

Hon. Augustus Hall.

With pleasure we welcome, as a resident of Bellevue, the Hon. Augustus Hall, Chief Justice of the Territory of Nebraska, with his accomplished family. The Judge has purchased the farm formerly owned by D. E. Reed adjoining this city, and has gone to work in good earnest, with his own hands to make the same, the model farm of the Territory. He has also commenced the erection of an elegant residence thereon, which when completed, will have no superior in this section of the country.

We regard the Territory very fortunate, in the selection to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Judge Ferguson. Judge Hall, has more than sustained his brilliant reputation, which preceded him, as a sound and able lawyer, in the Courts, the spring terms of which he has just closed, and has given universal satisfaction, both to the bar and parties litigant.

We recognize in the Judge, the courteous and dignified Jurist, whose opinions give evidence of great learning and deep thought—the social gentleman—the unflinching friend—the enterprising citizen—the uncompromising democrat—and the "noblest work of God"—an honest man. Again we say, on part of the Territory, and of Bellevue, most cordially, welcome.

Secretary of Nebraska.

One thing at least the people of the Territory, have cause to rejoice over, in connection with the appointment of J. Sterling Morton, as Secretary of Nebraska, and that is, the appointee, is a resident of that Territory. We think Morton is reasonably qualified to discharge the duties of the position, as they are of a light nature, being not beyond those of an ordinary book keeper, except in case of the absence of, or a vacancy, occurs in the office of Governor, when the Secretary discharges the duties of that office. We are pleased to know that Gov. Richardson, intends to remain at his post punctually, and we trust for the well being of the Territory, that he may not be removed by death or otherwise during the term of service of the present Secretary. On the whole, we think that a worse appointment might have been made, than this of J. Sterling Morton's.

Pioneers of Thought.

In every age of the world, we have had adventurers in the far off regions of thought. Such have always discovered the new shores of truth, penetrated far into the interior, and unfolded its beauty. When truth is thus divested of error, and held up in an attractive form, others are eager to embrace it; soon they are in love with it and are found scattering it in all directions.

When pioneers have discovered the goodly fields of some new truth, it is impossible to keep the intelligence to themselves—from the very nature of the case they must propagate it. The same law holds good as in the discovery of a new country. Being enriched and benefited, the pioneer's heart goes out after his friends and neighbors, to come and share with him.

The discovery of truth also makes a man bold as well as strong. There is much philosophy in that scriptural remark: "The righteous are bold as a lion." From the nature of the case they could not be otherwise. A man who never sees, investigates, or practices truth, but is all enveloped in the mazes of error, is a very weak, timid, sneaking sort of a man. His eyes are never in the eyes of others, but continually looking downward, while the blush often covers his sheepish looking face. When a man has permeated himself with the sweetest orders of truth, and thrown its lovely garments about him, he is an intellectual Colossus; compared with what he was before. He walks forth in the majesty of his conscious power, while those who were previously his superiors, are mere infants strolling around under his shadow. Luther was simply a man in form, during his early days, but having discovered that he had a mind of his own, and that he was able to do his own thinking, he began to thunder against the Vatican with a vehemence that showed the wine bloated, powdered fogies, that he possessed a power that all hell could not resist. Luther was weak, but Luther the Reformer, inspired and impregnated with the enlivening, energizing principle of truths, was al-

mighty. So is it with thousands who have taken deep draughts from the overflowing fountain of truth.

While truth in itself is a life-principle, a life that cannot die, immortal as God, the source of truth, yet at the same time it moves not of itself; it has no inherent power of self-propagation. Its power, however, is mighty, when touched by the lever of intelligence. Like precious gold-sands, it has to be searched after; sometimes patiently and with much toil. It has to be separated and cleansed from the rubbish of error, moulded, polished, and sent forth for use. While going forth on its mission, it exerts an untold influence upon countless millions of those who embrace it. While then the gold of truth has no self-demonstrating power, its development is attributable to those "pioneers who are ever ready to act, and willing to wait."

