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third Sabbath at 7 p. m., and on Rebecca
Creek alternate times of said days.

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at Riverton Neb., every Saturday evening.
Transient brethren invited to drop in.

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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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Thursday, Aug. 17, 1876.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Take the Guard three months.

Commissioners proceedings next issue.

Nebraska holds her election in No-
vember.

Some friends of our portly friend Mr.
Betts, are visiting here now.

This is the last publication of the tax-
list. More reading matter next week.

Mr. Kinnear is considerably improved
from his paralytic stroke.

A friend of Mr. Arnold is visiting
here, but we did not get his name.

Judge Thompson and Capt. Murrin,
of Harlan county, were in town Tues-
day night.

Ill health prevented Mrs. deClercy
from attending the teachers' association,
last Saturday and none was held.

Mr. Weston of Ash Grove, reports
more than a half crop of corn in that
precinct.

Messrs. Betts, Dixon and Kaves were
up on the Loup hunting last week, but
we guess they failed on a big haul.

Calhoun left yesterday accompanied
by his wife, for Beatrice, where he will
be engaged on the Courier.

The Otoc reservation is to be sold to
actual settlers, the bill providing for
which went to the president in June last

Miss Amelia Folia, of St. Joseph Mo.,
arrived in town last night and is stopping
with mine hoste Ashby. She is a relative
to the family and will visit with
them for a time.

Harlan county is to have a camp meet-
ing near Watson, Spring Creek, com-
mencing Sept. 6th and holding six days.
Other counties are invited to join in the
exercises.

J. L. Tinkham went to North Platte
Friday last and is expected home this
evening. He is one of the firm of
Tinkham Bros. & Rimmer, at that place

Grasshoppers are reported as far east
on the line of the U. P. railroad as Frem-
ont, and on the B. & M. road to Har-
vard. But the general damage done is
far over estimated.

Judge Lucas and lady were in town
the first of the week. The Judge re-
ports a good business and close applica-
tion for the past few months.

Water melons are a luxury now days,
and a drug in the market at any price.
We believe they are of a luxuriant
growth this season.

A man from Illinois Saturday, de-
fies the grasshoppers, and says they are no

near Macon on the 16th and 17th of
Sept. Services to begin on Saturday at
2 p. m. S. P. VANDOOZEN,
P. E. Proteem.

Walt Langdon, as he is familiarly
known here to the early settlers, who
went to the Black Hills with J. B. Quim,
early in the season, returned last night.
He says the boys from this county are
all right and doing well. Business has
been pretty good all the time. Johnny
has gone to Denver.

We want flour on subscription and
many of those whom we have been lined
with, in sending the paper to, have that
commodity to spare, and we want some
of it. We take anything you raise, for
our paper, but we can't do so unless you
will let us, and we hope to get a res. o. e.
from this item.

Mr. Birchard, of Marshalltown Iowa,
who has been visiting our rural town-
sman, Mr. George Sheppard, says that
the worshippers at the shrine of democ-
racy in Iowa are terribly horrified at the
action of General Tuttle, in denouncing
the rebel element attached to Tilden and
Hendricks, and that many others will not
support or vote the ticket.

Grasshoppers' stomachs are hardly
equal to the task of digesting castor
beans, but look next time. They weren't
prepared for such diet,

We thought something was entering
into Dan's head that smacked of politics
but we hardly thought he would be will-
ing to sacrifice himself on the democratic
ticket. But some one must run we sup-
pose, and they could go a good ways and
fare worse. Dan is one of workers in
the party and a strong man in the valley
in his party, and in point of ability
would do them credit: Hear the Cour-
ier:

Hon. D. L. Ashby, of Bloomington,
one of the leading attorneys of the Re-
publican valley, was in town several days
last week. Mr. Ashby is a prominent
democrat, and his name is freely used in
connection with the nomination for at-
torney general,—Beatrice Courier.

The Signs of The Times.

The present indications are that with-
out strict economy, Nebraska will have
another hard time this winter; while a
little frugal thought, self denial will en-
able the people to ride through the win-
ter safely, and weather the storm that is
now raging. It is true it's hard to loose
what it took months of hard labor to pro-
duce by the host Pharaoh. Some are
talking of leaving in hope of finding a
country more conducive to their interests
Now if I could find a country that had no
draw-backs, I would certainly go; a coun-
try where no ills betide, no losses to un-
dergo, where prosperity reigned supreme,
I would say go: "God speed you." But
my experience is, that country is not on
this globe. My observations are that
this country has as many advantages as
disadvantages, to say the least, and the
man who stays here, if not a millionaire,
can promise himself enough of this
world's good to make life pleasant and
happy. Happiness does not consist in
the amount of this "pelf;" but in the
use of what we have.

