

# Bloomington Guard.

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## Meeting of the Forestry Association.

### Spirited Discussion on the subject of Tree Culture.

#### The West taking the Lead.

On Saturday, as previously announced in the GUARD, the Franklin County Forestry Association met at the court house, Milton Budlong, presiding.

He said we had come together to perfect the organization of the County Forestry Association and too much could not be said in favor of this enterprise. On the subject of Forest culture much was to be learned. The variety of trees most profitable to plant, the best age to plant and the question of seed planting, were among subjects that could profitably be discussed. The Association, if properly conducted, could be co-operative; foreign plants and seeds could be secured at better advantage, if purchased wholesale than retail, and freights would be less. The preparation ground and the arrangement of the forest, all were matters of deep interest in forest culture and could be profitably considered. Statistics relative to the number of acres planted and the number and variety of trees, should be carefully gathered and preserved. These and many other duties would devolve upon the association.

He spoke in glowing terms of the wisdom of the Timber culture act and regarded it the most wholesome legislation in the interests of the development of the west since the passage of the homestead law. He felt proud of the honor of presiding over the first Forest Association in the State, and hoped to live to see the subject receive universal attention.

The committee appointed to draft constitution and by-laws, made a report which was adopted.

Milton Budlong, Esq., was elected president for the ensuing year; A. M. deClereq, vice-president; C. H. Walker, secretary; J. T. Reams, treasurer, and an executive committee of one from each precinct. We did not get their names but will give them next week.

Mr. deClereq, was called to make some remarks. He said the subject of reproducing our forests was one that had occupied the minds of thinking men for a long time, but there had been very little organized work done. The west was naturally devoid of timber to a great extent. In other countries the labor of the pioneer had been to destroy forests—ours was to grow them. He thought it easier to grow them where we wanted them than to remove them where they are not needed. He spoke of the effect of forests on our climate and the change they would make in the landscape of the rapid growth of

amended so as to reserve each alternate quarter section west of the 100th meridian, for the purpose of timber culture, and that the land so reserved should be held for that purpose only. He said if the advice of the Commissioner prevailed, that country would become a landed aristocracy. The cattle men who had reaped the benefit of these free pastures had become rich and were able to take every desirable acre and drive every poor settler from the country. He said the west was taking the lead in forest culture, and Franklin county took the leading position in the west. This he showed by entries made for the Arbor Day prizes last year. A. W. Morgan, of Franklin county, planted on Arbor Day, 14,400, and won the first prize.

At the close of the Forestry meeting arrangements were made to hold a farmers institute. It will probably commence on the 4th of January, but we are not authorized to announce that date. Prof. Thompson, of the agricultural College, has been secured to take a part and an interesting time is anticipated.

## Railroad MASS CONVENTION! LINCOLN NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD.

The citizens of Franklin County are requested to meet in Mass Convention, at Bloomington, Dec. 30th, 1874, for the purpose of selecting 5 delegates to attend a delegate convention to be held at Lincoln Neb., Jan. 6, 1876, for the purpose of incorporating a Narrow Gauge Railroad Company, having for its object the construction of a narrow gauge railroad to Denver, Col., via the Republican valley. Many Citizens.

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## Chattle Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the payment of a certain promissory note secured by a Chattle Mortgage, dated the 12th day of March A. D. 1875, made by Isaac Moore to John Fox Jr., and recorded March 15th 1875, in the County Clerk's Office, within and for Franklin Co. Neb. in book one of Mortgage Record, on pages 117 and 118 upon which said note and mortgage there is now due the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-Six Dollars and Sixty Five Cents. I will on the 18th day of December, A. D. 1875, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the County Clerk's Office in Bloomington Franklin County Nebraska, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the goods and chattles described in said mortgage, to-wit: One dark bay stallion, eight years old or thereabouts, blind in the right eye. One dark bay horse, 8 years old or thereabouts, blind in both eyes. One two-horse wagon in good order, and one double harness used upon and with the above mentioned horses. JOHN FOX, Jr. Mortgagee.

By L. M. Moulton, Atty.  
Dated Nov. 22d 1875.

## Probate Notice.

In the Probate Court of Franklin County Neb. in the matter of the Estate of Benjamin M. Weller, deceased, before L. M. Moulton, Probate Judge, within and for said county. To the heirs and next of kin of Benjamin M. Weller, deceased, and to whom it may concern;

Take notice that upon reading and filing the petition of Elisabeth C. H. Weller, praying that she be appointed administratrix of the estate of Benjamin M. Weller, deceased; it is ordered that said cause be set for hearing at my office in Bloomington, Franklin County Neb., on the 3d day of January A. D. 1876, at 1 o'clock p. m., of said day, at which time and place all parties interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why said Elisabeth C. H. Weller should not be appointed Administratrix of said estate.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at Bloomington Neb., on this 19th day of November, A. D. 1875.