There is a striking similarity between the mines of California, and those of truth. Only a few have the courage or the patience to sacrifice home with its friends and brook the tide of prejudice and persecution, and embark as pioneers into regions unknown, in order to benefit the race. The truth is, so many have been sacrificed upon the universal altar of superstitious prejudice and bigotry, that timid souls qual before it. It requires a fortitude worthy a lover of truth, to thunder a thunders against such manacles of mental slavery.

The pioneers of new countries receive the gratitude of no one—their hardships and privations are scarcely noticed by those that afterwards receive the fruits of their toil. So with the pioneer of thought. The poor bigoted laggards, who make the term humbug, the scape goat for their own ignorance, sneers at them and pronounce them mad-men and fools. Thousands had seen the apple fall long before Newton, but it was left for this pioneer, to discover the great truth, that gravitation was the mighty bond of the universe. This idea was far in advance of his contemporaries, hence it drew down upon him their contempt, and he was denounced as a visionary enthusiast. So of Franklin and Fulton. They delved into regions unknown to those about them, and shared the same fate. Beecher, Parker and a host of others, of our own day, who are far in advance of others, in scientific humanitarian and theologic truth, are denounced by mental pigmies, who glory in their own ignorance, as skeptics, infidels, and heretics. Such terms are usually the watchwords of bigots. Men of the future, who are living in the present, may not now be appreciated; but after generations will rise up to call them blessed.

It is impossible to point out any new development of truth that did not emanate from the inspiration of such pioneers. A barren intellect can produce nothing, any more than a barren soil. Fertility is essential to production. The race would soon become extinct, and the scriptural injunction, "to multiply and replenish," nugatory, if the world was as barren physically as the class to which I allude, are mentally. Like the fabled Maidens, having been banished to a lone island, where there were no men, because they hated them, run out in one generation; so if there were upon this planet, no thinking, active, stirring, live pioneers, truth would soon be smothered, and the dark ages again envelop us. Moving automations, without life or power, ought to thank these guardians of truth for stirring up the waters and keeping the atmosphere moving. There is no other way to keep them pure and healthy. Every new idea, every new invention, every blessing to the race, spring from active, fertile brains—from a soil enriched with thought and investigation. The world cannot dispense with such men. They are the lights of the present, shedding a halo of light and truth, down the future.

CHAUCER.

CONGRESS.—The Committee on the contested seat of Hon. Fenner Ferguson, reported a postponement of action until October next. The report was adopted. Further action upon the Pacific Railroad Bill, is also postponed until December next.

COMMERCE OF BRAZIL.—The accounts of the last fiscal year show that the commerce of Brazil has been most lucrative for her, as we find her debt (the bonds for which are in great demand in London) has been diminished, and the receipts beyond expenses have been more than 20,000,000 of francs. The pressure in Europe and North America has had some effect upon her, but not to the extent of other nations; for Brazil has more than fifteen million dollars hard currency, and only twenty million of paper, which makes her condition in this respect better than that of Massachusetts, which has one dollar in gold and silver to between five and six of paper.

A Brave Woman.

About 2 o'clock, last Sunday morning, a messenger came to jailer Baker, in the jail at Watertown, with the intelligence that a prisoner named Spencer Wilson was sick, and wished Mr. Baker to bring him some medicine. Mr. B. did not hesitate to attend the prisoner, and brought him a drink calculated to alleviate his pain. While Mr. Baker was holding the cup for the consummate villain to drink (for Wilson was faking his illness) three other prisoners, named Eddy, Ward, and Missie, stole slyly into the cell in their stocking feet (Mr. B.'s back being toward them) and seized him, bore him to the ground, and beat him terribly about the head, and abused him shamefully. One of the wretches stepped on the throat of the prostrate jailer, while the three others proceeded to gag and bind him—not, however, until he had made sufficient noise to awaken his wife, who, brave woman! seized a revolver, and stationed herself at the outer door leading into the hall, where she calmly awaited developments.

