

BELLEVUE GAZETTE.

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The Coming Election.

Our County is in a political ferment, just at this time. Meetings are being held all over the County, and the various candidates are, with stirring eloquence, setting up their claims for legislative honors.

On last Saturday, a meeting was held at Col. J. S. Seaton's.—Wm. D. Rowles, presiding. The meeting was well attended, and speeches were made by Dr. T. J. Boykin, Gen. L. L. Bowen, Col. B. P. Rankin, C. C. Norwood, Jas. S. Allan, Judge Cook, Robt. Hamilton, and S. A. Strickland.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was also held at the School House, in Saling's Grove, on Monday evening last.—John Harbin, presiding. The meeting passed off quietly, and much to the satisfaction of voters and candidates.

On Tuesday, at 3 o'clock, P. M., there was a political gathering at Larimer City.—S. G. Beman presiding. The meeting was addressed by Boykin, Bowen, Rankin, Longsdorf, Norwood, Steinberger, Holloway, Wattles, Cook, Strickland, and Dean of Burt County, who is a candidate for Councilman, from the Counties of Washington, Sarpy, and Burt.

Meetings will be held at Forest City, to-morrow evening, at Owenton on Monday afternoon, and at Clifton's, on Tuesday afternoon.

Forest City.

Last week we spent a few days in the west end of Sarpy County, and were much pleased with the growing improvements of that region. We noticed many farms well fenced, with good buildings, and with crops looking well and promising a rich harvest. Several farmers were already cutting their wheat, some of which is somewhat injured by the rust. This country being well timbered, has attracted the sturdy yeomanry thither, who are opening up farms and tilling the soil with energy and success. Especially is this so in the west end, about Forest City. The settlers there are active and industrious, earning their bread by the sweat of their brows.

On arriving at this place, we found most of the inhabitants of that region, assembled for a political convention. Those who aspire to political distinction, had called them together to anoint them with an extra quality of soft-soap, manufactured at the establishment of self-interest. Some of these political traders sold it on that occasion, "free gratis and for nothing,"—and twenty-four ounces to the pound, at that. Bating a little sycophancy, the convention was a very creditable one, and resulted in the unanimous nomination of Matthew M. Shields, for Representative.

The town site of Forest City is a beautiful one, nearly equaling that of our own City. The plateau upon which the City is situated, extends some four miles south and two north of the same, forming a scene, especially at sun-set, of unsurpassed beauty. This piece of table land, or plateau, gradually slopes from the eastern extremity of the surveyed town plat, to the waters of the Platte River. The Elkhorn River unites its waters with the Platte, at this place, which will give it great prominence should these two streams be navigated. Considering the abundance of timber in this region, the rich agricultural country, and enterprising character of the inhabitants, Forest City must make a flourishing inland town.

Our thanks are due to B. Scott, Esq., and his estimable lady, for their kind hospitality, during our sojourn at that City.—CHAUCER.

The American Senate.

The master minds of the American Senate, have departed. Webster, Calhoun, Clay and Benton, were unequalled in any legislative body in the world, have resigned their seats to talent far inferior to their own. Brown of Mississippi, is right in the vigor of manhood, but he rants and talks too much about "taking to the thirty-two small boats," unless the ship of State is steered thus and so. Jeff. Davis, his colleague, is a little more savage. Polk, from Missouri, has more mentality than either, and is more of a gentleman, in appearance. Green from the same state, is a wiry, nervous, little worker, but is two shallow and intriguing to take high rank as a statesman. Hale of New Hampshire, is social, jovial, and quick witted. He enjoys a good

laugh as well as good beef. His strength is not in his mentality. Seward is a student rather than an orator. His perceptions being large, he is rather apt to note the P's and Q's of his own chances. He is to be classed among the first of his peers. Bigler of Penn. has more vanity than brains. His style is far too declamatory. Flowers, however, usually grow in a shallow soil. Houston, the Texan ranger, is brim full of practical, good sense, and well deserves the seat he occupies. Toombs is usually in very bad humor, and often shakes his raven locks like a lion. He was once an old line whig, but now one of the luminaries of the National Democracy. Although he is quite a strong fire-eater, pungent in remark and fierce in invective, yet he is a gentleman of fine feelings, educated and made up of the right kind of material to hold the lines. Judge Douglas of Illinois is now the great man of the Senate—the noblest Roman of them all. The "Little Giant," as he is called, is the readiest and ablest debater of that whole body. He has a massive intellect, a quickness of perception and powers of comprehension far superior to any of his peers. Like all really great men, he is free from all pompous dignity, false modesty and assumed airs. In his movements he is easy, active and graceful; always drawing rather than repelling. In his speeches there is no declamation, nor scarcely any flowers; he deals in facts rather than figures, in logic rather than rhetoric. While battling for a cherished principle, he shakes his bushy head and speaks with such energy, point, and power, that the Senate gazes in respectful silence. We may not agree with Mr. Douglas in all his political views, yet at the same time, we consider him the greatest statesman of the American Senate.—CHAUCER.

