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BISMARCK'S \$50,000 BLAZE

A LARGE CHUNK OF BUSINESS HOUSES BURNED.

Phoenix-Like, the Energetic Citizens Commence Rebuilding—L. N. Griffin Began Upon the Red Hot Ashes.

THE FIRE.

Again the red-tongued, glare-eyed monster preys upon the property of Bismarck. Man's best servant and greatest enemy. Yesterday morning about 5:30, local time, fire was discovered by the night watchman in the rear of Busse & Smith's restaurant and Geist's jewelry store. He immediately sounded the alarm but there being no bell, steam whistles or anything to give a general warning, few people had arrived at the spot before the building was so completely enveloped in flames that all efforts to save even the stock were useless. Parties living in the building barely escaped, some of them leaving in their night-clothes and others barefooted with coat and boots on their arm. The Babcock extinguisher was on hand as soon as enough people had congregated to move it, and, until the supply of water exhausted, did good service. The flames spread rapidly in each direction. Elder & Co's saloon, Marshall's shoe shop and Geist's jewelry store were in ashes in less than half an hour, and Kupitz' meat-market and D. I. Bailey & Co's hardware store followed in a few moments. In the rear, on Fourth Street, were Dot's restaurant, Sam Lee's laundry and District Attorney John A. Stoyell's office, also occupied by Geo. Glass, city justice. At 6:30 they were in ashes. For a time it seemed impossible to save either Champion Hall, on Fourth Street, or Eppinger's clothing house on the corner of Main and Fourth Streets, but with the providential aid of snow covered roofs and a calm atmosphere and the heroic efforts of the citizens, they were saved. The wind, what little there was, came from the northeast and when the hungry demon had devoured Bailey's building, it reluctantly

LAPPED ITS HELL-BRIMSTONED TONGUE against the side of Eisenberg's dry goods house. It seemed not very thirsty at this stage and had there been two barrels of water with which to charge the engine, it could have been satisfied in ten moments, and serpent-like it would have recoiled and died upon the smoldering embers of its own destruction. The front part of the building was pulled down and the fiery blast swept through the garret. Attention was now turned toward the Western House, which was only six inches distant from the sheet of flame. Superintendent Towne, of the Northern Pacific, who happened to be in the city, dispatched an engine and flat-car to the scene with a large tank of water, and at his suggestion a bucket brigade was formed and a steady flow of water ran down the roof of the Western House on its burning side. The extinguisher was also charged, thawed out and ready for business again. Twice did the fire stealthily enter the garret but through the herculean efforts of a few men on the roof and the pipemen directed by Mayor Peoples in the building

THE HEARTLESS DEVIL.

was checked in its hellish career. The saving of this building was almost miraculous, and reflects great credit to the citizens of Bismarck who are ever ready and willing to assist in saving the property of others with as much vim and eagerness as that of their own. In fact this is a characteristic of all western people. Had the Western House got the best of the flames, Yegen's bakery, Dunn's drug store, Asa Fisher's saloon and John Ostland's livery stable would have now been in ashes and the chances for the Sheridan House would have been good for the same fate. Jack Dunn, with a heart as big as himself, after clearing the store of his drugs and holiday goods, set at work tearing down his building, hoping thereby, to save Asa Fisher's and John Ostland's. The front was taken out, but at this crisis

HOPE FOR THE WESTERN HOUSE

was expressed and well founded and the work of destruction ceased. It is useless to attempt to eulogize any one in particular, for who knows who did the best service? Even yone worked, and worked with a zeal—as if life was at stake. In the bucket brigade none were more eager to see and help in the rapid transit of pails of water to the front than Father Chryssom, the Catholic Priest, and Revs. Bull and Stevens. The councilmen worked on all sides and mayor Peoples and ex-mayor McLean were good organizers and did good service. The firemen worked like tigers as they always do, and but for the lack of water Bismarck would not need fear an extensive conflagration. It is to be hoped that at their next meeting, before there is a chance for the memory of this fire to pass out of their minds the city council will devise some means for more efficient fire protection. The citizens of Bismarck not only deserve protection but demand it. Though there may not be a fire again for months, yet there should be a man with a constant eye on the engine, ready at the first alarm,

with a span of horses, owned by the city to haul the engine to the outbreak. This, with proper water facilities, would reduce the insurance rate, inspire confidence and cause a feeling of trust throughout the city.

PRINCIPAL LOSERS.

