

THE CAPITAL CITY

H. J. Whitley sold to Fred Smith yesterday \$2,185 worth of Steele lots.

Messrs. Allen and Mallon are expected home about February 1st.

The work of building and bricklaying continues as in midsummer.

Five coal claims were entered at the Bismarck land office during the year 1883.

Big Hansner has so far recovered that he went out yesterday with his wife to spend a few weeks.

A polo club is to be organized at the roller rink. The first game will probably be played next week.

It takes thirteen minutes for North Pacific trains to pass through the Mullan tunnel and snowbeds. The train is lighted as for a night run.

O. S. Palmer, assistant United States attorney for Dakota, heretofore located at Yankton, has been ordered to transfer his headquarters to Fargo.

Stanton, Victoria, and other northern towns are to tap the Bismarck and Buford telegraph line at once. The line is now operated to Washburn only.

The friends of Mr. Frank Reed, salesman for the Weaver Lumber company, will be pleased to learn of his speedy recovery from his late severe illness.

A pair of twins, a boy and girl, are reported at the house of W. B. Couch, making eleven children in thirteen years of married life, including two pairs of twins.

An interesting timber culture contest is in progress at Allen & Barnes office, Charles Fredrickson vs. Wm. Fenno. Allen & Barnes appear for the contestant and Haight & Little for contestee.

An extra train will leave Mandan at 7:15 this evening for the accommodation of all who desire to attend the concert given in aid of the Governor's Guard. The entertainment will be of unusual merit.

A new postoffice has been established between Bismarck and Fort Yates about eight miles south of Glencoe, at the ranch of C. O. Livingstone, and Mrs. Livona Livingstone has been appointed postmistress. The office is called Livona.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will meet at the M. E. parsonage this afternoon at 2 o'clock. All the ladies of the congregation are earnestly requested to be present as some special work for the church is to be attended to.

The excellence of the programme to be given at the Guard's concert this evening should attract a large audience to Union hall. A better programme could not have been selected. Tickets are placed at the low figure of fifty cents.

Many office and store windows were opened yesterday afternoon and numerous coal fires were allowed to burn out. With the exception of four or five extremely cold days, the oldest inhabitant cannot recall a milder or more pleasant winter.

Persons who take newspapers from the post-office sent to them without orders, are liable for the subscription price. Where papers are sent that are not ordered, unless the party receiving them is willing to become responsible for the subscription price, they should be refused, and the postmaster is then required to notify the publishers.

Quite a number of our prominent citizens have expressed a determination to purchase \$5 and \$10 worth of tickets to the concert to aid the Governor's Guard. Many more will undoubtedly follow. The TRIBUNE hopes that a sufficient sum will be realized to place the organization on a sure footing and largely assist in procuring the beautiful uniforms selected.

The Capital City Job Rooms, which will soon be opened on Fourth street, in the building recently occupied by the Daily Capital, are owned by Colonel Lounsbury and have been leased to A. F. Van Epps, who will doubtless be able to build up a profitable business. The newspaper office belonging to the Capital outfit is for sale. It is complete in every particular.

The Chicago News, in referring to the promotion of C. S. Fee, of the North Pacific, and the engagement of H. C. Davis, recently of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba road, says: "Mr. Fee has an enviable record as a thorough-going passenger man, and his promotion is a fitting mark of appreciation. Mr. Davis was the first brakeman and fired on the first engine on the North Pacific, and delivered the first stroke on the last spike. Since his early connection with the North Pacific he has been Chicago ticket agent of the Fort Wayne road, superintendent of the Pullman service of the St. Paul, and assistant general passenger agent of the Manitoba."

G. Carter, head carpenter of the capital building, has completed his work and leaves for his home at Sioux Falls, D. T., this morning. Too much cannot be said in favor of Mr. Carter, who has not only had charge of the carpenter work, but has represented the architect, W. L. Dow, during his absence, and it is said that during the progress of the work he has never made a mistake. He has always known just what to do and how to do it. No man has been idle one moment on his account. His crowning work was in framing and putting up the roof ready to receive the tin in just twenty hours. Mr. Carter is a young man who has proven himself efficient beyond all expectations and is as popular as he is efficient.

