

# Bloomington Guard.

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The Rep. river was frozen over sufficient to bear pedestrians the first of the week.

Last week was the coldest of the season. At Kearney the thermometer slid right down to zero, and then it wasn't satisfied.

Lincoln has been enjoying the possession of a haunted house, and as the result that city has within its walls several "white negroes" now.

J. H. Irvin of the Grand Central hotel at Kearney, lost six tons of brown corn by prairie fire, this week.

An investigation of the affairs of the Supt. of Neb. Insane Asylum, at Lincoln, last week, resulted in a verdict of not guilty, and rendered a very creditable showing for Dr. Fuller.

The death of Vice-President Wilson, was among the occurrences of last week long to be remembered with deep feelings of regret. He died of apoplexy, at Washington, last Monday morning. Thus the nation is left to mourn the loss of another good man. He died vice-President of these United States, and also a poor man.

A company has been formed at Plum Creek to build a railroad from that place to Bloomington, to intersect any road that maybe built up the valley at this place and form a connection with the U. P. at that place.

The Western Leader is the name of the newest newspaper in the valley, published at Beaver City Furnas county, by Arms'ong & Crutcher. It is a neat looking sheet and we hope the people of that county will appreciate the enterprise of its publishers.

An item is going the rounds of the State press that Miss Alike A. Mardock of Harlan Co., was the only successful lady candidate for Co. Supt. in the State. Mrs. Mry S. deClercq was placed in that office in Franklin county, and will assume her duties in January next. The item originated with the Omaha Republican, we believe, and we now ask that paper to please correct, and oblige.

The following mail route changes have been made and will take effect next Wednesday, Dec. 1st. Route No. 34075, from Belvidere, on the St. Joe & D. R. R., via Red Cloud, to Franklin City, is ordered extended, to Bloomington and Macon and Franklin City cut off from the route from Alma City to Kearney, the former to be supplied from Ash Grove, and the latter by the extension of route No. 34075. Route No. 88099, from Stockton, Kans. to

years ago, and now lives near Ash Grove, in Franklin county. We are personally acquainted with Mrs. deClercq, and know that of which we speak. When we pronounce her a most suitable person for the position of school superintendent. We congratulate her and the good people of her county upon this choice. —De Witt Clinton Co. N. Y. Chas. Ivor.

## A Compliment Worthily Bestowed

Editor Press:—The many friends and pupils of Mrs. deClercq formerly Miss Mary Ellis, will receive with pleasure the intelligence of her election to the office of Superintendent of Schools in Franklin county, Neb. Mrs. deClercq will enter upon the duties of her office in January next with ripe experience and the well-earned reputation of being one of Delaware County's most faithful and successful teachers. Thoroughly educated herself, and accomplished in all that constitutes solidity and vigor of mind, she will constantly exert upon the school of her charge an elevating and refining influence. Under her able direction, the schools of the county of her adoption will receive a quickening impulse; and popular education will reach a standpoint most acceptable to every friend of the common school. We compliment the school men of Franklin county for their wise, and judicious choice of so fit a personage to guide the children and youth of their schools. L. O. SEEVERS. —Manchester Iowa Press.

## RAILROADS.

RIVERTON, Nov. 12th, 1875.

EDITOR GUARD: Sir, the paper of a county. I look upon as the medium by which the people of the county, make known their ideas on subjects of public import, as well as to discuss and talk with each other upon them. Now that winter is upon us, and that we have time to see what is next to be done, to advance the welfare of our county, and the valley generally, let us talk railroad, or some other subject of interest to the people.

During the last two years I have rec'd letters from almost every state in the union; north, south, east and west, from enquirers after land, and invariably in every case, the first question asked in the letter was, what were our prospects for a railroad? In ninety cases out of every hundred these persons enquiring for land, when they have received my answer in reference to railroads, have made no further enquiry, and in ninety cases out of every hundred, those people have come to Nebraska, but not to Franklin County, because Franklin County has no railroad. Thus you see the reason why we have no more inhabitants or capitalists in our midst. The want of a railroad is the cause, and until we get one, we shall drag along in prosperity, but slowly. To lay indifferent to this matter much longer will not do; sooner or later we must discuss it, and if might as well be now as anything other time.

