

THE ADVERTISER.

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During the Editor's absence several friends have consented to write occasionally for the *Advertiser*. During such absence, therefore, he will hold himself responsible only for articles over his own signature. "F."

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

OMAHA, N. T.

September 15, 1855.

I arrived here by steamer *Mansfield*, on Sunday afternoon. I may as well speak of this excellent boat just here as at any other time. I found Capt. Lucas all those desirable qualifications necessary to be possessed by a Commander, to render his boat popular with the traveling community. The clerk, Mr. Crassay, may truly be called a "prince of good fellows;" nothing, by him, is left unlooked-after to render his passengers comfortable and agreeable. The table was filled to overflowing with almost everything desirable by the most fastidious epicurean. The *Mansfield* ought to receive a liberal patronage.

I was glad to learn that the *Wadsworth* and *Mansfield* are no longer to leave St. Joseph and this place, on the same day. This upper country needs more than one boat each week, regularly. As it has been heretofore, we have had, really, nothing more. As a new arrangement has been entered into, we need not give our opinion as to which boat was in fault.

I find no great alteration in the appearance of Omaha. She has—owing, no doubt, principally to the excessive hard times—made but little progress in the way of improvement the past year. The same may be said, perhaps, of all other Nebraska towns. Brownville has done better than any other point I have visited.

There is nothing new, or particularly interesting transpiring here. Hotel preparations are being made to accommodate members and visitors during the session of the Legislature, commencing on Tuesday next. The *HAMILTON HOUSE*, where I am for the present sojourning, is most excellently kept by Mr. Clegg. The new Hot 1 is being opened, and will be ready to receive patrons next week. It is kept by Mr. Keene, of whom and the house I shall write again.

A few members elect of the Legislature have arrived; not a sufficient number, however, to warrant a formation of an opinion as to the shape matters will assume. The question as to who are entitled to seats at this session, in the Council, whether the old or newly elected members of the Council, is talked of. There is most certainly a nice point for division, whether the two years for which Councilmen are elected commences on the day of election, or the time of taking upon themselves the oath of office; or whether two forty day sessions constitute the two years. I presume the latter will be conceded at all events, and no trouble arise.

By publication day you will undoubtedly have for publication, the organization of the two houses. At present Gen. Bowles is the prominent candidate for President of the Council, and Judge Bissell for Speaker of the House.

The Hon. A. J. Porfolios, owing to ill health, has resigned the office of Mayor of this City, and the City Council have appointed Hon. George Armstrong to fill the vacancy. Mr. Armstrong's appointment gives general satisfaction. He will, no doubt, make an excellent officer.

The postponement of the Land Sales in Nebraska, does not give general satisfaction to the *city* citizens here. The country people, and those of the towns in the interior, I learn, are well pleased.

The "Gold fever" prevails here to a considerable extent; principally "Pike's Peak;" some little "Frazier River." One company has already left for the former point, and one or two others fitting out. I am inclined to think much more favorably of the gold prospects since the reception of the latest news from the diggings. If half that has been told be true there is much to encourage.

Secretary Morris and his family came up on the *Mansfield*, and have taken rooms at the *Farnam House*. Morton takes hold of matters in his office with the determination evidently of "doing his best." He says his motto shall be, "Be sure you are right, then go ahead!" He has the benefit of a rodden path before him in performing the duties of his office, and besides consults freely the Departments at Washington, upon doubtful points. He intends, I am told, to claim the right of *appointing* a Public Printer, instead of allowing the Legislature to choose, as has been done heretofore. He perhaps does possess that power yet such is almost without precedent—entirely so in this Territory—and cannot fail to cause complaint. He and the aspirants for it.

The Secretary has received instructions from the Department, that "under no consideration whatever, will any portion of the expenses attending the Florence session be allowed. So this ends that matter, and leaves the "Mormon members" twenty-four dollars each out of pocket. "A good joke."

There will, most likely be no Convention held on the 19th for the purpose of recommending a suitable person to succeed Gov. Richards in the Democratic Territorial Central Committee, meet on the 22d, and may take some action in the matter. Judge Black appears to meet with almost universal favor. F.

The Gold Fever.

Almost always, in every community, there is some subject, which, more than all others, engrosses public attention—sometimes it is scandal, sometimes a tragedy, or something else interesting only in particular localities. At other times it is something exciting more general interest. Here, a few weeks ago, the subject most conversed about, was "The Election," after that was over, it was "The Land Sales," and the anticipated suffering resulting therefrom, since the land sales have been postponed it has been.

Gold! Gold! Pike's Peak! Gold!

Gold!

It would be incredible amounting to absurdity, longer to doubt the existence of Gold on the Eastern slopes of the mountains, both in this Territory and Kansas. Letters have been received from there by citizens in almost every town west of the Mississippi River, all confirming the report of the discoveries. The excitement in every town on the Missouri river, from Sioux City to St. Louis is up to fever heat. Emigrants are starting for the diggings by dozens and scores from almost every point. Every town on the River, of any importance, from Omaha to Kansas City, claims, through its papers, to be the proper point of departure for all emigrants going from the Missouri river to Pike's Peak. The columns of most of our exchanges are monopolized, to a great extent, by articles concerning Pike's Peak. The last number of the *Nebraska City News* comes with the column under the Editorial head illuminated with flaming capitals from which we extract the following sentences:

"The Border towns depopulated!"
"The Mayor of Nebraska City starts for the Gold Mines."
"Lieutenant R. H. Miller starts for the Gold Mines."
"The Hon. James H. Decker leaves for the Gold Regions," &c., &c.
We give a few extracts from letters received from the "Mines" and their vicinity. The following is from a letter from C. J. Terrell, Esq., to Lieut. Miller:

"The mines as far as discovered are very spottish but of rich deposits of course Gold. This is the third report since 1856 relative to this discovery. The Indians, thus far, have proved too formidable for small parties at present."

