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PURELY PERSONAL.

W. J. Ives, the butter man, is in the city.
Asa Fisher left for his family at St. Paul Monday.
John A. McLean arrived on Wednesday's train.
H. F. Douglas returned to Fort Yates with his wife Sunday.
Mrs. J. G. Miller returned from her Michigan trip Saturday.
Miss Minnie Davidson is visiting friends in Braierd this week.
Frank Moore and E. G. Paddock, Bad Land scouts, are in the city.
Capt. Wiseman has returned from below; ditto, Capt. Braithwaite.
Dr. A. T. Bigelow returned from his Minnesota visit Wednesday night.
H. G. Newport arrived from the east and went on the extension Sunday.
Geo. Bohon, of the Pioneer Press, and P. Verplank were among Tuesday's arrivals.
Col. Sweet has returned. He has been east on business connected with the board of education.
Miss Clara Lilley left on Wednesday's train for her home, Lake City, Minn., to spend the summer.
Capt. John Smith, of Miles City, returned on his way home from the east last evening.
Harry McBratney and Tommy Maher, of the city of Venice, were over Saturday to see the metropolis.
Superintendent Hobart, of the Dakota division, and Gen. Anderson, chief engineer, came up in a special car last evening.
Dan Eisenberg, having purchased an immense stock of goods, has returned from the east. Mrs. Eisenberg will spend the summer at Jamestown, N. Y.
W. B. Wheeler, the faithful representative of the Northwestern and Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroads, came up Wednesday.
Dr. Rogers went down to Jamestown last week, became infatuated with the Jamestown belle, and secured the agency in this city. It is now on tap at his place.
W. A. Burleigh, son of Dr. W. A. Burleigh, arrived from Miles City Wednesday night. He is on his way east and says he left the farmers seeding in the Yellowstone valley.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raymond were in Chicago last week wrapped in mufflers enjoying a sleigh ride, while the week before they were strolling on the Gulf gathering shells.
Dr. J. G. Kalback, of Reading, Pa., has been in the city during the past two weeks. He comes to make investments and considers it a glorious country. He will invest a little in Mandan.
Commissioner John Quinlan arrived from his protracted visit at his home in Pennsylvania Monday. He leaves his father improving in health. John has been busy all the week at hand shaking with his numerous friends in Burleigh County.
H. A. Bruus, Moorhead's first mayor, and who is now erecting a \$75,000 hotel in his city, came up Monday night accompanied by his trusty lieutenant, T. C. Kurtz. Mr. Bruus is shipping a large amount of supplies to the front for use on the extension.
C. S. Finney, for some time past assistant operator of the Bismarck telegraph office, has accepted a position in the office at the end of the track, and a young man named Lamb, of the St. Paul office, comes next week to take the St. Paul office's press report.
Justus Bragg returned last week from Minnesota with an entire car load of Iowa corn feed steers. It gives one an appetite to look at the meat on sale at the Mountain Market. Mr. Bragg went east again on Wednesday for another train load of Iowa cattle and hogs.
Frank J. Mead, of Mandan, returned from the east Saturday night. He attempted to reach Yankton but was unable to do so on account of floods and blockades. He remained in Sioux City four days, but, finding it was impossible to reach the capital of Dakota, returned. Mr. Mead thinks the people of Mandan reported their losses too large.
Mr. O. S. Goff, the pioneer photographer of this country, returned from Fort Yates yesterday. He resumes business again in this city and Mr. Barry goes to Buford. Mr. Goff has the finest collection of Indian portraits ever made and has been offered a small fortune for the negatives. He is now busy engaged in printing these cabinets for the eastern trade. In the collection are some of the most noted chiefs among the Indians.

Miles City Notes.

