

Agricultural Society—Saraty Co.

The third meeting of this Society was held on Saturday last at the School House in this place. That gathering is a...

Nothing can be of more importance to this or any other agricultural region than an agricultural society upon a permanent basis...

Long in her sides, bright in her eyes,
Short in her legs, thin in her thighs...

Nature demands that all persons of whatever avocation, should understand more or less of the cultivation of the soil...

We listened with admiration to the many pathetically advanced ideas of Mr. Rankin, and yet in one particular we would beg leave to differ with him.

The light of history records many instances of heroic greatness upon the blood-stained field of battle, and heroism in the council halls of a nation...

The population with its numerous territory stretch over the whole county; its

capillaries water every farm; nature has constructed the whole with most beautiful harmony, and every day attests the growing spirit of improvement...

Thomas H. Benton died on the 10th at 71-2, A. M., instead of the 9th, as was announced by the St. Louis, and other western papers.

STEAMER OMAHA, April 11th, '96.

Friend Burt:—Perhaps you think it strange that one of my vocation should write so often relative to the commercial affairs of the country.

A petition has just been presented to Congress with about one hundred thousand signatures, praying for a General Bankrupt Law.

I have just received the report of the Massachusetts State Lunatic Asylum, which is pregnant with statistics of the most afflicting character...

23 cases are set down to Spiritualism; 1; Somnambulism, 1; Milirism, 10; Religious, 231; Religious anxiety, 5; Religious excitement, 21; Religious fanaticism, 20; Religious perplexity, 12; Pantheism, 1; Infidelity, 1; Mormonism, 1; Ill health, 602; Domestic trouble, 377; Pecuniary organs, 139; Jealousy, 26; Intemperance, 139; Abuse of the generative organs, 139; Violent temper, 14, of whom 13 are males; Death of husband, 19; Death of wife 10.

What an epitome of life is here presented! No one can read such without exclaiming that we have much yet to learn.

True religion never yet made any man insane. I repeat it: we have much to learn on that point yet.

It is well known that the cities of St. Louis and Chicago have long been rivals, each claiming a larger number of inhabitants than the other.

CHAUCER.

An Alabama editor says, in an ill-natured paragraph, that he is "very unlike the gentleman of the Louisville Journal."

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLISHED.—The Legislature of Louisiana has passed a law abolishing capital punishment, and substituted hard labor for life in the place thereof.

A careful estimate of the persons of Indian blood indicates that they now number 5,000,000 in all North America.

Complimentary.

At a meeting of the passengers of the Steamer Omaha, held in the cabin, on the evening of the 19th inst., Col. J. Ritchie, of Omaha, was elected President, and C. Chaucer Goss, of Bellevue, Secretary.

Mr. Goss, in behalf of the Committee, reported the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the safety and comfort of the traveling public depend, to a great extent, upon those having charge of our railroads...

Resolved, That the Pilots, Capt. Philip Hansen and C. Mason, for their skillful management of the boat upon so uncertain a stream as the Missouri, are no less entitled to our respect and gratitude.

Resolved, That the Steamer Omaha, pledged as she is to the interest of the upper Missouri, demands the influence and co-operation of every one interested in the growth and prosperity of the region...

J. RICHIE, President.

C. CHAUCER GOSS, Secy.

Col. Benton.

Col. Benton was born near Hillsborough in North Carolina, March 14, 1802. He became a student at Chapel Hill College, but did not complete a course of study.

In 1815 Mr. Benton received from President Madison the appointment of lieutenant colonel in the army, but peace was declared before he had an opportunity to distinguish himself.

He was elected a Representative to Congress from the St. Louis District, in 1832, and was a candidate for re-election in 1834, but was defeated by a combination of his old opponents with the American party.

After his defeat in 1836, Colonel Benton devoted his time again to literary pursuits. Even before that time he had begun his "Thirty Years' View" of the working of the Government.

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accomplished in great part by means of a robust constitution, temperate habits, regular exercise and daily resort to the cold bath.

The marriage of Col. Benton took place shortly after his entrance into the Senate. His wife was Elizabeth McDowell, daughter of Colonel James McDowell, of Rockbridge county, Virginia.

