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## NEWS AND NOTES.

The Zulu military bands play "Hold the Fort" to perfection.

Matt Carpenter is enjoying. Too much cigar is what ails him.

Senator Chandler is said to be fairly on the track for the presidency.

Cove Bennett and Mrs. Smith, the Jersey City lovers, were sentenced to be hung.

The electric light has become so perfect that it casts a shadow behind a gas jet.

Cush Davis is said to be a possible dark horse in the Minnesota gubernatorial race.

Eight hundred lodges of Sitting Bull's Indians are reported south of the British line.

Parr, who murdered his daughter, cheats the gallows through the means of suicide.

A highway robbery was perpetrated between St. Paul and Minneapolis a few days ago.

A military telegraph line is being constructed from Fort Ellis to the new Milk river posts.

A New York girl died last week from the effects of a pin swallowed by her about a year ago.

The Senate Committee have determined not to investigate the charges of corruption made against Senator Ingalls.

A. H. Brackett, a son of Hon. Geo. Brackett, of Minneapolis, passed out on the extension this week to join an engineering party.

Congress has appropriated a large amount of condemned ordinance for a monument to Col. L. McCook, of the 9th Ohio volunteers.

Mrs. A. J. Clark receives \$35,000 from the estate of her father recently deceased. A. J. is well known on the line of the N. P.

In the base ball league this season the Whites of Chicago, are doing themselves proud, having lost but two games out of sixteen played.

The Baptist church and a number of other buildings at Dubuque were unroofed or otherwise damaged by a terrific wind storm last week.

The new town at the foot of Big Stone Lake, in Dakota, is called Inkpa City. Twenty-two buildings have been put up at Inkpa within the past month.

The annuity granted Bishop McCloskey has been withdrawn by the Michigan diocese. It was granted on condition that he go away never to return.

The law passed by the last Connecticut legislature has rid that state entirely of tramps. They have come west, evidently to grow up with the country.

A daughter of Walter Mann, vice-President of the Merchants' National Bank, St. Paul, had the good sense to marry an industrious Plumber a few days ago.

Gen. Garfield is leading the more liberal Republicans in their support of the army bill. Williams, of Wisconsin, leads those who refuse to be reconciled.

A two hundred and fifty thousand dollar fire occurred at Jackson, Michigan, a few days ago, destroying Bennett, Broker & Co.'s flouring mill and adjoining property.

Stage robbers are again at work on the Sidney route to the Black Hills. They robbed the passengers and mail on the 10th inst., realizing a handsome return for their cheek.

The residence of John Bramson, Yankton, was struck by lightning last week. The house was considerably injured and Mr. Bramson stanned but no serious damage was done.

The temperance people of Minnesota have nominated W. W. Salterbe for governor, S. B. Williams for Lieutenant-Governor, J. C. Stearns for State, H. D. Brown, Treasurer, and A. W. Bangs for Attorney General.

Rev. Geo. Williams, of Lanesboro, Minnesota, was indicted at the last session of the grand jury in Fillmore County, Minn., for attempting to seduce Miss Kate Lulton, a girl of 16.

A severe frost last Saturday night made sad havoc with tender vegetation throughout Wisconsin and part of Illinois. No damage was done in Dakota or Minnesota, however.

The silver subsidiary coins when presented in sums of twenty dollars will hereafter be redeemed by the U. S. Treasury. No light or mutilated coin, however, will be received.

The Society of Friends at whose instance Indian Commissioner Hoyt was appointed have washed their hands of him and desire to be relieved from any responsibility for his conduct.

The Odd Fellows Lodge at Fort Sully offers a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Joseph Johnson, lately an employee in the store of J. C. Robb, at Ft. Bennett.

The Illinois Central has purchased the Columbus and Black Hills Railroad, and will remove the narrow gauge track placing the standard gauge in its stead, and push on to the Black Hills in due time.

C. K. Peck having fled charges against Gen. Hazen for interference with his Yellowstone contracts in 1877, they have been dismissed by the secretary of war on the ground that the offense charged occurred over two years ago.

There is trouble on Jim River with Drifting Goose's band of Indians. Their would-be reservation is on the proposed line of the Winona & St. Peter R. R. through Dakota. There they have improvements and crops. White men have jumped them and the Indians want their property or satisfaction. The military at Fort Sisseton has gone to the rescue and the commanding officer proposes to see fair play. The Indians are apparently in the right and have the entire sympathy of the troops.

