

## Bloomington Guard,

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Editor and Proprietor.

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### Mail Schedule.

Mail arrives from the east (Lowell) daily at 4:50 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. MALLS, POSTMASTER.

### Religious Services.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Preaching every third Sabbath, at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7 o'clock P. M. E. N. LORD, Stated Supply.

Pioneer Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Riverton Neb., meet 2d and 4th Saturdays of each month. All visiting brethren in good standing cordially invited to attend. R. B. FULTON, N. G. JNO. R. MITCHELL, Sec'y.

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E. S. Chadwick, one of Bloomington's attorneys, came home from Lincoln last Friday night after an absence of about two weeks. Ed. is fully convinced that the Capitol must move during the session, and thinks the west will be greatly benefited thereby. So say we.

While in the eastern part of the county last week, we heard considerable fault found with their present mail facilities. The GUARD does not reach most of the offices for nearly a week, which we hope may be remedied soon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GENERAL LAND OFFICE, Washington, D. C. Jan. 5 1875.

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This right of absence is not available to any whose crops were not destroyed

### Assessors Take Notice.

Notice is hereby given that all the Assessors of this county are requested to meet the Board of County Commissioners at the office of the County Clerk on the first Wednesday in February, 1875, to receive their instructions; books, blanks, &c. By order of the Board of Co. Commissioners. 18 J. E. McONALD, Clerk.

### NOTICE.

U. S. Land Office, Bloomington, Jan. 19th 1875.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Chas. J. Roberts, against Emile M. F. Leffing for failing to cultivate his Timber Culture Entry, No. 150, dated October 1st, 1872, upon the southwest quarter of section 20, township 9, north of range 21 west, in Dawson County Neb., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 23d day of February 1875, at 1 o'clock p. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. CHAS. H. WALKER, Register. EVAN WORTHING, Receiver. 18

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A. May, Lowell's chief merchant was in town this week looking around. Guess Aaron has an eye to business.

Fred E. Smith, the Lincoln Billiard ist, is dead.

Hon. T. P. Chapman, representative from the 14th district, died at Plattsmouth on Jan. 28.

The tax against the B. & M., and U. P. railroads have, it is reported, been decided by the Supreme court, in favor of the counties. This will bring to this State quite a revenue.

Splendid skating on the river now.

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The last rail on the Trunk Road to Brownville has been laid and trains will run regularly this week.

The Public Ledger Almanac from G. W. Childs founder of the Public Ledger Philadelphia Pa., is received. It is presented to the subscribers of that paper on the beginning of the year and is a prize.

(State Journal.)

**The Nebraska State Grange Relief Committee.**

This committee, the report and membership of which will be found in another place, met on Saturday, in this city and organized by electing Wm. C. Porter, President. Wm. Stotley, Vice-President, P. E. Beardsley, Secretary, and Hon. Church Howe Treasurer. The headquarters of this committee will be at this city, and it will receive and distribute to the county committees all supplies and money contributed by and through the Grange organization throughout the United States. Louisiana and Ohio have already sent in about \$2,000 each, and it is likely that the Pat-

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This right of absence is not available to any whose crops were not destroyed or seriously injured; hence, when a settler not actually entitled to the benefits of this act absents himself from his claim it will be construed as an abandonment, and adverse claims will be recognized.

Written notice of intended absence, signed by the settler, should be filed with the Register and Receiver when he leaves his claim. This is a means of protection to the settler, and is due those who otherwise might initiate invalid adverse claims.

At date of final proof by any party who has availed himself of this act, proof must be submitted showing the period of absence and its necessity. The proof should consist of such details as will enable you and this Office to judge whether the absence is justified by the law.

After a party shall have filed notice with you of intended absence under this act, no contest involving his right to the land can be instituted prior to the expiration of the legal term of absence to which he is entitled.

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**BANKERS,**  
Bloomington, Nebraska,  
Office on First Floor U. S. Land Office  
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Buy and sell Home and Foreign Drafts,  
Receive Deposits, and do a General  
Banking business.  
County and School Bonds  
Bought or Negotiated at the Highest Market  
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Blank Bonds on hand for the use  
of County and School District Officers. 44

Notice  
Is hereby given that I will examine all  
persons who may desire to offer themselves  
as candidates for teachers in this (Frank-  
lin) county, on the 1st Saturday of each  
month, at Bloomington, in said county  
and upon other times and places as neces-  
sity may require. Examination to com-  
mence at 9 o'clock a.m.  
CYRUS B. CHILDS,  
Co. Supt. Pub. Inst.  
Dated this 1st day of Sept. 1874.

**Notice.**  
I would respectfully notify the public that  
I am now prepared to do all kinds of  
**BLACKSMITHING.**  
Axes and other edged tools repaired, and  
warranted. Give me a call.  
M. V. WORTHINGTON,  
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is an improvement we are glad to see,  
hope they may receive a liberal patron-  
age.

Godie's Ladies Book for February is  
before us, and as usual is filled with  
good things for the ladies. The fash-  
ion plate for this number contains the  
latest, besides which is furnished a  
number of fascinating stories for the  
ladies. This is one of the standard  
magazines and our ladies will do well  
to examine its address. N. E. Cor.  
Chestnut and 6th Sts., Philadelphia  
Pa.