Advice from the Utah Expedition has been received to the 16th February. The health of the troops continued good. The march upon Salt Lake City would probably be commenced about the 20th of May.

Col. Johnston's supplies would not last longer than May, but there were at Fort Laramie sufficient supplies for four months for 3,000 men, and a train would be dispatched from that point to Camp Scott.

SENATOR BRIGHT GETS 6000 ACRES OF LAND.—The correspondent of the Burlington Hawkeye, writing from the land office at Des Moines, after speaking of the great run for land on the opening of the offices, says:

During the second week after the office had opened, an order was received from Mr. Commissioner Hendricks, at Washington, to locate six thousand (6,000) acres in the name of the Hon. Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.

Mrs. Swishhelm, the address of the St. Cloud (Minnesota) Visitor, has been visited very recently by a band of ruffians, who took some offence at her editorial strictures.

On the 24th ultimo they broke into her office and seized her typewriter, scattered it through the streets, and threw a portion of it into the river.

STEAM PLOW FOR THE PRAIRIES.—Mr. John Duere, the famous plow manufacturer of Moline, writes to James Mix Esq., of Chicago as follows:

There is also a steam engine being built at my shop to haul it, and do other farming work. The person who is getting it up is sanguine of success.

It will be a great day when Illinois can show a steam engine taking along a breaking plow, turning over a furrow ten or twelve feet in width as it goes.

Mr. Davis, the well known peach grower of Clermont county, Ohio, reports that not more than one bud in twenty thousand has escaped the frost.

REVIVAL INCIDENT.—A story is current in this to the effect that one of the city missionaries, a man of rare piety and entire consecration to the service of the Great Teacher, attended one of the morning prayer meetings, and being moved to speak, made a brief and touching address, full of the spirit of love and devotion.

BUSINESS REVIVING.—The steam factory at Portsmouth, N. H., started on full time on the 30th ult.

Local & Territorial.

Rev. Mr. Goss will preach at the School House in this City, next Sunday Evening, at 7 1-2 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of the Sarpy County Library Association, at Judge Cook's Office, next Monday Evening. A full attendance is requested.

It will be seen in another place, that C. Chaucer Goss, has been appointed General Agent of the American Sunday School Union, for Nebraska Territory.

NEBRASKA LAND SALES.—The President's Proclamation for this public land sale, to take place in this Territory on the 6th of September, will be found in our columns to-day.

Ranger Jones, has in operation, Ferries on the Platte and Elkhorn Rivers, near the mouth of Elkhorn River, in the west part of this County.

An exhibition of Mrs. Nye's School will take place this Evening, at her School Room.

SECRETARY OF NEBRASKA.—J. Sterling Morton, of Nebraska City, has been appointed Secretary of Nebraska. His appointment was confirmed by the Senate on the 19th inst.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE REMOVED TO NEBRASKA.—The Washington Union says:—

It will be seen from a public notice in another column of this morning's paper that the President has ordered the removal of the Surveyor General's office from Leavenworth, Kansas, to Nebraska City, Nebraska Territory.

A party of young men are fitting out at Omaha, and will leave soon for the Territory of Arizona.

J. W. Palmer, of the late firm of Palmer & Avasill, arrived by the Sioux City, Tuesday Evening last.

A Brick Hotel, called the Nocturnal House, has recently been opened at Nebraska City. T. G. Armstrong & Co. are the landlords.

A Pomological Society will be organized at Nebraska City, next Saturday.

Our old friend C. Chaucer Goss, returned by the steamer Omaha, last week from his lecture tour.

Indian Agent Donkwa, arrived at Nebraska City, by the Sioux City, Tuesday morning last, having in charge the Delegation of Pawnees that went to Washington early last winter.

The Indians were much pleased with their visit to their Great Father. A treaty was made with them which gave satisfaction.

We noticed on the 24th that the wild Plum trees were in full bloom, and if the profusion of blossoms is an indication of an abundance of fruit, we shall be blessed with an almost unlimited supply of delicious plums, ere the waxing and waning of four moons.

Mrs. D. E. Reed leaves our City to-day, on the Sioux City, for Brooklyn, N. Y., where she will spend the coming summer. Mrs. R. came to the valley of the Missouri four years since as a Teacher, under the auspices of the Teacher's Association, at whose head is Ex-Gov. Slade.

