

moved by its inner machinery, the geological record notes its windings up. It presents to us, not the details of intermediate life, but the epochs of successive creations and extinctions. It shows us the shadow of that august Presence, as from the secret chamber of His eternal purposes, He passed over the face of the earth, to create a new race in place of one that has run its course. We can watch the awful solitude that pervaded what was then all that existed of the new, busy continent of North America. Of Europe and Asia, the then sole vestiges were a few islands rising above the level of a vast and surging sea. The Alps were still but low promontories, and the now fiery head of Etna, not yet deserted by the waters which washed into its crater, had not commenced to burn. The main land of North America stopped at the East with the Alleghenies, and the waters penetrated Northwards into the valley of the Mississippi, nearly to the mouth of the Arkansas. It was in the valley of the Missouri that life, in this early tertiary period, first broke. There in the rank vegetation of the river-bottom, and under the shade of mammoth trees, among swamps from which rose upwards in all their coarse strength, obelisk-like reeds, or terraces covered with immense cone-bearing trees, and with forests of ferns—there, with canines adapted to seize upon the fish with which the waters were filled, and grinding teeth, like the elk; only vastly larger, so as to cut thro' the huge vegetation, strode the Oreodon, a creature of an order between which and all others, a definite chasm exists, which nothing but a new creative power could have passed. There were to be seen mammals of the pachydermal tribe, twenty feet in length, and ten in height, with massive scales on their backs, and jaws five feet long, armed with teeth for grinding and cutting flesh and bone as well as for chewing cud. There, on the semi-aqueous earth, gifted with amphibious parts, which even now make the acute mind of Dr. Leidy to hesitate as to the order to which they really belonged, waddled or wallowed huge turtles (Testudo Nebrascensis, Leidy), the remains of which weigh more than a ton.

All of these species, with their contemporaries, preserve their individuality complete from the beginning to the end of this fossil history. They are identified with nothing else, either before or after. They begin with all their idiosyncrasies entire, and they end with them such. The last individual buried in this tertiary grave has the same features as the first; but neither of them is the same as anything else. There is no intermediate stage, showing how they developed out of some prior and simpler condition of animal life, or afterwards matured into something riper and more complex. On the contrary, they leap their individuality complete, into existence, and leap with their individuality in like manner complete, out of it. It is the sharp and clear fiat: "AND GOD MADE THE BEST OF THE EARTH AFTER HIS KIND." It is the history of a miracle wrought by the divine hand upon the perpetual rocks.

It will be seen, therefore, that there is one other error which these fossils confute—the theory of physiological development so wildly flung out by Dr. Owen, as well as that more artfully propounded by the author of the Vestiges of Creation. No lineage through prior eras can be traced for the mammalia of Nebraska. None of them, or no approaches to them have a place in the secondary period of the geologists. When God created them, (to use the strong image of Sir Charles Lyell.) He threw away the die. The race was formed on a mould by itself. "There is nothing," to adopt the language of Agassiz, when applied to another class, "like parental descent connecting them (the several periods.)" The fishes of the Palaeozoic age are in no respect the ancestors of the reptiles of the secondary age, nor does man descend from the mammals which preceded him in the tertiary age. The link by which they are connected is of higher and immaterial nature; and their connection is to be sought in the view of the Creator Himself.

Of the continuity, and at the same time the identity of the several families of the Nebraska mammalia, the perceptive sagacity of Dr. Leidy has furnished us with several illustrations which meet the only objection which can be urged to the theory of miraculous creation. In the bad lands of Nebraska lie, not occasional specimens of animals swept there by some great estuary, but the remains of an entire race. They form the family burying-ground of the early eocene tertiary. There is to be traced in their full delicacy all the modulations from childhood to maturity, from maturity to old age. They venture to all the limits of family variation, but they never venture out of it. The cub and the dame, the infant and the adult, the young rhinoceros, scarce able to sprawl on the ground, and the aged parent, hardly strong enough on its crooked legs to support the weight of its arm-clad back, all lie side by side in this vast mammal cemetery. And now, through the skill of the comparative anatomists, we have not only the picture of the individual, but the picture of the family group, of young and old, infant and parent, as they collect in the soft soil of the bottom of this ancient valley. Thus, of a single animal, the Rhinoceros Nebrascensis, Dr. Leidy gives us the plates of portions of no less than twelve different individuals. We have the "adult" and the "nearly adult," the "very old," the "very young," the "male," and the "female," as they browsed sometimes on the club ferns of the bluffs, or pursued their fishy prey below. We can draw, therefore, from the explorations of the Bad Lands, more than one important truth. We can learn, that the graveyard into which we enter, contains the remains not

