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Probabilities for Twenty-four Hours

WASINGTON, Nov. 16-7:35 a. m. Probabilities for the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: - Rising barometer; north to west winds; generally cloudy; cloudy or partly cloudy weather, and in last named district snow and rain, with brisk, high winds.

LOCAL LACONICS.

The United States grand jury for the first judicial district, assembled at Vermillion this morning.

There is to be a sociable to-morrow evening at the residence of the Rev. A. Jamieson. All are invited.

It is seldom that we meet with an effusion where truth and poetry are more completely blended than the verses elsewhere published, concerning the Sioux City and Pembina R. R.

A project is on foot headed by some of our substantial citizens, to sink an artesian well in town with the view not only of obtaining a water supply, but also of prospecting for coal deposits.

Fred. Lerch and George Wagner have purchased of Simon Eiseiman, lots in the block east of the Congregational church, which they will proceed to improve. Mr. Lerch intends to have a dwelling house completed within three weeks, and Mr. Wagner will build early next spring.

It is rather humiliating to confess that every drop of that jug full of cider, donated to the Press and Dakotian office by Blatt & Buerdorf, last evening, has disappeared. Whether it evaporated in thin air, or was poured into thirsty throats, is one of those things it is impossible to find out. Whatever its quality may have been, this itemizer can only smell and surmise. Relying solely on such judgment as can be formed from this very unsatisfactory way of testing apple juice, we pronounce the cider good. Walter will please call for the cask-ct.

PERSONAL.

Col. Lawrence returned last evening from a visit to Vermillion.

Simon Eiseiman, of Council Bluffs is here for a brief visit.

D. W. Currier, Esq., of Springfield is a guest at the Smithsonian.

Miss Fannie J. Kellogg, the justly famed vocalist, is a guest at the Merchants to-day.

Judge Bennett and wife and Hon. J. P. Kidder are expected in town by this evening's train.

Wm. B. White, of Olivet, treasurer of Hutchinson county, was in the city this morning.

Mrs. C. H. True, of the Dakota Republican and Mrs. W. L. H. Owens, of the Clay County Register, will arrive by the Dakota Southern this evening.

Superintendent of immigration, Cross, and Commissioners Braugh, Wahl, Roberts and Thielman, will excuse us for directing their attention to the paragraph elsewhere published, headed "New Englanders coming west." It might be well for the superintendent to go down and see about it.

Mr. G. H. Wetmore, formerly an enterprising citizen of Yankton, but now residing upon his farm at Adair, Iowa, is revisiting the scenes of his former struggles and triumphs in this vicinity. Mr. W. has been for some years largely interested in real estate transactions, and states that there has been a noticeable advance in the price of Iowa lands this fall, which he believes will continue, and predicts that Dakota property will soon be in demand at good prices.

St. CHARLES—L W Hoyt, Madison, Wis. L C Ames, John Webber, Sioux City; A C Combs, Vermillion.

SMITHSONIAN—J F Savits, Silver Creek; L Louis, Ferriss; D W Currier, Springfield, W B White, Olivet; P W Landt city; L Horton, A Beedle, Bon Homme; H C Lafferty, Wm Laisey, H Ewers, Louis Ewers, Fort Sully.

MERCHANTS—A E Wilcox, J S Meckling, Mrs G W Lower, Miss Minnie Lower, Simon Heinnan, Sioux City; M R Koch, John Whaley, St Paul; Miss Fannie J Kellogg, Wm. Schultz, C N Allen, Thoma Ryan, Ed. M Heindl, Rudolph Henning, Alex Heindl, Boston; J N Byerly, Freeport, Ill; G H Wetmore, Adair, Iowa; N B Harrison, H G Morton, Omaha; S Eiseiman, Council Bluffs; H C Savage, Chicago.

City Council Meeting.

At the meeting of the city council, last evening, after concluding the equalization of taxes, a four mill tax was levied, three mills for general purposes and one mill for road purposes.

Alderman Schnauber gave notice for an ordinance prohibiting the erection of wooden buildings on Third street, between Broadway and Capital and on Broadway, between Second and Fourth streets.

A resolution was passed instructing the street commissioner to repair the sidewalks on the north side of second street, between Broadway and Capital, and also on Broadway, between Second and Third.

The Yankton Ferry.

Capt. Marsh desires us to state that if the weather permits, the ferry boat will resume its regular trips to-morrow morning.

JOSEPHINE.

Written at Carroll, Montana, August 23, by the Secretary of War, W. W. Belknap, while waiting for the Bismarck and Carroll packet, Josephine.

My eyes are longing for the sight of one I never have seen; I watch for her by day, by night, Beloved Josephine.

They say her form is wondrous fair; Her movements full of grace; Her charms are so beyond compare. I long to see her face.

She walks the water like a bird, Flying through woodlands green, Oh, where is he who has not heard Of my own Josephine.

Thousands of miles I've traveled o'er, Fulfilling every duty, And longing each day, more and more, To gaze upon her beauty.

Oh! for a sight of the sweet charms Of her, my chosen Queen, To rest content within the arms Of darling Josephine.

Missouri's waters slowly fall, Faster my fears arise As from the hills I look with all The strength of tearful eyes.

And watch for her for whom I wait With anguish sharp and keen, Which only time can e'er abate, And lovely Josephine.

Oh, dearest, soon you'll surely come, Then banish weary hours, Can her loved form e'er bear me home, And joy will then be ours.

