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### Mail Schedule.

Mail arrives from the east (Kearney) daily at 4:50 p. m., and departs at 9:20, a. m. Mail arrives daily from the west at 9 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. E. N. LORD, Stated Supply.

I. O. O. F.—Riverton Lodge. No. meets every Saturday evening. Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend. A. J. WESTON, Sec'y. C. B. CHILDS, N. G.

### LOCAL MATTERS.

In another week the grand old valley of the Republican will "blossom like the rose."

The weather is fearful hot and everybody looks as though they were nearing the end of their career.

20 persons arrived at Kearney on one train one day this week, bound for the Great Republican valley.

The Aid Committee have been distributing seed potatoes and corn to the farmers of this county during the week, and a quantity of wheat has also been received.

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Koehmel & Andra have just received a supply of choice wines and liquors. Fred, says the editors of the valley are invited to give it a trial, especially Men of the News.

Last Saturday was the last day of grace to the tax payers of the county, a good many of whom have sought out the Captain and "chalked over" the necessary amount due from them.

Col. J. D. Gage one of our County Commissioners and best farmers, planted 20 acres of corn last Friday and Saturday. A number of others have begun and many more ought to have done so.

A fishing party is talked of as among the occasions of the next few weeks. It is proposed to visit Turkey Creek, with baskets of refreshments, fishing tackle, etc., and have one of those good times, which many hold so fresh, of days gone by. We shall cleave close to the ragged edge of anxiety until the bright sun-shiny day approaches.

Mr. Zediker goes to Lincoln next week with a full showing of his case in black and white, and some pretty strong evidence in his favor, which will probably make it an easy task for him to gain his seat.

It has just been discovered that Bloomington is the nearest and best point to the Black Hills. Outfits for small boys and decrepid old women can be supplied as cheap as any point on the whole route.

D. Van Etten has just completed a set of maps for this county, which are further indications of his superior skill in that line. They will compare favorably with any lithography, and Van should receive a liberal compensation for his services, as his talents in this line

### GRASSHOPPERS.

Young grasshoppers are reported in the eastern portion of this State, western Missouri, and eastern and southeastern Kansas. Considerable damage is being done to new crops, but no great fears are manifest, upon the results of their labor during the season. As they are continually on the move in fair weather, and will probably do but little in each place they light. We feel safe in predicting that western Kansas and Nebraska is safe from their invasion this season, as so far nothing is known of them in numbers sufficient to do any harm, and their flight westward is something that very rarely occurs, as most of the winds from the east bring with them a cold or rainy season, and it is in these times the hoppers do their damage, by remaining in one place and consuming everything before them even to grind stones and hay knives. The western portion of the State is very well supplied with seed most of which was planted in good season, and is in a fine growing condition, which if permitted to mature, will increase the improvements and progress of the country ten fold. A lack of confidence is just now apparent in all of the demoralized districts, of this State and Kansas, which only needs a trial with the proper seeds in its fertile soil to restore and set afloat the money and enterprise now laying dormant in their borders. Verily we say give us a chance.

Lincoln is agitating the question of their Artesian Well, by establishing a water cure in their midst. The mineral properties of the water are said to be great, and no doubt will be used.

United States Commissioner Douglas.

### STATE ITEMS.

Dr. McPherson will sell out all his Brownville property.

Vice President Wilson is on his way to Denver.

A fire in Detroit caused a loss of three hundred thousand dollars.

Grasshoppers have hatched out in millions in the southeastern part of the State. A few days will determine the amount of damage they are likely to inflict.

G. D. Shannon, of Pawnee, was badly hurt recently while branding cattle.

The Ashland Times is the champion apologist—in its peculiar way.

A fire at Brownville was put out with a little Babcock.

Grasshoppers have appeared in Saline county in millions.

James Stach, of Clay county plants 290 acres this spring, and will break a 160-acre patch this summer.

Church Ilwé is satisfied to cultivate 250 acres of Nemaha soil.

Bee: Immigration is turning. Within the last two or three days about seven hundred immigrants have returned from California. They found nothing to do there but to kill time and wait for something to turn up. Most of them spent their leisure hours—and they had many of them—sitting by the sea shore, washing their feet and listening to what the wild waves were saying. California is not what it is cracked up to be, and the State is flooded with emigrants who are as hungry and needy as Nebraska grasshopper sufferers. "Eureka" is played out with the poor emigrant.

Niobrara Pioneer: This paper is the first to send out a Black Hills party which we mention on our first page. Messrs. Lafayette Place and Ed. Bushnell, and our pony "Pass" left on Tuesday morning well armed and provisioned. They expect to return in about thirty days. This beats the Sioux darts, as they will be away up the Keyapaha before any other party can reach the Niobrara river.

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**The Elk Horn Hotel.**  
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The public are invited to give me a trial.  
When in town, as at all times I shall give  
them the best the facilities afford.

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Wednesday, and made himself agreeable  
for a few minutes. He was on business  
at the U. S. Land Office.

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

The Nebraska Patron for the third  
Monday of April is before us. It is a  
model of topography and is valuable to  
the patrons and farmers of our young  
State.

