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RIVAL TOWNS.

We are now stepping on delicate premises, and feel the responsibility of entering an opinion on a disputed question involving so much personal interest and private property.

In the first place, as we remarked in our hasty correspondence, neither paper and personal excitement nor railroads of themselves will build cities and maintain them.

It might be possible to build a city of some magnitude and people it for a time in a wilderness or desert; but it would soon be composed of empty houses.

There was a time when paper towns were profitable, but that day is about past, and the sooner the custom is dead and buried to be resurrected no more, the better it will be for all new countries.

In the second place, the city on the upper Missouri will be on the west or farther bank from the states. Trade, that is, the trade that makes cities, as we have remarked elsewhere, travels from east to west.

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The point we were discussing, narrows the question of supremacy down to the two points Leavenworth and Atchison in the territory.

Now, which of the two places named has the most good points? This query will be answered by the friends of either place according to their interested notions or feelings.

The friends of Atchison have made a mistake, we think, in supposing that the railroad communication with St. Jo. was going to help them.

Now what has Atchison to balance this? St. Jo. is the railroad point, and the utmost pains is taken to make this fact known every where.

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untrue, we will endeavor to correct the false impression thus made.

But we are digressing. The statement that Oskaloosa is located within five miles of the Leavenworth County line is incorrect, and the Gazette man, in his statement to that effect has "unfortunately" got several miles out of the way.

The next statement we wish to notice is that which asserts that Oskaloosa is on the line of the Reserve. A few weeks ago the Gazette contained an editorial synopsis of a treaty made by the general government with the Delaware Indians.

We suppose no person ever claimed that Oskaloosa is in the exact center of Jefferson County. But if you draw a line from East to West through the center of the county from North to South, you will find that the line either passes through or very near this village.

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GODDEY'S LADY'S BOOK for October, has been received, and is a beautiful specimen of this unequalled fashionable Magazine.

PROBATE COURT.—The next session of the Probate Court will commence on next Monday, when all persons having business before it should be in attendance.

The Board of County Commissioners meet in Oskaloosa on Monday next, when they will levy a tax for the ensuing year, and transact such other business as may come before them.

We direct the attention of our readers to the card of Dr. Buckmaster, in another column of this paper. It is needless for us to say anything more in commendation of the Doctor as a medical man than that he is a graduate of one of the first class Medical Colleges in the East.

See the advertisement of Norman Macumber in this paper. Mr. M. has built himself a new shop, has brought on a good stock of leather, and is prepared to do first rate work at reduced prices.

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together with a scurrilous local editorial, as published in the Gazette, shows up the correspondent and the Local Editor in an unenviable light, and demonstrates their utter destitution of gentlemanly and Christian principle.

I suppose it was a little unpleasant to the Local, his correspondent, and their friends, to have "red-Apple" so far from the encampment; but they evidently succeeded in finding its whereabouts, thus proving that "where the carcass is, thither will the eagles be gathered together."

The only disturbance had on the camp ground from any one under the influence of liquor, was by a townsman of the "Local" of the Gazette; and it may be that if "J. B." would look down from his elevated position on the hill, instead of seeing this lover of "red-Apple" "jumping" and shouting with the joy of Christian love, he might behold him wallowing as deeply in the gutters as do the filthy swine.

I have been credibly informed who "J. B." is, and I am perfectly astonished and astounded to think that a man professing to be a Christian, should so disgrace himself and debase his profession, as to pen an article so contemptible as the one to which I have just replied. CONVERT'S FRIEND.

General News.

Telegraphic Summary.

The Prince of Wales and suite arrived at Detroit on the eve of the 20th, and were received by the entire fire department and militia. They left for Chicago on the 21st.

Douglas arrived at Buffalo on the 20th. He was accompanied by nearly 2,000 people from the adjoining towns and country drawn hither to hear the "Little Giant" speak.

An exhibition of steam fire engines took place at the fair at Cincinnati on the 20th, and the first premium awarded to the "Good Will," of Philadelphia, which threw a stream 265 feet and five inches.

The Democratic Press, a Breckinridge organ started in Rochester seven days ago, under the patronage of the Post office and Custom house, died on the 21st. Reason—want of confidence in the party by the publisher.

Prof. La Mountain made a balloon ascension at Albany on the 21st from the fair grounds. Ten thousand people were present.

Hiram Sibley has received the award under the Pacific Telegraph proposal.—Leav. Times, 22d inst.

BOLOGNA, Sept. 8. An insurrectionary movement has taken place in the province of Bessano. Four hundred insurgents had attacked and defeated the Papal troops.

TRIPOLI, Sept. 3.—The manager of the Southern Railway has been requested to prepare for an extraordinary transport of troops.

PARIS, Sept. 8.—Jérôme Edouard has received information by telegraph that his full powers for the signature of the Convention are en route for Paris.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18. A question having been raised that the guarantee under the recent proposals, should be equal to the cost of constructing the Pacific Telegraph Line, the Cabinet to-day, it is said, decided that there was no executive discretion, as the law provides that no contract shall be made till the line is in actual operation, and the fulfillment of which is guaranteed as in the case of bids for mail contracts; also, if such telegraph shall be accepted under that specified condition, J. Harmon, of Detroit, as heretofore stated, is the lowest bidder. It is expected that a decision will be officially announced to-morrow.

The President has re-appointed Postmaster Lemon a d Graves, respectively, at Laporte and Logansport, Ind., and removed Mulliken, Postmaster at Paducah, Ky., and appointed John C. Noble in his place.