of stray individuals only, but of all contemporaneous creation. We learn that the members of this creation are united by no lineage with periods that precede and follow them. We learn, that so skilful is the art of the comparative anatomists, that he is now able to distinguish between even the phases of sex and age, and a fortiori would be capable of tracing the deviation into new species. We have therefore, the material to act upon, and the power to act. And then, with this power, and this subject matter, when we lift the curtain, and gaze upon this wonderful gallery of geological scriptures, there opens upon us not merely the written truth that God created each living thing after its kind, but the august reality of creation itself, begun, continued, and closed by the First Cause in person.

Francis Wharton, Esq.

FROST AND FRUIT IN OHIO.—A correspondent writes from Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio, May 3, that the frost of April 1st killed all the fruit. Grain and grass 'oo' well. The Ohio Farmer on May 8 says that in the vicinity of Cleveland the hard frosts have destroyed a large percentage of the fruit blossoms. The cherries are badly hurt in some places, while in others they are scarcely injured. The same may be said of the peaches. There will be a partial crop of both cherries and peaches.

Correspondents of The Farmer write as follows.

Vincennes, Ind., April 30, 1858.—It is a month since our peach trees were in bloom, and now the young fruit is the size of peas, safe from frost, with a prospect of an abundant crop, as well as of apples and other fruit.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 28.—The late cold spell has killed most of the fruit in this neighborhood. Wheat and grass look first-rate. The Board of Managers of the Allegheny County Agricultural Society report as the result of their examinations since the late frosts, that peaches, pears, plums and cherries are entirely killed in the region of Pittsburg, and apples, gooseberries and grapes in part.

Mansfield, O., April 30.—The cold weather has destroyed the greater part of our peaches and cherries. The pears are not very much injured, and the apples not at all. We still have a good many cherries, especially of the later and common varieties. I have a small Governor Wood cherry, blooming for the first time, the buds of which are not injured.

Peru, Huron Co. O., April 27.—The fruit is almost entirely killed in this region by the late frosts. Wheat looks well far better than this time last year.

Marysville, O., May 3.—Wheat in this county looks fine, and bids fair for a good crop. Weather is very wet and cold; farmers backward with Spring work. Grass is coming forward finely; fruit is somewhat injured by the late frosts.

Newport, Washington, Co. O., April 28.—The severe late frost, we fear, has entirely destroyed the apples and peaches, though a few may have escaped. This in our county, will be a great loss.

Massillon, O., April 27.—Our wheat looks well; but the last few cold days and nights frighten many timid ones, and they think forward wheat is injured. Early fruit may be nipped.

Paris, Ky., April 30.—The fruit crop, the promise of which was very fine, is, unquestionably, very much injured.

Sunflower seeds are said to be the best known remedy for founder horses. As soon as ascertained he is foundered, mix one pint of the seeds whole with the feed and entire cure may be expected.

The Governor of South Carolina has appointed A. P. Hayne to the Senate of the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the recent death of Senator Evans. Mr. Hayne is the fourth person appointed to serve out a single term. It is to be hoped he will live through it.