W. A. Croft, in a New York letter to the Pioneer Press, relates a war incident in which he and Villard were the participants. The occurrence is intended to show that Villard is too tender-hearted and considerate for others to be a grinding money king. While Villard and Croft were war correspondents had become detached from the army of the Potomac, they went into camp one night with three rails for a mattress and two blankets for coverlets. During the night Croft was several times awakened by Villard carefully pushing the blankets over him as though he (Villard) had more than his share. The action was each time accompanied by the words, "excuse me." Croft does not wonder that Villard is again a poor man, but marvels much that he ever became rich.

To the Emigrant.

The emigrant seeking a new prairie home cannot overestimate the importance of the fuel question. One hundred and sixty acres of land in the vicinity of Bismarck where good coal can be mined or where it can be bought for \$3.50 a ton is worth twice as much as the same quantity of land in central, southern or eastern Dakota where coal is not found and where other fuel is exceedingly scarce. It is a well-known

fact that in the immediate vicinity of Bismarck and west of the river several coal mines are being profitably worked and new ones are being discovered almost every day. The report of the commissioner of the general land office for the year 1883 shows that the Bismarck land office is the ONLY ONE IN THE UNITED STATES where entries of coal lands were made. The agricultural land in the Bismarck land district is mostly gently rolling prairie, with many streams of living water tributary to the Missouri river, and in the Bismarck land district may be found the best agricultural and grazing land remaining in the unoccupied public domain. Good water, cheap and inexhaustible fuel and rich lands are the inheritance that the Bismarck land district offers to the home-seeker. No other land district in the United States can offer the three inducements of good land, good water and good coal. The home-seekers should think of this.

Interesting Cases.

Two important land cases are set for trial on the 17th and 18th of March next, the first before the land office at Miles City, and the second before the Bismarck land office. The first case is that of Winston vs. Merrill, and involves the title to a valuable portion of the townsite of Glendive. Both parties located scrip on the same piece of land, and the question of priority of location is the one to be decided. The second case is that of Cushman vs. Mead, a contest which involves title to eighty acres of valuable land between the townsite of Mandan and the Heart river.

Suicide of Mrs. Sayer.

A correspondent writing from Vanderbilt, January 14th, sends the TRIBUNE the following additional particulars of the suicide of Mrs. C. W. Sayer, which was published on Tuesday last: VANDERBILT, D. T., Jan. 14.—A sad suicide occurred here today. Mrs. C. W. Sayer, who came here about one year since, recently became deranged and while her husband was temporarily absent from the house she put hood, cloak and mittens on her little four-year old girl and told her to go out and play. She then locked the door, tied her hands and plunged head foremost into a barrel about two-thirds full of water. When her husband returned life was quite extinct.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Bills introduced: By Senator Van Wyck, to secure reasonable rates of transportation for the people over railroads aided by the government. Senator Van Wyck said he desired to introduce this bill as a substitute for one of similar character introduced a few days ago. The first bill was limited in scope to the Union and Central Pacific. The present bill extends the regulating provisions to all railroads in the United States which received government lands. When the people gave enormous grants for building these railroad lines through to the Pacific it was on the supposition that there would be natural competition between these lines, but the wise purposes of the people and of congress were defeated by the corporations which are "partitioning," as they call it, or dividing up between them the great empire stretching across the continent as effectually as the partition of Poland has been accomplished. By Senator McPherson: For the issue of circulating notes for national banking associations. It provides that upon the deposit of United States bonds bearing interest in the manner required by law, any national banking association making the same shall receive from the comptroller circulating notes not exceeding the par value of the bonds deposited; provided, that at no time shall the total amount issued to such association exceed the amount at such time actually paid in of its capital stock.

Senator Slater, of Oregon, was appointed a member of committee on commerce, in place of Farley, excused.

The chairman laid before the senate a memorial from Wm. Pitt Kellogg, denying all imputations against him contained in recent documents transmitted to the senate by the secretary of the interior, relating to the transfer of the land grant of the Texas Pacific to the Southern Pacific, and asking an investigation.

HOUSE.

The speaker laid before the house a message of the president transmitting a communication from the secretary of the state of Pennsylvania, tendering the United States marine hospital at Erie, Pa., to the United States for a soldiers and sailors' home. Referred.

