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LOCAL MATTERS.

☞ The surveyors still at work.
☞ See Townsend's card in next col.
☞ Groceries cheap, at Vancil's,
☞ County Convention on the 27th.
☞ Calhoun has gone to bull-whacking.
He bought out Mr. Correll's two yoke of
oxen and wagon.
☞ Mr. Loyd and Browning are doing
the land office plastering.
☞ A. L. Rich, formerly of this place,
is now editing the Falls City Times.

☞ Building still going on and more
commencing.
☞ The horizon of late bears the ap-
pearance of Indians Summer.
☞ The frame work of Capt. Presson's
office building is up.
☞ Miss Bush had a very severe attack
of the erysipelas lately.

☞ The Tribune advises those who
have teams and guns to go to where the
buffalo are and kill and dry all the meat
they can.

☞ If you want a good clean shave,
go to Wm. Morlan.

☞ The horse that got his leg broke
in the bridge east or town, cost the
county \$120.

☞ Daniel Haugh, of Crow's Creek,
lost a very valuable ox last Wednesday.
It appears that the ox drank heartily of
standing water in the creek that had be-
come colored with the droppings of the
grasshoppers from the leaves of the black
walnut trees.

John C. Mundell, of Rebecca Creek,
also lost a very fine blooded cow, from
some cause unknown. The cow was ap-
parently in perfect health until a few hours
before her death.

☞ Godey's Lady's Book for Septem-
ber is received. It has as many attrac-
tions as ever. It is always a welcome vis-
itor. \$3 a year. Address L. A. Godey,
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Philadelphia, Pa.

☞ There probably will be some talk, if
nothing more, about voting bonds in aid of
a railroad through this county, as they are
talking about in Harlan. The citizens of
this county, are however, rather too wide
awake to be caught in any trap of the
kind, and we rather guess our neighbors
up the river will not be so easily taken in
either. The Melrose Tribune has a very
sensible article on the bond question.

☞ We are in receipt of notice of a call
for a National Sportsman's Association,
and Convention of the same to be held

Notice,

There will be a mass convention of the
Republican party of Grant precinct held
at Riverton at 10 o'clock, p. m., on Mon-
day August the 24th, for the purpose of
choosing five delegates to attend the county
convention at Franklin on Thursday,
the 27th 1874.

By order of Franklin Co. Republican
Central Com. M. O'SULLIVAN,
Sec'y,

NOTICE.

There will be a Republican mass con-
vention of the legal voters of Sheridan
precinct, held at Fish's school house in
said precinct, at 1 o'clock p. m., on
Monday August the 24th, 1874, for the
purpose of choosing five delegates to the
county convention, to be held at Frank-
lin, August the 27th. 1874.

J. W. Stinson,
Ch'n.

Notice.

There will be a delegate Republican
Convention held at Franklin at the hour
of 1 o'clock p. m., on Thursday Aug. the
27th 1874, for the purpose of choosing
three delegates to attend the State con-
vention at Lincoln on the 2nd day of
September, 1874, and also, delegates to
the Senatorial and Representative con-
ventions.

M. O'Sullivan, D. Brown,
Sec'y. Ch'n.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REPUB- LICAN CEN. COM.

In answer to the call of the chairman,
the Franklin County Central Committee
met at Franklin on the 18th inst., at one
o'clock p. m., and proceeded to transact
business.

Present—Daniel Brown, chairman; J F
Zediker, Geo. Buck, jr., J D Gage, L
Hager, D K Calkins, M O'Sullivan,
Com. called to order.

On motion the committee adjourned sine
die.

The chairman then notified the commit-
tee to meet forthwith, for the purpose of
making arrangements for the holding of a
Convention to choose delegates to the State
Convention to be held at Lincoln, on the
2nd, day of Sept, 1874, and also to appor-
tion the number of delegates of the several
precincts in the county.

On motion a delegate convention was
agreed upon.

Moved and carried that a County Con-
vention, be held on the 27th day of August,
at Franklin at 1 p. m., for the purpose of
choosing three delegates to attend the State
Convention, and "blank" delegates to at-
tend the Senatorial and Representative
District Conventions.

