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# Franklin County Guard.

Vol. II. BLOOMINGTON, FRANKLIN CO., NEB., Thursday, Aug. 13, 1874. No. 48

**LOCAL MATTERS.**

- ☞ Groceries cheap, at Vancil's,
- ☞ Buildings are "just growing" in town.
- ☞ Plenty of hauling to do now.
- ☞ Notwithstanding the cremating winds, corn would grow if the grasshoppers would let it alone.
- ☞ A fresh supply of grasshoppers has arriv'.
- ☞ Groceries at Granger's prices a Vancil's new store.

**DELINQUENT TAX LIST.**

NOTICE is hereby given that I will offer for sale at the office of the County Treasurer of Franklin co, Neb. in the manner described by law the following described lands for the tax levied for the year 1873, and have not been paid. Sale commencing on the First Monday in September, at 9 o'clock A. M. and continue from day to day till all have been offered.

Dated at Franklin, this 1st day of August, A. D. 1874.

JOHN E. SIMMONS,  
Per J. L. TINKHAM, dept. Co. Treas.

Names.	Parts.	Sec.	Range.	Township.	Section.	Value.	Advert'g.

☞ Mr. Dowd is laying the foundation for an office building for Capt. Presson.

☞ Thomas and Mullen have the contract for digging the public well.

☞ Mr. Dorsey and wife returned to Beatrice last Monday, only to move out their household goods. They will be back in a week or two.

☞ Vining is erecting a building for some parties to use for a bakery and restaurant.

☞ The land office closes at Lowell on the 22d inst, and opens here on the 10th of September.

☞ Ten teams started on Monday and Tuesday for hardware.

☞ The party last week at Vining's though not very largely attended, was withal a success.

☞ There is to be a social hop in the land office building this, Thursday evening. Everybody is invited to be present and to have a good time.

☞ "Where did you get that nice flavored cigar?" Why at Vancil's of course.

☞ Dr. John McPherson will shortly be down at Bloomington with his hotel!

☞ Some indication of rain.

☞ It is Mr. Brown who is surveying in town and not Cook, as stated in our last issue.

☞ A number of the boys went to Republican City yesterday.

☞ Be on hand to-night for the party. A good time expected.

☞ Grasshoppers, it is reported, were at least ten times thicker in Kansas than they were here.

☞ Locals 5 cts per line for each and every insertion.

☞ The GUARD will be enlarged after a little, just how soon we are unable to say, but we are making some arrangements with that view now.

☞ Owing to moving, Mr Stevens is not as far along with his hotel building as he otherwise would have been; but, as he has everything in shape again, he will rush it along in good style.

☞ We were greatly refreshed last Friday by a nice shower of rain, also one on Turkey Creek Saturday night, which did not reach over a large portion of the county.

☞ Any one having a good pre-emption aim for sale or trade, go and see Vancil.

☞ How to kill grasshoppers—Go to Vancil's for your goods.

*A Little Sketch of History.*

Some of our friends in Lowell are wrothy because the U. S. Land Office is removed to Bloomington, and feel quite warmly toward D. N. Smith and Co., who are battling so heroically to keep it at Lowell. Now, we just wish to say for the information of these friends in Lowell that D. N. Smith, through his attorney in Washington, had procured from the General land office, an order for the removal of the office to his defunct town of Orleans. That order was made out and all ready for the signature of the President, and would have been signed and issued, but for the fact that the order for removal to Bloomington was a few minutes in advance. This is a statement of absolute fact. D. N. Smith has not been trying to keep the land office at Lowell, but to remove it to Orleans. Our Lowell Friends may rest assured that he has squeezed that lemon dry, and has no further use for it.

The Red Cloud Chief no longer comes to this office as an exchange. When its editor began to spit out his venom at Red Cloud's successful rival for the land office, he ceased to send us his paper—whether from cowardice or not we are unable to say. Some weeks ago he devoted considerable space to personal abuse of Henry M. Atkinson, and called him a "shystringing demagogue." Now Mr. Atkinson has never been a candidate for any office, nor even made a public political speech. How can such a man be a demagogue?

On the other hand, Mr. Mather, the

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be down at Bloomington with his hotel building now at Republican City. The Dr. is an enterprising business man and will be quite an acquisition to our town.

A man living in Furnas county, while passing through this way, was unfortunate enough to have one of his horses leg broken in a bridge east of town.

Judge Lucas, of Republican City, is minus a horse. Some one thought they had more use for the horse than the Judge had.

Come and see me when in town: it shan't cost you a cent.