Mr. Morse, by request, introduced a bill repealing the duty on extract of hemlock and other barks used for tanning. Referred.

Mr. Beach offered a resolution calling on the postmaster general for all reports and papers referring to the star-route investigation made by special agents during 1881.

Mr. Skinner (New York) objected.

Mr. Beach called attention to the fact that the objection came from the republican side.

Mr. Skinner said he did not object to the purpose of the resolution, but thought it should go to a committee. Referred to the committee on expenditures of the department of justice.

The bill to appropriate \$1,000,000 to continue work upon the improvement of the Mississippi river was passed.

Brutal Murder of a Child.

DENVER, Jan. 15.—Orray is greatly excited over the brutal murder of Little Mary Mathews by her foster-parents, Mike Cuddike and wife and wife's brother, John Carroll, living ten miles from Orray. Little Mary, who was recently adopted from the Denver Catholic orphan's home, died suddenly on Saturday forenoon and was almost immediately buried by the Cuddikes. This fact, together with the knowledge that the girl was the victim of most cruel treatment, aroused the suspicions of the neighbors, who notified the coroner, and he exhumed the body, when evidence of her terrible death was revealed. The skull was fractured; her limbs were cut in several places; one leg was broken, and her feet and hands were frozen solid. The Cuddikes, while preparing to leave the country, were arrested and jailed. Talk of lynching is freely indulged in.

Mississippi Row.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 17.—Times Democrat's Water Valley, Miss., special: Yesterday at Dallas, near here, a general row occurred in the store of Wm. Harmon, resulting in the killing of Evans Harmon and fatal wounding of Wm. Harmon and Bobt. Larnar, and the serious wounding of several others. Bishop, who shot Wm. Harmon and instigated the row, was unhurt, but it is thought he will be lynched if he is captured.

BISMARCK TRIBUNE TWINKLES

The car sends his clothes to a boiler shop when they need patching.

An undertaker's journal cheers its readers with the announcement that "the outlook for briak trade was never better."

A NEW YORK paper's fashion item says: "It is ill taste to wear anything but a bonnet at a matinee." Pardon these blanches.

SIXTEEN German students in St. Louis were poisoned by eating sausage. The dogs were probably afflicted with pleuro-pneumonia.

A NEW YORK young lady says Oscar Wilde "is as pretty as a picture." She used to run the chromo counter in a cheap John emporium.

IOWA has just sent a pretended English lord to state prison for six years. There will be one vacant position of hackman at Niagara next season.

A PALO (La.) editor retires from the business with the remark that "no true Christian can edit a newspaper." He's a liar, unless he refers only to Iowa newspapers.

A LONDON paper says that Ouida is a farouche. We don't know what a farouche is, but we always knew Ouida's wickedness would yet be proclaimed to the world in print.

NEVER try to tell a funny story to a man who is trying to break in a pair of new and very tight boots. He is liable to stain his heretofore spotless record with a foul assassination.

A NEW YORK symmetrical artist is now making pads for filling out the male form divine, and the poor little dudes are beginning to fix themselves up so they look like real, sure-enough people.

KATE FIELD is going to lecture on Mormonism. This is enough to cause the recent Brigham to roll over in his grave and chuckle with delight over the fact that he is very effectually dead.

A MAN arrested for vagrancy in Philadelphia, gives his name as E. F. Butler. He is believed to be an impostor. A dispatch has been sent to Boston asking for a minute description of Benjamin.

The Chicago Times heads an advertisement "A Peculiar Old Mystery." If it should meet the eye of Miss Ellen Terry, Chicago would be shaken from the lake clear out into the country with a libel suit for not less than \$10,000,000,000.

MR. KREGOLO, of Indianapolis, has sued Charles Smith for \$504 for keeping Smith's amputated leg in a vault for 168 months. The only consolation Kregolo can see in this dead issue is that if Smith doesn't pay up he can keep the leg.

GENERAL SHERMAN will soon again visit Washington, and the capitolian belles are spending the greater part of their time before their mirrors drilling their mouths in the times and motions necessary in the formation of the regulation military pucker.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR changes his socks four times a week. His friends have been endeavoring to keep this lamentable fact from his western supporters, but the truth has leaked out and the political situation is undergoing a rapid change west of the Missouri.

