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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.

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VOL IV NO X

Saturday, Jan 15th, 1876.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Weather nice again as spring.

Sheriff Deary is improving.

McDonald has erected a stable.

Don't let your stock bother your neighbors.

Judge Lucas was in town Tuesday and paid us a social visit.

Get your life insured and go and have a skate. Ice on river fine.

The Christian church are holding a series of meetings in town.

This county was represented at Lincoln, on the 6th, by Geo. Buck, jr., and M. O'Sullivan.

Males' platform scales are moved up near his store on the square.

Zeb Crummet says married people who are not lovers are bound together by red hot chains.

Save your ashes and scatter them over your gardens. They are splendid fertilizers.

Three days at Kearney this week delays this paper until Saturday evening.

Kearney will send a party to the Black Hills, on or before the 25th, for the purpose of opening transportation between that place and the hills.

Quarterly meeting by the United Brethren church society, five miles south of Riverton, on the 22d. It will be conducted by Rev. I. N. Robinson.

The partially erected frame of Hanson's shop laid down Saturday night for a rest. It is erect again, however.

Keep your chickens from roosting over your cisterns and wells now, they might take cold.

Tinkham Bros. are invoicing their goods preparatory to moving them west. They expect to close up February 1st. Elias goes next week to find a location.

The county commissioners intend to consider the propriety of buying a building for county purposes, at their session on the 19th, and will receive bids for

Longfellow declines to write the centennial poem. We suggest Petroleum V Nasby.

William E. Merlan is going to export cactus.

"Hod" Worth gave a social dance Thursday night last, which was no doubt a pleasant occasion, but we are very thankful to be able to see our way around in the day time, and go home early these nights.

The Waters Bros., at the Kearney Coffee house, will set you out the best lunch in the city. Their oysters are especially palatable.

Moulton is after Beecher now for \$50,000 damages for malicious prosecution. The whole field will be to go over again. Ben Butler has been retained by Moulton, and if old Ben don't make the parson's fur fly, we miss our guess.

Martin of the Stevens house, sets up the best hash of any hotel in the valley. We happened in for dinner last Sunday and found everything in fine style, and a most sumptuous meal before us.

Have you seen Frank Leslie's Illustrated Almanac, for 1876? It is the most complete thing published and no person should be without it. More reliable statistics are furnished than can be gleaned for twice the money from other sources. Just look at one when you are at the postoffice.

Dressed Hogs wanted by Downing & Reed, Lowell, Neb.

D. L. Ashby, Esq., has received the appointment of member of the U. S. Law Association, for this county, at the hands of Chas. F. Manderson and S. H. Calhoun, directors for Nebraska. The position is of some import to D. L., and we are glad to see him favored with it. He will no doubt make a good member.

Almost a fire at the Stevens house last Sunday morning. A large hole was burnt around the flue through the ceiling of the office, and only a few minutes more were needed to have consumed the building and most of its contents, as the wind was high from the northwest.

Franklin Co. Festival.

Upon consultation with the officers and members of the several Granges in Franklin county, it has been decided to have a public

Festival in Bloomington on January 26th, 1876. It is desired that all members of the several granges will interest themselves to make the Festival a grand success, and the day, the union, and the occasion one long to be remembered by the public generally. Let every one who can prepare something by way of substantial food or delicacies, be on hand as early in the day as possible.

The public generally and especially

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Elias goes next week to Leocadia, The county commissioners intend to consider the propriety of buying a building for county purposes, at their session on the 19th, and will receive bids for furnishing the same.

Walters & Gillard brought over from Kearney Thursday, the remaining machinery for their mill and intended to set it running immediately.

Mrs. Evan Worthing returned Wednesday from Brownville Neb., where she has been visiting for several weeks.

Read the new advertisement of H. C. Leff, at Riverton, which appears in this issue. He has added largely to his stock and his established reputation for fair dealing will at once increase his trade.

Mrs. Mary S. deClercq, our newly elected county superintendent, was in attendance upon the meeting of those officers of the different western counties, held at Kearney this week. We have not seen the minutes of the meeting.

F. M. Vancil will soon be prepared to take orders for all kinds of nursery stock. He proposes to deal only in the best, most reliable, home grown trees. Small fruits made a specialty, and the public may depend on getting what they buy.

