

Death of Gov. Cumming.

Of our painful duty to announce the death of Hon. THOMAS B. CUMMING, Secretary of Nebraska, and acting Governor (Governor Richardson being absent in Illinois.) He died at his residence in Omaha City, on Thursday, March 23d.

It affords us pleasure to say in regard to the late Gov. Cumming, that from an intimate acquaintance of two years with him, we have rarely met with a man of more brilliant intellect, natural qualifications for official positions, sociability, benevolence, generosity and goodness of heart. That he had faults none will deny - and who has them not? Notions! He is gone, however, but his errors be buried with him, but his virtues imitated; for he had those worthy of imitation. His generous and benevolent impulses, if possible, almost amounted to a fault. His native talents, acquirements, and general knowledge of public affairs, had few, if any superiors in the West.

His wife - a most accomplished lady, indeed - mourns the loss of a most kind and affectionate husband. She has the heartfelt sympathies of all who had the good fortune to know them both.

Our Omaha correspondent "Wawkee," in another column, gives a condensed history of Governor Cumming, since his arrival in this Territory, and also an account of the funeral obsequies on the 24th at the Capitol.

Nemaha County.

We have repeatedly spoken of our county together with the many flourishing towns to be found within its limits. It is uncontroversially true that less attempts have been made to bring it into notice than any other in the Territory; and yet we have progressed equal to, if not in advance of any region west of the Mississippi river; at least within the confines of the Territory of Nebraska.

Those doubting these assertions are the locality hereabouts, and they will have ocular evidence of our rapid transition from a wild, unbroken waste, to those indispensable requirements that contribute to the pleasures and comforts of life.

It seems almost like a dream to us, so wonderfully rapid the change! Where so recently the rude and unsymmetrical "Wigwam" stood, can be seen the neat cottage of the pioneer; and instead of the piercing shriek of the savage, go forth the soft, musical, joyous sounds of civilization. Our beautiful lands everywhere are dotted over with settler's homes, many of which would be ornaments to our older countries. Persons coming for the first time into our county cannot help being astonished to see the comfort and substantial character of our improvements. Many of our prominent farmers have under fence and in cultivation the whole of their farms - being one hundred and sixty acres. This is forcible and convincing argument, that our county is striving (not without bright prospects) for agricultural laurels. In an agricultural point, she is destined to be hailed as the "Banner county" of Nebraska.

Nemaha county possesses inducements to all classes of men. The man who desires a home - it matters not what his avocation - cannot do better than by settling at some of the points in Nemaha county. We say this from a full conviction of the truth of our remarks; feeling confident no one will ever have cause to regret so doing. Our land is proverbially prolific, bringing forth crops of all kinds without much cultivation. The cost of raising a crop is at least, one third, less than in many of the States. Our winters are mild, springs beautiful, summers pleasant, and falls delightful. Stock of all description easily kept during all seasons of the year. As for health, no country can boast of better. The atmosphere is pure - free from all causes of disease - none or very little land denominated marsh, or inundated, from which miasmata are exhaled, can be found in the country. We have no local causes of disease, and therefore, must conclude from this, and the fact that we have very little sickness, that this is a country remarkable for good health.

Here we have a highly productive soil, an abundance of excellent water, a climate healthy, and altogether agreeable - making, in our opinion as desirable a portion of country as any in the West.

We number upwards of three thousand and inhabitants. Our citizens are mostly from the Eastern and Northern States. Ohio and Indiana are probably more numerously represented, in this county, than any other States. With but few exceptions, our population consists of energetic, intelligent, industrious, temperate, and moral citizens. There is less drunkenness, less immoral and disorderly behavior than can be found in any new country we have ever heard of or seen.

Religious services are had at many places in the county as regularly as the Sabbath rolls around. In this place we have the gospel dispensed to us by the Methodist, United Brethren, Christian Church, and Presbyterians. We have a day school, under the supervision of a worthy and highly competent teacher, which is crowded by scholars. In respect to educational advances our country stands in the foremost rank, which few will

discovered by reference to the last report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Territory. And, who would have prophesied, yes, who dreamed that in so short a time we would be the recipients of such manifold blessings and privileges? Truly, we live in a progressive age.