From the Yellowstone Journal it is learned that Billy Mack and wife have left Miles City on "Splinter Jack's" boat for Bismarck and the east, after almost a year's absence before theatrical audiences in that city.
There are fifteen Chinese in Miles City. Town lots are selling like hot cakes. Anticipation of the railroad is the cause.
The noise of drums can be heard nightly, from Spotted Eagle's camp.
The news of the czar's death was received at Fort Keogh the same day it occurred.
A homestead boom is setting in in the direction of the submerged tracts on Sunday creek, a few miles north of Miles City.
The first mail up Tongue river left Monday for Fort McKinney. Mat Foley went with the buckboard as scout.
Old Favorites Returning.
A letter to THE TRIBUNE from Sentinel Butte, dated the 5th, says: "Billy Mack and Edith Valentine arrived here on Saturday night from Glendive, and are playing in 'Bell's Music Hall' to good houses. They go to the cantonment and play Friday night and Saturday night, thence to Bismarck. Large crowds of men are arriving by every train to work on the grade west of this point. The camp is very quiet at present."

TELEGRAPH TO TRIBUNE

NEARLY 4,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Gorge Still Intact—Over 227,000 Acres of Thickly Settled Farming Land Covered by the Muddy Waters.
(Special Dispatch to The Tribune.)
THE OUTLOOK AT YANKTON.
ST. PAUL, April 15.—A special to the Pioneer Press from Yankton says that an attempt has been made to reach the village of Meckling, near Vermillion, but without success, and fears were entertained that the people of that town had perished. The government will do all that is possible in the way of issuing military stores until relief is furnished from other sources. The ice gorge is still intact. Parties in from St. Helena report the ice in the channel at that place as thirty feet high, and extending thirty miles to Vermillion. There is so much ice that many localities cannot be reached. In Haggons Bend fifteen or twenty miles are surrounded by ice, and persistent efforts to cross there have failed. Another attempt is now being made to reach them.

RELIEF MEETING

Yesterday a committee was appointed to circulate an appeal for help to the people in the east. Gen. Sheridan is to be solicited to provide means and skilled men to blow up the ice gorge with dynamite. Quartermaster Wheeler has received orders to issue full rations and clothing for 2,000 men, which he is doing through the relief committee. The district to be supplied by Yankton residents is twenty-five miles below here, and the intervening bottoms in this region. There are 2,500 people who are receiving aid. Below Vermillion to the Big Sioux river there are 1,000 more destitute ones who will be supplied by the government with food from the centres of distribution. A committee is to leave for Vermillion in a yawl to arrange for the distribution of food. The gorge is still deep all over the bottoms. From records in the surveyor general's office it is ascertained that the flood on the Dakota side covers an aggregate of 227,000 acres in three counties, namely: Yankton, county, 55,000; Clay county, 75,000; Union county, 97,000. All this region is thickly settled, being the oldest occupied in the Territory of Dakota.

RELIEF FOR YANKTON FLOODS.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Gov. Ordway and Judge Bennett will go to New York tomorrow to unite with some philanthropic people in raising money for relief of Dakota Territory flood sufferers. Great sympathy is manifested all through the east, and the Governor hopes to be able to receive an abundance of means for this object.

CHARLEY ROSS FOUND.

ST. PAUL, April 15.—A special telegram to the Pioneer Press from Philadelphia, yesterday, says Col. Forney has received two letters from England, in which the writer states that previous to February 25, at Langton Essux, twelve miles from London, there was a pretty boy of nine years attending a private school, who was called George by the woman with whom he lived, but who said his name was Charles Ross, that the woman was not his mother, and that he was brought over from America in a big ship. The boy claimed that his mother was a lady. He answers to the description of the lost Charley, and left the village some time ago, it was understood with the intention of being sent away. The woman who had the boy in charge always wore a veil, her excuse being that her husband was abroad and that she had taken a vow not to show her face in public till he returned.

NIHILISTS TO HANG.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 14.—All the nihilists except Kassev Helfman who is a gentle and whose execution was delayed until after confinement, will be hanged at nine Friday next in Somenoff square.