We notice by the press of the eastern  
part of the State, that J. F. Trout Sec'y  
State Aid Society will finally close that  
office on the 15th of the present month.

J. C. Warner and a Mr. Miller of Red  
Cloud were in town this week.

Wild plum blossoms along the river  
are in a good state of preservation and  
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D. L. Ashby will favor the dancing  
portion of this community with a party  
on Tuesday night the 11th, to which  
all are invited and may expect to enjoy.  
The dancing will be at the new building  
to be occupied by the Co., Clerk, and  
the supper at Mr. Ashby's house. Good  
supper will be provided and the best of  
music in attendance. Supper and dance  
\$1.50.

The spelling mania has not reached  
Bloomington yet, although Miss Wil-  
liams, the teacher at this place, thought  
to have a real old fashioned spelling  
school, would be appropriate, and chose  
last Wednesday night as the time.  
There was a good turn out and about  
40 spelled, Miss Della Deary carried off  
the laurel before recess, and Mr. N. C.  
Sawyer, after recess.

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United States Commissioner Douglas,  
of the Internal Revenue Department,  
has been removed, and ex-Senator Pratt,  
of Indiana, receives the appointment in  
his place. The integrity of Douglas, as  
a man or an officer, was never questioned.

The green grass has got sufficiently  
started to be of material use for grazing,  
and from this time on stock will gain  
without feed.

Remember preaching at the school  
house to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.,  
and let all turn out and hear the ser-  
mon.

The young ladies of Bloomington have  
inaugurated a series of sociables, into  
the social circle of this place, which will  
no doubt prove pleasant affairs.

An excursion train of seven coaches,  
containing between seven and eight hun-  
dred people, came in over the C. B. &  
Q. and B. & M. R. R.'s, who will stop  
at the various stations along the B. & M.  
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Bees: "Charles Collins and the Black  
Hills miners, fifteen in all, arrived here  
last evening from Cheyenne on the Union  
Pacific train, which was five hours late.  
They left for Sioux City at five o'clock  
over the Chicago & Northwestern rail-  
way as far as Missouri Valley, to which  
point that company, with its usual liber-  
ality, has furnished them free transpor-  
tation, Collins having telegraphed that  
they are in good spirits, but almost dead-  
broke having nothing much except cheek  
and a few Black Hills nuggets, which  
they would not spout just now for any  
consideration."

ONE-THIRD of the city of Oshkosh Wis.,  
is in ashes. An area nearly one mile square  
was burned over on yesterday. In the  
general ruin is included the finest business  
blocks and residences in the city. All the  
news-paper offices, the postoffice, the opera  
house, the banks, all the hotels except one,  
and the telegraph office went down before  
the flames. The fire started in a mill on  
the north bank of the river, and burnt along  
Main street from Algoma to Cape street.  
It was found utterly impossible to stay the  
conflagration until it had raged from about  
noon until night. Appeals for assistance  
were made upon all the surrounding cities  
and in some instances responded to. Three  
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Buy and sell Home and Foreign **Grants**,  
Receive **Deposits**, and do a **General**  
**Banking** business.

**County and School Bonds**  
Bought or Negotiated at the Highest Market  
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 voters in this (Franklin)  
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.

# Billiard Hall.



SOUTH SIDE OF THE SQUARE,

Two new Brunswick tables and every  
convenience for the game. Lovers of the  
popular game are invited to call.

30 CHAS. WHITNEY.

## NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE.

Bloomington, Neb. April 15 1875.  
Complaint having been entered at this  
office by August Bredemier against George  
Schneider for Failure to cultivate his timber  
culture, entry No. 342. Dated April 13th  
1874, upon the NW 1/4 section 14 township  
6 range 15 west, in Kearney county, Neb.  
with a view to the cancellation of said en-  
try: the said parties are hereby summoned to  
appear at this office on the 15th day of  
May 1875, at 1 o'clock p. m. to respond  
and furnish testimony concerning said al-  
leged Failure.

C. H. WALKER, Register.

with probably give us a good yield of this  
fruit this season.

Depositions were taken Tuesday and  
Wednesday of this week in the contest  
case of Zediker and Harman, which are  
to go before the con. con. next week.

The constitutional convention will  
convene at Lincoln next Tuesday the  
11th to frame a constitution for sub-  
mission to the people.

That new baby carriage of our genial  
p. m.'s is only excelled in looks and  
quality by the little one therein, and  
that only by its, pa and ma.

Downing will sell stoves two dollars  
cheaper than any other man in the  
country. 13

Peter Deal lost another horse last  
week, which is a sad misfortune at this  
season of the year

Benjamin Clapp and family returned  
to this county last week, from Nebraska  
City, where they have been spending a  
few months.

Our townsman, G. W. Dorsey, has  
his building, west of Capt. Presson's,  
nearly ready for occupancy.

Martin Shields, for some time driving  
stage between this place and Republican  
City, left Monday for the new Eldorado  
in the Black Hills country.

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

Judge Edwards Pierpont, of New  
York, has received from President  
Grant the appointment of Attorney  
General, vice, Mr. Williams resigned.