J. H. Marshall, boots and shoes, loss on stock \$1,500, building, \$1,000; partially insured.
J. P. Porter, part of building occupied by Busse & Smith as a restaurant, \$1,300; no insurance.
L. N. Griffin, buildings, \$3,000; no insurance.
Alex. McKenzie, building, \$1,000; no insurance.
Thos. McGowan, building occupied by D. I. Bailey & Co., \$1,000; no insurance.
Elder & Co., Pacific saloon, damage to stock, \$300.
John A. Stoyell, office and a few papers and Sam Lee laundry building, \$1,000; no insurance.
Frank Geist, jeweler, had just received new holiday stock. He lost everything; \$500; no insurance.
D. I. Bailey & Co., hardware, heaviest losers, \$10,000. This was an \$11,000 stock of goods and it is doubtful if \$1,000 worth have been saved. The insurance expired only a few days since.
Dan Eisenberg, dry goods, loss on stock about \$2,000; on building, \$2,500. The stock valued at \$25,000 was insured for \$8,000 but the building is a total loss.
Busse & Smith, St. James Restaurant, stock of fruits, oysters and confectionery, \$1,800; no insurance.
Sam Lee, laundry, somebody else's clothes, \$300.
Nave & Baker, building occupied by Chas. Kupitz as a meat market, \$1,200; insured for \$2,000 in the Trader's, of Chicago.
Dot's restaurant on Fourth Street, \$100.

Among the heaviest losers from damage to goods from water or removal, are the following:

Malloy Bros., Western House, \$2,000; partially insured.
John Ludewig, clothier, \$300; no insurance.
John Yegen, bakery, \$500.
Dunn & Co., druggist, \$1,000.
Asa Fisher, wholesale liquor, \$300.

In addition, to these there were many individual losses which cannot be estimated.

THIEVES AND BLACK LEGS.

Of all the most villainous, detestable scums upon society, the class of people who will stoop to purloin goods from a fire, are the worst. The infamy of this crime scarcely ever receives its just deserts. At the fire yesterday there were several of these thieving wretches plying their trade. It is gratifying to know however, that many of these crooks will be captured. These people are not aware of the secret detective force which is in vogue in this city. The two young ladies who stole the sets of furs from Dan Eisenberg's will wish they had called during the day and purchased them, and the two men going northwest with boxes of fancy goods may not have a chance to use them this winter. The man who ate breakfast at the Sheridan house this morning with his winter's supply of socks buttoned up in his coat, will probably not have much walking to do this winter and will not need so large an invoice.

THE CONTRAST

All who deserve credit cannot be mentioned. THE TRIBUNE does not care to mention any by name lest injustice should seemingly be done those not mentioned. They may be found among the officers of the county and city and among the leading business men and among those as well who did not own a dollar's interest in the city. One man who did most efficient work, was found to be not a tramp but an unfortunate who not only had no place to lay his head, but was without the means to buy a meal.

INSPIRED WITH SYMPATHY.

The great popularity of the Malloy Brothers, and the universal sympathy felt for them and others who were burned out in Bismarck's great fire was a great incentive to many of those who worked so faithfully, etc. Of course the same work and sympathy would have saved Eisenberg, had there been water at that time, besides great efforts were then required to keep the fire from reaching Eppinger's and Champion Hall.

SPARKS.

A resolution was passed at a meeting of fire company immediately after the fire not to proceed further in their organization until the council meets and allows their foreman a fair compensation for his services, and devise means for obtaining water at fires.
Dan Eisenberg is opening up again temporarily in the rear of Eppinger's, on Fourth street. He will build immediately of brick.
L. N. Griffin had lumber on the ground for a new building within four hours after the fire commenced.
Elder & Co. are open again on the corner of Fourth and Meigs streets.
D. I. Bailey & Co. will open again soon; also Geist and Busse & Smith.
Chas. Kupitz is on Fourth street, next to the livery stable, in full blast.
J. H. Marshall had hand-bills out in six hours after the fire announcing his resumption of business in the Seventh Cavalry saloon building on Fourth street.
Stoyell has commenced a new building.

Ansley Joins the Band.

The Eau Claire correspondent of the Pioneer-Press furnishes the following interesting item: "Speaking of temperance, it may not be inopportune to make mention of the fact that Hon. Ansley Gray, well known in St. Paul circles, has united himself firmly to the Temple of Honor, of this city, and with Rev. H. W. Bushnell, addressed the Temple lodge at Neillsville last night, with a most spirited temperance address, which was most enthusiastically received."

