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The Press of the eastern part of the State has very recently discovered that the New Constitution is an unjust document, and are combining their efforts to squelch it, all because it gives the western portion of the State its just dues.

C. C. Gooding, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, has purchased 450 acres of M. P. R. R. land in Webster county for a stock farm. The reputation of the great Republican valley for stock raising, is fast spreading abroad and but a few years yet remain before it will contain immense wealth in stock.

Some few weeks since Mr. J. G. Correll, of Turkey Creek, left for Iowa, leaving a pre-emption claim, with about 30 acres broke, and put into crop. He left about the time of the termination of the dry weather. He had in crop about 10 acres of wheat which is now estimated at 10 bushels to the acre, barley enough to raise 100 bushels, 12 acres of corn that could not look more promising, and a garden which his neighbors now say cannot be beaten in the country. Besides these he had a dug-out, well, and other conveniences which a year or two of residence will bring, and had put up with the first year's privations and now had a plenty growing to live upon, yet he could not content himself to stay. The value of his surroundings he can only estimate in times to come, but Mr. D. L. Enos, could see that this farm already opened was worth his time and as a consequence when the 30 days were up in which Mr. Correll could be absent, took possession, and we warrant that \$500 would not buy him off to-day, and we consider him a sensible man.

From Dr. Loyd, we glean the following particulars regarding the man spoken of as living near Macon which was snake bitten. His name is Samuel Freeman and he lives in Ash Grove precinct. During the night Thursday week, he was returning into his house, and in the wall near the door was a projecting stick on which the serpent had perched itself, and Mr. F. happening to brush at a mosquito when near him, was bitten on one hand, when he put out his other hand to ascertain what bit him and was struck on that. He then procured a light and discovered the snake but did not know that it was a rattle snake, and laid down to sleep, but the poison working in his arm pained him so much that sleep was impossible. Upon arriving at one of his neighbors a team was hitched up, and although he thought there was no use of going for medical aid, he and his friend started for Bloomington, arriving some time in the morning. They awoke

The Question of Expense.

In speaking of the New Constitution, under the above caption, the Lincoln Journal of the 13th, says:

Right here is where the proposed constitution comes in for the protection of the tax-payers, and gives them the control of their own money.

Article IX, Sec. 5, reads as follows:

County authorities shall never assess taxes, the aggregate of which shall exceed one and one half dollars per one hundred dollars valuation, except for the payment of indebtedness existing at the adoption of the constitution, unless authorized by a vote of the people of the county.

Here is a clause that is worth something to the tax-payers of Nebraska. Here is a blow struck at the very root of the prodigality that makes our taxes count up so fearfully year after year. The County Commissioners, or Board of Supervisors whichever form of county government may be chosen under the new Constitution, have a limit beyond which they cannot go except by consent of the people. They will have to economize. They will hold fewer meetings; will survey fewer roads; will watch with more rigidity the bills of road supervisors and bridge builders; will in fact be brought to a realizing sense of their responsibility. How many counties are there now whose taxes for county purposes, going whither and for what they never know, do not amount to about double this limit? The county authorities being thus unable to make a big lump of the levy so as to get all the money necessary to get along with from those who come up and pay their taxes promptly, letting the delinquents go, will have to collect what taxes they do levy, and then a few men will no longer be obliged to pay for running the government, simply because they are honest and patriotic enough to pay their taxes without the assistance of the sheriff. A system of economy will be absolutely necessary, and it will be found rarely necessary for the people to vote any additional levies, after the authorities have learned how to run the county government on a levy of fifteen mills per annum.

The present constitution fixes no limit to the bonded indebtedness of a county or precinct, and the matter is left open to the Legislature. But the proposed constitution says, Art. XII:

SEC. 2. No city, county, town, precinct, municipality, or other subdivision of the State shall ever make donations to any railroad or other work of internal improvement, unless a proposition so to do shall have been first submitted to the qualified electors thereof at an election by the authority of law: Provided, That such donations of a county with the donations of such subdivisions in the aggregate shall not exceed ten per cent. of the assessed valuation of such county: Provided further, That any city or county may, by a two-third's vote, increase such indebtedness five per cent. in addition to such ten per cent., and no bonds or evidences of such indebtedness so issued shall be valid unless the same shall have endorsed thereon a certificate signed by the Secretary and Auditor of State, showing that the same is issued pursuant to law.

Here it is impossible, as at present under our loose law, for a county to bond herself 10 per cent. then each precinct bond itself 10 per cent., and each school district 10 or 20 per cent. more. When the whole bonded indebtedness gets up to ten per cent. in the aggregate there they must stop, unless two-thirds of the people shall desire for some special purpose to make it five per cent. more.

