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The general elections in Ohio, Iowa and Nebraska will occur on the 12th day of October.

The department of agriculture gives the condition of the wheat harvested in all the states at 79 per cent. The average quality is poorer than for several years.

Farmers are cautioned against mixing damp or injured wheat with dry and good wheat. If their design is to get a higher price for the poorer grade they will certainly be frustrated, and will find that they have reduced the value of their good grades to that of rejected.

Fred. Hawks, a Chicago barkeeper, cut the throat of his mistress, Viola Church, Sunday night, and then severed his own windpipe. This fashion of preface self-murder by killing or attempting to kill some one else, is growing in public favor. It must be a good thing.

Dakota's West Point representative, whom it was supposed Judge Kidder had selected, does not appear to have passed the examination held on the 1st of September; neither does it appear that there is any vacancy for this territory. Nominations, however, will be in order until April next, and in the meantime our delegate will undoubtedly see that Dakota's place is filled.

Gov. Osborn, of Kansas, in reply to a formal demand by the Indian bureau upon the state for damages amounting to \$50,000 for the killing of four Osage Indians, flatly refuses to make reparation. He says it's the business of the interior department to keep its Indians on its reservations, and that when they happen in to Kansas they must expect to get killed. Western people generally will say that Gov. Osborn's head is level.

At a recent meeting of the grasshopper committee at Windom, Minn., it was resolved that each town make one side of a fire-break, either by mowing or plowing around the entire township, on or before the 25th of September, each town to make their break at least three rods wide inside of mown line so as to have the fire-breaks at least six rods wide. The motion prevailed, when it was resolved that "we warn all persons against setting fires. Any person setting fires will be complained of and punished to the full extent of the law."

On Tuesday, the 2d day of November, an election is to be held in Yankton county for the purpose of placing in office a county commissioner as a successor to Charles Eiseman, now representing the commissioner district lying between the boundaries of James river on the east and Broadway on the west, and the northern boundary of Yankton county on the north and the southern boundary of Yankton county on the south. The subject of a candidate has been agitated somewhat in republican circles, and it is time for the people to begin to give attention to the necessary preliminaries.

THE FRIAR'S POINT AFFAIR.

Our yesterday's press report contains an account of another alleged negro uprising at Friar's Point, Mississippi, garnished all over with prospective scenes of blood, conflagration and pillage. With the details of the "uprising" in Georgia fresh in the public mind these attempts to fire the political heart of the country by means of such exaggerations will meet with but a tame response. Georgia's "insurrection" was to be an extensive affair, but unfortunately for the cause the negroes declined to "uprise" in the sixteen counties where the seat of war was laid. The sheriff's posse which traveled over the district failed to find any armed Africans, though they did succeed in carrying dismay and intimidation to the minds of colored republicans. The Georgia "uprising" preceded an election. So do the Mississippi "insurrections." The latter state is to elect six representatives to congress on the 2d of next month, and the cavalry have changed their tactics since white leaguism became obnoxious to the humanity of the north. Instead of killing negroes this year they will have the negroes kill them for a change—that is, kill them in a figurative sense, through the columns of the newspapers. It will evoke pity for the suffering caucasian, the down-trodden kullux, the oppressed white leaguers. Let us give a random glance at the record of Mississippi for a few months past: July 4th—At Vicksburg, colored people who were celebrating were fired upon and four killed. August 1st—A republican procession in Winston county was attacked by white leaguers, and from ten to fifteen blacks killed.

August 12th—A republican meeting in Lee county was forcibly broken up by the white league, and its organizer placed in jail because he could not give \$500 bonds to keep the peace.

August 20th—A republican meeting was broken up in Noxubee county by white leaguers, and twelve blacks killed.

Sept. 1st—A republican meeting in Yazoo City was broken up by white leaguers and two blacks killed.

Sept. 4th—At a republican mass meeting at Clinton white leaguers fired into the crowd, the fire was returned, and before the fight was over ten had been killed and thirty wounded. In this action the white leaguers suffered loss, but most of the killed and wounded were on the side of the blacks.

This is a brief record of some of the leading political events in the state of Mississippi during the last three months. Now comes the affair at Friar's Point, which will probably prove to be about such another affair as was that at Clinton a month ago. Even should it ultimate in a genuine negro insurrection, would it be more than could be expected from a long suffering people, who must begin to realize by this time that the keeping of their lives is in their own hands?

