

Local & Miscellaneous.

From unavoidable causes, we are several days behind our usual time of publication.

FIRE!—THE BENTON HOUSE IN RUINS!—Loss \$15,000!—It becomes our duty to record one of the most disastrous configurations that has ever occurred in Bellevue.

About 9 o'clock, on Sunday morning, Nov. 5th, the Benton House was discovered to be on fire, in the ceiling, near the stove pipe, over the second story. The alarm was immediately given, but the flames were soon seen issuing from the roof. The citizens were immediately on the ground, making every effort to subdue the raging elements.

Every possible means were used to subdue the flames, but without success, and in an hour from the time the alarm was given, the building was a mass of smouldering ruins.

The total loss cannot be far from \$15,000. There was no insurance on the building or furniture.

The Hotel was owned and kept by J. F. Coffman, and the loss, we fear, will be a disastrous one to him. Mr. Coffman receives the sympathy of our citizens, and we hope they will extend to him that material aid, which he so much deserves.

The boarders will suffer more or less, by this calamity, in the destruction of many little articles, which, in themselves, are of no great value, except to their owners.

The fire originated as near as we can learn, from a stove pipe, which passed through the floor, over the second story. If a sufficient quantity of water, could have been readily obtained, the building might have been saved.

The barn belonging to the Hotel, situated a short distance in the rear, was only saved by keeping the roof continually wet.

Our citizens are deserving of much praise, for the assistance they rendered in saving the furniture, &c.

The Benton House was built of wood, for the town company, at a cost of \$10,000, and has been occupied little over a year. It was one of the largest Hotels in the Territory, and its destruction is not only a great calamity to its proprietor, but to the town, and the traveling public.

We doubt not, however, that measures will be taken to erect another in its place, early in the coming spring.

Since the above was in type, a meeting of our citizens has been held, where it was resolved to erect another building for a hotel, forthwith. Much spirit and animation prevailed. Two thousand dollars were subscribed on the spot, towards carrying out the resolution of the meeting. A building committee was appointed and on Thursday morning, hands are to be on the spot, engaged in actual service. The meeting adjourned, to meet again on Wednesday evening.

We have been furnished with full proceedings of the meeting, by the Secretary, but for want of room, we are compelled to omit it.

Alfred Mathias, of Plattford, has been appointed by the Governor of Pennsylvania, a Commissioner of Deeds, for that State, for this Territory.

BALL AT LARIMER.—The large two story Hotel at Larimer, will be opened next Thursday. A Ball will be given in the evening, and from the preparations being made, we judge it will be a magnificent affair. A general invitation is extended.

The Bellevue Debating Association, will meet at the School House, Friday Evening Oct. 13th.

Read the new advertisements in to-day's paper. No room for particulars.

We are indebted to C. C. Woolworth, Book Seller, at Omaha, for the New York Family Herald, Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, Ballou's Pictorial, and Harper's Weekly. Mr. Woolworth has for sale a large variety of standard and miscellaneous works, stationery, and all of the most important periodicals of the day. Remember him. Store on Farnham street.

Our friends in Omaha, will always find the Bellevue Gazette, at Woolworth's Book Store. Price 5 cents per copy.

RIVER NEWS.—The steamer Hesperian, arrived Oct. 31st. The St. Marys, Nov. 3d. The Watossa, Nov. 5th.

The following boats are advertised to leave St. Louis, for points above:—Admiral, Oct. 29th; Isabella, Oct. 29th; Ben Bolt, Oct. 30th; Omaha, Oct. 31st.

The splendid steamer Florida, Capt. Baldwin, arrived at our wharf last evening, Nov. 10th, leaving quite an amount of freight, as well as passengers. The Captain and his gentlemanly clerk, Mr. Johnson, are courteous and efficient officers, and well deserves the patronage of the traveling public. St. Louis papers received.

Extra Copies of the Gazette for sale. Five Cents per Copy.

After an elapse of two months, the Dakota Herald, comes to us, much improved in its mechanical appearance. It is now one of the neatest papers published in Nebraska. We recognize, as its publisher, our old and esteemed friend, John L. Dailey; and with his regular habits, the patrons of the Herald, can be assured that that institution, hereafter, will be run according to "time table."

