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NEWS-NOTES.

—The election ball will open next Tuesday.

—Fort Bufordites go out one day and back the next and kill buffalo.

—Stutsman county will have its first term of court on the 19th of Oct.

—The public debt was reduced \$8,974.831 during the month of September.

—Thirty miles of the Casselton Branch of the Northern Pacific is now open to traffic.

—Tilden will preside at the Hancock mass meeting at Columbus, O., to-morrow.

—The agency Indians at Poplar Creek and Wolf Point are quiet, the hostilities having left.

—After Oct. 1st no card excepting those furnished by the government can be transmitted through the mails except at letter rates.

—Judge Hilton, of the firm of A. T. Stewart & Co., is the democratic candidate for congress from the Saratoga, N. Y., district.

—The North Pacific, as located, avoids both Bozeman and Helena, and shortens the distance 160 miles over the old location. Contracts have been let for grading west of Miles City.

—Pembina's First Annual Fair takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. It promises to be a grand success. Gov. Ordway, and other prominent men having consented to attend.

—Hon. Martin Maginnis has been re-nominated for congress by the Montana democrats, and if elected will serve his fifth successive term. The Hon. M. M. is a stronghold in himself.

—Hon. J. W. Dwight, president of the Bonanza farming company of Richland county, was re-nominated for congress from his district, the 26th New York, on the two hundred and six-second ballot.

—Minneapolis accuses St. Paul of "padding its census returns with thirteen hundred and fifty-seven servant girls and one hundred bell boys." The girls can stand it easily, but it seems rather rough on the boys.

—At a recent marriage at Hudson, N. Y., the bride was a young damsel who had been a great flirt. When the clergyman asked the usual question, "Who gives this woman away?" a young fellow present exclaimed: "I can, but I won't."

—The syndicate for the construction of the Panama canal has been formed and is a private undertaking by American and French capitalists headed by Sellsman & Co., Drexel, Morgan & Co., Winslow, Lanier & Co., and seven other firms. The capital is \$120,000,000.

—A rumor was telegraphed from Sioux City this week that Alex. Mitchell, of Milwaukee, had himself and three of his men elected to the directory of the Northern Pacific road and that the road is now backed and controlled by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road. This story is revived annually.

—The Northern Pacific has recently built and finished off depot buildings at Aikens, Shell River, Sylvan Lake, Wadena, Parkham, Moorhead and Jamestown. A new roof-proof water tank is about finished at Wheatland. A new turn table is being put in at Valley City, and a two-stall engine house at Jamestown, besides water-tanks at Eccleson and Crystal Springs.

—Hugh McCullough, ex-secretary of treasury, presided at the great republican meeting at Cooper Union hall last week, and after stating that Hayes was not his choice four years ago, and that he would not have been among the mourners had Tilden been elected, he declared that, in his belief, President Hayes' administration "rivals the best, not excepting the first," a declaration which was received with prolonged cheers.

—A mass meeting of the democratic-conservative party in New Orleans, adopted a resolution declaring that "We believe in an indestructible union of indestructible states; we are equally and unalterably opposed to centralized despotism and to secession. The letter of Gen. Hancock relative to southern claims, receives our hearty approval." Whether this resolution will meet the approval of the majority of the "solid South," who are non-conservative fire proof, su klux, ante bellum Lee and Jacksonites, is occasionally doubtful.

—A profound sensation has been again created in Russia by the second announcement of the Odessa newspaper, the *Vestnik*, that one of the local importing firms of merchants has purchased in addition to previous purchases one hundred thousand bushels of American wheat through a western firm. The rate of purchase is one round forty-aver or pecks or three s. three d., (say seven-y-eight cents), the peck a peck (a thirty-six pound) delivered in this coming October at Odessa. This is like unto carrying coal to New Castle, since Odessa is the grain port of Russia, but poverty is a great leveller even of the "Imperial Great White Father of the Russias."