Friar's Point is located in Coahoma county, Mississippi, on the Mississippi river, between seventy-five and one hundred miles south of Memphis. It was one of the rich cotton growing districts of ante-war days, and is thickly peopled by negroes. As the blacks are mostly republican in politics, it is to be expected that some means would be taken to exercise an influence over their votes in the pending representative election. The associated press agent calls it a "negro uprising," but the experience of the past teaches us that press agents in the south are exceedingly unreliable in their reports of these affairs. Let alone the blacks are the most harmless people on the face of the earth. They possess, it is true, the disposition toward petty thieving and sensual indulgences which are always the creation of ignorance and its attendant low moral status, but they are not revolutionary. Goaded to a point where self-defence becomes a necessity, they may turn upon their persecutors as the stag at bay shows a defiant front to his pursuers, but they will not commit the first overt act. And it is probable that the negro excesses, if any have occurred at Friar's Point, are simply a defence of person and of life.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

Advices from London of Oct. 4th, state that the Mark Lane Express in its review of the corn trade for the past week says: The late heavy rains, strong breezes and reduced temperature brought a wide extent of land into readiness for the plow, and the opportunity has been freely used here and in France and Belgium. We trust the autumnal sowings will have a better result than in 1874. The downward tendency seems to have stopped. Country markets are firm. In some places prices have advanced one shilling. Wheat is higher at Dantzic. The German markets are dearer. In Hungary firmness is maintained. Winter and the closing of the Baltic may further enhance values.

From Fire Steel to Springfield.

We continue to-day the correspondence of J. J. Buser, Esq., to the Oregon (Ill.) Courier. The observations of this gentleman are those of an intelligent, unprejudiced person, who was anxious to ascertain the whole truth respecting the territory, and as such they are very valuable to parties abroad who wish to learn the truth regarding Dakota's advantages: SPRINGFIELD, Aug. 14, 1875.

Our return trip was over the same route we went up to Fire Steel, back to Scotland, where Gen. Campbell tendered his services to take us to the "Illinois settlement" near Springfield. Our ride from Scotland to Springfield was over just such a country as we have heretofore described to your readers. Bon Homme county is being pretty well settled up with Russians and Americans—principally the latter—and already several localities have the appearance of age and refinement. On our arrival at Mr. John R. Petrie's house, we were met by Judge F. G. and Johnny Petrie, H. P. Sargent, H. H. Maynard, C. F. Emerson and son, Duane Ford and Chester Eastman and family. Mrs. Eastman arrived a few days previous to our visit, and H. H. Maynard and C. F. Emerson, Sr., on the day before. The latter two came from Oregon to this place by team. Judge Petrie preceded us nearly a week, and arrived at his journey's end just as J. R. Petrie and H. P. Sargent were on the point of getting into the buggy to go and meet him. They were saved further trouble on the matter and remained at home. The irrepressible "Ben"—Ogle county's ex-sheriff—we found as happy as a clam in high tide. Good natured as always, and ready for a joke or story. After the greetings passed, and numerous questions asked by different individuals, and we had answered to the best of our ability, we returned the compliment and enquired of them how they liked the country, etc. Their

answer to a man was that they liked the country very well, and thought it to be the country for any man to gain a good living and lay up something for a "rainy day." That is the conclusion we arrived at, and think it folly for a young, able-bodied man to waste his time and strength working for \$1.50 per day, when one of the handsomest farms in the United States—might as well say so as to think so—awaits him to claim it and improve. We don't wish to be understood as braggarts, neither do we want you, gentle reader, to think that we are completely wrapped up in the country because we have taken land there and want to get the country settled up, but to appreciate Dakota is to visit, and if you don't agree with us, we will give you a peck of beans from our first Dakota crop. We are not writing this with a view of influencing individuals to move to Dakota, we are only complying with a request made us before we started for this country, and consequently do not ask any one to take our word, but go and see for yourselves before taking up land.

