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BLOOMINGTON, NEBRASKA.

Business entrusted to our care will  
be prompt attention. 23

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Will attend to legal business in this and  
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Collector.**  
Office with Judge Gaslin, Bloomington.  
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**J. N. LUCAS,  
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Will attend to Legal Business in Frank-  
lin County. 13

**CENTENNIAL HOTEL,  
RIVERTON, Franklin County, NEB.**  
G. HOLDRIDGE, Proprietor.  
East side of the creek. Accommodation  
and charges reasonable

**FRED'S SALOON**  
BLOOMINGTON - NEBRASKA.

## Mail Schedule.

Mail arrives from the east (Kearney) daily  
at 4:30 p. m., and departs at 7:00 a. m.  
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and departs at 5 p. m.  
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SOL. MALES, POSTMASTER.

**RELIGIOUS**—Methodist Episcopal servi-  
ces at the school house in Bloomington, the  
1st Sunday of each month, at 11 A. M., and  
7 P. M. C. R. TOWNSEND, Pastor.

Preaching at the school house, in Bloom-  
ington, by Rev Thomas Moxlow, Baptist,  
on alternate Sabbaths, receiving from the  
first Sabbath in March, at 11 a. m., and the  
third Sabbath at 7 p. m., and on Reberca  
Creek alternate times of said days.

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

C. B. CHILDS, Secretary.  
A. F. AND A. M.—Riverton Lodge, A.  
F. and A. M., U. D., regular meetings 3d  
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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Saturday, April 22d, 1876.

### LOCAL MATTERS.

The stage from Kearney comes in  
loaded no-a-days, and several trips four  
horses have been driven through.

The County Commissioners, as a  
Board of Equalization, found some alter-  
ation in the values, as returned by the  
different assessors, necessary.

J. R. Wilcox and Hon. H. S. Kaley.  
Attorneys from R-d Cloud, were among  
the strangers in attendance upon court  
this week.

Sheriff Deary makes a very efficient  
officer and discharges his duties in court  
with credit.

Charley Fox tarried in town over Sun-  
day and Monday.

Our friend L. M. Olmstead, of Webster  
county, and his brother in-law, Mr. C.  
C. Gooding, who has lately located at  
Riverton, were at Bloomington this  
week.

Four young men took claims in Ash  
Grove precinct Monday and several per-  
sons have located in the eastern part of  
the county.

Mrs. W. W. Howard was in town Mon-  
day, and had her teeth operated on by  
Dr. Woods.

Messrs. F. C. Ferguson, Frank Weth-  
ald and M. Baum, of Hebron, paid ye-  
ditor a visit, of a couple days. They  
were up for a little recreation and enjoy-  
ed the trip muchly, especially the jack  
rabbit chase. Come again, boys.

A. K. Klancar, member of the Grand  
Lodge I. O. O. F., was in attendance  
upon the Bloomington lodge Tuesday  
evening, at which time two members  
were initiated, and a very interesting  
session had.

Hon. R. H. Eaton, editor of the Kear-  
ney Daily Press, and a brother to the  
genial Register of the land office at this  
place, was in town Wednesday, and  
went up the valley from here.

Dr. A. J. Weston, our county sur-  
veyor, finds his medical practice so large  
that he is unable to attend to his duties  
as surveyor, and has appointed as his  
deputy W. E. Hatch, of Riverton. Mr.  
Hatch has already done some work in  
this line and given the best of satisfac-  
tion. Those who have business with the  
surveyor, will hereafter make their wants  
known to Hatch, who will be prompt  
with them, while the Dr. will attend  
strictly to his practice.  
Buck & Greenwood have the largest

against J. D. Woods, for assault with  
intent to kill, and one against Henry  
Meyer and Edward Uster, for tearing up  
a promisory note.

Gid Pugsley made quite a successful  
haul of catfish last night, and has the  
thanks of the Guard's comp. for a very  
fine one of the same.

MARRIED.—At the residence of  
Charles H. Walker, in this town, by  
His Honor E. S. Chadwick, Co. Judge,  
on Wednesday evening, Mr. Frederick  
Pilger to Miss Alice Lamb. Both of  
this place.

Wm. McBride, at the postoffice at  
Riverton, keeps the neatest, most and  
best stock of groceries in town, and sells  
them dirt cheap. If you doubt our  
word try him on once. 25-4

A "huge" prairie fire raged on the  
south side of the river, opposite town  
yesterday afternoon and last night,  
which must have ruined vast amounts  
of young timber.

New goods at reduced prices are the  
order of things at Lohff's, and you will  
find everything you want there at bot-  
tom figures. Drop in and see what you  
want. 25-4

Wooden and china ware, dry goods  
and notions, at the postoffice in Riverton  
all new and neat. Call and see.

