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LOCAL LAONICS.

Schorregge is moving into his new Third street block.

A party of six hunters started out Jim ward this afternoon.

Ground was broken to day for Gov. Pennington's Third street block.

Hanson and Blanding are soaking their feet in the Nebraska slough to day, which means ducks.

We can't let this day pass without a word in its favor, because it is one of time's choicest fragments.

Dudley & Hawley and Cutting & Cloud are squandering hard earned money in timely sidewalk improvements.

Seventy-five claims have been taken northwest from Yankton this summer, by men from Ogle county, Illinois.

Mills & Purdy are taking time by the forelock for the benefit of housekeepers, by getting in next spring's supply of wall paper this fall.

The Illinois Central R. R. Co., have issued thirty thousand of Judge Brookings' Dakota and Black Hills books with their map in the entire edition.

A burglar entered the Merchants saloon on Sunday night, through a Third street window, but took nothing, unless it was a drink. Maj. Evans thinks he knows the man.

George Mathieson has purchased the building of Mrs. Collamer's on 2d street, and is about to remove it to Third street, west of P. Cavalier's tailoring establishment.

The young men of Yankton are making extensive preparations for a Thanksgiving ball at Stone's hall, under the auspices of the Yankton base ball club. It will be a first-class affair.

We publish to day the conclusion of A. W. Barber's address before the teacher's institute. There is a world of plain, wholesome truth in what he says. His words are directed to the point, and he hits it every time.

PERSONAL.

James Lawrence will leave for Michigan to-morrow morning.

Mr. A. Goddard and lady, of Bon Homme, are among the Merchant's guests. L. M. Purdy left Yankton for New York this morning. The prayers of the people go with him.

Col. John Lawrence returned from Randall last night. He says that a heavy rain occurred up the river on Sunday.

Col. R. Johnson and Paymaster Candee arrived from Randall this afternoon, and pitched their tents at the Merchants. Col. Johnson is on his way to Washington on a four months' leave of absence.

P. Whitmer, of Bloomington, Ill., has been at the Merchants for a week past, and he is so elated over Yankton's prospects that he is talking of putting up an opera house on the southeast corner of Broadway and Third streets.

SMITHSONIAN.—Joseph Andrews, Swan Lake; Geo. Garrall, Minnesota; P. W. Harrison, Bon Homme; James Hay, St. James; H. C. Garnett, M. M. Boyles, Olivet; Wm. Bratles, Washington, D. C.

ST. CHARLES.—Wm. Gilchrist, Fitchburg; Thos. McDonough, Sioux City; W. B. Sanford, J. B. Elliott, M. D. Swift, J. N. Allensbury, Andrew Elliott, Polo, Ill.; L. E. Elliott, Dixon, Ill.; H. Johnson, Sioux City; John Watson, Jacob Wise, North Platte.

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A New Church at Fort Randall.

Col. Lugenbeel is causing to be built at Ft. Randall, a church edifice which will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The material is Dakota chalk stone, and the structure will include rooms for church services, a public hall and the garrison library. It is considerable of an enterprise for a frontier post, but Col. Lugenbeel is equal to the task.

Miss De Geer's Lecture.

Miss Libbie De Geer lectured on the subject of temperance at the Methodist church last evening to a large audience. She is the daughter of her mother, and it was her mother who was in Yankton Saturday and Sunday evenings laboring for the same holy cause. Miss De Geer seems to have made as good an impression as her mother did before her, and the two together are making good impressions wherever they go. Her lecture was interspersed with songs, and in this specially Miss De Geer seems gifted, as well as in the lecture role. While she is radical in her views, the freshness of youth tempers her ultra doctrines and makes her an acceptable speaker even to those who have been educated to oppose her cause.

The Schools Divided.

The primary schools of our city are more than full. As a measure of relief the board of education, at their meeting last evening, authorized the superintendent to divide the schools. Second grade pupils attend school in the forenoon only, (9 to 12) and only first grade pupils in the afternoon (1 to 3:15). The change will go into operation

on Monday next, (15th) and will affect only the Capital and Linn street schools.

Bon Homme County.