ONE half of leap year's first month has gone, and not one blessed vision of feminine beauty has yet illuminated this sanctum with a golden sunset smile and asked the weary scribbler out to an oyster feed. We'll remember this a year hence, when our turn comes 'round again.

ONE of Vanderbilt's friends says that the great capitalist would i \$10,000,000 for a "different" shaped nose. Come out here, Van, and question the hard-pan love for truth of some angelic cowboy. The transformation won't cost you a nickel, either, outside of your hotel and doctor's bill.

PHILADELPHIA CALL: A London dispatch says that Mr. Lowell has been offered and probably will take the presidency of the Birmingham Midland Institute. We would like to see England offer our esteemed representative something out of his reach. We have a curiosity to know just how high he can jump.

The ice it was thin and our darling popped in, And his howls rent the chilly blue air; His loss we'll endure, for we feel pretty sure That there'll be no more skating there.

Our dear little Fred sailed out with his sled, For to coast with his cousin Melissa; The sled it upset; now they're angels, you bet, In the land that is fairer than this!

Washington Hatchet.

Our dear little elf, climbed up to the shelf, Where a pie lay in tranquil repose; He came down with a whack that broke his sweet back— There's a vacancy now in his clothes.

A GIRL from Washburn came to town And heard a friend dishing Upon the glorious pleasure found, Wrapped up in roller skating. She thought a sport thus landed to The skies must be delightful And smole a smile that all those who Observed it thought most frightful, She hid her to the rink and got A pair of number sevens, But soon returned and said she thought She'd better take eevens.

She started with a swinging swoop She thought most scientific, Then with a loud resounding "whoop!" She smote the floor terrific. She rose abashed and crushed and lame, And said in accents sore: "Next time I buck agin this game I'll wear my bustle lower!"

The managers of a church fair at Kansas City were paralyzed at the discovery that a mouse had stolen the oyster, and as an only resort went right ahead and made the soup without it. Its absence was not discovered.

A TEXAS paper says that the ladies of Waco had a "dumb supper" the other night, not a word being spoken during the meal. This is so remarkable that if it came from any but a Texas paper its truth would be seriously questioned.

SLIP a knitting needle into your pocket and when you go to a meal, dip it in the milk pitcher. If any of the milk adheres to the needle it is pure, but if it does not, the cow that gave a large portion of it is known to science as a well.

This is published simply as an item of news, and not to create consternation in boarding houses.

SENATOR WILSON, of Iowa, has a red beard, white hair and blue eyes. Every Fourth of July while the procession is moving toward the grove, the people take off their hats and cheer the red, white and blue as he goes proudly and patriotically by.

Dr. N. N. E. WOOD, of Sioux City, Ia., has been married two months and already says that Mrs. Wood has poisoned him, broken his nose and chased him with a knife. He would like to have some one gently remonstrate with her, as he fears she may yet endeavor to injure him in some manner.

REV. JOSEPH COOK says he can find but five American newspapers that a "self respecting American would recommend a foreign visitor to read." Thanks, brother Cook. What are the names of the other four?

AN Idaho man claims to have killed a large rattlesnake in a snowdrift last week. How weak and powerless our brand of whisky sometimes appears when other grades come backed with such testimony as this.

GAIL HAMILTON says she is fond of bright colors. For this reason she loves to sit in the senate gallery and note the brilliant effect when the noses of the gifted statesmen are casting a bright and gorgeous halo over the scene.

In one of her letters Mrs. Dawktor Marie Walker says that an Egyptian mummy in the English museum wore a smile on its face while she stood looking at it. It probably recognized in her an old and cherished friend.

BEAUTIFUL girl of 18 springs Are gushing, blushing, crushing things. —Governor Herald. Who ever heard of those corset things Containing as many as 18 springs?

TIMES are reported to be very hard throughout the country. The appearance of some of our exchanges would indicate that their editors find it difficult to collect even their own thoughts.

The chief of police informs the TRIBUNE that there is not a bog in the city. Why this desertion? Isn't this carrying their hatred for the name of Bismarck a little further than is really necessary.

At a recent masquerade in London Damalia tied his wife on a bass fiddle and took her as a G string. This information comes through Minister Lowell, and can be relied upon as being correct.