The Glenwood Times office, has been purchased by J. & J. R. Tyson, who have commenced the publication of the Glenwood Weekly Union. It makes a much better appearance, than the late Times.

We have received the second number of the Cass County Sentinel, published and edited by E. Giles, at Rock Bluffs, N. T.

BARNUM ONCE MORE.—The Stamford (Cl.) Advocate says:

It is certainly with pleasure that we announce the probable fact that P. T. Barnum is again 'on his legs'; that he is today a richer man than he was before his connection with the Jerome clock company. It is said that he has bought all the claims against himself for from five to twenty-five cents on the dollar, with the exception of some \$15,000 held in and about Danbury which he will probably have to pay in full. The whole of the vast property assigned by him for the benefit of his creditors has again passed into his hands, and he is now re-furnishing and re-fitting 'Iranistan' in good style for his future and permanent residence.

A ROMANCE ON THE RIVER.—A MARRIAGE ON THE FLORIDA ON HER MAIDEN TRIP.—On the 10th inst., as the fine steamer Florida was about starting on her maiden trip from Omaha to St. Louis, a tall, gaunt fellow of about twenty-six autumns came on board with a blooming country girl, of apparently not more than fourteen gentle summers. He informed the clerk that she was his sister, and so timorous that it would be necessary that they should occupy a state room together. The clerk saw that their mutual concern was deeply sincere, and assigned them a room—once next the captain's—registering them as Mr. Barbour and sister. The subject being incidentally mentioned to the captain, J. H. Baldwin, he remembered that a young lady much resembling his fair passenger had come on board to see them away. The statement of the kind brother that they had no relatives in that part of the country, and were bound to Joliet, therefore excited his suspicion. A plan was formed, which resulted in converting suspicion into certainty.

The captain, whose heart is in the right place consulted with his officers, and it was resolved unanimously that the pair should be wedded. The happy intelligence was communicated to the parties in the most considerate and appropriate manner. They were called into the cabin and their mutual delightful destiny unfolded. The young lady at once rushed to her fraternal companion's arms with more than sisterly fervor, crying "Oh, Jim, didn't I tell you we couldn't pass for brother and sister?" and clung to him in a transport of grief and joy.

It was evident that she would perform, without prompting, her part of the marriage ceremony, but he appeared to think her "too willing." He was however, informed succinctly of the captain's ultimatum—he must marry her, or one should be landed one side of the river, and the other upon the opposite side. To this he seemed not unwilling to assent. His Hero, however, would not trust her Leander across the Mississippi. But his reluctance was overcome by the clerk's solemn and confidential assurance that the captain was in a terrific passion, was a most desperate person, who would sooner shoot a man than eat, and that he had a pistol in his pocket, which it was plainly to be seen, his hand was burning to use. The young gentleman, feeling thus compelled to volunteer, explained that he would have married before starting, but that he should have missed the boat, and "so help him God," he would have married her in St. Louis. Arrived at Brunswick, Mo., a justice of the peace was summoned, who shortly appeared in the ladies cabin, where a circle was formed with the happy twain in the center, and they were made one. The bride was the beaming picture of delight, he the saintlier one of submission. Capt. Baldwin, and the clerks—Messrs. Johnson and Dill, each gave appropriate advice and kissed the bride, whose gratitude was unbounded. The boat arrived here on Saturday, when Mr. and Mrs. Barbour took the cars for Joliet, having so far fulfilled the reasonable expectations of their friends.—St. Louis Dem.

LOUIS F. BARTELS. FRITZ METZ. BARTELS & METZ, WOULD respectfully announce to the inhabitants of Bellevue, and vicinity, that they have opened a store, on the corner of Main and 21st Streets, and now offer for sale, a variety of goods, which are entirely new, consisting of

- Dry Goods and Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, Liquors, Drugs, Medicines, Paints and Paint Brushes, Oils and Varnish, Window Glass of all sizes, China and Glass Ware, Hats and Caps, Buffalo Shoes, Blankets and Fur Gloves.

The above articles are of the first quality, and as one of us remains constantly in St. Louis, selecting goods, and watching the market, we feel confident that we can sell as cheap, or cheaper, than any one else in the west.

