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NEWS-NOTES.

—Twenty-five new engines have been ordered for the Northern Pacific, to be delivered before the first of July.

—The sweet singer of Michigan has abandoned poetry and is writing a thrilling serial for the Cedar Springs (Mich) Clipper.

—A method of treating sulphuretted gold ores, by which, at an expense of \$3 or \$4 per ton, all the gold can be extracted, is in successful operation in Philadelphia.

—Mr. Joseph Selegman, head of the great banking house of Selegman Bros., died in New Orleans last week. He received a collegiate education in his native country and was one of the most philanthropic men of his race.

—An explosion of five boxes of giant powder, about one hundred pounds, occurred at the blacksmith shop of the High lode mine, in Central City, Tuesday, killing three men, Sam'l C. Kimball, Jas. Gilman and L. Trudell. The men were blown to atoms, pieces of flesh and bone being scattered for a mile around, the head of one of the men being the largest part of the remains, and that unrecognizable.

—Army and Navy Journal: A wall comes up from a colored brother of the 25th United States Infantry as to the amount of labor the regiment has to perform in the present station in the mountains of Texas, and he asks for a little more of the other manual prescribed by Upton. We trust the new field to which the regiment has been ordered may furnish all he wishes in that respect, and that he may not in the fertile regions of Dakota have to complain of not receiving enough of the desired "settling up."

—A son of Red Cloud took unto himself a squaw at the agency the other day and brought her home to Mrs. Red Cloud. Sr. The "young woman" not afraid of her mother-in-law assumed control of matters at once much to the discomfort of the old lady, who so strongly objected that a row occurred in which the mother-in-law came out second best. This so harrowed her royal blood that death only could obliterate the humiliations she has been subjected to and accordingly attempted to hang herself with a clothesline. She was found and resuscitated before life was extinct and still lives to "shake her gory locks."

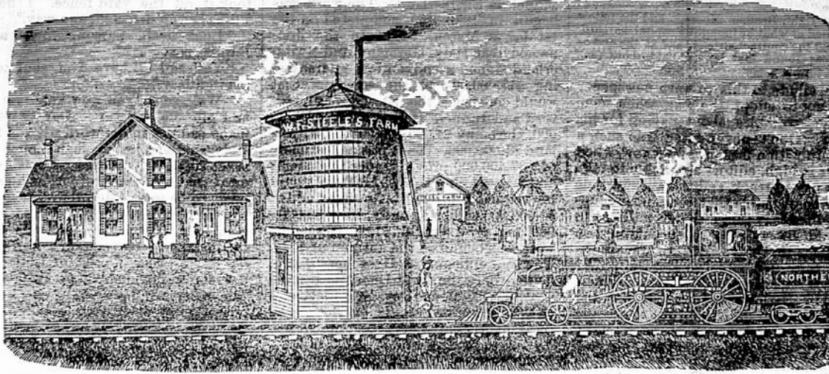
—N. P. common stock sold as low as 2 1/2 in Wall street. The congressional speculators of the house committee have played a fine game and by their "bear" legislation, selling "short," of course, and pocketing the proceeds, regardless of their oath of office or honor as men. A depreciation of 5% per cent. in Wall street amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars margin on a fair days' sale. It is to be hoped the committee and their friends who had the "points" are satisfied, and that the committee will do a little legitimate work the balance of the session, and earn at least a portion of their salary.

—Gen. John McDonald, of St. Louis who-ky-king fame, has been interviewed by a reporter of the Chicago Times. The general says, or rather infers, that should Grant be nominated, one of the most startling exposures of the ring frauds in St. Louis, comprising the Grant administration, will be made public. The general says, "If the Chicago convention nominates Grant look out for me, I'm up and dressed for a fight and I can sink that crowd under a load that would kill them so dead that a grave-rover wouldn't waste his time upon them."

—The St. Paul Pioneer-Press says: "It will be remarked this morning, as a feature of our Washington specials, that the Windom boom is booming. Gen. Boynton, the veteran Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette, than whom there is no more reliable authority, telegraphs to his paper that since the Cook convention explosion blew up the third term, the air is full of Windom; that his name is more frequently used than any other as a compromise candidate for reasons given. Senator Baldwin, of Michigan, considers Windom the best and most available candidate. The Kansas city Journal comes out for him. Ex-commissioner Douglas, of Pennsylvania, a Blaine man, agrees with the Pioneer-Press that Blaine and Grant are out of the fight, and he holds that Windom has a better chance than Sherman. Our advice to the boys is to get in out of the rain. The boom is booming."

