

the 16th and 32d when occupied and improved prior to the surveys, has temporarily abridged the land fund—but it is the duty of the County Superintendent (Chap. 18, Sec. 9,) to examine, allot in parcels, and value the sections not thus occupied, as well as others after they shall have been selected. I respectfully call attention to this and the other requirements of the law, so that existing resources may be made available, and the system put in force by the first Monday of May 1858, the proximate time for the regular meeting in each school district.

For information as to the state of the Treasury reference is made to the Report of the Treasury herewith submitted.—The revenue law now in force is inapplicable, and almost inoperative, and requires thorough and early revision.

While the military spirit of our citizens is believed to be unabated, drill and discipline have been greatly neglected. Companies exist in nearly every county, but their organization in many cases is imperfect or suffered to decline on account of changes of residence. These deficiencies should be supplied. Situated on the frontier, we should be provided, at all times, for self-defence, or co-operation with the Government, against internal enemies.

Our election law needs an amendment, requiring County Clerks to transmit to Territorial Secretary a list of the county officers elect in each year, and of all the resignations or removals of officers or Notary Public.

During every session special acts have been passed appointing Road Commissioners. Great inconvenience has resulted from their negligence or inattention. It is suggested that penalties should be imposed for such non-fulfillment, or that County Supervisors should be annually elected.

Your attention is called to a more rigid enforcement of the act to prevent the firing of Woods, Marshes and Prairies (page 196, 1st Statutes.) to insure preservation of property and growth of timber.

Notaries Public are reminded to keep a fair record of their official acts, (Chap. 16, page 68, 2d Statutes.)

It is also suggested that complication in County accounts may be avoided by assigning the duties of School Fund Commissioner to the County Treasurer.

Our agricultural and productive resources, may be developed by aiding the formation of industrial societies in every county. Premiums, [though small at first] offered by individuals or associations for the largest useful crop, the best improved stock, &c; would invite competition and form a nucleus for wealthy combinations. Nor can it be believed that the encouragement given by a small appropriation to each county from the Territorial revenue, for the purpose of increasing the most fruitful of all sources of profit would fail to meet the sanction of the people.

The number of copies of the laws heretofore ordered to be printed has been insufficient. The editions of the first two years are nearly exhausted, and the demand increasing. At least 2000 copies of the statutes of this session should be published, and the Secretary instructed to sell the remaining volumes, after distributing the authorized number to the public.

It is a source of gratification to consider the actual progress of the Territory, in the past year, by the acquisition of property, and the rapid settlement by pre-emption. A large and valuable tract of land has been secured from the Pawnees, through the treaty framed with them by Commissioner J. W. Denver. The Chiefs of the Ponca tribe have recently repaired to the Federal Capitol, with the Indian Agent J. B. Robertson, with the intention of concluding a similar treaty, and ceding their unsurpassed farming and timber lands.

The United States Wagon Road from the Platte River via the Omaha reserve to the Running Water, [L'École qui court] under the direction of Col. George L. Sites, has been constructed for a distance of 103 miles, including 39 bridges. I have been favorably informed of the length of these bridges as follows:

Papillion Creek Bridge,	68	feet long.
Spring	45	" "
Poncas	34	" "
Turkey	39	" "
Mill	54	" "
South	29	" "
North	34	" "
Stewart's	29	" "
New York	54	" "
Pike	39	" "
Springrun	27	" "
Tekama	59	" "
Silver	54	" "
Elm	27	" "
Wood	56	" "
S. Blackbird	50	" "
North	50	" "
Omaha	68	" "

The rich bottom and bench lands of the Missouri, and the numerous valleys of the small tributaries along the route are fast filling up with settlers who have already realized promising returns from their labors. Our obligations are justly due to the Hon. Jacob Thompson, Secretary of the Interior, for the expenditure of this appropriation in a manner so productive of public benefit.

The Military Road to Fort Kearney has been nearly finished, including bridges built after the most improved plans for strength and durability [the bridge across the Elk Horn River being 200 feet in length] and the road itself giving access to one of the most fertile and commercially important valleys in the West.

