all who have any work for her, to call.

A St. Joe runner and the saloon keeper at Riverton came into town Monday morning feeling in rather good spirits and in a somewhat dilapidated condition. Guess that Riverton whisky is rank.

Wellman, of the Sutton Times, issued a finely illustrated supplement to his paper, descriptive of Clay county. It displays energy and pluck, and does himself credit.

From parties who were present we understand that the celebrations held at Riverton and in Ash Grove, this county, were well attended and pronounced a success. We will probably get some account of them for our next paper.

Hon. L. Crouse, M. C., has our thanks for a copy of the Congressional Record. Mr. Crouse is ever mindful of the needs of his constituency, as the records readily show, and the people are aware of the fact, newspaper hirings notwithstanding.

We had the pleasure while at Kearney this week, of listening to the first entertainment of the Kearney Library Association. Their rendition of the two farces, "I've written to Brown," and a "Little More Cider," was very commendable, and were listened to by a large-audience.

Charley Klatte, the gentlemanly and fashionable tailor from Omaha, is now located at Kearney, and will give you a handsome suit and a neat fit at reasonable rates. If you want a new suit, get his samples and prices.

HAYES & WHEELER CLUB.—There will be a meeting of the Republican electors of Franklin Co., in McGowan's building, at Bloomington, on the 15th of July, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a Republican Club, and arranging for the coming campaign. Every republican in the county is invited to be

During the month of June the national debt was decreased \$3,881,377.

FOR SALE.—80 acres of very desirable land—wood and water. Enquire of 35tf. J. R. HUFFMAN

A SUCCESS.—Mr. Stover, of Crow's Creek, is setting smooth glass bottles in the ant hills with the mouth even with the surface, and when the mound is disturbed it is gratifying to see them tumble into their glass prison. He is convinced from his brief experiments that ants can be exterminated in this way.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Nebraska Press Association, with a resume of all the proceedings of the Association, and a brief account by the Secretary of the first excursion out of the State, has been received. It was printed by the Omaha Republican, gratuitously and is an expression of liberality towards the N. P. A. worthy of commendation.

AGRICULTURAL MEETING.

BLOOMINGTON, July 1st, 1876.

Meeting called to order by the president. Present: Pugsley, Wells, Robb, Hutchison, Walker, deClorck and Sheppard.

A committee of two was appointed to prepare a premium list, and report at an early day. Diploma awards are to be made—no cash premiums. No person will be allowed to exhibit until they have paid into the Treasury one dollar.

Committee on location of the fair with full instructions to act in the matter for the best interest of the society, are H C Wells, C H Walker, and H W Robb.

\$15 or so much thereof as is necessary was voted to the Secretary, for blanks and stationery to be used at the coming fair.

By authority, the President appointed Walker, deClorck, Wells, the Secretary and President, committee to perfect necessary arrangements for making a show at the coming State Fair.

Adjourned to meet on July 15th at 1 p. m. at the court house.

GEO. W. SHEPPARD, J. F. PUGSLEY, Sec'y. Prest.

New Harness Shop.

Bloomington, - - - Nebraska. Harness, Saddles, and Harness Hardware. Just opened the best stock of harness, fine and heavy, saddles, whips, harness and saddle hardware, oils and soap ever offered in the valley and invite all to call any examine and buy, as they will find "quite sales and small profits" my motto. All kinds of repairing promptly done on short notice, and patronage solicited. West side of square. 36.

\$50

Reward!

will be paid for any person caught buying goods cheaper than they can be got at

N. L. WHITNEY,

Physician, also Examining Surgeon U. S. Service. Office in Harmon's store, Bloomington. 82

DR. J. D. WOODS:

Physician and Surgeon, Riverton. Will devote his time exclusively to the practice of medicine. Office at P. A. Williams & Co's drug store 48

CENTENNIAL HOTEL,

RIVERTON, Franklin County, NEB.

C. HOLDRIDGE, Proprietor. At side of the creek. Accommodation good and charges reasonable

LA CLEDE HOUSE,

Lead Cloud Neb. E. N. Noyes, Prop. The liquors kept in good style and every effort made to satisfy all.

Johnny Waters & Bro.

Kearney Coffee House, opposite U. Depot. Warm Meals and Lunch at all hours. Choice Cigars and Confectionery. 33.

L. M. MOULTON,

Attorney at Law, Notary Public

Will attend to legal business in this and adjoining counties. Office first door south of Land Office, Bloomington.

Fred's Billiard Room.

BLAIRMONT - NEBRASKA.

