

GIBBON'S HISTORY.

A Beautiful Educational Centre of the State.

Location of the Baptist State Seminary.

Natural Advantages For Manufacturing and Agriculture.

Correspondence of The Bee.

GIBBON, August 30.—Almost every state has towns devoted to education.

At the meeting of the Nebraska Baptist state convention, one year ago, a proposition from the citizens of Gibbon was accepted locating the Baptist state seminary in this town.

Two terms have since been taught in the fine three-story brick edifice which is admirably adapted for being the centre about which must eventually cluster a series of collegiate buildings.

Prof. George Sutherland, late of Iowa, Miss Emma Buckley, a graduate of Shurtleff college, and Miss Annie E. Taggart, a graduate of the Nebraska State Normal school, comprise the faculty for the coming year.

While this is a denominational school it is not sectarian. It is open to both sexes and the attendance in this respect is about equally divided.

In the academic and teachers' course \$6 per term is charged as tuition, and in the preparatory department \$5. The fall term will begin September 1st.

GIBBON was settled by a colony of seventy families in the year 1872. There has never been and probably never will be a saloon in the town.

On the first Sunday after the arrival of this colony religious services were held in a freight car, and the Union Sunday school organized. The latter is still maintained and has grown to mammoth proportions. Gibbon was made the county town, Kearney having at that time only a paper existence, but as Gibbon was on the edge of Buffalo county Kearney eventually got the county seat, but not until a substantial court house had been erected at Gibbon, and this temple of justice is now transformed into a temple where the young are taught to be just.

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The present seminary or college, for it is designed to eventually be a full fledged collegiate institution, has marked the dawn of a new era for the beautiful village, and now there is an urgent and steadily increasing demand for buildings. House hunters were very numerous while I was in town, and everywhere the wish was expressed that some Omaha or other capitalist would come out and build a dozen or two of cottages, and realize twenty per cent on the investment.

Improvements are many. Among the best of the private structures is a residence for Rev. John M. Taggart, president of the Baptist state convention, and a gentleman who had the honor of being a Nebraska when Fontanelle was the great city of the territory, and Omaha was bribing, bulldozing and killing the men who did not want her to have the capitol.

Wood river, a crystal stream, flows half a mile north of town, and furnishes water power for one of the best flouring mills in the valley. The natural groves that abound along the banks of this river make a beautiful fringe to the landscape on the north, while artificial groves and orchards on the south serve the same purpose.

to the interests of his constituents, and in the death of a traitor, and that the Bee says amen and amen. I am under obligations for favors kind and many. Mr. J. E. Kelsey, Mr. Putnam, the postmaster and a physician whose name in the hurry I missed, but who is a late arrival from the east, all materially helped The Bee along by good words and earnest efforts in its behalf.

The howling knaves who sold themselves couldn't transfer the people of Gibbon for they think and act with commendable independence. My success in Gibbon was gained in the face of the loud-mouthed opposition of these political prostitutes. For business review see 6th page.

RANGER.

Pawnee County Items.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., August 28.—It is now conceded that crops will be about an average. And the near approach of the campaign as well as the watchful anxiety as to the recovery of the president (who is feared will not live to see the day on which this will be published), has somewhat changed the base of anticipated hope and desirous ambition of our people.

Candidates for the various county offices are now springing up from all parts of the county and are making haste to announce their names through the county papers. Thus far no farmers have been announced, and it now looks as if the professional politician thinks he will be able to carry the field without the consent, otherwise than a vote, from the "sons of toil."

A. E. Hasler, senior editor of the Republican, appears to be the most prominent candidate that has yet come to the front. Mr. H. has twelve years of active service to the republican party backing him, and methodical business qualifications as well as a public sympathy for his losses during the recent fire that makes him take the lead of all other candidates in the field.

Mission Creek precinct, in the southwest corner of the county, near the Otter reservation, is one of the best in the county. It stole all the laurels from other parts of the county for a long time by holding the only agricultural fair in the county. It has not an acre of unoccupied farming land within its borders. It has more fine stock owners and enterprising farmers than any other in the county.

The bus line between Pawnee City and Table Rock enjoys in its last hours a lively competition. There are four different parties that are now competing for this business between these two points, but within thirty days the stately trains of the B. & M. will run into Pawnee City and thus ally all opposition in that direction.

T. W. Peppoon, of Table Rock, has bought a half interest in the Falls City Journal. Mr. P. is a good farmer and one whom our county cannot afford to lose, but his political sun set with the Padlock dynasty, and in this case, smelting works would probably be erected at Sturgis to reduce the ore from the new camps, as well as those from Bald mountains and Galena, the latter of which is constantly storing ore at Sturgis, from whence they are shipped by bull train to Omaha, and it is said that the shippers get \$100 per ton net.

Curtis on the Pig. F. D. Curtis in the New York Tribune. I have found that it costs as much or more to winter a young pig as it does an old hog, and have abandoned the practice of wintering anything but breeders.

Burchard, the new town located on the B. & M. R. R., 12 miles west from Pawnee City, bids fair to become a rival in the near future. Already several new business houses have sprung up, and with such a fine location in a good country, it bids fair to prosper.

The immense coal fields which lie near Cincinnati, in the south-east corner of the county, are receiving the attention in a private way of several prominent railroad men, who are investigating with a view to buying if they prove profitable. This will in the near future bring to this little burg, with a sealed destiny, a railroad.

Table Rock wants a hotel and newspaper. It ought to have both, for it being one of the oldest towns in the county is far behind its young rival in many of the elements of civilization and the arts of peace.