That's Their Style.

The Bismarck Stage and Transportation company forwarded the freight of Messrs. Wood & Campbell, by express on the same day that they arrived in Bismarck. This shows that the managers of the Bismarck stage company act with promptness in everything they do.

FUN AT THE HEADQUARTERS

RE-OPENING OF FARGO'S PALACE HOTEL.

A Magnificent Structure—Incidents of the Grand Ball—The Tribune Man at the Supper Table and Amongst the Crowd.

Editorial Correspondence of The Tribune.

FARGO, Dec. 8, 1879.—Five years ago to-night the Headquarters hotel of this city was opened by a ball and grand supper. The writer then traveled three hundred miles to be present on the occasion. Many were present from St. Paul and Minneapolis, and the people of Fargo and Moorhead generally came in, and all were as happy as good cheer could make them. The original Headquarters hotel was built in 1872, and burned in the fall of 1874 and in about sixty days from the date of the fire the present magnificent structure was opened for business on the ground where the other stood. When the first was built there was not half a dozen buildings in Fargo where now is a city of two thousand people. Two years later, when this hotel was rebuilt, there were but a few straggling, wooden shanties where now stand long rows of brick blocks, and scores of elegant little cottages may be seen where there were only an occasional log, earth covered hut. For hundreds of miles west the prairie was unbroken and

LESS THAN A DOZEN FARMS

had then been opened in Cass county which now has thousands of thrifty farmers and the grandest farms in the world, and between Bismarck and Fargo there are now more thrifty villages, each of them larger than Fargo then was, than there were then settlers between these points. Five years ago Cass county did not supply even its then small number of inhabitants with bread stuff, nor its horses with grain. This year it has shipped a million bushels of grain. Not a furrow was broken then between Fargo and Bismarck, and now in the proper season hundreds of self-binding reapers and scores of steam threshers may be seen. When the Headquarters hotel was opened by far the greater portion of it was unused. The business of the hotel was so light that the expense of heating the dining room was not justified and the hall leading to the dining room was used instead. Two years ago it could be apparent that this hotel

COULD NOT DO THE BUSINESS

of the town, and a three story house was built across the street. Both became crowded and other hotels were built. Men were provided with cots in halls and parlors and still all were not accommodated. So the proprietor of the Headquarters hotel at last surrendered to the press of business and two months ago commenced the erection of a large addition which is opened for business to-night, which is why the writer again travels two hundred miles to "do" the occasion for THE BISMARCK TRIBUNE. Among the many institutions of which Fargo boasts is a building much finer and better arranged than any public hall in Minnesota, and, of course larger and better than any other in Dakota. This hall was secured for the dancers while the hotel was open to those who did not care to dance. The parlors were filled with gay and elegant guests were gathered here and there in little knots for conversation, and in other rooms whist or euchre parties might have been found. In the hall were groups of farmers awaiting the ring of the crows; lawyers talking of the chances of politicians figuring for the next campaign.

THE DINING ROOM

displayed tables loaded with California and tropical fruits, with rich and costly pastry; while the tables that every one could wish in the line of fish, game and other meats had been provided. The supper would have excited favorable criticism if it were Delmonico's event. The Headquarters hotel was originally a structure 40x100, three stories, and at L. 20x50 with dining hall 30x30, parlor 25x30, suitable store rooms, offices, etc., and 65 sleeping rooms. The addition which has just been opened is a structure 40x100, three stories, and at L. 20x50 with dining hall 30x30, parlor 25x30, suitable store rooms, offices, etc., and 65 sleeping rooms. The addition which has just been opened is a structure 40x100, three stories, and at L. 20x50 with dining hall 30x30, parlor 25x30, suitable store rooms, offices, etc., and 65 sleeping rooms. The addition which has just been opened is a structure 40x100, three stories, and at L. 20x50 with dining hall 30x30, parlor 25x30, suitable store rooms, offices, etc., and 65 sleeping rooms.

NOTHING LIKE FAITH.