Then, let us carefully ponder of such "matters and things," briefly adverted to, we ask, do we not possess sufficient advantages to induce the thousands swarming the streets of Northern, Eastern and Southern cities and towns to accept of a home of their own in the beautiful and healthy West. Most certainly we are amply justified by these facts in saying to all classes of men wishing to make a support for themselves and to enjoy it afterwards, to make up your minds and start immediately for Nemaha county, Nebraska Territory. There is room enough yet left, for all who may come.

Democracy.

There seems at this date to be the most adverse opinions as to the literal meaning of the word which we have placed at the head of this article. It has been remarked that many presses of the present age, in the North are disposed to interpret it to mean pro-slavery, and that a man, claiming to be a democrat, is suspected of being a friend to the South and an enemy to the North, and vice versa.

Again, it is supposed, unless the views of the particular man who happens to fill the Presidential Chair, are not received with favor, and swallowed with avidity, it is wholly undemocratic, and that all dissenters to these views must be decapitated and kicked out of the party. Is this a proper conception of Democracy? Let us on this question be placed upon such a glorious word.

Democracy can never be, by force of circumstances, or anything else, changed or made to mean more than the "extension of the right of suffrage to all classes of men."

This is a Democratic principle, and we must not abandon it because it has not been enforced as fully as it might be. The supreme power belongs to the people. In them resides the controlling influence. If this is vitiated or wrested from their hands such is not Democracy.

The rights of the people must be respected. We unflinchingly submit when our rights are properly cared for, our voice heeded, and the power lodged in the masses, where pure Democracy will ever be content to let it remain.

Court House and Jail.

In this age of public improvement would it not be well for the citizens of this place, especially, to put on foot some project for the construction of suitable public buildings? True, our citizens have evinced a spirit of enterprise no where equalled except in the West, in the erection of many buildings of public benefit, and we are convinced they will not lack in liberality when called upon for aid in any cause wherein the interest of the county is involved.

Nemaha county is as densely settled as any county in Nebraska, and the time for making some provision for public buildings has most surely arrived. The necessity of such buildings cannot be questioned, daily it is talked of, at all times, and in all places, it is said how much we need a Court House and Jail.

For one moment just consider the money that would be saved to the county if buildings of the above character were constructed. Suppose this matter had been taken into hand and successfully carried through only twelve months ago would we not have escaped a heavy debt imposed upon us by sentinels or guards which had to be placed over a distinguished son of Ethiopia? Another case or two may serve to awaken our citizens to a sense of the necessity of immediate action in the matter of building, at least a jail.

The past winter our county has had the expenses of a lunatic or a kind of monomaniac to assume. He resided for several months with our worthy probate judge, R. J. Whitney, we do not know the amount necessarily incurred in taking care of, providing attendants, &c., but presume it would pay for a handsome lot of material for a jail. Another instance, William Hays had we believe four or five refractory citizens under his charge, who would not give bail for their appearance at our next term of District Court. The bail was small, the expense, doubtless, for keeping them will more than double it.

If called for, a variety of causes might be enumerated to show that the interest of the county unquestionably demands the early erection of a suitable building in which to confine those few persons who defy the authority of our laws, and the power of our officers. The characters alluded to, we rejoice to say, are like "angels' visits, few and far between," and we feel authorized to predict if a jail was erected and ready for the reception of guests our county would thenceforth be relieved from many a debt which we must still continue to assume until this is done.

We believe an appropriate place or prison would turn out a highly peace-making and profitable institution to the county.

We are mild and beautiful. The river is still rising.

Times are Hard.

Certainly they are! Money is scarce. In fact there is none in circulation in a manner, and it becomes all classes of men to act upon the principle of "live and let live." This thing of harassing each other to death under existing circumstances, is all folly - folly in the extreme. We know that there are many persons who have money due them, which ought to be paid, and would be, were it not for the fact that they are unable to get the wherewith, even by the payment of exorbitant interest, or the sacrifice of property. The motto should be "Wait a little longer; there's a good time coming."

We believe it. We believe that when spring business and emigration fairly open up we will have easier times, and men will be able to pay "that they owe." Nothing can possibly be gained by coercive measures. To sue, when there is no money, won't collect debts! It only produces bad feeling in communities, and, in most instances, postpones the day of payment. Suppose you sue and execute property, where is your bidder, with cash in hand? Not to be found at present, rest assured of that. And does such proceedings, then, pay the debt? Not at all.