The public are invited to give us a call and examine the goods for themselves.

We will buy farmer's produce at the highest prices. Give us a call, at the new store, corner of Main and 21st Streets, Bellevue, Nebraska Territory. Bellevue, Sept. 10, 1857. 44ft

NOTICE

I hereby give, that the County Commissioners of Sarpy County, will meet at the house of Bernhard Myers, in said County, on Tuesday, Nov. 17th, 1857, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, in answer to a petition signed by several inhabitants, to view and locate a road, which is proposed to run from Bellevue, to intersect the Territorial Road, at Bernhard Myers, and crossing the Papillion Creek, at the People's Bridge, or in that vicinity, which, in the judgments of the Commissioners, will be for the best interest of the settlers. And said Commissioners will meet on the evening of said day, at the Benton House, at 4 o'clock, to hear all parties interested in said road.

By order of the County Commissioners, STEPHEN D. BANGS, County Clerk of Sarpy County. 49

NOTICE

I hereby give, that the County Commissioners of Sarpy County, will meet at the house of Charles Wilson, near Buffalo Creek, on Monday, October 25, 1857, to view and locate a public road or highway, from the city of Bellevue, to the city of Plattford, in said County, commencing at the latter point, across Sections 18, 17, 16, and 15, in Township 12, Range 11, thence to the most suitable point for crossing Buffalo Creek, thence by the most practicable route to the city of Bellevue. Said Commissioners will meet on the evening of said day, at the house of Alfred Mathias, in the city of Plattford, to hear all parties interested in locating said road. By order of the County Commissioners, STEPHEN D. BANGS, Clerk of Sarpy County. Bellevue, Sept. 23, 1857. 46

PLATTE RIVER FERRY.

THE Platte River Ferry Company have their Ferry in successful operation at the MOUTH OF PLATTE RIVER. This route is six miles shorter than that by Cedar Island, and is a much better route. EXPERIENCED AND CAREFUL MEN will be in attendance at all times to accommodate the traveling public. Rates of Freight as low as any other point. W. M. SLAUGHTER, Plattsmouth, Aug. 1, 1857. 3m40

BRICK AND LUMBER.

A LARGE quantity of first rate Brick and Lumber for Sale, at reasonable rates. Enquire at my Office near the Benton House. JOSEPH E. BRAY.

STOVES! STOVES! STOVES!!!

THE undersigned takes this method of informing the citizens of Bellevue, and vicinity, that he has just received the LARGEST AND BEST assortment of Cooking, Parlor & Office Stoves, ever brought to this Territory. He would respectfully invite all in want of Stoves, to call and examine for themselves. I am also manufacturing

TIN-WARE

of all kinds, such as Buckets, Coffee Pots, Pans, Strainers, &c., &c., and all articles in my line of business. Particular attention paid to Roasting, Spouting—and job work of every description. All work warranted to give satisfaction. Orders solicited. My place of business is opposite the Printing Office, Bellevue, N. T. SAMUEL SNYDER, n 35-1/2.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE.—The subscribers hereby give notice that the copartnership heretofore existing between them under the name and style of Todd & Smith, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due to or against the firm will be settled by Burton W. Todd. BURTON W. TODD, E. P. SMITH, Bellevue, August 12, 1857. 40

TERRITORY OF NEBRASKA, &c.

COUNTY OF SARPY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the County Commissioners of Sarpy County, will meet on Monday, Sept. 21st, A. M. 1857, at the house of Maj. Watson, at 9 o'clock, A. M. to view and locate a public road from the city of Bellevue, to the city of Plattford, in the corner of Sections 2, 3, 10, and 11, in Township 12, north, Range 13, east; thence west in the line between Sections 2, and 10, to the corner of Sects 3, 4, 9, and 10, in the same Township and Range; thence westerly on the most practicable route through Anderson's Grove; thence westerly to the Platte or Elkhorn River's. Said Commissioners will meet on the evening of said day, at 4 o'clock, at the Benton House, Bellevue, to hear all parties interested in locating and establishing said road or highway. By order of the County Commissioners, L. S. STEPHEN D. BANGS, Clerk of Sarpy Co. Bellevue, Aug. 18, 1857. 41

NOTICE!