CONKING WONT OBJECT.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Conking and several other republican senators left tonight for New York. It is understood that Conking will not be adverse to an extra session for the confirmation of such nominations as are not objected to. The deadlock is fostered because he is afraid Robertson's case might come up if an extra session was held. It is claimed for him that he has no fear of an extra session because certainly a majority probably of the committee will sustain him in the opposition to Robertson. At least two democrats on that committee are with him in agreeing to hold back Robertson's nomination till the next session.

JUST TO HELP OUT.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—G. W. Money-penny, chairman of the Ute Commission, who recently resigned, has consented to serve as member of the commission until relieved by his successor.

OIL EXCHANGE.

TITUSVILLE, Pa., April 15.—The inauguration of the new oil exchange mission took place today. A monument will be erected in this city to Col. Drake, the discoverer of oil. The sum fixed for this purpose is \$15,000. The Standard Oil Company subscribed \$5,000.

DAKOTA OFFICERS.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Col. Campbell, register of the land office of Mitchell, D. T., is to be released as soon as Letcher, his successor is submitted. He started for home today without an office. The following names were submitted to the senate: Wm. Letcher of Ohio, register of the land office at Mitchell; Charley Fessender, of Michigan, Surveyor General

of the United States, for the district of Dakota Territory.

CINCINNATI STRIKES.

CINCINNATI, April 15.—The street car strike assumed a new and unexpected phase tonight. The officers declined to answer the demands of the men until Monday, accordingly the men set up work stopping cars as they came up. Men turned switches and ran them into the stables. No cars are to be seen on the streets tonight.

CONDITION OF STOCK.

How the Herd of Cattle Have Withered in Montana.
The severity of the past winter has caused much anxiety about the numerous herds of cattle and sheep in Dakota and Montana. There are localities in both territories where stock has suffered severely but in every instance a little forethought in the fall would have averted the disaster. The winters in the northwestern ranges have always been so mild that it has not heretofore been deemed necessary to make any preparations whatever for the cold weather. The past winter has demonstrated the fact that although such extreme cold seasons may not come a dozen times in a century, yet it would be advisable for stockmen to build sheds and provide a small amount of hay so that in case of deep snow the stock can be kept during the winter season. To show that the loss of stock this winter has not been as large as has been reported, the Miles City Journal recently contained the following: "The last two winters have fairly tested the capability of this section for wintering large herds of stock. The winter of 1879-80 was the severest which white settlers in eastern Montana had experienced, and the past winter was fully its equal in intensity. But owing, probably, to the peculiar dryness of our atmosphere the snowfalls have not materially hindered cattle in procuring sustenance from the rich, dried grass with which the ground is everywhere covered. The snow has lain on the surface like a fine powder, blown about by every breeze, and never thawing so as to pack solidly together or to form a crust. Hence there has been pasturage to some extent throughout the season, sufficient not only to keep the vital current flowing but also strange as it will appear to outsiders, to keep the cattle in tolerably good condition. This natural provision for winter combined with the perfect shelter afforded at all seasons by the so-called 'bad lands' will render eastern Montana the safest and most profitable stock raising region for a couple of generations to come. We have taken pains during the past week to ascertain by personal inquiry the condition in which the Yellowstone cattle men found their herds after the breaking up of winter this year. The following result of inquiries will show how well founded are the claims of this valley for supremacy in the immense and lucrative industry. Messrs. Brandenburg & Van Gasken, on the Tongue river, reports a small but unimportant loss out of their herd of 1,500 head. John Ming, on Pumpkin creek, up the Tongue river, has 800 head, mostly heaves, with 150 cows and yearlings. He has lost during the past winter not more than five or six head. Myers Bros, on Pumpkin Creek, out of 2,000 head of steers have not lost a single head. Mr. N. W. Comford, on the Yellowstone, at Rosebud, has 499 head and has lost none at all. Alex. Anderson, near the same place, has 150 head and has lost none. Mr. Curran, six miles east of Rosebud, lost four out of a herd of 100, but they were drowned and did not starve or freeze to death. Among the many large and small herds at Pease's Bottom there were absolutely no losses during the winter. Messrs. Poindexter & Orr, about sixty-five miles up Tongue river, have a herd of 1,000 sheep and 600 head of cattle. They lost fifty sheep and two old cows. The Yellowstone and Sweetgrass, Alfred Myers has a herd of about 6,000 head of stock. In the winter of 1870 he lost nearly twenty five per cent of the herd with which he began the season. During the past winter his loss has been only about five per cent. Mr. Minej, on the Yellowstone, near Miles City, has wintered a herd of 500 sheep and has lost none. In a word, there have been no casualties, attributable specially to the severe winter among our Montana cattle, excepting in one or two cases of large herds of unaccommodated cattle, such as the herd of 5,000 Texas steers brought into the Tongue river last fall by Mr. Groom. These cattle were thin and out of condition when winter opened and unable to 'rustle' through the snow for food or to otherwise cope with the conditions to which they were newly subjected. This herd, we are informed, has lost quite heavily, but it is an exceptional case, and the result of mismanagement. Outside of that single instance we have no been able on close inquiry to learn of any stock raiser having suffered during the past winter."