But these are only specimens of the salutary limitation to be found all through the proposed constitution for the protection of the tax-payers—limitations that are not found in the present constitution, and that cannot fail to compensate us ten fold in the end, for the apparent paltry

beside his income as post master.

We next come to the tin and hardware store of Mr. Wm. Harsch. This gentleman has recently put up a building on the addition of ample size for the present, and divided the same into three compartments, one for a kitchen, one a bedroom for himself and family, and the third for a store and work shop. From all appearances, he is a thorough mechanic at his business, and hence I would recommend him to all those who may need anything in his line, from the smallest oil can for the use of a sewing machine, to the weightiest article in tin or sheet iron, stove pipe, and tanks. But in order not to crowd space, we shall quit for the present, with a view to return to this subject again soon.

O'SULLIVAN.

Marion Items.

Harvest has commenced in good earnest in this part of the world.

Mrs. Julia Tures and family started for Michigan on the 11th of this month. We all wish them a safe journey, and at the end a haven of rest, where the song of the grasshopper is not heard.

We understand Mr. Henry Robinson intends going to Iowa to get him a wife. Verily wesy unto you young man, you are doing wrong when there are so many girls here that stand ready to put on the apparel of the bride, and enter the dug-out to darn socks, throw flat irons and many other household duties that none other than a loving better half can accomplish.

We hear people complaining about the mosquitoes being so thick on the river bottom, and we have seen a good many there that would weigh a pound, and have seen the impudent things sit on logs and bark.
CHARLEY.
July 19th, 1875.

Bids for the Location of the Fair for 1875.

Notice is hereby given that on or before the 16th day of August, 1875, at 12 m., the committee for the Agricultural Society of Franklin County, Neb., will receive bids for the location of the Fair this fall, bids to be directed to H. C. Lohff, Ch'n Com, Riverton, Neb., and accompanied by good and sufficient security for the fulfillment of said contract. On the above day the Committee will meet and open said bids.
Dated this 6th day of July 1875,

H. C. LOHFF, } Committee.
41-4 J. D. GAGE. }

WILD OATS.

PROSPECTUS FOR 1875.

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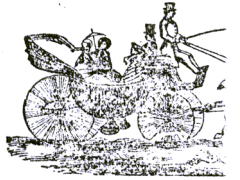
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At this season of the year more than any other, persons should avoid snakes, as their poison is more effective, or people are more liable to have their blood heated and the poison will take a greater effect than at most any other season of the year. Medical assistance cannot be procured any too soon for safety,

The Republican Valley.

Never in its history did the great Republican valley offer advantages superior to those of the present, to immigration. The appearance of its large fields of wheat in the shock, splendid gardens, and waving fields of tassled corn, present to the stranger, a sight which can not fail to meet his views favorable and be at once almost becomes enchanted and ready to become one of its occupants. But these are not all; here he finds the prairie covered with the finest grass that grows, equal to that of the great Texas cattle ranges, and fine herds of cattle grazing within sight, yet there is but just a commencement, and then the thought occurs to him what a fine sheep country, and he finds at once that he never visited any country where the natural advantages were equal to those of Neb. Capital is the great desideratum, and that alone is needed to make our state one of the most prosperous in the union. The attention of capitalists as well as the Pioneer, is turning this way and the progress of the past four years for this valley falls greatly short of the estimate for the next four. Deeded land can be had cheap and good homesteads are to be obtained yet, affording cheap homes to all who come, whether they purchase or take claims. Large flocks of sheep have been driven to the valley this season and more are on the road, while some of the finest cattle in the State are owned here, and only a few years yet remain to make this one of the richest valleys in the State, the foundation for which is already laid and the result can be nothing else.

RIVERTON, Neb., June 29, 1875.

ED. GUARD --The hammer is kept busy at work in this place during the last two months. Between the advocates of old and new Riverton, there is a strong rivalry, one side trying to get ahead of the other, and owing to this pulling, business is quite lively in Riverton--for such we can rightly call the two points, when only a street divides them.

That there will be a large town here some day, I am as positive of as if I saw it now, and whatever defects or drawbacks the hill side, whereon now stands the old town, may have, in regard to being the center of business, there is one thing certain that there is nowhere in the valley can equal it as a place whereon, business men of the town and others can build their residences, for the reason that it commands a splendid view of the Republican and its valley for many miles up and down the river. The difficulty of obtaining water, is the greatest drawback to Riverton, and in this, the addition was the advantage. Business will not get away from water, and any amount of envy, spite, or petty tomfoolery on the part of those who feel aggrieved at the recent change in affairs will not alter the laws of nature, for nature has specially adapted Thompson Creek as a mill power, the rising ground on each side of it from its source to its mouth as an heretage to the thrifty farmers and the bottom lands around its mouth as the site for a mart wherein he can dispose of his surplus produce. Sensible men can see this. It is but ignorance and stupidity alone, that will not admit it.

