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Bloomington Guard,

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SOL. MALES, POSTMASTER.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—Presbyterian preaching once in three weeks on Sabbath evening regularly. E. N. LORD.
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Pioneer Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Riverton Neb., meets 2d and 4th Saturdays of each month. All visiting brethren in good standing cordially invited to attend.
R. B. FULTON, N. G.
JNO. RAMITCHELL, Sec'y.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Graer is building a shop.

A little more snow for sleighing.

Twenty six below zero and not happy.

A case or two of alleged theft is being investigated before our justice court.

Poor Louisiana! It has completely superseded Beecher and Spiritualism.

Rev. Lord has been in town a good part of the week.

Steps are being taken to erect a church at this place soon.

Ashby is to put up a building for use of the county clerk's office.

Stevens has moved into Ashby's new building and will open a boarding house when the balmy days shall come.

"Mine host" Dow of the Stevens House, wants to buy butter bad enough to offer 40 cts a pound cash.

We must have a few loads of drywood or freeze out. Remember the wants of the poor printer and respond to this call.

Before our next issue a U. S. Senator will probably be elected to succeed Senator Tipton.

Uncle Alex. McDonald has re-shaped things at the Clerk's office, which makes a decided improvement on the facilities for transacting the business of that office. The Board ordered this improvement and instructed the clerk to order the necessary blanks for all of the bonded officers in the county, a feat well worthy of recommendation.

Mrs. S. P. Mably, of the Grand Island Independent, cowhided the Mirror man, while Seth stood back and exclaimed, "we've done it!" and then rushed to the telegraph office and "hurled the news to Mary," (the Omaha papers.) What a nice thing it would be if all editors had such wives.

The County Treasurer, by his efficient deputy, Leroy Tinkham, made his annual settlement with the Commissioners last week, and it will appear in full in the GUARD, as soon as we can get it in type, which we hope to do for the next issue.

Prominent in the proceedings of the Legislature, we notice the name of Hon. M. V. Moody, of this district, and we are confident the people made a wise selection when they chose him to represent them, and that their interests will receive his attention during the session.

A bill has been introduced into the legislature, which provides for the postponement of the day when the taxes of 1874, become delinquent, from the 1st of May to the 1st of Dec. next, and

Mutiny at the State Prison.

Eight Men Want Liberty or Death!

McWaters the Ring Leader!

McWaters, Bohana, Worrill, McKenna, Thompson, Gerry and Elder, convicts in the penitentiary at Lincoln, overpowered the Guard in the work shop, at about 4 p. m., on the 11th, just before the afternoon round of the deputy, who upon entry, was also seized and put under guard, while McWaters donned his clothes, and marched the other four up to the main door in regular prison regulation style so that the door guard thought it was the Warden with a file of men. After securing an entrance they then broke open the armory and equipped themselves with guns and ammunition, preparatory to making good their escape, but were frustrated by Mrs. Woodhurst, who although a prisoner, made known their plans, though an open window, when they were checked. About 1 a. m., a company of soldiers arrived and guarded the prison until daylight when a surrender was made.

Constitutional Convention.

Hon. Mr. Barnes, of Cass county, has introduced into the House a bill providing for a Constitutional Convention, to convene in May next, the members of which are to be elected the same as legislators.—39 in number. We are in favor of a new constitution as soon as possible, but the question of representation

raska; all they want is to know that their donations will reach the actual needy. They are ready to donate whatever they have to spare whenever an applicant has the proper credentials. Enclosed find fifty cents, for which send the Guard to W. Jayne, Lone Tree, Johnson county Iowa. M. S. BUDLONG

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J. N. LUCAS,
Att'y at Law,
Offices at Republican City, Harlan co.
and Colfax, Hitchcock co.

We notice trains on nearly all the roads were delayed more or less during the late cold weather.

Mess. Geo. W. Hulbert, and J. R. Kenney, manager and treasurer of the Pioneer Stage Company, were in town on Monday.

The Kearney Press comes to us this week in an entire new garb, which looks well, and shows enterprise that the Kearneyites may well be proud of.

The Lincoln Journal publishes a call for an editorial convention, to convene at the Tichner house, in that city, on the 21st inst.

