

Bismarck Tribune.

VOL. VI.

BISMARCK, D. T., MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1878.

NO. 30.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE

NEWS GOBBLED FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

The Mobbing of Two Colored Men--Heavy Snow Storms--Gains a Certificate--Bayard Taylor's Funerals--An Insane Congressman--Lost Wealth--Miscellaneous.
(Special Dispatch to The Tribune.)

MOBBED.
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.--A special dispatch says that two colored witnesses, Clarke and White, subpoenaed by Marshall Caddo, in Louisiana, to testify in the election frauds in that State, were taken from the steamer by a constable named Jeff Cull, near Shreveport. While at Barron's plantation on their way back to Shreveport, a mob attacked the two men and murdered them. District Attorney Leonard asserts that all witnesses are threatened with death.

HEAVY SNOW STORMS.
The cold snap extends far South. Thermometer stood 3 above at St. Louis Saturday morning, and the ferries could not run. There has been heavy snows in Quebec and Nova Scotia.

GAINS A CERTIFICATE.
The State board of canvassers give Hull, Dem., for Congress, a certificate on a majority of 13, counting out Brenard county, which went Democratic, and Madison county, which went Republican. The county board of Brenard county has been indicted for fraudulent returns.

WON'T STAND A REDUCTION.
A proposed reduction of 12 1/2 per cent. in collier wages affecting 100,000 persons in South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire, called out an immense meeting, and it is proposed that the whole district strike.

THE FLEEING AMER.
Afghan news is to the effect that the Amer has fled from Cabul, and there seems to be no strong resistance to the British advance.

CONGRESSMAN INSANE.
Congressman Reddle, of Tennessee has been taken home in a condition bordering on insanity.

LOST WEALTH.
Brown, a financial clerk, in the Washington post office, lost a package of money containing \$10,840 in the treasury building Saturday, which has not yet been found.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.
Bay City, Mich., had a \$70,000 fire last week.

Lake City, Minn., is likely to secure the State Park.

Hon. Beverly Tucker died Wednesday morning of inflammation of the bowels.

Congressman Williams of the First Michigan district, died Saturday morning. The nomination of Samuel Hayes for postmaster of St. Louis has not been confirmed yet.

The Indians at the Red Cloud Agency are becoming uneasy on account of a scarcity of supplies.

The roads going east from Chicago have pooled their business and advanced rates. Another huge monopoly.

The postal cars will not be taken from the track as the appropriation bill has passed both houses of Congress.

Patrick Rourke and family of five children, at Cahos, N. Y., were burned to death in their house last Thursday.

It is expected that the U. S. Treasurer will have at least \$135,000,000 on the first of January with which to resume specie payment.

Accident to Don Stevenson.
Chris Gilson, the noted scout of Fort Keogh, arrived in this city Saturday with the information that Don Stevenson had met with an accident at Miles City and was on his way to this city with his wagon. It seems that while attempting to jump from a wagon he slipped and fell upon a piece of wood which broke his leg. Fears were entertained of their safety and Wm. Harmon, of Fort Lincoln, sent out a team yesterday morning in search of them. Don and his party arrived last evening in rather a bad state, Don having a broken leg and a frozen foot, one having his foot badly cut, and the rest being frost-bitten more or less.

An Explanation Wanted.
The duties of the Buford postmaster must be too many and too complicated for that official, as he has not yet explained the whereabouts of a registered letter received at his office in February 1877. The letter referred to, and for which he is held accountable, contained between \$300 and \$400 in checks and as the gentleman to whom it was addressed has never received

it, the question arises who presented these checks for payment, which will be ascertained in a few weeks.

"THE TWO ORPHANS."

The Last Performance Given by Fort Lincoln Amateurs.

