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### Religious Services.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Preaching every third Sabbath, at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7 o'clock P. M.  
E. N. LORD,  
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I. O. O. F.—Riverton Lodge, No. meets every Saturday evening. Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend.  
A. J. WESTON, C. B. CHILDS,  
Sec'y. N. G.

### LOCAL MATTERS.

Wild geese are seeking their Northern home.

Nature is preparing her summer wardrobe.

Call on Shaffer for plows.

Procure "greens", as soon as they can be obtained, for the cure and prevention of scurvy, if nothing else can be had.

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

The baby crop appears to be pretty good the past few months, notwithstanding the scarcity of aid supplies.

J. R. Huffman rushed frantically into the GUARD office, last Monday with a broad grin on his face, and when asked to explain, he said it was a—girl. We are waiting patiently for a smoke.

James Hunter Esq., of Riverton, lost a good horse while on his way home from this place last Saturday.

Koelman & Andra have fitted up their room in a neat and tasty manner. They have now one of the best arranged bars in the valley.

Rev. Lord preached at this place last Sabbath morning and evening, to a fair audience.

The Tinkham Bros. have a good stock of spring and summer clothing coming for their store here.

This county is to receive eleven car loads of barley from California this week or next. Barley has been a very profitable crop in this State for the past few years, and this seed will be valuable now.

We were pleased to meet, in our office, last Saturday Mr. A. K. Kinnear, of Riverton, who has just returned from a winter's lecturing tour, in the interests of the Independent order of good Templars. He says we may expect a large immigration the coming spring, from the eastern States.

Mr. Kinnear brought with him a celebrated Norman horse, to which he calls the attention of the stock raisers of this county. He is certainly a well put up animal and those wishing to raise good stock will do well to look at him.

### DIED.

At his residence, near Bloomington, Neb., on the 6th day of April 1875, from the effect of an accidental gun shot, Charles H. Vining in the 43d year of his age.

Thus it will be seen that the ugly wound, received by Mr. Vining, of which we spoke last week, has resulted fatal, as was predicted by many as soon as the nature of the wound was fairly understood. Drs. Rich and Maynard were both in attendance but could do the man no good.

Mr. Vining was one of the early settlers of this county, having removed here four years ago in January, last, with his family, and by perseverance and industry had gained the confidence of a large circle of acquaintances, and surrounded himself with a comfortable home. He had stemmed the blunt of the pioneer hardships and was just beginning to reap his reward. His industry this winter has sustained him without assistance, and furnished him with the necessary seed for spring use, but he has reaped his reward and laid aside all earthly things for a land that is beyond this.

He leaves a wife and three sons to mourn his untimely death, who will receive the sympathy of the entire community, in this, their greatest bereavement.

DIED.—Mrs. Harriet B. Parr, at her homestead on the South Side of the river, April 2d, 1875, at the age of 41 years.

Mrs. Parr is a sister of Mr. Robert Fish, who died in January last after a long and tedious suffering from a cancer which caused his death. Mrs. Parr

LOST.—A pair of No. 1 buck skin gloves, with gauntlets. A compass and square is worked on the back of the gloves.  
JOHN HUTCHINSON.

The Red Cloud Chief of last week contains a long account of destruction by prairie fire in that county during the high wind of two weeks ago, and reports the damage done at about \$12,000, to say nothing of the suffering by the losing parties. Men lost their houses, barns, teams and utensils, together with stock of all kinds, which at this time of year is almost too much to think of. The spring time has come and after toiling through a long and severe winter to have all taken just as a brighter day was dawning, seems almost heart-rendering. A number had received their supply of seed but had not yet sown it, while others had succeeded in carrying over a small amount, only to have it swept away before a hurricane. It was also reported by the Chief that considerable damage was done in this county, but we think that is a mistake as none has come to our knowledge. Again we warn our people to guard their homes against the fire fiend lest they share the same fate, when they least expect it.

### Tilton Convicted—Beecher Cleared. Courier-Journal.

The case is at length made out against Tilton, and of course he will be put in for damages, and must pay Beecher a good round sum. When a man does as Bessie Turner swears that he did, he must look to have himself supplanted in his wife's affections. Tilton being proved a scamp Beecher comes out a

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

Mr. Joseph Crewley of this place of-  
fers his billiard table and fixtures for  
sale, as he wishes to close out in the  
billiard business, preparatory to com-  
mencing the manufacture of cigars at  
this place.

Mr. Morlan has opened out as the  
tensorial artist of the town, and prom-  
ises to do it up in good shape for the  
boys.

Tuesday was rather inclement for elec-  
tion purposes, and owing to the fact  
that all the candidates were good tem-  
plars, we expect to chronicle the death  
of several of our best citizens dying from  
the exposure, without the proper reme-  
dies.

