

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

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DIVISION OF TELEGRAMS, AND REPORTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE, BISMARCK, DAKOTA TERRITORY.

Table with columns for State of the Weather, Wind & Rain, and Day of Week. Includes a vertical note on the left: 'REPORT OF TELEGRAPHERS FOR THE WEEK ENDING MONDAY, DEC. 27, 1875.'

Highest temperature, 65° Lowest temperature, 45°

Services at the Presbyterian church every Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock, sharp. Prayer meeting at the parsonage every Thursday evening at half past six o'clock.

Capt. Weston has been assigned to duty in the commissary department.

A wagon load of Turkeys and Oysters to arrive on the 32d.

J. W. Raymond & Co.

The new piers of the Brainerd bridge will be constructed of Sauk Rapids granite.

Fresh Oysters.

A full stock at McLean & Maender's.

Harry Brintnell has retired from railroad life, and is about going into the grocery trade at Wadena.

Choice Turkeys at J. W. Raymond & Co's.

Major Hart has been ordered to report to Major Lyford for duty in connection with the Centennial Exhibition.

Buy your wife sister or sweet-heart a Christmas Gift at J. W. Raymond & Co's.

We call attention to the advertisement of Dr. Stevens, elsewhere printed. Consumptives should read it.

Choice Christmas Gifts at J. W. Raymond & Co's.

J. S. Pomeroy, well known along the line of the N. P., died about three weeks ago at Ogdensburg, New York.

A gift for every one at J. W. Raymond & Co's.

Gen. Custer was in Connecticut last week. Barnum, the great showman, made him a present of his pack of fox hounds.

Look at the Christmas Table of J. W. Raymond & Co.

The officers of Fort A Lincoln will give a hop at that post Thursday evening. The affair promises to be an exceedingly pleasant one.

Fresh Oysters, and only Turkeys in town at J. W. Raymond & Co's.

Money orders will be issued at the Bismarck post office up to and including Friday evening. None after that until the resumption of trains.

Major S. A. Dickey and Gun Gilbreath are said to be doing splendidly at Beaver Creek. The trade is almost wholly Indian and is satisfactory in every respect.

L. Merry came in from upper Painted Woods yesterday. He reports everything quiet, hunting good, considerable travel, and no trouble anticipated from Indians.

It will be seen by the list of army promotions published elsewhere that Capt. Hart, of the 7th Cavalry, has been promoted to Major and Lieut. Custer to Captain.

In view of the great difficulty in sending off money during the winter from this point, there being no responsible route agent to take charge of registered packages, and no means of obtaining exchange, the Post Office Department has ordered the suspension of the money-order business at the Bismarck post office from Jan. 1st until the resumption of trains in the spring.

Geo. Peoples, one of our most substantial and worthy business men, was also omitted from our hurriedly prepared list of business men.

Christmas, and in some cases a day or two, thus far, excepting a few days in November, as one could expect to meet with in Tennessee, and no colder.

Two heavily loaded teams of express goods arrived last night from Fargo, having been ten days on the road. The goods were principally for Standing Rock, Lincoln and Buford.

The ladies' social will be held at the residence of W. B. Shaw, Wednesday afternoon, at 2 p. m. Officers for the ensuing year will then be elected. Gentlemen are invited in the evening. All are invited.

J. J. Jackman left Monday for Washington to look after his claim interest. If J. J. listens to the advice of his attorney and keeps his mouth closed he may stand some show for success, but the chances are that he will open his flood gates of abuse and disgust everybody.

Nails, Hardware, &c.

At Bailey & Landre's. Have just received a large assortment of Nails, Spikes, &c. Attention is called to their stock of Hardware and Tinware which is complete in every particular, and price reasonable. Call and examine and see if we don't suit you.

Council Meeting.

There will be a special meeting of the city council Thursday a. m. at ten o'clock. A full attendance of the members is requested. Business of importance.

J. A. McLean, Mayor.

Girl Wanted.

A girl competent to cook and wash for a small family will find steady employment in the family of Col. Barker. Standing Rock, on application to the undersigned, at Bismarck.

JOE BERNARD.

M. C. Russell, the Brainerd Tribune says, is about to receive an appointment in connection with the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, which will take him to that city for six months or more during the coming year. He deserves it.

