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It is reported that Col. Dowan, formerly of the Deadwood Pioneer and recently of the Minneapolis Journal, is suffering from mental aberration.

George Parrott, alias Big Nosed George, one of the worst and bloodiest road agents that ever infested Wyoming territory, was sentenced on the 15th inst. to be hanged next April.

The grand jury has approved a set of resolutions the purport of which is to the effect that the division of the territory on the seventh standard. This will immediately have a strong influence upon the question and may result in changing the present program.

Major Lyon is very much in favor of some kind of a town organization. The Major's long experience as chairman of the sixth ward of Chicago will no doubt enable him to exercise much wisdom and political prudence in the manipulation of affairs in his locality, should an organization take place as early as it is hoped it will.

A late Washington special to the Pioneer Press says that the Bennett bill asking for a division of the territory on the forty-sixth parallel north latitude, will throw about 80,000 square miles into the new state and 70,000 into the territorial sub-division. The population of the whole territory in 1870 was only 14,000, against 139,000 in 1880. The population of the new state will be about 100,000, and the territory about 20,000.

The struggle between the two factions of Kitterd county over its organization and the appointment of its county commissioners, has just been very fairly settled by the Governor, who has perfected the organization and appointed W. F. Steele, Frank L. Whipple and John Van Duzen county commissioners. Foster, who has been so industriously figuring for the past few months to become one of the illustrious three, seems to have been left out in the cold. The county seat question is not yet settled.

There seems to be a strong sentiment in favor of E. P. Wells for Speaker of the House of Representatives. Several leading territorial papers as well as the Minneapolis Tribune and Pioneer Press have suggested his name and in connection strongly recommended him as being the man for that position. While the many friends of Mr. Wells of this city, as well as the Alert, would be extremely gratified to see him thus dignified, we have strong reasons for believing that he would not accept the position if it were tendered him unanimsly.

The subject of a town or city organization continues to be the main subject of tea-table and street gossip. Thus far the Alert fails to discover wherein public sentiment is in the least united. Some are in favor of a city charter and some in favor of a village charter. It is the opinion of The Alert that all this quibbling might be easily done away with and the means of coming to a definite and plausible understanding be much simplified by calling a public meeting, and giving our citizens and business men an opportunity to talk the matter over together.

The Deadwood Daily Times after copying a large portion of The Alert's interview with Hon. E. P. Wells, of this city, comments as follows:

E. P. Wells, of Jamestown, who was elected to the lower house of our territorial legislature, betrays a thorough knowledge of Dakota politics. Mr. Wells is the only republican ever elected from the 11th district, which is democratic, and the only republican elected on the republican ticket at that district at the late election.

In an important territorial matter, Mr. Wells is in accord with the Times, and in relation to a revision of our statutes he takes the same grounds advanced by the Times, on the day following the recent election, for a registration law. Mr. Wells demonstrated an unusual degree of intelligent familiarity with the politics of our territory in his interview, and there is every reason to believe that he will make a useful member of our next legislature.

The meeting at the Dakota House last Wednesday evening was very fairly attended. The greater portion of the business men and leading citizens of the city being present. These seem to have been but one sentiment and that was to divide on the 46th parallel, or near it. E. P. Wells, delegate elect, opened the discussion by giving a short geographical description of the territory in the vicinity of the 46th parallel and seventh standard, which, by the way, are only about five miles apart. Personally, he was greatly in favor of the division taking place on the 7th standard. He held that the so-called forty-sixth parallel was nothing more than an imaginary line, and that a division could not be effected upon a line without more or less mangling counties through which it is supposed to pass. In his opinion, a division on the seventh standard would be much more to the general interests of the people.

Major Lyon, J. C. Nickeus, A. Klaus, and others gave expressions of views upon the question which were, in substance, in accordance with those advanced by Mr. Wells.

Merry Christmas.

DAKOTA HOUSE,

JAMESTOWN, D. T.

CHICKEN with rice, Potage a la reine.

Oyster Patties, Raw, Escalloped Oysters.

Broiled White Fish, a la maitre d'Hotel, Baked Lake Superior Trout, an gratin.

Baron of Beef, with horse-radish, Tenderloin of Beef, Roast turkey, cranberry sauce, Young chicken, a la Americaine, Roast Chicken, oyster sauce.

Buffalo Ham, hunter style, Saddle of Venison, with Jelly, Loin of Elk, a la chasseur, Saddle of James Valley Antelope, cranberry sauce, Wild Goose, with apple sauce.

Hot Entrees.

Filet of Beef, larded and champagne, Tenderloin of Beef, a la Bordelaise, Supreme de volaille a la Financiere, Pile of Spring Chicken, larded, mushroom sauce, Matton cutlets, a la pompadour, Chicken Croquettes, Salmi of Ducks, New England baked pork and beans, Cream fritters, Cherry wine sauce, Hot Boston Brown Bread.

