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# Franklin County Guard.

Vol. II. BLOOMINGTON, FRANKLIN CO., NEB., Thursday, July 16, 1874. No. 44

## LOCAL MATTERS.

- Land Office.
- That's Bloomington.
- No fooling this time.
- The order has been received.
- The GUARD will soon loom up.
- Bloomington bids fair to be the  
nobbiest town in the Valley by fall.
- New buildings will soon be looming  
up muchly, and the people around will feel  
happy.
- For further particulars we refer our  
readers to the "Notice of Removal."
- Lowellites say it shan't come.
- The best stock of tobacco in the  
county at Vancill's.
- One good town in a county is  
worth more than a dozen half towns.
- Real estate is beginning to change  
hands in this place.
- Quite a number of passengers  
on the stage going west yesterday.
- Evan Worthing, Receiver at the  
Land Office, is in town.
- Several new buildings will be er-  
ected as soon as they can be built.
- Jud. Rich of R-publican City,  
was down this week, to see about put-  
ting in another hotel here.
- Don't you hear "something  
smashing through?"
- Will soon have lots of local items.
- Considerable inquiry is made for

We received the 4th of July num-  
ber of the Irish World and supplement, which  
is brimful of American Patriotism. It also  
claims quite a lion's share of Revolutionary  
heroes for its countrymen. Among the  
many illustrations it gives portraits of the  
Irish-Americans who were signers of the  
Declarations of Independence, they are:  
John Hancock, Thomas M'Kean, Dldridge  
Cerry, John Nixon, Thomas Lynch, Jas.  
Smith, Matthew Thornton, Charles Carrol,  
George Taylor, Edward Rutledge, and Geb.  
Reed.

Wanted.—5 000 Men, women,  
and children to call and see Vancill's  
choice stock of staple and fancy groceries.

This is probably the last issue of the  
GUARD from the old office, as we move  
into McGowen's new building immedi-  
ately. Then farewell to dirt and doubling,  
fleas, dogs and loafing, because we can't  
have them there. This is one of the very  
first buildings erected in town, and has  
long and faithfully answered the purpose  
for which it was intended, and afforded  
shelter for many a benumbed individual  
during the wintry blasts beside. We have  
been requested to embalm the same as a  
memento of the past by some, and by oth-  
ers to have it cremated. We will shortly  
decide what will be done with it, till then  
if any one asks you, say you don't know.  
The Ad Quo Damus investigating  
jury called by the Dist. Court, to investi-

Notwithstanding the rather exces-  
sive dry weather we have endured, it must  
not be forgotten that other places than the  
"Great American Desert" are suffering  
from the same cause, and some are in many  
respects worse off than we. A light shower  
passed over Tuesday evening which alone  
would be sufficient to carry our corn crop  
through till rain does come, which is very  
likely to occur here quite frequently dur-  
ing the summer season. People remark  
the steady and vigorous growth of our  
corn, both on the uplands and on the bot-  
toms, both of old ground and sod, and are  
still more surprised when informed that it  
has continued steady dry and hot weather  
full five weeks, two or three weeks of such  
would be sufficient in many localities to  
burn it up, or at least cause a very short  
crop. We expect a good fair yield of corn  
this year yet, although, strictly speaking  
this is not actually a corn country, yet it  
has never to our knowledge been a failure.  
Small grain, and especially spring wheat,  
which makes a first-class brand of flour,  
is almost a sure crop under all circum-  
stances. We do not wish to convey the  
idea that the farmer here must confine him-  
self to the raising of small grain alone, but  
mention this as a matter of fact proven by  
past experience throughout the State. On  
the contrary, we advocate in favor of a  
diversity and rotation of crops, however,  
letting the farmer sow what wheat he may  
deem to be an advantage to him.

## Notice of Removal of the U. S. Land Office at Lowell, Nebraska, to Bloomington, Nebraska.

The President of the United States, by  
executive order dated July 1st, 1874,  
has directed that the office for the sale of  
public lands, in and for the Republi-  
can Valley Land District now located at  
Lowell, in Nebraska, be removed to  
Bloomington, in said State, at as early  
a day as practicable.