John Brown shipped, the first of this week, a car load of flour and corn meal, from Vesta Iowa, to the State Aid Society, for this county, so we are informed

We offer no apology for the small amount of reading matter in this week's paper, but the state of the weather for the past few days; however, we hope not to freeze out entirely.

"H," in last week's Kearney Press, says Bloomington and the gentlemen in

that the sale of delinquent lands shall come off on the 1st of January following. The same interest is to accrue as under the present law.

The cold weather which has prevailed almost unceasingly, since the first of this month, stands unequalled in the history of the State. Never has it been known to be as severe for a like period. The Thermometer has not been far above zero, and is reported to have gone down to 30 and 32 below, which is something rather uncommon for this section of country. We hope that the steady cold weather during the present month is indicative of an early spring as is prophesied by a great many.

The friends of Mr. J. F. Zediker, in this county, will be glad to learn that he secured the position of Assistant Clerk in the House of Representatives, at Lincoln last week. Mr. Zediker's former experience, and good qualifications, justly entitle him to a position, and we are glad to know that he secured this one. Our people will do well to employ his assistance in their legislative

the interest of the western part of the State demands, a re-apportionment, without which there appears to be but little use of framing a constitution to meet the same fate of a former one, thus leaving the situation unchanged for a few years longer. We hope our legislators will consider this matter well before action is taken. It might be a good plan for an expression to be given from this county regarding the matter.

Legislative.

The Senate was called to order at 2 p. m., on the 7th, with 12 members present. After the administration of oath, Maj. D. H. Wheeler was chosen temporary secretary.

Hon. N. K. Griggs, of Gage county, was the unanimous choice for president, of that Hon. body, a high compliment bestowed upon a worthy recipient. Maj. Wheeler was also elected secretary of the first ballot. Brother C. L. Mather, of the Chief, was elected assistant secretary on the 3d ballot. L. A. Stebbins, of Pawnee county, was elected Sergeant-at-Arms, on the 2d ballot. C. E. Hines, of Seward county, was the unan-

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CYRUS B. CHILDS, Co. Supt. Pub. Inst.

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The Governor's Message has appeared in print and is a long carefully written document, of which we shall have more to say at some future time. 500 copies in English; 250 copies in German, and 250 in Bohemian are to be printed for idistribution.

The Journal of the 14th, pays Hon. M. V. Moudy, Representative, and J. F. Zediker, Assistant Clerk, each a compliment, wherein it says that our Representative is an able and fluent speaker and will be found ready whenever debate is needed.

The Rev. Muxlow, who has been conducting a series of meetings at the school house for the better part of the week, will continue the same during the coming one. He is a forcible and entertaining speaker, and deserves a good audience.

The Pioneer Stage Co. missed* two trips between this point and Kearney, during the recent cold snap. They deserve credit for their regularity and promptness, during other severe storms, as this is the first irregularity.

We are in receipt of the Omaha Bee, Jan. 6, with an extra, same size as the original, furnishing valuable statistics of that city, and illustrations of promiscuitures, which by far excels any enterprise of the kind in the west.

Petitions were presented and acted upon at the Commissioners' Court, last week, asking that the territory formerly embraced in Sheridan precinct be divided into three. All on the south side of the river to be set off and known as Oak Grove precinct, and that west of the centre line north and south, to be known as Turkey Creek precinct, thus two more precincts in the county.

employ his assistance in their legislative matters this winter, as he fully understands the situation, and we are confident is willing to work in their behalf.

LATER—Since putting the above in type, we are in receipt of a note from Mr. Z., in which he expresses a willingness to render all the service possible to this county, when petitions are forwarded.

We are also under obligations to him for services rendered in our behalf, in securing the distribution of the GUARD in the Representative hall, during the session.

BLOOMINGTON, NEB., }
Jan. 11, 1875: }

Pursuant to agreement, the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church met at Mr. Males' store.

On motion, J. W. Darby was elected President of the Board and Frank M. Vancil Clerk. Sol Males was elected Treasurer.

It was moved and carried that F. M. Vancil be instructed to get up the proceedings of the organization and have the same filed and recorded according to law. Messrs. Males, Shaffer and Darby was elected a Building committee.