Lost in the Ice.

When Mr. Frank J. Mead came through to St. Paul from Sioux City and saw the reports in the papers about the ice and water in Mandan, he raged, and told the managing editors of each paper in St. Paul and Minneapolis that their Bismarck correspondents were unprincipled liars. He had not yet been at Mandan but he knew the reports were lies. When Mr. Mead arrived at Bismarck he sought the aforesaid correspondents and told them he knew they were base liars and working against Mandan. Sunday he went over to Mandan for the first time. He looked at the field of ice, and took out his pencil and book to take notes for a letter contradicting the reports sent abroad. He walked from one piece of ice to another for a short distance but finally disappeared between two huge pieces. All that has since been found to mark the place of departure was a piece of paper with the words, "These Bismarck correspondents are liars—!" At this juncture providence interposed and

the poor Mandan enthusiast has not been seen since.

THE BANKER'S DAUGHTER.

She Appears at the Opera House and Captivates the Audience.
Last evening in pursuance to the request of many prominent citizens, Manager Whitney gave an entertainment for the ladies and children. The opera house was never so neat and attractive. It was a perfect little band-box. The play was "The Banker's Daughter," with Miss Alice Webster in the title role. In this play Miss Webster's acting is especially fine, and that of the other members of the company is fully up to the standard. Miss Lulu Frances as the wife of "poor old Mr. Brown," was bewitching, and, of course, after the death of her husband had no trouble in captivating the "American Drummer." A handsome young widow with plenty of money is extremely popular in real life, and it is not strange that she should be in the mimic world. Mr. J. Al. Sawtelle is always good, and his parting with a wife who loved another was loudly applauded. Another feature of the entertainment was the music. Six pieces were added to the orchestra, making it second to none northwest of Chicago. Still another was the large attendance of the leading families in the city. Several times has Mr. Whitney attempted to gain such an audience, but failed. The ladies seemed to have gained the impression that it was a naughty play. Those who attended last evening plainly saw the groundlessness of their impressions and now they all join in the request that the management give such entertainments often. "The Banker's Daughter" will be continued the balance of this week.

THE NEW COUNCIL.

It Meets, Organizes and Appoints the Standing Committees.