Meantime the villains had picked Mr. Baker's pocket of his wallet, and the prison keys, and locking him in the cell, coolly proceeded to prepare for departure, considering themselves now "all hunk," as the phrase is. They picked up their snafels, which were carefully packed, flung their coats on their arms and proceeded to the outer door for the purpose of taking leave. What was their consternation on looking through the hole in the door, and beholding leveled directly at them an ugly concern with six holes in the end of it, and a little white finger calmly resting on the trigger. "Advance one step in this hall," said the delicate, but firm voice, "and you die." The villains quailed. "Come on," said Mrs. Baker, "but the first man who steps from that door I will shoot." This was more than the fellows had bargained for. But one of them was cool and impudent. "Pshaw!" said he, "you don't know how to shoot it." "Yes I do," said Mrs. Baker, "I have been practicing this long time; if you don't believe it you can make the trial." The fellows were completely baffled. They retired for consultation. With a refinement of devilry worthy the arch fiend, they returned with the intelligence that Mrs. Baker might take her choice—either to see her husband's brains knocked out, or to retire and let them pass out! Here indeed was a fearful trial! What did the brave woman do? She quailed not for an instant—her eye leveled not its vigilance—her finger trembled not on the trigger—there she stood pointing the deadly weapon through the iron bars of the hall before the door, and repeating or warning to the villains not to come forward a step, as they valued their lives! We challenge history to produce an example of more glorious heroism on part of a woman!

A messenger had in the mean time gone after help, and it soon came in the shape of some of the most resolute and hardy men in Watertown, who speedily relieved the little woman from her guard, and drove the prisoners back to their cells, and set matters "to rights."

The four men are now in chains. They are named H. D. Eddy, in for grand larceny at Watertown; Oliver Missie, in for attempting to commit a rape in Rutland; Lawrence Ward, in for burglary in Watertown; and Spencer Wilson, in for burglary in Clayton. Four more heaver defying and devilish wretches probably Jefferson county boasts not; at least we hope so!

Mrs. Baker is a small, slim woman, with very expressive features, in which courage and firmness are displayed in the keen, clear eye, and the resolute lines about the mouth. We asked her if she would really have shot the men, had they disregarded her warning. She said "Most certainly I would! Wouldn't you?" Utica Herald, April 8.

A NINE THOUSAND DOLLAR WIFE LOST.—The Kansas Herald relates thus how it was done—a hard case! An interesting case came off last week before the recorder's court, in this city. It seems Dr. J. B. Chapman, became enamored last fall with a beautiful and accomplished young lady by the name of Miss Little. It seems her charms were so prepossessing as to cause the Dr. to importune her greatly to join him in the holy bonds of wedlock. The doctor being old, nearly sixty, and she young and beautiful, she required him to advance a bonus to the promise of marriage. To this the doctor readily consented, and made over to her, according to his account, about nine thousand dollars' worth of property. Since she came into possession of the property, she declined marrying him, and he brings his suit to recover the property. The gal won the suit.

A German woman who resides in Elizabeth, N. J., and has been supported by public charity for years, died last week, and leaves \$14,000 in bonds and mortgages, which, as she has no heirs, will revert to the town.

IMMIGRATION AT PORTLAND.—There arrived at Portland during the past year nineteen hundred and twelve alien passengers, subject to head money. Of these about 1700 have gone to Canada. The amount received from alien passengers was \$1,434. Of this sum \$734 25 was refunded to those going out of the country.

An old toper was induced to sign the temperance pledge, which he kept religiously for some weeks. At last he got decidedly balmy, and one of his friends remonstrated with him for his faithlessness to his obligations. He answered, "To be sure I signed the pledge, but I was tremendously dry, and all signs fail in a dry time."