A small number of invited guests gathered at the residence of Gen. Sturgis Thursday evening last to witness the performance of Oxfords emotional drama, "The Two Orphans," by home talent. Perhaps no American drama ever written appeals so directly to the sympathies of the human soul, and is so profusely wrought with such touching incidents and thrilling situations as that of "The Two Orphans." Be it presented on the spacious stage with gorgeous scenery, or in the drawing room with the contrasting disadvantages, the effect is the same; and if rendered, the play loses but few of its charms. The leading characters are difficult, and to perform them properly, requires not only confidence in one's self, but natural talent.

The cast on this occasion was excellent, and the performance passed off smoothly with but few mistakes. Miss Sturgis as Louise, the blind girl, had a keen apprehension of the requirements of her part, and with the exception, perhaps, of deep emotion, equalled Miss Klaxton's version of this character. Miss Price, as Henriette, the sister, merited much commendation, and Lu Fuchard, as personated by Miss Leasure, was excellent and true to the character. Miss Sturgis also took the part of Marianne. Mrs. Capt. Baker as Genevieve, the good mother, acted her part well, and Miss Chance, as the Countess, was very richly dressed and looked charming on the stage.

The gentlemen, in the main, were not below the standard. Lieut. Bell, as Pierre, the cripple, particularly distinguished himself.

After the play the guests were cordially entertained by the General and Mrs. Sturgis, and dancing, pleasant chats, and mutual congratulations ended the programme of the evening's enjoyment.

THE EXTENSION.

Letting of the Contract for Building 100 Miles.

The directors of the Northern Pacific railroad met in New York Tuesday to consider the bids for the construction of the 200 mile extension west of the Missouri. A great many bids were received. A New York dispatch says that "among the bidders were a number of persons from Minnesota, mainly from Minneapolis. Messrs. Dorillus Morrison and George A. Brackett and Mr. Ross of Canada, put in a bid for the construction of the whole section of 200 miles. It is said that their proposal is to build the road at the rate of about \$12,000 per mile, and take in payment the 5,000,000 acres of land earned by the construction of this 2,000 miles. Messrs. Morrison, Brackett and Ross went over and inspected the proposed line last summer, and are therefore better posted than other bidders as to the character of the work to be done, and of the lands they propose to take in payment. Messrs. J. C. Shepard, of St. Paul, and Langdon, of Minneapolis, who have been here some days collecting data, put in a bid for cash. Messrs. John Martin, Hobart, Bull and others of Minneapolis, have also been here on the same errand. Mr. William D. Washburn, who has been stopping at the Fifth Avenue, denies that he is concerned in any of the bids. Some parties from Milwaukee were also among the bidders."

A later dispatch says that the contract has been let to the lowest bidders, who are probably Messrs. Ross, Morrison and Brackett. The first 100 miles is to be completed by the 1st of November next. A revision of the survey was ordered on the second 100 miles, after which the contract for building will be let.

A still later dispatch, this morning, says the contract has not been let but that a New York firm will probably get it.

Amusements.

Manager Whitney has given a good entertainment throughout the week, but the audiences have, on several evenings, been composed of such roughs as to cause anyone having respect for himself to leave the house. However this very seldom occurs, but when there is a continued wrangle in the house it is not only painful for the performers on the stage, but disgusting to the better portion of the audience. Mr. Paus Le Petre's benefit was well attended and he will remain another week. Two new artists will arrive Wednesday, and these with the present company, in which is Miss Ada Lawrence, will make the Bismarck Opera House second to none west of St. Paul.

Lightning Change Artist.

The post chaplain at Fort Buford has deservedly earned the title of "the lightning change artist," by performing the services of different denominations according to the wish of his congregation. It is said that the rapidity with which he changes from the spotless robe of the priest to the Prince Albert of the Methodist exhorter is only equalled by Cerito and a few other rival celebrities in the lightning change business.

Navigation Closed.

The ferry at the point stopped running last Monday. The cold snap was too much for it as it caused too much competition on the part of the ice route. The boat has done well during the past season and will probably undergo repairs during the winter.

BY WATER TO THE SEABOARD.

THE CONVENTION OF BUSINESS MEN AT ST. PAUL.

The Question of Improving the Sault Ste Marie Canal Discussed at Length--Committees Chosen and a Number of Letters from Prominent Men Read.