L. M. MOULTON, Probate Judge.

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west was naturally devoid of timber, to a great extent. In other countries the labor of the pioneer had been to destroy forests—ours was to grow them. He thought it easier to grow them where we wanted them than to remove them where they are not needed. He spoke of the effect of forests on our climate and the change they would make in the landscape; of the rapid growth of trees on our soil; of the economy of raising our wood, &c., &c.

Mr. Walker spoke of the opinion in the east, that beyond the 100th meridian, the soil was unfit for agricultural pursuits. That it was only capable of sustaining a scattered growth of dwarf grasses. He alluded to the late report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, wherein he recommends the policy be adopted of reserving the public offering of the "table lands," west of the 100th meridian, and that hereafter the remaining lands unsold be made subject to private entry. He showed the ignorance, not only of the public generally, but particularly the Commissioner of the General Land Office, with regard to this country. There is a climatic difference, but geologically the table lands between the Republican and the Platte, west of the 100th meridian, are similar to those east of it, and that no richer soil can be found in the State. If what the Commissioner says is true, of the country west of the 100th meridian, it is also true of the country on the other side of the line. We only have to refer to the list of premiums awarded at the late State fair, and the reports of the committees to be convinced of the erroneous impressions with regard to this country. Most of the first prizes on agricultural products came west, and Franklin county was declared the champion agricultural county of the State. E. B. Swift, of Webster, planted 11,742 trees, and took the next best prize. These prizes both came to the Republican Valley Land District. The remaining entries for the Arbor Day prizes were made by J. P. Price, of Nemaha county, who planted 2,031 trees; G. M. Vodra, Fillmore county, planted 3,128; F. M. Horton, of Seward county, 3,777 and 400 cuttings, and John M. Miller, Polk county, who planted 5,700 cuttings. The largest forest to his knowledge, planted last spring, was planted by Mr. Richardson, of Franklin county, and contained over 3,000 trees. In view of these facts, the honor of organizing the first Forestry Association, belonged to Franklin county.

The west is lacking timber, but under the influences of the homestead and

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SOL, MALES, POSTMASTER.

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.

I. O. O. F.—Pioneer Lodge No. 45, meets at Riverton Neb., every Saturday evening. Transient brethren invited to drop in.

H. C. LOHFF, N. G.

HENRY WARRINER, Secretary.

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Saturday, Dec 18, 1875.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

Splendid weather prevails now.

Great big Dolls at Harman's.

Hon. Webster Eaton's house is up and will soon be enclosed.

Dr. Whitney was obliged to stop in town Saturday night. One of his horses being quite sick.

Dr. Loyd, had a cow choak to death on a piece of turnip, Saturday.

The people of Nuckolls county, in mass convention, resolved to give fifty thousand to the narrow gauge railroad.

Lots of Christmas goods at Harman's

Ike Jones, for some months stopping at this place, left for the west Thursday

Sewing machine needles, picture frames, lamp shades, etc., just received at the postoffice.

Dolls! Dolls!! big and little, at Harman's.

The District Court, in session at Kearney, this week Judge Maxwell, on the bench, found Jordan P. Smith, one of the Texas herders who shot Milton M. Collins, last summer, guilty of murder in the first degree, and the sentence of death will be passed up him to-day.

CHRISTMAS BALL—Mr. Elias Haynes has made arrangements to have a dance Christmas eve, at the McGowen building, in town. He has secured the best of music and will leave nothing undone to insure a good time to all who attend.—The bill has been put at the low price of \$1., so that all may be able to go, and a good time and attendance may be anticipated.

Toy Books for the children, at Harman's.

Mr. John Cramer, of Turkey creek, gave a dancing party Tuesday eve, which we had the pleasure of attending. A goodly number of "young" people gathered in and a real pleasant time was had. A splendid supper was served which consisted of the many delicacies of the season. The company was not so large as was anticipated, but those present passed a nice time.

The man who wears old clothes and loafs around the GUARD office has been trying to get the better of a sore throat and severe cold in the head, for past few days, which accounts for the

No paper next Saturday, that day being Christmas, and in view of that fact we take this opportunity of wishing our patrons a merry Christmas, in this issue. May the day be one of merriment, that the reflections of the future will fall upon with pleasure.

ARRANGED.—At the residence of \_\_\_\_\_, Dec. 12th, 1875, on Lohff's Creek, in this county, by Rev. D. Edger-ton, Mr. William Vinson Ashburn to Miss Ida Ann Burris.

The ceremony of the occasion has been handed in but we are unable to get it in print.