Hot Entrees.

Hare de Saugier, a l'aspic, Jambon, en belle eau, Boned Turkey with apple Jelly, Fricadeau of Veal, Galantine of Prairie Chicken, a la Jelle, Buffalo tongue, a l'occasio, Langues de chevronni a la Victoria, Chicken salad, Mayonnaise of chicken, Mayonnaise of Lobster.

Blanchies.

Celery, Tomato Catup, Horse-Radish, Spanish Olives, Worcester Sauce, English Chow-Chow, Pepper Sauce, Cucumber Pickles, French Mustard, Beet Pickles, Cheese.

Vegetables.

Boiled Cabbage, Sugar Corn, Mashed potatoes, Boiled Rice, Browned Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes.

Pastries.

French Pie, English Plum Pudding, Wine Sauce, Apple Pie, Lemon Pie.

Cakes.

Pound Cake, Fruit Cake, Coconut Cake, Lady Cake, Gold Cake, Marble Cake, Jelly Roll, Silver Cake.

Coccos and Jellies.

Sherry Wine Jelly, Brandy Jelly, Lemon Jelly, Charlotte Russe, French Meringue, Macaronis de Fruits, French Cream.

Mixed Candies, Brandy Jelly, Lemon Jelly, English Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Peas, Brazil Nuts, Raisins, Apples.

GREEN TEA, BLACK TEA, COFFEE, CHOCOLATE.

THE DIVISION MEETING.

At the meeting held in Jamestown last Wednesday evening, Dec. 23d, for the purpose of giving expression to public sentiment on the subject of division of this territory, and admission of the southern portion as a state, the following business was transacted:

On motion E. P. Wells was elected chairman of the meeting, and J. J. Nierling secretary.

Moved that the chairman appoint a committee of three on resolutions. The following gentlemen were appointed: Maj. L. Lyon, J. C. Nickeus and J. J. Flint.

On motion the chairman was added to the committee on resolutions.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Whereas, a bill is now pending before Congress, looking to the division of the Territory of Dakota, and the admission of the southern portion as a State, and

Whereas, this meeting has been called for the purpose of giving expression to the views of the people of Stutsman county, and

Whereas, that portion of Dakota south of the 46th parallel has now a population of more than 100,000 souls, with agricultural, manufacturing, commercial and mining industries in an advanced stage of development, and

Whereas, the people and interests of southern Dakota are separated from us by an undeveloped wilderness nearly two hundred miles wide traversed by no line of communication, and

Whereas, in the natural course of events there will always be one centre of development, progress and power in southern and another one in Northern Dakota, and

Whereas, the people of Southern Dakota are now ready and anxious for admission into the Union as a State, and

Resolved, That we, the citizens and property owners of Stutsman county, use every honorable means within our power to secure the division of the Territory upon or near the 46th parallel north latitude.

2d. To secure the admission of Southern Dakota as a State.

3d. To secure the organization of a Territory to be known as North Dakota.

4th. To secure for Jamestown the seat of government for such new territory and to this end that a copy of these resolutions be sent to our present delegate in Congress, and to our delegate elect, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting are due and are hereby tendered to the Hon. Granville G. Bennett, for the energy and zeal with which he is laboring for the passage of the bill asking for division and admission.

Resolved, That the secretary of this meeting transmit copies of these resolutions to delegate Bennett, delegate elect Pettigrew, and to the Fargo Argus, Republican and Times, Valley City Times, Bis mark Tribune and Sun, and Jamestown Alert, with the request to the above mentioned papers that they issue similar action in their respective counties. Also transmit these resolutions to the Pioneer Press and Minneapolis Tribune.

Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners.

In session Dec 18th, 1880.

Board all present, Kelleher in the chair. The question of improving the Spiritwood road taken up. On motion the County Clerk was authorized to advertise the work on Spiritwood road to be let to the lowest bidder. Bids to be received up to Jan. 12, 1881. Work consisting of grading about 250 feet long. Work to be let by the yard, and to be done under the direction of road supervisor, and the same to be completed before March 1st, 1881.

On motion F. E. Jones, L. B. Miner, and S. L. Glaspell, road viewers, were called into the room. They were each allowed the sum of \$4.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

P. Aubertin, engineer on road, \$4 00
Neil Bell, fees as constable, 7 00
Board adjourned until Dec. 28, 1880.
Geo. W. Vanzum, County Clerk.

The Dakota House.

The Dakota house on Christmas day was by no means a lonesome place. It not only proved to be the most popular resort for the elite of both city and country, but even the festive traveling man seemed to have taken particular pains to avail himself of its superior hospitalities. The fact is, the enterprising proprietor had been indiscrete enough to give publicity to the fact that he would give a public dinner on the blessed Christmas day, which was accompanied by a cordial invitation for all to be present. That settled it, and sometime before the usual dinner hour arrived the parlors were filled with merry guests. The dining room, which is capable of seating over one hundred guests at one time, was richly adorned, while the tables presented a spectacle of neatness and elegance.