The soldiers who served in Oregon and Idaho in 1865 to 1868; in Colorado, Kansas and the Indian Territory in 1868-9; Modoc war of 1872-3; Arizona in 1873; Colorado, Texas, Indian Territory and New Mexico in 1874-5; and the campaigns of 1876-7 in the Yellowstone country; the Nez Percés war of 1877; the Bannock of 1878; and the campaign of 1878-9 against the Northern Cheyennes, are entitled to wear a distinctive chevron for "service in war" these campaigns having reached the dignity of war.

## THE CITY'S IMPROVEMENTS

### RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY.

#### Recent Pre-Emption, Timber Culture and Homestead Entries --New Buildings About the City.

##### RAPID PROGRESS.

With the building of the extension, the erection of the big flour mill, the construction of a court house and jail and the general buoyant feeling in business circles, the interest in Bismarck farming land increases. The rapid development about the Seventeenth siding and the improvements north and south of town, begin to awaken the real estate spirit in our people. As a matter of importance to settlers desiring to make final proof we call their attention to a law approved in March requiring the register to publish a notice of the settler's intention to make final proof for a period of 30 days, or five weekly publications. The settler must file a written notice with the land office and deposit cost of publication. In that notice he must give names of his witnesses. Among those around town who have recently been taking pre-emptions, timber cultures and homesteads, are the following:

##### PRE-EMPTIONS.

John Quirk, Michael Lang, Wm. A. Wheeler, Michael McLeer, Edward Gilbo, Michael O'Shea, (the three last took three quarters of section 20, Town 139, range 78, near 17th siding) Joseph Morton, Mathew Kelly, Thomas J. Mitchell, (near Mandan) Geo. H. Thomas, Louis Larson, Ed M. Brown, Jr., Wm. H. Thurston, (south of 17th siding) E. Boley and A. Boley (west bank of Missouri) Chas. B. Clark, Allan W. Clark, Edmund Hackett, (soldiers homestead) Gen. S. D. Sturgis, (do), Capt. L. H. Sanger, (do), C. M. Cushman, F. J. Mead, John Thompson, Alex. Helmsworth, Chester A. King Eliza, A. King, Thos. Utley, E. M. Ayers, (soldier's homestead) Chas. A. Galloway, F. F. Gerard, Stephen Mitchell.

##### TIMBER CULTURE.

Among these taking timber culture claims are: O. S. Goff, F. J. Call, Frank P. Brown, Henry H. Harmon, Wm. Thurston, John Burke, Pat Burns, C. S. Weaver, Elizabeth H. Lindsay, A. Boley, Geo. B. French, Chas. B. Weaver, John M. Rich, Frank W. Eaton, P. E. Malloy, M. S. Harmon, F. F. Gerard, P. M. Eckford, T. D. Cantwell, Rev. J. G. Miller, Alex. McKenzie, Wm. Lamb, Jno. M. Goss, Jno. McCarty, E. W. Markell, H. H. Carpenter, Jno. VanDeusen, R. S. Munger.

##### HOMESTEADS.

Jesse M. Ayer, O. S. Goff, A. C. Mann, Geo. W. Harmon, Thos. Welsh Wm. A. Robertson, C. Keegan, U. S. Graffan, R. E. Sanders, A. W. Thompson, Wm. Walter, Jno. Carland, Jno. A. Maron, W. H. Hurd, Col. E. D. Baker.

##### IN THE CITY.

Among the improvements in the city this spring THE TRIBUNE notes the following: The principal improvement on Main Street is Eisenberg's store with its fancy front, large show windows and metropolitan interior.

Mr. Bly's new brick gas house and park fence are not to be forgotten. In the former is generated the beautiful light that makes the Sheridan loom up at night, and within the latter is a grove of trees that will give Bismarck a friendly shade in time.

Immediately east of Asa Fisher's pretty cottage Peter Johnson is completing a good two story house. And east of Johnson, Gus Thornwald is finishing up one of the nicest homes in Bismarck.

Supt. Marratta, of the Coulson Line, has built an addition to his office for a parlor and reception room for Mrs. Marratta. Marratta's will be the most extensive office and rooms in town.

Dr. Porter has added a room to his office and will now have office, parlor and bed room. The latter have an arch between them and will be very neat and convenient.

Across the track east of the engine house is a new two story dwelling, the property of John Flynn, the engine dispatcher. It has one of the neatest porches in town.

George P. Flannery has the first iron fence in town around his handsome dwelling. Brick walks and evergreen trees are noticeable features in his yard.

