

The Bismarck Tribune.

Capital City Chaps.

Water in the Missouri continues to recede.

New houses continue to be built in all parts of the city.

Calif wears his leather medal with due dignity and grace.

E. H. Bly will furnish the brick for the new Griffin building.

Horse stealing is becoming unpopular in McLean county.

The schools close today with fitting exercises in each department.

The western tunnels have been repaired and trains are on time again.

Berley is heading out and harvest preparations will soon be made.

Jacob O'Neil was lynched in McLean county Sunday night for horse stealing.

Col. John H. Richards and George Thomas are working hard on the tax list.

An excursion to the Mandan Indian village north of the city is now talked of.

The city council intend opening Seventh and Eighth streets to the traveling public.

It is reported that an equestrienne prize will be offered on July 4th for a five-mile race.

A new and much needed sidewalk is being laid around the First National bank block.

The excursions are coming and the white "mosquito bar" dress flutters in the breeze.

The river continues to rise, and the water is now higher than usual during the June rise.

Geo. Gibbs is recovering from the gun shot wound under the care of careful attendants.

Work on the new hotel will be commenced in a few days if the contract can be let that soon.

The smiling countenance of Capt. Tom Mariner now greets his many friends of the capital city.

Heavy rains Sunday and Monday nights gladdened the farmers north, south and east of the city.

Brick work will soon be commenced on the Griffin block, the foundations being nearly completed.

Joe Dietrich will commence work on a residence mansion on the corner of Thayer and Third streets.

Great preparations are being made for the Conbar excursion, which will arrive on or about July 4th.

O. W. Bennett sold two lots on First street Thursday to Messrs. Brady and Blake, for building sites.

The through trains from the west have been delayed considerably of late by annoyances in Bozeman tunnel.

The commissioners have adjourned and work on the capitol will be continued until the main building is completed.

A small herd of buffalo was recently seen on the west bank of the Missouri about seventy miles north of Bismarck.

Excursions to the Yellowstone National Park are being organized and will soon be halting at the gates of the capital city.

The machinery for the Bismarck brewery has been purchased and work on the building will be commenced immediately.

Mrs. F. E. Holley's Bismarck English and classical school closed yesterday, the 26th inst., for a two months' vacation.

John Hoagland has bought five lots from Asa Fisher, south of the track, and has a force of men at work building houses thereon.

Now that the Governor's Guard excursion has been indefinitely postponed, a trip up river to Washburn or Fort Buford is talked of.

Handsome banners and beautiful decoration will be a feature of the Garfield Light Guard dance on the evening of July 4th.

The bone trade still continues to boom. The skeleton of the great bison has a cash marketable value. But, alas, it is the last crop.

C. S. Weaver and Contractor Groat submitted bids for the construction of the Union block in Mandan, which were opened last evening.

Glendive Independent: Mrs. B. Fontet will leave for Bismarck tomorrow morning. Her stay in the capital city will last two months.

The Garfield Light Guard band is enlisting new members and will soon be one of the strongest musical organizations in the country.

Large numbers of our driving population, with both fast and clumsy horses, find recreation these cool twilight evenings at the race track.

Sidewalks are being built cheaper than ever before in the history of the city and of good material at that. This is of great interest to the people.

The Conbar excursion, from Illinois, is coming, and the booming roarings of Mr. Conbar are plainly heard in the Missouri valley. The excursionists will go by boat to Washburn.

The view from Capitol Hill and Prospect Heights is beautiful beyond description, now that the meadows, fields and woods are wearing their garb of emerald hue and wave in strength and luxuriance.

Johnson & Perkins, the new law firm which has just been established in the city, with offices in the First National bank block, have come to stay and are determined to remain and receive the benefits of the country's development.

Two handsome young antelope, about six weeks old, were brought to the city last Tuesday by Mr. F. B. Stone, who captured them while west. They are at the Western house and are perfect beauties. He will take them east in a few days.

The Garfield Light Guard uniforms have arrived and are very beautiful. The uniforms are made of a handsome grey with gold trimmings and helmets. The guard will soon appear in uniform, and the people of Bismarck may expect a pleasant surprise.

The temporary rail track leading up Ninth street is getting to be quite a nuisance and should be taken up, as it is of no further use in that direction. It served its purpose in facilitating the taking of material up to the capitol last year and is out of date just now.

Northern Pacific Agent John Davidson, is receiving numerous letters and papers from the Ontario journalists with reference to the excursion to the National park by those gentlemen. An effort will be made to have the excursionists stop in Bismarck and take a drive about the city.