Republican County Convention.
The county convention to elect delegates to the territorial convention, to be held at Fargo, May 19th, met at City Hall Monday, May 10th. G. P. Flannery called the convention to order. The call for the convention was read, stating the object of the meeting and on motion of Dr. Bentley, G. P. Flannery was elected permanent chairman, and J. F. Wallace, secretary. On motion of E. A. Williams a committee of three were appointed on credentials, consisting of Williams, Bentley and Boley. The committee made their report of delegates entitled to be recognized by the convention which was adopted. On motion of J. F. Wallace the convention proceeded to vote by ballot for three delegates to attend the territorial convention at Fargo, which resulted in the election of G. P. Flannery, L. N. Griffin and Harry Robinson. A county committee was elected for the ensuing year, consisting of G. P. Flannery, Robt. Maenider and E. A. Williams. The delegates from Burleigh county will present the name of Mr. J. W. Raymond, one of Bismarck's leading citizens, for election by the territorial convention as one of the two delegates to the national republican convention at Chicago. Mr. Raymond is an earnest republican, a representative man, and enjoys a personal acquaintance with the business community throughout the territory. John A. Stoyell was charged by the committee on credentials with being a democrat and was refused admission as a delegate.

Extension.
Seventy-three miles of road is laid west of Bismarck, on the Northern Pacific extension, with the work going on at the rate of a mile and a quarter per diem. The transfer boat is working night and day with double crew in getting the material and supplies across. Extra freight trains arrive daily and the work is being pushed as rapidly as money and good management will do it.



THE STEELE FARM, EAST OF BISMARCK—1,140 ACRES IN WHEAT AND OATS, THIS YEAR.

VOICE OF THE WIRES.

IT IS AS WEAK AS THE CURRENT IS LIGHT.

Row in Chicago's Convention—Adjournment of Congress—Blaine and Grant—Courtney shows up—Miscellaneous.

(Special Dispatches to The Tribune.)

KEY'S SUCCESSOR.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The president has assured the New York delegation that no successor to Gen. Key had been decided upon and James' case will receive due consideration, he having been recommended and strongly indorsed by all of the principal banking houses of Wall street, the prominent wholesale merchants, the leading metropolitan dailies, and leading politicians. That the president has determined to wait until after the Chicago convention before making an appointment, looks probable. The course is characterized as a new departure in the way of official appointments.

ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The committee of ways and means are considering the question of adjournment. The majority of the committee favor the 31st as the day and are of the opinion that all matters of public import demanding consideration at this session can be disposed of by that time.

WISCONSIN'S CONVENTION.

MADISON, Wis., May 13.—The city is crowded with delegates to the State Democratic convention. After organizing and report of committee on credentials, a resolution was introduced adhering to the unit rule, by Tilden's friends. Quite a fight is looked for, with Tilden's chances best. Most of the country delegates favor Seymour, but the uncertainty of his position as a candidate before the Cincinnati convention adds strength to Tilden's forces, who are well organized. Col. Vilas, of Milwaukee, will head the delegation to Cincinnati.

COOK COUNTY CHEEK.

CHICAGO, May 14.—The action of the third termers in the convention held here the 10th, has caused consternation in the Grant camp. The bolters, by their action, have jeopardized their own interests and weakened the ex-president in what was considered his stronghold. The idea of 48 delegates out of a convention of 191 setting themselves up as an independent convention is criticized by politicians as one of the most ludicrous pieces of off-putry in the history of conventions.

HILL AFTER KELLOGG'S SCALP.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Senator Ben Hill, in his lengthy dissertation on Kellogg's case, has shown up the cypher discharges, proving wholesale bribery and corruption in the Packard legislature. He presented indubitable proof that there was not a quorum when Kellogg was elected. Hill's case is much stronger than was anticipated.

MCCRARY AT WORK.

DES MOINES, May 14.—Judge McCrary, ex-secretary of war, opened the United States circuit court in this city Tuesday, being his first appearance on the bench. The judge disposed of cases remarkably fast for his maiden term, one hundred cases having been cleared from the calendar Wednesday, and is rushing the business much to the astonishment and delight of contestants and the legal fraternity.