All of Ogle county's boys have taken from two to three quarter sections of land in Bon Homme county, and will, in the course of a few years, by industry and economy, be worth thousands, when if they had remained in Ogle county perhaps would not have been worth so many hundred dollars. The land fever took hold of Hon. Fred. H. Marsh, and your correspondent, and was not abated until we were "booked" for one-half section of land each. The same chances are open for others near our locations, costing only \$14 for each 160 acres of land. Who could ask for cheaper farms. Plenty of land remains as yet vacant adjoining the "Illinois settlement," but how long we cannot say, as parties are constantly coming in and taking claims. At the present rate of settlement, another year will leave but little land in Bon Homme county to select from. We had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Col. R. T. Wood, the surveyor, L. D. F. Moore, the receiver, and Luman Judd, the register. These are other gentlemen whom we had previously met with in Dakota, we found to be courteous and gentlemanly. No trouble to give information, and gave their opinions and experience in living in a new country. The settlement in and around Springfield is principally Americans. The society same as in more thickly settled communities, and indicates an old settled country in every particular but fashions. This alone is attributable to the absence of a millinery shop. Mr. H. E. Bonesteel, the leading merchant of Springfield, is a whole-souled, genial, thorough, go-ahead man. When we entered his store, we were considerably astonished at the immense stock of general merchandise he had stowed away in every nook and corner of his rooms—double store. Dry goods, notions, hardware, groceries, drugs, tinware and everything best adapted for a new country. Generous to a fault with the exceptions of his heart. By shrewd engineering, he has resisted all attacks of the weaker sex, and launched himself on the pinnacle of bachelorhood. We would advise him to come to Oregon and join the Owls as a safeguard against the attacks of the female sex. Springfield has a population of about 200 inhabitants, and is situated on the north bank of the Missouri river. Bon Homme county is one of the largest counties in the territory, and for the space of time has settled up greater in proportion than any other county, excepting Yankton. At no distant day Bon Homme will be one of the leading counties in Dakota. Thousands of acres remain unclaimed, and chances are good for selecting good farms as anywhere in Dakota. Cottonwood predominates, and can be purchased, so we were told, for the sum of \$2.50 per cord on the ground. Parties wanting to learn something of the "Jim" river country around Rockport, in Hanson county, we can cheerfully recommend them to Mr. M. T. Woolley, of Yankton. We should have made mention of this fact in our letter previous to this, but neglected it. Those wanting to purchase partly improved farms near Yankton, we would also recommend them to Judge W. W. Brookings, or Mr. Kingsbury of the Press and Dakotian—either of these gentlemen will give satisfactory information as to quality of land and price per acre. Those wanting to purchase in Bon Homme county, we would also recommend them to Col. R. T. Wood, of Springfield. In Fire Steel or Davidson county, H. C. Green, of Fire Steel. These gentlemen are well recommended to us and we can cheerfully recommend them to any of our friends.

Again, let us urge upon those who have the least symptoms of Dakota fever, to go and see the country and satisfy yourselves. Timber in many portions of Dakota is scarce, but that is not the fault of nature. She has done her part towards timbering the country but fall and spring fires destroy nature's previous year work. As soon as the country gets more settled, these fires will be less frequent.

Meeting of a Masonic Lodge on the Summit of Mount Davidson.

Virginia Enterprise, Sept. 7th. A notable event in the masonic history of Nevada—we may see in the United States—occurred near this city yesterday. After the destruction of their hall by fire, the Masons met for some time in the lodge room of the Old Fellows, in Old Fellows' building. This was likewise destroyed by fire a few days ago, leaving the order without an appropriate place of meeting. In this emergency the master of Virginia Lodge No. 3, in imitation of a custom of the craft in ancient times, called a meeting of his lodge on the summit of Mount Davidson yesterday afternoon. Over three hundred members of the order were in attendance. When it is considered that the top of Mount Davidson is seven thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven feet above the level of the sea, and nearly seventeen hundred feet above Virginia City, the significance of this large convocation will be appreciated. The summit of the mountain is a pointed mass of broken granite, yet almost upon the very apex a rude altar of stone was erected, and around it gathered over three hundred Masons, who, in the heat of the mid-day sun, had toiled up the rugged mountain side to witness the opening of a Masonic lodge at a place so unusual; and there, overlooking a city of twenty thousand people, the lodge was opened partially in form, and its regular business transacted. From the summit of the mountain the country for a radius of perhaps a hundred miles on every side is visible, with its towns, lakes, mountains, valleys, hoisting works, quartz mills and railroads. The view is one of the grandest in the state, and the gathering yesterday was in the eye of every Mason present scarcely less grand than the surroundings. As the lodge was opened the white emblem of the order was thrown to the breeze from the flagstaff on the summit, and the cheers that greeted it must have been heard in the valley below. Music, speeches and a bountiful repast for all followed the proceedings, and at 5 o'clock, or a few moments earlier, the concourse wended their way down the mountain side. Members of the order were in attendance from Gold Hill, Silver City, Dayton and Carson, and so impressed were all present with the grandeur and solemnity of the occasion, that the rude altar was almost chipped in pieces, to be preserved as mementoes of an event so unusual in the annals of the order. It is probably that a Masonic lodge was never before opened in the United States at so great an elevation—certainly never upon so prominent a point in the light of day. The occasion will long be remembered, not only by those present, but by the people of Storey county.

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