A NOBLE DEED.—Mrs. Caroline C. Stranburg, wife of P. P. Stranburg of this city, was a passenger on the Pennsylvania, which was burned to the water's edge in the Mississippi, sixty miles below Memphis, on Sunday morning, the 12th ult. Mrs. S. left her berth just before the explosion took place; and when she heard the report, which shook every piece of timber in the boat, she caught hold of her little child, which was only two months old, and rushed into the ladies' cabin at the very moment that a large piece of machinery came crashing through the floor. She ran to the captain's room and told him that the boat was on fire, but he said she was mistaken, and advised her to be calm. She said she was not mistaken, and her manner was so earnest that the captain, thinking she might be correct, went down to the boiler deck. He returned in a short time, and remarked to Mrs. S., "there is no danger now—the fire has been subdued." Mrs. S., however, would not be convinced; she insisted that the boat was in flames, and told the captain to make preparations for saving the passengers. As she finished speaking, the flames broke through the cabin floor, and in less than a minute the cabin was filled with smoke. She saw that the time for action had arrived, and she knew that her life and that of her child depended upon her own exertions; so she went down the private stair case, and was fortunate enough to reach the boiler deck in safety. Knowing that she would perish by fire if she staid on the boat, she determined to leave it and run the risk of meeting her death by another method. She, accordingly, seized a board about seven feet long and eight or ten inches wide, and grasping her child with one arm, and the board with the other, plunged into the river. The current, owing to the high stage of water, was very rapid, and Mrs. S. had as much as she could do to keep herself and child above the surface; but she proved equal to the dangerous situation in which she was placed, and her perilous journey down the river would not have been attended with half the danger that it was, if her unselfish heart had not prompted her to save a man who was unable to save himself. A short time after leaving the boat, she saw a man struggling in the water, and she knew from his movements that he was too much exhausted to save himself from going to the bottom; so she generously and nobly jeopardized her life to save his; she grasped him by the arm, at the risk of being pulled from her frail support, and assisted him in getting upon a little piece of plank that was hardly sufficient to keep herself and child above the surface of the Father of Waters. After floating for an hour and a half, the three were rescued by some men, who, having heard the explosion, launched a small boat and started up stream to render assistance to the unfortunate sufferers. When the man who was rescued by Mrs. Stranburg placed his feet in the boat, he tried to express the gratitude which he felt for his preserver; but his heart was so full of thankfulness that his tongue refused to give full utterance to his grateful feelings. Mrs. Stranburg left this city about three months ago, and went to Clinton, Mississippi, her birth-place, where her relatives reside. She took passage on the Pennsylvania, at Vicksburg, and was fortunate enough to arrive at her own house in this city, on Monday evening. Her conduct entitles her to the admiration of all who can appreciate a noble act.—Bloomington Patriot.

Local & Territorial.

Durant's New England Bards, owing to bad weather, failed to give the Concert in this city, that was noticed in our last. They now propose to give one of their best musical entertainments on Saturday Evening, at the School House. It will be well worth attending. Admission 25 cents.

THE CROPS.—Perhaps there has been no season in Nebraska since its settlement when farm crops, of all kinds, promised a more abundant yield than they have this season, till within a few weeks.

Large quantities of Wheat and Oats were sown, and the growth of straw was never better; but within a few weeks we have heard considerable complaint that the wheat crop is likely to be inferior to what was first anticipated. The wheat has been pretty generally struck with rust, and those fields, that are situated on low places, and late sown wheat, seem to be the most affected. We learn that some pieces are hardly worth cutting, while many other fields are not injured in the least. The average yield of some best pieces will probably be 30 bushels to the acre. This is a first-rate yield, for spring wheat. As yet, hardly any fall or winter wheat has been raised, but it seems to be the opinion that our soil is well adapted to it. Had it not been for the late rains, the wheat harvest would have been over before this.

Oats never looked better, and are heading out well, but have been much beaten down by the late heavy rains.

Corn and potatoes promise a good yield.

CAPT. DEAN and Company, were out in full force, on Tuesday evening, and serenaded our Delegate, at the Bellevue House. The Judge responded in one of his happiest speeches. A large number of our citizens were in attendance, and speeches were also made by the several candidates for political favor, and others. We acknowledge our indebtedness to the Capt. and Company, for a serenade.