But if she false and faithless proves I'll drink the gay benzine, And drown forever all my love For faithless Josephine.

Yankton Lyceum.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a fair attendance at the Lyceum meeting last evening in Morrison's block. The exercises began by an impromptu address from Gen. Beadle, after which A. W. Barber read a very instructive essay upon the history of our public land system.

The debate was quite spicy and interesting. The resolution discussed was: "Resolved, That the custom of reading the bible in our public schools should be continued." The speakers upon the affirmative were Phil K. Faulk, leading disputant, with Gen. Beadle and James A. Hand, assistants; and upon the negative, Frank J. Washabaugh, leading disputant, with S. H. Gruber and Soc. Drew, assistants. All acquitted themselves well. The chair decided that the weight of argument was with the affirmative, though upon a vote touching the opinion of those present relative to the resolution itself, the affirmative was outvoted.

Upon motion, George Henckle, Lewis Williams and T. F. Marshall were elected members of the society.

The leading disputants for Monday evening, 29th inst., are James A. Hand and A. W. Barber. Select reading by Miss Mollie Griffin, with other appointments.

The question for debate next Monday evening is:

Resolved, That the general welfare does not require a unanimous agreement for a verdict by a petit jury.

Affirmative—Messrs. Beadle, Barber and Drew.

Negative—Messrs. T. A. Kingsbury, Gruber, Hand and Washabaugh.

Mr. Kingsbury's business engagements during Mr. Purdy's absence preventing his attendance, he has provided a full negative list besides himself.

In Time of Peace Prepare for War.

We propose to apply this axiom to Yankton as it is at present situated in its facilities for preventing destructive fires. Fortunately this city has escaped any great conflagration, but no observing citizen need be told that our liability is very great, and there is every reason for grave apprehension. Other places have suffered heavy losses, and it is altogether probable Yankton will sooner or later come in for its share. In our present situation what would be the result if a fire should break out in the business section of Broadway or Third street when an ordinary breeze was blowing? Are there any so blind that they cannot see that the total destruction of the business portion of the city would be apt to result from it. The probable loss from such a fire above all insurance would be sufficient to furnish and equip a dozen fire departments, including the cost of reservoirs and other necessary precautions for preventing and checking fires. Is it not the duty of the city authorities to recognize this danger and provide against it? Yankton is now a city of three thousand people, and without any apparatus whatever suitable for opposing a fire.

It seems to us that a longer delay in providing Yankton with some efficient means for fighting fires is inexcusable if not criminal. Public safety as well as private interest demands immediate action, and the city council should not defer the matter beyond another meeting.

Sioux Falls Journalism.

The Sioux Falls Independent comes to us this week notably improved. It is blooming with a new dress throughout, including an appropriate heading, which it is pleased to say is superior to the one we put on our own little sheet. It has also enlarged its pages and evinces a disposition to give Minnehaha a creditable paper in all respects. Its articles are timely, exhibiting the right spirit, but we look in vain for something about that railroad. Whoop up the railroad question, Mr. Independent—keep it red hot until you hear the snort of the iron horse and the thunder of the car wheels loud enough to drown the roar of your famous falls. In conclusion, allow us to ask for further information concerning this unfortunate child: "The first child born in Swan Lake is at the house of James Andrews; the authority does not state the front name, but says it is of the pull-back variety."

Sioux City & Pembina Railroad Rhymes.

From the Sioux City Times. One of Sioux City's home organs dishes up that gigantic enterprise that asks for \$100,000 of Minnehaha county bonds, in this inimitable, truthful and poetic style:

RAILROADIANA. [Written for the Times.] Ho! Grangers, men of "horny hands," Come help us in our heavy schemes: Give bonds and taxes, woods and lands; Give plows and spades, and ties and teams—

Come out and vote us all we ask And help the work in various modes; Give all—and we'll perform the task Of building numerous lines of roads.

Ho! ye who vainly cry for leave To earn by toll, your daily bread, Look up and laugh, nor longer grieve, There's lots of bread and work ahead. Look out, my boys for happy times The finest that you ever saw; When roads are wealth, and buncombe dimes, We'll build that road to Pembina.

See, even now, a crowd of men Are scratching ground near Jefferson; When ditching time in spring sets in, Some grading will, perhaps, be done; When pumpkin pies are good for ties And cabbage leaves are cash by law, And iron falls down from the skies, We'll build that road to Pembina.

Look westward to the river Platte; Along it runs the great U. S.; A road competing with the sea, Is needed every one can see.

Cap. Graham we have heard declare When he unloads his silver mine, And thus becomes a millionaire, Will tackle this Columbus line.

There Billy Coffey—wondrous man— And liberal too, without a doubt Is working the financial plan To build the Niobrara route. When cottonwood is used as food, And rails are made from goldifer ore And river water turns to blood, We'll build that road to L'au qui Court.

There's work for thousands, we should say If things are always what they seem, Go read the Journal any day You're sure to strike a railroad scheme. Light schemes indeed—a sandy rope For some nefarious purpose penned, Their hundredth part is food for hope, And ninety-nine are merely—WIND.

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A. F. and A. M.

A special communication of St. John's No. 1, A. F. and A. M., will be held at the lodge room in this city, Thursday evening, the 18th inst., at 7 o'clock. Work on F. C. degree and a consultation on important business. A general attendance of the brethren is requested.

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