A railroad is the main artery of commerce, at the present day, and commerce is the life blood of a county, as well as that of a State or nation. Take us as we are situated at present, there is nothing worth anything. The result of the farmer's summer labor, a rich and bountiful harvest, cannot be sold for money; live stock is below par; there is no market, and real estate cannot be given away. Immigration will not leave a railroad, capital has no inducement here, and men of enterprise will keep aloof from a field where there is so slight encouragement as we can offer them. The remedy for all this, is in local aid. Railroad corporations have such a hold on the money and influence of the country at present, that unless a people encourage them, they will not move in anything. Competition too, gives them the advantage, for if we of the Republican valley fail in giving encouragement to enterprises, our neighbors of the Solomon valley, will do so, and get the start of us, whilst we, hemmed in between the Platte and Solomon valleys, through our carelessness, neglect or penury, will have to suffer the result by being left without a railroad for many years perhaps. There are other enterprises that we could talk about, but this one is the most important. Give us

The Republican valley railroad interests are opening up somewhat, and we expect next week to be able to give our readers a chapter of some interest.

"Bub, is your mother in?" asked a Vicksburger the other evening of a lad who was lounging on his widowed mother's gate. "No, she's out," he answered. "Gone up to visit your dead father's grave?" he asked. "Not exactly," he smiled; "she's gone after ice cream with a chap who has three inches of fat on his ribs, and I'll bet ten to one she'll halter him in less'n a month."

Says the Burlington Hawkeye: Briefly stated, our financial views are these: Ticbacks are better than greenbacks. They are in greater demand; they are more constantly in circulation; they are always boyant, dreadfully boyant; they are always good for their face, and are always quoted above Par, or near either.

E. W. Hoyt of the Crete Post has been appointed post master at that place. We congratulate him on his good luck.

The following are the Postoffice changes in Nebraska for the week ending October 30th: Office established—Armadillo, Buffalo county; Aden, Armstrong P. M. Post masters appointed—Columbus, Platte county, John G. Compton; Crete, Saline county, H. W. Hoyt; Steele City, Jefferson county, Ira A. Pearson; Williamsburgh, Phelps county, Frank H. Young.

## Franklin Co. at the State Fair.

The committee on county agricultural societies agree in making the following report:

To Franklin county is awarded the premium of twenty-five dollars for the best display of agricultural products of any and all kinds. The display from Franklin is so large and valuable in itself, as well as in showing what may be done in the direction of county display, that your committee think a more detailed account should be put on record, than the limits of a forcible report will allow.

First in regard to the variety and number of articles exhibited.

Of cereal products, 5 varieties of oats, 2 of wheat, 3 of corn, rye and barley. Other field products; Flax, Millet, Hungarian grass, 2 varieties of broom corn, 4 of sorghum 15 varieties of potatoes, 2 varieties of castor beans, 3 of carrots, 6 of turnips, 9 of pumpkins, 8 of beans, 6 of onions, mangel wurtzel, sweet potatoes and sugar beets. Of things more commonly grown in the garden we have: 10 varieties of beets, 4 of radishes, 3 of pie melon, 4 of cucumber, 11 of water melons, 6 of peppers; 7 of squashes, 2 of orka, 5 of tomatoes, 2 of ground cherries, 3 of gourds, Egyptian corn, martyria moek oranges, egg plant, cauliflower, 4 varieties of cabbage, Bri colch, borecole, colch rabi, citrons, 3 varieties of parsley, peas, chickory, salsy, and besides all this, 46 varieties of garden seeds.

There is also blue grass 8 feet high, a high valuable grass for hay, and an excellent article of flour, manufactured in this county. The entire list foots 215 distinct farm and garden products. As regards the quality of the products exhibited, they were in the main first-class, and many of them deserving of particular mention.

Broom corn ten feet high, planted July 4th, on sod; beets 3 feet long, others over 2 feet in circumference; water melons weighing 53 pounds; stalks of sorghum 15 feet 8 inches high, and many other articles of the same mammoth scale. When it is remembered that Franklin county was but recently organized, and lies way out in the Republican valley, three hundred miles west of the Missouri river, the significance of this display becomes more marked.

The committee desire also to commend the care and taste shown by the committee of citizens having the display in charge, Messrs J. F. Pughley, H. C. Wells, Denton Young and C. H. Warkar, in arranging it for exhibition.