EMIGRATION.—We learn that a large number of emigrants are now on their way across Iowa, seeking homes in our fertile Territory. We would invite the attention of actual settlers to the country back of Bellevue. There is a plenty of unoccupied land in this County, that is well adapted to make productive and valuable farms. Taking into consideration, the abundance of timber, water, stone, fertility of the soil, and geographical position, we doubt whether any other portion of Nebraska can equal Sarpy County.

We notice that F. M. Davenport, Merchant Tailor who seems to be fully alive to the improvements of the age, has just completed the internal arrangements of his shop. The papering and graining is of the first order. This last finishing touch, we believe, was executed by J. J. Kamm, who, as an Ornamental Painter, and Grainer, is not surpassed, in this portion of the west.

Several discharged U. S. Soldiers, came down the Platte River, in a skiff, from Ft. Kearney, a short time since.

Rain, rain, rain, has been the order of the day, for some weeks past, till we are well nigh disgusted with the arrangements. We are entitled to a long "spell of weather," without doubt, and from present appearances, we shall not fail to get it. Our creeks and sloughs, are in good navigable condition.

The City Hotel, in Omaha, was struck by lightning, on Sunday evening last, which nearly demolished the east end of the house. The landlord, Mr. Ide, received a very severe shock.

Stephen H. Wattles, is now carrying the mail between Bellevue and Plattford. Mr. Wattles has the contract for carrying the Mail, from Glenwood, Iowa, to Fremont, via Bellevue; and when the crossing of the streams will permit, he has been fully up to time. We predict that Mr. Wattles will prove to be one of the most efficient & faithful Mail contractors, that we have in Nebraska.

A MAMMOTH RADISH.—C. K. Mark, has shown us a Radish that was grown in his garden in this City, that measured 16 inches in length, and 12 1-2 inches in circumference. Mr. Mark brought the seed last spring, from the old Keystone State, and we conclude it is well adapted to our fertile soil. This is the largest Radish that we have seen, that had not "gone to seed." Who can beat it?

The Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. failed to convene at Omaha, as directed, on the second Thursday in July, but will meet on the second Tuesday of September.

TERRITORIAL AUDITOR.—We learn that R. C. Jordan of Omaha, is a candidate for Territorial Auditor. He sustains the reputation of being eminently fitted for that position, and without doubt will receive a large vote throughout the Territory. We unhesitatingly recommend him to the favorable consideration of the voters of Sarpy County.

We insert this week H. D. Harl's advertisement of a Daily Omnibus line between this place and Council Bluffs. Having tested the bottom of his horses and the skill of his driver, on Saturday morning last, in the very worst of weather, through sloughs filled with mud and water, nearly wheel deep, between Council Bluffs and Omaha, we are prepared to recommend the line to the confidence and patronage of the traveling public. As will be seen by the advertisement, passengers, either way, will have several hours for the transaction of business, at Bellevue, Omaha, or Council Bluffs.

RETURNED.—Our worthy Delegate in Congress, Hon. Fenner Ferguson, and family, arrived home from Washington by the steamer Watossa, on Saturday 17th, after an absence of ten months. They were warmly greeted by their old friends and neighbors, and cordially welcomed back to their home. The Judge's physical rotundity, indicates that he has well sustained the arduous duties devolving upon the office of Delegate.

Council Room,
July 8, 1858.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. Mayor C. T. Holloway in the Chair. Present, Aldermen Nye, Longsdorf, and Snyder.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Poll Books, Ballots, together with an abstract of the votes polled at the election held on the 7th day of July, A.D. 1858, for the purpose of voting upon the proposition authorizing the City Council to borrow Five Thousand Dollars, was here presented and examined by the Council, and it appearing that they were properly certified, the abstract was ordered to be recorded. Also, a certificate and abstract certified by the Mayor and Aldermen, showing that the said Council were authorized to borrow \$5000, by a majority vote of over two thirds of the whole number of legal votes polled.

On motion of Ald. Snyder, it was Resolved, That the Mayor, Chas. T. Holloway, be and is hereby appointed a committee to confer with persons and ascertain to what extent City Bonds can be negotiated; and at what rates, either for labor or money, and report to this body, at the earliest moment.

On motion of Ald. Nye, the Council adjourned to Thursday, July 15, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

CHAS. T. HOLLOWAY, Mayor.
Attest,
HENRY M. BURT, Recorder.

