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BELOIT ITEMS.

—Agent Soule went down to the City Monday.

—No. 2 wheat sold on Tuesday at 52 to 55 cents. No. 3, 40 to 45 cents per bushel.

—Four car loads of coal came in Tuesday and were disposed of before arrival.

—Carpenter Bros. have received a new invoice of Fish Bros. wagons and buggies.

—Monday down train took out four cars of freight from Beloit.

—Mr. Illingsworth is filling up his new warehouse rapidly. He has a large amount in store at the Helgerson building.

—Willie, son of C. S. Soule, came up from Sioux City Friday to take in the sights.

—The train on the Beloit extension leaves Sioux City at 7:30 a. m., arriving here at 12:10 p. m., leaving at 1:10 p. m., and arriving at Sioux City at 6:30 p. m.

—Fred Keep has removed his family from Rock Rapids, who will occupy a portion of his residence with Dr. Clark. Fred will attend personally to the duties of his office at the Rapids.

—The Round House is being put up first, as the new site for the Depot has been changed 600 feet towards the river, involving some grading that the frost renders it slow work to prepare.

—Engineer Nash ordered the building of the Depot upon the site first selected upon the grounds that the new location would not admit of platform of sufficient width for side track purposes.

—Several table articles were exchanged through mistake, on the day of the excursion. If all articles will be returned to Mr. Coulter at his store in Beloit, that were so taken the rightful owners can obtain them. There are several unclaimed articles there now awaiting owners.

—Agent Soule informs us that rates have been established on the Pembina that will not fail to give general satisfaction to the people. He seems untiring in his efforts to advance the interests of the company, and to gain the confidence of the business community, which he is certainly doing.

—The flooring of Illingsworth's warehouse gave way Wednesday morning, dumping some 1500 bushels of wheat to the ground. The building has just been completed (except an outside platform), but one end of the floor was broken, the joice 2x10 breaking in the center. The principle outlay will be for the labor of re-laying, and cost of new flooring.

—It is nothing new, but rather novel for these parts, and brings to mind the reality and magnitude of the Telegraph. As we dropped into the office this morning, the rapid click of the instrument induced the remark that some fluent writer was at work. Mr. Soule said that the morning report from Paris was being sent by the Associated Press, which was cabled from across the waters since we have breakfasted. So the genius of man has utilized the elements that here in the American Desert we are in line of hourly converse with the gay nation of France, thousands of miles away.

—The "Monday Night Club" that holds its weekly sessions at the School House is not only interesting but instructive. It originated with Miss Kate Tupper's pupils, although all are invited to join. The attendance at their last session was a matter of pleasure to us. The exercises were varied, consisting of declamations, select readings from Dickens, impromptu speeches upon subjects designated and drawn from the question box, debates and music. Next Monday evening contest recitations and declamation for a prize will form part of the evening's entertainment, and we assure all people who will attend a very agreeable pastime. The citizens should encourage this commendable enterprise and give the members a full house. It is worthy of and will pay for your visitation.

Sheldon Mail: "In conversation with Gen. Bishop, General Manager of the Sioux City & St. Paul and St. Paul & Sioux City railroads Wednesday we ascertained that his companies have not given up the idea of building the Rock Rapids branch, but on the other hand that they calculate to build it the coming summer. He said that the only thing that stood in the way of the completion of the road last year was the failure of crops and the general gloomy outlook which followed.—Mr. Bishop also stated that the Worthington & Sioux Falls branch would be pushed west whenever the roads north and south made any move in the extension of their lines.

—There is talk of a joint discussion between the members of the "Beloit Monday Night Club" and the Canton young mens Lyceum. Committees have been appointed by both associations to arrange the matter.

—D. S. Guinter has lost his valuable mare. He had gratuitously allowed a Mr. Thickett to drive the animal to Sioux Falls on Tuesday, when returning and a short distance this side of Nine mile creek the noble creature dropped dead, in the road.

—The Legislature at Yankton have accepted the invitation of President Wickes to "excuse" over the road hitherward, and the time probably will be about the 14th or 15th of February.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—Genuine New Orleans Syrup is to be had at Wendt's.