Interesting information in this connection has been obtained from the Register of the Land Office at Omaha City, in the following table showing the pre-emption during the season just passed of more than 400,000 acres of land.

ABSTRACT OF LANDS PRE-EMPTED A. D. 1857.

Warrants.	Cash.	Total.
Acre.	Acre.	Acre.
Feb. 5204 66	1711 84	6622 50
Mar. 10182 34	6910 11	17092 45
Apr. 27070 69	7404 59	34475 28
May. 33267 34	5863 64	39130 98
June. 44244 57	6700 40	50944 7
July. 80474 44	17381 16	97856 60
Aug. 55080 80	9323 55	64344 05
Sept. 53773 68	6132 72	59964 40
Oct. 21928 31	1160 45	22388 76
Nov. 8054 18	629 65	5688 83

The area of Nebraska is greater than New York and the New England States. Our invigorating climate, productive soil and natural advantages will attract multitudes of emigrants to our shores by the political troubles of the Old World. Politically, we have equal reason to rejoice. Our future increase will give us the control, to a great extent, of the country's political destiny; and it is gratifying that that power will be used with

a patriotic and unfaltering determination to defend the Federal Constitution, and preserve the Union of the States. Safe, thus far, from the interference of reckless agitators, and the mad efforts of intolerant fanatics, we can furnish to the world an enviable proof of the genius and spirit of our Republican Institutions. No retribution can be too severe, if, through casuality, or local strife, or political infidelity, we prove recreant to that beautiful federal system to which we owe our existence, and under which alone we can achieve true and permanent greatness.

I have thus presented to you, gentlemen, plainly and hurriedly, such considerations as have occurred to me—uncertain, until the eve of your assembly, whether, in my incidental position, such a communication would be required. Once before, we have met under similar circumstances. Since that initial period, the bitterness of sectional strife has been measurably allayed. Strange faces and new interests have taken their places upon the stage, and many of the actors in our early history have passed away, or been lost in the throng of events. Men, out of repair, politically or morally, will continue to be prostrated, one by one; and their names expire with the forgotten influences of the past; but our powerful young Territory will move on with augmented and prevailing force; and realize its future fortunes, all that human hope or ambition can anticipate or wish.

Acting for that territory in a coordinate capacity, and in view of the mutations of public affairs, and the vicissitudes of life—permit me to assure you, each and all, that I cherish a sincere desire for your success, individually as well as in your endeavors to promote the public good. May no personal resentment or alienation hereafter mar the harmony which should prompt and inspire the intercourse of the Representatives of the Government and of our people; may no boundary, natural or artificial prevent the union of all our energies, in building up an eminent, honored and thriving State.

May you be prospered in all your laudable aims, and after performing the high duty of legislating for a patriotic and confiding people, return, in health, to the comforts and friendships of your respective homes.

THOMAS B. CUMING.
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Omaha City, Dec. 9th, 1857.

WINTER IN MICHIGAN.—A correspondent of the Chicago Daily Press, says:—

I spent a week in Michigan, and saw and felt the following: From the morning of Nov. 18th to the evening of the 24th snow fell in southern and central Michigan almost without intermission. The fall seemed to be heaviest on a line thro' White Pigeon and Kalamazoo. Wind west and southwest. Mercury from nearly zero at night to 18° noon.

During the night of Tuesday, the 24th, the clouds cleared away, and the mercury fell from 19° to 22° below zero according to the exposure. During Wednesday night the mercury ranged in different localities from 9° to 14° below zero. The St. Joseph was frozen across the current an occurrence unusual at mid-winter. The oldest inhabitants assured me that the cold and the snow storm were unexampled in all the Novembers they had experienced. The snow in the woods is at least 20 inches in depth.

The papers are bragging of an invention by which leather can be tanned in ten minutes. We have seen the human hide, however, tanned in five. Some Schoolmasters can do it in less than two.

Local & Territorial.

The subscribers that have heretofore received the Gazette at the post office, in this city, will hereafter get them at the printing office.