The following persons were appointed a committee to solicit donations for the erection of a church edifice in the town of Bloomington: Rev. E. N. Lord, J. W. Darby, S. Males and Mrs. Sheppard, Vancil, Chadwick, Males and Darby.

It was moved that the editor of the Guard be solicited to publish these proceedings. J. W. DARBY, PRES. FRANK M. VANCIL, CLERK.

The State Journal gives the vote of the State in October, that of Antelope, Madison and Stanton counties excepted: as 34,489 for Governor and 34,308 for Congressman. Crounse's majority over all was 8,936 and Garber's 7,369. Roberts, for Attorney General, gets a majority of a little over 4,000.

grant-at-Arms, on the 2d ballot. C. E. Hines, of Seward county, was the unanimous choice for Door Keeper. G. H. Work, of Adams county, received the election of engrossing clerk. J. W. Conger, of Otoe, was elected enrolling clerk. C. McElvy, was elected chaplain. A. J. Burke was appointed fireman and Thomas Harlan postmaster.

This house organized on the same date, with a full membership. Guy A. Brown was elected clerk pro tem, and A. G. Hastings temporary speaker. E. S. Towle, of Richardson, was the unanimous choice for speaker. Geo. L. Brown of Butler, received the election of chief clerk. J. F. Zediker, of this county, was chosen assistant clerk. For Sergeant-at-Arms, John W. Manning, of Pawnee, was elected on the 1st ballot. Assistant, E. G. Hough, of Thayer. Door Keeper, S. W. McCabe, of Seward. For enrolling clerk, Miss Sara A. Funk, of Lancaster. Engrossing clerk, S. P. Jones. Chaplain, Rev. Geo. Alexander, of Lancaster.

Both houses adjourned on Saturday till Tuesday of this week, when business was resumed.

From M. S. Budlong.

LONG TREE, IOWA, Jan. 6, '75.

DEAR GUARD—You remember that the people of North Franklin, have sent me to solicit aid for them. Last night the people here held a concert, which, although almost impromptu, was a success, both musically and financially. Net proceeds from admission about \$27. I have the promise of about 150 bushels of corn, which I am going to convert into corn meal before shipping. I think I can with considerable exertion, make out enough to fill a car. I had a committee appointed to handle all money and other donations; I handle nothing, only give directions. I find the people ready and willing and almost anxious to relieve the wants of the needy of Neb-

—AT—

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Bloomington Neb.

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[For the Bloomington Guard.]

Our Probable Future--A Homesteader's Views.

Ash Grove Neb., Jan 12

Just now a partial famine is upon us. The destruction of the corn crop in this section last season, is a history with which we are familiar. What is the result? Are settlers fleeing the country--leaving claims--abandoning homesteads? By no means. A general confidence prevails of better times--of future harvests. If seed can be purchased at reasonable rates, or at best, at reduced prices, no doubt the forthcoming spring will be a busy season, and the number of cultivated acres in this county will be largely in excess of last season.

As is well known to settlers here this--Franklin County--presents a diversified surface. The valleys have their advantages; The prairie can justly lay claim to greater advantages of cultivation, though inferior in many other respects. Soil is good, our climate is desirable. The best of all is doctors find little employment. Good health and homes free from mortgage, are inviting features. We claim that as our probable destiny. Why then should we not be confident? Surely though laboring under a partial discouragement in the loss of the past season, we have encouragements of no trifling value. Let us then labor for the success of our favored Co--build up and not pull down. HOMESTEADER.

Suffering in Neb.--its true cause and Extent.

Letters from the east show that the supposition is that many are starving to death. There may have been some isolated cases of death by starvation, but none in the scope of my knowledge. There would have been very many though had it not been for the Aid Societies by the good people of this and other States, who early saw the condition that the people of about seventeen counties would soon be in, and moved promptly to their relief. Most of these societies are in thorough and systematic working order, and many new ones will be formed, who will not forget that these people have got to be fed and clothed until another harvest. He that gives not grudgingly shall receive his reward. None of these supplies are given into the hands of pretended traveling agents who beg to steal, and who know not nor care not for the wants of the true sufferer. But are paid into the hands of local societies and are shipped free by the railroad companies to the sufferers in care of the State Aid Society at Omaha, and from there is sent to the counties in amounts previously ascertained to be needed. And there distributed by the legally appointed agents to people who testify to the nature and amount of their wants.