BILLY BOWLEGS OUT OF FLORIDA AT LAST.—A dispatch from Maj. E. Rector, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, dated head of Pass, via New Orleans, May 14, says: "I am here with Billy Bowlegs and one hundred and sixty-five Florida Seminoles, on board United States steamer Grey Cloud." This is good news; the people of Florida may now rest in quiet, without having any fear of Billy Bowlegs constantly before their eyes.—*Republican.*

NAVIGATION OF THE BIG SIOUX RIVER.—The St. Paul Pioneer learns that two enterprising gentlemen, Messrs. TANNING & TAYLOR, have made arrangements to place two light draught steamboats on the Big Sioux River, this season. They are intended to run regular between Sioux City, on the Missouri, at the mouth of the Big Sioux, and the new town of Eminija, one hundred and forty miles above.

The Legislature of California has passed a bill prohibiting the future immigration of free negroes to California, and compelling those already there to register their names and take out licenses. There was great excitement among them, and meetings have been held, in which was discussed the question of emigrating in a body to Vancouver's Island.

Henry Van Rensselaer, Esq. of Ogdensburg, N. Y., has advertised the whole of his princely estate, in the town of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence county, for sale at auction, in June. The property consists of thirty thousand acres of land, including the proprietor's unrivaled, beautiful country seat, named Woodford, in the vicinity of Ogdensburg. This is the largest sale of private property, we have yet heard of in America.

BELLEVUE GAZETTE.

HENRY M. BURT,
News and Local Editor.

BELLEVUE, N. T.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1858.

City Election.

Our Annual Municipal Election, took place on Monday last, and was conducted with considerable spirit by the friends of the respective candidates, but generally the utmost good feeling prevailed.

C. T. Holloway, the successful candidate for Mayor, although a young man, is one of the oldest residents in our City. He came here in the spring of 1854, and has since resided permanently among us. Twice, has he been the people's choice to the Territorial Legislature, and his untiring efforts for the benefit of this City and County, have won for him the respect and esteem of our citizens, generally. Mr. Robinson, his competitor, is a popular man, and much respected by our citizens, and his election would have given satisfaction to all parties.

The Board of Aldermen elected, consist of John A. Nye, Dr. Wm. H. Longsdorf, and Samuel Snyder, Sr. They are the people's men;—honest, able, and industrious. Their efficiency as Aldermen, will not be inferior to their skill and efficiency in the duties of their several callings.

Henry M. Burt, News and Local Editor, of this paper, was elected Recorder, by nearly an unanimous vote.

W. D. Rowles, City Treasurer, elect, is one of our enterprising business men, and is universally respected.

F. M. Davenport, received a large vote for Assessor. He is one of the active, growing young men of the City, and is well qualified for the office to which he is elected.

W. R. Blore, was elected Marshal. He is a first rate fellow, and will discharge the duties of his office, to the satisfaction of all that "obey the powers that be."

As a whole, we have no fault to find, with the result of the election, on Monday. All the officers elected, are efficient and popular, and will, without doubt, discharge their respective duties, with ability and fidelity.

We have just received the 34th annual Report of the American Sunday School Union, read at the anniversary of that Association, on the 4th ult., by the efficient Secretary of Missions, Rev. R. B. Westbrook. This Report shows that during the past year, 1521 new schools have been organized, including no less than 5800 children; and 1381 schools already organized, were visited and aided, by the Missionaries of the above Union. Books to the amount of \$22,000, in value, have been sold, while \$8,097 worth, have been donated to schools unable to purchase.

The mode of operations, consist of two departments,—the Publishing and Missionary. The former is self supporting, i. e., the books are sold at a price that just covers all the expenses of publishing. In the latter, 80 Missionaries have been employed in 17 different States and Territories; besides many others, laboring in connection with numerous auxiliary societies. This department is supported by donations, legacies, and collections, from Churches and benevolent individuals.

We consider this Society, in connection with the American Bible Society, the most efficient, useful, and anti-sectarian of any Society in the world.

The new and elegant passenger steamer, Victoria, will take the place of the F. X. Aubrey in the Pacific Line, and will be commanded by BEN. G. GLIMM, the popular Captain of the latter boat. The Victoria is entirely new, and will be no discredit to this line of steamers.

Among the passengers by the *Moses Taylor* for California last week, was the celebrated negro minstrel, George Christy, of New York. He goes to San Francisco on a three years engagement. Rumor says he was offered \$10,000 a year or a third of the profits, and chose the latter.