On Third Street Dr. Bentley is building about the largest two story residence in the city. It is a great improvement to Third St.

W. B. Watson has overhauled his old store building on Fifth St., north of the Custer Hotel, and put it in capital shape for a dwelling for himself.

The blacksmith, Mr. C. B. Rust, has built an addition to his house south of the railroad track.

M. P. Slattery's store boasts a piazza and Porter's office and the county offices a new sidewalk.

George People's house on Second Street is receiving an extension, commenced this week.

C. S. Weaver and W. B. Shaw have erected neat pale fences around their front yards.

J. A. McLean is building an addition to the kitchen of his residence on Second St.

E. A. Williams, Esq., has built an office on Third Street, north of Main St.

About completed on Main street is Mr. Payne's two story residence near the

stage company's house. It will be for rent.

J. C. Cady has raised his furniture store and made it a two story building.

The Custer Hotel has built in the rear a new stable and wash house.

F. J. Call has added a neat little wing to his cosy residence on 2d St.

The signal service office is improved by the addition of a store room.

The Western Hotel has built an addition for bed rooms.

## THINGS ABOUT MANDAN.

### The Beautiful Curlew Valley and the Country Beyond--Other Notes.

Sixty to seventy farms are already being opened on the extension of the North Pacific near Mandan, and some of the settlers have already made good progress in their work. E. Boley has one hundred and fifty acres under plow; his son has a like amount; Milan Harmon has turned over about 150 acres, and Geo. W. Harmon about the same, including, of course, this year's breaking. Joe Ardron has forty acres, A. Helmsworth fifty, M. Lang ten, and many others good sized tracts. But the prosperity of the west side will scarcely commence until the beautiful Curlew valley is reached. The road reaches this valley about forty miles west of Mandan and follows it forty-five miles. The valley is from a mile to three miles wide, averaging probably two miles. This stream is put down on the old maps as the Big Muddy, being known as such among the Indians. There is but little timber along Curlew but coal is abundant, and forty miles west there is considerable timber. One of the contractors expects to cut twelve thousand tons of hay in the Curlew valley this summer, and if we are not greatly mistaken this whole valley will be occupied by actual settlers before autumn. Most lovely homes will also be made on the Sweet Briar, on the headwaters of Knife River, and on the Little Missouri. Indeed as rapid development may be expected on the line west of Bismarck as followed the construction to the Red River on the line west of Brainerd. Even a better country than the beautiful Lake Park region will be found and a climate much more favorable.

##### NOTES.

(From our own Special Correspondent.)

MANDAN, June 13--This week we had our first election and polled 73 votes which is pretty good for a three months old town. Edgerly was elected justice of the peace and Collins constable. The election passed off very quietly, there being no disturbance whatever.

C. S. Weaver & Co. have gone out of business here. Mr. Clark having bought them out on Wednesday. The reason they assigned for going out of business was that they had so many trons in the fire, as they had three other yards besides this one. Mr. Clark now has the whole lumber business on this side of the river.

Last Friday evening we had a very pleasant party at Gill's new store building. It was a surprise to see the number of ladies present. None knew we had so many here.

There is a general strike along the line by teamsters which may yet extend to all laborers. Too small wages is the trouble resulting from a contract price entirely too low.

Mr. Daniel Collins, late of the Seventeenth Infantry Band, has purchased the Headquarters Hotel building and will open it up for hotel purposes.

Swett will soon move into F. J. Mead's building with his hotel; he has put an addition on the rear for a kitchen.

W. C. Dave opened the neatest little store in town this week. He keeps Gents' Furnishing Goods and Notions.

John Ludewig came over a few days ago and put in a general stock into his building.

The heavy rain has had no bad effect on the bridges. They were all O. K. Friday. Geo. A. Brackett's son is here waiting to go out with Gen. Rosser.

##### PEROTCH.

### The Bond Election.

At the Election on Tuesday Bismarck polled 227 votes, all but sixteen of these being in favor of the issue of bonds to the extent of twenty thousand dollars for the construction of a court house and jail; almost, it will be seen an unanimous vote, and a large majority of all the votes cast in the county on that day, though the proposition was not voted on in the Mandan precinct. This is as it should be. Every interest of the county demands the construction of a roomy court house and substantial jail. The commissioners should proceed at once to negotiate the bonds and construct the building, thus adding another to the important improvements that will go to make up the record of 1879.

