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BELLEVUE, N. T.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1858.

Hon. Fenner Ferguson—Land sales in Nebraska.

Through the perseverance of our Delegate the Public Land sales of Nebraska have been postponed, which otherwise would have come off in June.

Sam Convalsencing. We understand that Messrs. Poppleton, Hanscom, and Rankin, of Omaha, have taken the preliminary steps toward organizing a Know Nothing Lodge in that city.

That will never do, Mr. Courier. We take this opportunity to enter our most earnest and solemn protest against the desecration of the "Muggins' Retreat" for such a purpose.

LATEST NEWS FROM UTAH.—The arrival in this city, Saturday evening, of Mr. John Hartnett, secretary of Governor Cumming of Utah, places us in possession of later news from camp Scott.

The army were resting quietly in camp, and though eager for a brush with the Mormons, are determined to remain inactive until the supplies of troops and provisions reach them from Fort Laramie and the states, which were expected, at further, in May.

The health of the army continues very good, but four deaths have occurred since the soldiers have encamped, and two of these having resulted from accident.

They have had no mails from the east for months, and all reading matter has been devoured over and over again.

The provision trains commenced moving from Fort Leavenworth on the 10th, and are now departing for the plains daily.

Madame Goldschmidt is expected to arrive in England early in June, it is said, with the intention of taking up her permanent residence there—and, possibly of singing in public.

For the Bellevue Gazette.

Mr. Editor:—Your remarks in the last Gazette, on the Rev. M. Chivington, on account of his allusion to a certain "preacher in Bellevue," are considered by many as severe and inappropriate; and so considered by men making no pretension to piety.

As to the quotation from the "certain minister" it certainly was correct, in substance, if not in words. The application of that quotation to the Rev. Mr. Goss, was also correct, as I heard the remarks from his own lips.

He admitted to the writer of this article that our views would not differ in regard to the character of God, but would likely differ in regard to the character of Jesus Christ, and they certainly do differ widely.

I believe Mr. Goss is sincere in the entertainment of his views, tho' they differ from the large body of Evangelical Christians. I doubt not, also, Mr. Goss' sincerity in thinking that he gets those views from the Bible.

I have not a word to say against Mr. Goss as a man; I admired his self-denial. His object seemed to be to do good, and should he again make his residence among us, I presume his course will be the same, trying to reform man by the "inimitable power of the human will."

I admit, Mr. Editor, that the country newspaper is not the place to discuss such matters, and I should not have said such much, only for the fact that in your remarks on Mr. Chivington, there seemed to be a blow, (tho' I hope not intended,) at Christianity itself.

Among the ministry there may be those who are actuated by mercenary motives; strange if it were not so, when, among the followers of Christ there was a Judas; yet, as a class, ministers will not suffer when compared with those in other professions.

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Yours respectfully, A FRIEND.

It is with pleasure that we give room for the preceding communication, altho' from an honest conviction of what we consider justice and right, we must differ, but in so doing, we trust that we shall be the last to deny the same privilege to others.

We did not defend Mr. Goss wholly on the ground of friendship; but because we considered it an act of downright cowardice and dishonorable to any man, much less in Mr. Chivington, a professed minister of the gospel, in taking advantage of Mr. Goss' absence, to accuse him in almost unqualified language, as we understood it, of preaching doctrines that would send him and his hearers to an endless hell!

Mr. Chivington was well aware that Mr. Goss was preaching last summer, when he was here attending the Quarterly Meeting, and if it was an imperative duty to warn Mr. G.'s hearers of the erroneous doctrines that he alleges that Mr. G. was preaching, why did he not do it at that time, in the presence of their minister? "Aye, that's the rub."

It was this simple act alone, that "stirred us to mutiny;" and in no case will we keep silent while the strong attempt to oppress the weak; but if Mr. G. had been present when those charges were made, Mr. Chivington would have been spared by us, as we should, under those circumstances, considered him an honorable man.

The quotation that we made from Mr. C.'s remarks, was read to several, before they were published, that agree with him on the subject in question, who heard it uttered, and allowed it to be correct in substance. We endeavored to give a correct quotation, but if we did not, it certainly was not intentional.