Council Room,
July 15, 1858.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. Mayor Holloway in the Chair. Present, Aldermen Snyder and Nye. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Ald. Snyder, offered the following Resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Henry M. Eby, be and is hereby appointed Street Commissioner, in and for the City of Bellevue, and shall have the same power and duties to perform in said City, as are given to Supervisors, in an act entitled "an act for locating, opening, repairing and changing county roads," and approved January 26, 1856, and who shall execute a bond to the city of Bellevue, to be approved by the Mayor, in the sum of one hundred dollars, for the faithful performance of his duty, and shall qualify by taking an oath, faithfully to perform his duty.

Mr. Eby appeared, filed his bond and took the usual oath of office.

Ald. Nye offered the following Ordinance, which was unanimously passed:

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Bellevue, That there be and is hereby assessed and levied, upon each able bodied male citizen, within the incorporated limits of the city of Bellevue, within the ages of 21 and 60 years, a poll tax of two days labor, to be expended upon the public streets in the city of Bellevue, under the direction of the street Commissioner, and that said street Commissioner shall have the same powers as are granted to Supervisors in an act passed by the Legislature of the Territory of Nebraska, entitled "an act for locating, opening, repairing and changing County Roads," and approved January 26th, 1856.

On motion of Ald. Snyder, the Council adjourned to Monday, July 26th, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

C. T. HOLLOWAY, Mayor.
Attest,
HENRY M. BURT, Recorder.

The exercises in connection with the laying of the corner stone, and raising of the building, for the Preparatory Department of Nebraska University, at Fontenelle, will take place next Tuesday, at 1 o'clock, P. M. The friends of education in the Territory, are invited to be present on that occasion.

BOATS.—The St. Joe and Council Bluffs Packet Watossa, arrived on Saturday, 17th. The Omaha, A. Wineland Master, and J. Jewett Wilcox, Clerk, arrived at our levee, to-day, & discharged passengers and freight. She is bound for Sioux City, and will return in a few days. Those wishing to go below, cannot do better than to take passage on the Omaha. You will find Capt. Wineland and her Clerk, Wilcox, gentlemen in every respect. Remember them.

THE WESTERN STAGE COMPANY Have purchased two lots on Howard street of Mr. C. King, and the large barn near the City Hotel, intending to make this point their head quarters in this region. Coaches will soon run direct from Omaha to Iowa City.—The Company have the mail contract from here to Columbus, and will stock that road as soon as possible. Eventually the line will be extended to Fort Laramie.—Republican.

NEBRASKA WOOL.—Mr. G. B. Tunison has shown us a specimen of Wool, just sheared, which for fineness of quality and for its whiteness, will compare very favorably with any we have seen. Mr. T. is owner of a large flock of sheep, and he informs us that the average yield this season is seven and a half pounds per head—a splendid clip. This result goes far towards proving the adaptation of our natural pastures for raising sheep and the production of wool.

Mr. Tunison is one of the oldest and best farmers in the Territory—his farm in Sarpy county, four miles west of Bellevue, is in a fine state of cultivation, and yields largely. We hope that the race of such farmers may increase—then we shall know of what our rich but yet untamed Nebraska lands are capable.—Times.

RECEIVED.—Hon. J. Sterling Morton, of whose appointment and confirmation as Secretary of this Territory, our readers were apprised several weeks since, received his commission one day last week. Mr. Morton arrived in our city this morning. Mr. J. B. Motley has been acting Secretary since Mr. Cummings' death.—Nebraskan.

REDEMPTION OF CITY SCRIP.—A matter of general interest to our citizens will be found in our advertising columns to-day, in the shape of a City Ordinance, providing for the sale of City lots, and authorizing City Scrip to be received in payment. The sale comes off on the 24th of the present month—we may expect the bidding will be spirited, and the lots in demand, as the scrip is now supposed to be slightly below par.—Times.

THEY COME.—Our streets have been jammed continually, the past week, with emigrant wagons having crossed the river at this point. They settle in this and adjoining counties west. Numerous families have also landed from the steam boats.—Brownsville Advertiser.

DEPUTY CLERK.—Julius Brainard, Esq. of Fontenelle, has been appointed by Dr. Rankin, as Deputy Clerk of the District Court, for Dodge County. This is a good selection.—Mr. Brainard is admirably qualified to fill this position and his appointment will give satisfaction to the people of Dodge and those doing business with his office.—Times.

