

# Bloomington Guard.

ISSUED EVERY SATURDAY.

RALPH K. HILL,

Editor and Proprietor.

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Saturday, Feb. 12th, 1876.

Weather continues nice for the season

Wild cats are getting numerous.

Omaha has direct communication with St. Louis via Lincoln.

A good rain is needed for spring planting.

Look out now for gentle zephyrs wafting malicious nothingness.

Jordon P. Smith has been granted a new trial. The Texas herders have cost Buffalo county some \$6,000.

A democrat in the Kearney Press says if we must have a republican for President, give us Grant.

Kearney means business in regard to opening up connection with the Black Hills, and the B. & M. railroad company offers to aid in the enterprise.

A big Bonanza has been struck at Rock Bluffs, Cass county, in the shape of a four foot vein of pure coal. The truthfulness of the report is vouched for by such prominent men as Col. Tuxbury, E. S. Wolsey and Anderson Root. The increases in thickness, and great excitement prevails.

And now comes the Chicago Inter Ocean and gives us the startling information that Secretary Bristow is looming up as the probable democratic candidate for President. The Courier-Journal and New York Sun are reported as starting the movement.

A correspondent to the Kearney Press takes up a couple of columns in a well written article upon the next Presidency, and nominates Senator Paddock for the position. The republican party might do a good deal worse than making the Senator its standard bearer.

The Kearney Press denominates the Resolutions recently adopted by the County Superintendents in convention establishing another Normal school on the Pawnee reservation, as a Wild Goose Scheme. The Press is about correct. What earthly use we have for another Normal school when the one we have is not half supported, is more than we can tell. And then to locate it on the Pawnee reserve, twenty or thirty miles from direct communication, strikes us as simply ridiculous.

While at Red Cloud this week, we dropped into the Chief office, where Bro. Warner was busy completing the last issue of his paper, and also making arrangements to ensconce himself in a

## Alkali vs. Dead Sheep.

Hearing that there was quite a debate on this subject at the late Farmers' Institute, held at Bloomington, I take the GUARD as a medium through which to express my views on the matter.

The points at issue, I believe, were whether it was the alkali, dust or too much corn, that killed my sheep. To come to the point directly, I will say that I believe I had several sheep die from the effects of eating too much grain. After death they were dissected and examined to the best of my ability under the circumstances. On opening the stomachs, the rumen, or first stomach, was found full of corn, oat straw and grass, very dry and hard. The honey comb, or second stomach, was quite full, and but partially moist. The manifolds, or third stomach, was full, dry and compact. The inner coating of all three of the stomachs, was completely decomposed and could be removed with least pressure of the finger, showing there had been much fever, arising from the effects of the grain. I also had several sheep die, whose death I believe was caused from eating too freely of the alkali that covers some portions of the flat lands along the Republican river. These, like those that died from eating too much grain, were examined and the diagnosis was similar, with the exception that the stomachs were not so full and contained no grain, but the inner coatings were in almost the same condition; the inner coating of the rumen was, however, in a worse condition than either of the other stomachs. I made no chemical analysis of the contents of the stomachs, because I had no way for making them; nor did I think it necessary, for I was satisfied that the alkali was the cause of death. My examinations merely confirmed me in the belief I had before I opened the carcasses. I had noticed that every time I had the sheep on the bottom, I was obliged to have several of them hauled to the corral at night, they not being able to get back themselves.

Some would be found dead in the morning and others would linger along for several days, lying on their right side with their heads swung around on their left flank apparently in considerable pain.

Now if it was not the alkali that did the work, what was it? It certainly was not, as one gentleman suggested, the effects of dust collected on their long march in the early part of the summer, for that would have effected their lungs, but they were in a healthy condition.

The Institute evidently got several things mixed up, and in reality were discussing a question of which they knew nothing. The ram which was spoken of did not die of a lung disease at all, but the difficulty was with the spleen. If it had been the dust that caused his death, the lungs must have been diseased certainly. For the benefit of those intending to enter upon the business of wool growing in this valley, I would say, don't let this alkali scare frighten you out of the idea, for it is the nature of the capridae tribe to seek elevated lands, and when allowed their own way will take to the hills. My herder tells me that it was with difficulty that he forced the sheep on to the bottom lands, but after

scriptions for the purchase of a blooded stallion, and report at the earliest day practicable.