The new frame building, now nearly completed of Messrs. Fuller & Wiant, when finished, will be one of the finest in the valley. It is a two story structure with a stone cellar 22x30, well adapted for an under-ground kitchen. On the first floor will be a heavy stock of groceries, dry goods, and various other articles needed by farmers and travelers, and the second floor I am told, is intended for public use, as well as doing the business of the McBride addition town company in, until such time as the company are able to put up a building of their own. This building is on the corner of Fuller and Lincoln streets, on the west side of the street. Opposite to the building of Messrs. Fuller & Wiant, is the post office, a neat frame building of pine, 16x30, with about ten feet of it parted-off for the use of the post office, where a nice glass front is fixed and divided into pigeon-holes, all the way from alpha to omega having a door to it, through which no one is admitted, but the post master and his deputy, who appear to have a peculiar attachment to each other, as a casual observer might easily detect. Wm. McBride is proprietor of this establishment, and doing a very nice business

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A. J. WESTON, Sec'y.
C. B. CHILDS, N. G.

Saturday, July 24, 1875.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Notice to Real Estate Owners.

Treasurer's Office, Bloomington Franklin Co., Neb., July 19th, 1875.

Taxes on Real Estate must be paid on or before August 1st, 1875, or it will be subject to cost of advertising for sale according to law.

Per J. L. TINKHAM, J. E. SIMMONS.
Deputy Treas. Co. Treas.

The American rifle team are to receive an appropriate reception in New York upon their return to that place.

The first grist of new wheat came into the Riverton mills on Wednesday of this week. It came from Kansas.

The News says the new bridge at that place will be completed in one month.

We shall print the premium list of the Franklin County Agricultural Society, next week.

T. H. Magcath, one of Omaha's most genial commercial travelers, stopped over Friday night last with us.

F. M. Comstock, late of the Lowell Register, turns up now in Clay County, driving a quill. We wonder if the con. con. enacted laws to suit him.

Mrs. Satoris is mother, and the President is grand-father. It occurred at Long Branch on the 11th inst.

The Plymouth Church society has increased the salary of H. W. Beecher, to the snug little sum of \$100,000.

The Indians in the Black Hills are reported on the war path, and that an encounter with the miners resulted in the death of seven of the latter.

Read Deputy Treasurer Tinkham's notice to tax-payers, and all ye who are fortunate enough to own land, walk in and see the Captain.

Remember that May will not be undersold and you can find anything you want, for his store is well filled with new

Sam Hisey, of Hisey's restaurant, bought Thomas Mullin's place northwest of town, in the "Modock Nation," and has moved thereto, while Mullin goes to Iowa.

J. N. Lucas, of Republican City, contributes the largest and most complete selection of Indian relics to the State

Arrangements will be made at this place to-day for 20 teams to go to Kearney for iron for the bridge at this place, and it is expected work will soon be commenced in earnest.

In Tecumseh they hold evening meetings to discuss the merits and demerits of the new Constitution. It would be well for the western towns to discuss it sufficiently to become interested in its adoption.

J. J. Shaffer put up a building south of Haynes' blacksmith shop, this week, in which to store the flax crop of this county, for Baker, Knapp, Suively & Co., of St. Louis, who loaned some flax seed here last spring through their general agent, Mr. C. F. Shedd, of Fairfield this State.

Donaldson and Grimwood, two gentlemen who "went up in a balloon," from Barnum's big show at Chicago a few days since, have not been heard from and great fears are entertained that they fell victims to a fearful storm that ensued but a few hours after the ascension. Various rumors are afloat and all Chicago is up in arms about the matter.

As yet there has not been any threshing done that we know of, but ere this paper reaches our readers, we presume there will be considerable grain threshed.

Hon. H. S. Kaley, Atty. at Red Cloud, and Mr. Tulleys, County Clerk of Webster Co., were in Bloomington night before last. They are both pleasant gentlemen and were welcomed visitors. Mr. Kaley is favorably spoken of in connection with the new judiciary system.

The Saline Co. Post says not less than 200,000 bushels of wheat have been sold in that county within the past two weeks, and strongly intimates that the same men who sold this wheat have drawn aid during the winter.

O. T. Greer, well known at this place, who has been absent for a few weeks, is back again for a short time. His chief attractions are on east of town we believe, yet he appears very happy here at times.

Advices from the commissioners sent out to confer with the Black Hill's Indians, State that a grand council will be had between Spotted Tail and Red Cloud agencies, about Sept. 1st, and that earnest efforts will be made to get the northern Sioux into the council.

Friday last, to look after my ranch store in that rural village, while our friend Abe came up to enjoy a few days of metropolitan life in our midst.—Lowell Register.

