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Press and Dakotian DAILY.

YANKTON, DAKOTA, Tuesday Evening, Dec 14, 1875.

Frank J. Washabaugh, Esq., is authorized to act as Agent for the Press and Dakotian. He will collect accounts, solicit patronage, and represent our interests generally.

Weather Probabilities for 24 Hours
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 1875, 7-45 A. M.
Probabilities for upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, falling barometer, increasing southerly winds, warmer, hazy and cloudy weather.

LOCAL LAZONICS.

Thermometer—20 above zero at seven a. m., and 40 above at noon.

Mrs. De Geer is of the opinion that last night's fires were started to break up her temperance meeting.

Mrs. De Geer visited the county jail yesterday, gave the inmates some motherly advice, and promised to call again.

The Odell case has been put over until tomorrow, the supreme court being busy on the Bon Homme county court-house case.

The \$9,000 lost by last night's fires would have paid for a steam fire engine, 2,000 feet of hose, hose and coal carts, and a hook and ladder truck and equipments.

Mrs. De Geer has discovered that there is no bible in the county jail. It is simply an oversight on Baker's part. He hadn't thought of it before.

Providential people instead of bumming around the saloons, are now looking out these moonlight evenings for the best quality of wood to be found in their neighbors' back yards.

A water wagon and two powerful horses dashing down Third street from Broadway without a driver, was one of the exciting events last evening. No damage done beyond the loss of a tank of water.

Cuthbert Ducharme alias "Papineau," of Papineauville, is detained in Yankton by litigation, his team having been taken by the sheriff under a writ of attachment sworn out by Charles Wambold.

Madame De Geer lectured on temperance again last evening. The cry of fire somewhat startled her audience, but she announced a meeting for this evening as the crowd were departing for the scene of the fire.

A number of young men are desirous of organizing a hook and ladder company. All they lack is the hooks and the ladder and the truck. They have plenty of enthusiasm.

Hayward has gone out of town to-day to avoid answering questions about that wedding which occurred at his hotel on Walnut street yesterday. He has gone to look after some of his growing crops on his Jim river farm.

There is already an odor of repentance in the air. Young men are getting ready to "swear off" from whisky, tobacco, cigars, &c., a malady which annually, about the 1st of January, attacks many persons, but does not afflict them long.

Mr. H. L. Stout returned from the west yesterday. He brought with him some fine samples of Dakota wheat, for Gen. Booth's inspection, as it is the intention of the general to use this grain in the manufacture of his mill, which will be ready for operation by the new year.—*Dubuque Herald.*

A little girl named Beck fell through a hole in the ice near the new elevator, and would have drowned but for the assistance of brakeman Powell, who happened to be passing that way. Powell got in up to his neck in his heroic and successful endeavors to rescue the little girl.

A couple of unknown sports, who weigh something less than a ton apiece when they are sober, and less than two tons each when they are "full," mounted a horse to-day, in their heaviest mood, and rode off together down Walnut street. The proprietor of the horse overhauled them at Second street and bounced them both, took back his steed and returned to Third street.

Owing to a variety of adverse circumstances the lyceum last evening was a failure. We trust our young men will not allow a repetition of the like character. We know Yankton has the material to keep alive a first class literary society, and we trust hereafter that material will be used effectually. Remember next Monday evening, then, and let there be a good house.

The combined sausage cutter and stuffer at Wynn & Buckwalter's would be an appropriate Christmas gift to a butcher. We suggest this in the interest of those who are looking around for something suitable to bestow upon this useful class of our people, and should any knight of the clever find one of these combined implements in his stocking Christmas morning, he will undoubtedly feel grateful toward the penciller of this paragraph.

Beautiful plaid Poplins worth 40 cents—price reduced to 25 cents per yard at Ketchum & Ackley's.

Delayed Mail Matter.
Complaints have reached us from St. Helena that the Daily Press and Dakotian does not reach them with any sort of regularity. St. Helena has a daily mail from Gayville, but our daily issue reaches that place only about twice a week, and then papers of two or three different dates arrive. The attention of the postal clerk on the Dakota Southern is directed to this omission.

Saloon Cigars!
Celebrated Hunter Cigar, best saloon cigar manufactured. Very low at Matheson Bros.

PERSONAL.

Judge G. G. Bennett, of Vermillion arrived last night and is at the Merchants. He came up to attend the supreme court. Judge Brookings has gone to Maxwell City this afternoon on business.