Third door south of the Land Office. Where all the boys are invited to come in and spend a social hour. Splendid table, and the best of wines, liquors, and cigars always on hand.

KOELMEL & ANDRA, Propr's.

RALPH K. HILL,

Notary Public & Insurance Agent
Bloomington, Nebraska.

Deeds, Mortgages and legal documents filled out and acknowledged.

Agent for the old reliable Aetna Insurance Company, of Hartford.

STEVENS HOUSE,

Bloomington, - Nebr.

AUGUST MARTIN Proprietor.

The public are invited to give this house a trial when in town. Accommodations are second to no house in the valley, and guests will receive proper attention while here. Stages leave here for Kearney and all points in the upper valley daily. 40

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 the School House, in Bloomington, Nebraska. Examination to commence at 9 o'clock a. m.

MARY S. DECLERCQ,
Co. Supt. Pub. Inst.

Dated this 1st day of Jan., 1876.

ARCHIBALD K. KINNEAR,

Notary Public,

Real Estate and Insurance Agent

All business strictly attended to and all correspondence promptly answered. Special attention given to the payment of taxes, collections and real estate practice. Riverton, Franklin Co. Neb. 6-4

Geo. W. Sheppard,

(Late of U. S. Land Office, Bloomington Neb.)

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Land Attorney.

Will attend to any business before the U. S. Land Office at Bloomington Neb., and the Department, Washington D. C. Three years official experience in U. S. Land Office at Lowell and Bloomington

Gives special attention to contests arising under the Pre-emption, Homestead and Timber Culture laws.

Office with Judge Gaslin two doors south of U. S. Land Office.

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For your Sunday, or any other day, hats, call on Wm. Fennimore, at Riverton. A full assortment, new, neat and stylish.

A complete stock of boots and shoes at Fennimore's, in Riverton, attracts attention, and the price just suits. Look them over.

Elias Tinkham came down from North Platte and stayed in town last night, but returned again to-day. He looks healthy and reports a good business.

Kearney ushered in the centennial 4th, Tuesday, with appropriate exercises and the day was one long to be remembered by many.

We shall soon issue the paper Wednesday night, and send out by Thursday's mail, in order to reach all parts of the county before Sunday.

Cross & Robinson, in Riverton, are agents for the J. I. Case & Co's Threshing machines, the Buffalo Pitt's thresher and Nichols & Shepard's Vibrator.

By some unaccountable error our bundle of Guards for Riverton, failed to reach the postoffice this week. We hope such an error will not again occur.

The newly elected State Central Committee is called together on the 26th, to perfect its organization and transact such business as may come before it.

H. S. Barnum, has painted his buggies, bought some new harness and can now furnish the handsomest, neatest and best driving turn-outs in the valley.

Fuller & Wiat have just received a full line of new goods, and invite all to come in and see them on the 4th or any other time before the goods are gone.

The glorious centennial 4th was ushered in with the booming of cannon and an extensive display of the bonny blue, in every part of the United States, and this was the war-word.

A little daughter of Judge Moulton's got a hull from a weed that grows on the prairie up her nose, Thursday evening, and for a short time it was thought to be something serious, but the Judge succeeded in getting it out.

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Read the card of the new harness shop, in Bloomington. All kinds of harness, fine and heavy, saddles, everything in the harness hardware line; oils and soaps, fly nets, etc., etc, all of which are to be had cheap. Repairing is also done promptly on short notice. We have long since felt she need of this shop, and now let all patronize it.

Leroy Tinkham is the happy man this time—it is a boy, weight 9 lbs. We did intend all along to make a big blow about this affair but under a cold water inspiration a simple notice is all we can stand. We will simply state, however, that "Roy's" failure to "set 'em up," is owing to his extreme modesty, this being his first entry on the register of humanity. We shall look for better things in the future—not a better boy—but a more liberal showing on occasions of this kind hereafter.

During the fireworks in the evening of the 4th, Geo. Rowland's team, which was hitched near the square, became frightened and ran away. They run over a bank between town and Mr. Worthing's and one horse broke a leg, and was afterward killed. George is out of luck in the horse line, as this is the second or third loss of the kind. Charley Rowland's team broke loose from a wagon, to which they were hitched by the halters at the same time, and run for two or three days, or at least it was about that long before they were found.

The Republic Magazine No. 1, Vol. 7, of which is received—the July number. It contains full minutes of the National Convention, and a general review of the present out-look of the Republican party. As a political informant, the Republic has no equal, probable, in the United States, and republicans who wish to keep posted, can do no better than to take this work.

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