—Monday was a spring-like day, in fact the first let up of the cold snap.

—Fred Barrow is buying Pork and is paying the highest market price. He purchased 2000 pounds on Saturday last.

—Math. Ferris is driving a milk cart supplying citizens of Canton and Beloit. It is a convenience that will be appreciated and doubtless prove a paying business.

—Register Thonstad and assistant Hanson are kept busy in their line at the Court House through an increase in real estate matters.

—J. Forrest of the House of John Bell & Co., Dubuque was at the Harlan House Saturday. Also O. J. Taylor Atty., of the firm of Chase & Taylor of Sioux City.

—Main St. on Monday, reminded one of the good times in the early history of Canton. Teams were at every place of business and the merchants were doing a good trade.

—Ex-Sheriff South tried the new rail road from Eden up on Monday last, in stead of that dilapidated and ancient buck board and old "Bally." His movements were simple enough to count out sundry ducats for the Co. Treasurer.

—Mr. Pettigrew has introduced a Bill to repeal the section of the penal code, that makes the taking of greater interest than the law allows, a misdemeanor, and also to amend the civil section that relates to usury.

—Council Bill No. 1, introduced by Mr. Pettigrew was a bill for an act to amend the charter of the village of Sioux Falls. The same gentleman also introduced one to amend the act in regard to funding the debt of Minnehaha and Lincoln counties. Mr. Cuppett also introduced a bill to amend section 1748, relative to renewing chattel mortgages.

—The young mens Lyceum is attracting some interest and those participating are acquitting themselves creditably. The new School House affords a pleasant and attractive place for an evening's sojourn.—We are pleased to chronicle the fact that the school and its Lyceum are proving so beneficial and satisfactory.

—The Co. Board after an active session involving the settlement with the County Treasurer adjourned on Saturday last, not to convene until April unless called in special session. W. W. Palmer was chosen Chairman instead of A. L. Arneson who has so long and acceptably filled the position. The Editor of the News has been designated to do the entire county printing, except the furnishing of Blank Books.

—Our sympathies are extended to Judge McDonald, of the Sioux Falls Independent, the severe affliction he is called upon to bear by the decease of his estimable wife. His shadow begins to lengthen up on the other side of the hill and his walk is to be alone, but the memory of the happy companionship of the deceased will prove of great solace until he crosses the river to a reunion.

—Treasurer Naylor was so crowded with the business of receiving taxes during the first two weeks of the month that his report was necessarily delayed some days. The beauty of an upright, prompt and business man, as the receiver and disburser of the county funds, is fully appreciated by the constituents of Mr. Naylor, and he enjoys their unlimited confidence.

—Dewitt Delong has the agency of Mc. Cabe's Pictorial History of the United States, which book is only obtained by subscription, the prospectus indicates an excellent work, published in one Octavo volume of over 11 pages, and illustrated with 500 engravings. Price from \$3.75 to \$4.50 according to binding. Dewitt intends to canvass the county. It is published in both English and German.

—E. A. Sherman Territorial Treasurer came down from Sioux Falls on Monday intending to reach via Pembina Road, but found that the train did not connect at Davis Junction. He left by private conveyance via Swan Lake, expecting to arrive at the Capital at 10 o'clock in the evening. The Treasurer has published a card relative to that portion of the Gov's message that alludes to an apparent discrepancy in his accounts. The card published in another column evidently shows the mistake of the Executive.

—Fresh arrival of Cranberries at E. Wendt's.

—The exhibit of Lincoln county financial condition is one that ought to ensure confidence in the gentleman who have the management of its affairs. The County Commissioners have evidently by their economical administration had the welfare of the citizens at heart, closely scrutinizing all bills presented for auditing, and rejecting none that in their judgement were legally obligatory upon the county to pay. Our warrants are at par, and money in the treasury to meet every one drawn. The bonded indebtedness is very small, no buildings or improvement of any account needed for some time to come, and the valuation of assessable property annually increasing, with this healthy state of affairs, and a railroad completed within reach of our rich population, Lincoln county surely presents a desirable field for new comers, and an attractive one for the investment of capital.