The building committee of the board of directors of the penitentiary held a meeting in the president's office of the Merchants National bank Friday forenoon for the purpose of providing iron capings for the cells. Contractor Megan was present and consulted with the committee.

Capt. Grant Mar-h has fitted up the elegant and fast running steamboat, P. E. Kelly, to make excursion trips from Sioux City the present season. The boat is open to engagements for carrying excursion and picnic parties to any point on the Missouri or Big Sioux rivers during the season.

The Garfield Light Guard drilled on the prairie near the race track Monday evening, marching out to the music of the company band. The attendance was large and the drill was thorough. The Guard is becoming more efficient and creditable every day, while the band surpasses all expectation.

A ride about the city yesterday found numerous new buildings in process of construction. The new residence of Asa Fisher, on Fourth

street, is enclosed; the finishing work on Alexander General Hughes' house is in progress and several residences are being constructed in the eastern portion of the city.

And now the beer garden is being agitated. Let's agitate.

The feature of July 4th in the city will be the Garfield Light Guard ball.

O. W. Bennett sold three lots on First street to Calvin H. Walters, yesterday, for a residence site.

The Bismarck base ball team met the Mandan club on the Mandan grounds yesterday, and were defeated by a score of 7 to 6.

Photographer Jenkins has taken photographs of the members of the Governor's Guard in uniform, which are in great demand.

A strange phenomenon was witnessed by the aerial editor last evening, but as the astronomical narrator was weary, it is not recorded.

Mark Rivers, the old reliable director of the Alleghenians, was in the city yesterday arranging for the appearance of his talented company of vocalists and bell players.

The Alleghenians will show in Union hall next Saturday evening, July 5th. They are a thoroughly first-class musical and bell ringing combination and deserve a liberal patronage.

The St. Paul Globe says: "The Governor's Guard at Bismarck gave a delightful excursion by boat to Standing Rock and Fort Yates Saturday. It was greatly enjoyed by the young people of the capital and Mandan." Wonder if it was.

It is learned that the celebration of the Fourth in the capital city will be mild. That's right! Let's not have any broken legs, or arms shot off, or powder-blinded boys, or burned dresses, or disastrous runaway, or Oh, yeshaw! what horrid things these celebrations are.

Two careless passengers were "left" in the city last evening, having been delayed by the attractive scenery of the capital city until the train pulled out for the east. They indulged in a little run of about a mile and then returned with a first-class appetite for supper.

A young Bismarck man went out into the country not long ago, strictly on business. The "man of the house" was not at home, but his wife was, and when the husband returned the flirtation drew to a rapid close. The young gentleman didn't stop to even thank the old man for his hospitality.

Helena Independent: The Palace restaurant building has been sold by Theo. Shenkenberg to Morris Silverman for \$3,500. Shenkenberg used to run the restaurant himself, but he got tired of the place and went to Dakota where he is now engaged in the banking business, he being cashier.

The Banner house is now one of the most popular hotels in the city. It is large, roomy, well ventilated and neat. Situated in the west end of the city, it commands a view of the river, Ft. Lincoln and surrounding country. Its proprietors are gentlemen of the first water, and the bill of fare far above the average.

Ground was broken in Mandan yesterday for Union block, opposite the Northern Pacific depot. This will be Mandan's finest building and is being constructed by the German American bank, Joseph Hager, and the Pioneer company and an eastern party. It is to be three stories high and one hundred feet front.

No further particulars of the lynching of horse thieves in McLean county and the Mouse river country have been received, and there are vague conflicting reports concerning the speedy execution of the four men in the Mouse river country. That O'Neil was lynched is a settled fact, and he will never rob stables on earth again.

The old grave yard on the hill stands on the old hill still; And will be there when the leaves begin to fall; Unless, when "painting red," The boys their linen shed, And scatter broad the tombstones short and tall.

Jameson Alert: The confidence in the stability of the capital at Bismarck, and the next session of the legislature will be held there, is shown to be unshaken and undoubting by the fact that a brewery is to be put in construction here immediately with a heavy bond and forfeiture for its completion before the legislature meets.

St. Paul Globe: The fame achieved by Col. Plummer as the oratorical thunderbolt of the new era in rolling over the territory and assembling the east also. The Huron Times, which is jealous of him says: "Parson Plummer, the distinguished Fargote who was chairman of the Huron convention, was the most prominent of all Dakotians in Chicago last week."

Pioneer Press: M. V. Richards, chief clerk in the emigration department of the Northern Pacific, returned to St. Paul yesterday from an extended trip through southern Minnesota and Iowa, in the interest of the excursion on June 24 to Bismarck and other points. He reports that a large number of excursionists will avail themselves of the opportunity and trip.

