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CANTON, DAKOTA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1882.

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POST OFFICE HOURS.

THE POST OFFICE OF CANTON, DAKOTA, IS OPEN AT THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

THE GREAT NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S TIME TABLE.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HERE AND HEREABOUTS.

Eddie Loken has had an attack of lung fever.

A little child of Mr. Smally's died of diphtheria this week.

T. P. Thompson will visit his grandparents in Maine shortly.

Banker Winsor of Mitchell was visible on the streets yesterday.

Mrs. E. M. Wells has been suffering with lung complaint the past week.

The Misses' Cray's wish to take a few boarders. They will board cheap.

Prof. Stack, our Eden correspondent, stopped a couple of days in Canton this week.

Mr. Curry, a lawyer from Mitchell, stopped at the Merchants a few days this week.

The little son of D. Carpenter has been seriously ill for the past week with throat disease.

We have added an apprentice to our office force.—Orin Griffin, from Lyons, Nebraska.

The "Songs of Seven" and other fine recitations at the Episcopal school tomorrow night.

It is reported that Anna Eliza Young, once a Mormon wife, will lecture in Canton, February.

O. W. Moore, the new tonsorial artist, has something to say to the public in another column.

The M. E. society met at the residence of Mrs. House, Wednesday, and were entertained by that estimable lady.

Frazier Gilman, of Eden, visited his friends in Canton this week. Court reporters required his attendance here.

Everybody is dreaming of masquerade and masquerade suits, and the leading question is, what won't you wear?

J. W. Briggman of Eden, brightens our office occasionally by his presence. He has been retained on the jury the past week.

Mr. Harmon and family are expected tomorrow, they having secured J. S. Benedict's house, in the lower part of town.

The Episcopal Aid Society is in a flourishing condition. A large company met at the house of Mrs. O. N. Russell last Friday.

The Oldell Bros. have built a large ice house and stored away several hundred tons of the "necessary" for use in their meat market.

F. A. Gale, one of the delegates to Washington from this city, is unable to leave, owing to pressure of business, and has appointed Hon. Wm. M. Cuppett as a proxy.

A "calico" party is the latest thing suggested. Why wouldn't it "too, too, uttely, etc." do and invite Oscar Wilde to visit the "wilds" of Dakota and learn how to behave.

Ex-District Attorney Flagg illumined the court room with his smiling phiz Tuesday. He goes to Washington Tuesday evening with the delegation from Sioux Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. McMahon desire to thank the people of this vicinity for their kindness and assistance during the trying period of sickness and death in their family.

Sioux Falls Pantry: The matter of retaining at Sioux Falls the division terminal of the Southern Minnesota and Pembina lines is one of great importance both directly and indirectly. It means the permanent addition of about 300 persons to our population now, and many hundreds more before long. Recognizing this importance the citizens of Sioux Falls have appointed Wm. VanEpps, Judge W. W. Brooks and E. A. Sherman a committee to visit Milwaukee and lay before the management the advantage which the company would derive from fixing the terminus here.

City Markets.

Oats, 25 cents. Flax, 95 cents. Corn, 45 cents. Eggs, 12 cents. Rice, 90 cents. Potatoes, \$1.00. Hides, 44 cents. Turkeys, 8 cents. Chickens, 7 cents. Live Hogs, \$5.25. Barley, 45 to 55 cents. Choice but butter, 20 cents. Flour, choice, \$2.40 per sack. Flour, medium, \$1.90 per sack. Wheat No. 2, 95 cents. No. 3, 87 cents. Buckwheat flour, \$7.50 per hundred pounds.

For Sale.

We have now on hand about 100 lbs of this brewer, which we offer for sale at 15 cents per pound.

EDEN ITEMS.

Our Correspondent Again to the Front with Interesting Items.

Eden takes of forming a literary society at an early day.

Tom Sedwick has lost a valuable cow, the animal breaking its neck while tied in the stall.