**F. M. Vancil**  
The town company has decided to form the business part of the town around and about the land office, which is located upon an elevation about as quarter of a mile north of the post office. All the first buildings will be shortly removed thither. This sets the town on a hill, and in a viewable position. The road will be opened due west and run straight through from Franklin, making as good if not a better road than the other and will have the advantage of being the shortest route.

The Pioneers were unfortunate enough to get pretty badly scooped Monday by the Nameless, of Republican City. A good excuse might be offered, but would perhaps be a little out of place. The score stood: Pioneer, 24; Nameless 39.

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HOW TO WIN... Vancil, e for your goods.

There will probably be some new ads. in next week.

John Fox, J. M. Brown and a number of others have all sold out their homestead and pre-emption claims on Turkey Creek. Mr. Fox is already sorry he has done so, and others soon will be, who part with their claims so easily. Gid Pugsley starts for Lowell today after building material.

Vancil sells the very best brands of cigars. Franklin county is entitled to three delegates to the State Republican convention.

Gen. Funke and Williams, of Lincoln, are in town.

If any of our cotemporaries have any little speech to make about us or our affairs, it would look much better for them to send us copy of paper containing the same, and not seek to shirk the responsibility by skipping us on such occasions, especially when they have heretofore been regular exchanges.

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Society last Saturday, resulted in an adjournment of the Society till the first Saturday in March, 1875. Consequently there will be no fair held in this county this year, as much as it may be regretted. The following preamble giving good reasons, explains the whyfore of the adjournment:

Whereas, The late drought and devastation made by the grasshoppers upon the growing crops of this and adjoining counties, it will be impossible to have a fair that would reflect anything like credit to our county, either in the exhibition of stock, grain or vegetables; therefore, Resolved that the second annual fair of Franklin county, Neb., be postponed until such time as the Board decide in the fall of 1875.

EDS. GUARD:  
Gus. Walters is making arrangements to

On the other hand, Mr. Mather, the editor of the Chief, has been "shyster-ing" around the 12th senatorial district for more than a year, binding himself to every man who wanted to "buy a dog," and advertising that if he could only be sent to the State Senate he would do the bidding of every ring and clique in the valley.

Mr. Mather also went "on to Washington," upon this land office business, and a few malicious cusses say that he squandered in saloons and brothels the money raised by his confiding fellow citizens of Red Cloud for business purposes, and had to send back for stamps to pay expenses home. That last installment of stamps was a bad investment.

The 12th senatorial district wants a man of ability, intelligence and a good moral standing to represent it in the next legislature. No political Judys, like Mather, can faithfully represent ten thousand votes.

**Prairie Fires.**

The season is rapidly approaching when prairie fires will sweep over the country unless proper precaution is used to prevent it. From all appearances at present, on account of the very dry weather, prairie fires will rage more fiercely this season than ever. Now, these fires start in various ways: some from locomotives, some from campers, some from hunters, and many from carelessness. These fires are ruinous in every sense of the word, and it would be very hard to estimate the amount of damage done every fall by them. Now of all other times, we can ill afford to lose anything in the shape of feed. We will not have enough corn in any part of our State to fatten our hogs. On account of the dry weather, hay will be very short, and there will be whole sections where the grasshoppers have destroyed every blade of corn; therefore it behooves every farmer to use



# The Guard.

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## H. M. ATKINSON.

Mr. H. M. Atkinson, President of the Bloomington town company, was here one day last week, and has in connection with others, made some arrangements for the improvement of this town, and is now probably on his way to Mexico. The following are a few of the many complimentary extracts we could clip:

Mr. Henry M. Atkinson, the well known citizen of Brownville, returned from a long absence in Washington via Omaha and left for home by the outgoing train yesterday. Mr. Atkinson's services to Omaha and the State while in Washington were important to the people, and the Herald takes great pleasure in referring to them again. Mr. Atkinson will leave for Mexico sometime next month, where he will, as a member of a United States Commission appointed for that purpose, continue investigations of difficulties on the Texas border.—Omaha Herald.

Our estimated fellow-citizen, Mr. Atkinson, during his sojourn in Washington espoused the cause of Omaha, and of course the State, in the fight over the terminus of the U. P. railroad, and was very efficient, report says, in securing the case for Omaha over Council Bluffs and Iowa, thus settling a question which has been a source of discord for a long time. Mr. Atkinson is an indefatigable worker in any field he is called to work, and eminently worthy of the highest confidence. We are pleased thus to notice a friend whom we have known so long and intimately.—Brownville Advertiser.