James Emmons, for whom Emmons county was named, and one of Bismarck's boomers, has been invited to deliver the first Fourth of July oration in Emmons county, at Williamsport, its county seat. Turn O'Emmons perfectly loose with a good supply of dynamite and he'll make the glens and valleys of Emmons county ring with patriotic enthusiasm and glisten with a glimmering pyrotechnic display.

Pet Burns, a competent brick mason, is at work taking down the brick walls of the Bismarck Mills, preparatory to the putting in of new engines and boilers. The new owners contemplate a thorough overhauling of the building so that the mills will be better equipped than ever to grind the millions of bushels of No. 1 hard wintered flour, which is raised in Emmons county, the flour of which will find a ready market up and down the Missouri.

Will Eaton, for six years dramatic critic on the Chicago Times, and author of several dramas, among them "All the Rage," is in the city. In 1879 Mr. Eaton purchased the Chicago Herald, and after starting it on a fair way to success left it to take the position of associate editor of the National Republican, Washington, which position he recently abandoned to become one of the boomers of Dakota, and particularly that portion known as the Turtle mountain region. He visits the capital city for the first time and meets with a right royal greeting.

Miles City Journal: Prof. Logan and his bride received many friends at the Lake Ocean yesterday. Among the numerous presents they received we noticed a silver ice pitcher from Charlie Wood; beautiful toilet case, Col. Webster; elegant chair, Campbell Bros.; silver casket, The VanBuren; china tea set, A. H. Bertrand and L. C. Deer; handsome camera and picture, O. B. Towers and C. F. M. Tidling. That the newly married couple were pleased at these friendly remembrances was plainly evident from their smiling countenances. They will remove to the Carpenter residence tomorrow.

Carrington Gazette: Abner L. Hanson, the good natured cattle man of the Mouse river country, is in the city buying provisions and general supplies for his ranch. Mr. Hanson is proprietor of probably the largest cattle ranch in north Dakota, and his flocks and herds are multiplying amazingly fast. The cattle are without shelter during the entire winter, living on the grass under the snow, and they all come out in this spring hale and hearty. Mr. Hanson thinks that even the valley of the Jordan could not compare with the Mouse river region for grazing purposes.

Gathering pretty flowers in the meadow, Listening to the rippling water's lay, In the gloaming just between the light and shadow, In the twilight linking sombre night with day, Toward babbling Apple creek they slowly wandered.

To pluck the tender blossom, bursting bud; On the beauty of the stars they would have pondered. But 'tis a slosh, ka-plunk, they went into the mud.

—Now sung by a Bismarck quartette.

Personal.

Mrs. Frank Brown is visiting with friends in the city.

Captain D. W. Marratta returned from the east Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. B. White, of Buffalo, N. Y., are visiting the capital city.

J. W. Raymond will attend the banker's convention at Saratoga, July 13 and 14.

County Commissioner Veeder and wife came down from McLean county last Saturday.

Messrs. David Turnbull, H. H. Gove and Geo. H. Towsey, of Mandan, were among the visitors in the city Wednesday.

Capital Commissioners Matthews, of Brookings, and Thompson, of Vermillion, started for their respective homes last Monday.

Mrs. Bailey, mother of D. I. Bailey, and a Bismarck real estate owner, returned to the city Saturday last after an absence of several weeks.

Architect Buffington, of Minneapolis, came in on Friday morning's train to look over the capitol and consult with the commissioners as to future operations.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gill and son, and Mr. H. Moore, of Des Moines, Iowa, father, mother and uncle of Mrs. Joe. Little, are here taking in the golden northwest.

George Garver, formerly of Bismarck, but recently of Milbank, is in the city seeking a business location. Mr. Garver is well known to all the old-time Bismarckers.

S. B. Chesdale, a wholesale liquor dealer and prominent citizen, of Ottumwa, Ia., arrived in the city Wednesday morning and is inclined to invest in capital property.

Mr. Lenore, of the signal service office, left for Ft. Benton Saturday morning. Mr. Lenore is an efficient and obliging young gentleman and leaves many friends in the capital city.

A. J. Enns, of Victoria, is in the city and says that Victoria is very prosperous this season. Numerous improvements are being made among the rest a \$3,000 hotel is under construction.

M. Hettinger and Hon. E. A. Williams have returned from a pleasant ride through McLean county, and were much impressed with what they saw in the way of rich lands and bonanza coal beds.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Magill, of Fargo, arrived in the city Friday morning. They had been visiting their farm near Menoken, and Mr. Magill says he never crops looking better. Barley is already heading.