Adjourned to meet at Bloomington on Saturday, Feb., 19th at 10 a. m.

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We desire to call especial attention of the citizens of the county and the Valley to the fact that Bloomington is the best market for butter, eggs, poultry, &c. Our merchants are paying better prices than any others in the Valley and want all the country affords.

[For the Bloomington Guard.]

### Correspondence.

MOLINE NEB., Feb 7th.

ED. GUARD: The reports from the Conventions held by county superintendents at Kearney; Fremont and Lincoln are received, and a few of the most important subjects noticed.

The Attorney General has decided that the taxable property, at the time the district was formed, shall be the basis of calculation. The territory embraced in the district at the time obligations are contracted are held for the indebtedness.

While we don't consider the power of a county superintendent co-ordinate with that of a district board to appoint a school officer, we believe that in case of refusal or neglect of both the district board and the district to fill the vacancies arising in the board, the county superintendent should fill such vacancy by appointment.

No teacher is allowed to draw a salary until his or her reports are properly executed and signed. A district cannot be held for wages of teachers accrued by teaching without a certificate, but the officers hiring such teacher are held.

Superintendents should meet with school officers at convenient point in the county, about the first of March to explain and distribute school blanks and again in April, to receive the reports.

The annual report is to be made by the director who served during the year, and a failure to report makes him individually responsible to the district for the amount of money lost to the district by such negligence. A failure to make the annual report within the time specified by the law, forfeits all apportionments from state or county to that district.

The provisions of the New Constitution are in force, therefore all districts

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JNO. A. HOBBS.

### FRANKLIN CO. FARMERS CLUB. AN INTERESTING MEETING.

Bloomington, Neb., Feb. 5, 1876.

The Franklin Co. Farmers Club met pursuant to agreement in the office of Geo. W. Shepperd, Mr. Elias Haynes, President, in the chair.

It was moved and adopted that the President and Sec. be appointed a committee to draft and report a Constitution and By Laws for the Club.

The question of membership came up and a lively little discussion ensued relative to the propriety of limiting membership to practical farmers. Without definite action, the Club proceeded to the discussion of the Horse, and the advantages and necessity of introducing blooded stock. The movement was urged by Mess. Walker, DeClereq, Yocum and others.

Adjourned till 1 o'clock p. m.

Met at 1.30 p. m. with a crowded house. Mr. Hildreth read an interesting essay on Co-operative Farming. Mr. Mumpower spoke of Tree Planting; advised variety and eulogised the Box Alder as the best and most profitable. Mr. Whitney agreed with last speaker, and spoke of the propagation of the tree and its value for sugar making.

Mr. Vancil called the attention of the Club to the question of securing a good variety of seeds for spring planting, and wished to know what, if anything, had been done by the committee having the matter in charge.

Mr. Walker urged the attention of farmers to a full and complete effort in the planting and cultivating of products for exhibition at the coming county and State fairs. Wished as many varieties of each planted as possible, so as to have a large and full showing.

Mr. Cook advised an exchange of seed as likely to be highly advantageous, and thought we had some very good varieties, which by this means could be made to benefit all. Mr. Thomas said Turkey Creek was manifesting a good deal of interest in the matter and would do her duty. Mr. Young spoke enthusiastically of the work—said he shouldn't do his best and hoped others would do the same. Believed in thorough organization and an united effort to insure success.

It was moved and adopted that each member of the committee be instructed to call a precinct meeting and ascertain the amount of seeds on hand; the quantities and kinds needed, and report at

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**POSTAGE**—The new postage law took effect the 1st day of January 1875. Under this law the postage on newspapers must be paid at the office where they are mailed. Money can be sent draft, money-order, express, or registered letter, at our risk. Special arrangements made with country publishers for clubbing with

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### Mail Schedule.