We see from the New York papers that the Turkish Admiral will leave Boston in a few days for Liverpool, and will thence proceed to Constantinople, expecting to return to the United States in about three months.

The Cincinnati papers announce the death of Anthony Handest, an old citizen and the first locomotive builder there.

The Wisconsin Editors and Publishers' Association is to hold a meeting at Madison on the 16th of June. Hon. Chas. D. Robinson, of the Green Bay Advocate, will deliver an address, and Horace Rable, Esq., of the State Journal, will read a poem on the occasion.

Local & Territorial.

The following is the official vote, cast for Municipal Officers, at the election held in this City, Monday last, June 7th:

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| Whole number of votes polled, | 153 |
| For Mayor, | |
| C. T. Holloway, | 86 |
| Wm. Robinson, | 66 |
| Scattering, | 1 |
| For Aldermen, | |
| John A. Nye, | 145 |
| Wm. H. Longsdorf, | 91 |
| Samuel Snyder, Sr., | 69 |
| V. A. Gwyer, | 65 |
| Charles Johnson, | 51 |
| Scattering, | 26 |
| For Recorder, | |
| Henry M. Burt, | 151 |
| Wm. S. McMurdia, | 1 |
| The All Seeing Eye, | 1 |
| For Treasurer, | |
| W. D. Rowles, | 149 |
| Scattering, | 1 |
| For Assessor, | |
| F. M. Davenport, | 133 |
| Horace Rogers, | 15 |
| Scattering, | 5 |
| For Marshal, | |
| W. R. Blore, | 105 |
| O. A. Velie, | 45 |
| Scattering, | 3 |

We, the undersigned, a Committee, appointed by the Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, of Free and Accepted Masons, to draft a suitable expression of our regard for our deceased brother, THOMAS NYE, do beg leave to offer the following:—

The Supreme Architect of the Universe, hath permitted the Messenger of Death, to alarm our outer door, enter our Lodge, and call off our brother, Thomas Nye, from the labor of earth, to the refreshment of Heaven.

On the 4th day of June, 1857, Brother Nye, landed upon our shores; and just, one year from that day, we laid him away to rest in the cold sequestered grave. His spirit took its exit, upon the morning of the 3rd of June, 1858, and in the afternoon of the following day, we inhaled his mortal remains with the proper ceremonies of our Masonic Order.

Sociable, courteous and benevolent, he was highly esteemed by all who knew him. Governed by a high sense of honor, and influenced by the highest moral principle, he was an ornament to the fraternity, of which he was a member.

A few weeks since, he traveled with us the rugged path of life, bearing the burden and heat of the day, with fortitude, perseverance, and fidelity. A few weeks since, the cement of love and affection, bound him to kindred, reciprocal hearts; but at high twelve, in the meridian of life, and usefulness, at the age of 37, he passed away from all earthly associations. His mortal coil was enveloped in the winding sheet of death, and his spirit raised to the felicity of a Lodge celestial, where the Supreme Grand Master presides, in the beauty of his holiness, there to receive robes of purity, and crowns unfading, in companionship with hearts of fraternal and never ending union.

While we deeply feel his loss, and as deeply sympathize with his esteemed family in their bereavement, we bow in submission to the behest of the Supreme Dispenser of events.

In behalf of the Lodge,
C. C. GOSS,
H. T. CLARKE, } Committee.
L. F. BARTELS,
L. B. KINNEY, W. M.
Wm. H. Cook, Sec'y.

Beware of the Orleans Bank of Cannelton, Ind. A large amount of this worthless trash, has been put in circulation, in this Territory.

A party of gold diggers, have been prospecting for that precious metal, on Mud Creek, a few miles west of this City. We understand a substance resembling gold, was discovered.

Last Sunday morning, a Sunday School was organized in this City, under the auspices of the American Sunday School Union. T. B. Lemon was elected Superintendent. A Bible Class was also formed, with Rev. Wm. Hamilton, as its teacher. A large audience was in attendance, and the object and principles of said Union, were set forth by their Agent.