Dr. Avery is doing a big business in the vaccinating line, nearly the whole school being vaccinated on Monday.

W. M. Finley left here Monday for his new home in Chamberlain, where he intends entering into the hotel business.

Several cases of supposed diphtheria were reported the beginning of the week, but it has turned out to be a false alarm.

A large prairie fire just north of town presented a fine sight on Tuesday night. We have not learned as yet if any damage was done.

The gravel train, with head quarters at this place, had operations on Tuesday. The large force of men employed rarely keep our hotel men busy.

J. B. Bradley, our new P. M., performs the duties of his office with all the dignity and courtesy of a Chesterfield, thereby winning universal commendation.

The large flock of sheep owned by F. A. Gilman present a tempting inducement to the numerous wolves of this locality. A descent made on them by those troublesome animals, a short time since resulted in the destruction of over thirty of the flock.

AMONG THE BREAKERS.

The Sioux Falls Dramatic Club took here Saturday Night—A Social Banquet.

An amateur troupe from Sioux Falls will play "Among the Breakers" in Bedford Hall Saturday night. The acting is spoken of very highly by parties that have seen the play. The gentlemen and ladies in the play are from among Sioux Falls and highly intelligent society, and we promise our people a pleasant evening.

The Sioux Falls band will accompany the members with a special train. A party will be formed for dancing after the play and no doubt an enjoyable evening will be spent. Let all turn out and enjoy the play at least, and those that have objections try the fantastic toe with our Sioux Falls cousins.

Read what the Pantagraph has to say about the play:

"A fine house greeted the amateurs last Thursday evening at their presentation of 'Among the Breakers,' and any who attended the performance to criticize went away to praise. The entertainment was in every way creditable to all concerned, and any who expected simply something in the way of a school exhibition were altogether disappointed. We cannot undertake to specify the excellency of particular features or participants, for where all did so well it would be improper to single out any. There were none of those drags and misfires which are generally to be observed in amateur entertainments, but those taking the different parts came on promptly at the proper time, thus preventing waitings and unpleasant breaks in the current of the plays.

ABOUT ADMISSION.

Everything Lovely in the Senate, But A Warm Time Expected in the House. Senator Davis Favors the Bill for Admission.

Matters at Washington relative to the division of the Territory and the admission of southern Dakota as a State are fast assuming a favorable shape. The latest telegrams state that it is an assured fact that Senator Davis is favorable to the measure and that the passage of the bill this session is probable, as his support assures the passage in the Senate.

The committee on Territories are all in favor of the bill for division, except Durgin, and he promises not to oppose it. Our delegate Frank Pettigrew is pursuing the correct course to secure our admission as a State, although meeting with opposition on the part of some who pretend they are desirous of it becoming a State. His labor is to have the bill for the division considered as separate and alone from the bill to become a State, while the party secretly desiring of the defeat of the measure is working in the Senate to have the division of the Territory and the admission of the southern portion both embraced in one bill; this plan brings into antagonism the democrats, who of course do not desire the present admission with the Republican complexion of the proposed new State, but as to the division of the Territory they are not particular; so with this state of affairs the schemers who are opposed to the admission are content with defeating the question of statehood.

This is the dark feature of the case, but the genuine friends of the measure do not view it, and thanks to the judgment, reason, and consistency of the great mass of our home people regardless of politics, they desire to do the garments of statehood, well knowing their ability and rights to so demand.

To this end the untiring and commendable efforts of Mr. Pettigrew are directed, and every honorable and effective means within his control are brought to bear to accomplish this result. His course thus far has been heartily endorsed by the representation now in Washington from Dakota, who are heart and hand with him, and this was exemplified at the banquet at Washington a few evenings since, where speeches were made and resolutions passed expressing a hearty approval of his work, and confidence in his ability to do it.

