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Many Improvements in Progress--The Crops in Good Condition

Correspondence of The Bee.

ORLEANS, Neb., August 3, 1881.

On a plateau overlooking one of the loveliest valleys in the world, Orleans, the principal city of Harlan county, was born on or about the year 1873. D. N. Smith is said to be the paternal progenitor and as this illustrious gentleman never denied the charge, we will presume the same is correct.

The town of Melrose, one mile farther west, was at the time of the birth of Orleans, a blushing damsel with two or three hundred inhabitants, and as she has since come to live with Orleans we will presume that she was mother, or at least a near relative, to the infant town. Both of the parents are now dead, so this historian can say what he likes without fear of contradiction.

Until one year ago this spring no railroad had ever entered this maiden town, all railway traffic being via Kearney and the U. P. R. R., but now the largest depot in the Republican Valley is at Orleans. The products of the country and the manufactures of the east are thus handled with dispatch.

IMPROVEMENTS AND PROGRESS.

Last night Wm. Stadleman of the firm of Stadleman & Bodine, arrived in town, to commence at once the building of a large grain elevator, with which to handle the surplus grain of this region.

Pope & Sawyer have just received a thousand head of sheep to help reduce the vast quantity of buffalo and bunch grasses that annually go to waste on these boundless plains.

Mr. John R. Kennedy is packing his box of blacking to go east for a thousand of these kinky haired grass gatherers.

Manning & Gibbs have the contract for rebuilding the Republican river bridges, and long before the millenium arrives these connecting links will no doubt be completed. The next centennial will probably find them well under way.

NEWS.

This is the scarcest thing in the market. Judge Kent, who meets every one in this and the fine counties surrounding, assured us that he hadn't seen anything of the kind for a month, and Banker Burton said the latest item in that line was the appointment of Tom. Harlan as superintendent of fences in the Yellowstone park, and that took place last spring.

CROPS.

I have told you about the crops further up the valley, but Orleans is sixty miles east of Indianola so there is some slight difference, nothing marked however. They will average here fully fifty per cent. better than in eastern Nebraska, and yet they are hardly as good as at Indianola. The same solid front of five to six feet of dark green makes the breast work of the cornfield, the same thick ranks of shocks mark the wheat fields, excepting where the header has skimmed the field or the stacker has built monuments of industry from the golden sheaves.

From Orleans we took our customary range among the surrounding farms and found several fine orchards, infants, but healthy, and promising to soon give ample return for the care they are now receiving. L. Cramer and J. W. Carrothers are particularly conspicuous in their devotion to horticulture. Some small fruit are now bearing. Grapes are doing nicely, of which Mr. Cramer has 1000 vines; some of them have grown ten feet this season. Some apple trees have got up in the world four feet since spring.

J. W. Spellman, of the Atlantic Ia., nursery, is here and is enthusiastic on the subject. We would advise any one who is looking westward with a view to producing fruit where it will have the greatest value when grown, to correspond with him.

GAME AND FISH.

Buffalo, deer, antelope and Indians no longer furnish marks for the hunter, but I counted seventeen wild turkies on and around a hay stack, but I was on the cars and the conductor wouldn't stop, besides I only had my revolver and the brakeman said something about Kearney and jack rabbits which made me feel bilious and I didn't want to hunt. I have ordered a Krup gun that carries a ball weighing two tons and if any sanguinary wretch again intimates that in the city of Kearney some six years ago I fired seventeen times at an invalid rabbit without hitting him, I'll not be responsible for the size of the hole that will perforate his liver. The same weapon will also be useful when parties make casual reference to aeronautics at Omaha, for I want it distinctly understood that I never saw a balloon, wasn't there when it was seen, and the whole story about there having been such a thing as a balloon is simply an effort of The Herald to obtain the city printing.

But to return to the game question. There is no lack of prairie chickens, quails and jack rabbits; the last named bird is taken on the fly with hounds on stilts, at least their legs look that way. Fish are plenty, as a rule, although this season the Republican has not furnished its usual quota. Catfish are the most common, though suckers and sharks abound. The latter species are generally found in the law offices and saloons. Suckers are easily caught, but sharks are a game fish and bite at nothing but beefsteak.

BUSINESS.