We are indebted to S. M. Curran, Chief Clerk of the House, for its proceedings. Mr. Curran was Chief Clerk of the House, last winter, and was then, as he now is, the universal favorite of all the members. He had a worthy and strong opponent for the place, but his superior qualifications, so well known to the members, secured his election.

We shall give a review, in our next issue, of all the members of the House.

We are under obligation to S. H. Elbert, Asst. Clerk of the Council, for the proceedings of that body.

We have several communications on hand, which will be published as soon as we have room.

We call the attention of our readers, to an article on the Plate Valley, and its Agricultural Statistics, published on the first page of to-day's paper, written by our friend, J. M. Mentzer, who spent a large portion of the past summer and autumn, in the Plate Valley. His statements are, in every respect, reliable.

The Governor's Message and Legislative proceedings, occupy a large portion of to-day's paper. We shall publish full and reliable proceedings of the Legislature, during its session. Those that wish to know what is going on at the Capitol, will of course, come in with their dimes, and subscribe for the Gazette.

Nov. 20.

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It is rumored that the moon is made of green cheese. Those editors that published that "obituary," several weeks ago, are requested not to copy, as it is undoubtedly a hoax.

The Land Office, at Dakota City, is now open to receive filings on pre-emptions.

Geo. A. Hinsdale, has been elected Treasurer, and Michael O'Grady, Surveyor of Dakota County.

A project is on foot to build a town, to be called Opechee, two miles south of James River, on the Missouri, and a prospectus for the "Opechee Gazette," has been issued. The town site is said to have a good rock landing. Wonder if there is a town site on the Missouri, where there is not?

Judge Black is holding a Court at Nebraska City.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Nebraska City Insurance Company, was held at Nebraska City, Dec. 15, for the election of Directors.

A friend has handed us the New Hampshire Sentinel, printed at Keene, N. H., and is now in its fifty-ninth year. Its projector is still living in Keene. From the number before us, we judge that the Sentinel is an excellent paper.

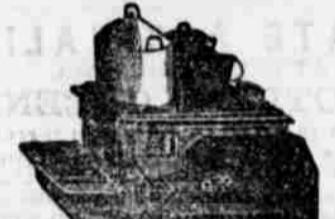
We have received a "Last Year's Almanac," published semi-occasionally, at Cuming City,—sometimes known as "The Nebraska Pioneer." Its leaders are extremely eloquent,—being principally "Apologies," for non-appearance, general indisposition, &c., which are always interesting to the public. For God sake, Mr., do give us something else,—anything for a change.

A panther hunt was to come off last week, in the woods above Decatur.

Simpson Hargus, was tried at Nebraska City, for manslaughter, for killing James E. Lacy, in April, 1856. Verdict, guilty. The defendant's counsel filed a motion for an arrest of judgment. The case will probably go before the Supreme Court.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

No Comet! BUT COLD WEATHER & GOOD STOVES in Nebraska!



THE citizens know and feel this cold weather; and those that are sleeping, awake if awake, walk! if walking, run! if running, fly! to the Tin and Stove Store of Sam'l Snyder, and provide yourselves with such articles in his line, as you may want, before it is too late. Come all that are suffering from the cold, and I will sell you stoves that will comfort you, in this cold region. Now is your only chance, as I am selling goods, cheaper than they can be bought in St. Louis.

Fontenelle Money and country produce, take in exchange for the same.

I have a house and lot, which I will sell cheap. Read and run to

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11f Bellevue, opposite the printing office.

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M. R. S. M. PIKE, still continues to keep at his old stand, on Mission Avenue, east of Main Street, fresh Groceries, of all kinds, of the best quality. Also, a choice lot of Liquors.

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Where he will furnish warm meals, or cold lunch, at all hours of the day, including the following dishes:—

Roast Beef, Oysters, Corned Beef, Sardines, Pickled Tongue, Wild Game, Pickled Tripe, Hot Coffee, Pig's Feet, And Tea.

His customers, and the public generally, are invited to give him a call.

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City Saloon.

I HAVE just opened a first class Saloon, in the Store room formerly occupied by John Chase, where the public can always find a good supply of Oysters, Sardines, Ségars, and the best Liquors in the city.

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