

The Vinton Eagle.

VINTON, IOWA, APRIL 12, 1871.

Local Department.

New Advertisements.

H. M. WILSON—Sheriff's Sale. CONKLIN & ST. CLAIR—Original Notice. J. W. FAIRBANKS—Pump Manufactory. STIER & HOWELL—Clothing. W. B. VAN HORN—Liquor License. W. M. LOREY—Liquor License. A. A. WERTZ—Sawmill. B. R. SHERMAN—Legal Notice. AUGUSTUS TAYLOR—For Rent or Sale. Numerous Local.

STRAWBERRIES are in bloom in Vinton. THE LEADING QUESTION—Did the freeze, Monday night, kill the fruit? WAXMAN & KRESSLY have begun to measure cloth over their new cutters.

MR. S. L. THATCHER has our thanks for the nice lemons left on our table the other day.

REAR T. TOBIN is pushing forward the work on the foundation for his academy. The walls are up about four feet.

D. D. SMITH's refrigerator is an excellent place to go for ice cream and for cream soda.

MR. CONCORD is in his new quarters, not fully settled, but settling as fast as possible.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—We intended to say something about our Teachers' Institute held here last week, but we have room only to say that it was a success.

RETURNED.—We are glad to see Judge Conklin upon our streets again, he having returned from the Water Cure, somewhat improved in health.

COPIES OF THE EAGLE, in wrappers, can be had at the office, at five cents each, at fifty cents per dozen. Send the paper to your friends in the East.

JUNE TWENTY-FIRST is the time fixed for the meeting of the Republican State Convention, at St. Louis. Benton county is entitled to twelve delegates in the convention.

SUMNER AND HARRIS.—Senator Harris made a speech in the Senate, the other day, in reply to Sumner's attack upon the President. We purpose publishing it next week.

AT THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the M. E. Church, in this place, which occurred on Sabbath, the 2d inst., two hundred and thirty persons partook of the communion.

THE POOR HOUSE AND FAIRM.—Our Supervisors express themselves as fully satisfied with the judicious management at the poor farm, under its new superintendent, T. W. Lowe Esq.

NEWS IN ABUNDANCE, but we haven't room this week. A Ku-Klux bill has passed the House, by a vote of 118 to 91. Connecticut is all right. Paris will probably suffer another siege. Frenchmen against Frenchmen.

DOUBLE IT UP.—Should any one have occasion to refer to the surprise party at Mr. Tildford's, mentioned last week, just double our figures as to numbers present. Double the pleasure and fun too if you choose.

DIED, on Monday night, 10th inst., Mrs. Shaffer, who leaves a family of seven children, the oldest of whom is about sixteen. Mrs. S. was a widow, in her fortieth year, a member of the M. E. Church. The funeral took place yesterday at 3 P. M. from the M. E. Church Rev. G. W. Brinkley preached the sermon.

VINTON, April 5th, 1871. Central Committee met at the Court House pursuant to appointment. A quorum not being present, they adjourned, adjourning the 21st day of May, at 2 o'clock P. M. for their meeting.

JAMES KYLE. A. H. HILDEBRAND.

TROWN FROM A WAGON.—Mrs. Stuart, living east of town, while passing up Jefferson street, on Saturday evening last, was thrown from the wagon, falling heavily upon one shoulder. It is thought no serious injury will result.

Capt. Pickering and his son, were also thrown from a wagon, one day last week. No serious injury.

PERSONAL.—J. R. Stewart, Esq., Superintendent of Common Schools for Tama county, favored us with a call last week while in attendance at the Institute.

Mr. Henry Frost, of Belle Plaine, also looked in upon us.

On Monday afternoon, Col. Wilson, cousin of our worthy sheriff, Capt. H. M. Wilson, sat with us a few moments. Mr. Wilson is in the law practice at Sioux City.