Then stay on your farms; do not ya-
cillate; be not discouraged; the tide will
turn and show a balance in your favor.
No country has a better soil or healthier
climate, or where vegetation grows more
luxuriantly than here in Nebraska. In

Third door south of the Land Office. Here all the boys are invited to come in and spend a social hour. Splendid table. All the best of wines, liquors and cigars on hand.

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a trial when in town. Accommodations are
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will receive proper attention while here.
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points in the upper valley daily. 40

Notice

It is hereby given that I will examine all
persons who may desire to offer themselves
as candidates for teachers in this Frank
lin county, on the 1st Saturday of each
month, at the School House, in Bloom-
ington, Nebraska. Examination to com-
mence at 9 o'clock a. m. Positively no
private examination at my residence;
applicants must attend regular examina-
tions.

MARY S. DECLERCK,
Co. Supt. Pub. Inst.
Dated this 1st day of Jan. 1876.

ARCHIBALD K. KINNEAR,
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under the Pre-emption, Homestead

A man in from Illinois Saturday, de-
fies the g. hoppers, and says they are no
worse than chinee-bugs and wet weather
in Illinois.

Mr. Birchard, his wife and daughter,
left for Iowa Tuesday morning, after
having made "Shepp." a good long visit.
It is rather a poor time for strangers to
fancy the country much, yet they can
hardly help doing so.

Mr. Ben. Sanders, of Brownville, who
was the first printer on the GUARD,
and also the first in the valley, is now
spending a few days at this place with
our genial postmaster and his lady. Ben
is a nice fellow and a good many welcome
him here.

Capt. R. B. Presson, returned Satur-
day night from a tour in the eastern part
of the state, and a visit to Gage county.
When he left everything was prospering
and no hoppers.

Henry Warriner of Grant precinct,
and Mr. Van Horn, his brother-in-law,
from Polk county, this state, called at
the GUARD office Saturday. Mr. Van
Horn is visiting here and came up to ex-
amine Walker and Deary's berkshier
hogs.

Flavius (and Mary) Macmillan of the
Republican City News, is a candidate for
the receiver-ship of the U. S. Land Of-
fice at this place. But alas for the hopes
of frail men,—(and women,) he never
can touch bottom.

In the county there are twelve thresh-
ing machines and 40 bachelors in Ash
Grove precinct. Gracious what a take
them old baches would be for 40 young
and good looking girls.

Senator Hitchcock has introduced a
bill which has passed both houses, form-
ing the new Territory of Pembina. The
territory of land embraced is that of
northern Dakota, and Bismark is to be
the capital.

We are obligated to many of our
friends around the county for nice de-
licious water-melons, but to pernickate
each would almost fill our local page. If
any one appreciates goods things, and es-

no country has a better soil or healthier
climate, or where vegetation grows more
luxuriantly than here in Nebraska. In
fact no country can claim a superiority
over Nebraska in this respect. In corn
Nebraska stands ahead of Illinois, the
great corn king state. And in wheat she
stands about on an average with other
states. You who have no farms else-
where; you who have no assurance of
good lucrative positions in the east, in
my judgement, had better stay in Ne-
braska. ANON.

2d Commr. Dist. Franklin Co. }
August 15th, '76. }

ED. GUARD: The grasshoppers have ar-
rived and commenced their work of de-
vastation. Already the corn crop is dam-
aged about one third and there seems no
good reason for believing they will leave
us soon. When they first come there
was a general stampede and many talked
of leaving, but the excitement has now
nearly subsided and there is pretty gener-
al determination to give them another
trial.

The hum of the threshing machine is
now heard in our midst. Small grain is
making a very respectable showing and
most people will have enough to last them
a year.

There is some talk of the next county
commissioner and several candidates spo-
ken of. It has been said that to have a
good commissioner or school director, a
man must be found who has the ability
and who would rather attend to other
people's business than his own. We
have many who are eminently qualified as
to the first requisite—that is in their own
estimation—but in the opinion of their
neighbors the second qualification is bet-
ter developed than the first. There is
little talk of the representative. The
only person spoken of as candidates are
Messrs Bullong and Vollintine. In re-
gard to their relative merits there is a
difference of opinion.

There is a great desire in these parts
to know how Hayes and Tilden stand on
the g. hopper question. The most of us
are in favor of disarming and dismounting
the indians; cutting the pig tail off from
the Chinaman; pulling the teeth and clip-
ping the wings from the g. hoppers, and