On the whole your committee think that this display of Franklin county, furnishes an example which other counties would do well to imitate, and which for this year at least, and until some other county shall make a better display, entitles Franklin county to the championship of the State in this direction, an honor well earned and richly deserved.

S. R. THOMPSON.)

the route from Alma City to Kearney, the former to be supplied from Ash Grove, and the latter by the extension of route No. 34075. Route No. 88099, from Stockton, Kans. to Franklin, via Kirwin, has been ordered to terminate at this place. The service on these routes will probably be increased in the spring, which makes them of considerable importance to us.

### Thanksgiving Day.

In this county was made a day of feasting and feeling thankful—not only for the good dinners that were spread and the opportunity nearly all had of enjoying them—but for the many ways in which the giver of all things has provided for us at present and in the future and for the many blessings bestowed upon us. The various gatherings re-

valleys, through our carelessness, neglect or penury, will have to suffer the result by being left without a railroad for many years perhaps. There are other enterprises that we could talk about, but this one is the most important. Give us a railroad and all the others will come of their own accord, and if we bestir ourselves as we should, we will have a railroad before the next two years are at an end. Therefore I would suggest that a mass meeting of the people, be held at an early day in some place in the county, for the purpose of adopting measures, in conjunction with other counties along the Republican valley, for the early construction of a railroad through to Denver City Col. via this valley.

As the organ of our interchange of views, we ask the GUARD to open up the question in earnest, by stirring up the people to the importance of the subject and also, to pass the word up along the line until the entire valley echo with the word—RAILROAD

M. O'SULLIVAN.

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S. R. THOMPSON,  
R. W. FURNAS,  
JOHN ROBERTS, } Com.

## THE Prairie Farmer.

Was established in 1841, and is now the leading Agricultural and Family Journal in the west. It is devoted to the interests of Agriculture, Horticulture, Stock breeding, the Apiary, Poultry, Household, etc.; it has also a literary and young folks' department and gives full markets report, news and topics of the day. It is published weekly by the

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## Official Directory.

### CONGRESSIONAL

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**A. S. PADDOCK**, U. S. Senator, Beatrice.  
**L. CROUNSE**, Representative, Ft. Calhoun, STATE.

**SILAS GARBER**, Governor, Lincoln.  
**BRUNO TYSZCZUCK**, Sec'y State, Lincoln.  
**J. C. McBRIDE**, Treasurer, Lincoln.  
**J. B. WESTON**, Auditor, Lincoln.  
**G. H. HOKERS**, Atty. General, Lincoln.  
**J. M. MCKENZIE**, Sup't Public Instruct.

### JUDICIARY.

**G. B. LARK**, Chief Justice, Omaha.  
**D. GANTT**, Associate Judge, Nebraska City.  
**S. MAXWELL**, Associate Judge, Fremont.  
**BLOOMINGTON U. S. LAND OFFICE**

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**EVAN WORTHING**, Receiver.  
COUNTY.

**J. M. MOULTON**, Probate Judge.  
**J. R. McDONALD**, Clerk.  
**J. F. SIMONS**, Treasurer.  
**D. K. CALKINS**, Sheriff.  
**T. ASHBY**, Surveyor.  
**J. S. SILVERS**, Coroner.  
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Attorney at Law, Notary Public  
AND  
Probate Judge of Franklin County.

Will attend to legal business in this and adjoining counties. Office at the County Seat.

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Attorney at Law,  
Offices at Republican City, Harlan co.

### Mail Schedule.

Mail arrives from the east (Kearney) daily at 4:30 p. m., and departs at 9:20, a. m.  
Mail arrives daily from the west at 9 a. m. and departs at 5 p. m.  
Office hours from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.  
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.

Saturday, Nov 27, 1875.

### LOCAL MATTERS.

The town school began last Monday with S. S. Pickering as teacher.

Rev Edgerton will preach at Riverton on the second Sabbath in December.

Our friend Males went over to Kearney, this week, and brought back a fine assortment of groceries, with him.

Hon Webster Eaton of the Land Office, has bought the last and only building on the flat where the town was first started, and will move it up town and fix it up for a residence.

The "boys" called on friend Harwan Monday night, and gave a moderate serenade, but Tuesday night they were surprised. The preparations were too great.

Darby will sell you 8 pounds of nice sliced dried apples for one dollar.

The protracted meeting that has been in progress at the school house this week by Elder Hartman, of the Christian denomination, has elicited considerable interest and a good attendance. Three persons were immersed at Mr. Kastor's to-day.