Legislature.

Our Territorial Legislature has very quietly struck into a working gait. Its organization was apparently effected without much strife and the members were not harassed by a thousand and one aspirants for the position of spiltion cleaner, fireman, or anything for a nip at Uncle Sams appropriation. Lincoln county through its delegation secured the Clu let Clerkship of the Council in the person of A. O. Hubbard of Fairview, a gentleman well qualified and deserving the position. T. W. Clark of Dayton was also chosen Messenger of the lower House and will doubtless fill the position well and acceptably to the members.

As yet no bills of general interest or importance have been presented, and at this writing what will be the most important of the session can not be suggested. Some of our exchanges are agitating the exemption matter, taking the ground that a change is not only needed but demanded, the present law having proved a serious hindrance to the investment of capital from abroad, as well as limiting the credit of our resident merchants, thus barring them from affording credit to the farmer. It unquestionably would be advisable to reduce the amount now made exempt in justice to all parties. Our impression has for years been that the most salutary rule to be applied would be to exempt according to value, and not by metes and bounds. The real object or intent of this humane law is to protect the family against the im providence and misfortunes of its head, and the true spirit could be met by placing reality of certain reasonable value, as exempt, and also personal property of a reasonable amount. Until some change is made we cannot expect changes particularly favorable, as money lenders have ample fields in other States where such an unfortunate law does not exist.

The increasing business for Courts and especially in this District necessitates either the formation of a new District, and the appointment of a Judge for the same, or the conferring of concurrent jurisdiction upon Probate Judges to the amount of \$500 or \$1,000, with that of the District Courts, that parties can if they choose bring what constitutes the majorities of business in the agricultural portions of the 2d District. As the court matters now are Judge Shannon has more than ought to be imposed on two judges, with District Court, Chambers and Sapsra Court matters. The Black Hills papers are urging the matter of conferring jurisdictions upon Probate Courts as they think it "doubtful about Congress creating new districts or providing for additional Justice. But a Bill has been introduced by Judge Kidder for that purpose and it may pass so that our Legislature will not have to legislate on that matter only to designate the counties to constitute the 4th District. Our town law needs a general patching, but we presume our delegation will see that the necessary changes are made. The members have been invited to an excursion over the Dakota Southern, and it may be that we shall have the pleasure of seeing the solons at our doors, they certainly ously would be welcomed.

—Wash Perceval, one of our homesteaders, has been honored with a clerkship at Yankton.

—O. S. Peck who was elected Co. Surveyor failing to qualify. Oscar Rea was appointed at the late session of the Board.

—Pork buyers are paying as much here for Pork as in Sioux City, and in some instances more. As high as \$3.00 was paid for some Tuesday.

—Several farmers from Turner County tried our market on Tuesday, and signified their intention to return next week, having done better than at the Falls.

—A Social Hop will be held at Keller's Hall Friday night, January 31, 1879. Beloit and lower Canton people are invited to participate. Tickets 50 cts.

—Dr. Brown, coroner elect, refused to qualify, and the Commissioners appointed C. M. & St. Paul Railroad Co. last evening. They were on their return from a trip towards the James River, over the proposed line of their road, reticent as to the main object, beyond a general look at the country and a desire to estimate for themselves its possible resources, and support to the road when built. They assured us that work upon the extension beyond Pattersonville would be resumed at the earliest moment the season will permit in the spring. They were gentlemen in the true sense of the word, and have the interests of their Co. at heart.

HOME MARKETS.

Flour—\$2.00 per cwt.

WHEAT—No. 2, 55c; No. 3, 40 to 45c.

OATS—16c.

CORN—20c.

POTATOES—25c.

CATTLE—\$2.00 to \$2.50.

PORK, \$2.75 to \$3.00.

BEEF—12 1/2c.

BUTTER—13 1/2c.

BEANS—\$3.00.

WOOD—\$4.50 to \$8.00.

COAL—Ft. Dodge, \$5.25. Moingona \$5.50. LaSalle \$7.50.

Chicago, Jan. 15.

WHEAT—No. 2, 82 3/4c; No. 3, 60c.