This vast west of producing soil being opened out for settlement, a multitude of enterprising people with limited means, preferring a few years of hardship in procuring a home to a life of dependence upon day labor have wisely taken up their march westward to occupy the land that is free. This is the first calamity of the kind in the history of Nebraska, and may never occur again, while thousands are being fed each winter in the cities

lowed up to July 10th 1874. It was found that the county was indebted to Joseph A Peery to the amount of \$14 40.

On motion the bill of S Way & Co for Stove and fixtures, allowed amount \$24 15 On motion the following bonds for constables were approved: Jas. H Huater, Grant precinct; E F Harman, Franklin precinct; James E Jackson, Ash Grove precinct; John A Fridille, North Franklin precinct; Andrew Nelson, Buffalo precinct.

On motion the bond of J. V. Smith, justice of the peace for Franklin precinct On motion the following road supervisor's bonds were approved: D C Holdridge, Dist No. 1; R M Jackson, Dist 13; Chas F Trublood, Dist No. 14; Thomas Shoemaker, Dist 5; John Earsom, No 3.

On motion of the Board, John E Simons is hereby requested to appear at the clerk's office at next meeting of the board and rectify bond, and make an addition to said bond of five thousand dollars as treasurer of Franklin County.

On motion the county clerk be instructed to omit poll tax assessed against Chas Carman, he being exempt by age.

On motion the bill of the Southwestern Printing Company, of Lincoln, for \$100.44, be allowed.

On motion the bonds of F. Andrews & W. Koelman were received and the clerk ordered to issue a license on receiving receipt of the county treasurer, that the said amount of \$150.00 has been paid into the county treasury, said license to run one year from the 9th day of Dec. A D 1874. On motion the Board decided to divide the history of Franklin County into three equal parts, one part to each commissioners district, to be distributed through the county.

On motion the court house business be laid over till the 19th day of Dec, 1874.

On motion the board adjourned sine die J. F. PUGSLEY, Ch'n.

Attest: J R McDonald, Clerk.

Riverton, Neb., Dec 18th 1874.

Board met pursuant to special call at Riverton Franklin County Neb. on the 18th day of Dec. 1874. at 1 p m. Present J F Pugsley, B. Ashburn and C C Dake, commissioners, and J R McDonald, clerk.

On motion the Board proceeded to inspect the Wagon Bridge now completed across the Republican river, at Riverton in Franklin county, Neb. On motion the Board adjourned to meet at Bloomington, Dec. 19th 1874. at 1 p. m. J F PUGSLEY, Ch'n.

Attest: J R McDonald, Clerk.

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NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, }
Bloomington Neb., Dec 31st 1874.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Wilbur B. Warner against Amas Dew for abandoning his Home-stead Etry, No 590, dated December 26. 1872; upon the W of S2 and E3 SW 1/4 Sec. 22 Town 2 Range 17 West, in Harlan County, Neb., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 8th day of April, 1875, at 10 o'clock p. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

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

Take Notice.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, }
Bloomington, Neb. }

Frederick Winch having on this 6th day of January, A D 1875, made application to enter the north half of the southwest quarter of section No. seven (7) in township No. two, (2) north of range sixteen (16) west, under the provisions of the Homestead Act of 1872, as amended March 3d 1873; and finding upon the records of this office that Clarence Dimmick has also filed a Pre-emption claim on the same tract, I do hereby notify the said parties that I have appointed the 8th day of February 1875, at 10 o'clock, a m., 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 Frederick Winch should not be allowed to perfect an entry of said land.

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C. H. WALKER,
Register.

Probate Notice.

In the Probate Court, held within and for the county of Franklin, Hon, L M Moulton, presiding.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph A Peery, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that all persons having claims against the estate of Joseph A Peery, deceased, are required to present the same to the Judge of the above named court, at his office in Bloomington, Franklin County, Nebraska, for examination and allowance, on or before the 5th day of April A D 1875; The last named day being the time limited for the presentation of claims by creditors.

L. M. MOULTON, Probate Judge,
Franklin Co., Neb.

Jan 6th 1875.

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