It was decided that the vote of 1873 be
taken as a basis—1 to every 15 votes cast,
and one delegate to every major fraction
thereof, upon which basis each precinct is
allowed the number of delegates as follows:

Sheridan	5
Ash Grove	2
Franklin	5
Macon	2
North Franklin	2

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Part of Mr. Way's stock of goods arrived last Thursday. Mr. Way has the largest stock of stoves and tinware to be found in the valley.

Three more new greyhounds has arrived in town; at least we only counted twenty yesterday, and to-day there is twenty-three.

Thomas Bogle has just completed a snug little dwelling on the west side of the town platt.

J. A. Peery was very sick on Tuesday last. He had something like a touch of the cholera, and it required the utmost exertions of two or three assistants to prevent him from growing cold. He was better at last accounts, but not entirely recovered.

The bad places along the road have been repaired. The county is out only \$120 for broken limbed animals—rather lucky at that, considering the many traps-holes left open for so long a time.

We notice quite a number of emigrants daily with sails set and going eastward; but, we also notice, that there are just about as many immigrants coming in as there are emigrants going away.

There has been a stray dog lying on our office steps, and we would advise the owner to take care of him, as a member of the bachelor club has had an eye of evil intent on the dog, and the club is out of meat.

Cramer and Sprague of Turkey Creek, are putting up a temporary boarding house, just west of the land office, and are now ready to receive boarders.

M. O'Sullivan called upon us the other day. He is negotiating to buy town property for some party in Washington.

Want to trade a horse, or a horse and harness, for a well broke yoke of work cattle. Apply to L. M. Moulton.

The Melrose Tribune gives the Orleans Sentinel some pretty hard digs.

and Convention of the same to be held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., on the 9th of Sept., having for its object the procurement of "intelligent and efficient legislation for the protection of Game Birds and Fish." The object is certainly laudable and worthy of all the attention that can be consistently bestowed upon it.

The press is unusually quiet on the approaching election. A candidate for Governor, or for Senator, is variously spoken of, but the trumpet speaking, gives forth rather uncertain sounds, and little enthusiasm exhibited. It will be quite difficult to get a senator or representative from the number proposed in this district who, upon the event of their election, will be able to get their eyes wide enough open to see south of the sand hills of the Platte or west of range 12, or if they do see at all, it will only be to throw sand in the eyes of the people living beyond that border. It will, therefore, behoove our delegates, from this and the counties west of us, to if possible, get together before the opening of the convention, and decide upon some good man in the Valley, and to insist upon their claims for a candid consideration, and to make the effort to secure the one or the other of the offices.

Mr. Brown has given up the notion of selling out. We are glad of this for many reasons: among the principal ones are, in the event of selling, he would be turning himself and family upon the cold uncertainties of the world without a home. He has a good place, under anything like favorable circumstances worth \$1000 to \$1,500 without the buildings, which cannot be replaced at any time much short of \$800. He could not have obtained \$500 for the entire outfit; even suppose it possible he could get \$1000, where would he better himself? What would he have left, after deducting the expense incident to 500 miles journey, any way he might take it? He then would, perhaps, be no more able to obtain employment than now, while

Crow's Creek, August 17, 1874.

Eds. GUARD: I felt somewhat disheartened at being "cleaned out" so thoroughly by the grasshoppers, until I received a letter from my brother who resides in McLean county Ills., containing the following, which he clips from one of the county papers,
A REMARKABLE SEASON.

"Day by day, and from every township in McLean county, and from many places in adjoining counties, complaints reach us of the effects of the terrible, withering, killing drouth that has prevailed for so many weeks, and which the rains of the last few days have scarcely more than alleviated. Indeed, were it to rain from now until this day week, (this was in the issue of Aug. 9th,) or longer but little good would result from it so far as our staple crops are concerned. The corn crop of McLean county, speaking of it generally, is literally done for. It is true that there are patches here and there of tolerable fair corn; but taken as a whole, and judging from numerous advices on the subject, we have no hesitation in saying that the crop is a failure. The pastures everywhere are burned brown and crisp, and in many places farmers are feeding their stock as in midwinter. It is really fortunate that our hay crop has been a good one, for it is a certainty that every blade of it will be needed for home consumption. We have no recollection of such a state of affairs in Ills, during a residence of over fifteen years here, and we are told by those who have lived here longer than that, that the drouth of 1874 is the most severe they ever knew of in this section."