Chicago, Jan. 15.

WHEAT—No. 2, 83 1/2c; No. 3, 61 1/2c.

For Sale.

I will sell a double-seated and single-seated Buggy, at reasonable rates. Call at the Livery Stable.

JAMES A. CARPENTER.

M. H. HERMAN.

Programme for the Contest in Declamation.

MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 27, AT THE BELOIT SCHOOL HOUSE.

Chicago Fire, Carleton, Homer Tupper.

Book of Ages, Anon, Emily Leavitt.

Mary Garvin, Whittier, Clara Rowley.

Molly, Anon, Della Dixon.

The Decouson Centenary, Emerson, Frank Carpenter.

An Order for a Picture, Cary, Mary Howley.

The Victims, Tennyson, Florence Rowley.

The Foreclosure of the Mortgage, Carleton, Nellie Reynolds.

The Dishonest Politician, Bacha, Willis Benedict.

Somebody's Darling, Anon, Stella Pigott.

A War Picture, Anon, Earl Boyce.

The Public Obedi, Sprague, Asher Leavitt.

Mrs. Candies Lecture on Shirt Buttons, Jerrald, Georgia Payne.

The Dead Prince, Malloch, Milla Tupper.

Little Jim, Anon, Sophia Bergstrom.

True and False Glory, Eddy, Isaac Webb.

Mosby's Child, Case, Isaac Webb.

Mac Lachlan Child, MacLay, Oas. Sherman.

Admission, 10 cents.

Judges of best Declamation.—Messrs. Carter, Soule and Mrs. Keeler.

—The Ladies of Lincoln Center and vicinity, will give a picnic supper, for the benefit of their esteemed Pastor V. B. Conklin, at his residence on the evening of Jan. 28. All are cordially invited to attend. Proceeds gladly received. The following committees were appointed.

SOLICITING COMMITTEE: Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Kinsley.

Mr. & Mrs. G. Ellis.

Mr. & Mrs. B. Wales.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Stevenson.

Henry Conklin.

TABLE COMMITTEE: Mr. & Mrs. A. Millie.

Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Besse.

Mr. & Mrs. W. Millage.

Miss Carrie Besse, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Truclblood, E. Rowley, W. A. Kinsley, J. Little.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE: Mr. & Mrs. Little.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Boynton, Mrs. A. Hewitson.

COMMITTEE ON MUSIC: A. Hewitson, A. Kinsley, Geo. Dann.

Done by order of the committee of arrangements.

Mrs. E. J. INGALLS.

Mr. Langness of the lower house at Yankton intends to introduce a bill providing that each county decide by vote whether license shall be granted for the sale of liquor.

The Mrs. of Swan Lake, thinks "some of the Sioux Fallentes love the ardent," as Alex Rhodes, of Swan Lake has a demijohn of wine taken from his wagon and a barrel of alcohol tapped and contents nearly drawn, during the night he stopped there. It cost Mr. Rhodes \$27.

Sioux Falls Pantagraph: Col. B. F. Campbell and wife celebrated the fourteenth anniversary of their wedding last Saturday evening, by giving a tea party to which a very few of their friends were invited.

Sioux City Tribune: T. A. Christy has closed a contract with the Pembina railroad company for a 14 foot Hilladay wind mill to take the place of Turbine mill now at Callippe. Mr. Ash will put up a mill of same size and make, with tank 14 by 20 at Beloit. At Beloit the Pembina people tried to take the water from the Sioux and tank. Mr. Christy will also put up a tank at Jefferson.

Fargo Republican: Bro. Chambers commenced printing the extra edition of 40,000 (?) for the N. P. R. R. Co. on Monday by steam, being the first steam print ever done in Fargo. We are glad to know that the job promises to be a paying one, as he was compelled to refuse advertisements some time ago. As a neighborly courtesy, and laboring under the impression that it would be well to make as good a showing of the business of Fargo as possible, we sent over an advertisement for it, but he was crowded for advertising space and could not insert it.