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

The Bloomington Guard, a lively local  
paper published at Bloomington, Franklin  
county, by Ralph K. Hill is welcomed to  
our exchange list.—Independent.

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Considerable is being said about  
Bloomington having one or two more  
general stores, as parties can readily see  
that this is one of the best points in the  
valley for more merchandise, and we  
may soon expect to see them come.

Elias Haynes is making himself known  
to numerous individuals in this precinct,  
about now days. He will soon complete  
the assessment roll for the precinct.

Mr. Bond has taken charge of the  
steam mill at this place, and will now  
run the same.

M. V. Moudy is a candidate for the  
con. con. from Webster, Adams and  
Kearney counties.

General Spinner, Secretary of the  
Treasurer department, has resigned his  
position and retires. He will be suc-  
ceeded by John C. New of Indianap-  
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leaves a husband and five children, one  
an infant, to mourn the loss of a wife  
and a mother.

### Scarey.

We are informed that there are a  
great many cases of scurvy in this val-  
ley, and particularly on the south side  
of the river, and still more in Kansas.  
The absence of all vegetable diet  
throughout the winter, has wrought  
this dreaded disease. The aid society  
having furnished little else than flour  
and meal, mostly meal, and yellow at  
that, and the only wonder is that twice  
the number of cases are not reported and  
scarcely a family free from it. But for  
the great healthfulness of the climate,  
there would have been many new  
graveyards started before this. Our  
doctors don't all know scurvy when  
they see it, and some have been treat-  
ing the disease for something else. A  
little common sense practice on the part  
of the doctors, and a little fortitude  
will enable most all to hold out until  
some "greens" can be obtained, when  
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saint: this being a case of now you see  
it and now you don't—chiefly the latter.  
The public has all along erred in sup-  
posing that Beecher is on trial. He is  
not; it is Tilton. Bessie Turner has  
put a spider in Theodore's dumpling,  
and consequently he must step down  
and out, leaving Henry Ward master of  
the situation. The bedroom scene at  
Winsted was enough to cook his goose.  
But Bessie's revelations are conclusive,  
and glory be to Plymouth that there was  
a Bessie Turner to make the pastor an  
honest man again.

Russia has a peasant nine feet tall.

A Kind-hearted boy in Pennsylvania  
stole \$700 and presented it to an orphan  
asylum.

The Kansas people console themselves  
by asserting that their grasshopper is  
the same insect so melodiously sung by  
Anchreon, the Greek poet.

A man in El Paso, Mexico, has actu-  
ally put in a claim against the United  
States government for nine chickens  
destroyed by coyotes from the Amer-  
ican side.

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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.**  
Axes and other edged tools repaired, and warranted. Give me a call.  
M. V. WORTHINGTON,  
Bloomington, Neb.

**Notice.**  
U. S. LAND OFFICE.  
Bloomington, Neb., Feb. 27. 1874.  
Complaint having been entered at this Office by Geo. W. Wise against Oscar Kimball for abandoning his Homestead Entry, No. 1850, dated Feb. 4th 1874, upon the 2d 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 one o'clock p. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

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

**Legal Notice.**  
Johnathan K. Gardner, non-resident, is notified that Lucy M. Gardner did on the 20th day of March, 1875, and her petition in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the first Judicial District in and for Franklin county, Neb., charging the said Johnathan K. Gardner with habitual drunkenness, and with desertion, and asking that she may be divorced from the said Johnathan K. Gardner, which petition will stand for hearing at the next term of said court. Dated this 20th day of March, A. D. 1875.  
LUCY M. GARDNER,  
D. L. ASHEY, her Atty.

The death of Mr. Charles Vining, by an accidental gun shot, should act as a warning to our citizens in the use of fire-arms henceforth. A gun is a dangerous weapon without "lock, stock or barrel."

Parties in from Red Cloud estimate the loss from prairie fire as a very appalling nature.

Monday night it rained, snowed, hailed and froze, which continued in a milder form Tuesday, leaving the ground covered with sleet, but on Wednesday we had a fine rain and the sleet entirely disappeared.

Judge Mculton one of Bloomington's best attorneys, can be found at his office ready to attend promptly to all calls in his legal profession. The Judge is energetic and those who wish to have their business transacted promptly and at a reasonable cost, will do well to consult him.

The election this week waxed warm and considerable work was done by all parties, but only one candidate was elected.

We are just in receipt of a good stock of cards, and can furnish Real Estate attorneys with cards containing blank township plats, on short notice, and in a satisfactory manner.

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

Four or five land suits are to come off before the U. S. Land Office at this place this week.

The commissioners to view the State Road from this point to Kearney will meet the last of this week to survey the road.

We hear numerous parties are talking of bringing sheep to this valley the coming spring, and we regard the project as a very laudable one.

posed to be the same as the one sacrificed by John C. New of Indianapolis.

