

The Bismarck Tribune.

THE NEXT LEGISLATURE.

Under the act of the last territorial legislature the next council will contain twelve members and the house twenty-four, but as delegate Raymond's bill is likely to pass congress, the representation will be doubled. There are twelve districts in the territory and each will be, in the event of the success of the Raymond bill entitled to two councilmen and four members of the house, with the exception of the third district which will only have two members of the house, and the eighth or Black Hills region six. The districts are as follows:

- First—Clay, Union and Lincoln.
Second—Yankton, Hutchinson and Turner.
Third—Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Douglas, Aurora, Jerauld, Davison, Brule, Buffalo, Hanson.
Fourth—Minnehaha, McCook, Miner.
Fifth—Brookings, Kingsbury, Lake, Moody.
Sixth—Hamlin, Clark, Spink, Beadle, Sanborn, Hand, Faulk, Potter, Sully, Hyde, Hughes.
Seventh—Deuel, Grant, Codington, Day, Brown, Edgerton, McAuley, Inman, McPherson, Edmunds, Campbell, Roberts, Walworth.
Eighth—Lawrence, Pennington, Custer, Butte, Fall River.
Ninth—Barnes, Stutsman, Griggs, Foster, Wells, Kidder, Burleigh, McLean, Sheridan, Stevens, Renville, Monrath, Walleite, Howard, Williams, Mercer, Morton, Stark, Billings, Emmons, Logan, Benson, DeSmet, Bollette, Bottineau, McHenry.
Tenth—Cass, Richland, Ransom, Sargent, La Moore, Dickey.
Eleventh—Grand Forks, Nelson, Traill, Steele.
Twelfth—Pembina, Nickens, Cavalier, Walsh, Harvey, Ramsey.

By the above it will be observed that south Dakota and the Black Hills will have sixteen members of the council and thirty-two members of the house, while north Dakota will have eight members of the council and sixteen members of the house. The ninth district, it will be seen, is of enormous size, extending as it does from Valley City to the Montana line, a distance of over 350 miles. A large portion of this district lies west of the Missouri river, and that district, which is rapidly increasing in population, should receive more recognition than it has heretofore.

The talk indulged in by certain south Dakota papers and a few from north Dakota, that the south will stand solid against the north is folly. No such state of affairs is either policy or likely. So long as Dakota remains its present size, harmony should prevail throughout the entire territory. The claim of south Dakota papers, notably the Sioux Falls Press and Yankton Press and Dakotian, that North Dakota has a scheme in mind to down South Dakota is false. There is a hostility in the north against the Yankton ring that essays to dictate the affairs of the whole territory, and this effort of the tail to wag the dog is no less condemned in South Dakota than in the northern half. Hugh J. Campbell and other leaders will not find it difficult to convince the thinking people of South Dakota that they are the false prophets. The time has come, as was evidenced at Huron when the people of South Dakota will refuse to be led by Yankton. The various districts will think and act for themselves without the advice of self-constituted guardians.

A WASHINGTON dispatch to the Minneapolis Tribune of the 18th says:

Raymond is the happiest man in town tonight, having, as predicted in this correspondence, succeeded in getting his bill through the House adding two justices to the supreme court of Dakota. He says he is confident of being able to get it through the senate, where its passage is not nearly so perilous as in the house. The bill as passed in the house provides that the supreme court of Dakota shall consist of a chief justice and a full bench of associate justices, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum; that it shall be the duty of the president to appoint two additional associate justices of said court who shall hold office four years; that said territory be divided into six judicial districts; a district court to be held in each district by one of the justices of the supreme court, at such time and place as prescribed by law. Each judge, after assignment, shall reside in his district until changed by the legislative assembly. The fifth district is to consist of Brookings, Kingsbury, Beadle, Deuel, Hamlin, Grant, Codington, Clark, Day, Spink, Brown, Hand, Hyde, Hughes, Sully, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson, Potter, Campbell, Roberts, and Walworth counties, Sisseton and Wahpeton Indian reservation.