ALL persons indebted to Clarke & Bro., will come forward immediately and pay up. "A word to the wise is sufficient." CLARKE & BRO. Bellevue, Aug. 12, 1857. 4f

Tailoring! Tailoring!

The undersigned here leave to inform the citizens of Bellevue and vicinity that he is prepared to do custom work, in the latest fashion and most approved style. He feels confident that his work is unsurpassed East or West; and by moderate prices respectfully solicits a share of the public patronage. He will always be found ready to receive orders at the Bellevue House. JOSEPH BRAY, Bellevue, N. T. March 11th 1857. 4f

PALMER & AVERILL'S COLUMN.

PALMER & AVERILL. Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

CHINA, GLASS AND

Queensware, MIRRORS,

And Fancy Goods,

LAMPS, WAITERS, TABLE CUTLERY,

BRITANIA WARE, &c.

Our stock is entirely new, very large, and carefully selected, and by adhering strictly to the cash system, we are able to offer very great inducements to all who may favor us with a call.

PALMER & AVERILL, BELLEVUE STORE, Corner of Jefferson and 27th street, Opposite the Fontenelle Bank, BELLEVUE, NEBRASKA

WOULD RESPECTFULLY call the attention of the citizens of Bellevue, Sarpy County, and the surrounding country, to their new and selected stock of DRY GOODS, FANCY GOODS, GROCERIES & HARDWARE,

Which they offer at Wholesale and Retail at prices 30 per cent lower than ever before offered in this city. We can and will sell Goods as low if not lower than they can be bought in Omaha or Bluff City. Please call and examine for yourselves. PALMER & AVERILL, Bellevue, May 26, 1857.

Just Received, and for Sale, FURNITURE

A LARGE stock of Furniture, consisting in part of Wood, Rush, Spindle, Split Bottom, Jenny Lind, Maple, Mahogany, Children's and Office Chairs, Rockers, &c.; Bureaus, Center, Card, Office, Breakfast and Dinner Tables, Leaf, Toilet, Work and Wash Stands, Office Desks, Sofas and Sofa Lounges, Double and Single Lounges, Trundle Beds, Bedsteads of various kinds, Tin Sinks, Mattresses, &c., &c. Terms cash. PALMER & AVERILL, 33ft

JUST RECEIVED, a large and fine assortment of Gent's Shoes and Gaiters. PALMER & AVERILL, 33ft

ANOTHER LOT of Clothing just received at 33ft PALMER & AVERILL.

PALMER & AVERILL have on hand a lot of fine Black Dressing and Cassimeres also, a large lot of fancy Cassimeres. Those wishing a good article would do well to call and examine the above. 33ft

NAILS and GLASS—Cheap at the BELLEVUE STORE.

CUTLERY—A large assortment of Pocket Knives, Knives and Forks, &c., at the BELLEVUE STORE.

A large stock of READY-MADE CLOTHING, at Eastern Prices, can be found at the BELLEVUE STORE. no 30-ft.

THE LARGEST LOT of Furniture and Crockery ever brought to the Territory, can be found at PALMER & AVERILL'S.

FLOUR, Salt, Salmon, Mackerel, and Cod-fish, at wholesale or Retail, by PALMER & AVERILL'S.

A GOOD ASSORTMENT of Glass Ware at PALMER & AVERILL'S.

PRO BONO PUBLICO. BELLEVUE Commercial Emporium!!

THE undersigned respectfully solicit the attention of the citizens of Bellevue and vicinity, to their extensive assortment of goods, embracing every variety usually kept in the west. The attention of the ladies is particularly called to our large assortment of dress goods, consisting in part of silks, French and American Jaconet and Organza Lavers, Berages, De Laines, &c. Figured and Plain Swiss, Jaconet and Book Muslins, Calicoes, Ribbons, Artificial Flowers and Wreaths, Dress Trimmings, Hosiery, Bonnets, Hats, &c.

BOOTS & SHOES. Ladies fine morocco slippers, kid and morocco buskins, parrot ties, and Jenny Lind, kid, enameled and calf skin lace boots, black and colored gaiters, &c. Gent's fine morocco and calf skin boots, fine cloth, calf skin and patent leather gaiters, sew'd and peg'd monroes, slippers, &c. Children's shoes,—a great variety.