Thus you will see, fellow citizens of Franklin county, that we are about as well off as those of our friends in the

Bufflo, 2
Grant, 5

Resolved, That in consideration of the limited time, we, the Republican Central Committee of Franklin county, do appoint the time for the holding of the several precinct meetings.

On motion the several precincts hold their conventions at 1 o'clock on August 24th, 1874, in their usual places of holding primary meetings.

Resolved, That we recommend the several precincts to instruct their delegates present at the county convention to cast the whole vote of their precincts in case any of said delegates are absent.

On motion the chairman and secretary were instructed to give notice of the time and place of holding the county convention.

On motion the proceedings be published in the GUARD, and also, that the committees of the several precincts do post up written notices to the effect, immediately, in their several precincts.

On motion, secretary to notify the committees of North Franklin, Ash Grove and Buffalo precincts to call conventions in their precincts.

Meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman.

D. BROWN, Chairman.

M. O'SULLIVAN, Sec.

The grasshoppers come this way now on lifted wing, with fiery lightnings in his eye, and the cereal crops of six counties of Minnesota in his cranching teeth the wild, unbidden grasshopper of the west. A jerky bird is the grasshopper, He folds himself up like a jack-knife, releases himself like an arrow from a bended bow, propels himself over a large space and subsists on the country he covers. He assimilates the people to himself. When he alights upon the field the farmer looks for his crop, and behold, like the grasshopper which passed, he has none.

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Dated this 8th day of January, 1874.
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The town well being dug at the present time is down about 50 feet. 75 feet is what they expect to go ere reaching water. This will be one of the very best wells in the county, being five feet in diameter and is to be walled throughout with first class hard rock. It is the intention of the company to put in a windmill for the purpose of drawing the water, after a while.

There will be a dance in McPherson's Hall, Republican City, Friday evening, Aug. 28th, 1874, for the benefit of the "Nameless" Base Ball Club. Tickets, including supper, \$2. Supper at City Hotel. Floor Managers—Geo. Smith Republican City, C. H. Pugsley Bloomington, John Kennedy, Melrose, and Charlie Finch, Phillipsburg.

That the party will be a nice one there can be no doubt, and all who can should attend, as the proceeds will go to purchase a uniform for the Club.

Mr. Way will, as soon as the building he now occupies be wheeled into position on the hill, have as many loads of hardware as he now has stoves and tinware. Mr. W. has a number of good looking stoves and quite a variety. Almost anything you can think of in the tinware line, and plenty of it.

Something more about that "Little Bug." Perhaps it is another kind. Mr. Barney says they are called the Guard Fly. He noticed a few of them at work a few days since, and with their sharp bill made rapid and instant death to the locust, or grasshopper. He noticed the same fly in Missouri, where they devoured the horse-flies with a terrible becoming appetite. A fly would no sooner get his bill in shape for drawing blood from a horse, ox or cow, than he was nabbed in a twinkling, and bled in turn by the guard fly, as the citizens there called it. Has anyone else something more on the subject?

G. L. Pugsley has commenced the erection of a store building, 20x30 in size. Judging from the rapidity with which the work is being carried on, we wouldn't be surprised to see it well nigh completed by our next issue.

After deducting the expense incident to 500 miles journey, any way he might take it? He then would, perhaps, be no more able to obtain employment than now, while what little he may have left would be fast running to a low ebb, and nothing left to fall back upon. In connection with this we have a little moral to point out—don't sell your land. There will be some way for you all to get through. If the grasshoppers or something else do destroy your crop once and awhile, and you will be just as liable to lose your crop anywhere else, you will have your land—your main capital—left you. Grasshoppers don't eat real estate. Neither does fire or drought consume it. You can do nothing according to law by which creditors may dispossess you of your homestead until you have made final proof. Your land will some day be worth money, and at a time too, when you may have neither money or land, if you abandon it now.