In conformity to said order, and un-  
der instructions of the Commissioner of  
the General Land Office, Washington  
D. C., notice is hereby given that the  
said office will be closed for the purpose  
of the removal ordered, at 4 o'clock P.  
M., Saturday August 22nd, 1874, and  
will be reopened for business at Bloom-  
ington Nebraska, at 9 o'clock A. M.  
Thursday, September 10th, 1874.

Dated at Lowell, Nebraska, July  
15th 1874.

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

## Notice.

There will be a caucus held at Fish's  
school house, in Sheridan precinct, Mon-  
day the 27th day of July, 1874, at one  
o'clock p. m., for the purpose of choosing  
five delegates to attend a county conven-  
tion to be held at Macon, Saturday, Aug-  
ust, to select a site to run for county seat  
at the coming October election.  
John Challant, J. D. Gage, R. Walters.

## Zekil's Last.

### EDITOR GUARD:

It is with the deepest grief that I am  
compelled to announce my suddint depart-  
ure from the happy precinct of Frank-  
lin county. We had bin gittin along  
faunously with our county seat projekt.  
It had aul bin afranged with the deer  
people of the county.

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J. N. LUCAS, Atty at Law,

Offices at Republican City, Harlan Co. and Culbertson, Hitchcock Co. Will attend to Legal Business in Franklin county. 13

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INDEPENDENT

With the exception of the little ring below, every one is delighted with the prospects of Bloomington.

About 40 places are claiming theirs as the best to hold the convention. Lowell's bidding high.

Fall plowing in this country is no good for spring wheat. Those who have tried it say they don't want any more of it in theirs.

The Director's Meeting for the purpose of receiving proposals for the location of the Fair and transacting other business, didn't come off for the reason of all but one or two of the members being called away on the mill jury; but by mutual consent has been postponed till the 25th.

47,000,000,000,000,001 grasshoppers passed over this place July 10th.

Charley McPherson and others, of Republican City were in town yesterday talking business.

A beautiful rain shower yesterday relieved the parched condition of the earth, and everybody is happy.

An interesting little buffalo chase took place near town yesterday. Apply to Calhoun for particulars.

Van Etten has a job of surveying of town lots. He commenced Tuesday.

After this issue subscribers will get their papers at the post-office.

They call it "cremation hot" up the valley.

Keep bushels, peck measures and baskets at Vancil's.

For Sale—A nice young cow 3 years old, giving a large quantity of milk. Enquire of J. L. Thompson, Rebecca Creek.

Peters' Musical Monthly is again received at this office. It contains some fine pieces of music. Those fond of good music will find this a valuable acquisition

gate damages, incident to the construction of the mill now being built on Turkey Creek, last Saturday, decide that Warner was not damaged by the construction of said mill as interfering with any mill that may be built below it. As the building of another dam below would back water in the tail race of the one above—which, being the first, would have the precedent—and in turn could sue for damages, and in view of this one fact alone they decided that there could not, consistently, be another mill site below, beside he would be very materially benefited by mill now being built.

We had occasion to call at the Napoleon post office one day last week, and "Dick" Walters kindly showed us around the works of the mill site. That there has been a large amount of work done would be saying too little. The race including the tail race is 200 rods long, and an embankment made eight or ten feet high nearly the entire length. They have a firm, high and safe site for the mill itself to stand, and will be a prominent outlook over a large scope of country. The fall is good and the water abundant. Now, since their little local difficulty has been settled, the work will be carried on with renewed vigor, and it will not require many months considering the amount done, before they will have their mill in running order.

The farmers in the vicinity of Bloomington will meet Saturday July 18th at 3 o'clock P. M., at the school house in Bloomington for the purpose of organizing a grange.

We are out a few hours earlier than usual.

Considerable stir about town lately. Soon there will be considerable more.

Did you notice how green the

The present hot weather is attributed by many scholars to the comet. It may be so, but inasmuch as the comet is said to be fifteen million miles distant, we can scarcely gulp down the proposition. When a man has a streak of "bad luck," he never fails to attach the cause to something, whether it be the real cause or not; so when a man is sweltering with sweat, he is apt to attribute it to something unusual, and the comet has to stand it.