The Hon. G. W. Collins, M. D., of this county, and of ex-candidate lieutenant-governor fame is now installed in his duties as superintendent of the state reform school at Kearney, and has practically abandoned our county. He received his first victim from Omaha, and it is to be hoped that he will administer discipline in homesopathic doses that the pleasant relations between Douglas and Pawnee counties will remain undisturbed by our two representatives in that institution.

the teachers in charge of classes were notified. Mr. Tedrow of Platt Center, Miss Woods of Columbus, Mr. Hale of Monroe, Mr. Dickinson and others.

A LINGERING DEATH.

Deadwood Approaching Its Last Stages of Dissolution.

DEADWOOD, Black Hills, August 25.—Business appears to have revolutionized in the Black Hills within the past two years. After the great fire which reduced Deadwood to ashes some time since the town was splendidly rebuilt and goods were shipped in to supply the place of those destroyed; but the merchants for the most part were in debt not only for their goods but for their buildings, and the people in the upper camps had learned in the meantime to trade at home.

Since then the business of Deadwood has gone rapidly into a decline. The great Homestake company has absorbed everything worth having on "the belt," and as this company sells its own goods—through a proxy—does most of its work by machinery and employs its own mechanics to do the rest.

Business outside the company is dull, and as there is no one to negotiate with outside the company worth litigating for, Blackstone has given place to Borchave and duty to the Lord's prayer and the preaching of the gospel and practice of medicine are the only occupations that are still in a flourishing condition in Deadwood.

Much has been hoped from the farms and a bonus of \$5,000 was paid by our board of trade for the building of a grist mill in Deadwood, when it is likely to be as useful as a quartz mill would be on the "Belle Ranche," but the drought which seems to have over-spread the county has nearly turned up our fertile valleys and before another season the commercial interests of Spearfish, Creek City and Sturgis, will be greater than our own, and there will be nothing left us but to move out. Great hopes have been entertained respecting the new carbonate camp on Squaw creek, but it is yet in embryo and is likely to be still-born and should it prove a success Central City which is two miles nearer to it than Deadwood, will take the trade until a new town is built, and then the freight will leave the Deadwood road at Sturgis and pass around the foot-hills through Crook City and Spearfish and up False Bottom creek, rather than go over the hills and through the numerous toll-gates by way of Deadwood, and this town will be left on our side, and injured rather than benefited. In this case, smelting works would probably be erected at Sturgis to reduce the ore from the new camps, as well as those from Bald mountains and Galena, the latter of which is constantly storing ore at Sturgis, from whence they are shipped by bull train to Omaha, and it is said that the shippers get \$100 per ton net.

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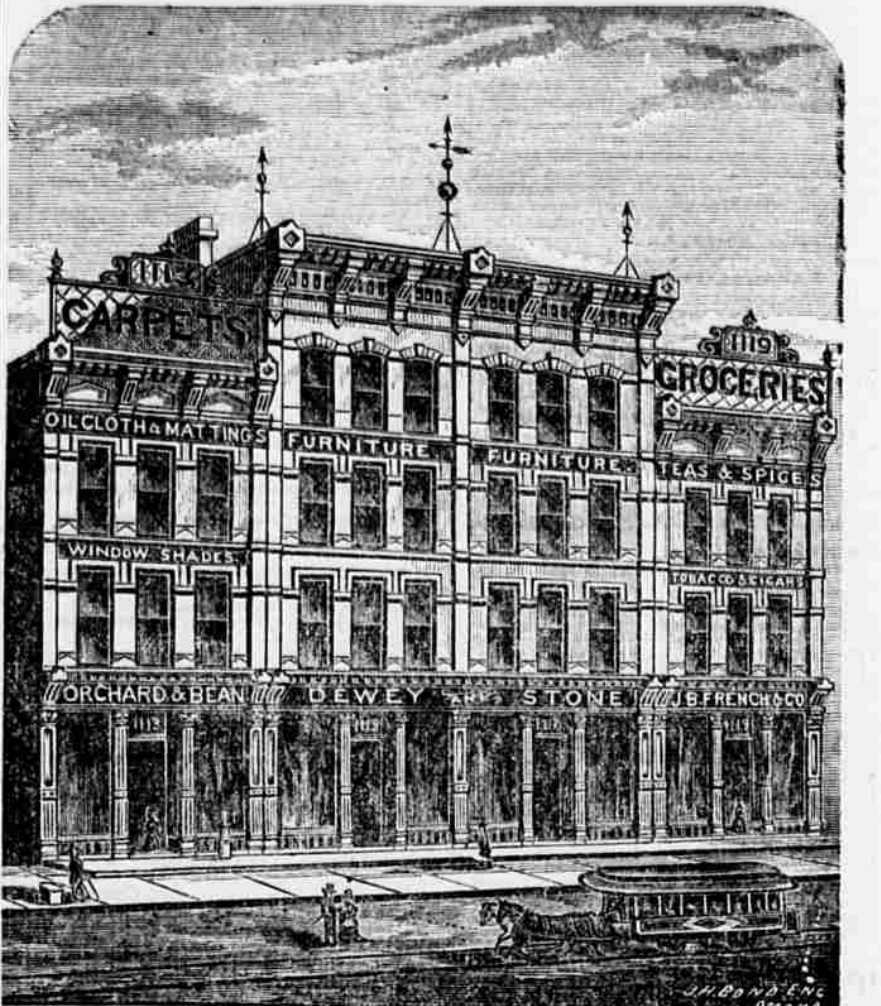
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