Capt. Wyman, of York county, succeeds Wm. Woodhurst as Warden of the penitentiary at Lincoln Neb.

Hon. John Taffe retires from the editorial staff of the Omaha Republican, and Hon. B. H. Barrows is his successor. Mr. Barrows has for some time been connected with the paper

It is estimated by careful judges that over ten thousand acres of grain, mostly wheat, has been sown in this county this spring, up to last Saturday, and farmers are still busy seeding.—Kearney Press.

Lincoln enjoyed a deep snow last week, more than has fallen at any one time this winter.

We understand that Charley Bush's house was blown over by the high wind on Friday week. He ought to have had a good wife there to guard it, in such times.

We have heard of a number of cases of sickness in different parts of the county, within the past few days, but nothing of a serious nature is reported.

The new billiard tables will be in this week and soon be neatly arranged in Smith's building. Mr. Whitney is a steady good natured young man and it is expected he will keep an orderly first-class house, for all who chose to patronize him.

Mr. Egerton returned from the east last week, where he has been soliciting seed. He succeeded in getting a car load of seed, which will help considerably.

all danger in that line may be easily and successfully combatted.

J. R. H.

**Unnecessary.**

The alarm occasioned by the appearance of supposed grasshoppers, is, we think, quite unnecessary. At least if what our attention has been attracted to by those who made the discovery, is the grasshopper which has occasioned the late alarm, we don't scare worth a cent, unless we have some better proof. By getting close down to the ground almost anywhere on the prairie, myriads of little diminutive hopping insects may be discovered upon the ground. They are whitish in color, a little larger than a flea, and nearly as quick—indeed, they are entirely too quick for the irrepresible locust, and besides their legs and body do not in any way bear a particle of resemblance to them.

There may possible be grasshoppers in this vicinity, but we confess that we have been entirely ignorant of the fact, for we have failed to discover any as yet.

J. R. H.

**MORE FIRE LOSSES.**—We learn that a prairie fire was raging northeast on the divide last Sunday, which did considerable damage in the vicinity of the Sod Ranch. About two miles and a half southeast of the ranch it burned up six horses, four oxen and two cows, belonging to some Danes in that vicinity, besides considerable other damage in that region. Large fires have been visible in almost every direction, and we expected to hear of damage being done. The rain and ice of the first of the week has now put a stop to most of the fire, and it is a good time to prepare for defence.

Mr. W. C. Thompson, of Riverton, gave the GUARD office a call last Wednesday.

States put in a claim against the United States' government for nine chickens destroyed by coyotes from the American side.

A Baltimore young woman skated herself through the ice, but as the water was only four feet deep, and she was five feet long, she stood up and informed a young man of what had happened, and he courageously passed her a board.

A bar of gold one inch square will sustain a weight of fifteen tons net; a bar of silver of the same size will sustain twenty tons; a bar of copper eighteen tons; a bar of charcoal iron thirty tons. a bar of lead will only carry about four tons.

"Fellow-citizens," said a carpetbagger, addressing an audience of colored people in South Carolina, "my skin is white, it is true, but my soul is blacker than yours."

**Land Office Abstract.**

List of Entries made at the Bloomington Land Office to the week Ending Apr. 10. 1875.

Homestead Entries.			
A G Hanna	n $\frac{1}{2}$ nw $\frac{1}{2}$		2 7 12
J Myers	nw $\frac{1}{4}$		9 4 24
S S Weils	se		12 4 12
E J Smishe	se		18 4 11
R S Pomeioy	e $\frac{1}{2}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$		22 8 11
W H Burlingame	e $\frac{1}{2}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$		22 8 11
M Shoff	s $\frac{1}{2}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$ of 15 & e $\frac{1}{2}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$		24 2 21
S Kinney	sw		12 4 13
A Baker	nw		22 9 19
J Smith	e $\frac{1}{2}$ ne		13 8 11
P Moran	w $\frac{1}{2}$ so		8 7 13
D L Buckingham	e $\frac{1}{2}$ nw & w $\frac{1}{2}$ ne		13 2 21

Pre-emptions.			
W Perry	e $\frac{1}{2}$ ne & e $\frac{1}{2}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$		33 1 11
S McCoy	ne $\frac{1}{4}$		15 4 12
S Hayes	nw		20 3 14
C P Hayes	se		10 1 22
C M Loury	nw nw & lots 3 & 4		23 1 9

Homestead Declarations.			
W Paison	ne $\frac{1}{4}$		4 7 13
Entered Lands.			
W C Holden	e $\frac{1}{2}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$ & nw $\frac{1}{4}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$		13 1 23
Ellen Peterson	e $\frac{1}{2}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$		13 4 13