In the afternoon of the same day, another School of similar character, was organized at Mr. Clifton's, a few miles north of this City. Charles E. Smith, was elected Superintendent.

A company of Germans, from Buffalo, N. Y., have made a purchase of 4,400 acres of land, adjoining St. Stephen, in Richardson county, on which they design to immediately emigrate.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Notwithstanding the hard times, the course of Bellevue, is still onward. As yet, we have not built with the rapidity that characterized the latter portion of last season, but there has been nearly ten times the amount of building done this year, that was accomplished up to same period, in last year; and from present indications, there will be as many or more buildings erected this season, as there were last. We have had time to examine only the following:—

The walls of the Presbyterian Church, have been completed, the building roofed, and the steeple is now nearly finished. This edifice, when completed, will be an ornament to the town, and a credit to its builder, Rev. Wm. Hamilton, whose labors have been untiring in behalf of that object, which we hope will soon prove successful.

The two brick dwellings, now being erected by Wm. Robinson, are going up with rapidity. They will make a very fine block, and not inferior to any in this portion of the West. They are situated on the west side of Hancock Street, and command a beautiful view of the Missouri Valley.

The two story frame dwelling, of A. N. Briggs, now in process of erection, on Hancock Street, west side, will make a fine dwelling. Its architecture reflects credit upon its builder.

E. W. Bigelow, is also erecting a large two story concrete dwelling, on the same street, near the School House. The walls of the lower story are about half finished. The location is a fine one, and when the building is entirely completed, it will make a desirable residence.

Samuel Snyder, Sr., our worthy townsman, and Alderman elect, has commenced the erection of his large and commodious two story dwelling, on Franklin Street. He will also erect, on the same street, a spacious Store Room.

Horace Rogers has erected a dwelling on the same Street.

The dwelling house of Bruno Tzschuck, situated on the bottom, about two miles from town, was struck by lightning, on Wednesday night, of last week. The house was considerably damaged, but fortunately the occupants escaped without injury.

The St. Joseph Packets, Dan. Converse and Watosa, came up June 4th and 6th.

Jabez L. Winship of Omaha, accidentally shot himself, on Tuesday evening of last week, at his residence on Harney street. The Omaha Times says:—

Mr. Winship had just left the outer door of the room to get his gun for the purpose of killing a rat which was outside, and, leaving Mrs. W. sitting at the door, requested her to watch the rat until he returned with the gun. She was thus engaged, looking out into the yard, when hearing a discharge of a gun, and a fall simultaneously, she turned around to behold her husband a corpse, with blood running in streams upon the floor. He died without a word or a groan. No one saw him until he fell, but as he held a shot gun in his arm, and as his lips were unajured, the inside of his mouth much torn, and as the shot passed out through the top of his head, entering the ceiling of the room, it is evident that he must have been blowing his breath into the muzzle of the gun to ascertain if it was loaded.

A special meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Bellevue, was held June 5th, A. D. 1858.

Present His Hon. L. L. Bowen, Mayor, L. B. Kinney and C. T. Holloway, Aldermen.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The returns of the Judges of the City Election, held June 7th, were received, examined and the following persons were found to be elected, to fill the respective offices.

C. T. Holloway, for Mayor.
Samuel Snyder Sr., } Aldermen.
John A. Nye, }
Wm. H. Longsdorf, }
Henry M. Burt, Recorder.
W. D. Rowles, Treasurer.
F. M. Davenport, Assessor.
W. R. Blore, Marshal.

The Mayor elect appeared, and took the oath of office.

On motion of L. B. Kinney, the Council adjourned.

Attest, L. L. BOWEN, Mayor.
CHAS. McRAY, Recorder.

A Pomological Society, is about being organized, at Nebraska City.

The Directors of the Platte Valley Bank, in a card published in the Nebraska City News, contradict the report, that the above named Bank, had changed hands.