Democratic Convention.

What has become of the question of organizing the Democrats of Nebraska? Probably "Nemaha" can answer, and if so, we would be gratified for the information. The time appointed for a Territorial Convention will soon roll around, and if our salvation as a party depends upon organizing would it not be well for Nemaha county to send delegates to said Convention.

We are not as ardent or zealous in adopting, such a course at this particular time as some of our cotemporaries, but if it must be consummated, if the interests of the cause absolutely and positively demand it, we will cheerfully, warmly, and willingly contribute our mite to the successful consolidation of the party. Reserving one proviso, however, viz: The Cincinnati Platform must constitute the basis of the organization!

Lecompton Constitution.

We have reliable information by a private letter from Washington, of a recent date, that Kansas will be admitted under the Lecompton Constitution. The die is cast, and it is perfectly useless longer to contend otherwise. We shall never be able, however, to look at this act in any other light than that the boasted Democratic doctrine of non-intervention in moulding the institutions of a Territory will thus be flagrantly violated. There are great constitutional landmarks by which the blessings of liberty and law are perpetuated. Break down these barriers against party enactments, and the future, we are forced to confess, looks dark.

An interesting case came off last week, before the Recorder's Court in this city. It seems Dr. J. B. Chapman became enamored, last fall with a beautiful and accomplished, young lady by the name of Miss Little. It seems her charms were so overpowering, as to cause the Doctor to importune, her greatly to join him in the holy bonds of wedlock. The Doctor being old near 60, and she young and beautiful, she required him to advance her a bonus on the promise of marriage. To this the Doctor readily consented, and made over to her according to his account \$9,000 worth of property, she declined marrying him, and brings his suit to recover property, alleging that it was obtained through fraudulent pretences. She pleads we learn that the Doctor is a married man, and that she did not learn this until after the courtship. The suit went against the Doctor. Better give it up so. The Doctor has been unfortunate in Kansas. He ran for Congress, at the first election in the Territory, and was defeated as badly as in this court expedition. Better luck next time. - Leavenworth Herald.

Appointment of Cadets.

The following is the list of appointments by the President of the cadets "at large," for 1858: 1. George McKee of Kentucky, whose father was killed in the battle of Buena Vista, leading his regiment to the final conflict. 2. Samuel M. Mansfield, son of Col. Mansfield, who was distinguished for gallant service at Fort Brown, at Monterey, where he was severely wounded, and at Buena Vista. 3. Singleton Van Buren, son of Col. A. Van Buren, late of the army, distinguished in the battles of Cerro Gordo, Contreras and Churubusco. 4. William S. Beebe, who was adopted as the son of his uncle, Captain Casey, during his life - an intelligent, zealous, and highly meritorious officer, who died in service in Florida. 5. George N. Bomford, son of Brevet Lt. Col. Bomford, of the army, distinguished for gallant conduct in the battles of Contreras, and Churubusco, with the storming party at the battle of Molino del Rey, and at the battle of Chapultepec. 6. William H. Betts, son of Lieut. Betts, distinguished and wounded in the battle of Fort Drane, Florida, from the effects of which he died. 7. Charles C. Suter, son of Assistant Surgeon Suter, formerly of the army, who was distinguished in the battle of Contreras, and died soon after in the city of Mexico. 8. William Bartlett, son of Professor Bartlett, a zealous, accomplished and highly valuable officer of the Military Academy, who has contributed as much to the efficiency of the institution as any other officer connected with it. 9. Roland S. McKenzie, son of the late Captain McKenzie of the Navy, who died in the service. 10. John R. Blocker, brother of Sergeant Wm. Blocker, who, from the wounds of his superiors, was in command of his company at the battle of Garetta Bulen, and was killed at the head of his company. The cousin of Col. P. M. Butler, who was killed at the head of his regiment at Churubusco; Whitfield G. Brooks, who died of wounds received at the same time and place, and of Richard Watson, who, after being twice wounded, was shot in the storming party at Chapultepec.

Home Correspondence.