The political contest in Bon Homme County seems to have been a sectional strife between Springfield and Bon Homme, rival towns, in which the Springfield Times claims that Bon Homme got the worst of it. The county commissioner elected is the Hon. A. J. Mills, speaker of the House in 1872-3. The total vote polled was 337. The successful candidates were A. J. Mills, for commissioner; J. H. Richmond, for coroner; D. W. Barber, justice of the peace; Frank Hakle and Walker Arcego, constables. Those who were unsuccessful were G. J. Douring, for commissioner; C. O. Cooley, for coroner; D. P. Bradford, for justice; Isaac Nellis, E. Shaefer, and J. C. Patton, for constables. A "special tax" question was voted upon and decided negatively.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Yankton Organization on a Business Footing for the Winter—Last Night's Meeting and what is to Come of it.

The Yankton literary society met at Morrison's hall last evening. Mr. Russell presiding. A. W. Barber was chosen secretary pro-tem.

The room committee, by its chairman, S. H. Gruber, made a report of progress. They had secured the use of the hall for the winter on very favorable terms and had provided a stove and fixtures, with a part of the necessary seats and lamps.

Upon motion, the secretary was ordered to draw an order on the treasurer for the amount of funds now on hand, placing them at the disposal of the room committee.

The election of officers was conducted by ballot, with the following result:

President—W. D. Russell. Vice president—S. H. Gruber. Secretary—Miss Sarah L. Higbee. Treasurer—Miss Mollie Griffin. Marshal—Soc Drew.

DEBATE.—The president announced the appointments for the next meeting, one week later, as follows:

Affirmative, P. K. Faulk, Gen. Beadle, and J. A. Hand. Negative, F. J. Washabaugh, S. H. Gruber, S. Drew.

Declamation—W. H. H. Beadle. Composition—A. W. Barber.

QUESTION—Resolved, That the custom of reading the Bible in public schools should be continued.

Also the following for two weeks in advance:

DEBATE—W. H. H. Beadle and T. A. Kingsbury, chief disputants.

Essay—R. B. Tripp.

Declamation—W. S. Arnold.

Reading—G. H. Bangs.

Upon motion the society admitted as new members, Mr. R. B. Tripp, W. S. Arnold and Geo. H. Bangs.

The subject of providing music was discussed, and plans adopted.

Adjourned to Monday evening, Nov. 15, at 7 1/2 p. m.

A. W. BARBER, Sec'y pro tem.

TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

Synopsis of A. W. Barber's Address before the Assembly.

[Concluded from Yesterday.]

To waken into force those promptings of the better nature, is the teacher's noblest privilege. What wider missionary field than this all about us—to mould the evil into good, and perhaps even cheat the penitentiary of one victim, by leading him to "straighten up" into honorable manhood. The best talent of the age is laboring to impart this impetus to the young. The clergy aim at it in sermon, prayer, and kind, personal influence; and whenever religious feeling awakens into revival, it finds some of these upward-striving ones ripe for the influence that may lead them to take up arms in the christian warfare.

In this reform, some credit is due to the moral training of daily discipline; offenses reproved, duties performed, and approbation earned. But there is a stronger native force than all the rest—self-respect. Without this redeeming germ, no reform is possible. This first makes the child begin to care what people think of his looks and actions. Reckless enough before, he is now bashful and sensitive from a painful sense of his defects, and amendment at once begins. The praiseworthy wish to be well thought of by others, often develops into the nobler trait of diligent self-examination and improvement, and a determination to stand unrebuked by his own conscience, whatever the world may say.

After relating a remarkable instance from real life, of such a happy change, the writer proceeded thus:

Such instances cheer us up to hope for the best in the worst of cases. It is never too late to mend. The radical change that gives self-respect to the youth, and causes him to hold up his head and work for true manhood, may come early and it may come late; the parent and teacher can only work and watch for its dawning. In many cases it never comes, but in its stead appears a low, cunning duplicity—a mere outward appearance of honor, while in his own heart the mistaken wretch is either wholly deluded, or else knows that he is a weak, unprincipled fraud, and spends the best energy of his brain in trying to live this double life of sham and concealment. In this attempt he can never quite succeed. Let him be ever so acute, there are always others so much his superior that they can read him like an open book.