Stores and shops surround the public square of Orleans and fringe the street leading to the depot. Live men, full of ideas and enterprise, give vigor to the trade of this town, and there are less sleepy-eyed grumblers here than are generally to be found in this, the country where grumblers have their paradise.

GREAT MEN.

Some of the Orleans family have done deeds of valor that cover their names with imperishable fame and others are on the very threshold of greatness, among the latter is my friend and brother L. E. Martin whose facile Faber flings the English language all over the office of the Sentinel.

And then Judge Kent county judge now, and he is sure of re-election, if sensible men compose the majority of Harlan county voters, for a more efficient, able, honest, hard-working man, never devoted time and talent to the good of the people of a county.

But aside from these men that are going to be great, there are as I said before those who have already achieved greatness.

There is Gen. Geo. H. Roberts, ex-attorney general, the great raiser of thoroughbred stock, (perhaps it was chickens, but it don't matter).

And then there is Tom Harlan the father of the county, from whose ample loins this great land sprang full grown cactuses and all.

Col. J. H. Painter, late acting assistant commissary for that eminent district and judge (of good liquor), Pat. Hawes, was the first postmaster in Harlan county, and he kept office in a sod dug out—now he is—well I don't know what, but suppose his past career is untarnished.

Not belonging with those who have achieved fame, nor exactly with those about to become famous is our own Piper who calls this city home. There is only one thing to prevent our late special traveling correspondent from ascending to the clouds of fame, and that is his name. Had Washington, Jefferson, Jackson or even your humble servant been loaded with such a musical patronomic suggestive of midnight carousals, how could we have climed the dizzy heights.

One of the most famous of the Orleanists is Judge Gaslin, once a homesteader, but as this is now a part of the district of which he is judge we must be careful with our remarks, and yet we must tell it for Judge Gaslin, the blonde beauty, the pride of the bench has fainted in the arms of a Kearney damsel, and the blushing groom will be given away by his father as soon as the apple picking is over. The Judge having however, been a terror to evil-doers, and a protection to all law-abiding citizens for lo, these many years, we can now grant him this indulgence, but be temperate Judge, be temperate.

For business review see sixth page of daily. RANGER.

A TALK WITH LEO HARTMANN.

His Plans for Work in America.

New York Tribune.

Leo Hartman, the Nihilist who arrived in this country Wednesday last, really looks something like the typical conspirator or revolutionist. He is a short little man with a small head and small hands. His hair, which is of light color, is cut closely and stands out in all directions from his head. He wears a full beard which is of the same tint. His eyes are particularly keen and bright and are continually dancing from one object to another. Being of a nervous temperment he is all the time changing his position, and when engaged in conversation he smokes one cigarette after another rapidly, rolling them with his fingers. One can see by his dress that an attempt is made to appear as little like a foreigner as possible. Yesterday, when talking to a Tribune reporter, he wore a black alpaca coat, a low cut white waistcoat and mixed gray trowsers.

When asked if he was willing to disclose his mission to this country he replied that he was only too glad to have an opportunity of telling the story of the wrongs of the Russian people.

"You ask what brings me to this country," Hartmann continued. "It is the desire to gain the sympathy of the American people, for those who are struggling for liberty in Russia. We wish to show that a change of government is necessary. Sympathy, once aroused, will have an influence upon the conservative element in Russia, as well as encourage the revolutionary party. Before coming here I judged from the tone of the newspapers published in this country that the people were little acquainted with nihilism—much less in fact than in conservative England. It has been said that I intended to form a nihilist organization here. This is utterly false. So is the report that Geneva has been made a nihilist centre in Europe."

"Have you any fear of extradition?"

"Not the least," replied the revolutionists, laughing. "The question was never raised at all in England while I was there. It was only on my arrival here that it was raised for the first time. An attempt might be made to kidnap me. Who can tell?"

"Just what is the ulterior object aimed by your party?"

"The term 'Nihilist' is misleading. As you know it was first used by novelists to designate a certain philosophical idea. Those to whom the term is applied are revolutionists. What we wish is a general congress elected by the people to frame a constitution—in a word, a constitutional government. Our party does not want even to lay down a programme for the people. We would oppose nothing that they desired."

"Is the movement gaining ground among the intelligent classes?"