HATS. Men's and boys' fine felt, wool, Panama, curraco, seannets, Leghorn, palm,—a great variety.

CLOTHING. The largest stock ever opened in this county, consisting of coats, pants, vests, shirts, sol-lars, overalls, &c. of all sizes, styles, and quality, for men, boys and children.

HARDWARE AND FUTLERY. A great variety of both English and American manufacture, Carpenters' tools, &c. House keepers and builders will find it to their advantage to call before purchasing elsewhere.

ALSO, Glassware, Pottery, Essences, Preserved Fruits, Tobacco, Wooden Ware, Fish, &c. Also, a large stock of choice Groceries.

All the above articles, together with a great variety not mentioned, will be sold low for cash. All kinds of merchantable country produce taken in exchange for goods. Also Dry Hides, Furs, &c. Thankful for the liberal patronage heretofore extended to us by the citizens of this county, we earnestly solicit its continuance. SEATON & ROWLES, Main Street. 3mos34

OMAHA ADVERTISEMENTS.

WOOLWORTH'S NEBRASKA IN 1857. THIS work will again be ready for delivery by the 17th inst. The first supply was received last week and was immediately sold. A new County Map, corrected by Mr. Byers, according to the county boundaries established by the Legislature last winter, has been engraved expressly for the work, and will appear in the next edition. Besides a history of the Territory, its condition and prospects, the work contains the claim laws of Nebraska, and a digest of the United States pre-emption laws, making a complete pre-emptor's guide. Every person interested in Nebraska should have a copy of the work. Price, with the map, 75 cents; without the map, 50 cents. Single copies mailed, postage paid, on receipt of price, to any part of the country. C. C. WOOLWORTH, Omaha, June 11, 1857.—32ft Publisher.

BOOKS, STATIONERY AND PAPER HANGINGS. A complete assortment at WOOLWORTH'S Bookstore, Omaha City, N. T. Special agent for School Books. J. A. JONES, GEO. W. WOOD.

THE LARGEST Drug & Chemical House IN THE WEST. OMAHA CITY, NEBRASKA TERRITORY. JONES & WOOD, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Drugs, Chemicals, Paints, Oils, De Stauff, Window Glass, Wines, Liquors, Cigars, Tobacco, &c. &c. &c.

Having purchased the entire stock of DRUGS and FANCY GOODS formerly belonging to C. A. Henry & Co., together with our own full purchases, we are now enabled to offer the public as complete an assortment of DRUGS and FANCY GOODS as can be found west of the Mississippi river. Our stock is of magnitude enough to supply the whole Nebraska trade; and having been purchased under the most favorable circumstances, we feel assured in our statement, that if fine Goods, as regards quantity, quality and price, are any object to those dealing in DRUGS and MEDICINES, we can offer these inducements to a greater extent than any other house in the West. Country Merchants and Physicians are requested to examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere. no 15-ft JONES & WOOD.

NO MORE HARD TIMES. S. M. PIKE, HAS established himself in a NEW GROCERY STORE, in Bellevue, on Mission Avenue, east of Main Street, where he will keep constantly on hand, all kinds of fresh Groceries. Flour, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Rice, Fish, &c. He has also a select lot of liquors, and every other article usually kept in a Grocery Store. A meat market is kept in the basement store, for the accommodation of the citizens of Bellevue, and vicinity. 353m

EICHER & DAVENPORT, MERCHANT TAILORS, WOULD respectfully inform the citizens of Bellevue and vicinity that they have commenced the TAILORING BUSINESS in the building formerly occupied by J. M. Bart, corner MAIN street and FIFTH AVENUE, and intend keeping constantly on hand CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, and VESTINGS, Which will be made up to order with neatness and dispatch. Also, FURS and HIDES bought or taken in exchange for goods. no 30-ft.

FOR SALE. A valuable timber Claim of 160 acres, within three miles of Bellevue City, for sale. Enquire at this Office. n37ft.