It takes less effort to cast off those fetters entirely than to drag them through life and forever try to hide their clanking from the world. If vicious boys, and good boys about to start on the road to ruin, only knew that truth! Many when developing into manhood only grow more childish and worthless in their idleness and love of play. They do not put away childish things, but make amusement the chief end of life.

There is a pernicious and nonsensical phrase every where current, like—"When he gets older and his character is fixed," or, "The proper age when they will form their character." This implies that a young man of twenty may possess that mysterious article called a character; but younger boys are destitute of it. Poor things! They are nothing or nobody; they are not old enough to think of having one bit of character, good bad or middling!

What an idea to impress upon the youthful mind! It frees them from all responsibility, and makes them think none of their elders know or care what sort of acts and thoughts grow out of those poor little characterless souls. They may well say, "What odds does it make what I do, till I get old enough to form a character?"

What absurdity! Their character began with their life. They form it from the very cradle. Much of it is inherited—transplanted from the parental nature. It is not formed at any turning point of life. It is not fixed at twenty years, at thirty, or at fifty, so that good influences may not alleviate and bad ones debase. It is never fixed—till the eyes are fixed in death, and the night cometh wherein no man can work.

Do the children think their characters are unknown and unregarded by all observing people? Have you not each your own private estimate of every one of them whom you know at all? Does it not grieve your heart to learn of a new evil trait or deed, in the character of some youth to whom perhaps you have never spoken? Is it not cheering to find in some rough, shabby, neglected child, nobler traits unfolding, such as industry, filial love, self-denial, and love of a study, which give us a new and better estimate of his character?

Go and instill this thought into your school, and let it germinate and grow; then tell us next year if it has not borne fruit.

Teach them that the lines, "The purest treasure mortal times afford is spotless reputation," are not for grey-haired men alone, but that each boy and girl may seize on this treasure, and feel just pride in having a character.

And when you talk to children of character, be sure they know what it means. It is defined as the sum of all qualities belonging to a person; but a room full of little folks will understand it better with a personal example. Write up before them the character of some imagined subject, placing all his good qualities in one list, and the bad in another. They will remember it as the brightest lesson of the term; for they will learn that a full list of all they do that is good, all that is bad, all the duties they neglect to do, and all the meanness they will scorn to do, constitute their character.

Let each growing youth understand that hundreds of dull looking eyes are keenly watching him, and noting the changes in his character; that they are daily weighed in the balance by those they hardly suspect. This will cultivate their self respect.

Each must determine for himself how he can best wield his single influence to guard and prepare the young to walk uprightly through life, by imparting steady but quiet moral training. May success attend your labors, giving us better pupils, more dutiful children, and truer citizens; till the reproach of these hostile criticisms is wiped away, and sectarian schools dwindle because of the excellence of the regenerated free system.

LINCOLN COUNTY.

The Way the Election Went—Examination of School Teachers—A Railroad Wanted Badly. CANTON, Lincoln Co., Nov. 6, '75.

Editors Press and Dakotian.—The election, which in Lincoln county is generally so lively, passed by this fall with comparative quiet; but as usual there were two sets of republican candidates, and the friends of each were very equally divided, as twenty-seven was the majority that elected the ticket. There was not probably more than one-half of the vote in the county polled, as the farming community are making the best use possible of this fine weather to do their plowing and to secure the abundant yield of vegetables and wheat. Considering the large amount in the country, is very slow in coming into market, as farmers are anxious to do all of their plowing before the ground freezes.

Rev. V. B. Conklin, county superintendent of schools, conducted a public examination of teachers at Canton, Oct. 30. Owing to the inclemency of the day there was but a small attendance of teachers, although there has been a larger number of schools taught in the county during the past summer than ever before.

Our need of a railroad is felt more this fall than ever before, as it will take all winter to move our wheat to the railroad, and the lumber, &c. that will be brought in then is needed now. But we can wait a short time, as we are confident it will come soon, where there is such a demand.

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A. F. & A. M. The regular communication of St. John's Lodge No. 1. A. F. & A. M., will be held at their lodge room in this city to-morrow (Tuesday) evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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