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WIND STORM.—We would like to see mortgage strong enough to have held real estate on Saturday last. In the morning the wind was in a southeasterly direction, and a few drops of rain fell about six o'clock; a little later the wind veered to the southwest and blew the clouds all away, rising gradually in force till a little after noon, becoming a perfect gale, clouds of dust eddied and whirled through our streets at a fearful rate, almost blinding and subduing both man and beast. Every crack and cranny admitted the flying dust, and at night stores and dwelling houses looked up as if the siftings of ages had collected upon them. Towards evening the wind abated somewhat, shifting to the west and northwest, and the mercury sunk some thirty or forty degrees in a few hours. The "oldest inhabitant" says he never saw the like; Sunday was cold with the wind northwest—Sunday night shifting to the northeast, and a heavy rain fell Monday morning. The dust in our streets is fixed now, but our dust though it came from away down south somewhere, ours has gone up north.

NORMAL MUSIC ACADEMY.—An effort is now on foot to secure the location of Prof. Palmer's Normal Musical Academy for the Northwest, at Vinton, to be held four weeks, commencing in the latter part of July. Prof. J. H. Dunn, now engaged by the Musical Association, on Monday night last introduced the subject to the Association, and it was determined to make an effort to secure its location here. It is required that the people of Vinton furnish thirty pupils, or the equivalent, at five dollars each, as a basis; also, it is expected that they will furnish suitable rooms for the daily exercises of the school. On these conditions, Mr. Palmer, with a corps of efficient teachers, proposes to make our town his point for the coming summer. Shall we have the Academy here? Does the musical talent of Vinton need culture? We think we can secure its location, and we are further of the opinion that no town, for miles around, needs culture in local music more than does Vinton. The singing in more than one church is distracting; horrible. Let us have the Academy. Our school house will not be in the way at the time proposed, and surely we can find thirty pupils in and around Vinton. Quite a number have already pledged themselves.

"STAGIRING OFF."—While on a visit to Janesville, in Bremer county, one day last week, we had the pleasure of participating in a genuine, old-fashioned, "sugar off." In that county, on the Cedar, is a large body of timber known as the "big woods," in which the sugar maple abounds, yielding largely to the destructive action of the flames. People ought to know better than to have fires in their yards during such wind storms as that.

Since writing the above, we learn that several fires occurred in the county, on the same day.

A HANDSOME PRESENT.—On Monday afternoon, Mr. F. M. Pratt, proprietor of the Washington Street Bakery, presented us with a large, delicious, and exquisitely ornamented cake, for which we hereby and herewith tender our thanks. That Mr. P.'s baker thoroughly understands his business needs no further proof, so far as we are concerned. However, should any one else be incredulous upon the question, let them examine the large and beautiful cake on exhibition in the show window of the bakery aforesaid.

THE INSTITUTE FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.—What an outlandish name! But no matter now. We had the pleasure of visiting the institution last week, and were shown through most of the departments, which we found in most excellent order—best as a place, with every thing, apparently, done in season. We would like to enter somewhat into detail, but our space this week will not permit. At some future time we purpose doing so.

The board of trustees held a meeting last week, but we have learned of the transaction no business, particularly interesting to the public.

MONEY IN THE FIST.—The law imposing a tax upon the gross income of railroads, put into the State treasury, for the benefit of our county, for the year 1870, \$24,840.00, of which the Northwestern pays \$2,840.42, and the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota pays \$21,999.58. This is somewhat above the amount paid last year.

PHOTOGRAPHY.—Mr. S. L. Thatcher informs us that he has procured a supply of seed for his own use, of "Judson's New Branching Corn." One man raised this variety 267 stalks, and 2738 good sized ears, from 555 grains planted. Mr. T. is planting considerable of the corn this spring, and expects to have samples of his own raising at our county fair and at the State fair, the coming fall.

SOCIABLE.—On Wednesday night of last week a very large and pleasant social gathering occurred at the residence of Mr. Williams. An invitation was extended to the members of the Teachers' Institute, quite a number of whom were present. By 8 o'clock, the number participating in the pleasant affair is estimated at one hundred and fifty.

COMPLIMENTARY.—We take the following complimentary notice from the Belle Plaine Union, of last week: "While in Vinton, recently we had business in Steadman Bros.' store, and though it was an exceedingly dull day for trade we noticed they were not without customers. There is not only one of the oldest mercantile houses in Vinton, but has fairly won the land in business by honorable and fair dealing,