Last Monday afternoon the old city council and Mayor Peoples bid adieu to the city and the reins of government passed into the hands of the new council with Mayor R. B. Thurston in the chair. Wednesday night the council met and the following standing committees were chosen:
Ways and means—Holloran, McDonald and Woods.
Roads and bridges—Griffin, Woods and Bogue.
Health and Hospital—McDonald, Bogue and Holloran.
Taxes—Berkelman, McDonald and Holloran.
Claims—Woods, Bogue and McDonald.
Ordinances—Griffin, Woods and McDonald.
Public buildings and yards—Holloran, Berkelman and Bogue.
Licenses—Griffin, Berkelman and Holloran.
Water works—Griffin, Bogue and Berkelman.
Streets and allies—Griffin, Woods and Bogue.
Bonds—Griffin, Bogue and Berkelman.
Printing—McDonald, Holloran and Bogue.
Fire department—Berkelman, McDonald and Bogue.
Last evening the council met again and appointed John A. Stoyell city attorney for the ensuing year, and E. M. Brown for city engineer. Thos. Woods was appointed temporary assistant policeman, and A. Robidoux was chosen street commissioner.

THE COMING EVENT.

Sixty-Second Anniversary of Odd Fellowship.

The Odd Fellows of Bismarck, Mandan and Fort Yates will celebrate their sixty-second anniversary at Bismarck on Tuesday the 26th inst., with a parade and speeches at their hall and conclude with a banquet and ball at the Sheridan House. Everything is being arranged in the best possible manner. The music is the best that money can procure and will not be less than six pieces. The banquet will be sumptuous and no pains spared in any particular to make this occasion the cream of the season. The Odd Fellows have always made a grand success of their annual parties, but have taken particular pains this year, as the lodges within reach have united in the effort. The order is entitled to the good wishes of our citizens. Its many acts of private charity, unknown to the outside world, save the public a large amount of care and expense which would otherwise be added to their already heavy burdens. It is confidently predicted that this anniversary party will take the cake.

Another Land Mark Gone.

Tuesdayan alarm of fire was turned in from box 2, caused by the discovery of fire in the old section house standing near the round house. Before the engines could reach the spot the building was entirely covered with flames. The building was one of the most ancient in the city. It was used as the first section house, dept, telegraph office, etc., and had been located in many different places about the city. It was also once used by the U. S. Signal Corps. Geo. Wonefuter a section hand, lost a trunk by the fire, containing \$540 in currency.

Seeding at hand.

There will be lively times during the next ten days in seeding operations. Only two or three farmers have yet commenced seeding but next week the epidemic will be general, as by that time the ground in all parts of the country will be ready. Although seeding has been delayed five to ten days later than usual yet the extreme warm weather of the past few days seems to indicate a good growing season from this beginning, while last season there were spurts of cold weather after seeding had commenced.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Proceedings of the Last Few Meetings.

Bismarck April 4, 1881.
Board of county commissioners met pursuant to statute.
Present—C. A. Galloway, chairman, and commissioner Frank Donnelly.
Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
On motion the following bills were allowed and ordered paid from the county fund:
Patrick Cuckaly jailor to March 27 1881. \$ 25 00
Patrick Richards quarterly salary..... 150 00
C S Weaver 1 bbl lime..... 2 35
Pioneer Press books etc. furnished..... 106 00
H M Mixer repairing pump and wood..... 14 19
Patrick Leo boarding Pat Leo jailor..... 57 00
Sheridan House meals for jury..... 7 50
W P Fairchild petit jury..... 14 19
August Walters "..... 12 10
John Lee "..... 12 10
Hugh McGarry "..... 14 10
Valentine Schreck coronor fees body of 15ham Harris..... 2 50
John Waldron official fees..... 3 75
H R Porter witness..... 1 10
Joseph Dillon "..... 1 10
Owen Farley digging grave..... 6 00
Jerry Deane taking to grave..... 4 00
Frank Donnelly from special fund wood yard of child Kate Brennan..... 30 00
H R Porter quarterly salary medical services..... 75 00

On motion it was carried that the frame building formerly occupied as a county building be sold at public auction by the sheriff of said county to the highest bidder at the front door of the court house, on the 10th day of May, 1881, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of said day.
On motion board adjourned until April 5th, 2 p. m.

J. H. RICHARDS,
County Clerk.

Attest.