The Fillmore County Review office  
has been removed to Genera, in the  
same county, and the Bulletin remains  
champion of Fairmont once more.

Pass this by without reading it, or  
you will be sure to buy your hardware  
of Harsch, of Riverton, for he sells  
cheaper than any man in the valley.  
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J. D. Calhoun smiles on his Bloom-  
ington friends again now, and will re-  
main with us the coming summer if  
not for all time to come.

D. Van Etten returned Saturday  
from Elk Horn Station, where he has  
been teaching school. If indications  
are any criterion Van's labors have been  
attended with success during his ab-  
sence, a fact we are glad to note.

McBride's tobaccos are the finest in  
Riverton, and are sold at the smallest  
margin. 25-4

D. L. Ashby was appointed a member  
of the Democratic State Committee from  
this district.

The law firm of Kaley & Ashby has  
been dissolved by mutual consent, and  
Dan will hereafter conduct the business  
alone. He is putting himself right  
down to business now, and those who  
same prompt attention as heretofore.

Wm. McBride at the postoffice in  
Riverton, will be furnished with a list of  
our patrons at that office and will here-  
after receipt for the same. He will also  
receive new subscriptions and attend to  
any business parties may desire.

General Dilworth, attorney for this  
district, was on hand at this dist. court  
for this county, and discharged his  
duties promptly and diligently.

Harsch, at Riverton, is a No. 1 tin-  
smith, and will do you a good job. Try  
him once with your old tea pot. 25-4

Geo. W. Sheppard and John Herbi-  
son were admitted to the bar at this  
place this week. "Shep" will add the  
practice of law to his large land practice,  
in the future and those who want legal  
advice will find him sound.  
Frank Bower starts for Kearney in

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RALPH K. HILL,

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Saturday: April. 22d, 1876.

## Republican County Convention.

By order of the County Republican Central Committee, a County Republican Convention will be held at Bloomington on the 13th day of May, 1876, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing two delegates to represent the county at the State Convention held at Fremont on the 25d day of May 1876, to elect delegates to represent the State at the National Convention to be held at Cincinnati on the 11th day of June.

The several precincts will be entitled to delegates as follows:

Grant.....	7	Buffalo.....	1
Franklin.....	4	North Franklin.....	1
Oak Grove.....	2	Macon.....	3
Turkey Creek.....	3		

The Precinct Central Committees are requested to call their caucuses to be held on the 6th day of May at 1 o'clock p. m. at such places as they may designate.

By order of the Co. Cen. Com.  
C. H. WALKER, Secretary. D. BROWN, Chairman.

## ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Thomas B. Hawley, Shoots the Top of his Head Off, and Still Lives.

### Tired of Life.

Thomas B. Hawley, aged 68, well known to the early settlers of this county as an old trapper and frontiersman, having in a great measure abandoned his former occupation, took up a claim near Franklin with the intention of spending his remaining days in cultivating the soil. He at length became weary of life itself—no children or relatives near to cheer him, and health declining—on Wednesday night deliberately shot himself in the head; bullet entered near the top, and, apparently, passed downward.

Thursday morning Judge Moulton, who had been sent for the evening previous to arrange his legal business for him, went out to Fred Chapman's, where he was, and in the presence of Dr Loyd and several of his neighbors, drew up the old gentleman's will for him. At that time he was perfectly rational, and gave full directions in regard to his affairs and property, and was able to walk without assistance.

At last accounts, he was in great pain and delirious, and his recovery doubtful, but still living. He has relatives in Illinois.

## District Court.

The April term of the District Court for this county, was called to order promptly at 9 a. m., by His Honor Judge Gaslin, and the grinding of the routine of court business was commenced. The attendance of jurors, witnesses, lawyers and spectators, was good, yet of the latter, not many were present, owing to the busy season of the year, probably. But few cases came to trial. A good many cases were settled, others put over until the November term and things seemed to go dreadful slow. Some how, nobody appeared to be ready, and it was difficult for the Judge to bring things to the proper shape, and but for his persistency and determination to expedite business, but little would have been accomplished. The Judge deserves great credit for his manner of facilitating business here, and so far as we can learn have given universal satisfac-

President Grant refused to sign the bill reducing the salary of presidents.

The Republican City News suggests the propriety of sending a delegate at large to the State Convention, at Fremont in May, from that county.