Mail arrives from the east (Kearney) daily at 4:30 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**—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.

**Notice**—Preaching at the school house in Bloomington, 2d and 4th Sundays of each month. In the morning of the 2d Sabbath at 11, and in the evening of the 4th Sabbath at 7. Also on Rebecca Creek at alternate times on said days. T. A. OS. MUXLOW.

**L. 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. U. D.—Riverton Lodge. A. F. and A. M. U. D.—regular meetings 3d 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, Feb. 2<sup>d</sup>, 1876.

### LOCAL MATTERS.

Jimmy Snyder has returned.  
 The weather this winter proves Prof. Tice a stupenduous humbug.

Calico 8 cents a yard at Males'  
 James C. Murphy has moved into town.

The Napence Mill is turning out a fine quality of each.

An extensive wolf hunt is being talked up.

Males has just received a new lot of prints which will be sold cheap.

Wild ducks and geese have made their appearance in the county, and indications now point to an unusually early spring.

Bring in your orders early for nursery stock. F. M. VANCEIL.

On all sides may be seen the Neb. farmer plowing and sowing for the coming harvest, and we hope to see them reap a rich reward.

Elias Haynes has a large variety of garden seeds for sale which were grown in his garden during 1875. Call and see them for yourselves.

More than one hundred acres of wheat will be sown in this county during the week, and much next if this spring-like weather continues.

Preaching in town at the room formerly used for a billiard hall, at 11 a. m., and 1/2 p. m., every day this week.

The happiest man in Franklin county came into our office the other day, and it was all about the advent of a Centennial plough boy, stopping at the residence of Mr. C. A. Stewart.

Rev. Thomas Muxlow commences protracted meeting at this place to-day, and will continue them during the week. Rev. M. is one of the most interesting speakers in the State, and we bespeak for him a good attendance.

Mr. Saben, from Evergreen Pa., brother-in-law to William Phillips, of this county, has been in our midst for several days.

Sol Males is very smiling and a most worthy gentleman and useful federal officer; but if he lets our mail slip off to Kearney and sends us back our newspapers in lieu of the true Republican City sack and its contents any more than seventy times seven we are going to get a democrat to take his place and crowd him down to the ground floor.—Rep. City News.

In answer to the little News man's criticisms, it was myself and not Mr. Males who sent the Republican City sack back. If you will see your own p. m. and have him change the label on the sack, you will not have an opportunity for fault finding; and it only occurred once. HELEN M. MALES.

Mr. G. L. Laws, of Richland Center Wis., is to assume editorial charge of the Orleans Sentinel, in our neighbor county to the west. Mr. L. is a man of integrity and ability, besides being familiar with the qualifications of a good newspaper, he having been editorially connected with the Richland Co. (Wis.) Republican for a number of years, and his accession to the corps of "faber-wielders" in the valley is noted with pleasure. We hope his journalistic career in this new state may prove successful.

The State Journal found the proceedings of the Farmers' Institute recently held at Bloomington, too lengthy to publish, consequently they did not appear in that paper.

### Washington's Birth Day Ball.

There will be a grand ball at the city hall, in Bloomington Neb., on the Tuesday night, Feb. 22<sup>d</sup> 1876, and a general invitation is extended to the dancing public to attend. The best of music has been engaged and a good supper will be served. Tickets for dance and supper \$1.

### Letter from Oregon.

BAKER CITY, OREGON, Jan. 29, 1876.