—The following notice was found posted on a tree near Round Oaks church, in Caroline county, Va., and was intended to insult a farmer named Smith and other northern settlers in that vicinity, who owned their property and were in the habit of driving over the road referred to through the woods as a short cut to the highway leading from Round Oaks to Fredericksburg: "I hereby remind the traveling public that this road is private property, and warn all scoundrels, hybrids, and especially all blue-nose and red-neck tanks, against passing through here under penalty of being shot if they are caught. A. M. Boulware."

—A scene between English and Senator Barnum, chairman of the democratic national committee, is correctly described, is destined to become historical. The story runs that the two gentlemen were alone, and that Senator Barnum, ruffled by the spathy with which his representations of the state of the vice-presidential candidate, finally exclaimed: "Well, Mr. English, I offer you an opportunity. Write your check for \$25,000 and lay it upon this table and I will cover it with mine for \$100,000." Mr. English did not acquiesce. The truth is that Mr. English is a disappointment, yet his unpopularity does not count. The democracy of Indiana have hustled into the present campaign ignoring him, but determined to elect their state ticket as a preliminary to the election of Hancock as president of the United States.—*N. Y. Herald.*

EASTERN POLITICAL POT.

INDIANA ADMITTED DOUBTFUL BY THE DEMOCRATS.

Ohio Safe for the Republicans—The Tide Turning All Over the Country—Mammoth Meeting in Cleveland—Shout.

(Special Dispatch to The Tribune.)

THE POLITICAL POT.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—All political interest is now centered on Ohio and Indiana, and all sorts of guesses, calculations and claims are made. While the Republicans are confident of carrying Ohio by a good majority, yet there are some who express a belief that the majority will be small. On the other hand the Democrats are said to be blue over the prospects in Indiana, although they claim the state by a small majority. Grant's interview with Rev. Fowler creates a profound sensation in New York and Republicans think its effect better than a hundred campaign speeches. It is said that Gen. Hancock will make no reply to the statements of Gen. Grant, at present, being advised thereto by Belmont and other prominent Democrats. It is thought by them that the language attributed by Fowler to the Ex-President was exaggerated. The *Inter-Ocean* has an

INTERVIEW WITH GRANT,

in which he says the previous report, though in the main correct, contains many mistakes and some language he did not use. The interview, he said, with Fowler, was had without his suspecting for a moment that what he said would be published. Afterward Fowler asked permission to publish it, to which Grant dissented, saying he wished some facts verified by reference to the war department file before doing so. Grant reaffirms the most damaging points of the previous statement.

THE EDITORIAL EXCURSIONISTS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 7th.—The Minneapolis people treated handsomely the Northwestern editorial excursionists. They banqueted them at the Nicollet House, gave them an excursion to Lakes Calhoun and Harriet, and an elegant lunch at one of the first-class restaurants, before starting on their journey to St. Louis. Speeches or responses to toasts were made by Col. Donan, of the *Evening Journal*, Col. John H. Stevens, of the *Farmer's Union*, Governor Pillsbury, B. B. Herbert, of the *Redwing Advance*, C. H. DuBois, of the *Spectator*, C. A. Lounsbury, of the *Bismarck Tribune*, Hon. Thomas Fitch, of the Hennepin county bar, and by Mr. Sanborn, of the *Madeline Times*. The party, consisting of about twenty-five, many of them accompanied by their wives, sisters or daughters, left at 4 p. m. on Wednesday for St. Louis, where they will take in the great exposition. All speakers surprised at the rapid strides being made by Minneapolis. The improvement during the past year, even, is simply wonderful. The Nicollet House, where the banquet was given, is becoming one of the most popular, as it is one of the best hotels in the Northwest. One feels at home there under Col. West's management, and the editors were all immensely pleased with the courtesies extended them by Minneapolisites.

BULLDOZING.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—A true bill of indictment was found by the U. S. court at Richmond, Virginia, against Wm. H. Pond (white) for corruptly endeavoring to intimidate Jno. B. Davis, (colored) in discharge of duty as a witness. Davis gave information leading to the arrest of Pond on the charge of selling whiskey without a license and Pond procured Davis' arrest on false charges and he instituted serious persecutions against Davis, shooting at him, etc. The jury was composed of sixteen Democrats.

VICTORIA'S FLIGHT.

