

message of Coronado was immediately carried as far as the capitol at Columbus; there were many cities nearer, doubtless, tributary to the capital at Columbus, from which these warriors could come. I find that the whole valley of Salt Creek is dotted with remains of these villages, unmistakably old, from evidences elaborated in a prior article. I have discovered three other sites within fifteen miles of the Roca site where evidences are to be found and which will be explored more fully in the future. I have received a number of letters from various parts of the state giving accounts of remains. This is welcome information and I publicly extend my thanks—which I have privately communicated. Let me hear from others.

E. E. BLACKMAN.

Roca, Neb., March 30, 1901.

WOOD RIVER.

EDITOR CONSERVATIVE:

Since I wrote to you on March 21st, other copies of THE CONSERVATIVE came into my hands and were furnished me by request, and in Vol. III, No. 33, I find a short communication from W. R. McAllister, dated Feb. 11, 1901, which requires correction. I now quote from the German edition of my History of Hall county (of which I sent you a copy) and I translate from pages 10 and 11 as follows:

In the spring of 1858, quite a number of Mormons (mostly from Genoa) settled along Wood River and began farming and the raising of stock. One of them, a Mr. Joseph E. Johnson, published there the first weekly paper ever published in Hall county, Nebraska, called The Huntsman's Echo. Later on the name of the paper was changed to The Banner.

In the year 1863 these people sold out and went to Salt Lake City, Utah, where Mr. Joseph E. Johnson republished his paper under the name of Mountain Bugle.

I have kept and read Mr. Johnson's paper while it was published under all the three different names, from beginning to end, and I was personally acquainted with him. Friend McAllister is mistaken about the time he was working for Johnson in 1856 or 1857, because Mr. Joseph E. Johnson did not come to Wood River, Hall county, until some time in the years of 1858 or 1859. Mr. Johnson came to Wood River direct from Council Bluffs, Iowa, and not from Genoa on the Loup River, some distance above Columbus.

I think the above sets that matter right. Now, besides, I desire to somewhat amend my letter under date of the 21st inst., as to the town of Mendotte, by again quoting from my History of Hall county, page 6:

"Soon after our colony (the German) had been located as the Grand Island colony, another town was laid out about

seven miles west of our settlement. The parties interested in Mendotte were David Croker, Wm. Roberts, M. Potts and Billy Painter, the latter killed in a snow storm. All of these men soon abandoned the scheme and David Croker took possession of the entire townsite. Here I will insert that David Croker later on sold out to Fred Evans, the same Fred Evans who, later on, went to the Black Hills, and at the Hot Springs in South Dakota, built the famous Evans hotel. Mr. Enos Beal, who built the two-story frame house, became the father-in-law of Mr. Evans, and this, together with what I have said before, completes the history of Mendotte.

Wood River Center is a horse of a different color altogether, and is the forerunner of the present town known as Wood River, and is some ten or twelve miles west of the former Mendotte. If you will consult my early History of Hall County (English edition as on file with our Historical Society at Lincoln) you will find reliable information respecting Hall county in early days, as far as it was possible to obtain it, and I defy anyone to disprove anything I have given therein as facts.

I hope that the foregoing will be of some use to you.

WM. STOLLEY.

Grand Island, March 28th, 1901.

It will doubtless please the sage of Arbor Lodge to learn that the government of the United States is about to encourage tree planting on a large scale, but his pleasure will be considerably modified when the further information is received that the young trees are to be distributed as a sort of annex to the notorious congressional free seed bureau. The seeds are popular among the statesmen of the nation, and no amount of scolding has caused a congressman to even blush while making the appropriations. It is said to be the idea of the secretary of agriculture to utilize this passion for distributing things among constituents to start a forestry boom all over the United States. The trees will be grown by thousands in the government greenhouses and sent out upon order of the congressmen with the most specific instructions for planting and bringing them up to maturity. It is urged in favor of this departure that every gift may become a permanent blessing to the recipient and to the public as well, whereas gifts of seed corn and cabbages become a permanent drain upon the treasury because they must be renewed every year to keep the constituents in good humor.—Nebraska State Journal.

NEBRASKA CREMATORY ASSOCIATION—INCORPORATION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, J. Sterling Morton, A. P. Ginn, H. N. Shewell, J. W. Steinhart, and A. T. Richardson, of Nebraska City, Nebraska, have associated them-

selves together and formed a corporation under the general corporation law of Nebraska.

1st. The name of said corporation is Nebraska Crematory Association.

2nd. The principal place of transacting its business is Nebraska City, Otoe County, Nebraska.

3rd. The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation is the construction, maintenance and operation of a crematory furnace and mortuary chapel and their usual adjuncts.

4th. The amount of the capital stock of this corporation authorized is ten thousand dollars, to be paid in as called for by the board of directors.

5th. The time of the commencement of this corporation is April 1, 1901, and of its termination April 1, 1951.

6th. The highest amount of indebtedness to which this corporation may at any time subject itself is two-thirds of its capital stock.

7th. The affairs of this corporation are to be conducted by a board of three directors, and, subject to this board, by a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

J. STERLING MORTON,
H. N. SHEWELL,
ARTHUR P. GINN,
JNO. W. STEINHART,
A. T. RICHARDSON.

March 29, 1901.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION — JONES GRAIN COMPANY.

To WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, E. C. Jones, A. B. Wilson and M. J. Beausang, of Nebraska City, Nebraska, have associated themselves together and formed a corporation under the general corporation laws of the state of Nebraska.

First. The name of said corporation is the Jones Grain Company.

Second. The principal place of transacting the business of said corporation is Nebraska City, Otoe county, Nebraska.

Third. The general nature of the business to be transacted by said corporation is the buying and selling of grain, live stock and coal, and whatever is incident thereto or in any wise connected therewith.

Fourth. The amount of the capital stock of said corporation, authorized, is twenty-five thousand dollars, which is to be paid in at such time and in such amounts as may be required by the board of directors.

Fifth. The time of the commencement of said corporation shall be April 1, 1901, and its termination April 1, 1951.

Sixth. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which said corporation shall at any time subject itself is two-thirds of the amount of its capital stock actually paid in.

Seventh. The affairs of said corporation are to be conducted by a board of three directors and under said board by a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

E. C. JONES,
A. B. WILSON,
M. J. BEAUSANG.

Nebraska City, Neb., March 18, 1901.

MORTON - GREGSON COMPANY — CORPORATION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, J. Sterling Morton, A. T. Richardson and Robert Payne, of Nebraska City, Nebraska, have associated themselves together and formed a corporation under the general corporation law of Nebraska.

First—The name of said corporation is Morton-Gregson Company.

Second—The principal place of transacting its business is Nebraska City, Otoe county, Nebraska.

Third—The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation is the purchase and sale, slaughtering, dressing, packing and holding for sale, selling and selling for others, of live stock of cattle, hogs and sheep, and shipping by refrigerator cars or otherwise of the meats and products thereof, and doing generally the business of slaughtering, packing and selling, and whatever is incident thereto or in any wise usually connected therewith.

Fourth—The amount of capital stock of this corporation, authorized, is two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and is to be paid in as called for by the board of directors upon five days' notice to the subscribers thereof.

Fifth—The time of the commencement of this corporation is March 12, 1901, and of its termination March 12, 1951.

Sixth—The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation is at any time to subject itself is not to exceed two-thirds of its capital stock.

Seventh—The affairs of this corporation are to be conducted by a board of five directors, and, subject to this board, a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

J. STERLING MORTON,
A. T. RICHARDSON,
ROBT. PAYNE.

March 21, 1901.