Hon. C. H. Walker don't propose to  
get in a sweat next summer when the  
gentle zephyrs blow from the south,  
known as hot winds, and is getting up a  
large quantity of the nice ice to be found  
in the Republican River now.  
The ice that was put up by Mr. Wal-  
ker last week will measure about sixteen  
inches in thickness on the average, and  
is as clear and nice as can be. Will  
probably appreciate the late cold weath-  
er next "dog days" when using this  
article.

Capt. R. B. Presson returned from  
Lincoln Saturday last with the Legisla-  
tive news, which we eagerly sought.  
Now that the Pioneer Stage Co. run  
to Kearney Junction, our people should  
see that the express matters is sent to  
that place and it will be promptly taken  
charge of.

Mr. C. H. Vining is making prepar-  
ations to put up about twenty tons of  
ice to be found in the River.  
While on our road from Franklin  
the other day we found a large buck  
mitteh which the owner can have by  
calling at this office.  
Vancil has received some of the finest  
Havanas ever brought to the Valley.  
The machinery of the Turkey creek

This committee, the  
bership of which will be found in another  
place, met on Saturday. In this city  
and organized by electing Wm. C. Por-  
ter, President. Wm. Stotley, Vice-  
President, P. E. Bearslay, Secretary,  
and Hon. Church Howe Treasurer.  
The headquarters of this committee will  
be at this city, and it will receive and  
distribute to the county committees all  
supplies and money contributed by and  
through the Grange organization  
throughout the United States. Louisi-  
ana and Ohio have already sent in about  
\$1,000 each, and it is likely that the Pa-  
trons in every State will help along their  
Nebraska brethren.

The following circular letter from Hon  
Church Howe, the treasurer of the com-  
mittee: will explain the relation of the  
committee to the State Aid Society and  
the different railroads leading to and  
through Nebraska:  
**OFFICE OF NEBRASKA STATE GRANGE  
RELIEF COMMITTEE.**  
LINCOLN Neb. Dec. 20. 1874. }

To the Patrons in Nebraska;  
On behalf of the State Grange Relief  
Committee that a good understanding  
between our committee and the Nebras-  
ka State Aid Socie'y should exist. I call-  
ed upon Gen. Ord, chairman of their  
executive committee at Omaha, who  
heartily endorses our movement, and  
will co operate with us in relieving the  
distress in our State. The Union Pa-  
cific and Burlington & Missouri River  
Railroad in Nebraska have extended to  
us the same courtesies extended to the  
State Aid Society, and other roads in  
the State will, undoubtedly do the same.  
In behalf of the Nebraska State Grange  
Relief Committee.  
CHURCH HOWE, Treasurer.

NAPONEE, Neb., Jan. 29th 1875.  
Mr. Gillard has returned from a five  
weeks stay in Iowa. He has gone to  
Kearney to see about the machinery for  
their mill; they expect to push the work  
again.

Mr. Martin one of the first settlers in  
Webster county, returned this week  
from a nine weeks hunt. They got  
twenty-nine buffalo and one black tailed  
deer. Mr. Martin captured one of the  
large wildcats, with black tipped ears  
and tail. Something like the lynx. He  
had him chained in a barrel, but some  
were near Edgerton run, the cat suc-  
ceeded in wrenching the strap on his  
chain and escaped with a strong elk skin  
collar and ring on his neck. Mr. Mar-  
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You will observe that pre-emptors  
whose crops have been destroyed or se-  
riously injured as aforesaid are allowed  
an extension of one year after the expi-  
ration of said term of absence for proof  
and payment. This provision is regard-  
ed as applicable only to such as may find  
it necessary to avail themselves of the  
said leave of absence; and if the absence  
is found to be fraudulent, the extension  
of time does not apply, and adverse  
claims will be given effect.

S. S. BURDETT,  
Commissioner.

**AN ACT** for the relief of certain  
settlers on the public lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and  
House of Representatives of the United  
States of America in Congress assembled:  
That it shall be lawful for homestead  
and pre-emption settlers on the public  
lands, whose crops were destroyed or  
seriously injured by grasshoppers in the  
year eighteen hundred and seventy-four,  
to leave and be absent from said lands  
until July 1st, 1875, under such regu-  
lations as to proof of the same as the  
Commissioner of the General Land Of-  
fice may prescribe; and where such  
grasshoppers shall reappear in 1875, to  
the like destruction of the crops of set-  
tlers, the right to leave and be absent  
as aforesaid shall continue to July 1st,  
1876.

SEC. 2. That during such absence no  
adverse rights shall attach to said lands;  
such settlers being allowed to resume  
and perfect their settlement as though  
no such absence had been enjoyed or al-  
lowed.

SEC. 3. That the time for making fi-  
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**GRANGER'S STORE.**  
**NEW GOODS**

—AT—  
**Grangers**  
**Prices.**

Having recently moved to new quarters  
and received a full invoice of new goods,  
I wish to call the attention of my old cus-  
tomers and the public generally, to the fact  
that I am bound to sell more goods for  
less money than any other store in Frank-  
lin county.

My stock consists of  
**Dry Goods, Groceries,**  
**Clothing, Hats, Caps,**  
**Boots, Shoes, Mit-**  
**tens, Gloves.**  
**&c. &c.**

I have a splendid lot of Dress Goods, such  
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