In one corner of the room was a large and beautifully adorned Christmas tree, laden with numerous and sundry packages and it was generally understood that it had been placed there by Mrs. Flint and other kind hearted ladies for the benefit of the servants and boarders of the house, and that immediately after dinner St. Nicholas was expected to "tap it." Of course every one wanted to see the fun, and as a natural consequence every one enjoyed a rare treat. Mr. Ed. Strong acted as St. Nicholas and discharged the pleasant duties of the office in an unusually graceful and bewitching manner. Too much cannot be said of the leading lights of this house, which has during the past year so rapidly increased in popularity that to-day it has the enviable reputation of being one of the best kept and furnished houses on the line of the Northern Pacific. It possesses a fine and elegant all the latest improvements and advantages of our leading metropolitan houses. While commenting upon the many praiseworthy features of this house it affords us much pleasure to be able to speak in the highest terms of the manner in which the cooking is done by Mr. Lambert, who has lately been placed in charge of the important department. Judging from the frequent compliments we hear paid him, and by our own experience we are ready to swear that he has few if any equals in the land. Mr. Hurd, who has been placed in charge of the dining room and door, exhibits a very large degree of experience, and is rapidly becoming popular, and it is with pride that the Alert points to Mr. Flint as being one of the leading as well as the most capable hotel men in the west, and it earnestly hopes that he will continue to receive the patronage and popularity his energies and ability merit.

We publish below an incomplete list of the names of the ladies who will keep open houses on New Year's Day for the purpose of receiving calls. There are others whose names should appear on the list, but the Alert does not feel at liberty to assume the responsibility of publishing their names, not having been authorized to do so:

Mrs. Major Lyon, assisted by her daughters, Misses Minnie and Julia.

Mrs. E. P. Wells, from 2 to 6 p. m., assisted by Misses Milton Wells, S. L. Glaspell, David Curtis, and Miss Lizzie Wells and the Misses Thorold.

Mrs. J. J. Flint, in the parlors of the Dakota House, assisted by Mrs. Rev. N. D. Fanning and Mrs. R. E. Wallace.

Mrs. Marshall McCleure, from half-past 2 p. m. to 6.

Mrs. James Lees.

Be not be jealous of thy neighbor because he advertises liberally, but go thou and do likewise, and it shall come to pass that thou and thy household shall prosper and become exceedingly popular. But I say unto thee, that if thou dost not seek to make thy business known through the columns of thy home paper, then it shall forget to mention thy name favorably when thou comest in or goest out, and it shall come to pass that in a very business will gradually sink into a state of obscurity and in time the public will learn to hate thee for thy lack of enterprise. And it shall come to pass that thy business will go straightway to hell and thou with it.

The Christmas Tree.

The promised Christmas tree exercises to be held at the school house on Christmas Eve, proved to be a much more elaborate and entertaining affair than was anticipated. At an early hour every seat in the house was occupied, and long before the time arrived for the exercises to commence the house was so densely packed that standing room was not available. At half-past seven Rev. N. D. Fanning called home to order, and after the choir had lavored the audience with an inspiring opening chorus, offered a fervent prayer to the throne of grace, thanking the Father of all good for his masterly love and regard for mankind.

The tree was very beautifully adorned and possessed many attractions. The little taper candles burned brightly and their glowing rays shot through the thick foliage of green there could be seen hundreds of packages, both great and small, waiting to be plucked by the fairly hand of St. Nicholas, and delivered to the good little boys and girls of the city.

The whole affair was decidedly pleasant in all its details, and was managed with fairness and ability. The Alert sincerely regrets that it has not sufficient space this week to justify personal comment. The following program was ably rendered:

1 Song, "The Serenade"
2 Devotional Exercises
3 Recitation by Clarence Clark, entitled "Christmas Eve."
4 Reading by Mr. Boynton entitled "The New Church Organ"
5 Recitation by Louis Flint, entitled "The Part of the Shingling"
6 Recitation by Fred Lathrop, entitled "Christmas Down"
7 Song, "Jesus is Born."
8 Recitation by Harry Flint, entitled "Santa-Claus's Mother."
9 Recitation by Miss Georgiana Smith, entitled "The Hours."
10 Song, by Otto and Adelaide Ott.
11 Recitation by Allie Lathrop, entitled "The Fire"
12 Recitation by Miss Jennie Kelly, entitled "Not as I will, but as Thou wilt."
13 Recitation by Geo. Howard, entitled "The Sexton."
14 Recitation by Fred Lyon, entitled "Santa Claus."
15 Duet by Miss Thorold and Dr. Campbell.