THE SECOND AND FOURTH DISTRICTS are to consist of the remainder of the territory which now constitutes said Second and Fourth districts respectively as defined by the statutes, section 5. Until changed by the legislature the Sixth district is to consist of Bowman, Villard, Billings, Dunn, McKenzie, Allred, Buford, Flannery, Wallace, Monrath, Williams, Stark, Hettinger, Morton, Mercer, McLean, Stevens, Benville, Wynn, Bottineau, McHenry, Sheridan, Burleigh, Emmons, McIntosh, Logan, Kidder, Wells, DeSmet, Bollet, Turner, Benson, Foster, Stutsman, LaMoure, Dickey, Griggs, Steele and Barnes counties. The additional associate justices to be appointed under this act are temporarily assigned to said Fifth and Sixth districts. The time and place now fixed by the statutes of said territory for holding court therein shall remain until changed by law. District court for the Fifth judicial district is to have no jurisdiction to try causes wherein the United States is a party, but is attached to the Second judicial district for the hearing of all causes arising within the district in which the United States is a party. District court for the Sixth judicial district is to have jurisdiction to try causes in which the United States is a party and causes in admiralty, and two terms of this court are to be held annually for this purpose in Bismarck.

The bill recently passed by the United States senate, providing for the sale of

abandoned military reservations, has been considered by the house committee and so amended as to protect the claims of all who settled within reservation limits prior to January 1st, 1884.

Under the provisions of the senate bill the lands must have been sold at public auction, and all settlers, without regard to length of residence or value of improvements, would have been compelled to purchase of the government, in open market, the improvements placed upon the lands by themselves. Only through the persistent efforts of Delegate Raymond, seconded by those of the United States land officers here, has this much needed, and to settlers, especially those within the limits of Fort Rice reservation, very important amendment been secured.

The committee were furnished by Register Rea with a statement giving the names, length of residence, and extent of improvements, of more than one hundred persons who were living within the limits of the Fort Rice reservation, and in an earnest and forcible manner was set forth the injustice and hardship of compelling these hardy pioneers to purchase what they had already earned by years of toil and privation. The bill, as amended, will undoubtedly become a law, and those who have labored to that end, may well congratulate themselves upon the success of their efforts.

FRIENDS of the northwest have reason to be pleased at the status of affairs on Wall street. While the depreciation of railroad stocks in general has been marked, the Northern Pacific stands out as a noticeable exception. The ability of Northern Pacifics to stand the cannonading on the market in New York during the past week is remarkable and not without meaning. It shows that the present value of these stocks is not fictitious; that there is something behind the great transcontinental line to hold it up. It shows that since the break of the Villard bubble things have settled down to a solid basis in the northwest, and the firmness of Northern Pacific stock during the perilous raid of the bears of Wall street is one of the greatest arguments in favor of this great country, and when the army of reapers shall have gathered the golden grain of Dakota this fall, the eyes of the thinking people of the world will be turned this way in wonderment, and the year 1885 will witness the greatest development in the land of wheat and cattle ever known.

THE republican party of Minnesota is indebted for its conspicuous triumphs and famous victories more to Hon. L. Fletcher than to any other individual. Mr. Fletcher has always worked hard for his party and his friends, oftentimes at a great sacrifice of money, time and laudable personal ambition. Under these circumstances, if the republicans of the 4th congressional district allow Mr. Albert Scheffer to purchase enough votes to nominate himself for Congress, they will be guilty of base ingratitude and merit the contempt of all loyal and honorable men. Mr. Scheffer has no strength other than that which can be purchased of democratic speculators and republican brokers. With a cunning hypocrisy and the lavish expenditure of money Mr. Scheffer hopes to rob a loyal republican, an enterprising citizen and an influential and honorable gentleman of the deserved honors which a grateful people desire to bestow upon him.

ST. LOUIS is chiefly worried over the failure of Donnell, Lawson & Co., and is anxious to know what the future action of the firm will be. The firm has intimate relations with and is correspondent of nearly one hundred banks in Missouri, some sixty in Kansas, thirty or forty in Texas, and has numerous connections in all the extreme western states and territories. L. V. Stephens, of Booneville one of the most prominent bankers of Missouri, estimates that in case of the complete failure of the firm the loss to Missouri will be half a million. It is feared also a great loss will be sustained in Texas. A despatch from St. Joseph says attachments have been laid on Donnell's property in that city to the amount of \$60,000.

THE Yankton Press and Dakotian argues that as McKenzie has been elected several times in Burleigh county on the democratic ticket, he must be a democrat himself, notwithstanding rumors to the contrary. Mr. McKenzie has held the office of sheriff of Burleigh county for several years. His peculiar fitness for this position has been recognized by all regardless of party feeling, and he has practically never had any opposition. He has always been on both tickets. The Press and Dakotian's argument is not good. Mr. McKenzie's popularity is with both parties. He is the right man in the right place, and in north Dakota such men are not slaughtered as in south Dakota.