Sioux Falls Independent: The rates of freight charged by the Sioux City & St. Paul railroad are quite startling in their enormity, and there is already a project afoot to establish a freight line between this point and the terminus of the Milwaukee road. We cannot afford to stand idly by and see the farmers taking to other points the wheat for which Sioux Falls is the natural market. It is high time our leading business men took some such decided action in the matter, and open the eyes of the monopolists to the fact that there is limit to the forbearance of our citizens.

For the Benefit of the Unemployed, Congressman Harner has introduced a Bill in Congress, authorizing the President to accept the services of volunteer artisans to serve not less than two nor more than five years, and not to exceed 50,000 at any one time, they are to be subject to army regulations, formed into regiments placed on the same footing as to pay allowances as soldiers of the regular army. Each man will be allowed 160 acres and a wagon not on military duty to be engaged in Agriculture. After their term expires to receive patent for the land. Its object is to 'develop agriculture and mineral resources and afford relief, provide means of support and procure homesteads for the unemployed workman.'

Sheldon Mail: More miles of railroad were constructed in the United States in 1878 than in any one year since 1873. The year 1873 will probably double the figures of 1878. The C. M. & St. P. folks will extend their line now built to Pattersonville west between 100 and 150 miles; the Sioux City and St. Paul company will undoubtedly build the Worthington & Sioux Falls branch 100 miles or more west of Sioux Falls, and the construction of the Northern Pacific to a point 300 miles in the Yellowstone country is already an assured fact. These figures go to show that in the matter of railway building the Northwest to be especially favored.

Money to Loan. In sums to suit on Real Estate security 3 to 5 years time.

J. W. TAYLOR.

A Card from the Territorial Treasurer—The Governor Answered.

SIOUX FALLS, JAN. 17, 1879.

To the Public: In the financial statement submitted to the message of Gov. Howard to the Legislature, I am made to appear as being short in my accounts as Treasurer of this Territory of a sum bordering on \$9,000. I have only to clear myself of this charge by calling the attention of the public to the Governor's statement itself, which shows on the face of it where the error lies.

He gives the statement, as made by the Auditor:

Amount of warrants issued in 1877 and 1878

Amount of warrants re-issued by Treasurer and on file with Auditor

Of the year 1877

Of the year 1878

Of the year 1877

Of the year 1878

These figures are taken from the Auditor's report and are doubtless correct. But the Governor goes on to say that deducting the amount of 1874 and 1875 warrants paid, \$1,927.77, from the total amount of warrants paid by Treasurer, \$39,140.87, and it would leave \$27,213.10 applicable, as he states to the payment of 1877 and 1878 warrants paid as shown above to amount \$9,808.43.

He then states that the amount outstanding should be \$15,180.50, instead of the amount outstanding registered warrants as shown by Treasurer, to-wit: \$23,532.47. The Governor attempts to account for this alleged deficiency on my part by stating that I have taken to myself credit the sum of \$3,948.90, paid for interest, and have reported warrants paid on file in my office \$2,463.08 and warrants notified for payment, \$3,637.50, making warrants to the amount of \$6,100.58 that I have taken credit for from money received, and then charged them as outstanding warrants.

I am at loss to imagine how the Governor would have accounted for my alleged deficiency if these three amounts that he claims me to have taken credit for had not been taken up by nearly the amount that the Governor, by his blunder, had left out. The payment of \$3,948.90 interest was just, and should have been taken from amount of money received, as I have done. This amount of interest, \$3,948.90 with the amount of warrants that I had paid and on file in my office \$2,463.08, and the amount of warrants notified for payment, money set apart for that purpose, \$3,637.50, together with the amount of warrants paid and on file with Auditor as shown by his report, to-wit: \$29,140.87 and the cash balance reported go to make up and account for the \$38,805.35, collected. I reported the amount of outstanding registered warrants, exclusive of those notified for payment, as \$23,532.47, as shown by warrant register, and if the Governor had but compared this statement with the Auditor's report he would have seen the correctness of it.

Auditor reports warrants issued in 1877 and 1878

Amount of 1877 and 1878 warrants re-issued by Treasurer and on file with Auditor

Deducting amount taken with Treasurer

Actual amount of outstanding warrants issued and notified

Actual amount of outstanding warrants issued and notified