JIM BLAINE

DETROIT, Mich., May 13.—The Blaine delegates were in the majority by large odds at the State Republican Convention held here yesterday, and had everything their own way. The delegates go unimpaired, but are all firm supporters of the Maine Senator.

COURTNEY ON HAND.

WASHINGTON, May 14th.—Courtney arrived here Wednesday morning accompanied by his trainer, Frenchy Johnson. He brings three boats with him, two of which were fitted with the new rig, with which he expects to give Hanlan a hard pull. So little confidence has been placed in Courtney, owing to his previous crooked operations in champion races, that 4 to

1 was bet he would not even come to Washington. Bets are now four to one on the Canadian's winning the race. Courtney makes his headquarters at the Potomac Boat Club, and is in fine condition and apparently good spirits.

WASHBURN'S LITTLE RUSE.

CHICAGO, May 14.—The Grant faction in this city attribute the trouble in the Cook county convention to Washburn, and charge him with secretly opposing the "third term" while publicly announcing himself as Grant "first, last and all the time." More liberal minded politicians however, such as Ex-Gov. Farnsworth and ex-Mayor Farwell, believe Washburn honest and that the bolters deserted the convention when they found it impossible to run it to suit themselves.

Bridge or Tunnel.

Col. Clough, with his corps of engineers, have been making soundings and running lines for the past three weeks for the foundations of the bridge to cross the river should that plan be decided upon. Two or three lines have been run that have good foundation for the piers, one of which corresponds nearly to the crossing used by the transfer boat, and the temporary bridge of last winter. As soon as the third or last line is completed the engineers will commence boring for a test of the river bed as to the feasibility of a tunnel. Most of the machinery for boring is here and more on the road. The engineers move to Mandan this week, this side of the river having been thoroughly tested. When the prospective work by the engineers for both tunnel and bridge is completed the two reports will be submitted to the chief engineer, who will recommend one of the plans to the board of directors. A bridge would necessarily have to be very high, as a draw for the passage of boats is out of the question, owing to the changeable character of the river channel. From soundings already made it is considered a tunnel could be readily worked, the earth being of a nature suitable for so large a perforation under the river and as its cost is half that of a bridge, and it will in no way interfere with navigation, it is more than probable this method of transportation will be decided upon.

Equalization of Taxes.

The total value of taxable property, Real and Personal, in Burleigh Co., for the year 1880, as equalized by the Board of Co. Commissioners, is as follows, viz:

| | 1880 | 1879 | Increase |
|---|------------|------------|----------|
| Value of Lands East of Missouri river.. | \$ 414,820 | \$ 338,846 | 45,974 |
| Do. west of the river | 85,805 | 85,805 | |
| Total val. & incise | 500,625 | 388,846 | 131,779 |
| Value of town lots in Bismarck..... | 186,706 | 172,053 | 14,653 |
| Do. in Mandan..... | 20,021 | 19,121 | 900 |
| Grand total real prop | 717,352 | 579,999 | 137,353 |
| Val. Personal Prop | 232,292 | 225,250 | 7,042 |
| Grand Total..... | 949,644 | 805,249 | 144,395 |

Average value of land per acre, \$4.30.

The items that make up total amount of personal property are as follows:

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| Value of property invested in merchandise..... | \$ 66,800 |
| Value of property invested in manufactures..... | 4,620 |
| Horses, Number, 517..... | 24,887 |
| Mules..... | 20,945 |
| Cattle..... | 32,297 |
| Swine..... | 2,311 |
| Wagons and Carriages, Number, 637..... | 17,332 |
| Money and Credits..... | 4,915 |
| Household Furniture..... | 8,630 |
| Stocks and Shares..... | 25,777 |
| All other property..... | 55,539 |
| Total as above..... | \$352,263 |

H. G. COTKENDALL, Deputy Assessor

New Departure.

Mr. W. H. Hurd, for the past three years steward of the Sheridan House, left Tuesday morning for Fargo to accept the position tendered him by Mr. Hubbard as manager of the Headquarters. Mr. Hurd is one of the very best hotel men in the country, a perfect gentleman, enjoys an extensive acquaintance with the traveling public having, been connected with many of the leading hotels of the country for the past twenty years. He carries with him the esteem and best wishes of the people of Bismarck for his future success.

The Court House.