Elsewhere will be found a call for a caucus to select delegates to attend the "county seat" convention at Macon. Perhaps it is well enough to have an expression of some of the people in the matter, and we therefore give it place; but the majority will scarcely be so blind to their own interest and the interest of the county as to make such arrangements supposing it could be done, that will throw Bloomington entirely out of consideration. Let the people stand by Bloomington and Bloomington will stand by them in giving them a town they will be proud of.

State News.

The Sanders Co. Republican has changed hands.

Hail in Washington County killed 85 sheep.

Mrs. Fuller was killed by lightning lately. in Dixon County.

Hail storm in Boone Co. Damaged crops.

Columbus is to have a foundry.

Kearney Junction is now building their bridge across the Platte in earnest.

But alas for human expectments! Just as we had got matters just fixed up to suit us, here come the fell news that the U. S. Land Office was to be at wunce removed from Lowell to Bloomington. Like notes of a dead march the awful news fell on our saddened spirits. We had a meeting the night we herd the news, and resolved to carry on the war. But it is no use, I see the handwriting on the wall, and so does Josef. He informed me that he guest thar war't any use of my bording at his hous any longer. There is no refuge for me here, so I shal depart at wunst for Dundy Co., wich I here is not yt organised. There I will find a fruitful field for a hoist servant of the deer peepil,

I may occashnally call and see my frens in Franklin, but for the present my ockupashun is gon.

Yours sorrowily, EZEKIL BILES.

Near Iona, in the northern portion of the state, a veritable volcano is just budding out. For some time smoke and steam have issued from crevices in the earth, and lately a land slide has opened the crevices and greatly increased the amount of vapor rising. The ground is so hot that the hand cannot be held upon it, and subterranean rumblings are constant and increasing in loudness. Some anxiety is felt about the results. Within a short distance of the volcano a two foot vein of coal has been discovered and is being worked.—Blade.

CINCINNATI, July 10.

Five highwaymen this morning robbed Jackson Harrison of \$4,000, after he had left a street car near east Cleveland. They then gagged, bound and left him. He was found this morning.

# INDEPENDENT

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Dated this 8th day of January, 1874.

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Perhaps some of our folks down here, will be able to put on a few airs after awhile.

Our Lowell friends have no particular reason for feeling agrieved at the removal of the land office from their town. It was only temporarily located there in the first place. They have the benefit now long enough, Uncle Sam is only driving the cow where she belongs.

Hot winds pressed over this section of country Tuesday, and rather forcibly reminded the inhabitants something they had heard about the "Great American Desert."

Sol. Males was awarded the contract for the building of the Bloomington school house, to be completed on the 1st of Sept, furnished with patent seats.

The first flock of sheep we have seen on the Valley, passed up the road last Friday.

We noticed a team of oxen in harness go by the other day. They seemed to take things easy, and we should judge it a great improvement on the old style.

Jesse Davis is yet very low from the effects of the heat while working in the harvest field last week.

Harvesting still continues, and some excellent pieces of wheat are being cut. The fact is a five-week's drouth has not prevented us from securing a good average crop.

Appears like rain. Well, we won't be surprised if it did.

Squire Shaffer starts to-day on a trip to Hastings.

The Kearney bridge across the Platte, is being pushed ahead. It will be completed some time this fall.

Five reapers were seen at work at one time from the roof of Mac's building, one day last week.

Whitbeck had a runaway. Spinning machine lively.

Did you notice how green the grass looks since the rain?

Tuesday was fearful, though Darby assures us he has seen four or five just such days in succession in Kansas, and still have corn.

Harlan county folks assert that their corn has withstood 7 weeks of dry.

Have you seen the comet yet?

Snow on the mountains.

There were about 500 people at the Bloomington 4th of July celebration. We mention this now as we neglected to do so last week.

Godey's Lady's book again received. It looks as nice and fresh as ever.