ALL the way from Ohio comes a neat little piece of cream tinted paper, folded in an appropriate envelope, bearing the following suggestive and pleasing information: "Mr. Robert May Tuttle, Mandan, Dakota; Miss Helen Mary Jones, Chester, Ohio; married, Wednesday, May 14th, 1884." Mr. Tuttle is the bashful editor of the Mandan Pioneer. His writings of late have shown an absentmindedness painful in the extreme, but his friends now have some hopes for his recovery. Mr. Tuttle has the congratulations of the press and people of Bis-

mark, the measure of which is only equalled by the sympathy of the community for the late Miss Jones.

THE TRIBUNE has often remarked that although millions of wealth has already been extracted from the Black Hills in southwestern Dakota, yet the one-hundredth part has not yet been found. It is a region of mountains, each charged to its fullest capacity with mineral wealth. The latest discovery is a mountain of tin ore. Prof. Bailey says the mine is practically inexhaustible. There are but few tin mines in the world and they are very valuable. It needs but a railroad to the Hills and that country will astonish the world, in the future even more than it has in the past.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Steele Herald presents a very able argument against the prevailing inclination of farmers and others to run in debt, when many times it can be avoided. The writer shows how a loan of \$100 at 12 per cent. interest will amount to \$200 in six years, and says that fifty cents interest is worth one dollar principal. Interest works every day, and hardest at night and on Sundays, it being no respecter of the Sabbath. Interest is worse than death or taxes, for death may bring us something better. Taxes we get a benefit from, interest exacts everything, pays but little, is a hard taskmaster, and gives no vacation.

THE question of an increased police force will likely come up before the next council meeting. Many are of the opinion that at the present time, while so many tramps are returning from the western gold fever region, the night force at least should be increased. Chief Fortune of the police force finds it impossible to cover the city as well as he would wish with the present force. This tramp nuisance should be nipped in the bud.

ACCORDING to the Grand Forks Herald the Fargo Argus is a liar and according to the Argus the Herald is another. The people of North Dakota will take these papers at their word, and now if Mr. Smith, the associated press agent at St. Paul, will endeavor to strike a happy medium between the statements of these two papers on any subject liable to be of general interest, then that gentleman will have conferred a great favor on the reading public.

HON. J. C. BURROWS, who was a member of the Michigan state convention, the failure of which body to pass resolutions endorsing the administration of President Arthur, has been so generally commented upon, says that it was entirely unintentional; in fact a stupid oversight. Had the committee on resolutions or any member of the convention thought of the matter, a resolution of the most laudatory nature would have been passed with a hurrah.

TICKET AGENT JOHNSON, at Fargo, it is said, is supplied with tickets from that point to Chicago and return, via the Northern Pacific and Royal Route, for \$26.60. This will afford those desiring to visit Chicago during the convention an excellent opportunity to do so at a trifling expense. Arrangements have also been made for board and lodging at a first-class hotel for \$1.50 a day.

THE cause of the uneasiness about affairs in New York, manifested in St. Joseph and Kansas City, is from the fact that members of the defunct firm of Donnell, Lawson & Co. have landed interests in those districts, and transact a large amount of business with the banks of those cities.

SOME intelligent writer for the Sargent county Scribe says Blaine will hardly get to be a delegate to the Chicago convention. This will sadly disappoint his friends, but let's see; is not Blaine a candidate for president instead of delegate?

THE last words of Sergt. Conrad who was killed near Glendive, Montana, last week, by road agents, were, "I've tried to do my duty. Oh, my baby." Paymaster Whipple's life was saved, and the treasury box also, simply because the mules became frightened and ran away.

THE telegraph announces heavy frosts in Wisconsin. In Dakota all is sunshine and beautiful and a smile covers the face of each sturdy farmer, yet there are those in the east who believe this country still covered with snow.

THE Mandan Pioneer kicks vigorously against the policy of certain territorial papers in copying from its editorials without giving credit. Perhaps these papers are now working upon a cash basis—neither give nor ask credit.

If bank directors would sleep less and presidents and cashiers more, a marked improvement might be recorded in the financial condition of the country.

In business Gen. Grant, has never been successful. How few army people turn out successful financiers.

THERE has been considerable smoke in New York during the past ten days, accompanied by very little fire.

THE TRIBUNE acknowledges a cordial invitation from the committee to attend the memorial services at Fargo on Decoration day, May 30th, 1884, under the

auspices of Jno. F. Reynolds Post, No. 44, G. A. R., and join the comrades of that post in paying the customary tribute of respect to the memory of those who gave up their lives to their country.

BEN. BUTLER has secured the nomination for the presidency of the anti-monopolists. Ben is a fair specimen of the anti-monopoly persuasion. This being the case, other political parties need not hesitate to nominate him.