### Mandan Election.

At the first election in Mandan on Tuesday, there were 129 votes polled. Of these Matt Edgerly, had for Justice of the Peace 79; Geo. Washburn 50; Andrew Collins 101 for constable, and Thos. Bush, 14. Bush's caucus friends even went back on him, not because they loved Bush less, but Collins more. The officers elect will do their whole duty.

### Green Peas.

Green Peas have already made their appearance in market from the garden of Sam English, and others. This is as early as Northern Ohio, surely.

## A WEEK OF AMUSEMENTS.

### EVERY EVENING FILLED WITH ENTERTAINMENT.

#### Solid Mirth and Fun--The Festival, the Walk, the Shoot, the Pic-nic, and the Opera.

##### THE PRESBYTERIAN FESTIVAL.

The strawberry festival at Raymond's Hall Thursday and Friday evenings, with a little of Dr. Pentecost's horror, (dancing) thrown in Friday evening, was as great a success as that church ever enjoyed. The great rain on Thursday was not sufficient to keep the friends at home, and they turned out in numbers large enough to dispatch all the cream and strawberries prepared for their entertainment. It was so neatly done that the ladies before Friday noon had determined to continue the Festival under the popular heading of "Social," which meant strawberries and cream without ice, and an abridged waltz with excellent music. As on the previous evening the tables were patronized to the fullest extent. Everything was disposed of. The elegant cakes were put up at auction with W. B. Shaw as auctioneer. Col. Baker bid in one at twelve dollars and presented it back to the festival managers "for sweet charity's sake." The entire receipts for the two evenings were \$185. On Thursday evening they were seventy dollars. The net receipts were at least one hundred and sixty dollars. Everybody seemed to do their duty and the result is ample proof they did.

##### AN UNSUCCESSFUL TRAMP.

The walking match at Raymond's Hall, commencing last Saturday night and ending the next night, was not a success. The receipts fell short of the expenditures and the performance, was indeed, void of entertainment. There were three entries: Levitte, a champion of Canada; Vanhorn, an amateur of Fargo, and two local men, Haggin and Dunham. The match was a twenty-seven hour contest "go as you please," for a purse of \$100. Dunham walked along for thirty-one miles and then stopped. Haggin kept ahead until Sunday afternoon when he weakened and finally stopped at the eighty-second mile. The other two held out until the end, Lovette winning by seven laps. Distance walked ninety-five miles and twenty-one laps--thirty-five laps constituting a mile. Actual walking time about twenty hours. Walking matches fail to amuse the people of Bismarck. In other words they are not up to the "puritanical" ideas, etc., or else the walkers didn't advertise.

##### GLASS BALL SHOOT.

Tuesday afternoon there was an interesting match at shooting glass balls, the trial being the largest number of broken balls in fifteen shots. The score was as follows: Dr. A. T. Bigelow broke eleven, W. B. Bell nine, J. M. Carnahan six and Jerry Plants three. The Doctor's score was the best ever made in this section.

##### THE OPERA.

The performance at Whitney's is of a superior class. The Vincents and Miss Georgie Morrell still continue to please and the new star, Billy Mack, is way up in his profession. A better show has not been given for some time.

##### A Remarkable Rain.

The rain of Thursday evening was the heaviest in the history of the U. S. Signal office in this city. It fell to the depth of three and a half inches--a heavy fall for any part of the U. S. The rain fall for this month to date is four inches. Last June the fall for the entire month was 2.78 inches. One week in April '78 the fall 4.37 inches--the heaviest on record. The roof of Mr. Mason's brick house on the hill shed forty barrels of water. The Pacific saloon was flooded but no special damage done. At Fort Stevenson there was a wicked storm with a rain fall of two inches. This rain has been a blessing to the farmers, and puts the ground in splendid condition for breaking.

##### New Paper at Miles City.

[Special Dispatch to The Tribune.]

MILES CITY, June 14--The Yellowstone, A weekly newspaper made its appearance at Miles City this week, by T. P. McElrath recently of New York and at one time a leading writer and associate editor on Frank Leslie's Illustrated paper; he has held responsible positions on other metropolitan newspapers. Mr. McElrath, fills a want long felt and will receive the cordial support of almost everybody in Eastern Montana.

##### Coal Strike.

The coal explorers opened a four foot vein of coal about ten miles west of Bismarck, which, on trial, welded iron and proves to be much better than anything heretofore discovered in Dakota. Prof. Davis was almost wild with excitement and in his excitement declared it to be the best coal he ever saw, but as he professes to be an old Pennsylvania miner this statement should be taken with grains of allowance.

##### Canada Money.

Canada money will not be received at the Post Office hereafter. It is no longer received at the banks except at a discount of two or three per cent.