Editor Guard:—  
 As I have nothing else to do, I will write you a few lines. I am still here in Oregon and liable to stay until it thaws out in the spring. I have been here nearly three months, and it has been frozen up all the time, snowing nearly every day and raining every night. The whole country is covered with ice and snow. We have had to feed over three months, and it will be the first of April before it will thaw out. I am sick and tired of Oregon. There are a few good farms here but they don't raise much on them for there is no market for anything hardly. Cattle pays the best here, and they have to be driven four hundred and fifty miles to a railroad in order to get them to a paying market. Cattle are very cheap here, being worth only from eight to twelve dollars per head; horses can be bought for forty dollars and common saddle horses for eight dollars. Sheep are worth from one dollar and twenty-five to one dollar and seventy-five per head, with a very poor market. Wheat, barley and oats are about one price which is one cent per pound. Potatoes, and roots of all kinds are worth about one cent and a quarter per pound. Apples are worth eight cents a pound. The weather is now very cold and not much doing. The mine here has been working about fifty men, but its going to shut down on the first of Feb. and I shall travel again. I don't know whether I shall come back to Nebraska right a way or not. Think shall stop and see the Black Hills first, and will write you

Secretary Bristow is creating quite a breeze in official circles at Washington. He is accused of heading a conspiracy to destroy the President's friends, his dismissal from the cabinet is looked for at an early day.

For pure drugs, patent medicines, notions, stationery, lamps, gumpatty, dyes and all appliances usually kept by a first-class house, call on Razee, at Riverton, east side of creek.

### Agricultural Society Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Franklin Agricultural Society will be held at Madison the first Saturday in March. All those that feel an interest in Agriculture will be there. H. M. WARRINER, President.

### Notice

I hereby given that I will examine persons who may desire to offer themselves as candidates for teachers in this (Franklin) county, on the 1st Saturday of each month, at the Stevens House, in Bloomington, Nebraska. Examination to commence at 9 o'clock a. m. MARY S. DECLERCO, Co. Supt. Pub. Inst. Dated this 1st day of Jan. 1876.

### NOTICE.

459 U. S. LAND OFFICE  
 Bloomington Neb., Jan 12th, 1876.  
 Complaint having been entered at my office by Charles W Smith against Jan S Stover, for abandoning his homestead try. No 2031, dated April 7th 1874, in the south half of the southwest quarter section 30, township 9, range 10 west Adams county Neb., with a view to cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at my office on the 23d day of February, 1876 9 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment,  
 WEBSTER EATON, Register  
 EVAN WORTHING, Receiver

### Probate Notice.

In the County Court held within and for the county of Franklin in the State of Nebraska, E. S. Chadwick, Judge thereof in the matter of the estate of Benjamin Weller, deceased.  
 Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of Benjamin M. Weller, deceased, are required to present the same to the Judge of the said Court at his office in Bloomington, Franklin County Nebraska, for examination and allowance within six months from the day of February 1876.  
 E. S. CHADWICK, County Judge within & for Franklin County, Neb.

### Seed Wheat

The undersigned has for sale a quantity of the celebrated White Mediterranean and Grass Wickets, also a lot of Barley and Oats.  
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### Farmers

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Don't let this season go by without getting a few fruit trees. I am taking orders for that I can recommend—grove home, and at prices within the reach of all.  
 Choice lot of Small Fruits cheap.  
 Remember I do not offer foreign, dead stock, but young vigorous trees grown in our own native soil. For price and quality, call on or address,  
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 Will attend to legal business in this and adjoining counties.  
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 days, looking up a location for a small  
 colony from Penn., which will probably  
 come out early in the spring.

The "Boss" cigar for 5 cts at Bucks.

We were unavoidably called away for  
 five days this week which accounts for  
 a portion of the short comings of this  
 issue. It was our intention to have vis-  
 ited the Farmers' Institute at Riverton,  
 but owing to said absence were prevent-  
 ed from so doing.

Clocks for sale by Conner at the  
 Drug Store, Eight Day—30 Hour,  
 and Calender. Cheap and of good  
 quality. Call and see them.

The Farmers' Institute at Riverton,  
 this week, met with a good attendance,  
 and was very interesting. Dr. Weston  
 was president and John Mitchell sec'y.  
 It was voted to furnish the GUARD with  
 the minutes.

Samuel Schlegel of the west end of  
 the county, supplies the wants of this  
 community in the tailoring line, and  
 many are the words of praise spoken in  
 his behalf. His style and quality of  
 work is good and those who are getting  
 clothes should give him a trial.