You may call your town metropolitan like, but others have another name for it. Some say it is "deadness" but we acknowledge our ignorance and are con-

SHELDHAHL, IOWA, July 13th, 1875.
DEAR GUARD.—On Monday July 5th, we pulled out and made the "branch," the first day, and Kearney the next. We called upon the Eaton Bros. of the Press, and also at the Times office. The Press is a well appointed office and is kept in good shape.

Wednesday morning we took the train for Omaha. Mr. J. Fox and family of Turkey Creek, also Mr. Isaac Moore of the same place were aboard on their way to Ills.

There appears to have been considerable rain along the U. P. as well as on the Republican valley, but north of this there seems to have been considerable less as the streams coming in that way were not up. The Loup, in particular, was low. The Missouri was comparatively low, but when we reached Iowa, there seems to have been some tremendous rains. All along the C & N. W. for many miles, on either side of the track, were corn and wheat fields under water. By the way, corn of the Republican valley, when we left, compared favorably with any we have seen since—making allowance for growth since then. It has been very wet here, for a few weeks and people on the low lands are very apprehensive they will have no crops. It has not been as wet for seven years. It has not rained for the past year or five days now, and the ground is slowly getting in condition to work again.

Shall start for De Moines to-morrow, will drop the GUARD an occasional note. Yours etc.,

J. R. HUFFMAN.

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Martin, the butcher, drives one hundred and four miles in 26 hours, to supply his customers with beef.

County warrants will be taken on subscription to the GUARD. Now is a good time to subscribe for a copy for your eastern friends, that they may know about our crops this fall.

Try some of May's cheap groceries that are of the very choicest, and May will never be undersold.

Fred. has a pair of young eagles at his saloon which are quite curiosities in the bird line. They were caught in this county for J. D. Calhoun, of the Star.

J. H. Phillips, knight of the thread and needle, of Riverton, and Mr. Barns, of that precinct, were at the GUARD office Thursday. Come again gentlemen.

Call on J. H. Phillips at Riverton, and get a pair of those lariat straps for your horses.

Water mellons will be on hand now in a few days, and we wish to put in a bid for a few. Our capacity is limited but our wishes for more are not.

Harvesting is more than half over and stacking is progressing, and this county has more small grain now cut than it ever raised before.

You ought to see the piles of goods at May's, which customers are carrying away from his new store in Bloomington.

Green corn made its appearance on the tables in Bloomington, on the 20th, and plenty of it will be in the market by Monday.

T. J. Carroll leaves a sheaf of Barley and one of wheat, at the GUARD office, both of which yield a plump full berry, and will doubtless give a good turnout to the acre.

Everybody says Bloomington is the liveliest town they strike in the valley, and we suppose it is.

J. H. Phillips at Riverton, has a large lot of new harness leather and trimmings on hand for harness and now is your time to order a set,

H. S. Wells, of the Saline Co. Post, at Crete, was in town Saturday. He expressed considerable surprise at finding so large a burg, and admired our

like, but others have another name for it. Some say it is "deadness" but we acknowledge our ignorance and are content with our "rural" quarters.

Judge Moulton was in town Monday, "chuck full" of Probate business, of which he takes good care and we hear him spoken of as praiseworthy very frequently.

CLOSE CALL.—Mr. Daniel Crawford, in the employ of the Pioneer Stage Co. and now driving between this place and Republican City, was coming over from Walker's Ranch Wednesday night, and when near Bloomington, having a gun before him in the wagon the muzzle of which rested upon his knee, by some unknown cause the gun was discharged, the ball passing up the sleeve of his coat and through his clothes on his side, so close as to burn his flesh somewhat, but not to do any material damage. It was a close call and Crawford may feel thankful that it was no worse. We suppose accidents with fire-arms will never cease, yet those who only escape by such narrow chances should use more caution in the future, as well as those knowing of the circumstances.

Our genial postmaster and his estimable lady, entertained a few of their young friends night before last, with ice cream and cake of the most delicious kind. May they continue in well doing.

No. 1, Vol. 1, of the Clay Co. Globe F. M. Comstock, editor, is on our table. It is little yet great.

Stockton Items.

We acknowledge that we are having too much rain at present. It happened in this way; the parson prayed for rain and forgot to say how much.

Harvesting has commenced. The prospect for corn is good.

••Joe" said in his Stockton items that the parson could easily be distinguished from his mule by the parson's ears being the longest. There is another way to tell them apart—the mule is white.

There is a splendid show here for potatoes generally, although the bugs cleaned out some patches,

I understand the parson is going to make pumpkin butter out of squashes, and pack it in coffee sacks.

I believe there was a Sabbath school organized in Stockton last Sunday.

The parson has invented a cheap way to raise sweet potatoes. Just plant cucumbers and then sow four pounds of sugar to the acre, and the cucumbers will all turn to nice sweet potatoes, and it saves the trouble of digging. He says the thing can be done.

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