## Democratic State Convention.

F. A. Harman, of Franklin County, Elected as a Delegate to the National Convention.

The Democratic State Convention, which convened at Lincoln on the 19th, passed off very harmonious and it was decided and resolved that the present administration must be busted. F. A. Harman, of Bloomington, was nominated as a delegate to the National Convention upon the first ballot. Geo. L. Miller, A. Bear, G. B. Schofield, Tobias Castor, and Chas. McDonald, are the other delegates, all of whom go uninstructed. The convention was the largest gathering that party has ever had in the State, and nearly all of the counties were represented by delegates and proxies.

No better choice could have been made from this valley, than that of Mr. Harman, and we are glad to see efficiency and ability recognized by the convention, and the party, in whose interest he is a very zealous worker.

## Red Cloud.

Having spent a portion of last week at our neighboring county town on the east, we deem a few remarks regarding the place as viewed by us as not amiss.

Red Cloud is 35 miles to our east, on the Republican river, and of about six years' growth, has several good stores, and other business is well represented, including the "Chief," which refers to a well-gotten up and neatly printed newspaper, by Mark Warner, two hotels and a boardinghouse supply substantials and delicacies for the inner man, of a good quality and in splendid shape. Our head quarters were at the La Clede House, which has lately fallen into the hands of Mr. N. C. Noyce, whose Yankee proclivities are prominent, but no more so than the excellence of his table supply, good beds and prompt attention to guests. We pronounce his place a No. 1, and advise our friends to try it.

Last week was court week, and numerous cases of some importance being on the docket, the town was lively. On Tuesday night the "youth and beauty gathered to chase the glowing hours with flying feet," and the merry dance went on till the wee sma' hours of the morn, while gentility and civility reigned supreme. On Thursday evening a crowded house of the "elite," of the "burghers," and visiting guests, assembled at the call for a festival, and spent the social hour eating, drinking (lemonade) and being merry. The occasion was a most pleasant one and very remunerative to the ladies, who instituted it, so we were told.

Our stay was a very pleasant one, and many new acquaintances were formed, both at the gatherings and on the street, and we cannot but speak in the highest terms of the place. Its citizens are wide awake, jolly, good hearted people, and we predict for them a town of no mean importance in a comparative near future.

We noticed the genial faces of our

ity, likewise have manifested their good will, by piecing some quilts for Mr. P. Very respectfully yours, SAUL MINUS.

An excursion from the East arrived over the B. & M. at Kearney on the 20th inst.

## Bar Docket.

District Court, 5th Judicial District. April Term.

Worthing, Shepparn & Co., vs De Wayne K Calkins, Injunction—continued.

William F. Keller vs Henry L Stevens et al; mechanics lien foreclosure—settled. Dett Att., D Van Etten.

George Buck jr vs William Stoddleman et al, Quit title—continued. J N Lucas and L M Moulton Attys plff and E S Chadwick defts.

Lars J Peterson vs Karn M Peterson, Divorce—dismissed. Moulton and Peterson.

H C Lohff vs D C Holdridge, Appeal from County Commissioners—continued; Moulton, & Ashby for plff Van Etten det.

J J Shaffer vs Henry L Stevens, promissory note—settled, and complete record made in open court; Van Etten for defendant.

David Van Etten vs Franklin county, account—decision reserved till November term; Van Etten for plff, and Kaley, Ashby & Chadwick defts.

Charles H Emory vs George W Dorsey, promissory note (appeal)—continued; Van Etten for plff, L M Moulton for defendant.

William G Grout vs Hannah C Grout, divorce—decree granted.

Thomas Bond vs Samuel Hisey et al, promissory note—dismissed by plaintiff; L M Moulton for plff, E S Chadwick for defendant.

Tinkham Bros vs The Franklin Town Co., petition in error—dismissed; Lucas and Moulton plffs, Chadwick for defts.

State of Nebraska vs Edward Eugster and Henry Meyer; Eugster acquitted. Meyers nolle prosequi entered; L M Moulton for defts.

Joseph L Mumpower vs Martin V Worthington and Martha A Worthington—mortgage foreclosure—dismissed by plaintiff; Moulton for plff.

The Owen Lane & Dyer Machine Co. vs J Argo & Bro and John S Stewart; Assumpsit—judgment and decree for plaintiff; Stevens & Southwick and E S Chadwick for plffs.

Effie Trevitt vs D C Holdridge and Emma Holdridge; appeal—continued; Moulton for plff and Van Etten for det.

State of Nebraska vs J D Woods; attempt to kill—continued on motion of defendant, bail \$500; Moulton and Kaley for defendant.

State of Nebraska vs M O'Sullivan; embezzlement—new complaint ordered filed; Moulton for plff, Kaley for det.

James T Reams vs Martha Nunnely; appeal—dismissed by plaintiff; Van Etten for defendant.