The trenches are dug, the foundation of the new court house commenced and operations are in full blast that will insure an early completion of the much needed building. Mr. Mason, who has the contract for furnishing the brick, has two kilns ready to burn and has ordered another machine to facilitate operations. The superintendent of the building says the location could not be better; that it

will show up from its present site better than any other location in the city. Two months more will see it about ready for occupancy. The illustrated TRIBUNE of this week shows the cut of the building as it will appear when finished, which will certainly be not only a great ornament to Bismarck, but to Northern Dakota.

FORT BUFORD NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of The Tribune.)

FORT BUFORD, D. T., May 6.—Lieut. Geo. B. Walker, 6th Infantry, with a detachment of soldiers and Indian scouts, is down the Bismarck road looking for deserters. Lieut. T. W. Groesbeck has been assigned, temporarily, to the command of "D" company, 6th Infantry, the three regular officers of the company being on detached service in eastern departments. Gen. Whistler, 5th Infantry who arrived on the Far West on the 20th inst., left the next day for Fort Keogh, overland. Lieut. Richard E. Thompson, recently appointed adjutant of the 6th Infantry, arrived here with his family by steamer Far West May 3rd and has assumed the duties of regimental and post adjutant. Gen. Hazen, in relieving Capt. Penny from duty as acting adjutant of the regiment, pays that officer a high compliment, in orders, for the efficient manner in which his many duties have been performed. Target practice is now a daily feature of Buford life. During the long winter the troops have been kept busy drilling in the Laidley system, and the beneficial results of this drill are readily recognized in the spring target practice. Maj. Thomas, paymaster, is to be relieved here by Major Bates, of the pay department, and by this means money when it is due in future. The board of officers for the examination of candidates for commissions in the army, will probably convene here about May 15th. Gen. Hazen is president of the board, and Col. Townsend, 11th Infantry, and Col. Brown, 18th Infantry, and Dr. Crumpton, medical department, are members, with Adjutant Thompson, 6th Infantry, as recorder. Several non-commissioned officers will be ordered before this board for examination. They all know that "the Tombigbee river runs down." Since pay day a few soldiers have deserted. The facilities in this vicinity for successful desertion seem to be, at the present day, equal to eastern stations. This is owing, doubtless, to the settlement of the adjacent country and the consequent diminution of the chances to "go hungry" as well as losing scalps in trying to escape from the country. I have on more than one occasion mentioned Jack Culbertson in my letters to THE TRIBUNE. He was here recently, returning from Wood Mountain. After a successful business trip, Jack resolved upon a new venture. Selecting a stock of goods he left Poplar river with his family en route via Missouri river to a point some twenty-eight miles above this post, where he intended to locate a farm and trading ranch. By one of these mysterious agencies—not Indian—but snags, which go about in the Missouri, his boat was capsized, and Jack was fortunate in saving himself and family from a watery grave. His goods and all else went to the bottom. Still, the other evening, when here, he reviewed upon his favorite instrument, the violin, "The Lass of Gowrie," with that old familiar power, and let us with the impression of hidden capabilities, which, perhaps, time and opportunity may yet bring forth to the astonishment of the natives. The proverbial tendency to matrimonial alliances, induced by the peculiar atmosphere around this sweet little spot of earth, has again been demonstrated. Drum-major Baker, formerly a non-commissioned officer of company "A," 6th Infantry, at Fort A. Lincoln, D. T., was attached by peculiar bands to Miss Ida Olson, of this city, this evening, the Rev. Dr. Robinson officiating. The superb band of the 6th Infantry gave their drum-major a fine serenade and the young couple enter upon their honeymoon with the good wishes of a numerous circle of friends for future prosperity and happiness.

Base-Ball.

The "Actives," of Fort Lincoln, played another match game at that place Sunday with the "Hill Boys," the score standing 19 to 14 in favor of the Actives. This club sends another special to THE TRIBUNE, desiring to meet the Bismarck club in a friendly contest at the bat. The reporter of THE TRIBUNE thus far has been unable to find any sign of a club existing in Bismarck except the Indian club used on state occasions by the Grand Incahone, of the Order of Red Men, to denounce dyspeptic editors of Fargo dailies who strike Bismarck in their peripatetic wanderings, seeking other "bars" to tap. The knave of clubs is too much engaged speculating in ivory chips at crowded nighty seances, to be interviewed successfully this early in the season.

Old Tempus.