Mr. N. C. Sawyer, who has been sojourning near Waverly, Lancaster county, has returned to Franklin. He has sold his homestead on Rebecca creek to Willie Clapp.

Our beautiful, balmy weather was interrupted Saturday night last by a strong, conglomeration of infuriated zephyrs; in other words, it blowed, it snowed and then it friz.

Mr. O. E. Barber, of Oak Grove precinct, met with a serious accident one day last week, being thrown from a horse and sustaining painful injuries. He is convalescing.

Waters Bros. will send you over the nicest fresh oysters you ever tasted for the low price of 40 cents. Send in by the driver and get a few cans.

Messrs. Buck & Greenwood, of Franklin, have leased the unexpired term of Volentine Bro.'s of Vancil's store building, and will in a few days move their entire stock of general merchandise to Bloomington.

Prof. A. D. Williams, of the Lincoln Journal, dropped in for a quiet chat on last Thursday. Mr. W. wields a facile pen and is doing much to advertise western Nebraska, of which he is a citizen.

Now is the time to pay up your old subscription accounts with corn. We want lots of it.

be remembered by the public generally. Let every one who can prepare something by way of substantial food or delicacies, be on hand as early in the day as possible.

The public generally, and especially those who are interested in agricultural pursuits and the upbuilding of the interests of the farmers of Franklin county, are invited to attend.

Commodious rooms have been obtained for the occasion. The exercises will consist of vocal and instrumental music, speeches, toasts, songs, etc. Dinner at 2 o'clock sharp.

By order of Committee.

Tree Planting.

The season for tree planting will soon be here, and we would like to inquire of our citizens what they propose doing by way of propagating fruits the coming season. Are you making any arrangements to supply yourselves with this cheap and healthful luxury?

We are aware that in a new country like ours the raising of fruits is attended with a good deal of labor and disadvantage. Situations are much exposed, soil not thoroughly prepared, and in the hurry bury style of farming generally carried on the stock is very improperly cared for. The grasshoppers too intimidate many, and there is a feeling of indifference towards this important branch of husbandry. But there should not be. Our drawbacks in this direction are no worse than were experienced by other states in their infancy, and nothing but what will be obviated and overcome by industry and perseverance. Nebraska is destined to take front rank in fruit culture, and the Republican Valley will be fully up to the maximum.

Let every one then put out fruit. And plant judiciously; not anything and every thing, but limitedly of the best and hardier varieties, just what you can devote good attention and care upon. All can grow a few large and small fruits under even adverse circumstances, and a few extra years of fruiting amply pays for a little unusual labor.

Farmers are apt to delay putting out fruits till better fixed, instead of going to work and fixing things in readiness one of the first steps and reaping early returns. Preparing orchard grounds should be the first thing attended to after being comfortably domiciled. Select high ground with a northern or eastern slope, work up your ground well, plant deeply, much heavily, and protect on south, west and north with several rows of trees. Keep your stock away from them, cultivate them, and your success is certain. *

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Saturday, Jan. 15th, 1876.

Governor Kirkwood is the senator elect from Iowa.

Pat, Hawes has submitted his credentials to congress.

Gov. Tilden refuses to pardon Stokes, Right.

Prof. Aughey is writing us up in the N. Y. Tribune.

Hebron, Thayer county, is to have two saloons, and the Journal's editor is happy.

Judge Gaslin holds court in Buffalo county this week.

The crooked whiskey trials have commenced in Bloomington. They began some time ago, and are the worse for the participants.

And now report has it that Freddie and Orville Grant are mixed up in the whiskey fraud business. What next?

Firing of canons, ringing of bells, and a general hurrah ushered in the centennial year in all the principal cities of U. S.

Governor Garbor has appointed Rev. L. B. Fifield, of Kearney, to the vacancy in the Board of Regents of the State University, caused by the death of E. M. Hungerford. The daily Press approves of the appointment and says it was a complete surprise to the Rev gentleman.

THE GAME LAWS.

The Brownville Advertiser says:

From the first day of January to the first day of October, it is unlawful to kill buffalo, elk, deer, etc., unless for domestication. From the first day of January to the first day of August it is unlawful to kill or trap grouse—prairie chickens. And from the first day of January to October 1st it is unlawful to kill or trap wild turkey or quail.