Local & Territorial.

C. C. Goss, will preach at the School House, next Sunday Evening, at 7 1-2 o'clock. Subject, "The Great Revival of 1858."

The members of the Bellevue Library Association, will meet at the school house on Monday evening next, for debate. Subject, "Resolved that slavery has improved the condition of the African race." All are invited to attend.

THERMOMETRICAL.—Below will be found our Thermometrical Record for April. On the whole, April was an unpleasant month. Considerable rain fell during the month, accompanied with high winds:—

Table with columns: April, '58, A.M. Dg., P.M. Dg., P.M. Dg. Rows 1-30 showing daily weather data.

May has opened fine. The lowering clouds that have hung over us considerable of the time, during the past month, have been dispelled, and the weather is now extremely pleasant, which gives satisfaction to those that have been weather bound, several days past.

P. W. Lane has completed and is now occupying his new dwelling, on Hancock Street.

We call attention to T. & J. A. Nye's Advertisement. They have a large variety of goods for sale, at their store on Main Street. Give them a call.

J. J. Kamm, will execute House, Sign and Ornamental Painting, &c. Read his Advertisement.

Jos. E. Pray has lost a Gold Watch. See Advertisement, in another column.

A. N. Briggs is now busily engaged in erecting his large two-story dwelling, on Hancock Street.

Nathaniel G. Benton has constructed a large Flat Boat, and is now crossing passengers, &c. over the Big Muddy, between Bellevue and Junction City, at the following rates:—Four Horse or Ox Team, \$125; Two do., \$100; One Horse and Buggy, 75 cts.; One Horse and Cig, 50 cts.; One Horse and Rider, 25 cts.; Footman, 10 cts.; Loose Horses and Cattle, per head, 10 cts.; Loose Swine or Sheep, per head, 5 cts.

At the regular Annual meeting, of the qualified Electors of the Bellevue School District No 1, held at Bellevue, on Monday, the 3rd day of May 1858, the following persons were elected a board of Directors for the District, to serve for one year, William Robinson, President Thomas Nye, Secretary; Horace Rogers Treasurer. On motion, it was resolved, that, all the powers contained in sec. 39 of the Act, relating to Common Schools, be and are hereby delegated to the District Board. On motion adjourned.

JAMES GOW, Pres. W. H. COOK, Sec'y.

C. C. Goss delivered a very entertaining lecture on Nebraska in this City, on Tuesday evening last, to a large and attentive audience.

Horace Rogers is erecting a dwelling on Franklin street, near the Presbyterian Church.

STEAM BOATS.—The St. Joe and Omaha Packet, WATROSSA, arrived Sunday morning, May 3.

The D. A. JANUARY, passed down on her return from Ft. Randall. She has been above since the 12th ult.

The E. A. OGDEN, Wm. Thompson, Master, and Douglas, Clerk, arrived on Wednesday morning, May 5th, and discharged a load of passengers and freight, at our levee.

The E. M. RYLAND, came up this morning, and landed a large quantity of freight, for our citizens.

TO THE REPUBLICANS OF SARPY COUNTY.—A meeting of the Republicans of Sarpy county, will be held in the school house in Bellevue, on Saturday the 15th inst., at two o'clock P. M. for the purpose of organizing the party in this County, and electing delegates to attend the Convention to be held in Omaha, on the 27th day of May. R. Republicans Rally!

MANY REPUBLICANS.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society, will meet at Rev. Wm. Hamilton's, on Thursday evening of next week.

Joseph E. Pray is erecting a Brick building, on Main street.

F. M. Davenport has removed to his new store on Main street, which he has recently erected.

Col Sites, Superintendent of the Platte River and Running Water Wagon Road, arrived yesterday, by the E. A. OGDEN. He will proceed with the completion of the Road in a few days.

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO RE-LOCATE THE CAPITOL OF NEBRASKA.