"Decidedly. The desire for freedom is growing among all classes. The Nihilists themselves compose the radical party. He who believes that they are unprincipled, blood thirsty villains is mistaken. They are honorable men without a stain. No, you cannot understand the matter of assassination in this country. But you did not root out the curse of slavery in America without the shedding of blood. Do you think that any ruler will give liberty to his people without a struggle on the part of the people? The czar is the head of the present form of government, and as long as there is no change the people will suffer oppression. It becomes necessary, therefore, to strike at the head."

When Hartmann was questioned concerning the present czar and the policy to be pursued toward him by the revolutionists, he seemed to feel that he was on delicate ground. Speaking about the policy of the present czar he said:

"He has adopted such a policy that it would be difficult for a change to take place—in fact, I do not think it possible. But it is highly probable that after his death an agitation might result in political liberty. You ask if the people will wait patiently until the czar dies a natural death. If there is no change of policy the czar will die; and if his successor pursues a similar policy he will be killed; and so on. There were eight attempts upon the life of the last czar. But if all countries would show an active interest in the subject of reform in Russia the terrorists would no longer pursue this policy. It would not be necessary. If we depended solely upon terrorism for bringing about a revolution I would have some doubts of success. But the misery of the poople is increasing day by day, and the spirit of revolt is increasing with the weight of their burdens. It a change is not brought about vast territories in the country will become depopulated, the percentage of deaths being greatly in excess of that of births. There is not only political oppression but social oppression. The peasants are not able to pay their taxes with the whole of their incomes, to say nothing of supporting their families. There is a great difference between the social problem in Russia and those that have arisen in other countries. In Russia there is no middle class, and consequently the oppression of the government falls directly upon the working classes. It is a struggle between them and the government, you see. Therefore, to gain liberty you must practically annihilate the government."

"Are means still used to make the people ripe for revolt?"

"We are endeavoring all the time to educate them by means of pamphlets, treatises and other documents. The party that has this work in hand is much greater than the extremists or terrorists. It is my purpose to publish soon in this country secret government documents showing the difference between the laws of Russia and the actual administration of them. Here is an example: Certains laws were made concerning public schools, but the minister of public instruction sent out secret circulars that directly prevented the laws from being carried out."

In conclusion Hartmann said that he wished everybody to understand that he did not intend to organize any socialistic or nihilistic party in this country. All he desired to accomplish was to make known the condition of the people in Russia in the hope of enlisting intelligent sympathy. While this was his plan in general, he had not, as yet, arranged the details. Meetings would be held in this city and in other parts of the country, and he intended to publish a number of articles. His stay here, he said, he did not think would be long.

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Alas Alphonso.

Kansas City Journal.

The handsome Alphonso Grebel, who has caused the hearts of so many of the fair ladies to flutter when he was seen cantering up the fashionable streets on a $20 pony, last week departed for fresh fields to conquer. In leaving he did not stop to say good bye, and it was rumored that before he left he relieved his bosom friend, Mr. A. Schaeffer, of 1013 Main street, of a fine gold watch and a silver mounted revolver, besides owing him four or five hundred dollars which he had borrowed from him during their acquaintance.

A Journal reporter called on Mr. Schaeffer at his place of business yesterday, and found him very reticent in regard to the matter. In answer to the reporter's questions he said: "I do not like to say anything in regard to the matter, I only know my trunk was broken open last week and a watch and pistol taken out. I do not know whether Grebel took them or not, but hardly think he would act that way toward me, for we have always been the best of friends. I have received a letter from him since his departure in which he says he will return in two months, or as soon as he can get rested, and take charge of his classes once more. That is all I know about it, the only fault I find with him is, that he did not tell me he was going away. I think he will return and that all his business will be fixed up satisfactorily to all concerned."

It is said that among his debts is one due a Main street saddler for saddles, amounting to nearly $300, and one due G. Y. Leveridge for stable rent for his fiery chargers.

Mr. Grebel has a strange history. He was at one time an officer in the French army, stationed in Algiers, under his uncle, who was a general in command of a division. He deserted, was captured, and only escaped death by the interference of powerful friends. He came to Kansas City about three years ago, and has been here most of the time since. His chief occupation has been giving riding lessons to young ladies, and he has also taught French at the young ladies' seminary at the corner of Tenth and Washington streets.

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