THE anti-monopolists failed to nominate a vice president. Perhaps Widow Ben does not want a tail to his kite.

If the judgment of Senator Sherman can be relied upon, there will be no panic. There is no reasonable cause.

WONDER if Cynthia Cleveland has short hair?

NEWS COMMENTS.

THE pine lands of eastern Texas are the most valuable in the state.

It is said in California that the present spring is the latest since 1852.

FOURTEEN inches of hail fell in spots around Dayton, Ohio, Wednesday evening.

SHAD FISHING is indulged in day and night along the Hudson river, New York.

THE last words of Charles O'Connor, the great New York lawyer, were "My God!"

A HOTEL at San Diego, Cal., recently had "ostrich eggs, boiled," on its bill of fare.

A LUMP of Alabama coal weighing 140,000 pounds is on exhibition at Birmingham.

In Texas highway robbery is punishable by imprisonment for not less than ten years.

CONGRESSMEN representing rural districts are sending out turnip seed. Each member is allowed 800 packages.

THE Cincinnati grand jury has found fifty-four indictments against persons connected with the recent riots.

THE small boys in Kidder county are happy. The county commissioners offer a bounty of five cents each for gophers killed.

THE St. Paul Globe says Col. Lottensberry will launch his new paper, the Journal, on the sea of fate before Col. Donan becomes governor.

DELEGATE RAYMOND is said to be the largest farmer in congress, and reports at Washington that he has just sown 8,500 acres to wheat.

THERE is great excitement at Waukesha, Wis., over the report of the finding of diamonds near that city. Dirt is flying in every direction.

FRANK NORRIS, a young Concord lawyer, starved to death the other day. This is the only case on record where a lawyer got the worst of it.

THE Northwestern Gas and Supply company, of Minneapolis, have secured the contract for putting in a system of water works in Jamestown.

TRINITY church corporation is about to build a \$120,000 warehouse in Vestry street, east of Gr. enwich, extending through to Desbrosses street.

ILLINOIS has been afflicted with another cyclone. The only safe way to avoid these terrible visitations upon iniquity is to emigrate to Dakota.

It took 571 ballots at the democratic convention for the Third Indiana district at North Vernon, to nominate J. G. Howard for the legislature.

THE following is going the rounds of the press: "Why was Noah the best broker of ancient times?" He could float more stock than any other man.

ALASKA will have a territorial form of government. It is thought there will hardly be as many aspirants for the governorship as in the case of Dakota.

JOHN J. PRICE, who was a witness in the Beecher-Tilton case and convicted of perjury, was given six months in New York the other day for stealing.

PHILADELPHIA PRESS: As Jay Gould's income is estimated to be \$9 a minute, a statistician says that he lost \$135 by the change from solar to standard time.

It is said that Messrs. Simpson & Hughes of Belle Fourche, Montana have now on the trail from Texas 10,000 head of cattle for the favorite cattle region of Montana.

MEAGAN & KELLY, the Fargo contractors engaged on the Bismarck penitentiary, have just been awarded the contract for completing the Cass county court house at Fargo.

THE Fargo Car, Wheel and Iron works are offered for sale to the Northern Pacific for \$25,000. The company offered this figure last fall, but the company would not take it.

BRICK PIONEER having used a Denver paper for \$150,000 damage to his character, an attempt will now be made to get a jury that will admit that he had so much on hand.

A FLOWMAN in Poon Yan, N. Y., recently unearthed 138 counterfeit American half dollars which had been placed under a stump. The coins were of copper and were dated 1834.

SIoux Falls Leader: Will Governor Ordway be convicted on the indictment against him? The Leader thinks not, and if not, there will be a great reaction in his favor after his trial.

THE Avoca convent school has made a contract with the government to take fifty Indian girls from Dakota for three years, to be educated, clothed and boarded for \$167 each.

JAY GOULD takes a cheerful view of the stock market. Everything, he believes, is going to be lovely in a very short time. Immigrants are pouring in by the thousand almost every day, the crops are growing in the west and the south, in the north and the east, and never, at this season of the year, did they promise to be more

abundant. Railroad earnings are good and railroad securities are selling below their real value.

THE march of advanced ideas can not be checked. Thomas K. Beecher declared in a recent sermon that he was not sure it was wrong to hire ignorant and frivolous men to vote right.

PHILADELPHIA CALL: Did it ever occur to you why a lawyer, in conducting a disputed will case, is like a trapeze performer? Well, it is because he flies through the air with the greatest of ease.