GALVESTON, Oct. 8th.—Gen. Buell, of the 15th infantry, with his command, has caught up with Victoria's band near Quilman, and a fight is expected to-day.

CAROLINA CENTENNIAL.

RALEIGH, Oct. 8th.—The 100th anniversary of the battle of King Mountain, N. C., was celebrated yesterday. Twelve thousand people were present, and addresses made by J. W. Daniels. Reading by Paul H. Hayne.

SHIPBUILDERS CONVENT.

BOSTON, Oct. 8th.—The American ship owners and builders' convention is in session in this city. Papers have been read by Jno. Roach and W. H. Linder in behalf of American shippers.

GEORGIA GAINS.

SAVANNAH, Oct. 8.—Governor Calhoun's democratic majority in this state is over 50,000.

DEMOCRATIC DISPLAY.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 1.—The grandest democratic demonstration ever held in Cleveland took place last night. Monumental Park was gorgeously illuminated and three stands erected but the crowd was so great that an overflow meeting was organized. The principal speakers were Gen. Pearson, Col. Pulitzer, Hon. J. D. Trench, and others. Col. Pulitzer made a reply to Secretary Schurz' speech.

OFFENBACH'S LAST ACT.

PARIS, Oct. 8.—The funeral of Offenbach, the eminent musical composer and maestro, was held at Madeline, to-day, and attended by an immense throng, including nobility and leading composers. Offenbach was the acknowledged king of opera bouffe.

LAND HUNTERS.

JAMESTOWN, Oct. 8.—Bishop Marty, Anthony Kelly and Mr. Kelly, of Prairie du Chien, a committee appointed by Bishop Ireland to select land in the Missouri river region for a colony, will arrive at Bismarck to-night and visit the extension to-morrow.

WHITE RIVER WAIFS.

Building of Winter Quarters—Removal of Four Companies.

(Special Correspondence of The Tribune.)

CAMP ON WHITE RIVER, Col. Sept. 26.

—The camp at present presents a scene of amazing activity, owing to the fact that last night the order for the removal of four companies from this vicinity, arrived. The general supposition was that some of the troops would be taken from White River, and various had been the conjectures in regard to what companies would be so fortunate. As the companies remaining at this point will now know something definite with regard to erecting winter quarters they will no doubt improve the time to good advantage. The companies designated to take up the line of march to-day, are companies F, G, H and D, the former two to proceed to Fort Garland, Col., and the latter two to Fort J. P. Schindler, Col. Huston accompanied the battalions, assigned to Fort Lyons. The troops whose lot doomed them to remain at White River are companies K, C, E, A and B, company I being still stationed at Snake River, W. T. The boys at this point will be for the present under the regime of Maj. O. H. Moore, who by his good sense and sociable style, always secures the good will and respect of the soldier.

The men had made fair progress in the erection of Adobe quarters before the order arrived. The work making adobe had been suspended as the size of the different buildings had been reduced. Consequently a few thousand less dobles required. Several parties were engaged at the beginning. One party (and by far the largest) making adobe, another quarrying and hauling stone four foundations another cutting logs in the woods, and yet another building the quarters. But after about two months' work they found that the building of the quarters by men who were on ex duty was slow work.

We, of course, do not accuse any of those mechanics of mercenary motives in this matter, as they were by far too honorable to entertain any such ideas. At the suggestion of somebody whom we knew not—Surfice it that "his head must have been level"—a different "modus operandi" was adopted Sept. 27th. An order was issued to the effect that the different companies, under the immediate supervision of their respective company commanders, would proceed to erect each their own quarters. Consequently with the entertaining and instructive stories of some of the boys who passed last winter here, still fresh in their memories, the men set to work with a will and in less than three weeks the company barracks for nine companies was almost completed. Now that those four companies have gone, the quarters will be divided among the remaining troops and those buildings not occupied by the men will be utilized for company kitchens, etc. The band will also have to be provided for.