Pursuant to a call made in the Bellevue Gazette, the citizens of Sarpy County, assembled at Saling's Grove, on Saturday, June 5th, for the purpose of taking into consideration, the propriety of remonstrating against the sales of the Public Lands, in this district, in September next.

On motion, Wm. R. WATSON was called to the Chair, and ALFRED MATTHIAS, appointed Secretary.

On motion, the Chairman appointed a Committee, consisting of the following persons, to draft Resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting:—L. L. Bowen, Michael Jones, C. T. Holloway, Lewis A. Driskell, Wm. R. Smith.

The Committee reported the following Resolutions through their Chairman, L. L. Bowen, which were unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the Citizens of Sarpy county, and we believe of the Territory generally, are almost without exception, opposed to the sale of the public lands, in this Territory, in September next, and are in favor of the postponement of the same, for the period of one year at least.

Resolved, That the present embarrassed state of financial matters generally, and the destitution of money in the Territory, renders this postponement necessary, in order to save a very large portion of our people, (the actual settlers) their homes, homes upon which they have resided, with their families, and have improved since the organization of the Territory; these homes comprising in many instances, the all, that those owning them are possessed of, and that much of the land already entered, has been so entered through capitalists, for which the seller is compelled to pay exorbitant rates of interest, ranging from forty per cent upward, and many will lose their improvements already made.

Resolved, That a committee of ten, be appointed to circulate the petitions and forward the same, to the General Land Office, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the President of the United States, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

The following Resolution, presented by B. P. Rankin, was also unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That we invite the earnest co-operations of our sister Counties, throughout the Territory, to aid us by petition, and all other legal means, to secure the desired postponement, of the sales of the Public Lands.

The following persons were appointed a Committee to circulate petitions, as resolved:—Stephen H. Waukes, Michael Jones, Milton Driskell, G. W. Owen, B. P. Rankin, B. Tzschuck, Jonas Mitchell, L. B. Kinney, Charles E. Smith, Enoch McCarty.

On motion, said petitions are to be forwarded to L. B. Kinney, in Bellevue, on the 22d of June.

On motion, it was requested, that the proceedings of this meeting, be published in the Bellevue Gazette, and a copy be forwarded to all the papers in the Territory, with a request to publish said proceedings.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

WM. R. WATSON, President.

ALFRED MATTHIAS, Secretary.

The Annual Communication, of the Free and Accepted Masons, for this Territory, met at Nebraska City, June 2d, and elected the following officers:—

R. C. Jordan, of Omaha, Grand Master.

L. L. Bowen, of Bellevue, Deputy Grand Master.

David Lindley, of Nebraska City, Senior Grand Warden.

M. G. Wilkinson, of Omaha, Junior Grand Warden.

John H. Maxon, of Nebraska City, Grand Treasurer.

R. W. Furnas, of Brownville, Grand Secretary.

J. H. Chivington, of Nebraska City, Grand Chaplin.

Albert G. Clark, of Omaha, Grand Orator.

George Armstrong, of Omaha, Grand Lecturer.

H. N. Cornell, of Nebraska City, Grand Marshal.

Wm. Byers, of Omaha, Grand Senior Deacon.

C. D. Keller, of Bellevue, Grand Junior Deacon.

G. W. Bratton, of Brownville, Grand Steward.

D. H. Wheeler, of Plattsmouth, Grand Sword Bearer.

E. A. Donelan, of Plattsmouth, and Jesse Noel, of Brownville, Pursuivants.

Edward Henry, of Nebraska City, Grand Tyler.

Meets on the 2d Wednesday in June, 1859, at Bellevue, N. T.

LOGES REPRESENTED.
Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, Bellevue.
Western Star Lodge, No. 2, Nebraska City.
Capitol Lodge, No. 3, Omaha.
Nebraska Rally, No. 4, Brownville.
Omadi Rally, No. 5, Omadi.
Plattsmouth Rally, No. 6, Plattsmouth.

Recent rains have swept away two bridges that were erected over Omaha Creek, on the Indian Reserve, last fall, by Col. Sites.

Strawberries are now ripe, in this vicinity.