THE CONVENTION.
The "commercial convention," called at St. Paul, met in the Opera House at high noon on Wednesday. There was a large number of delegates present, but not as many as appeared in the *Pioneer Press*.

Gen. H. H. Sibley, the veteran politician and soldier, delivered the address of welcome upon the part of the Chamber of Commerce. George H. Ely, of Cleveland, Ohio, was elected president, and Chas. Y. Osburn, the spicy editor of Marquette, Michigan, secretary. There were twenty vice presidents chosen, representing towns and cities from Buffalo, N. Y., to Bismarck. Bismarck's vice president was Col. Wm. Thompson.

Two committees, one on resolutions, and one on statistics, consisting of 21 members each were chosen. John Davidson represented the Bismarck delegation on the committee on statistics, and Dr. Bentley on the committee on resolutions. They showed up Bismarck as a conspicuous point upon the commercial map of the Northwest.

LETTERS.

The afternoon session was taken up with the reading of letters from noted individuals. The first one was from Senator Windom. It was a broad-minded view of the transportation interests of the Northwest, and was heartily applauded. Letters from Senator McMillan, Zach Chandler, New York Produce Exchange, W. D. Washburn, Buffalo Board of Trade, Gen. C. C. Andrew, Gen. Writzell, of Detroit, and others were read. H. P. Hall, assistant secretary, had to come to Mr. Osborn's assistance. The letters were too much for one man. They were full of information and seemed to cover the whole Lake interest.

Adjournment was taken to the Music Hall at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. The Opera House was too cold for another session. It sustained its reputation on Wednesday as a theatrical iceberg. Col. Graves the report on statistics. The introduction was prepared by Wm. L. Banning, of St. Paul, the "chairman of the committee, and the statistics of the trade of Duluth, the tonnage on the lakes, the growth of the west, etc., were compiled by Col. Graves. It was a comprehensive statement, and told the whole story. Duluth as the Lake harbor of Minnesota and Dakota, was shown up by indisputable facts and figures.

WHAT IS WANTED.

Hon. H. M. Rice read the report of the committee on resolutions. It increased that the vast region of country west and northwest of the head of Lake Superior, called for the improvement of our northern water way, so as to give the largest vessels free and uninterrupted navigation through the great Lakes; that the greatest obstruction is in the St. Mary's river between Lake Superior and Lake Huron, permitting vessels of but twelve feet draft to pass, and although the government has made large expenditures in the construction of a ship canal for vessels draining sixteen feet of water, it cannot be used until such further improvements are made to the river below as will give the required depth of water, and thus save the present loss of 90 per cent. in the carrying capacity of modern lake vessels.

The resolutions urged upon Congress the establishment of St. Mary's river as a free canal, and the speedy completion of the new lock and its approaches, the further survey of the channels between Lakes Superior and Huron, and the improvement of the present channel; an appropriation for the survey and improvement of the harbor (Duluth) at the head of Lake Superior.

The report was unanimously adopted.

DELEGATE TO WASHINGTON.

A resolution was adopted inviting the boards of trade in the sections of the country especially interested in the commerce of the great lakes, to appoint a delegate to go to Washington, and urge the passage of such measures and appropriations as will hasten the completion of the work.

A number of speeches were made by way of rounding up the business of the convention, and the committee to wrestle with a petition to Congress was appointed as follows:

H. M. Rice, St. Paul; C. H. Graves, Duluth; E. W. Durant, Billwater; H. A. Taylor, Hudson, Wis.; R. C. Coute, Minneapolis; E. E. Tyler, Fargo; Mr. Hagaman, Oswego, N. Y.; and S. S. Sherman, Buffalo, N. Y.

A resolution of thanks to Jay Cooke and J. Edgar Thomson, for their tireless and successful exertion in promoting the development of the West, was adopted.

The convention was ended with some remarks by Chairman Ely.