The regimental band, although quite diminished in numbers, remains at this point. The band master, Mr. Stygler, seems to be very assiduous in his endeavors to make it as proficient as possible, but owing to the fact that we are always stationed "beyond the confines of civilization" these men after serving an enlistment invariably leave the band in order to enlist somewhere east where they can have opportunities of seeing life under more favorable auspices. The "band concerts" are appreciated by many. Great credit is due the clerks at headquarters, Kerkam and Pelan, for the elegant and artistic style in which they get up the "programmes." They are the subject of much comment from all who are so fortunate as to receive them.

The famous scout of the north, viz: "Yellowstone Kelley," is at present at White River. He came over from McKenzie's camp and will probably be employed by the government here. Kelley is a fine specimen of frontier scout, tall and supple, complexion dark, with an eye that looks as if it meant "biz." He is also a gentleman of intelligence and good manners, who talks common sense to the exclusion of all those trumped up stories of self-adulation, which is such a common characteristic of the would-be hard case of the west, that it is not deserving of further mention.

The trader, Adams, is having built quite a respectable looking dwelling for his family which arrived a few days ago. The wood and coal contracts are being filled as fast as circumstances will permit. The lumber, sash, glass, shingles, etc., to be used in finishing the quarters are expected to arrive soon.

THE STAGE COMPANY.

The stage company will begin running stages on the Fort Pierre route to Deadwood Oct. 15th. They have fifteen stations between East Pierre and the Hills, have stacked 1500 tons of hay, and expect to make a thirty-six hour schedule. The distance to Deadwood from the river is 25 1/2 miles. A rumor is afloat that the Sidney company will also place a daily line of stages on this route. No preparations thus far have been made to confirm the rumor. Stages will continue from Bismarck as usual. Mr. C. W. Richardson, the agent in this city, left for Fort Pierre, Monday night.

Results of the Buffalo Hunt.

The party who left Fort Yates a short time since, on a buffalo hunt, when last heard from, had killed 215 head. Enough buffalo meat to last the agency Indians all winter will be the result of this hunt, and many a silver dollar will be obtained from the sale of robes.

In the Bad Lands.

Track-laying is now going on at the rate of two miles per day in the Bad Lands. The track is only two miles from the Little Missouri, and the grading is nearly all completed to the Yellowstone. Montana will be reached by the 20th and Glenville by December 1st.

DEMOCRATIC DISPLAY.

They Rally Around a Bonfire and Listen to a Rousing Cannon.

There are those in the city who, perhaps, think the display of Tuesday night was in honor of the arrival of Mr. P. R. Smith and bride from Europe. In a measure this is true, but the continued pow-wow of the night was in recognition of Mr. James F. Watson, of the Black Hills, who addressed the crowd from the balcony of the Merchants Hotel, made celestial-like by the profusion of Chinese lanterns. Mr. Watson is one of the leading lawyers of Deadwood and held two proxies at the recent democratic territorial convention, which he cast with Northern Dakota for the choice of the Burlington county delegates—Capt. McCormack, of Grand Forks. Mr. Watson is about as sanguine a democrat as any who are now stumping the country. He urged everybody to bet their lives on Hancock's being the next president; said Indiana was solid, and knew to his own satisfaction that Capt. McCormack could be elected by the people of Dakota. He said he had delivered eleven campaign speeches in Indiana, and that he knew what he was talking about when he made these prophecies. Mr. Watson tried to arraign the republican party, but the little word "if" was inadvertently in the way. "If" the democrats succeeded in gaining control of the government, great republican frauds would be discovered. McCormack's delay in getting around among the boys, Mr. Watson said, was owing to the protracted illness, and sudden death of his wife on Monday last. He denied the reports that he was keeping in the dark because his education had been sadly neglected, and said that he had been with him for the past few days and said that he was satisfied that he was an honest man. Back he did not like because he had offered to buy his twenty-two votes for \$1,000. He says that had Judge Bodnett been nominated it would have been suicidal for any democrat to run against him, but as it was now, he thought the democrats had some show. The balance of the night was made hilarious by the uncorking of democratic spirits.

THE CONCERT.

A Brilliant Entertainment Given by Home Talent.