Mr. Pettigrew now calls for all friends of the measure and particularly the delegates who were elected at Sioux Falls to come at once to his aid. This should meet with a prompt response, for there are enemies in our own camp down there who are, through a selfish cause striving to thwart a measure that thousands at home are earnestly asking for. Citizens, don't ignore this appeal, do all in your power to assist in accomplishing what will bring honor to people and beautiful land to the ranks with the surrounding states that our merits entitle us to.

A teacher in an Iowa school has tried switches, raw-hides, trunk-straps, and clubs as weapons of correction among his pupils, and he has concluded that nothing in the world equals a piece of harness tug about two feet long.

DISTRICT COURT.

A Lengthy Calendar, but Most Cases of No Great Importance. A Change of Venue in the Taylor Matter, Cases Disposed Of.

District Court convened Tuesday, January 24th, J. P. Kidder presiding. The court took a recess over Wednesday, which enabled the bar to attend the Sioux Falls convention, since which time the attorney's and judge have worked hard, and disposed of the following cases:

Carpenter vs Nichols, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Carpenter vs Keidle, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Carpenter vs Stanley, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Prentiss vs Crane, Continued.

McMillen, et al vs Baker, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Carpenter vs Johnson, verdict for Plaintiff.

Benedict vs Norwegian church, Continued.

Aultman & Co vs Pederson, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Bayliss vs Nettleton, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Bayliss vs Dunham, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Bayliss vs Clarke, Judgment for Plaintiff.

American Sewing Machine Co vs Martin, Continued.

American Sewing Machine Co vs Barger, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Knowlton vs Connell, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Knowlton vs Costello, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Nelson vs Cline, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Adee vs Hanson, Continued.

Burdick vs Burdick, Decree.

Hogan vs Hogan, Decree.

Vanderwood vs Vanderwood, continued.

Sandwich Manufacturing Co vs Hanson, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Benedict vs Johnson, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Carpenter vs Clark, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Carpenter vs Smith, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Vogel vs Vogel, Continued.

City of Canton vs Hutcheon, Co. Treasurer. Judgment vacated, leave to re-arrest, and demurr filed to complaint.

Lien vs Alnes, Settled.

Cuppert vs Gallup, Continued.

Kennedy vs Minot, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Hughes vs Fry, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Sycamore Mfg Co vs May, Settled.

Van Brunt Co vs De Witt, Continued.

McCormick vs Hornbeck, Continued.

Aultman & Co vs Lunder, Judgment for Plaintiff.

Waring vs Hornbeck, Continued.

During vs Davis, Continued.

Cogard vs Paulsick, Continued.

Sycamore Mfg Co vs Odell, Continued.

Sycamore Mfg Co vs Lee, et al, Continued.

Sycamore Mfg Co vs Connell, continued.

Carpenter vs Sutton et al, continued.

Carpenter vs Morris, Judgment for Plaintiff.

DELEGATE PETTIGREW'S BILL.

To enable the people of the Territory of Dakota to form a constitution and State Government, and for the admission of the State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the inhabitants of the Territory of Dakota, included in the boundaries hereinafter designated, be, and they are hereby, authorized to form for themselves out of said Territory, a State Government, with the name of the State of Dakota, which State, when formed, shall be admitted into the Union upon an equal footing with the original States in all respects whatsoever, as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. That the said State of Dakota shall consist of all the territory included within the following boundaries, to-wit: Commencing at a point on the west line of the State of Minnesota where the forty-sixth degree of north latitude intersects the same; thence south along the western boundary-line of the States of Minnesota and Iowa to the points of intersection between the Big Sioux and Missouri River; thence up the center of the Ke-Paha river to the mouth of the Ke-Paha river; thence up the center of the main channel of the said Ke-Paha river to the forty-third degree of north latitude to the one hundredth and fourth degree of longitude west from Greenwich; thence north along said degree of longitude to the forty-sixth degree of north latitude; thence east along said forty-sixth degree of north latitude to the place of beginning.