DOMESTIC FELICITY.—Occurrences within a day or two have brought again to our notice some family troubles to which we have before alluded. A gentleman whose wife had left him some time since, taking with her their child, on Monday last, proposed to take out a writ for the purpose of securing the child into his own custody. The lady getting knowledge of this, requested the assistance of a gentleman in whose family she had been residing, in placing herself and child beyond the reach of the husband and his legal operations. On Monday afternoon the lady with the gentleman whose aid she had solicited, crossed the river in a buggy—it is supposed with the intention of going East and placing herself and child in the hands of her friends. Hearing of this, on Tuesday morning early the bereaved husband started in hot pursuit—when last heard of he was some distance back of Council Bluffs, prosecuting his search, and apparently on the track of his fugitive wife.—Times.

THE NEW HOTEL.—We understand that Mr. G. W. Stevens, late of the Central House, Saratoga, has taken the lease of the large Hotel on Farnham street, and will open it immediately for business. All of our citizens will rejoice at the opening of this house—and no man better qualified to preside over its destinies than Mr. Stevens could have been found, or who would prove a more acceptable or popular landlord.—Times.

Col. Kane, the peace negotiator, has for the last week, been lying ill at his country residence near Philadelphia. His disease is bilious fever—contracted by exposure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce that WM. H. COOK is a candidate for Representative to the Legislature, from Sarpy County.

We are authorized to announce that STEPHEN H. WATTLES, is a candidate for Representative to the Legislature, from Sarpy County.

SILAS A. STRICKLAND, is a candidate for Representative to the Legislature from Sarpy County.

We are authorized to announce that THOMAS J. BOYKIN, is a candidate for the Council, from Sarpy County.

We are authorized to announce that B. P. RANKIN, is a candidate for Representative to the Legislature, from Sarpy County.

We are authorized to announce that CHARLES C. NORWOOD, is a candidate for Representative to the Legislature from Sarpy County.

L. L. BOWEN, is a candidate for re-election to the Council, from Sarpy County.

We are authorized to announce that HENRY A. LONGSDORF, is a candidate for Representative to the Legislature from Sarpy County.

We are authorized to announce that ALFRED MATTHIAS, is a candidate for Representative to the Legislature, from Sarpy County.

We are authorized to announce that WM. R. WATSON, is a candidate for Justice of the Peace for the Bellevue Precinct.

AN OUTRAGE.—The Western Stage Company deserves the greatest credit for their untiring energy and perseverance in bringing every Mail to this city, for the last three weeks, in a wet and pulpy like state, perfectly saturated with water, and wholly unreadable. But for the Mail brought from the South on Friday morning last, they deserve more than a high eulogy. There was one entire sack, of near two bushels, which was not only saturated with water, but completely covered with mud, and every direction entirely obliterated. That sack full must prove a total loss, as it can never be forwarded to its destination. Our Post Master has on many occasions, recently, when the bundles were broken open, taken the pains and trouble to re-envelope them again and forward. For this, he should receive the thanks of a generous people.

We are sickened at the sight of every Mail that arrives. When the Agent is asked why this repeated occurrence of destroying the Mail, they offer the same silly and stereotyped reply, that "the Stage upset in the creek!" This Western Stage Company have proved an intolerable nuisance, and we should think it high time that the Department at Washington, were taking notice of these failures, and destroying of the Mail matter. Council Bluffs Bugle.

LANDS NOT EXEMPTED FROM TAXATION.—Hon. Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana, writes to his constituency that no decision has been made by the Supreme Court which declares all lands exempted from State taxation until the issue of the patent. This statement, endorsed by the Commissioner of the Land Office, corrects an erroneous impression. The North Western (Ill.) Gazette, says:

TAXATION OF UNPATENTED LANDS.—The reported decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, that unpated lands cannot be taxed by States or Territories, has created much attention. We have already referred to the fact, that Senator Jones of Iowa, has published the matter, that the Clerk of the Supreme Court knew nothing of any such decision having been made. This should be conclusive, that no such decision has been made, especially as it is coupled with the other fact, that a different rule has always been observed, and as it would be in direct conflict with a previous decision of that tribunal. In the case of Carroll vs. Safford, it was decided, that "by the law of Michigan, lands, for which patent certificates had issued, are liable to taxation for their full value, as the property of the purchaser, though no patent had been issued; and such a law is valid under the Constitution of the United States."—Judge McLean delivered the opinion in the case, which appears to have been unanimous.

A lunatic once informed his physician, who was classifying insanity, that he had lost his wits by watching a politician whose course was so crooked that it turned his brain.

LOLA MONTEZ.—A letter from Paris says Lola Montez has come to Paris to educate her daughter for the Ballet. The illustrious mother has, in the meantime, taken an engagement at the Cafe Chantant for the season, at a salary of 20,000 francs where she will probably perform the Indian scalp dance and Le Pas de Kangaroo.