Mr. Stevens made a quick trip to Lowell and back on the stage. He was only a day out. Anybody at almost any time can do the same thing in the same way.

The river was on a little rise the other day, showing that there was rain somewhere.

The county seat war it is thought will now be ended as far as Franklin and Bloomington are concerned, leaving it in the hands of the latter.

Isn't it about time to call a meeting of the Republican Central Committee?

Somewhat cooler.

Rev. Lord was in town yesterday.

There will soon be plenty of hauling to do.

Rev. Lord will preach at the school house in Bloomington, Sunday, July 25th, at 11 o'clock a. m., if no conflicting appointment, if there is, then at 3 p. m.

All quiet on the Potomac."

As we have before remarked, Bloomington has the finest location in the Valley, and has the means to make the best town in the Valley also, and it will be with great pride to the citizens of this county to be able in a few years to point to it as such.

The Quarterly Meeting of the M. E. Church will be held at Macon, July 25th and 26th. Elder C. R. Townsend, Preacher in charge.

their bridge across the Platte in earnest. The Orleans Sentinel is going into the cremation business. It don't do anything else but swear at the weather of late.

Orleans post office is made a money order office.

Lincoln post office has been designated an office of the first class, the salary of the postmaster being \$3500 per year.

A boy in Brownville threw a stone at a dog on Main street last week, and hit five candidates for the State Senate. The dog aimed at wasn't a candidate either.

A man suicided near Brownville last week.

About 2,000 Indians are reported on the war path in the northwest.

The President on Tuesday issued the order the removal of the Lowell land office in this State to Bloomington, Franklin county. This change locates the office near the center of the district, and will much facilitate the business of homesteaders.—Lincoln Journal.

**THE PETRIFIED MEN.**—In company with Prof. Aughey, we yesterday made a call upon one of the so-called petrified men, exhumed from the old Fort Kearney cemetery. It is not a complete, but apparently is a partial petrification. It would seem that the persons were buried under such circumstances that the coffins soon became filled with water, holding both potassa and lime in solution. The alkali kept the flesh from decaying a much longer time than usual, while the lime gradually took its place, and hardened into chalky consistency. The case possesses considerable interest, from the fact that flesh seldom petrifies—as, under all ordinary circumstances, it decays too speedily for the slow process of hardening by the lime, to take its place.—Lowell Register.

ALL PERSONS KNOWING THEMSELVES indebted to me will please come forward and settle up.

Respectfully,  
T. F. ASHEY.

Boiler explosions are now the order of the day. The Lincoln Journal telegraphic dispatches of the 10th, contain only two, while almost every issue one or more are announced.

Earthquakes at Cairo, Ills. Iowa railroads are submitting to the tariff law under protest.

Mail and express cars on the Atlantic Mississippi and Ohio railroad, were burned while the train was in motion. Two or three men badly burned.

The Tilton-Beecher scandie still goes on.

John A. Kasson and Gen. J. A. Williamson, Iowa, were both on the Republican Congressional primary track at Des Moines on the 11th. Kasson got 107 majority. Williamson, it is claimed ran only with the express understanding that Kasson would not be a candidate, but he was, and worked with a will. Alas, and such is political friendship.

William Story, who was wounded by a premature discharge of a cannon on the 4th at Des Moines, died on the 11th.

\$678,000 national bank notes received at the treasury for redemption.

Philadelphia is to be made unhappy again. Weston says he was well received there, and proposes to go there again, soon.

A cyclone passed over the city of Savannah, Ga. on the night of the 5th, tearing up trees and doing other damage.

While a passenger train was passing over a bridge near Stony Creek, Conn., day before yesterday, the switchman becoming impatient shifted the switch before the last car had passed, which resulted in the throwing of three cars off the bridge and into the Connecticut River, causing the death of one man and the maiming of several others.

The Sioux are again hostile. A dispatch from Pembina says they have killed and abducted children.