W. V. Lambert.

Jamestown has few, if any, more enterprising merchants than S. F. Lambert. Taking into consideration his extensive freighting interests, he has done a much larger business during the past year than any other house in this city. Mr. Ward Bill, who presides over the mercantile department of Mr. Lambert's enterprises with so much ability, has proved himself the right man in the right place. Mr. Bill believes in keeping a full and well selected stock of all classes of merchantable goods and selling them at a low figure. We seldom hear complaints entered against Mr. Bill for keeping an inferior article. His goods are the best, consequently, the cheapest the market affords. Those desiring to learn further particulars concerning this splendid general mercantile establishment would do well to observe his new and extensive advertisement on fourth page.

New Year's Ball.

The boys have prevailed upon Col. Flint to give the use of his large and commodious dining hall for a New Year's Eve dance, consequently on New Year's Eve there will be a grand ball at the Dakota House. An oyster supper will be served at 9:30, after which the hall will be cleared for the dancers. Hall managers, E. P. Wells, A. McKechnie, J. A. Moore, Jas. Lees. Full bill, including rooms, supper and dancing, \$2.50 per couple.

NEW CASTLE, Dec. 20th, 1880.

Hon. MARSHALL McCLEURE, Jamestown, D. T.

DEAR SIR:—It is impossible for me to exist without a copy of the Alert. Please send me one of these copies you have been leaving at the Bank. Yours truly,

S. K. MCGINNIS.

Such a request is equivalent to a command. We'll do it.

Those desiring New Year's calling cards should bear in mind that The Alert has just received an elegant assortment of them from St. Paul, just for the occasion.

Man is under a cloud.

E. P. Wells has let the contract for two new houses. Dole & Elmer are doing a profitable business. E. P. Wells will leave for Yankton next week, probably. Mr. Harker, our new station agent is rapidly becoming popular. Mr. Brandt now keeps one of the most orderly saloons in the city affords. Several new buildings are in process of construction in spite of the cold weather. Mr. Larned, one of the proprietors of Learned Bros.' hardware store, of this city is expected here next week. County Treasurer Collins presents a very vigorous and bewitching appearance of late. What's the matter, Tom? Fields believes in advertising, and as result gets all the trade in his line. The man man is certainly an enterprising rooster. Toman has not as yet recovered his personal effects from the clutches of the law, but is confident that he will succeed in doing so. "Janis" devotes the greater portion of his last week's correspondence to what he ferociously terms "The lying proclivities of The Alert." It is authoritatively reported that over forty new residences will be erected in the vicinity of the court house during the next three or four months. The new depot at Barton was dedicated last Thursday evening by a dance. One or two sleigh loads of ladies and gentlemen went from Jamestown. D. M. Kelleher, the affable proprietor of the Jamestown hotel, was by no means behind our other hotels in getting up a grand dinner on Christmas. D. M. never does anything by halves. Mr. Joseph Stein, who owns one of the finest farms and is regarded as being a very successful farmer as well as a social gentleman, called at The Alert office last Tuesday and renewed his subscription. The passenger train from the east Saturday met with an accident between Valley City and this place, by which two passenger coaches were derailed, and conductor Parker and two other railroad men were injured. W. V. Brewer's theatrical combination have been playing in this city, at the Masonic hall, during the past week to dense packed houses. To-night this excellent company will produce "The Hidden Hand," and it is to be expected that the hall will be crowded. There is no humbug about this company and it should be liberally patronized everywhere. As predicted not long since, coal has taken a raise. Soft coal cannot be obtained for less than \$13.50 per ton. The result is obvious. People who have enough sense to figure will stop buying the costly plunder and commence burning wood, which even at six dollars a cord is considerably cheaper than soft coal at \$13.50 per ton. NOTICE.—We have concluded to change the publication day of The Alert to Friday, hoping thereby to be able to lay before our readers all the news of the week at a time when they will have leisure to peruse it while it is yet fresh. We hope this change will give mutual satisfaction to patrons and publisher. Our next paper will be issued Friday afternoon, January 7th, 1881.

JAMESTOWN MARKET.

Wheat, No. 1, per bushel, 75
Soft wheat, do do, 80
Barley, do do, 45
Oats, do do, 40
Flour, do do, 50
Potatoes, 30
Butter, 35
Lard, 25
Hams, 15
Shoulders, 10
Pork, 12
Cattle, per barrel, 3 75
Beans, per barrel, 9 25
Coal—soft, 13 00
do—hard, 12 00
Wood, per cord, 6 00

L. Lyon heard from. For the holiday trade, I have marked down all my fancy goods, ladies' hats, caps, furs, shawls, dress goods, gents' furnishing goods, &c., which I will close out for less cash than they have ever been sold in Jamestown. L. Lyon. Dec. 18th.

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