Jonas Mitchell has been appointed Road Supervisor in District No. 4, in place of H. H. Smith, who is not a resident of that District.

G. G. Frazier returned last Sunday morning, on the steamer Alonzo Childs, from Pennsylvania, where he has been spending the past winter.

By invitation of mine host of the Bellevue House, we recently sat down to a sumptuous repast at this well known Hotel, gotten up in Allan's usually neat and inviting style.

American Sunday School Union.

The undersigned having been commissioned by the above Union, as its General Agent for the Territory of Nebraska, desires to call the attention of the friends of Sunday Schools to the following liberal proposition:

A Sunday School Teacher in Boston has authorized us to say, that he will supply in part, with Libraries, the first two New Sunday Schools that shall be duly organized in each County, and report it to the undersigned, to the following extent, and on the following conditions, viz:

- 1.—If the School shall consist of Five Teachers and Twenty-five Scholars, he will give Half of a Ten-Dollar Library—the School, or its Friends, paying for the other half; or,
II.—If the School shall consist of Ten Teachers and Fifty Scholars, he will give the Half of a Twenty-Dollar Library—the School paying the other half.

The report must embrace the following particulars, viz:—
1.—The name and location of the School.
2.—The name and post-office address of the Superintendent.
3.—The date of its organization.
4.—The number of Scholars and Teachers.
5.—How, and to whose care, the books should be sent.

The money required from the School must accompany the application. Each School should raise some two or three dollars, in addition to what is required for the Library, for the necessary Instruction Books, Hymn Book, &c. But this is not a condition of receiving the donation.

On receiving the applications, the books will be immediately sent, according to direction, to all entitled to them. The books with which these orders will be filled, are the Four Ten-Dollar Libraries published by the American Sunday School Union, each containing 100 select volumes, of from 72 to 285 pages, substantially bound. The volumes are all regularly numbered, and ready for use; and each Library will be accompanied by 24 printed Catalogues.

The above proposition may extend to schools re-opened this spring, that were closed during the winter; but confined strictly to the first two organized in any County. Towns in Iowa, directly on the Missouri river, may avail themselves of this proposition, as it will be more convenient to obtain their books by this route.

We design to visit neighborhoods, so far as we can, in order to organize schools, and to re-visit and aid those already organized. Our business is not to interfere with any denomination, so far as schools are concerned, but to co-operate with all. Any school that we may organize may determine by vote to what denomination it will attach itself; and this will be no bar to the above proposition, nor to a donation directly from the Society; no more so than if it resolved to be a Union School.

The Society publish several ten dollar libraries, of 100 volumes each; a five dollar library, of 75 volumes; a three dollar library of 60 volumes; besides hymn, question and other books designed for Sunday Schools. Any of these we shall be most happy to supply at the shortest possible notice; and to hear from any locality, in reference to any thing connected with the interest of Sunday Schools.

Papers in the Territory will confer a favor by publishing the above. Address me at Bellevue.

C. CHAUCER GOSS.

BOAT ARRIVALS.—The Wm's favorite steamer OMAHA, Capt. Wineland, and J. Jewett Wilcox, Clerk, arrived at our Levee on the evening of the 22d, and discharged passengers and freight. For proof of the popularity of the officers of the Omaha, we would refer the reader to the Resolutions passed at a meeting of the passengers, held on board, on the 19th, on her late trip. The Omaha passed up on the following morning, for Sioux City, Wilcox as usual favored us with late papers.

The ALONZO CHILDS, WATSON, and ST. MARV, arrived Sunday, 25th, landing passengers and freight, at our Levee. The elegant and new Passenger Packet, SIoux CITY, Capt. B. W. Baker, and J. F. Baker, Clerk, made our landing on the evening of the 27th. She discharged Passengers and Freight for this city. She carries a first rate Band, and favored our citizens with sweet Music, as she came up. Papers received.

The SPREAD EAGLE, for Council Bluffs, arrived yesterday, bringing freight for our citizens.

Ed. F. Schneider & Co., of Omaha, received by the steamer Omaha, on her last trip, material for a Republican paper, which they will publish in that city. They will issue the first number soon after the first of May.

D. E. Reed has sold his homestead adjoining the South part of town, to Chief Justice Hall.