## Correspondence.

Let us again call the attention of the people of this county, to the wool question, in hopes that others will reply, and discuss the matter calmly. This time we shall offer a suggestion. Some will hoot the idea I have no doubt, as ridiculous, notwithstanding that the plan is no less practicable, for what an individual, a company or a corporation can do, a whole county can. But before we offer our suggestion, let us see what we have got. 1st. Let us see if we have anything, that would warrant us as a county to enter into an enterprise. 2nd. Let us see if the law would recognize a county entering into an enterprise as a corporate body, and finally, let us see what benefit the community at large would derive from the fact of borrowing money for the purpose. To the first, we answer we have everything, To the second, we would say that the law (page 232 sec.1) designates counties as corporate bodies that can either sue or be sued. That they can purchase and hold real and personal estate, and that the power of a county as a body and corporation, shall be exercised by a board of county commissioners.

In view of this power in a county, what is to prevent this one from borrowing money sufficient to purchase from two to three thousand or more sheep, as common property to be owned by the county at large, and the profits thereof applied to the payment of the county indebtedness and the erection or creation of such other industries, as may be found of use and profit to the county. Here you have our suggestion, and here we give an answer to our third query. Viz. what benefit the community would derive from the fact of borrowing money for the purpose. The benefit is this. that the money thus borrowed would yield 200 per cent return on the principle annually, which profit would lighten the burthen of taxation on the people, by swelling the general county fund, that there would be but little cause for the steady increase of taxes now going on and likely to go on, unless some check-rein is brought to bear on it. More than this, the wool annually sheared from so large a flock, in a county so well blessed with a water supply as this one, would naturally draw capitalists into it, who would take advantage of this water supply, erect mills on its many streams, that would convert that wool into cloth and thereby create a home market for the farmer, labor for the unemployed and the starting point of many other industries that would have a tendency to make this county the central point of more than one line of railroad.

There is nothing in the world to prevent this, but the indifference of the people. It is not the everlasting delving of the tiller of the soil, nor the jangles of party factions for preeminence, nor the strife to enhance the value of property by town sites or the voting of bridge bonds, that will never do this thing, but the united effort of the people, having the general welfare rather than self-interest at heart. We have already seen

## ONLY OUR OWN.

According to dispatches received the President has directed the removal of the Land Office from Lowell to Bloomington, on the Republican Valley.

This no free gift to the town or Valley, but is only the restoration of a perfect right so long perverted and withheld from this portion of the country by the grasping avarice of railroad interests. The Valley has paid high tribute to nearly every public institution in Nebraska, not by taxes alone, but by surrendering a portion of her fairest lands for State University, B. & M. and the M. P. railroads, neither of which, it is well known, does not contribute a single mite to the advancement of this country. The land office should never have been detained, but located at once in the valley where it rightfully belonged.

It will be noticed that the President directed this move. Under the circumstances this was a necessity. Bloomington, in the first move after it was found to be an absolute necessity to remove the office from Lowell, was the only point that could be agreed upon in the Valley by our Congressional representatives. Other points and other interest were clamorous for it, but the almighty railroad dollars were too prominent, for once, to be recognized. The Bloomington town company even found it necessary to buy back some of her own stock sold to railroad men, before she could come in with her skirts clean. But our representatives were after all checked by this very same moneyed ring. When everything was perfected but the issuing of the order, Willis Drummond, that honest Land Commissioner, who resigned because the office didn't support him, and too honest to steal, refused to issue the order. He unquestionably took a small gift and to relieve his manly conscience, excused himself by resigning. No officer likes to correct the acts of his inferiors in his own department while there is yet a superior above him, consequently the Secretary of the Interior felt a little delicacy in the matter, and the President, being at the head, could not well refuse to grant the request of a full State Representation.

The principal worker for the rights of this town and valley, is H. M. Atkinson, a young man of indemiutable energy, who well understands the wants of this section, and will do all for it in his power, and that too without fear or favor.