In accordance with the requirements of the law, of Re-locating the Capitol of the Territory of Nebraska, the Commissioners, Messrs. S. F. Nuckolls, of Otoe Co.; W. D. McCord, of Cass; John Finney, of Sarpy; and E. B. Hamilton, of Washington; met in the city of Bellevue, on May 1st, 1858, and were duly qualified by Chief Justice Hall, by filing the required bonds, and taking the necessary oath. After which, the board was duly organized, by the election of W. D. McCord, of Cass, President, John Finney, of Sarpy, Secretary, and John Howard of Cass, Clerk of the board.

The board resolved to meet in the month of June, the day and place of meeting, to be fixed by the President, and then proceed to view the Territory, designate by law, for the location of the Capitol, and for the transaction of such other business pertaining to their duty as may come before them.

JOHN HOWARD, Clerk.

Grand Jury for the adjourned term of the District Court to be held at Bellevue, on Monday, 21st day of June, 1858.

Wm. D. Rowles, David E. Longsdorf, Philander Cook, Thomas Nye, Wm. Robinson, James B. Glover, James Gow, Thomas Boyer, Milton Driskell, John Cody, James Arnett, Franklin Myers, George W. Owen, Levi Lerew, William Wilkinson.

Petit Jury.

James T. Allan, F. M. Davenport, Louis Bartels, George P. Ayerill, George Oliver, Saml. M. Pike, And. Sagendorf, Geo. Clearwater, Freeman Caulkins, Wm. R. Watson, Danl E. Reed, W. McLaughlin, Joseph Dyson, Ralph H. Hall, Samuel Snyder Sr., Selar Sage, John Finney, Simon Randolph, H. A. Longsdorf, Robert Shields, Charles Childs, Thomas Rainey, And. M. Pollock, Michael Jones.

STEPHEN D. BANGS, County Clerk.

Bellevue May 4th 1858.

INSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F. OF NEBRASKA.

The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Territory of Nebraska, was instituted at Nebraska City, on Tuesday the 27th day of March, under the most favorable auspices. The following officers were elected and installed.

P. G. Chas. F. Hally, R. W. G. Master.

P. G. J. W. Stull, R. W. D. G. Master.

P. G. W. H. Cook, R. W. G. Warden.

P. G. R. W. Furnace, R. W. G. Secretary.

P. G. J. Hamlin, R. W. G. Treasurer.

P. G. M. W. Brown, R. W. G. Marshal.

P. G. J. W. Newcomb, R. W. G. Guardian.

P. G. W. L. B. Boydston, R. W. G. Messenger.

P. G. Rev. J. M. Chivington, R. W. G. Chaplain.

The next session of the Grand Lodge, will be held at Omaha city, on the second Tuesday in July next.

CURE FOR TOOTH ACHES.—A Friend assures us, that the following is a sure remedy for the tooth ache. Take a peice of allum, and an equal quantity of common salt, powder them together, dip a little cotton into it, and insert the cotton in the fractious molar, and it will cease aching in a few minutes. Try it, ye that are tormented with aching masticators.

The supply trains left Nebraska City last week for the Army of the West, and three are to leave this week. There are twenty-six wagons in a train, each wagon carrying 5,700 pounds and drawn by six yoke of cattle. It is expected that trains will soon leave daily. It will take till nearly August, before the last train will be ready to leave.

We have had 23 steam-boat arrivals this season, as follows:—In March, 4; April, 16; May, 3. Last year, up to this date, there were 21 arrivals. In March, 2; April, 13; May, 6.