State of Nebraska vs William Pemberton; indictment for larceny—defendant a fugitive from justice.

The Franklin Town Co vs Tinkham Bros; petition in error, Chadwick defts

We consider the letter of P. E. Beardsley, under the dictation of Church Howe to the patrons of husbandry, a most simple and transparent attempt at whitewashing. We believe, and we believe the people believe generally, that Church Howe is an unscrupulous and designing politician, and is only using influence in

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### Riverton.

We took occasion to spend a day or so last week, at the above place and were highly pleased to find the people of the place entertaining such bright anticipation for the growth of their town in the future. Business is good with all of them and on every side we noticed since our last visit good and substantial improvements evincing that degree of progress for which nearly all of our western towns are noted. Considerable new improvement has already been commenced this spring and much more is contemplated. Mr. C. C. Gordon, of Mich., has commenced the erection of one of the best dwelling houses in valley, and Wm. Fenimore is building a store room which he will fill with a good stock of merchandise. Geo. Beapan has put a new building for a saloon and is prepared for the public. Capt. Holdrige has gtted up the Centennial Hotel and will soon erect a much larger and better building.

Much more might be said, and it was our intention to write a longer article, but John R. said "hold," on account of room, and we must obey. Yet we shall hope to call attention to the place more frequently in the future, that those who are looking for a good location in the county may know the advantages of this, the most substantial and one of the best towns in the Republican Valley.

Nebraska is entitled to a cadet midshipman in the U. S. Naval Academy, and in view of that fact, Congressman Crouse has appointed the State University as the place, and June 2d as the time, for all young men actual residents of this State, between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years, whose aspirations tend to a cadetship, to be examined for the position, and the one passing the best examination will be admitted.

Printed copies of the regulations governing the admission of candidates to the Naval Academy will be furnished upon application by to the Secretary of the Navy or Mr. Crouse.

Those parties who have been absent are being better pleased than ever.

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We noticed the genial faces of our Governor and his fair lady among the citizens, and his expression evinced the highest degree of satisfaction at the surroundings, in this, the town of his founding, only a short time ago, and which yet appears to be a pleasant retreat for him to enjoy a season of rest from the duties of his office.

[For the Bloomington Guard.]

### Correspondence.

FROM CROW'S CREEK.

April 16th, 1876.

EC. GUARD: As you have had nothing from our creek in a long time, perhaps a line from here might prove acceptable. Our school closed a very successful term, of four months, on Friday the 14th inst, with Mr. L. F. Fish as teacher. Mr. Fish is the best teacher we have had, although all of our teachers, since this district has been organized, have been good ones. Our school closed with songs, declamations, and select readings, by the pupils of the school. We didn't extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Fish; oh! no! We just extended an invitation to him, by an unanimous vote of all the scholars and parents that were present at the close of the school, to teach our school for us, when we are ready for school again. The fact that Mr. Fish has taught a term of four months without a single word of fault finding, is almost an unheard of thing. Our people voted a teachers' fund of 5 mills on the dollar in this district, with which, if the R. R. pays their taxes, we shall have sufficient funds for six months school this year.

The scholarship of our school shows an average of 94, which we consider very fair, at the end of the third term in District No. 11.

Our farmers are nearly all done sowing wheat.

Mr. Peter Phillips and George Roberts, started for the Black Hills on the 10th. We wish them abundant success in their undertaking.

It is reported that Wilson Johnson, of this vicinity, has rented the Turkey Creek mills of Gillard & Walters.

I forgot to say above that Mr. Fish gave the patrons of his school, with a host of other friends, a select quadrille party and oyster supper, the last week of his school. The ladies of the

luggage from justice.

The Franklin Town Co vs Tinkham Bros; petition in error, Chadwick debts

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### Notice.

U. S. LAND OFFICE.

Bloomington Neb. March 16, 1876. }  
Complaint having been entered at this Office by Paul Larson against Orsamus V. Eaton for abandoning his Timber Culture Entry, No. 688, dated June 11, 1874, upon the South East quarter Section 25, Township 8, Range 19 west, in Phelps County, Febrska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry: the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this Office on the 25 day of April, 1876, at 1 o'clock P. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

WEBSTER EATON, Register.  
EVAN WORTHING, Receiver.

### NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE.

Bloomington Nebraska, }  
March 21st, 1876.

Complaint having been entered at this Office by Ralph K. Hill against Abner W. Davidson for abandoning his Homestead Entry, No. 449 dated Oct 21, 1872, upon the North East quarter Section 33, Township two (2), Range 16 West in Franklin County, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry: the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this Office on the 25 day of April, 1876, 1 o'clock p. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

WEBSTER EATON, Register.