We make no man's religious creed our own, farther than we can conscientiously adopt it, and we will not defend Mr. Goss' or any other clergyman's theological doctrines, unless we consider them to be true and of vital importance to the human race.

As soon as a man leaves private life and assumes the office of teacher, he becomes a public man, and all public men are public property, subject to criticism; and it is the duty of an honest and faithful editor, whether of a country or city, secular or religious journal, to keep a faithful watch of their doings.

In what respect we aimed a blow at Christianity, we are not aware. It is certain that none was intended. We cannot consider a mere minister, or the doctrine of hell fire and damnation, a part or parcel of the Christian religion.

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These remarks are made in spirit of kindness toward the author of the above,

whom we hold in high esteem, knowing that he has sacrificed many of the comforts and pleasures of life, while laboring with untiring zeal for the good of an unfortunate portion of the human family; but because we cannot agree with him in theology, we hope he will not fail to accord to us a liberality of spirit, and an honesty of purpose.—Local Editor.

A Romantic Story, which may or may not be True.

For some days past considerable excitement has been felt in some circles in this community in reference to an affair in humble life the particulars of which we cannot permit to pass unnoticed.

About three years ago George Fry, of this vicinity, became enamored of a beautiful gipsy girl, who in company with a number of her people had encamped in a wood near this place.

Two years noiselessly glided by, and nothing was heard from his absent wife, altho' he long cherished the hope that she would escape from her "tyrannical parent" and return to him whom she loved.

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Local & Territorial.

THERMOMETRICAL.—The following is our monthly Thermometrical Record for March, which has been exceedingly mild and pleasant:

Table with columns: March, '58, A.M. Dg., P.M. Dg., P.M. Dg. Rows 1-31 showing temperature readings.

RIVER NEWS.—The River business has opened quite brisk, considering the earliness of the season.

The Carrier passed up Saturday, March 27.

The fast and popular steamer Omaha, Capt. Wineland, and J. Jewett Wilcox, Clerk, arrived on Sunday afternoon, March 28, with a good load of passengers.

The elegant steamer Florence, Throckmorton, Master, and Gotman, Clerk, arrived on Tuesday, March 30, and discharged a quantity of freight for our citizens.

We notice that the steamer Asa Wilgus has changed hands. She was sold on the 15th ult. to Messrs. Jas. M. Tanner, A. C. Hopkins, and Henry Thornbrough, for \$35,000.

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S. M. Pike has our thanks for a lot of apples.

The District Court is now in session at Omaha, and the following are the names of the United States Grand Jurors in attendance.

Richard Hogeboom, Wm. H. Cook, James S. Allan, Philander Cook, A. C. Strickland, Harvey Link, Edward Creighton, A. F. Salisbury, R. H. Hall, Harrison Johnson, Timothy Kelly, H. B. Porter, Geo. Claves, Lorin Miller, and Geo. C. Bovey.

A. F. Salisbury, is forman.

Hon. S. A. Strickland.

In the last Omaha Nebraskan—the common receptacle of all filthy and notice a low scurrilous article upon this gentleman. The whole tone of the philippic is of the very lowest pot-house cast.

We happen to have the pleasure of a personal and intimate acquaintance with Hon. S. A. Strickland, and are conversant with his private and public character since his residence in the Territory of Nebraska.

His public character is too well known throughout the Territory to suffer detracting, in the slightest degree, from such a pitiful source as the one above alluded to.

On the great issue that has been forced upon us by scheming, corrupt demagogues, (like Rankin,) Omaha vs. Nebraska Territory, he has stood, shoulder to shoulder with the people, in the front rank.

The New Orleans Delta of the 4th ult., reiterates its former statements in regard to the re-opening of the Slave Trade in that State, and heralds the passage of an act through the popular branch of the Legislature authorizing a Company already formed, to import 2,500 negroes from the coast of Africa.

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John Dean.—This individual, the coachman who married Baker's daughter, is marker in the public store at New York, to which he was recently appointed by Collector Schell.