The concert last evening was the event of the season and without doubt the finest entertainment of the kind ever given in this city. It is to be regretted that the audience was not larger, as the encouragement of home talent should be paramount in the minds of every citizen. However, an appreciative audience of the elite of the city was present, and the concert throughout eminently successful. The programme as follows, with the exception of the pieces in which Mrs. W. A. Hollenback was billed, was carried out. Mrs. H., owing to a severe cold, was unable to appear:

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| Part I. | — | — |
| To Thee, Oh, Country. | Eichberg | — |
| See the Pale Moon. | — | — |
| Mrs. BIRD & MRS. BLAKELY. | — | — |
| The Wanderer. | Schubert | — |
| After the Battle, (Recitation). | Anon | — |
| Mrs. W. A. HOLLENBACK. | — | — |
| Esmeralda. | — | — |
| Sweet Night, be Calm. | McNaughton | — |
| Part II. | — | — |
| Les Donnes de Seville, (Piano). | Schubert | — |
| Holy Mother Guide His Footsteps. | Waltzes | — |
| Once Again. | Sullivan | — |
| Good Night, Good Night, Beloved. | Pisetti | — |
| Angels Ever Bright and Fair. | Handel | — |
| When Wandering O'er the Deep. | G. F. Root | — |
| Mrs. CALL, Mrs. BIRD, & Mrs. HOLLENBACK. | — | — |

A Hearty Welcome.

A welcome such as is unusually accorded to Bismarck's citizens was tendered Mr. P. R. Smith upon his return from a trip abroad Tuesday night. When Mr. Smith left for Europe he made no intimation to his friends of having any matrimonial intentions, and it was not until he had reached St. Paul on his return with his bride, and telegraphed ahead to a friend to have his residence put in order for him, that his many friends began to mistrust the state of affairs. To get things in readiness was the work of willing hands in short order, and when the North Pacific express rolled in Tuesday evening the city band played choice selections while the cannon played in the depot square gave a salute of welcome, the whole scene being lit up by a bonfire. Mr. Smith was escorted to his residence, the carriages being preceded by the band and a reception held until a late hour. The bride, nee Miss Maggie M. Byrne, is a handsome vivacious lady, a resident of Dublin, Ireland, where the wedding took place, and will grace the residence of Mr. Smith and his many warm friends in this far western country. Mr. Smith is one of the pioneers of the city, one of the first to find gold in the Black Hills and one of Burlington's early probate judges. Mayor Peoples was the major domo of the reception committee and had matters arranged to a nicety. Fitz Talbot extends Judge Smith and his bride hearty congratulations.

Democratic County Convention.

Pursuant to call the democrats met in convention at City Hall for the purpose of electing delegates to the legislative convention to be held in Bismarck Oct. 11th. J. A. Emmons was chosen chairman and E. N. Corey, secretary. The following delegates were nominated and elected by acclamation: M. J. Halloran, George Peoples, J. A. Emmons, P. H. Byrne, Mandan, C. A. Galloway and Jno. Waldron. Col. Wm. Thompson was called upon and said it would be a waste of time for him to make any remarks; that all present in the convention knew their duty; that they had worked before them to accomplish in electing their candidates, and must be "wide awake and full of fleas" for the occasion. The convention adjourned sine die.

VALUE OF TREE PLANTING

IT IS THE MOST VALUABLE INVESTMENT FOR FARMERS.

How Much It Costs to Plant an Acre of Trees and the Increase in Value in Ten Years—An Important Suggestion.

(Editor Tribune.)

THE TREE AREA.

BISMARCK, D. T., Oct. 1st.—Since my arrival in your bustling and prosperous town, many parties holding claims under the Timber Culture Act, have expressed grave doubts whether it would ever pay to plant and cultivate as the law requires—some even expressing the opinion that they had better abandon their claims or else change them to homesteads or pre-emptions. For the general good of the country, and the particular good of such parties, allow me to commence by saying in plain language, that forest tree planting, properly conducted, is the only legitimate business that will beat money at interest. The most reliable statistics at my command place the timber area of this territory at from four to seven per cent. of the entire area. These timbered tracts are chiefly, if not wholly confined to the river bottoms, cooleys, and margins of lakes. The great agricultural area; the tracts of ground where people must live, where the crops are grown and from whose settlement and cultivation depend almost wholly the prosperity of your people, your railroads, and the future of Dakota, are practically destitute of timber. Scientists inform us that a permanently productive and prosperous country should have from

