

The Bismarck Tribune.

Custer Correspondence.

FORT CUSTER, M. T., Feb. 12, 1884. TO THE EDITOR: The garrison at this post was treated on Friday evening last to the best theatrical entertainment it has seen for a long time. The play was "Meg's Diversion," and the cast as follows:

Jeremy Crow, (a Devonshire Farmer) Lieut. Wilson Ashley Merton (of the Hall) Lieut. Fuller Jasper Pidgeon (a village carpenter) Capt. O'Brien Roland Pidgeon, (his brother) Lieut. Clay Eytem, (an Exter lawyer) Lieut. Lockwood

Cornelia, Margaret, Miss Dana, Mrs. Sibley, Mrs. Netwell, (of the Grange, a widow) Mrs. Price Mrs. Sibley, as "Meg," with but one week to prepare, astonished the audience by the perfect manner in which she acted. The success of the play depended, in a great measure, on the proper representation of this character, and that it was a success is largely owing to Mrs. Sibley.

The parts of "Cornelia" and Mrs. Netwell were well represented by Miss Dana and Mrs. Price, respectively. This was their first appearance, but as the season is still young, we hope to see these ladies again on the stage before the close.

Captain O'Brien acted the rustic lord like a professional. A great deal was expected of him, and he fully justified the hope. Lieuts. Clay and Lockwood, in their respective parts couldn't be replaced and improve the cast. They were Roland and Eytem in fact—for the time being.

Lieutenant Fuller as Ashley Merton, showed up prominently among his fellows, and brought down the house on many occasions by the original manner in which he made love to Mrs. Netwell, the widow. The part of Jeremy Crow, the English farmer, did not suffer much in the hands of Lieutenant Wilson. He was not forgotten in the general scatter of compliments. All learned their parts well, and the play passed off without a single hitch. The stage was very tastefully furnished and the garden scene during the second act was a picture of beauty.

"After the opera was over" quite a large party, including the "troupe," was entertained at the quarters of Lieutenant and Mrs. Pearson, where a liberal spread of good things of this life contributed in no small degree to render the occasion a perfectly happy one.

Captain Garretty's birthday party on February 4th was a grand affair, and one that will long be remembered at the post.

On February 9th the Good Templars gave a very fair theatrical entertainment at the officers' hop room and theatre, to which all were cordially invited.

Mr. Theo. Borup left this morning for St. Paul on business.

The weather has been quite severe for the past six days, the thermometer getting down as low as 32° below, but it is pleasant to note that this morning quite a change has taken place, and that the cold snap is over.

Colonel Wheelan, Second cavalry, has obtained a month's leave of absence which he proposes spending in New York. He expects to leave during the week.

Mrs. Sibley and her two pretty little daughters leave today for Fort Keogh on a visit to Lieutenant and Mrs. Liggett, of that post. Mrs. Sibley and Mrs. Liggett are sisters.

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No Legislation This Season.

Attorney General Hughes, who returned from Washington Saturday night, was approached by a TRIBUNE representative yesterday and questioned regarding the outlook for Dakota legislation in the present congress. Mr. Hughes said that he believed that congress would neither divide or admit Dakota this session. He believed that the combined appeal of every man, woman and child west of the Mississippi river could not accomplish division from a democratic congress on the eve of a presidential campaign. He found quite a number of republicans in favor of division, on the ground that the territory is too large, but others objected to it because of the increased power being given to the west, which is already shadowing the New England states. The democrats would oppose the scheme on purely party grounds. Mr. Hughes sees only one condition upon which the territory may be divided and that is a very improbable one. Should the republicans carry the November elections by sweeping majorities and overcome the democratic majority now in congress, the natural policy would be to divide Dakota, and admit one or both halves, admit Montana, which would then be republican, no doubt, and Washington Territory, also of republican cast. While Mr. Hughes would like very much to see this state of affairs, yet he believes the coming campaign will be so close that the above programme cannot be carried out.

The Bismarck delegation had, therefore, not been working in opposition to division as reported, but had looked upon it as a dead issue. In regard to the bill for a constitutional convention, Mr. Hughes was of the opinion that it would hardly pass, not because of any particular objections to its provisions, but because of a stubborn determination to do no more legislation than is necessary for Dakota before the coming elections. Mr. Palmer's chances for the Dakota judgeship, Mr. Hughes considers good, and he also believes that his appointment will give general satisfaction. He is an able lawyer, and although a South Dakota man, will undoubtedly pass upon the capital question fairly and without prejudice.

Mr. Hughes thinks that Delegate Raymond made a fatal mistake in not introducing the bill for a constitutional convention, and says there is no doubt of his being wholly in sympathy with the South Dakota crowd now in Washington clamoring for the downfall of Governor Ordway and all of his friends.