Hon. Evan Worthing and his lady went to Brownville last, and Mrs. W. is to remain for a few weeks, but Mr. W. appeared behind the counter at U. S. Land Office yesterday morning as usual.

Read O'Sullivan's letter regarding our railroad interests and remember that these columns are always open for the discussion pro and con, of all measures wherein the county's welfare is.

4 lbs best coffee at Males', for only one dollar. Try it.

Col. J. D. Gage lost one of his fine cream mares last week with epizootic. It is the only loss we have heard of from this disease in the county, although many of the horses are affected, and it is rather hard luck for the Col., as he lost a valuable team only a few months ago by lightning. Out of four of the best horses in the county he has but one left.

**NO MORE FORDING**—The new Iron bridge at this place across the Republican river, is now in a very good condition for public use. This bridge is the

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—A Champion Mowing Machine, by H. S. Barum, Bloomington, Neb. Call and examine it if you want to buy or trade.

The Louisville Courier-Journal has come to hand and we find it to be a paper of much merit, containing a host of valuable reading. Its news department is complete, its literature good, its general intelligence varied, all of which tend to make it a valuable family paper. It can be had very reasonable in connection with our paper.

### MARRIED.

RIVERTON, Nov. 27th.

**R. K. HILL, Esq.,** Bloomington.  
Dear Sir:—In your last issue you noticed the buildings in progress of construction in Riverton, amongst them that of W. E. Hatch, a old bachelor. Please correct, for on Thanksgiving the 25th inst. I find among the omits the following announcement:

**MARRIED**—At the residence of the bride's brother, Fred. Lohff, Esq., by the Rev. Thos. Muzlow, William E. Hatch to Miss Betsey Lohff, both of Riverton Neb.

I believe I express the sentiments of all who are acquainted with them, when I say we all wish them a hearty welcome among our married fraternity of citizens. Next year being leap year I sincerely trust the girls will totally annihilate those savage hords of bachelors that infest our midst.

Respectfully,

**A. K. KINNEAR.**

Nails a speciality, at the Riverton hardware store, and all kinds of builders hardware. Call in and get prices.

### NOTICE.

**U. S. LAND OFFICE**  
Bloomington Neb., Nov 25d, 1875.  
Complaint having been entered at this office by James Dudgeon against Charles Culver for abandoning his homestead entry No. 2478, dated June 30th 1874, upon the southwest quarter of section 31, township 5, range 25 west, in Furnas County Neb., with a view to the cancellation of said entry: the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 5th day of January 1876, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

**WEBSTER EATON**, Register.  
**EVAN WORTHING**, Receiver.

### 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 Elizabeth 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 10 o'clock a. m. in the Probate Court of Franklin County Neb. on the 2d day of January A. D. 1876, at 10 o'clock p. m., of said day, at which time and place all parties interested may appear and show cause.

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**F. C. HOLDRIDGE, Proprietor.**

The public are invited to give me a trial.  
When in town, as at all times I shall give  
them the best the facilities afford.

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The best arranged bar in the Republic-  
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tion for public use. This bridge is the  
best one on the river, and as soon as the  
approaches receive a little additional  
dirt, it will afford a splendid crossing.  
Remember that you cross high and dry  
after this at Bloomington.

8 lbs C. C. sugar at Males', all for a  
layer dollar.

**NEWS DEPOT**—Mrs. H. M. Males,  
at the post-office, has just received a  
large collection of the best periodicals  
published, which she has placed on the  
counter for sale. Scribners, Harpers,  
Frank Leslie's, Saturday Night, Even-  
ing Post and many others, which you  
can buy for the price of a cigar. This

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may concern;

Take notice that upon reading and filing  
the petition of Elisabeth C. H. Weller,  
praying that she be appointed adminis-  
tratrix of the estate of Benjamin M. Weller,  
deceased; it is ordered that said cause be  
set for hearing at 1 o'clock p. m. on the 2d day  
of January A. D. 1876, at 1 o'clock p. m., of  
said day, at which time and place all par-  
ties interested may appear and show cause,  
if any they have, why said Elisabeth C. H.  
Weller should not be appointed Adminis-  
tratrix 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.

**Chattle Mortgage Sale.**

Default having been made in the pay-  
ment of a certain promisory 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  
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