C. A. GALLOWAY,
Chairman Board Co. Com'rs.
Bismarck, April 5, 1881.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—C. A. Galloway, chairman, and Frank Donnelly, commissioner.

On motion it was carried, in the absence of the county clerk, that John E. Carland act as clerk for this meeting.

On motion it was carried that the board adjourn to April 6th, at 2 p. m.

J. E. CARLAND,
County Clerk pro tem.

Attest.

C. A. GALLOWAY,
Chairman Board Co. Com'rs.

Bismarck, April 6, 1881.

Board of county commissioners met at the court house pursuant to adjournment.

Present Chas. Galloway, chairman, and Frank Donnelly, commissioner.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

Alex McKenzie boarding prisoners.....\$352 75
C. S. Weaver 1 bbl lime..... 15 59
J G Skelly two cords wood..... 12 00
T W Griffin maise furnished (Co. poor)..... 127 50
W P Fairchild maise furnished (Co. poor)..... 15 00
W H Thurston maise furnished poor..... 56 95
Robt MacIntier jury fees..... 6 10

No. 25. Liquor bond of Geo. Washington filed and approved and license granted.

On motion it was resolved that the county shall be divided into three road districts known as 1, 2 and 3, and shall be described and bounded as follows:

No. 1. Beginning at a point on town line 144 and 145, between ranges 79 and 80, south on range line between ranges 79 and 80 to town line between 140 and 141, east on town line to range line between 79 and 80, thence south on range line to town line between 138 and 139, thence west to the Missouri river to town line between 144 and 145, thence east to starting point.

No. 3. Beginning at a point on the Missouri river on town line between town 138 and 139, running east to range line between 79 and 80, thence south to center of town 138, east on center line of town 138 to range line between 78 and 79, south on range line to Missouri river, thence up east bank of Missouri river to starting point.

No. 2. Shall embrace all the remaining portion of Burleigh County, D. T.

On motion it was resolved that Ed Sloan be appointed as road supervisor for road district No. 1 for the year ending on the first Monday Jan. 1882; J. A. Field as road supervisor for road district No. 2 for the year ending the first Monday Jan. 1882; and W. E. Cahall as road supervisor for road district No. 3 for the year ending the first Monday Jan. 1882.

On motion the county clerk was instructed to inform each of said individuals of their appointment.

On motion it was resolved that there be established in the county of Burleigh the following highways which shall be 66 feet wide and 33 feet on each side of the section or quarter section line. Said roads are and shall be described as follows, to-wit:

1st. Commencing at the northwest corner of section 4, on the town line between town 138 and 139, range 80, running north on section lines to town line between 140 and 141.

2nd. Commencing at the northeast corner of section 4, on town line between 138 and 139, range 80, running north on section line to quarter post between section 21 and 22, tp. 139, R. 80, thence east on quarter section line to the center of quarter section line to quarter post between sections 15 and 22, T. 139, R. 80, thence east on section line between sections 14 and 15, T. 139 R. 80, thence north on section line to township line between townships 140 and 141.

3rd. Commencing at the northeast corner of section 4 on township line between 138 and 139, running east on township line to the range line between 78 and 77.

On motion it was resolved that in pursuance to an act of the legislative assembly of Dakota Territory, approved on the 30 day of March, 1881, that a special election be held in the County of Burleigh, on the 16th day of May A. D. 1881, for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said county the proposition whether the outstanding indebtedness of said Burleigh County existing on the first day of July, 1881, shall be funded by the

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RESUME OF NAVIGATION

DEPARTURE OF THE SHERMAN AND ECLIPSE.

The Floods at Yankton—Hundreds of People Homeless—All but Three Boats Wrecked, of the Yankton Fleet.