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More from the Black Hills.

Under date of Nov. 27th, C. H. Jacobs writes to A. J. Sweetser of this city, from Custer City, and from his letter we make the following extract, the balance being of a private nature:

Prospects for us here look very encouraging. A good many are sluicing and taking out good pay, but the weather is getting cold, and they will not be able to do much more this fall.

Custer City is building up fast. There are 15 good cabins already up, and logs on about twenty more lots. The miners as a general thing will make this their headquarters for the winter. About twenty-five are here now, and there are between 40 and 50 up on Iron creek who are expected here next week.

Cotillion party at the Franklin hotel on Christmas Eve, Friday night. Invitation general.
187-1w-w1 C. G. IRISH.

Her Last.

Mrs. De Geer will give her last lecture to-night in the Methodist church, and those who wish to hear her should take advantage of this opportunity, as she may never again appear in Yankton. Admission only 15 cents, or two for 25 cents.

Broke His Leg.

Judge Rosstuscher's little son George met with a serious accident this morning. He was attempting to descend from Mr. Delamater's corn crib, assisted by that gentleman, when he fell to the ground and fractured one bone of his left leg, below the knee. The little sufferer was taken home, and Dr. Miller thinks the hurt will heal without permanent injury to the leg.

There is no question now that Eiseinan furnishes Yankton with its most stylish hats. The compliments which the writer has received since he donned a Pontosseac which Simon tendered with his compliments is sufficiently convincing of this fact.

Mixing Medicines by Horse Power.

John Bremner's team ran away this forenoon with a part of a wagon load of drugs, and the mixture which resulted was never yet got together on one prescription. Mr. Bremner is moving his stock to his new store to-day, and while loading the wagon a tall wooden case toppled over and fell to the ground, which frightened the horses. They started off on the Capital street road, and ran to Jim river before they were stopped. Little damage was done beyond the aforesaid mixture of drugs.

Governor Seward's Travels Around the World.

Mr. Seward had completed the record of his journey before his lamented and unexpected death. The work is published just as it was left by him, and as stated in the opening chapter, in his own words.

The undersigned have the pleasure of announcing to the public that they have now ready William H. Seward's "Travels Around the World." The work is edited by his daughter, Olive Risley Seward, who accompanied Mr. Seward on his wonderful journey, and gives the record of travels and his political, social, moral and philosophical observations and reflections, in *Mr. Seward's own words*; together with his interviews and talks with presidents, kings, emperors, sultans, khedives, tycoons, mikados, East Indian potentates, and his holiness, the pope. Crossing nearly all the mountains, rivers and oceans of the globe, Mr. Seward was received in the countries which he visited as no private tourist has ever before been received in all history, accompanied by the largest demonstrations of respect, emperors and kings vying with each other in extending courtesies due only to the most distinguished guests, furnishing to his countrymen the evidence of the exalted position he occupies in the world's regard.

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WARM WORK.

A Couple of Conflagrations Last Night.

Bedford, Boyce & Baker's Lumber Yard Partially Destroyed.

INVOLVING A LOSS OF \$8,000.

George Bunker's House Reduced to Ashes.

BY WHICH HE LOSES A \$1,000.

Two Incendiary Fires Occurring a Few Hours Apart.

A Helpless City Stands by and Witnesses all this Destruction.

WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT IT?

Yankton had more than its share of fire last night and people are correspondingly nervous over anticipations for the future, as every disaster of this nature brings more convincing proofs of our utter helplessness in case a fire should start when a strong wind is prevailing. It was about half past eight o'clock last evening that flames were discovered issuing from the roof of

GEORGE BUNKER'S HOUSE.

on the corner of Third and Pine streets. When first noticed the fire had broken through the front gable, and was burning slowly. The alarm quickly brought a crowd to the scene, and they industriously went to work to smash in the windows and doors, which operation furnished an excellent draft, and in a very short space of time the entire roof was burning briskly. A good draft always makes a fire burn better, as one can readily determine by opening and closing a stove hearth, and noticing the effect of these two operations. In the course of a couple of hours the Bunker house was a mass of mouldering ruins. There was no water at hand, and no buckets, and no ladders, and though the assembled spectators were anxious to do something effective, they were utterly powerless. The house was unoccupied, and had been for some time, and it is supposed that the fire was the work of an incendiary. None of the adjoining property was injured, though a little house a few yards away, occupied by a Russian, was emptied of its contents. There was no insurance on the Bunker building, and the loss is about \$1,000.