## THE YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY.

### Its Beauties as Pictured by a Searching Traveller.

W. S. Kenney, Esq., who recently visited the Yellowstone and Big Horn, is an intelligent witness and prophet of the present and future development of that country. Mr. Kenney hails from the garden spot (York), of Pennsylvania and is therefore, a capable judge. He found the bottoms of the Yellowstone up to Fort Keogh, rich and beautiful. At Keogh he was surprised to see the best improved post in the Department of Dakota. So far in the heart of the reputed Indian country of the west he feasted upon every comfort of civilization. He saw Mansard roofs, brick sidewalks, groves of young trees and meadows of grass that would fill the heart of a Lancaster farmer with envy. He saw a rosebud drive, two miles long, on the banks of the Yellowstone, and a half-mile race course, named after the hero, Lieut. Clarke, that would be beautiful in the suburbs of the Queen City of Minnesota, Minneapolis. At Miles City he saw business houses as good as the best in Bismarck, and four firms who did a total business of fifty thousand dollars per month. He saw a park of the largest shade trees, and a town located in one of the prettiest spots on earth. It was a genuine surprise to find a village so substantial and looking so comfortable. Up the river to the mouth of the Big Horn he saw numerous ranches growing everything that an epicure could hope to realize from the ground. The Big Horn bottom, as he saw it from the Fort Custer bluff, is one of the pasture fields of the world. Ranches are becoming frequent, and the time is rapidly coming when the Yellowstone valley will be full of people. The climate and soil are both favorable. Mr. Kenney says the country is certainly a good one, and that its future is assured.

##### The Heart Bridges.

The bids received and opened by Winston and LeMay, last Tuesday, for the six iron combination bridges over the Heart river were as follows: M. Lassic, of Chicago, sixteen separate bids ranging from twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars for all the bridges. H. E. Horton, of Rochester, Minn., three bids ranging from twenty one to twenty seven thousand dollars; Keystone Bridge Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., four bids ranging from thirty-one to thirty-six thousand dollars; Baltimore Bridge Co., St. Louis, one of \$29,000; Delaware Bridge Co., New York, five bids from \$25,000 to \$30,000; The Detroit Bridge Co., Detroit, Mich., three bids from \$22,000 to \$25,000. The Delaware and Baltimore companies submitted superior plans with their bids. The total length of all the bridges is 970 feet. The false work on which these bridges will rest when in course of construction is now used as temporary bridges over which cars are running. The old survey contemplated 274 bridges on the Heart river. They were to have been pile bridges but the experience of this spring proves that pile bridges cannot be depended upon in the Heart, therefore the Sweet Briar line, reached through the big cut, was adopted which reduces the number of bridges from 274 to six, and shortens the line twenty-three miles besides, and these six bridges can be built for the cost of two miles of track, making, as Donnelly would say, an enormous saving. Lassic's twenty thousand dollar bid was accepted.

##### A Train of Palace Cars.

Tuesday evening a distinguished party of railroad people arrived on a pleasure trip through the Northwest. They left St. Paul Sunday evening and went up to Winnepeg and then back to Glyndon and on to Bismarck. Here they remained three hours, visiting the steamboat landing, supping at the Sheridan and scanning the town by lamp light. The cars carrying the party were the elegant parlor sleepers, Pacific and Columbia, of the Chicago & Rock Island, and the business car of the Chicago, St. Paul & Minneapolis R. R. (the old West Wisconsin). They were the finest cars ever seen in this section and made a train that was worth seeing. In the party were H. H. Porter, President of the Chicago and Minneapolis R. R.; David Dows, of N. Y., a millionaire and Director of the Chicago, a director of the same road; Hon. Philetus Sawyer, the well known politician of Oskosh, Wis.; R. P. Flower, Barlow Stevens and others of N. Y. City. There was also a fair sprinkling of ladies in the party.

##### Col. Jones' Body Recovered.

The body of Col. Jones was recovered within thirty feet of where he was drowned four weeks ago. His clothes were noticed hanging on a bush and upon closer investigation the sad story of his death was indisputably confirmed. The body was so badly decomposed that nothing could be done with it except burial on the spot. A memorandum will in his diary appoints Jno. W. Fisher his administrator and instructs him to send his personal effects to his mother in Portland, Maine, after all funeral expenses are paid.

##### Mutiny.

The crew on the Benton struck for higher wages this morning and refused to allow men to take their places. Sheriff McKenzie went down and stopped the row.