A large party is organizing at Laramie for thorough prospecting party.—

Among the number is Mr. H. L. Kimball, of Sonora, Mo., formerly conductor of the St. Joseph & Salt Lake Mail route.

Whether this is the same locality as previously reported I am unable to say.

This is in latitude between 40 and 41 degrees north, and longitude 29 west; a little south of Cheyenne Pass.

Whether like others I shall stampede on my arrival at Laramie, I am undetermined. I will advise you more particularly from Laramie.

Yours respectfully, C. J. T.

P. S. Since writing the above we met Mr. Martin en route for the States, with a band of Flat Head horses, who confirms the foregoing, and reports the excitement on the increase at Laramie. We were last night visited by about three hundred Sioux Indians; five trains being encamped together, we saw no hostile demonstrations, but a disposition to beg or steal.

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The following we clip from the *Rail Guide*:

"Our fellow townsmen, Messrs. Martin and Kenealy, have just returned from the Plate Bridge. They bring news of the discovery of gold upon the South Plate, about 100 miles above the crossing, on a stream known as Cherry Creek.

Ten persons went out for the purpose of prospecting in the early part of the season, and succeeded in finding gold at the above named place. They are washing out \$10 to \$15 per day, per man, with a common pan. Several persons have visited the mines, and are satisfied that they are very rich; have gone to the States to procure an outfit, with which to return to the diggings. Messrs. Martin and Kenealy have brought with them a small specimen of gold dust, a part of which is now in our possession. They obtained it from a person who had visited the diggings in order to satisfy himself, and is going to the States to procure an outfit, and will return to the mines immediately.

The St. Joseph Gazette of the 18th has the following:

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General Larimer and Judge Hemmings-

way, bankers, at the head, will leave on

the 25th to spend the winter in the mines.

Reports from the mines are flattering.

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Political.

The canvass in Illinois is exciting intense interest throughout the Union. In the West and Northwest, Democrats—both "Lecompton" and "anti-Lecompton,"—almost universally sympathize with Douglas; but the Washington Union, and many Southern Democratic journals, are exerting all their influence to defeat him; assigning as a reason therefor, that Douglas, if elected, could injure the Administration, and the Democratic party, far more than the most ultra Abolitionist. They advocate the policy of voting for neither Douglas nor Lincoln, but for Judge Breese, or some other Administration Democrat.

There are six Administration papers in Illinois, which have not yet gone into the support of Douglas—several of them openly oppose him. The Louisville Journal advises the Know-Nothings of Illinois not to vote for men for the Legislature who will support Douglas. Blair, Brown, and Bernstein, the leaders of the Benton men, alias Black Republicans, of St. Louis, are stamping Egypt to defeat him. But notwithstanding all the influences that are brought to bear against the "Little Giant," his chances for being elected are better than Lincoln's, and are improving every day.

The State Democratic Convention in California, has in the resolutions passed, censured the strongest language, Senator Broderick for his course in Congress with respect to the Lecompton Constitution. He occupied the same position with Douglas in Congress many years. His defeat may be regretted by Abolitionists in New England, but will not be by many of the Black Republicans in the West.

Banks have been re-nominated for Governor, by the Republicans of Massachusetts. Joshua R. Giddings has been defeated before the Republican nominating convention, in the 21st Congressional district of Ohio. This surprises people everywhere. It was thought that he owned all northeastern Ohio, and especially his own Congressional district. He has been in Congress many years. His defeat may be regretted by Abolitionists in New England, but will not be by many of the Black Republicans in the West.

Tom Corwin has been nominated for Congress by the Republicans of the Sixth Congressional District of Ohio, one of the strongest Republican Districts in the Union.

He says he is a "good Republican," but he does not stand squarely

on their platform. They do not sup-

port him heartily in his district. Since

the demise of the Whig party he has

stood aloof from politics. Some claim

him as being now a "sound Democrat."

He will be an honor to the House of Rep-

resentatives for his talents and

success in Congress.

Yours &c., Doctor Goettrom.

For the Advertiser.

"Doctors."

Mr. EDITOR:

I wish to make a few remarks on a communication in last week's Advertiser, headed "Doctor." The writer asks can every man be a "Doctor," and then launches forth his belief that every man can, and gives us his mode of operating, which in fact is the mode by which most "Doctors" in a new country like this earn the title.

I am one, alive to the greatness of which persons, wearing the semblance of humanity, practice on a too credulous public, by palming themselves off as persons well skilled in medicine, when they are really killing their unfortunate patients

as skillfully as a quack.

Dwight says of him,

"He shudders not to destroy life, either

by the naked knife, or by the surer or safer medium of empiricism."

So much for an empiric. Now let us hear about the "Quack." Bader in his Hudibris says of him, "she is one who boasts, who talks noisy and ostentatiously as a pretender to medical skill, when he has none." Felton describes him as "A boaster; one who pretends to skill, which he does not possess." Addison calls him "an ignorant practitioner." While Webster describes a "Humbug" as a person who practices an imposition, under fair pretences; one who deceives.

Yet there are people who will give themselves up to their families in the hands of such wholesale murderers.—Men who go about like roaring lions, seeking whom they may devour," who for a paltry trifle, will prostitute the gifts of God to man's destruction. On their own heads let their sins fall; but may God in his mercy save the people from this tribe of impostors. But enough—we will not reddent the picture; God knows it is gory enough already.

Now let us see what a "Doctor" is?

Webster defines him, "A teacher" or

"Instructor" or "Master."

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