Done Them Up.

The Montana papers are after Messrs. Smith and Howell with a very sharp stick, and are administering to them a scourging that must make them wince. As they established a branch of their association in Bismarck, the following from the Bozeman Avant Courier may be read with interest:

"Along with a number of unscrupulous Bozeman merchants, who are not in the habit of advertising to any great extent, our esteemed contemporary, the Chronicle, was beautifully victimized the past fall by the so-called managers of the United States Collecting association, The Courier knew from the start that the extensively advertised agency was a gigantic swindle, but realizing that none but those who deserved it would probably be 'roped in,' we allowed the

matter to take its course until some good-natured dupe began to squawk. Now that the Chronicle has dropped on 'the two slickest swindlers that visited Bozeman,' the Courier feels at liberty to 'smoil a smile,' and to say when you are older you will know better. It is fair to say the parties did not as much as put in an appearance at the Avant Courier office. The presumption is they knew better than to attempt to impose upon either the editor or manager of such a live newspaper as the Avant Courier. The following from the Chronicle of the 11th inst. is what may be called 'a dead give away':

"Probably the two slickest swindlers that visited Bozeman this summer were Messrs. Smith & Howell, managers of the United States Collecting association. Their modus operandi was as follows: On reaching a town they secured the services of a prominent lawyer and a publisher. The lawyer was to receive the names of their patrons in the town and collect all bills put in his hands; those non-collectable were to be printed on a slip for the benefit of the local members of the organization, the publisher to receive for his work a certificate of membership. Having thus secured the signatures of the lawyer and the printer, they approached the business men, and by a smooth, sweet story of the benefit to be derived from knowing those who failed to pay their debts, the swindlers succeeded in getting a large list in Bozeman, and a number of \$5. The scheme was successfully worked along the whole line of the Northern Pacific, and, of course, the wily managers have never been heard from."

Two of the Same Name.

Last fall a co-partnership was formed by Messrs. Gage, Porter & Fairchild, styling itself the Bismarck Loan and Trust Company. Mr. Gage then left for the east to advertise the scheme and also procured stationery, blanks, etc. No local advertising was done, however, as the firm did not expect to be ready for business until spring. About the same time a number of gentlemen, among them the Marquis de Mores, and Messrs. F. B. Allen, B. B. Mellon and Frank La Wall, filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of the territory, of an organization by the same name, and also had printed blanks of various kinds. One is a partnership and the other a corporation. Neither knew of the existence of the other until a few days ago. The question now is, which shall change its name. Both are considering the matter, and an agreement will be arrived at in a few days.

Indictments at Fargo.

FARGO, D.T., Feb. 18.—In the district court today, Fred Schwan, who was convicted at the last term of wheat stealing, was discharged from custody. He was convicted and an alleged accomplice cleared. This incensed him so that he turned state evidence, and upon his evidence his accomplice, Baker, was convicted and sent to the penitentiary. August Bohrick and Joseph Fetman pleaded guilty to cutting timber on United States land and a light sentence was entered. William E. Finch, the late postmaster at Ellendale, charged with taking letters from the United States mail and destroying them, pleaded guilty. Sentence deferred. Little Fisher, alias Welfare, alias Peter Farwell, was convicted of smuggling.

The Coming Event.

It is understood that most of our prominent society people will attend in full dress the military ball to be given on the 22d at Guards Armory in Union block. The affair promises to be the most brilliant and enjoyable of the season, surpassing even the calico party of last week. Seats on the stage will be provided for spectators who may not desire to dance. The hall will be handsomely decorated for the occasion with flags and choice works of art, which have been tendered by our enterprising citizens.

A Blessing to all Mankind.

In these times when our newspapers are flooded with patent medicine advertisements, it is gratifying to know what to procure that will certainly cure you. If you are bilious, blood out of order, liver inactive, or generally debilitated, there is nothing in the world that will cure you so quickly as Electric Bitters. They are a blessing to all mankind, and can be had for only fifty cents a bottle of Peterson & Veeder.

To the Ladies.

A few members of the Governor's Guard holding season tickets to the series of hops, feeling some anxiety as to their receiving invitations to accompany the ladies to the leap-year hop, do offer as an inducement the use of said season tickets to the lady or ladies who will favor them with an invitation to accompany them. Address: AN ANXIOUS PARTY, Care of Tribune Office.

Convincing.

The proof of the pudding is not in chewing the string, but in having an opportunity to test the article direct. Frisky, the druggist, has a free trial bottle of Dr. Bosanko's cough and lung syrup for each and every one afflicted with coughs, colds, asthma, consumption or any lung affection.