FATHER J. COSIMO, a Roman Catholic priest, of Chicago, who was on his way to California, was robbed of \$18,000 on Saturday night in the union depot at Fort Worth, Tex. The robbers escaped.

THE Philadelphia Call says if President Arthur can catch a 100-pound trout this summer and get the news to the Chicago convention just at the right time he will be nominated by acclamation.

Philadelphia Chronicle Herald: Henry Irving having sailed for England, the greatest actor in this country is the man who can come home at 3 a. m. and make his wife believe that it is only 11 p. m.

In the prize fight which took place at Butte Sunday between Peter McKay, of New York and Duncan McDonald of Butte, McKay was victorious after thirty-two rounds. Several thousand dollars exchanged hands.

AN exchange says that one of the routes into Coeur d'Alene mines is called the "Jackass Trail." It is quite extensively patronized by its namesakes, who walk over it loaded down with hopes and blankets.

THE government printing office at Washington has given as specimen of its gigantic way of doing things, by printing a book one foot four inches in breadth, containing 10,000 pages, and weighing as much as an average man.

EDITORS get their just deserts sometimes. Peter Buppe, editor of Eau Claire Wis., Democrat, was made heir to \$1,100,000 the other day and guardian to a little girl who receives \$8,000,000, all through the death of a rich uncle in New York.

S. C. DALRYMPLE has finished sowing 58,000 acres of wheat. Last year he was not through until May 28, three weeks later. He reports the ground in better condition now than ever before, and that he has used a cleaner and better quality of seed.

A few days since, the editor of the Steele Herald heard one lady ask another if she was afraid to "go alone." Now he comes out in the Herald and declares his services at the disposal of any Steele belle whose timidity forbids a stroll alone of an evening.

A RUN was attempted on the Stillwater First National bank, but after about \$25,000 had been drawn out, and a sight had at the huge stock of silver, gold and greenbacks in the vault, the people gave up the idea of "busting" the bank and went their way rejoicing.

MARRIAGE is or should be a contract for life, and its espousal should at least be as formal as a contract for building a house or the assumption of the duties of citizenship. What a deception, scandal and misery a well devised marriage law might prevent!—Cleveland Press.

THE walls of the Washington monument are now four hundred and twenty feet high, and it requires nine minutes to reach the top in the elevator. Two feet a day are now being added to the shaft, which, at the height of five hundred feet, will be ready for the pyramid, which is to be fifty feet more skyward.

THE people of Booneville, O., were greatly alarmed Monday by the sinking of the ground beneath a portion of that town. Three acres of ground sank several feet, carrying down a number of houses, which were badly damaged. A fissure was opened to a depth of 150 feet, and it is thought that several deserted coal mines had caved in.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL: Dunnell is building a fine residence in his town of New Rockford, Dakota, and is said to be preparing to make the territory his future home against the time when a state shall be formed and a senator wanted. Many years ago an ex-governor of Minnesota went to Dakota for the same purpose and still languishes as a land owner.

THE editor of the Volga Tribune, who has hitherto been opposed to Ordway, and who was a member of the late grand jury at Yankton, says: "If Ordway must go, we suggest that the men who hope to profit by his downfall go also, and that something higher than mere envious slandering of officials shall constitute the par excellence of Dakota statesmanship."

England claims that she can raise her wheat in India for 15 1/2 cents per bushel, but an expenditure of several millions of dollars will be necessary to make the wheat fields accessible to seaport railroads. The wheat is of the soft varieties, and even at the low price can never be a successful competitor with Dakota's number one hard.

STEELE HERALD: Last week Col. Steele sent to Mr. Robert Harris, President of the Northern Pacific Railroad, as magnificent an elk head and antlers as it has ever been our lot to see. They were of mammoth dimensions, a valuable present, and will be an ornament to a parlor or other handsome apartment, and will no doubt be very acceptable.

Exchange: THE BISMARCK TRIBUNE speaks of John Rea, the receiver of the United States land office at Bismarck, as "being under a cloud of debt to the administration." Mr. Rea is the gentleman charged with the "fire in the rear" letters from Bismarck signed "Occasional," in which, having lost all his own credit by investing at the top of the boom, he wants to down everyone else.

A. H. ANDREWS, of Chicago, has been commissioned to make the gavel to be used at the June convention in Chicago. He has sent to every State and Territory for pieces of "wood to be used in making the gavel. Rock maple from Maine, bird's eye from Vermont, and beech from New Hampshire have been received. Dakota may be a little short on fine wood, but she can inlay the little mallet with gold and other precious minerals from the Black Hills.