Sabbath School Picnic.

There will be a Sabbath School picnic on Crow's Creek, near the school house, on Saturday, September 5th, 1874.

By a resolution of the Crow's Creek Union S. S., the Sabbath schools of this and other counties are invited to participate with us. As it is to be a "basket" picnic, all will act accordingly. A good time is anticipated. Come one come all.

D. BROWN,
Asst. Sec'y.

We are glad to learn that the officers of the Land Office here have made application to the land department at Washington, to have the same provision extended to Nebraska homesteaders who have been eaten out by the grasshoppers, as has been made for those in Minnesota—namely, that such homesteaders be allowed leave of absence from their homesteads until May next, if need be. We do not know what legal impediment may be in the way; but, if there be not some serious one, we trust the application may succeed.—Lowell Register.

C. R. TOWNSEND,
House, Sign and Ornamental
Painter,
BLOOMINGTON, NEB. 49*

Thus you will see, fellow citizens of Franklin county, that we are about as well off as those of our friends in the older settled counties. From what can be learned, the fearful drouth of the present season extends, as a general thing all over the country. But for the locusts we should have had plenty to run us through the coming winter. As it is we should save plenty of hay, and make warm stables for horses and I have no doubt but we will get through better than we think it possible now to do. Let us remember too, that when sowing and planting time comes again, to put out more of a mixed crop, such as corn, oats, barley, and wheat. By mixing our crops in that way, we will certainly get at least two or three varieties that will do well, and thus be spared the unpleasantness experienced by many of us at this time.

Then in regard to procuring seed for sowing and planting next spring, I think those who are unable to buy, should be furnished with it, either by the State or National Government, and I do not regard persons receiving such help, as bountiers on public charity any more than the people of Chicago, when after their great fire, they received millions of dollars, not only from all over the American States, but from foreign countries as well. The people of Chicago were not to blame for the great fire, neither are we to blame for the way the locust have "cleaned us out." Then let these things be looked to by those that should look after the welfare of those of us, who are opening up the "Great American desert." Let us hope, that by sowing and planting another year, we shall be blessed with an abundant harvest, and thus make our present sorrows lighter, by anticipating the future that, we trust may, bless us with the necessities of life.

Respectfully,
DANIEL BROWN.

There are over fourteen and a half millions of children of the school age in this country.

When he alights upon the field the farmer looks for his crop, and behold, like the grasshopper which passed, he has none. For sociability and gregariousness there are few wild tows like the grasshopper. He moves in battalions at company front, and whenever there is one there are a million. Standing on the ground his knees overlook him like a stepladder, and his tout ensemble is that of an over-loaded wheelbarrow. He has the unbounded stomach of a weekly story paper for cereals, and when he has cleared up the standing crop of a county or State he skips to the next, picking his teeth as he goes, and, gathering himself in mass convention, he follows the fashion of the time and "points with pride" to the record of the past. The youth of our country call him indifferently the grasshopper and the hoppergrass, and say "Shoo" at him as he goes by. The hardy Utah pioneer gently untangles the legs of him from his hair and whiskers, and covers him with a No. 13 boot; the guests at Townsend Hotel, in Salt Lake City, hears him through all the silent watches of the night rush into the window, as one who has been sent for from afar, and who drops with a thud into the washbowl; and the Digger Indian gathers him in trenches and barbecues him for the noonday meal.—New York Tribune.

Mr. Andrew Fellers, of Table Rock, had 800 bushels of wheat burned up last week, whether by lightning or incendiary is not known.

The house of Mr. Osborn, in Cedar County, was struck by lightning during a storm on Thursday last. The family, six in number, were just sitting down to the dinner table and Mrs. Osborne was in the act of pouring out coffee when the shock came. The entire family with the exception of Mr. Osborne, were knocked insensible, and Mrs. Osborne received a severe burn on the foot, but whether from the hot coffee or lightning, is not known.

First irate female—"I'd hate to be in your shoes!" Second ditto—"You couldn't get in them!"