W. H. Stimpson, one of our leading business men—none, too, who was entering enough to fit out an expedition to the Black Hills, was omitted from our list of business houses last week. But then the omission does not affect seriously the sale of his immense stock of holiday goods, books, stationery, &c.

Ed. Ware's smiles (satisfaction now-a-days, while Geo. Bridges the slougher depend upon which many a wretched traveler would tumble but for the splendid Free Lunch set out by Bridges & Co. at the Hole in the Wall. Singular that Grant omitted this establishment in his message. Perhaps he thought it needed no fixing, hence the omission.

Gen. Sanborn writing from Washington says the appeals in the townsite cases are about ready. The case will not be reached by the Secretary of the Interior until February. The General says nothing can be legally done in the way of disposing of his pending the appeal. If the decision is affirmed, he says, all applications for lots must be made to the mayor and all deeds must be signed by him.

The Black Hill's Party.

An Indian scout brought in the following tidings from the West this morning: "Left Bismarck December 20th and camped last night three miles south west of Grand Aranche, near Fort Lincoln. Took dinner, the 21st, at Three Forks of the Little Belt, and camped on the night of the 21st ten miles above the Big Bend on the Hart river. Men and teams all right and feeling good. Met two scouts at Big Bend and two more here."

Gen. Custer, writing from Fort Randall, Florida, under date of Dec. 29, says: "I see you are again exposed to the bleak snow storms of Dakota and have reason to be satisfied with my new home, for though it is raining today, I nevertheless sit by the open window, and my little garden produces nicely, supplying us with snap-beans, lettuce, beets, turnips, &c., daily." The Captain wishes to be remembered kindly to the many friends he is assured he left behind him.

Sheriff Alex. McKenzie returned from Fort Madison, Iowa, Thursday, having safely lodged McNear in the penitentiary. He reports a successful and pleasant trip. While absent he visited Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he found considerable excitement in relation to the Black Hills. He is fully convinced that Bismarck and Cheyenne are destined to walk off with the Black Hills traffic, as the distance from the two points is so nearly equal, but Bismarck should have the lion's share of the business from the Northern belt of states, while Cheyenne will naturally take the Cen-

tral. The probable extension of the Northern Pacific next season, however, will be a big factor in our favor.

A subscriber at Fort Rice writes that the Fort Rice Minstrel's gave their first entertainment last Monday evening to a crowded house, and the performance was pronounced as being a perfect success, being far superior to their previous ones. The Dutch duets of "Jake, the Butcher Boy," and "Little Fraud," by McCurry and Plumb, far exceeded anything of the kind we have ever seen in the country; also the singing in the first part, which, for harmony and good time, could not be beat. The end songs, "Hannah, How's your Ma?" and "Carve Dat Possum," carried the house by storm. They will give another entertainment about January 5th, after which they expect to visit Bismarck and Fort Lincoln.

EDGAR ALLAN POE.

He Gives His Eulogists a Rude Shaking Up.

A noted spiritualistic medium hands in to The Graphic the following letter just received by him:

CITY OF SPRING GARDEN, SPIRIT LAND, November 18.

MY DEAR FRIEND: Yes, I have seen the comments of the papers on my monument. What do I think of them? I am disgusted—disgusted with the unanimous and monotonous praise. Has the editor degenerated into a mere machine of mimicry? Does he think no longer? Has America entered on her mortal decline, like Rome and Athens, Carthage and Thebes, when they lost their originality and became worshippers of the feast? The fact is, my dear friend, my earth life is overestimated.

Why, look at the facts. Instead of being "nursed in the lap of penury," as my friends declare, I was adopted when an infant by a wealthy man, and supplied with every necessity and luxury. Didn't Mr. Allan pay for nineteen broad-cloth coats that I gambled away when I went to school at Alexandria? Didn't he pay my bills even after I was expelled from West Point?

They all speak of me as a great poet. I lived to be thirty-eight years old—and see how little creditable work I turned out! "The Raven" I wrote merely as a study in versification, and I never knew the meaning of it till I read a recent review of it in the New York Times. I picked up a cheap habit of mystification, and transmitted my mantle to Mr. Browning. "The Bells" I constructed after much labor, as an instance of ingenious rhyming. I really think, still, that it is very clever.