Joshua is said to have called "keno" on the sun in ancient days, from whence originated the term familiar to western ears, "stop her," and is the first mention of the game on record. By mutual agreement between the business houses and other interests in Bismarck a similar move has been inaugurated in the city. The sun has not been commanded to stand still, but by common consent given twenty-eight minutes start in the day's race. The duplex system of time used has been done away with. The steam whistles blow and church bells ring out St. Paul time. This change was needed to meet the necessities of the general boom in affairs, twenty-eight minutes gained on "Old Sol," being in desirably valuable in a business point of view. Tempus will fight the same as before, but Bismarck is on a par with St. Paul except in population, and that is only a matter of time.

THE SIGNAL SERVICE

A GLANCE AT ITS MAGNITUDE AND USEFULNESS.

The Standing Rock and Fort Yates Cable Successfully Laid Under the Supervision of Lieut. Geo. S. Grimes.

A BENEFICIAL INSTITUTION.

Lieut. Geo. S. Grimes, acting signal officer, returned from Standing Rock Tuesday morning. The cable between that point and Fort Yates was successfully laid. Cables will be laid in place of the spans of wire over the river at many points during the summer, being much more durable, easy to repair and less liable to accident. The United States military telegraph line is one of the most important and beneficial lines in the country and before the end of the summer a complete circuit of two thousand miles in extent will be finished. It is important in that it gives direct communication from all the front posts of the northwest with department headquarters and Washington, thereby facilitating the movement of troops, accelerating the government business and in campaigns against the Indians, keeping post commanders in constant communication with forces in the field. The line is beneficial in another respect as it serves the ranchman.

HUNTERS AND FRONTIER SETTLERS

as a means of communication with the outside world at rates that come within their reach. The line runs from this city to Lincoln, Yates, Bennett, Sully, Rapid City, Meade, Ellis, Bozeman, Helena, Benton, Fort Shaw, Missoula, Assiniboine, and Deer Lodge; and again from Bismarck to Stevenson, Buford, Keogh and Custer, and a line from Keogh to Deadwood with intermediate stations all along the route and repair stations at reasonable distances apart. Thus it will be seen every point at which there is a post or settlement of any size in western Dakota or the entire expanse of Moptana through the medium of this line is brought into instant intercourse with all points of the country, contrasting greatly with the old time method of mail delivery when a frontiersman or officer at some of the northwestern posts were fortunate if they heard from "the states" once in six months. Being built, owned and operated by the government no profits are expected to be made from the business done. Rates are charged sufficient to keep the line in repair and good working order only, the expense of original construction, employees, etc., being paid by a distinct appropriation made for the purpose. This branch of the service belongs to the signal corps of the army under the command of Brig general Albert Meyer, known the world over as "Old Probs."

THE TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE

is a division of the "weather bureau" and serves that department in transmitting the daily weather reports from all points where signal stations are established to Washington, in addition to its service as a means of army communication and its commercial business. Every operator on the government lines is prepared for the corps at Fort Whipple, Va., the school of instruction, by a most thorough course in meteorology, electricity, magnetism, physical geography and signaling in all its varied branches from the flag system, used to such great advantage in the late war, the international code used by all countries, to the more scientific methods accomplished by the use of such instruments as the heliograph, that throws sunflashes long and short, corresponding to the dot and dash of the telegraphic code. This code was successfully read by the English in the late campaign among the Zulus in South Africa when an English general was surrounded in a Zulu town fifty miles from the main army, and by means of which he made his escape with his entire command.

EXTENT OF THE SERVICE.

Of the 530 members of the corps a portion of them are detailed for the government telegraph lines, every member being proficient in that branch before leaving Fort Whipple. The remainder are employed as meteorological observers throughout the country, and in clerical duty at the chief office at Washington. Government lines are now working all over the entire frontier, Texas and New Mexico, Washington Territory and Oregon, and along the Atlantic coast from Punta Rassa, Florida, to the coast of Maine, and a good portion of the Pacific coast. New lines are in course of construction in all parts of the country where there are military posts and no telegraphic connection. The signal service is one of the most important branches of the government and as yet but little is known of its workings by the people generally.

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PURELY PERSONAL.

District attorney Stoyell went east this morning.

H. M. Manning, Fort McLeod, came down on the Rosebud.

Wm. Adair, Fort Peck agency, was a passenger by the Rosebud.

T. W. Dennison, of St. Paul, an extensive fur buyer, is in the city.

Sam English is in St. Paul and will go up in the Yellowstone country soon.