It appears that the ravages of the grasshoppers, and drouth has not a precedent in the history of the western States. The territory and devastation is greater than any previous year, and after being plagued by these for years, and this year destroyed. I think the farmers of the

Proceedings of a delegate convention of Franklin Co, Neb., called by citizens of the different precincts of said county to meet at the town of Macon in said county, on the 1st day of August, 1874, for the purpose of locating or taking a vote of the delegates representing the different precincts on the location of the county seat of said county to be voted on by the people of the county at the next general election.

The convention met according to the call, and was called to order by J. A. Peery, and on motion A. K. Kinnear was appointed temporary chairman, and J. R. McDonald Sec. On motion of J. A. Peery a committee of three on credential be appointed by the chairman. Carried.

The chairman appointed C. C. Dake, John Mitchell and R. W. Patterson our said committee.

Motion to adjourn to meet again at one o'clock p.m.,

Convention met according to adjournment and was called to order by the chairman. The committee on credentials made their report—that the different precincts representing by delegates present all correct.

On motion of A. M. de Clercq, the report of committee on credentials be received, Carried,

Buffalo Precinct not having any regular delegates, on motion of C. B. Childs Lewis Everly, John McKinsey Jasper McKinsey and A. C. Steadman were appointed delegates for said precinct, and to cast the vote of the precinct.

The delegates representing the different precincts were as follows:

Grant Precinct, A. K. Kinnear, H. C. Lohff, C. B. Childs, John Mitchell, and J. R. McDonald. North Franklin Precinct, W. Farrar, M. Kinney, S. M. Brown, W. Thompson and G. Carrant. Franklin Precinct, J. A. Peery, W. S. Phipps, John Simmons, J. T. Reams and R. W. Patterson. Macon Precinct, C. C. Dake, D. W. Stevenson, R. F. Miller, J. Burton and A. Barker. Ash Grove Pre-

## TAKE NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Lowell, Neb.

Stephen W. Coon, having on this 8th day of August, A. D. 1874, made application to enter the W<sup>3</sup> SE<sup>1</sup> sec. 30 and lot three of sec. No. 31, in township No. two (2), north of range eighteen (18), W, under the provisions of the pre-emption act of 1841; and finding upon the records of this office that James W. Pottenger has also filed a pre-emption claim on the same tract, I do hereby notify the said parties that I have appointed the 14th day of September 1874 as a day of hearing in the premises. On that day all parties in interest will appear at this office and show cause why the said Stephen W. Coon should not be allowed to perfect an entry of said land.

C. H. WALKER, Register.

The Republican Central Committee of Sheridan Precinct will meet next Saturday at the school house in Bloomington, for the purpose of making arrangements for a precinct mass meeting.

Chairman.

## NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of the Republican Central Committee, at Franklin, on Tuesday the 18th day of August, 1874, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of choosing three delegates to attend the Republican State Convention to be held at Lincoln, Sept. 2d. to nominate a State Ticket, to be voted for at the next October election; and, also, to make arrangements for holding the Republican County Convention.

DANIEL BROWN, Chair.

NOTE—The following named persons are members of the Central Committee of the several precincts: Grant—W. McBride, M. O'Sullivan; Franklin—L. D. Hager, Geo. Buck Jr; North Franklin—M. S. Budlong, Mr. Lee; Macon—D. K. Calkins, E. S. Willis; Sheridan—J. D. Gage, J. F. Zediker; Ash Grove—P. B. Haslett, A. Beach.

As I am unable to learn the names of any of the Republican voters in Buffalo precinct, I would recommend that the Republican voters of that precinct hold a caucus and choose two of their number to represent them. A full attendance of the members is earnestly requested. B.

50,000 buffalo are grazing near and in sight of North Platte, in Platte valley. Hunting is in full blast.

Hall county has organized an agricultural society.