Six years ago faith in the excellence of the North Pacific route led the writer to abandon a lucra live and pleasant position for the purpose of locating on the North Pacific, but though he saw the star which shone so brightly for Northern Dakota, and was ready to sacrifice everything to follow its lead, he would not have believed it possible for the country to develop so rapidly. Without disparaging Bismarck, Fargo is one of the wonders of the age. Such business blocks; such hotels; such elegant cottages; such newspapers, one daily, one tri-weekly and four most excellent weeklies; such a volume of business and such prospects for the future in a country having purely agricultural interests, to promote its advancement was never known before. In mining and in oil regions, towns and cities have sprung up more rapidly but never a town so important today, in the wheat fields of yesterday. In conclusion, while all of the employees of the headquarters hotel are all that could be desired, attentive and faithful, Geo. Nichols, who has charge of the office, deserves more than a passing notice. He is gentlemanly, lively, efficient

and popular and manages to accommodate the large patronage of this hotel without giving occasion for a word of fault from employer or patrons. C. A. L.

Personal.

Dennis Hanafin is in the Hills.
Tommy Deckert has gone to the Hills.
Col. Lounsbury returned from the east Tuesday night.
Lieut. Brewer, of Standing Rock, went east on Monday's train.
John A. Stoyell and Geo. P. Flannery returned from the Fargo court Tuesday night.
John Rowland, the hardware man, left for the Hills last night. He will return.
Rolla L. Thorpe and Annie E. Smith were married by Justice Glass on Sunday last.
Cuyler Adams, of Mandan, went east Monday. He is investing quite largely about Mandan.
Wm. Ives, of the firm of Goodman, & Ives, butcher men, is in the city. He is going to the Hills.
W. H. Towett has been confirmed postmaster at Lead City, Black Hills, and Hartley at Brainerd.

Charley Johnson, of Minneapolis, does the Washington correspondence of the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Capt. Geo. D. Moore returned from St. Paul Saturday night. He will go to his Pittsburgh home next week.

Fred Hollumback and bride returned from the east on Monday. Fred will reside in Bismarck hereafter. Congratulations.

Wm. Harmon returned from Fargo Wednesday night. He is a witness in the Brugler case, which has been postponed on account of Judge Barnes' sickness.

Judge Barnes was lying quite ill at Fargo on Monday. Dr. Leasure came up from St. Paul to attend him. He is much better.

Supt. Towne, of the North Pacific, was in the city during the fire and made hosts of friends for himself and the road by the prompt and efficient aid rendered.

Supt. Towne and the new superintendent of the Northern Pacific express business, W. J. Foutner, were in the city Wednesday, leaving yesterday morning.

Mr. J. C. Barr, of the Benton "P" line of steamers, was in the city over Sunday, returning Monday to Sioux City. John just took a run up to look at the Butte.

Ansley Gray has joined the Red Ribbons and is now lecturing in the temperance cause, and Dr. Slaughter is president of the Red Ribbon Club at Bismarck.

Major John Carland and family have recently connected themselves with the Methodist church, and the Major joins heartily in the red ribbon movement now going on in the city.

Dr. A. T. Bigelow, who has been down at Standing Rock knocking out, replacing and otherwise fooling around the teeth of the citizens of that post, returned Saturday. The Dr. has a good practice here.

News and Notes.

"William Windom for President" is flying at the mast head of the Gary Inter-State.

The Flandreau Enterprise will publish a history of the city in its first issue after Jan. 1st.

Chas. Gardner, formerly of Omaha, Neb., froze to death in the recent blizzard near Deadwood.

The Deadwood News has been enlarged and is now one of the best evening papers in the west.

Capt. T. H. Pressnell has been re-appointed receiver of the U. S. land office at Duluth, Minn.

There are fifteen telephones now in operation at Deadwood. They are being introduced in the mining districts.

Lizzie Walton, a fashionable demi-monde of Deadwood, attempted suicide last week by taking strychnine.

Lieut. Fuller, of the 7th Cavalry, is stated by the Deadwood Pioneer as possessing the qualifications for a first-class chaplain.

Custer City, sixty-one miles from Deadwood, towards Pineau, is again "looming up." Big strikes are reported every day.

The longest distance that voice has travelled by the use of the telephone is two thousand miles. Were there a wire around the world one could talk to himself through the instrument.

The petition circulated in Deadwood recently to receive signatures requesting an increase in Judge Moody's salary, received a host of them. The Judge's salary is only about half what it should be.

The Black Hills Times says that W. D. Knight, a newspaper man of that city, leaves soon to take charge of the only newspaper published in the Yellowstone valley, at Miles City, which must be the Journal.

Yankton has 701 school children and employs eleven teachers. The expense of maintaining the city schools last year, according to the Press & Democrat, was \$5,102.14, and it considers the schools in a very prosperous condition. Yankton may become an educational center.