EARLY NAVIGATION.
The first boat of the season for up river was the Eclipse which left Sunday morning, April 10, for Poplar River, Capt. Tom Mariner in command. Jos. Leighton was one of the passengers. The Eclipse went up light, as she wishes to make a quick trip in hopes of saving the Batchelor from total wreck. When last heard from the Batchelor was hard aground at the stern and not likely to get loose in a falling river. If Mr. Leighton succeeds in saving the Batchelor he will doubtless make ten or fifteen thousand dollars with her this year. She was one of the fastest boats in the river, and, according to Grant Marsh, the fastest and entitled to the champion pennant.

THE GENERAL SHERMAN.
Capt. Lingo in command, is the second boat of the season from this point. Wednesday she loaded with freight for Lincoln which she exchanged at that point for forage for Poplar Creek. She took on still more freight at the levee for Buford and will take several tons from Stevenson. She will go to Poplar Creek in the utmost haste as forage is very short. Messrs. Barr and Spahr are the pilots this season on the Sherman. These departures are earlier than for years previous. Last year the first boat up was the Butte, April 19. Owing to the general smash of steamboats in the lower Missouri river none are expected here for points above before the 8th or 10th of May. Already people are beginning to enquire for transportation to Benton and other points, and several having purchased through tickets in the east have already arrived at Bismarck.

THE WRECKS AT YANKTON.

Reports from Yankton indicate that the people in that section are in a precarious condition. The overflowed water of the Missouri is gradually subsiding, though the ice is piled to a height of ten to thirty feet along the bank and on the bars and bottoms. Yankton is filling with refugees from the lowlands, and the people are doing their best to care for them. Outside help is needed, as the resources of the citizens are not adequate to the demand. Thousands of people are rendered homeless, and all they possessed swept away. Nearly all the stock on the lowlands, hundreds of thousands of head were drowned, villages submerged or floating about in the water. On the site of Great Island, a village of twenty houses, but one remains, and the ice is ten to twenty feet deep. The bottom from here to Big Sioux, sixty miles long and from five to twenty miles wide, is still under water. Yankton parties are still out in yawls bringing in people. Yankton is almost destitute of fuel and coal oil and short of provisions. The winter still holds, causing increased suffering among the homeless farmers who have been drowned out. Yankton can furnish shelter for about 1,000, and is making heroic efforts to supply clothing fuel and provisions from its limited store. As soon as the gorge breaks boats can be sent below for supplies. All the railroads north and west of here are snowed in. Vermillion, a town of over 1,000 people is entirely destroyed and the channel of the river is now where the city once stood.

STEAMBOAT WRECKS.

The damage to steamboat property will reach \$75,000. Two boats have been sunk the Western and Fontonelle. The steamers Helena, Butte, Black Hills, Peninah, Nellie Peck, Josephine, Rosebud, Geo. Mead and Big Horn are all lying up on the ice and away from the river. Some of them may be saved but the damage will be enormous. The Far West, which wintered near Pierre arrived at Yankton safely with 100 passengers and the Gen. Terry is also in good shape. These two and the C. K. Peck are the only boats ready for business.

BANK NOTES.

The Red Cloud, of the Baker line, left St. Louis for Benton Tuesday. She will leave here about May 10th.
The Benton, of the Benton Line, is on her way up bound for Benton. She will arrive here about May 1st.
The Transfer is now making regular trips to Mandan.
The levee is now less than a mile from Bismarck, south of west. It probably will be but temporary as the ice is constantly breaking away from in front of the warehouses.
The west end of the dyke was undermined a little by the strong current, but not enough to discourage the scheme of damming the river to the west bank. A week ago nearly all the water was on the west bank but now it is changing and in a week or two the west side will probably be full of sand bars. This is what the bridge men want.

Severed from Civilization.

Fort Lincoln is, just now, cut loose from the outside world, as the telegraph line between this city and the past was entirely swept away by the flood. The high water on this shore was tipped over and is not broken. An attempt was made this week to erect poles on the bottom south of the city, but was found impossible on account of ice. Telegraphic communication with Lincoln will probably not be restored till June. Every cable across the Missouri river belonging to the telegraph line was broken by the flood.

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