destroyed. I think the farmers of the west should begin to consider as to what they can raise successfully, and to overcome these failures. It does seem to me if the farmers would raise more small grain, it would be better for this country. The soil of this country is adapted to the raising of such, and small grain and seeds are harvested before the drouth will injure or the grasshoppers comes. If the farmers of the valley would sow bountifully of rye, wheat, oats and barley, they would always have enough for the sustenance of life, and for what filthy lucre (as the apostle terms it.) we need, I would suggest the raising of flax, timothy and miller, they are a certain crop, always bringing a good price. Timothy and clover is an essential crop to the farmer who raises stock, and a benefit to the culture of land, and should have more attention payed to it than there is. I have had some experience in raising flax and I deem it the best money making crop that can be sowed; quick turned, less labor, and more clear profit than any other crop, the seed always cash at any rail road depot. This is a crop that I believe many farmers should sow the coming season as the seed can be borrowed from the oil mills throughout the country on good terms, and payed back when threshed, when the farmer will receive the cash for the balance of his seed. Many will not have the "filthy lucre" whereby to obtain seeds of any kind of grain to make a crop this coming season, and in this way many can obtain their first money through a loan. I have received the cash for seed in ninety days from sowing. Millet is an excellent crop, well cultivated, yields an abundance of hay and seed but not at all times ready sale, but excellent forage. Wheat and rye has been considered the staff of life through time immemorable and should never be neglected, and while I would not advise such large crops of corn, I would say we should not cease to raise corn, beans, potatoes &c, but give them only a limited attention until we are more certain of a crop that will recompense us for our labor.

J. L. COOK.

A young gentleman and lady took a drive into the country Sunday, and while jogging along at a moderate gait, a beautiful "cat" suddenly crossed the road in front of the horses, when the young lady went into raptures over the broad, white stripe down its back, and the bushy end of its tail. "Oh! what a handsome pet it would make. Can't you capture it." With wonderful agility the young man leaped to the ground whip in hand and gave chase. The cat ran, and so did he, striking at it with his whip. But all of a sudden he came to a dead halt. Something had broke loose, and he returned to the buggy, gently squeezing his nasal perturbation between thumb and finger. His fair companion blushed and laughed, and wondered from whence came that peculiar odor, but her escort had nothing to remark on the subject except that the "blasted thing was hard to catch."—Omaha Union.

The Times says Kearney is to have another large livery stable,

Dr. John, a Pawnee brave, who has eked out a precarious living about Grand Island, was not long since knocked off a car in that city, and had a leg crushed by the wheels.

Burton and A Barker, Ash Grove Precinct, A. M de Clercq, J C Murphy, Mr. Shuster, T J Carroll, and E P, Phelps. Buffalo Precinct, Lewis Everly, John McKinsey, Jasper McKiusey, and A C Steadman.

On motion of J A Peery, that a committee of five be appointed on permanent organization. A M de Clercq moved to amend by appointing seven from each precinct. Amendment carried—committee appointed were Peery, Dake, Lohff, Everly, Kinsey, Shuster and Mitchell.

Com. on permanent organization report that A M de Clercq be appointed permanent chairman, and J R McDonald sec'y.

J Peery moved that the vote for the location of site for the county seat be taken by ballot. Carried,

Motion by John Mitchell that we cast an infernal vote. Carried.

The convention then proceeded to take an informal ballot for sites for the county seat. The following places were voted for and resulted as follows:

Macon 17, Riverton, 5, Geographical Center, 3, Blomington, 1.

Motion that the convention take a recess for ten minuses. Carried.

Motion, that we proceed to take a formal ballot for the said site for the location of the county seat; which resulted as follows:

Macon, 20, Riverton 5, Bloomington 4. Macon having received the majority of all the votes cast, was declared the place selected for the location of the county seat.

Motion, that the vote for Macon be made unanimous. Carried.

Motion, that the Sec'y be instructed to furnish a copy of the proceedings of the convention to the Red Cloud Chict, and the Franklin County GUARD, for publication. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn. Carried.  
A. M. DE CLERCQ, J. McDONALD.  
Chair. Sec'y.

#### Republican Valley Association.

A meeting will be held at Riverton, Franklin County Neb., commencing Friday Oct. 2nd, 1874, at half-past ten a. m. and continuing over the following Sabbath, for the purpose of forming an Association by the regular Baptist churches of Franklin Webster, and adjoining counties. It is important that all the Baptist churches within a reasonable distance of both sides of the river should have letters prepared, and delegates appointed, also articles of faith adopted, and make every effort possible to attend this first meeting.

J. H. SHANAFELT.  
THOMAS MUXLOW.

The flax crop around Sutton is good. The corn crop in Polk county is a total failure.

A young man and woman at Ashland have been playing "nest hiding."

Soldiers and citizens of North Platte are enjoying themselves hunting buffalo.

Mountain lions have made their appearance in Furnas county, and are killing stock.

Farmers of Colfax county have lost their corn and potatoes, but they take it good naturedly.

The new wheat is rapidly finding its way to market. The average price paid at present is 70 cents.

Marriages are nearly as thick as grasshoppers in Thayer county;

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