A PRIMA DONNA who attempted to sing one of Ella Wheeler's songs came to grief in St. Paul last week. The gold plate of her falsest teeth melted and the spat machine-made ivory all over the orchestra chairs.

It must make the good Lord smile contemptuously to see an editor steal indiscriminately from his exchanges without credit and then run a column of religious matter to offset the crime. Satan smiles also.

ONE of BARNUM's monkeys stole a fine gold watch from its keeper. How very apt foreigners are to learn such tricks after a very few months' residence in the wicked east.

In speaking of a woman accused of murder an Ohio paper says "she is crimson with crime." It must not be forgotten that women are seldom as crimson as they are painted, however.

"I WOULD freely die, if I could only take all intoxicants of earth with me," says a radical temperance advocate. You infernal hog, what do you suppose the rest of us would live on?

The red sunsets are now accounted for Will H. Kernan, of Okaloosa States notoriety, is filling an editorial position on a Butte, Montana, paper and is painting the western horizon red.

The Helena, Montana, city council have taken steps to suppress the sale of police papers in that city. The people will now begin to scan the western horizon for the dawn of the millennium.

FALL RIVER Advance: Men who drown themselves at this time of the year, would be shocked if they could hear the undertaker swearing at having to handle such cold stuff.

A MICHIGAN girl had the name of her betrothed tattooed on one of her ankles, and a month later he married another. She now says she will never marry. It would be too embarrassing.

AMONG the postoffices in this country there are thirty one Washingtons, nineteen Shermans fifteen Sheridans, thirteen Grants and thirty Salems, but there is only one "Hell's Gulch."

The emperor of China sleeps on a bedstead that has been in use for two centuries. In justice to the emperor, however, it is stated that the piece of furniture is coal-oiled at frequent intervals.

DURING the severe cold weather high-necked dresses are worn at eastern fashionable gatherings, but the ladies are none the less attractive. Small panes of glass are set in at a distance below the chin.

It is a sad commentary on the morals of America that Marie Colombier's nasty book is creating more interest than the advent of the revised New Testament did.

MARY ANDERSON now declares that she will marry no one but an American editor. This, then, is why she rejected that English lord. She was aiming for higher game.

WHEN a Mandan hired girl was told to see that the week's washing was properly mangled she called in the family bulldog and the job was done to her eminent satisfaction.

MISS ANNA DICKINSON's sixty-ninth birthday will be properly observed in Maiden, Montana. The town was named in her honor.

A CHICAGO paper asks: "Who is fond of rum?" Wh-wh-why do you seek for this information, dear friend? Have written you.

SINCE the last one of Uncle Rufus' curioses has left the country, the Boseman tunnel is regarded as the greatest bore in the northwest.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE

First National Bank

At Bismarck, in the Territory of Dakota, at the close of business, December 31, 1883.

RESOURCES.

Table with 2 columns: Resource and Amount. Includes Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. bonds to secure circulation, Other stocks, bonds and mortgages, Due from approved reserve agents, Due from other National banks, Real estate, furniture and fixtures, Checks and other cash items, Bills of other banks, Fractional paper currency, notes and pennies, Specie, Legal tender notes, Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).

LIABILITIES.

Table with 2 columns: Liability and Amount. Includes Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, National bank notes outstanding, Individual deposits subject to check, Demand certificates of deposit, Time certificates of deposit, Certified checks, Notes and bills re-discounted.

Territory of Dakota, county of Burileigh, ss: I, W. A. DILLON, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of January, 1884. FRANK M. HOSIER, Correct-Attest: Notary Public. G. H. FAIRCHILD, ASA FISHER, DAN EISENBERG, Directors.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. Includes an image of a Royal Baking Powder tin and text describing the product's purity and availability.

FERRY'S SEED ANNUAL FOR 1884. Will be mailed FREE to all applicants and to customers of last year without ordering it. Contains illustrations, prices, descriptions and directions for planting all Vegetable and Flower Seeds, Plants, etc. D. M. FERRY & CO. DETROIT.

Louisiana State Lottery Company. Tickets Only \$5. Shares in Proportion. CAPITAL PRIZE, \$75,000. LIST OF PRIZES. Includes a list of prize amounts and details about the lottery.