Sec. 3. That all persons qualified by law to vote for representatives to the general assembly of said Territory at the date of the passage of this act shall be entitled to be elected, and they are hereby authorized to vote for and choose representatives to form a convention, under such rules and regulations as the district attorneys of the first, second, and fourth judicial districts of said Territory, or any two of them, which lie in the limits herein described, may prescribe; and all who are qualified voters of said Territory, under the laws thereof at such time as the constitution to be framed shall be submitted to the people for ratification or rejection, shall be entitled to vote upon the question of such ratification or rejection, under such rules and regulations as said convention may prescribe; and the aforesaid representatives to form the aforesaid convention shall be apportioned among the several counties in said Territory in proportion to the population as shown by the census of eighteen hundred and eighty, as near as may be, and said apportionment shall be made for said territory by the district attorneys of the first, second and fourth districts aforesaid, or any two of them; and the acting governor of said Territory shall, by proclamation, order an election of the representatives thereof, to be held throughout the territory, at such time as shall be fixed by the district attorneys aforesaid, or any two of them, which proclamation shall be issued within ninety days from the passage of this act, and at least thirty days prior to the time of the election, which election shall be conducted in the same manner as is prescribed by the laws of said Territory regulating elections therein for members of the council and house of representatives; and the number of members to said convention shall be one hundred and twenty.

Sec. 4. That the members of said convention shall meet at such place as shall be fixed by said district attorneys, or any two of them, not more than sixty days subsequent to the day of election, which time of meeting shall be stated in the aforesaid proclamation mentioned in the third section of this act, and, after organization, shall declare, on behalf of the people of said Territory, that they adopt the Constitution of the United States; whereupon the said convention shall be, and is hereby, authorized to form a constitution and State government for said Territory: Provided, That the constitution shall be republican in form, and make no distinction in civil or political rights on account of race or color, except as to Indians, taxed and not be repugnant to the Constitution of the United States and the principles of the Declaration of Independence: And provided further, That said convention shall provide, by an ordinance irrevocable without the consent of the United States and the people of said State, first, that perfect toleration of religious sentiment shall be secured, and no inhabitant of said State shall ever be molested in person or property on account of his or her mode of religion; secondly, that the people inhabiting said Territory do agree and declare that they forever disclaim all right and title to the unappropriated public lands and to all lands owned or held by any Indian or Indian tribes, until the title thereto shall have been extinguished by the United States, lying within said Territory, and that the same shall be and remain at the sole and entire disposition of the United States, and that the lands belonging to citizens of the United States residing within the said State shall never be taxed higher than the lands belonging to the residents thereof, and that no taxes shall be imposed by the State on lands or property therein belonging to, or which may hereafter be purchased by, the United States.

Sec. 5. That in case a constitution and State government shall be formed for the people of said Territory of Dakota, in compliance with the provisions of this act, all conventions forming the same shall provide, by ordinance, for submitting said constitution to the people of said State for their ratification or rejection, at an election to be held at such time and at such places and under such regulations as may be prescribed by said convention, at which election the lawful voters of said

THE MOUSE RIVER COUNTRY.

Moose River Special to Pioneer Press.

This morning, one of the finest of a long line of perfect winter mornings, ex-Mayor Hackett and a new party of fifty left the banana belt for Hackett's Mouse River settlement. Hackett has worked up quite an interest in his valley discoveries. The water power was christened Hackett's Falls, and the townsite Villard. From Bismarck the distance is seventy-five miles nearly due north. Hackett estimates the length of the valley at 900 miles. Nichols, the Jamestown land explorer, and a topographer and geological representative of Henry Villard, arriving this morning from a scout extending to the northward from Jamestown. From the Mouse river country, thence to the Missouri river and down to Bismarck. They found an excellent country for both settlement and railroad building. The soil in Mouse valley is very rich with a growth of grass unequalled in all the numerous explorations of Nichols. It will cut from three to four tons of hay per acre. Besides what raising the country affords the rarest spot yet discovered in Dakota for herds of cattle, ranging from 5 to 1,000 head. They also found a good lot of oak timber, and passed by two good water powers. Nichols says that the best agricultural plain in Dakota that he has yet seen is north of Fort Totten to the boundary line. It discounts even the Red River country.