## Railroad.

The people of Lincoln are awakening to the importance of a narrow gauge railroad from that point to Denver, via the Republican valley. An enthusiastic meeting was held on the 14th inst., to take the matter under consideration, at which time a committee was appointed to correspond with the different counties along the line and call a convention at Lincoln, for the further consideration of the subject. The committee resolved to request five delegates from each county along the proposed line, and an additional representation of one delegate for every 5,000 inhabitants or fractional part thereof, to meet at Lincoln in convention, Jan. 6th 1876.

We are glad to see this move. It looks as if good might grow out of it. The Republican valley wants a railroad, and in our opinion is ready to entertain a practical proposition for bonds to assist in its construction, but there is no disguising the fact that the people do not wholly like the proposition of terminating a road at a point with no more competing lines than Beatrice. If they have a narrow gauge road they want to have it terminate at more of a railroad centre. Lincoln offers probably the most advantageous termination in the State, west of Omaha, and the result of making that the point, would be an immediate outlet to the east & south over various roads. But while we are working out our own salvation, we are also adding to the redeeming qualities of others, for no better strike could be made for the capitol city, than to open connection with that portion of the State through which the proposed line of road would run, and it behooves her citizens to put shoulder to the wheel, in the matter. It is to be hoped that the convention at Lincoln, will be attended by representatives that can speak the sentiments of the people in the various counties, that that body may understand the situation, and act accordingly.

The most of next week will be devoted to settling up with our advertisers, and we hope to find them ready to liquidate promptly.

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passed a nice time.

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 loafs around the GUARD office has been  
 trying to get the better of a sore throat  
 and severe cold in the head, for past few  
 days, which accounts for this paper be-  
 ing two days late.

Go to Harman's for a christmas pres-  
 ent for your wife or sister.

O. T. Greer, formerly a resident of  
 this place, but for the past few months  
 at Fairmont, is spending the holidays  
 here. There appears to be attractions  
 here for him that are strong, but of  
 course we wouldn't say anything

Well just as we provisioned, Jim. Green-  
 wood returned from Iowa last week,  
 spreading on the hotel registers where  
 he stopped, James Greenwood and wife,  
 just as though nothing had happened.  
 They were married at Davenport, Tues-  
 day week, we believe, and the name of  
 the happy bride was Miss Emma Buck,  
 sister of Geo. Buck, jr., of Franklin.  
 We wish the newly married couple a life  
 of happiness; may the joys of pleasant  
 surroundings attend them early in life.

The dancing party at Starkey's Fri-  
 day night was a very nice affair. The  
 house was full and the merry dancers  
 were in their best spirits and tripped  
 the light fantastic until a way long in  
 the sma' hours of the morn. The sup-  
 per was excellent, and won high praise  
 for A. B.'s amiable lady.

The finest assortment of Christmas  
 goods ever brought to the valley, will be  
 found at Harman's, where those wishing  
 to bestow a token of friendship, during  
 the holidays, upon their friends, in ac-  
 cordance with an honored custom, can  
 not fail to please themselves.

C. H. Whitney, of billiard hall fame,  
 at this place, left very unceremoniously  
 Wednesday, and took the U. P. train  
 west that night. His saloon was closed  
 out Thursday afternoon by Jake Bar-  
 net, who had a bill of sale of the bar  
 and fixtures, and the tables were taken  
 possession of by the manufacturers, J.  
 M. Brunswick, Bark & Co., by their  
 agent. It is estimated that one hundred  
 and fifty dollars will cover his liabilities,  
 and it is not thought that he had more  
 than that amount when he left. Char-  
 ley was a good hearted fellow, and his  
 failure is attributed to the fact that his  
 partners failed to come up with their  
 part of the funds.

Neighbor John Kinney, treated a few  
 of his friends to a real old fashioned  
 corn husking and coon hunt, one day  
 last week. We are informed that a nice  
 time was had and that an excellent sup-  
 per was served on the occasion.

liquidate promptly.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK for Dec., has  
 been received and with it comes that su-  
 perb chromo, entitled "Morning Call,"  
 which is given to every subscriber of  
 this valuable magazine. The picture  
 represents a fair maiden, snugly wrap-  
 ped in her winter costume, with the ex-  
 pression of delight on her countenance,  
 accompanied by a little girl, on their  
 morning call, approaching the house of  
 their object, which is mantled with the  
 fallen snow, covering alike house-top and  
 twig, casting a gloomy surrounding, yet  
 leading the mind back to such mornings,  
 coupled with which are incidents of the  
 past on which we love to rest our wear-  
 ed minds. The picture is a gem of  
 itself, while the magazine is among the  
 best of its kind.

THE REPUBLIC MAGAZINE for Dec.  
 has been received. It contains an anal-  
 ysis of the Ohio election, a review of the  
 campaign of 1875, an able article on  
 labor in Europe and America, and  
 other articles of equal interest to  
 those who are interested in Governmental  
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