THE GREAT GERMAN REMEDY FOR PAIN. Relieves and cures RHEUMATISM, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Lumbago, BACKACHE, HEADACHE, TOOTHACHE, SORE THROAT, QUINSY, SWELLINGS, SPRAINS, Soreness, Cuts, Bruises, FROSTBITES, BURNS, SCALDS, And all other bodily aches and pains. FIFTY CENTS A BOTTLE. Sold by all Druggists and Dealers. Directions in 11 languages. The Charles A. Vogeler Co. Sole and Wholesale Proprietors, 211 Broadway, N. Y. C.

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CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. A hand pointing to the product.

CURE SICK HEADACHE. Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Browsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing... CARTER MEDICINE CO., New York City

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Map of the route between Minneapolis and St. Louis, showing various stops and connections.

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The Shortest and Best Route East to Chicago, with Dining Cars, Elegant Day Coaches, and Palace Smoking Room Sleepers on all trains from Minneapolis and St. Paul, through Eau Claire and Madison, with choice of route via Milwaukee. The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway also runs through trains southwest from St. Paul and Minneapolis to Sioux City and Council Bluffs, with Sleeping Cars through without change to St. Joseph and Kansas City, and is the shortest, quick route from St. Paul to Des Moines. Northeast from St. Paul, through trains are run to Ashland, Washburn and Bayfield, Lake Superior; and from Eau Claire to Superior City, where connection is made for Duluth. But this route to Chicago is what the Managers take pride in, and because of the smooth steel rail track, well ballasted road bed, the best Day Coaches, Sleeping and Dining Cars that money can procure, courteous and attentive employes, and with trains always on time, it is rightly named "THE ROYAL ROUTE."

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THE AUTOMATIC SHADING PEN. Makes a shaded mark of Two Colors at a single stroke. Sample sent on receipt of 5c. Mail \$1.00. Sample of writing free. O. L. MARCELAIS, Tribune office, Bismarck, Dakota.

WASHBURN

the county seat of McLean county, one of the finest for agriculture in the whole northwest. The county lies north of Burleigh on the Missouri river and is being rapidly peopled with live, energetic farmers.

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Is about 40 miles north of Bismarck and lies directly on the river bank at an elevation of seventy-five to one hundred feet. It has one of the finest steamboat landings on the river, and is the distributing point for lumber and supplies of all kinds for an area of country equal to that of an ordinary eastern state.

WASHBURN

Is destined to become to the Missouri slope what Grand Forks is to the Red River Valley, the most important town north of Bismarck on the Missouri river. Live men have taken hold of the affairs of the town and propose to build up a town of which North Dakota will be proud.

WASHBURN

Is already assuming the dignity of a metropolis. It has three United States Mail lines, two of which have their headquarters at that point. These lines are as follows: One from Bismarck to Fort Berthold, one from Washburn to Villard and one from Washburn to Conkling. Other lines will be established in the spring.

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Has the best Hotel accommodations in the Northwest. There are three hotels, one of which is not inferior to the best in Bismarck even. Among the other industries are the following: A first-class Flouring mill, two General stores, two Carpenter shops two Blacksmiths, one Wagon maker, Telegraph office and a \$1,000 School building is being erected. The finest Church in the northwest is also being built of the fine blue limestone found in this vicinity. The building is 30x55 and will be completed this season. Washburn has also a first-class brick yard, and a fine quality of lime is also burned at this point

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Has also a weekly newspaper, THE TIMES, edited by W. R. Maze. The times is the official organ of the county and among the best conducted, enterprising newspapers in North Dakota.

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Has just been designated as the county seat of McLean county and a suitable Court House will be erected forthwith. McLean county has plenty of fuel. The river is skirted with a heavy growth of timber and in several places an excellent quality of lignite is found in unexhaustable quantities.

WASHBURN

Is the headquarters of the Washburn Coal company, in which several prominent Bismarck as well as Washburn people are interested. On all maps now being made by the North Pacific railroad, a branch line running from Bismarck northward through Washburn is indicated and there is little doubt but this road will be built during 1884. For permanent, sure and profitable investment, Washburn, therefore offers extraordinary inducements.

The town lies on a gentle slope towards the river and commands a view of the Missouri from ten to twelve miles in each direction. Although Washburn has just been made the County-Seat, the prices of Lots in the town will not, for the present, be changed, as it is believed by the owners of the townsite that this liberal policy of offering good inducements to those who will improve the property will result in the more speedy up-building of an important town. For information regarding Lots in the town of Washburn, the COUNTY-SEAT of McLean County, address

Veeder & Satterlund, Washburn, D. T., or Carl Peterson, Bismarck, D. T.

All questions relative to FARM LANDS in McLean County, will be answered by the above parties. Settlers located on Government Lands