Corn is a good thing, in some of its phases—in others, not so desirable. There is Indian corn, sweet corn, pop-corn, squaw-corn, hog corn, curried beef, corn on your toes—a half brother to bunions—corn whiskey, corn-cupola, corn-waffles, corn-dodgers, corn-cow and corn. Corn-juice—alias "bug-juice," alias "dangle-foot," alias "essence of jim jame"—is about as popular a form of corn-eating as any other. They raise corn-juice down in Kentucky.—Daily Tribune.

Suffering From a Spencer Bite.

[Deadwood Pioneer.]
According to our bright but badly Spencer-bitten collaborer of the Fargo Times, Spencer is a combined mole-hill jack-rabbit and bladder, whom some mighty juggler is trying to metamorphose into a mountain, an elephant and a balloon. A man uniting in one pair of breeches all these wonders is a big bonanza far any menagerie, and cannot be beaten for congressional delegate by the best 500 aspirants in ten territories.

FREAKS OF ELECTRICITY.

THE VOICE OF THE WIRES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

The Government Mill—Voorhees' Resolution Passed and the Pension Bill in the Hopper—Miscellaneous.

THE NEGRO EXODUS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—After vigorous discussion the Voorhees resolution raising a committee for the investigation of the exodus of the negroes from the South, was adopted. Senator Windom's amendment directing the committee to consider whether any have been deprived of their rights, and the advisability of granting free homes to those who have been so robbed, was rejected. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 27 to 12.

THE KANSAS PARTIES

who refused to testify in the Ingalls case were ordered before the bar of the senate.

THE PENSION BILL

has passed the house, also a bill to reduce ten per cent the bank circulation of the country.

THE UTE QUESTION

is not likely to receive prompt attention. The senate bill authorizing the secretary of the Treasury to negotiate with them for the relinquishment of their reservation and their removal from Colorado was reported with an amendment requiring the consent of three-fourths of the male adult Indians to the cession of any part of the reservation. A long debate and no action followed.

SECRETARY SHERMAN

thinks it impossible to float the proposed three and a half per cent loan.

STALWART REPUBLICANISM

seems to receive encouragement from the fact that none of the Republican Central committee called on the President excepting Jewell.

MRS. RAMSEY

had her first reception yesterday.

DETAILS

of the recent Peruvian-Chilian battle shows the victory of the Chilians to have been complete. The Peruvians were eleven thousand strong but were repulsed by a force of three thousand and much ammunition and other property taken.

GRANT

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—The Grant Army meeting in this city yesterday was an immense affair. Grant, of course, was the hero of the hour, and at the close of the meeting he was invited to Washington by President Hayes, who was also present.

DELAYED MAILS.

FR. BUFORD, Dec. 18.—The eastern mail due on the 15th arrived last night. The driver reports bad roads and difficult travelling. The mail due yesterday arrived this evening. The driver was compelled to leave his sleigh and come in on horseback, the thermometer ranging from twenty-four to thirty degrees below zero.

DISCHARGED CIVILIANS

employees of the Q. M. Department, leave to-morrow for St. Paul via Bismarck.

Faith in Its Future.

Dr. Law, who was a passenger on Monday's coach to the Hills, has been east for several weeks raising capital to develop several mines in which he is interested and states that the capitalists in the east feel safe in investments in the Hills; that in every city where he has been, leading capitalists do not hesitate to accept the security offered and consider the Black Hills and Leadville the safest investments in the country. Their faith in the future of the Hills and Dakota is crystallized. The Dr. is one of the leading speculators a son of Custer City and never will forgive Merrick for not naming his new paper the *Leadville*.

The City Council.

At a meeting of the city council Wednesday night, John Carland was re-appointed city attorney with an increase of \$100 per year to his salary, making it \$800 per year. The city's finances were discussed, sized up and found in excellent condition. It was decided to have the fire bell tower built in the rear of the brick engine house, so that when the large brick hall and engine house are built next season the tower will be in the center of the building. Several bills were allowed and the council adjourned to meet next Monday night.

Helen Mar White.

This accomplished and charming young lady returned from Standing Rock Friday, reading at Lincoln that night and at Champion Hall, in this city, Saturday night. She received a very warm reception at Standing Rock as well as Ft. Lincoln. The fact is she is just as entertaining and jolly off the stage as she is on. Miss White read to a large and appreciative audience in Fargo Monday evening and was greeted with round after round of applause. Miss White is one of the ablest elocutionists on the stage and is certain to make her mark.

Headquarters for Holiday Goods at Dunn & Company's, 92 Main Street.