An invitation to visit Minneapolis on Friday was accepted. The Milwaukee road tendered a special train, and the Minneapolis folks a good dinner at the Nicollet House. Thursday afternoon the

St. Paul & Duluth railroad invited the delegates to visit Duluth, and some of them accepted.

Of the Bismarck delegation C. M. Cushman, Geo. M. Bird and Thomas Van Etten stayed over. John Davidson returned to Brainerd, where he will spend the holidays. Bentley, Thompson, Bragg and Rea returned on Saturday evening. Bird and Cushman will be home Tuesday evening via Duluth. Van Etten will pass Christmas in St. Paul. C. A. Lounsberry is in Southern Minnesota.

A COURT ROOM SCENE.

He Did Not wish to be Humiliated Before His Friends.

A rather humorous scene occurred in the court room of this city last Saturday afternoon. The Hon. Ansley Gray, (of the Territorial House of Representatives) having had some difficulty with one of his neighbors named McBride, a settlement was being made through the courts. In the course of the proceedings the Hon. Ansley Gray (of the Territorial House of Representatives), took occasion to call McBride a liar, whereupon McBride planted his fist with about two hundred pounds pressure, in the vicinity of his eye. Scene a few moments after:

His Honor, the Court--"Will the Honorable gentleman please take off his hat when addressing the court?"

The Honorable gentleman (of the Territorial House of Representatives), pulling his hat down low upon his forehead--"If it please your Honor, the court, I have had the misfortune of being struck, and my eye, being somewhat disfigured, I pray the indulgence of your Honor, that I may not be humiliated before my friends," casting a searching glance in every direction.

His Honor, the Court--"It is granted; you need not take off your hat; proceed with the case."

FREIGHTING TO THE HILLS.

It Continues Regardless of the Snow and Wind.

Despite the cold weather and drifting snow, the freight traffic between this city and the Hills continues unabated. Forty teams belonging to Pennell & Roberts, of this city, arrived last week, making the round trip in the remarkable short time of twenty-two days. They leave to-day again, well loaded with miscellaneous freight.

The Northwestern Stage & Transportation company are also doing an immense business. Last Wednesday twenty-six wagons started for the Hills, having on over 92,000 pounds of freight. Thirty-three wagons started Friday with about 93,000 pounds, and on Saturday twenty wagon loads of grain, weighing about 60,000 pounds, left for the same point.

Telegraph Line Cut.

Considerable trouble is experienced in keeping the new military line in operation between here and Keogh. The line has been cut in several places, and as fast as it is repaired it is again broken. Last Wednesday Mr. Sherwood, of the signal office in this city, started out on horseback, following the line, to make repairs between here and Stevenson. He found the line cut midway between two poles, about thirty miles from here, the supposition being that the frost had contracted the wire to such an extent that it had broken. Communication is now extended to Stevenson, but the line is down in several places north of there. In some instances several feet of wire has been cut out, as if done maliciously, or by some teamster to make repairs on his wagon. A heavy fine is attached to such proceedings, and the perpetrators will be held to account if they can be discovered.

Naming the County Seat.

The Morton County Board of Commissioners met last week and among other things passed a resolution donating the court house grounds at Lincoln to the school board for school purposes, and named the new location of the county seat, Mandan. Next spring promises lively times in Morton county. Jumping claims are one of the leading pursuits at present, mostly by outside parties wishing to get on the line of the Northern Pacific railroad extension.

Did Them No Good.

It is now generally supposed that the 4,840 tons of hay burned at Keogh a short time since was the work of incendiaries who have hay to sell. The government has a considerable quantity of hay left, and Gen. Terry has issued an order not to buy any more. The burning of this hay incurred a loss to the government of \$135,520.

Montana Gold.

(Helena Herald.)
Mr. James A. Slaven, of Silver Star, last week sold 150 ounces of gold bullion, 700 fine, which was saved from ore taken from the "Governor Hayes" lode, in that district. The Silver Star mines are yielding large amounts of bullion now, and constantly improving as their development progresses.

A Long Absence.

George Buchmann and E. F. Roberts, of Deadwood, arrived in this city last week and started east this morning. They have not been east for over eighteen years, they having come to the territory before the war.