DEAR FURNAS: Since my last we have been called upon to follow to the grave, and mourn the loss of Hon. T. B. Cumming, Secretary and acting Governor of the Territory of Nebraska. He died on the 23d inst., after a continued confinement to his bed, in consequence of sickness and severe pain, for about three months. His funeral took place on Wednesday, the 24th inst., and in order that you may have some conceptions of the number of people present, I will inform you that the procession was all of three-quarters of a mile in length, and it would have been over one mile had the footmen present, generally fallen into the procession.

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Episcopal service was had at the Capitol, by the Rev. Watson, where the remains were borne for the occasion, and where there were assembled, according to the opinion of ministers, and others, accustomed to large congregations, about two thousand persons from Omaha and the surrounding cities.

The order of the procession was about as follows: 1st. Marshal and his aids, 2d. Citizens Escort - composed of volunteer horsemen, assembled for the purpose. 3d. Military Escort - composed of the Council Bluffs Guards, 4th. Ministers, bears, and pall bearers. 5th. Mourners. 6th. United States officers, as follows: Judges, Marshal, District Attorney, Post Masters, Land Officers, &c. 7th. Mayor and City Council. 8th. City Officers. 9th. Citizens and strangers in carriages and otherwise.

The large Territorial cannon was stationed on a hill, south of the Capitol, and was fired from the time of moving from the house till the procession reached the place of interment, and the bell was tolled during the time the procession was moving past the Methodist Church.

I have been thus particular because such burials do not take place in as new a Territory as this very often.

The first official duty he was called on to perform after entering the Territory, was in the capacity of acting Governor, in consequence of the death of Governor Burt, who died shortly after he landed on the shores of Nebraska.

Gov. Cumming continued to perform the gubernatorial duties until the arrival of Gov. Mark W. Izard, during which time he divided the Territory into electoral districts, ordered elections, located the seat of Government of Nebraska, and convened the Legislature, to whom he delivered the first message, which was an able, manly, and independent document, doing great credit to its author.

Several times he has been called upon to act in the same official position, and in consequence of the resignation of Gov. Izard, was again left to perform the last public duty of his life, in delivering a strong, argumentative, and creditable message to the last Legislative Assembly, since which time he has been confined constantly to his room, until he was carried out in death.

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Married.

On Thursday, March 25, by Rev. Mr. Muller, H. H. MARRIS, and Miss MOLLIE J. THOMPSON, all of this place. The happy bride has the thanks of this office for her kind remembrance of the printer. That her own sunny face may be emblematic of an unclouded future, and her bright eyes illumined by a single star in the azure with of her many friends.

We have had the pleasure of announcing the happy union of this happy union, as the most meritorious place of modern matrimony, by a reasonable method of under-draining.

On the 17th of March, at the residence of the bride's mother, New York, by the Rev. Mr. W. W. Walker, Oscar F. LAKE, Esq., of New York, N. Y., and Miss EMILIA A. WOOD, of Tully, N. Y. These two young people have gone and did it. We suppose his personal knowledge of the nearness of time in the western country together with his well known proclivities for speculation induced him to enter into the Wood business and import a sufficient quantity to establish a nursery. He will be so glad this spring in time to make his first sale of the necessary arrangements for transplanting spruce fir trees.

Or may he be heard reading Solomon, and believe in the quotation "Whoever sows a wife sows a good thing, and therefore 'saves it'."

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Bridge Meeting.

Low BRIDGE, Richardson Co., N. T. March 8th, 1858. In pursuance of a call, the citizens of Low Bridge and vicinity, met to discuss the expediency of building a bridge over the Big Nemaha, on a direct line from the Low Bridge settlement to Hoover's Mill near Nemaha. The meeting was called to order by F. Ferguson, G. J. Tinker, was appointed chairman, and A. D. S. Ayres Secretary. The object of the meeting was explained by the chairman, and the following resolutions were adopted: That the citizens of Low Bridge and vicinity, do hereby authorize the undersigned to raise a subscription for the purpose of building a bridge over the Big Nemaha, on a direct line from the Low Bridge settlement to Hoover's Mill near Nemaha. A subscription paper was drawn up and signed by the meeting, and the undersigned were appointed trustees to superintend the building of the bridge. A subscription paper was drawn up and signed by the meeting, and the undersigned were appointed trustees to superintend the building of the bridge.

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