Yet, as I look back, it is impossible not to be disgusted at the small amount I turned off. Why, Henry Kirki White died before he had reached half my age. Byron wrote "Childe Harold" at twenty-six, and perished at thirty-six, two years younger than I. Near Shelley was younger still. Alexander expired at thirty-three, after governing this planet and longing for means to get at the rest of the solar system. Frederick the Great had doubled his kingdom before he was thirty. Napoleon was passing crowns around to his intimate acquaintances before he was thirty. Bryant wrote "Thanatopsis" at eighteen. Before they were thirty, Dante had written the "Divine Comedy," Milton "Comus," "Lycidas," and "Il Penseroso," and Shakespeare "Venus and Adonis," "Love's Labor Lost," and Hamlet!

The fact is I was a melancholy mope. I did not do what I should or as I should. I was a spoiled child and an indolent dissolute man. From this altitude I can see, as you cannot, that I did as well as I could under the circumstances; that I was, as everybody is, the victim of preponderating motives, and that I fell because my power of resistance was weaker than my temptations. I always did what seemed to me at the moment the best. This, perhaps, ought to plead for charity in behalf of all the erring, in jail and

out; but I solemnly remonstrate against either my life or work being held up as an example to the rising generation.

EDGAR A. POE.

A NEGRO'S FRIGHT.

A letter from Norwich, Conn., to the Hartford Times contains the following story as told by George W. Fuller, a submarine diver, who is now in the former city: "While performing some work for 'Uncle Sam' in one of the Southern ports, where it was customary for those who supplied the market with early garden truck to load their boats and row them around to the wharf, it happened that one day a burly negro loaded his boat with watermelons, and had just reached the dock where the usual number of loungers stood watching the operations of the diver. The negro, all unconscious of his situation, was zealously endeavoring to dispose of his cargo when Fuller suddenly emerged, helmet first from the water, thrusting his goggle-eyes and ugly head before the astonished occupant of the boat, and seizing one the largest of the melons, sank immediately. The darky, with a yell and a bound, reached the dock, and neither stopped nor turned until he reached home with the tidings that 'de debble had 'fiscated the melons and was taken 'um down.'"

Mr. Samuel Bowles, who is in Washington, sends these items of political gossip to The Springfield Republican: "Mr. Blaine will make an early and aggressive currency reform speech. Postmaster-General Jewel has won a complete victory over Burt, the Boston Postmaster, and is for the time fully established in the Cabinet. Secretary Bristow too, so far, holds himself firm and strong. However the President's friends complain and threaten, the President himself sustains him, and bids him go ahead. Very ugly rumors are about that the developments of the Chicago Whisky Ring may make Grant wince worse than St. Louis has done. The third-term purposes of the President are still stoutly disputed by intelligent Republicans. The signs point both ways, and the party leaders are confused and demoralized. But the Democratic leaders are equally at fault for their future, and the wisest are not very confident for next year. At present Tilden and Lamar is the strongest Presidential ticket on that side, and Bristow and Blaine the strongest Republican."

General Sheridan's horse on which he rode to Winchester is not dead yet, and consequently its skeleton will not be exhibited at the Centennial, as report said it would be. "One of Sheridan's men" writes to the Springfield Republican that the horse "Eisenstein" is in Chicago still in good order, barring a little rheumatism in one of his legs, and adds: "Nothing could induce the General to consent to the exhibition of the noble animal which saved the day for him at Cedar Creek, and it might be advisable for the man who should propose such a thing to him to wear a breast plate in the slack of his pantaloons temporarily."

New Advertisements

FOUND. A Note given by John Edwards to Wigley & Edwards. The owner can have the same on application to this office, the note being further described, on paying for this notice.

TO CONSUMPTIVES. The advertiser, an old physician, retired from active practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India Missionary the formula of a simple Vegetable Remedy, for the speedy and permanent Cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a Positive and Radical Cure for Nervous Debility, and all Nervous Complaints, after having thoroughly tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, feels it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive, and a conscientious desire to relieve human suffering, he will send (free of charge) to all who desire it, this recipe, with full directions for preparing and successfully using. Sent by return mail by addressing Dr. W. C. STEVENSON, 222 Broadway, N. Y.

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