THE APPROACHING GALA DAYS.

HOW THEY WILL BE SPENT BY BISMARCKERS.

Services at the Various Churches During the Day--Christmas Trees and Grand Distributions of Presents--The Appearance of a City During the Holidays.

THE HOLIDAYS.

A walk through the streets of this city would be satisfactory evidence that the holidays were near at hand. The shop windows are full of goods, the toy shops are well stocked with delicate trinkets, the fat turkey has surrendered himself to be killed, and the markets benefit by the victory. Ten cent calico and fifteen cent muslin are marked "holiday stock," and the "ruralite" buys his family a complete outfit on the strength of the mark. The cabinet maker makes seventy-five cent frames for ten cent chromos, and thus he, also, reaps a harvest. The milliners and the dressmakers ply their trade with dexterity at this season of the year, and not a few white garbs are made.

The wayward young Arab, on the street who "makes himself seldom" in that vicinity, becomes a good boy and joins the Sunday school which is to have a Christmas tree. After the holiday festivities he will fall back to his favorite resorts, armed with a tin whistle and pop gun with which to annoy the passers-by, or the sleeping denizens.

"SANTA CLAUS"

will lavish his presents with indiscretion in some households, while others he will pass, with the remark that "he will come that way next year." A consolation to the average youth and a pecuniary saving to the "old folks."

This week is a week for retrospection, to look back during the year and console yourself with the thought that you might have done worse, but circumstances and an inward consciousness prevented. The financier balances his account and great is the indignation of the sturdy "son of toil" who finds he is eleven cents out. Many a finger is being wet preparatory to turning over a new leaf in the

BOOK OF TIME

on January 1st, and many tear the leafere it is turned. The best looking young men leave the city under the pretense of visiting their grandmothers, but generally lose their way and drop in where the watch-dog and the old man keep guard and eye each visitor with a suspicious orb. These are yearly occurrences and without such the holidays would lose their charm.

The various churches will celebrate, the places of amusement will celebrate, and wishing its friends a "merry Christmas," THE TRIBUNE, also, will celebrate.

AT THE CHURCHES.

The Christmas Eve celebration of the Episcopal Sunday school promises to be a grand affair. Extensive preparations are being made, and much interest manifested. The entertainment will be held at the school house, Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock. As the enjoyment depends somewhat on the size of the audience, a general attendance is urged. The Christmas tree will be loaded with gifts for both young and old. The following is the programme arranged for the occasion:

Carol--"O Soft and Bright Was the Starry Night." Our Father, etc. Versicles and Responses. Magnificat. Lesson--Luke II. 1-16. Gloria in Excelsis. Creed. Versicles and Responses. Collects and Grace.

Carol--"Merry Christmas." Carol--"Silent Night." Address. Carol--"Gather Round the Christmas Tree." Distribution of Presents. Carol--"Farewell to thee, oh Christmas Tree." Prayer and Benediction.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will also have a Christmas tree, which will be loaded with presents. The exercises will take place in the church at 7 o'clock, tomorrow evening. This a large school, numbering some eighty pupils, and a good time may be expected.

Services will be held at St. Mary's church Wednesday forenoon, and in the afternoon at 4 o'clock a grand distribution of presents will take place.

MISCELLANEOUS FUN.

Should the weather prove fair a grand glass ball shoot will take place on Christmas, in which many crack shots will participate. As the president elect of the anti-cruelty to glass balls association is absent, it is thought that many balls will be broken.

A Warm Reception.

(Black Hills Times.)
The citizens of Custer county, in northwestern Nebraska, near the Dakota line, are going for stock thieves in a right lively or deadly manner. On last week Tuesday night they captured a brace of "stock fanciers" who have been operating in that section, and after trying them to a tree burned them to death. This way of treating stock thieves will no doubt have a very salutary effect upon others, but it seems to us that some less savage mode of ridding that country of thieves would be better. Why not simply hang them, and let them go at that?

IMPERFECT PAGE