TWENTY TO TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT.

of its whole area covered with forest. The equalization of rainfall—the arrest of too much evaporation, the modification of the climate generally by extensive forest tree planting, all imperiously demand it. Between Bismarck and Fargo, each side of the Northern Pacific railroad, are whole counties so nearly destitute of timber that if as densely settled as many of the older counties of Minnesota, would not furnish firewood enough to last twenty-four hours, and this is a fair sample of the whole territory. These treeless counties must of necessity be converted into fruitful fields and permanent homes for a million people. They must have wood and timber for fuel and shelter for all time. The demand, great to begin with, will continue to increase with the growth and prosperity of the country. In my own field of operations I am planting, cultivating and protecting tree claims till the time for securing title has come around, for \$40 per acre. The average farmer can do it without the outlay of a dollar in money. But admit for the sake of argument that his time is money, and look at the results. He plants as the law requires, not less than four feet apart each way. This requires

2730 TREES PER ACRE.

If he plants only cottonwood, the cheapest to get, the most rapid grower and requiring a shorter period of cultivation than any other variety, he can within seven years from time of planting, thin out enough for fuel and fencing to more than pay the total expenses of that time. He should then have not less than twelve hundred thirty, sturdy trees from twenty to thirty feet high, and from four to eight inches in diameter. From year to year he can gradually thin out the forest, and in so doing will have an annual revenue from the sale thereof to more than pay his necessary store bills. Say he does this for ten years, more gradually thinning out the forest till he reduces the number down to three hundred per acre, which three hundred per acre is about right for a permanent stand. Here after seven years, all expenses paid within the first seven years, an annual income sure for ten years more, we find him the owner of a handsome grove of timber, each tree good for from three fourths of a cord to a cord and a quarter. Say they average a cord per tree, and the thing figures up 300 per acre, which at only a dollar a cord on the stump is \$300 per acre for the stumpage. You can do this. You can do it with more certainty than you can raise fifteen bushels of wheat per acre for fifteen or seventeen successive years.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS' EXPERIENCE

in forest tree planting on the northwestern prairies justifies me in saying that no crop, usually grown by the farmer, is as sure to grow, and to pay well, as a crop of forest trees. I have selected the cottonwood as an example, on account of your locality, which is so abundantly supplied with young trees of this variety, and of just the proper age and size for transplanting that the poorest man, can, without money, accomplish the results above written. More valuable varieties pay far better. Away down this valley, in Monona county, Iowa, Judge C. E. Whiting has a crop of black-walnut growing, that will yield his children more than \$1,000 per acre, and that within twenty-five years. Cottonwood trees that I planted in Minnesota in 1853 stand from seventy to eighty feet high and thirty to forty inches in diameter, good for two cords per tree, and now worth on the stump \$2 per cord. Aside from the mercenary considerations each of us owes something to his country, his God and his fellow man, that mere money cannot buy. If the who causes two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before is a public benefactor, how much more so he who grows a forest in a country where not a tree stood before. Go on then with your forest tree planting, with full faith in the results. They will be growing while you are sleeping, and when you finally get through work on the broad prairies and take your final trip to the happy hunting ground, you will have the consciousness that your life has not been altogether a failure. So mote it be. Yours truly, L. B. H.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Henry Dion was in the city over Sunday.

Capt. Jos. Leighton went east Wednesday.

Justus Bragg is east after a car load of hogs.

Wm. Harmon went to Deadwood last week.

H. P. Boque has returned from Pierre. Ditto Wm. McCrory

Geo. P. Flannery is at Yankton attending the supreme court.

Rev. I. O. Sloan, of Mandan, registered at the Merchants Monday.

P. B. Winstan and family came up from Minneapolis Saturday last.

Mr. J. H. Marshall and Miss McDonaid are visiting the Bad Lands.

Jas. Miner, Jr., came in this week to give his numerous customers a talk.