At the Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, held at Topeka, Kansas, for the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska, the following appointments were made for this Territory:

Nebraska City District, J. M. Chivington, Presiding Elder; Platteville, David Hart; Mt. Pleasant, Martin Prichard; Nebraska City, D. H. May; Otoe City, to be supplied; Brownville, Philo Gorton; Falls City, J. W. Taylor; Tecumseh, J. W. Minard; Beatrice, to be supplied; Salt Creek, Z. B. Turman;

Omaha District, W. H. Goode, Presiding Elder; B. Levee, to be supplied; Omaha City, W. M. Smith; Florence, H. Burch; Platte Valley, Jacob Adriance; Fontenelle, to be supplied; Desoto, Jerome Spillman; Tekamah, to be supplied; Omaha, A. J. Dorsey; Niobrara, to be supplied.

HAIL STORM AND TORNADO.—We learn that on the 19th inst., a violent hail storm accompanied by a heavy rain and tornado, visited the region of Pny, and little Musquito creeks in this county. We are informed that the hail stones were washed and rolled down the side hills and lodged against the fences in such quantities, that 24 hours after the storm, drifts might be found 2 feet in depth. The rain fell in such quantities that it washed up all the new planted potatoes, on land which was not nearly or quite level. Little Musquito and Pony creeks, were several feet higher than the oldest citizens ever saw them before. Two or three houses were blown down, and all the bridges on the streams were carried away. Although there were several narrow escapes, fortunately no lives were lost.—Council Bluffs Bugle.

Mr. John A. Washington, the present owner of Mount Vernon, proposes to sell 200 acres of it, which, minus the grave of Washington, would be worth about \$10,000, for \$200,000. He formerly refused to sell to any one but the Federal Government or Virginia; but, these not coming forward, he is now willing to accept his \$200,000 from the Ladies of Virginia, assisted as they are by those of other States and the eloquence of Edward Everett. Mr. Washington, has already made a good thing of selling the timber off these hallowed acres for canes, snuff-boxes, &c. As Mr. W. is not a Yankee we suppose there is nothing to be said; but if he only were a Yankee, he would be esteemed an intensely mean one. Still, a man may do what he likes with his own, and those who don't like what he does are at perfect liberty to grumble.

CONFIDENCE EXTRAORDINARY.—William Faber came to town from Missouri. Before leaving home he was cautioned against New York barpers; but while actually in the act of keeping a sharp lookout for them, he was taken in and done for. In West Street he was accosted by an honest-looking stranger, who exhibited a check on the Greenway Bank for \$200. Stranger wanted "small change," but the Brnk had nothing smaller than \$100 bills. Could Missouri accommodate? Missouri thought he could. Stranger stepped into the Bank, and the came out with two \$100 bills in his hand. Missouri handed over \$100 in gold for one of the bills, and would have taken the other on the same terms, but luckily, his gold did not hold out. In a few minutes after the transaction, stranger was nowhere to be seen. Missouri soon discovered that he had purchased a bad note on the City Trust and Banking Company, and a good lesson on "confidence operations."—N. Y. Life Illustrated.

A GROWING CITY.—Nearly every body can recollect the very origin of the city of St. Paul, Minnesota. She is scarcely twenty years old, yet look what she is! A city of more than forty thousand inhabitants! She is now of course, just assuming a position to command her own destiny. She so overshadows all other cities on the upper Mississippi River, that every eye which is turned to the Northwest rests on the city of St. Paul. When a place has attained the reputation and power which are now St. Paul's, it then commands its own future, hence the importance of straining every nerve to obtain this precedence. What that is seeking for a home in a city of Minnesota will not go directly to St. Paul. The struggle with her is now over; she has only to open her arms to receive population, wealth and greatness. "By the exercise of a judicious spirit of enterprise she is beyond fear of competition. The St. Louis Evening News of a late date says: "St. Paul, in Minnesota is one of the most remarkably growing towns we ever heard of. At the late vote on the proposition for the State to borrow \$5,000,000 to build its railroad, St. Paul cast 4,240 voters. Estimating 10 inhabitants to each voter, which is about the usual ratio in Western cities, this would give the brisk young city a population of 42,400! The women and children must vote in Minnesota!"—St. Joe Gazette.