A Big Coal Discovery.

Yankton Press.

A fuel mine has been discovered in Charles Mix county, which promises to develop a fortune for its owners. The discovery is the result of some three years' prospecting on the part of N. B. Reynolds, John Reynolds, C. T. McCoy, and Frank Alexander. They have been industriously drifting for coal during all this time, and a well on the Missouri river about four miles above Wheeler they have struck something which as good as coal it is not the genuine article. It resembles the blue shale formation which abounds in this region, but it is unlike shale in that it burns with a fierce heat and does not die out until all that is ignited is consumed. Dr. Brecht made some experiments with the substance and found that it is completely saturated with petroleum. This gives it rare combustible qualities. The vein is five and one-half feet in thickness and is apparently inexhaustible in quantity. The discovery was made by accident. A blast was made in a shaft seventy-five feet in depth and one of the fragments thrown down fell into a camp fire. It immediately ignited and burned until reduced to ashes. This induced an investigation and the conclusion thereof is that a new and valuable article of fuel has probably been discovered. A quantity of it will be hooped this winter and steam-boat owners are invited to give it a trial. The proprietors of the mine have located 640 acres of land surrounding it and will go ahead and develop the find.

The Belle of the Sisterhood.

Sioux City Journal.

One of the most noted states in the union, in the proud time coming, will be the state of Dakota, south. It is a land of wonderful and varied natural wealth—a climate unsurpassed, a soil of remarkable richness and uniformity, watered by noble streams, beautiful to the eye and inviting in every aspect. Those to whose hands has fallen the grave responsibility of placing the foundation upon which the building of the future shall rest have confided to them a work that may well excite the highest and purest aspirations of their lives. The gain of a personal advantage, however great, ought to be a weak temptation to the doing of anything that shall in any way impair the highest welfare of the future of Dakota. The present is measured by a narrow span of days; the future belongs to the millions and the unmeasured years. The greatness of Dakota in and of itself should bring all its people within the line of most loyal service.

DAKOTA DOGS.

A large number of elk have been killed in Clark county this winter.

They are agitating the question in Deadwood of offering a bonus of \$500,000 to the first trunk line of railroad that reaches the Black Hills.

The surgeons who attended President Garfield have presented no bills for their services, and it is understood that they intend to rely upon the generosity of congress.

Dakota territory outranks thirty-five states of the union in the production of gold; it outranks twenty-nine states in the production of silver; in miles of railway, and in wheat, fifteen states; in oats, ten states; in hogs, seven states; and in cattle, three states. All of which is according to the census of 1880.

Parker Era: Parker's chances for the R. R. division are good, and our citizens need not be surprised at any time to see putting up the round house, turn tables, shops, etc., necessary at a division station. Men high in authority in the C. M. & St. P. company are laboring for Parker, and they say, with good assurance for success.

The north Dakota delegation to Washington had a meeting, as we learn from a dispatch to the Bismarck Tribune, to consider ways and means for paying the debts of the missionary work in the territory.

Memo News: Sheep raising in Dakota pays. In the spring of 1879, Frederick Hertz, living in the south part of this township, purchased 100 sheep, paying for them \$100. Since then he has sold three clips of wool at \$659, fifty-five sheep for \$171, and he now has on hand 300 sheep valued at \$1,250. Figure up the profits on \$100 in cattle and you will find that sheep raising pays best.

Yankton Herald: A lady in Bon Homme county who is evidently afflicted with the Charles Mix "coal fever," and who owns a tract of bottom land, writes us that she is convinced there is oil in it, as the surface indications are good. It would require but a small amount of capital to put down a test shaft, as she is convinced lubricating oil could be struck in a very short time and at a reasonable depth. It might pay one of our Yankton capitalists to go up and examine the territory.

REPAIRING FEES ON SHORT SERVICE, and outside men guaranteed.

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