FURT SMITH, Sept. 18. A fight took place here this evening between two parties of Cherokees. The encounter was savage and bloody. Knives and pistols were used with murderous energy on both sides. Two men were killed and two others mortally wounded. The affray grew out of a family feud, which nothing but blood could reconcile.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 22. Messrs Karstendrick & Co., and other liquor stores on Tchoupoulaus street, between Lafayette and Girard, were burned last night. The fourth story of Karstendrick & Co.'s building was heavily loaded with spirits, which exploded, causing the building on the corner of Lafayette and Tchoupoulaus sts. to fall, burying from 46 to 50 persons in the ruins. Up to this time 13 dead bodies and several wounded have been extracted from the ruins. The loss will reach \$150,000, but is mostly insured.

A well built square in the fourth District, was burned this morning. Loss between \$70,000 and \$80,000, mostly insured.

THE REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION. The Republicans of Jefferson County will hold a Delegate County Convention, in Oskaloosa, at 12 o'clock, M., on Saturday the 6th day of October, A. D. 1860, for the purpose of nominating two candidates for Representative to the Territorial Legislature; three candidates, one from each district, for members of the 2d and 3d Congressional Districts; and one candidate for County Attorney.

The several Townships are entitled to Delegates as follows: Oskaloosa, 7; Grand Prairie Falls, 3; J. Brown, 3; Osawatomie, 3; Rock Creek, 3; Kaw, 2; Kentucky, 1.

Each Township is requested to hold its primary convention on Saturday, September 29th, 1860, for the selection of delegates to attend the County Convention. JOHN W. DAY, County Commissioner.

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Rumor says a man was severely beaten Thursday night in Lawrence street, by several others, who pursued him, gambling with a bag of sand instead of a bag of gold. Several stories are told as to the severity of the punishment inflicted, but we could not learn particulars or names.

THE MAMMOTH NEGRO.—We copy the following from a letter from Wm. H. Glaughton to Capt. Sprague, of this city. Capt. Packard tells me that one of his men saw a lump of gold that was taken out on Spanish Bar, Clear Creek, weighing six and a half pounds, or \$1,400. This is no humbug. This is the biggest yet.

ENCOURAGING.—We were informed yesterday, that a blacksmith just in from the Blue River has cleared six pounds of gold dust for his summer's work, by his trade and panning. He also reports that another company just starting for the States had sixty pounds of the dust. This is encouraging, for although thousands return unfortunate, yet it is evident that the precious metal is abundant in this country.

I Wish I had Capital. This was the exclamation of a stout, hearty but lazy young man, the other day.

Now, suppose you had capital—what would you do with it? Let me tell you you have capital. Haven't you got hands and feet and brains, and don't you call them capital! Oh! but they are not money say you. But they are more than money. If you will use them they will make money and nobody can take them from you. Don't you know how to use them? If you don't it is time you were learning. Take hold of the first plow, or hoe, or jack-plow, or broadax that you can find, and go to work. Your capital will soon yield you a large interest. Ay, but there's the rub; you don't want to work, you want money or credit, that you may play the gentleman and speculate, and end by playing the vagabond, or you want a plantation and negroes—then you may hire an overseer to attend them while you run about the country and dissipate and get in debt; or you want to marry some very rich girl who may be foolish enough to take you for your fine clothes and good looks, that may support you.

Shame upon you, young man! Go to work with the capital you have; you will soon make interest upon it, and with it to give you as much money as you want, and make you feel like a man. If you can't make money upon what capital you have, you can't make it if you had a million of dollars in money. If you don't know how to use hands and muscle and brains, you would not use gold. If you let the capital you have lie idle and waste, and run out, it would be the very same thing with you if you had gold, you would only know how to waste it.

Then don't stand about like a great helpless child, waiting for somebody to come and feed you, but go to work.—Take the first work you can find, no matter what it is, so that you be sure to do it like Billy Gray did his drumming—well. Yes, manage the capital you already have; you will soon have plenty more to manage, if you can't or won't manage the capital God has given you, you will never have any more to manage. Do you hear? Yes.

PURITY OF CHARACTER.—Over the beauty of the plum and apricot trees grows a bloom and beauty more exquisite than their fruit itself—a soft, delicate flush that over-spreads its blushing cheek. Now, if you strike your hand over that, and it is once gone, it is gone forever; for it never grows but once. The flower that hangs in the morning, impaled with dew—arayed as no queenly woman ever was arrayed with jewels, once shake it that the beads roll off, and you may sprinkle water over it as you please, yet it can never be made again what it was when the dew fell silently from heaven upon it! On a frosty morning you may see the panes of glass covered with landscapes—mountains, lakes and trees blended in a beautiful, fantastic picture. Now lay your hand upon the glass, and by a scratch of your finger, or by the warmth of your palm, all the delicate traces will be obliterated. So there is in youth a beauty and purity of character, which, once touched and defiled, can never be restored—a fringe more delicate than frost-work, and torn and broken will never be re-embroidered. A man who has spotted and soiled his garments in youth, though he may seek to make them white again, can never wholly do it, even were he to wash them with his tears. When a young man leaves his father's house, with the blessing of a mother's tears still wet upon his forehead, if he once loses that early purity of character, it is a loss that he can never make whole again. Such is the consequence of crime. Its effects cannot be eradicated, it can only be forgiven.

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