Males pays 17 cents per pound for  
 butter and 12 1/2 cents a dozen for eggs.

It will be in order next Monday for  
 the girls to send their vollenines, and  
 the lad who fails to receive one of these  
 advance tokens of cupids intentions,  
 may as well seek his lonely dug-out, in  
 solitude, there to remain for another  
 twelve months.

**DICKEY'S MINSTREL TROUPE.**

This Troupe gave an interesting ex-  
 hibition at this place on Wednesday  
 evening last. The performance was  
 well executed, and all were highly en-  
 tertained.

Our Godey for February is just the  
 nicest thing in the business; The fash-  
 ions are elaborate; would be valuable to  
 every lady, besides its vast amount of  
 most interesting reading matter

Strawberries, blackberries, raspber-  
 ries, grapes, etc., grow well here, and  
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 cheap. Invest a dollar or two and have  
 something nice for your table in a short  
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Zed Crummet says the way to make  
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 believe he is respectable.

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 they have to be driven four hundred and  
 fifty miles to a railroad in order to get  
 them to a paying market. Cattle ar-  
 rive cheap here, being worth only from  
 eight to twelve dollars per head; horses  
 can be bought for forty dollars and com-  
 mon saddle horses for eight dollars.  
 Sheep are worth from one dollar and  
 twenty five to one dollar and seventy  
 five per head, with a very poor market.  
 Wheat, barley and oats are about one  
 price which is one cent per pound. Po-  
 tatoes, and roots of all kinds are worth  
 about one cent and a quarter per pound.  
 Apples are worth eight cents a pound.

The weather is now very cold and not  
 much doing. The mine here has been  
 working about fifty men, but its going  
 to shut down on the first of Feb. and I  
 shall travel again. I don't know whether  
 I shall come back to Nebraska right a  
 way or not. Think shall stop and see  
 the Black Hills first, and will write you  
 soon from there.

I attended a wedding last night, and  
 it was a big affair. The bride was a  
 Mormon girl and the groom a Gentile.  
 I asked the bride why she married a  
 Gentile and she told me because she  
 wanted him all to herself. Her parents  
 didn't like it, but she should please her-  
 self. There have been twenty two wed-  
 dings here in this county within the last  
 four weeks. They are on the marry in  
 "Webfoot." M. J. KERN.

**DIED**—January 31st Andrew Walling-  
 ford, second son of A. J. Wallingford,  
 aged nine years.

Also on February 5th. Sophrona Jane,  
 the beloved wife of A. D. Bonner, aged  
 27 years.

Deceased was a member of the Congre-  
 gational Church. Shortly before she  
 died she said to her married friends;  
 "Weep not for me, if it be the Lord's  
 will I must go—I am ready." What a  
 world of comfort in those three words:  
 "I am ready. We can only say in the  
 language of the poet:

Dearest sister thou hast left us,  
 Here thy loss we deeply feel;  
 But 'tis God that hath bereft us,  
 He can all our sorrows heal.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber.  
 Peaceful in thy grave so low,  
 Thou no more will join our number;  
 Thou no more our songs shalt know.

Yet again we hope to meet the  
 When the day of life is fled,  
 Then in Heaven with joy to greet thee,  
 Where no farewell tears are shed.

**SOMETHING NEW—AGENTS WAN-  
 TED IN EVERY COUNTY.**

The Arabian Sugar Cane was brought  
 to this country during the Worlds Fair  
 at Vienna in 1873. It has been raised in  
 this country for the last two years and  
 does not injure the land in the least.  
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 from eight to twelve feet high, and from  
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 duction.

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 plant one half of an acre, with directions  
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 eral seed price list, with special terms to  
 agents for these and other seeds, will be  
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 Money sent by Money Order or Reg-  
 istered Letter at my risk. No seeds sent  
 sent by express "C. O. D." unless  
 one half of the price is sent with the or-  
 der to insure the seed to be taken from  
 the office. I will furnish certificates  
 from the best farmers in the county as to  
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 tion.

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 man, Cleveland, Tenn.