Miss Hattie Lounsbury and Miss Emma Bentley are visiting at Minneapolls.

Can it be that Conductor Miller, of the extension, has gone east to get married? Hove!

W. B. Jordan came down on the Batchelor and left Tuesday for a two weeks' visit east.

H. Karberg, the Indian trader at Standing Rock, returned from the east this morning.

Wm. McHugh, of Deadwood, a prominent merchant there, went east Thursday morning.

J. E. Wilson, of St. Paul, of the engineer corps, at Assinaboine, came down on the Butte.

Rev. A. J. Yeater left Monday morning to attend the Episcopal church convention at Yankton.

James Fitzerald and wife, Deadwood, were passengers by Tuesday's coach for the Hills.

E. A. Brunsmann left to-day for a visit to his home in Wisconsin, and will be absent a week.

I. B. Merrill, formerly with McLean & Macnider, came in from Green River to review the metropolis.

Capt. D. W. Maratta went east with his family Tuesday morning, and will probably return this evening.

F. A. Winkelman, II, Nordale and N. Sampson, of Chicago, were registered at the Sheridan Tuesday.

Mrs. M. L. McCormack, wife of the democratic candidate for delegate, died at Grand Forks Monday last.

J. H. Hassack and E. H. Miller, clerks Q. M. department, came down with Col. Lee from Assinaboine.

C. A. Lounsbury, of THE TRIBUNE, is attending the convention of northwestern editors at Minneapolis.

J. H. Vail, R. S. Elliott, J. D. Coppack and Sam McCullen arrived on the coach this morning from Deadwood.

Rev. J. M. Bull, pastor of the M. E. church, this city, left Monday morning to attend the Methodist conference.

Telegraphic dispatches announce the very serious illness, at Minneapolis, of the wife and child of Mr. J. Sut. Winston.

L. Fortescue, of Ottawa, H. Boyd and J. Y. Sargent, of England, returned from a hunting trip to Montana by steamer Butte.

John Carland, the democratic candidate for district attorney, is on a tour through Trail, Grand Forks and Pembina counties.

The Grand Forks *Herald* reports the death of Thomas Collins, brother of Andy Collins, killed on the extension last summer.

Dr. Bentley left this morning to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. at Sioux Falls, representing the Bismarck Lodge.

Rev. J. A. Stephan, Indian agent at Standing Rock, came up from Fort Yates Saturday and left on "this days" leave Wednesday morning for Indiana.

Will Hawkins, of the Aurora (Ill.) *News*, spent Friday night in this city and left Saturday morning with J. J. Reilly, of the land office, for a brief visit in the valley which is red.

J. P. Clough, of the N. P. engineers, and wife accompanied by P. P. Clough, Miss Clough and the Misses Dwight, came in from the extension Monday, the latter party going east Tuesday morning.

David Wirt, of Chicago, was in the city this week, looking the country over with a view of locating a colony of fifty families. He has been in Nebraska and Southern Dakota but prefers Burlington county to any section he has yet visited.

Marshall McClure, who has gained some notoriety on account of his connection with the Jamestown *Alert*, rival of the *Paris Figaro*, and Lawyer Bill, of Jamestown, came up Saturday as members of the republican committee, to confer with those of like stripe in this city.

A Sad Accident.

During the passage of the steamer Butte from the Coal Banks to Cow Island, Thomas Muquinn accidentally fell overboard and was drowned. He was engaged in passing wood at the time near the pantry, and stepped on a greasy spot, slipped, and before assistance could be rendered, was overboard. Mr. Muquinn was a son of Patrick Muquinn, one of the employees of the boat, who enjoys an excellent reputation, having been in the river business for fifteen years. The young man was nineteen years of age, well educated, had come up to this country expecting to engage in business with a cousin in Montana, but not liking the country concluded to return. Mr. Muquinn has the sympathy of his many friends in his sad bereavement. Every effort will be made to recover the body.

Stolen Stock recovered.

About ten days ago over fifty head of beef cattle, belonging to Leighton & Jordan, were stolen from their range near Buford by Indians. Monday the whole outfit were found near Poplar Creek agency.