BEDFORD, BOYCE & BAKER'S LUMBER YARD PARTIALLY DESTROYED.

At half past twelve o'clock last night another fire was discovered in the shed back of Bedford, Boyce & Baker's lumber yard, on the corner of Second and Pine streets, one block south of the scene of the early evening fire. The shed, which was built upon the rear end of the yard office, was about sixty feet in length by twenty wide, and was filled from roof to roof with finished lumber—doors, windows, sash, mouldings—thoroughly seasoned. When first noticed by Mr. Morgan, who lives in an adjoining house, the fire had just started, but before he could get to it, the flames were mounting high in the air, and with no water at hand it was impossible to prevent the destruction which followed. An alarm was quickly given and those who slept lightly enough to be awakened by human voices propelled by strong lungs were quickly on the spot and did most excellent service. All that could be done was to carry out a few articles from the office, and remove the lumber yet untouched by the devouring element and thus prevent the fire from spreading southward and eastward and burning the entire stock. A small squad of men never did better work than those who last night cut off the progress of the fire in the lumber yard, and confined it to the limits of to-day's ash heap. Scarcely a word was spoken—nobody gave orders, but all worked with a will and with good results.

O. A. Albee, the agent of Bedford, Boyce & Baker, and P. N. Laird, a man employed on the premises, were sleeping in a room over the office when the alarm was given, and had barely time to save the books and a few articles of clothing. Mr. Laird rushed through the blinding smoke to the office below and got the books and escaped through the front door. Mr. Albee remained up stairs to gather together a few articles and his retreat by the stairway was cut off. A plank was raised to the window from the outside, and down this he escaped, leaving behind most of his clothing and a valuable silver watch, all of which, together with Mr. Laird's clothing, were destroyed. They were awakened by the first alarm but so rapidly did the fire spread that a few minutes sufficed to envelope the long row of sheds and the office in a sheet of flames. Mr. Albee estimates the loss by this fire at \$8,000, and on the whole of the stock there is an insurance of \$2,500 in the American Central, of St. Louis, Edmunds & Wynn, agents. A policy of \$5,000 in the

Etna expired a few days ago and had not been renewed. The loss is estimated mainly to finished lumber—siding, doors, moulding, glazed sash, &c., that being under and near the sheds and in the office, while the less valuable stock was piled away from the buildings and the larger portion of it saved. The owners, Bedford, Boyce & Baker, are residents of Minneapolis, Mr. Albee attending to all their business affairs in this city.

It is probable that this fire also was the work of incendiary hands. The circumstances connected with its outbreak all point to such a conclusion. There has been no fire about the premises excepting in the office stove, forty feet from the point where the fire originated, and none of the men about the yard are in the habit of smoking. It started inside the pile of lumber under the shed at a spot which could only have been reached from the south, and by way of a narrow passage between two lumber piles. Occurring in the neighborhood of the Bunker fire and just after the spectators had disappeared from that scene, it looks like the working of a preconcerted plan. No motive can be ascribed in either case, but the devilish instincts of the ruffian element prompt such acts without the excuse of a motive. We can any of us realize what would have been the result of these two incendiary acts had not the winds been stilled during the fires. One of our ordinary gales would scatter a burning lumber yard over half the city, and we could only stand by and see our property sink into ashes, for we have none of the appliances for arresting fires—no organization, no head to direct proceedings. Once more we have been fortuitously favored by the elements, but the elements are not always going to remain quiet on such occasions—or rather, such occasions are not always going to come just when the atmosphere is taking a rest.

Now that incendiary work has been started, it is not unreasonable to fear that we may have more of it. It therefore is necessary that extra precautions be taken, and our night police force be increased in numbers and watchfulness.

A CARD.

YANKTON, D. T., Dec. 14, 1875.
Press and Dakotian.—Allow me through the columns of your paper, to express my gratitude to the many friends for their aid and sympathy to me in the time of my helplessness and trouble caused by the disastrous fire of last night.
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Attention Farmers!

John Oliver, of Vermillion, has just received a consignment of over 250 hogs selected from the choicest breeds in the east. Those who desire to improve this kind of stock will do well to give him a call.
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Notice to the Tax Payers of the City.

I hereby give due notice that the city and school tax book is now in my hands for collection. Taxes are due Dec. 1st, and become delinquent Feb. 1st, 1876.
C. E. BRAMBLE,
City Treasurer.
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