Frank Moore came in from the Bad Lands Wednesday night and left Thursday.

Geo. H. Douglas, brother of the post-trader at Standing Rock, is at the Sheridan.

Porter Warner, of the Black Hills daily Times, came in by this morning's stage en route east.

Robt. Maenider is in Wisconsin purchasing a car-load of oxen for freighting purposes.

Hon. I. W. Barnum, of Sanborn, arrived by last night's train and stops at the Sheridan.

Mrs. Robt. Carr, Miss Fannie Carr and Mr. M. N. Gilbert, of Helena, came down on the Rosebud.

Mr. Chas. Collins, formerly in the drug business at St. Paul, is now night clerk at the Sheridan.

M. H. Crittenden, the contractor who is putting on the new roof of the Sheridan, arrived Monday.

Ben Ash and family leave this week for the James river valley, near Brule, where Mr. Ash has a claim.

S. De Le Vergne, formerly proprietor of the Galoway House, at Eau Claire, Wis., is in town this week.

Capt. G. D. Moore has gone to St. Louis. It is his intention to bring back a light draught boat for ferry purposes.

O. H. P. Rudesell, who has charge of the construction of the new court-house, is quartered at the Merchants.

Sheriff McKenzie and Deputy Gallo-way returned last Saturday. Jerry Duane stopped off at Fargo for a few days.

M. Sheehan, of Fargo, the agent of the McCormick agricultural machines, spent a portion of the week in the city.

E. G. McLay, cashier of the First National Bank of Benton, came in Tuesday night and will leave by boat this week.

Hon. I. W. Barnum, who has been spending several days in the city, will open a large farm five miles east of the city.

Frank Geist leaves for St. Paul this week to engage in business with his brother, who is a prosperous jeweler of that city.

Mrs. Gen. Whistler and daughter arrived at the Sheridan Saturday and remained until Wednesday, leaving for Keogh by boat.

Judge J. V. Offenbacher, probate judge of Deadwood, arrived from Washington Saturday and left by Sunday's stage for the Hills.

Miss Cora Sweet has gone to Chippewa Falls, Wis., where she will teach the "young idea how to shoot" during the ensuing year.

F. W. Hubbard, division engineer of the Northern Pacific railroad, arrived in the city Monday on business connected with the road.

Manager Sargent and Superintendent Towne came up Wednesday morning and made a trip out on the extension, returning the same night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Marshall left for Vermont last Friday. Mrs. Marshall will remain for the summer, visiting a sister residing in that state.

W. D. Conrad, one of the wealthy and rising citizens of Montana, a partner of the firm of C. Baker & Co., was in town this week en route for Boston.

Harry Robinson, editor of the Mandan Criterion, made The Tribune's call Monday. Mr. Robinson is the delegate from Mandan to the territorial convention at Fargo.

Mr. Hubbard, of Broadwater, Hubbard & Co., Miles City, arrived from a trip east Saturday night and in company with C. W. Savage, started overland for their home Monday morning.

Mr. Bogz, post-trader at Fort Walsh, Northwest Territory, and a friend of old "stopping Bull" was a guest at the Sheridan this week. He is on his way to his post from an eastern trip.

Chas. C. H. Smith, post trader at Fort Yates, and wife and Mr. Pascal Smith and wife, parents of the post trader, went east Monday. Mr. Smith has been making his son a visit in his post and is a well-known business man of St. Paul.

Bismarck Opera House.

Sam. Whitney, Bismarck's genial and popular pioneer manager, is at present excelling all his previous able efforts in presenting a splendid entertainment, by the largest, most versatile and talented company ever seen on any one stage in the city. Since the return from the Hills of Mr. Chas. Vincent, the clever comedian and stage manager, business has been booming at the old Drury of the northwest, the house being crowded every evening. His various farces and his impersonation of "Uncle Joshua" are the general subject of conversation and praise from all who have witnessed them. Last evening Messrs. Clifford and Skelly made their bow, and made a great hit as acrobatic, song and dance artists. Saturday and Sunday evenings the two great companies will combine and form one mammoth troupe in a glorious programme, ending with the great hit, "Joshua Wilcomb," with new stories and songs. Clifford and Skelly, Chas. Vincent, Jefferson Archer, Donaldson, Misses Selma Johnson, Edna Kue, Blanche, Daisy Donaldson, Vernie Vernon, surely a larger company than can be seen in a city ten times the size of Bismarck.

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