No astronomical phenomenon has of late excited such universal and absorbing attention and interest as the rapid approach of the brilliant comet now visible in the northern heavens. Ignorance is the parent of superstition, and as not only the people but even our astronomers know but little of the cometary orbits of which their path through our planetary system forms but a small arc, we may expect to hear all sorts of vague and absurd conjectures as to the effect of an actual collision of these knight errant stars with the earth. It will be seen by the following extract from the pen of Prof. Woodhurst that we can reason on this momentous subject not alone from assumed premises but from actual experience, since it is but two years since the earth bowled its way directly through the nucleus of Biela's comet, splitting it in twain and, as feared, totally demolishing the unfortunate comet without producing no more serious effects than a beautiful and brilliant meteoric shower:

## Notice to Bridge Builders.

Sealed proposals will be received at the post office at Riverton, in Grant Precinct, Franklin county, Nebraska, until noon on the 31st day of July, A. D. 1874, for the construction of a wagon bridge across the Republican River at the town of Riverton in Grant precinct, in said county of Franklin and State of Nebraska. Bidders for the construction of said bridge are required to accompany their bids with plans and specifications, sealed and directed to John Mitchell, Secretary of Bridge building committee, marked on outside "sealed proposals." Cost of said bridge and the stone superstructure not to exceed eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) in bonds of said Grant precinct, that being the amount voted for that purpose. Length of bridge, two hundred and sixty feet, (260ft.) to be in two spans and to be supported in middle of river by a substantial stone pier.

For further particulars inquire of Isaac Shephardson, at Riverton, or by letter to the undersigned. The committee reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

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the general welfare rather than selfish interest. We have thousands of acres of the best sheep grazing ground in the world all around us, growing a grass that can be turned into wool and mutton, and millions of tons of good water going to waste, that could be utilized to turn that wool into cloth, and if we have not foresight enough to take advantage of them, we are unworthy of the privileges we have.

Let us take time by the forelock before others get the inside track of us. There is no need for us to let them do so. And if we borrow money for any purpose, let us borrow it for that which will tend to lighten, rather than increase the burthen of taxation on the people. Three thousand sheep can be bought for ten thousand dollars, each sheep will average four pounds of wool in a season, at forty cents per pound equal to \$3,300 for wool alone. This together with the increase which would double itself the second year, and do so proportionately every succeeding year, in two years there would be profit enough made out of the whole stock that would more than pay off the original obligation, besides having the main flock as a clear gain. Is this consideration to be dispised, and all our nutritious wild grasses and our clear sparkling brooks to be allowed to run waste any longer while we have it within our power to make them profitable. If so, then the sooner we return to the flesh-pots we left behind us the better, and make room for a more enterprising people. Let meetings be called throughout the county and the question calmly discussed. Let one monster petition be presented to the commissioners, calling on them to order an election in each precinct for the purpose of voting sufficient bonds to buy such a number of sheep as shall be designated. Let the money, the sheep, and their profits be subject to such rules as a committee ap-

#### EFFECT OF COMETARY MATTER REACHING EARTH.

It was formerly supposed that if the head of a comet should strike the earth it would destroy it. Modern discoveries prove that even such fears have little foundation. Less than two years ago the earth actually was struck by the head of a comet: and probably very few of your readers know it, and not one of us knew it at the time. It has been ascertained that certain meteoric showers followed the track of certain comets; and Prof. A. S. Herschel suspected that there might be such meteoric showers in the track of Biela's comet, especially as it had been known to divide into two proportions and had subsequently disappeared entirely. He requested observers to watch especially for these meteors in the last week of November, 1872. Prof. Klinkerfues saw the shower of unusual brilliancy, and thinking it possible that it might be visible as a comet immediately telegraphed to Prof. Pogson. Madras: "Biela touched earth on 27th; search near Theta Centauri," that star being nearly in the direction toward which the meteors were moving. Prof. Pogson searched and found the comet which he saw two successive evenings; but it was so faint that it was not again seen. In this instance, therefore, the earth passed directly through the head of a comet which was afterward seen, and the only effect was a brilliant shower of meteors. We should hardly expect an equal effect from passing through the tail of a comet 23,000,000 miles from the head.

#### Attempted and Probable Murder.

An old couple of Polanders who lately located opposite Lowell, in Buffalo county, where both badly cut and hacked about their faces and heads, last Friday, by a boy they had picked up on their way to their new home. The object was robbery.

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