Senator Harvey, of Kansas, has introduced a bill in Congress providing for an investigation into the habits of the grasshopper. If Congress will give our homesteaders half the funds necessary to carry out that investigation, we guarantee Mr. G. Hopper's character duly chronicled. As the Hopper has no friends in Congress and is not a voter, this damaging investigation will doubtless be carried out.

One hundred years ago and Fulton

State News.

Sowing wheat in Adams county. The Mo. river still open below Omaha. Hebron has a public library. Sinking shaft for coal in Thayer county. Lowell wants a steam grist mill. Wahoo has a literary club. Superior boasts of a mock Congress. W. R. Kizer is working at the case in Fairmont.

Jud Rich is keeping the Valley House, Wyoming Avenue, Kearney.

The Omaha Bee has the best corps of correspondents of any paper in the State.

Another man knocked down and robbed in the streets of Omaha.

Columbus wants to go into the pork-packing business.

Plum Creek has the small pox and is shipping buffalo bones east.

Columbus has sent out an expedition to the Black Hills.

Leap year party in Wahoo, and the village narrowly escapes a fire.

Agriculture and State Horticultural Society meets in Lincoln Jan. 26th.

Funk has sold out his interest in the whiskey business in Lincoln.

Ashland is trying to get up a prize fight.

Sutton and Harvard had a billiard tournament. Game for Harvard.

The Hastings Journal's carrier gets up a forty rod jingling address.

A State Bar Association has been organized at Lincoln. S. H. Calhoun, ch'n A mill will soon be in operation on the Sappa near Richmond.

The Baptists are holding a protracted meeting in Fairbury.

Burt county has a sensible farmer. He bought a cow last year for \$400 and now sells the calf for the same.

Dr. Converse has purchased the iron for the completion of the Nebraska Rail Road south.

Rain and snow in the eastern part of the State New Year's. Here it was as nice as a May morning.

Prof Church of Lincoln and Rev Baird of Plattsmouth discuss the divinity of Christ.

Brownville gents heroically solicit the ladies to festivalize funds to establish fire machinery in that town. Brave.

The Red Cloud Chief has it that our O'Sullivan is studying law with Judge Moulton. News to us.

Beatrice sends two delegates to Brownville to confer with citizens of the latter place regarding the Brownville & Fr, Kearney railroad.

Every one, nearly, is hunting up samples of something to send to Philadelphia next summer. What's Franklin county doing? We've a few skeleton vegetables and fossilized bones we might contribute.

A fiery, blazing comet passed over Falls City recently and struck the ground south of town. It was about the size of a barrel and had a tail fifty feet long.

A new company has taken charge of the Rulo coal mine. A six foot vein of

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St. Louis was a little burgh not much larger than Bloomington, and Cincinnati and Chicago were not known. The ominous clouds of revolution were emitting death and destruction, and things looked dark and gloomy in America.

What will another century bring forth? What mighty improvements and advances will be made!

Railroad Convention.

The assembled delegates from the different counties along the line of the proposed narrow gauge rail road at Lincoln, on the 6th, inaugurated the movement on quite an extensive scale. Two companies were incorporated, one of which was styled the Lincoln, Beatrice & Denver railroad, to run from the former place via Beatrice, through the counties of Jefferson, Thayer, and Nuckolls to the valley, and on to Denver, while the other route is for a spur or branch out from Lincoln through Saline, Fillmore, and Clay, to a junction with the main line at a point not farther west than the western line of Webster county, both of which lines are to be built of Neb. capital, and in the language of Mr Kennard, "controlled by the state and for her best interests."

Now this would all be very nice for Lincoln, and that portion of the State, through which it passes, but where is the money to come from to do it with? Shares were fixed at fifty dollars each, to be taken by the people of the state, which would work all right provided they would buy, but when we come to consider that five or six hundred miles of road runs through a mountainous and unsettled country, it looks as if the subscription stock would move slow. If Lincoln wants to have a line of railroad through this country to Denver, the people along the line will lend aid to the enterprise, but do not believe that the whole state has sufficient funds at its command now with which to build it, and are inclined

A new company has taken charge of the Rulo coal mine- A six foot vein of canal coal is reported. Who believes?

H. W. Parker and J. B. McDowell, of Beatrice, have gone to Washington, to look after railroad matters.

Tom Kennard cast the votes of Furnas county at the narrow gauge convention at Lincoln on the 6th. To us ignorant homesteaders, this fact looks suspicious to say the least.

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