SPRING ARRANGEMENT. Regular Packet for Kansas, Leavenworth, Weston, St. Joseph, Savannah, Iowa Point, Nebraska City, Bellevue, Council Bluffs, Omaha and Florence. THE new and elegant Passenger Steamer Florence, J. Throckmorton, Master, J. E. Gorman, Clerk, will commence her trips as a regular packet in the above trade, on the opening of navigation in the spring, and will remain in it throughout the season. The Florence having been built under the superintendence of the undersigned, expressly for the trade, is of extraordinary strength, and well adapted to itin every particular. A reasonable share of the patronage of shippers, and the public generally, is respectfully solicited. J. THROCKMORTON, Master. 25-3 J. E. GORMAN, Clerk.

SEASON ARRANGEMENT. Regular Packet for Kansas, Nebraska City, Bellevue, Council Bluffs, Omaha, and Florence. THE new and elegant Steamer Min-no-ha-ha, Capt. Charles Baker, Master, Hutchinson, Clerk, will run as a regular packet, to the above and all intermediate points on the Missouri river, and persons can rely upon her continuing in the trade regularly during the season. The Min-no-ha-ha is an entirely new boat, built expressly for the Missouri River trade, and being fitted up in the latest and most approved style, her officers feel confident, that strict attention to the comforts of Passengers, and to business, will make her the favorite boat in the trade. CHAS. BAKER, Master. HURCHINSON, Clerk. H. T. CLARKE, Agent. 26-3

BOOTS! BOOTS!! BOOTS!!! THE subscriber has just received FORTY CASES OF GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS, of all kinds and sizes, direct from one of the best manufacturing establishments in New England, made expressly to order and warranted. These boots being from the same house as those I received last year, is the best recommendation that can be given them. The subscriber defies any other firm in the Territory to produce as good a lot of Boots, and to sell them at such low prices. Sold either by the case or single pair. Call and examine for yourselves. RUBEN LOVEJOY, Bellevue, Sept. 3, 1857. 43-4f.

THE CHICAGO CITY INSURANCE COMPANY. OFFICE: Room No. 1 Masonic Temple, Dearborn Street, Chicago. CAPITAL, \$150,000. DIRECTORS: EDMUND CANFIELD, HENRY CHAPMAN, ISAAC COOK, H. S. MORRIS, H. A. WYNGOOD.

OFFICERS: Edmund Canfield, Pres., Wm. S. Bates, Sec'y, Henry Chapman, Treas. THE Company was organized on the 27th day of March, A. D. 1855, under a special charter from the Legislature of Illinois, and business commenced under the most favorable auspices. Its establishment has been upon a firm and reliable basis, and in view of its stability, soundness, and permanency, ranks as one of the first Insurance Companies in the country. To those desirous of protecting themselves against loss or damage by Fire, or perils of the Sea, they beg leave to offer the following REFERENCES.

Messrs. Stone & Witt, Cleveland, Ohio. " Williams & Avery, Chicago, Ill. " Norton & Brother, " " Stone & Boomer, " H. S. Durand, Pres. Racine & Miss. R. R. Geo. C. Northrup, Cash. Racine Co. Bank. Wm. P. Lind, Esq., Milwaukee. J. G. Conroy, Esq., Racine. Ashley Gilbert, Cash. Com'l Bk, Chicago. Henry Farnham, President Chicago & Rock Island Rail Road. Daniel P. Rhodes, Esq., Springfield, Ohio. Thomas Campbell, Esq., Cleveland, Ill. H. R. Chamberlain, St. Louis, Mo. Messrs. Wadsworth, Wells & Seymour, Chicago, Ill. Messrs. I. H. Burch & Co., Chicago Bank. Messrs. G. W. Sizer & Co., Chicago, Ill. Wm. Blanchard, Esq., Morris, Ill. Messrs. H. C. & O. G. Cook & Co., Rockford, Ill. Messrs. H. Wheeler & Son, Aurora, Ill. Messrs. Judd, Smith & Pratt, Dixon, Ill. Nebemiah Case, Esq., Buffalo, N. Y. Wm. B. Fundy, Esq., Springfield, Ill. Gen. J. Curn, Springfield, Ill. Richard Ivers, Esq., St. Louis, Mo. 31—JOHN J. TOWN, Agent at Bellevue.