Mr. D. Conner, our enterprising Jew-  
eler, finds business so much better than  
he expected, that he will soon come out  
with a nice advertisement, that all may  
know of his whereabouts, and give him  
a call, at Harman's.

Abner English may be found at the  
new Billiard Hall, with sharp razors,  
and ready to "scrape" old and new  
acquaintances, in a most satisfactory

40 spelled, Miss Della Deary carried off  
the laurels before recess, and Mr. N. C.  
Sawyer, after recess.

The Nebraska press is sailing now in  
troubled waters, because the shirt that  
Tilton wore when he was hunting soft  
beds and hanging pictures, has been  
grasshoppered, and is now worn in Neb.  
or Kansas.

Round's Printers' Cabinet is once  
more on our table, "cramed full" of use-  
ful information for the craft, and a mod-  
el of the art. We always feel as though  
we had received good news from home  
(or from our girl) when the familiar face  
of the Cabinet greets us.

Mr. Joseph P. Crowley, who for some  
time has been running a Billiard room  
on the west side of the square at this  
place, left this week with his family  
for Hastings Neb. where he will remain.  
He has property there.

In conversation with one of the Messrs.  
Phelps, who made some investigation  
as to the amount of grasshopper eggs  
early in the spring, we learn that the  
insects which hatched in that locality,  
are not hoppers, and that nothing more  
has been seen by them leading to the  
conclusion that we are to be the victims  
of their work this spring.

The following figures are handed us  
by the County Clerk, as compiled from  
the assessor's books of this county at  
the late assessment:

VALUATION OF CO.		
Total No. acres in the Co.	137,386	
valuation of same	264,591	
Town lots	64,122	
Personal property	8,293	
NO OF INHABITANTS.		
Total No. male citizens	920	
female "	850	
births for year	81	
Males	41	
Females	40	

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take observations of the country. The  
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inducements unequalled by anything  
yet made, and these people who are judg-  
es of a nice country, only need to see it  
to be convinced. Franklin Co. should  
make an effort to call their attention to  
its many advantages and secure a portion  
of the wealth now on its road to our  
young State.

The Lincoln Journal connects Mr. J.  
R. McDonald our county clerk, and Mr.  
Harman with the late election fraud,  
which probable comes more from rumor  
than a knowledge of the facts in the case  
McDonald is a Republican and stands  
too well in this county to share any of  
the blame in this matter, and we know of  
none here who charge him of being in  
any way implicated in this matter.

The suspicion rests entirely on parties  
not connected, either in canvassing the  
vote or gaining the seat, but to a set of  
sharks who are always ready to do any-  
thing for their friends(?), and we hope  
they will be brought to the surface.

Mr. Geo. Beck, one of the Co. Com-  
missioners of Gosper county, and Mr.  
Downing, one of the Phelps county  
board, were among the witnesses whose  
depositions were taken here this week.

The new room of Ashby's where the  
dance is to be given next Tuesday night,  
will furnished ample accommodations  
for all and those who attend may expect  
a good time.

Mrs. Tilton is pleading for a hearing  
in the great scandal case, of Brooklyn,  
in order to leave a clear record for her  
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ceived with little credulence. Owing to the  
fact that the telegraph office was destroyed  
it is impossible to obtain further details than  
are given in our dispatches.—Inter-Ocean.

## To Farmers.

Bloomington, May 7th '75.

I have frequently heard the subject of  
Agricultural Implements discussed by  
farmers and find the general expression  
that the very best implements made, are  
in the end much the cheapest.

I am agent for the celebrated Buck-  
eye Reaper and Mower, which has a na-  
tional reputation for their Superiority. In  
every State and Territory. I shall not  
attempt a description of these machines,  
which are so familiar to the farming  
community, but will refer to what I re-  
gard as the simplest and most complete  
Self Rake, Attachment, that ever was  
invented. I allude to what is known as  
the "Miller Table Rake," belonging to,  
and attached only to the "Buckeye."  
Among the many points of excellence of  
this simple, beautiful and popular ma-  
chine, are the following, viz: The  
ease and quickness with which it can be  
handled by the driver, when at work,  
adapting itself to any condition of grain,  
making the sheaves of any desired size,  
delivering them in a compact and evenly  
laid bundle for the binders. I can con-  
ceive of nothing more irritating to the  
farmer, who after expending his time,  
labor and money in plowing, harrowing  
and seeding, to have a large per cent of  
his crop wasted and lost in the cutting,  
with a poor machine. I expect to can-  
vass Franklin county for the sale of the  
Buckeye Reaper and Mower, or Thrash-  
ing machine. By dropping me a line, I  
will call on them at their residence in  
proper time. I have sent many circulars  
over the county, persons that have not  
received circulars, can have them by  
calling on me or sending me word, and  
I will mail the same to them.

J. J. SHAFFER.

Nothing further has been received in  
reference to the bridge injunction case  
up to Thursday night.

Z. King & Son's foreman passed up  
the river this week and work will be  
commenced on the Republican Co.  
bridge.