Captain Stephen Baker left for Idaho Monday morning and from there will proceed to Salt Lake City. The captain's leave of absence expires in July, and he will not return to Bismarck until next summer.

C. H. Cronan, of San Francisco, passed through the city on the east bound train last evening. He has invested largely in Montana cattle ranches and Dakota ranches and is booming the present crop of the territory.

O. S. Guff left on the Helena for Asimabola Sunday. He will remain at that point for some time provided the demand for pictures is sufficient. The citizens of Bismarck regret to have men of the Guff stamp leave the city.

W. R. Maze, of Washburn, arrived Friday evening. He has secured a copy of the uncompleted edition of "Becher's Life of Christ" from which to read the declaration of independence on July 4. He will also have it translated into Swedish.

Banker "Bob" Wallace, of Jamestown, was in the city, and in company with Alexander McKenzie, John A. Stoyell and John A. McLean took a drive about the city, visiting the capitol and various points of interest. He returned to Jamestown last Monday.

B. M. Jayne, of Florida, arrived Wednesday, on route west, on a tour for the improvement of his health. He says that he has been already given him more rest enjoyment than has been bestowed upon him for years, either by Providence or the swamps of the "land of flowers."

Procter, the bloody, attenuated scout, left for the east Wednesday, to join the party of Indians under Thos. Hardwick, and will go through the east as a horrible specimen of the western scout. When he boarded the train, with buckskin pantaloons and shirt, and a broad gauge sombrero, the boys gathered around the train to say good-bye and thank God.

George Grant, who camped on the banks of the Missouri long before the advent of railroads in this section, arrived in the city Monday morning. He had not dreamt of seeing a metropolitan city where a few years ago he watched the passing of his boat, and after exclaiming "Great God, has it come to this?" he proceeded westward on route to the Pacific coast.

Thos. Hardwick, the manager of the Indian coterie which he recently exhibited in Bismarck, arrived from the west last Tuesday. He had been to Montana to purchase more ponies and secure the service of several cowboys and men to take care of the horses. He says the report that the Indians were stranded in St. Paul and wanted to return to their tepees is false.

Charles M. Stanley, of Cincinnati, passed through the city en route west Tuesday morning, and is going as far as Glendive. In conversation with a reporter Mr. Stanley said that, after seeing the country, the capitol commissioners would find it a resort for health and pleasure. She will be the guest of Miss Thornton while here.

J. Q. L. Pattee, of St. Lake City, who recently visited the city, and returned to his Utah home for his family, arrived with Mr. Pattee and the little Pattee Wednesday morning. Mr. P. is a gentleman of means and has come to remain in Bismarck, and he will soon be engaged in commercial pursuits. He says the TRIBUNE brought him to the city, as he is a constant reader of the paper for several months, believing that every word said in its behalf is true, and the sixth part of a dozen has not yet been told.

Mr. Charles Chamberlain brought in a sample of flax from his farm near the city yesterday, which is as fine a specimen of this valuable crop as can be seen in the country. It has been proven beyond all question that flax can be successfully and abundantly raised in Dakota and the farmers of the Missouri slope have sown it with the most gratifying and flattering results.

No Excursion. The citizens of Bismarck will regret with a deep and long lasting regret, to learn that the Governor's Guard excursion to Fort Yates, advertised for Saturday, has been indefinitely postponed and the motion for reconsideration laid under the table. This action has not been taken by the Guard without good and sufficient cause, and here are some reasons why: A telegram has been received from Yates stating that Sitting Bull and his braves are out on a hunt and no one wanted to go unless the native Americans were to be seen. A report from river men was to the effect that mosquitoes had got in their work first and are now on their way up the Missouri to tender an appropriate reception to the excursionists, singing "Meet Me When the Sun Goes Down." They will not be met. An enormous boom is liable to burst upon the city at any moment, now that the crop is in its blooming, and Captain Bennett wants to be here when she "busts." Then the members of the Guard do not desire to slight people; they had chartered a neat, convenient boat, the Josephine which would carry a good large excursion party of 150 people, and expected to have a nice sociable time, but when the entire populace of the city, numbering over five thousand, men women and children swooped down upon them and demanded tickets and desirable berths, it was too much, and it was decided to postpone the excursion until a Onward or Red Line steamer could sail up from the ocean, and accommodate all. Again, it was essential to preserve the moral sentiment and religious standing of the company, and at a late hour it was discovered that no chaplain could be secured as the excursion would return Sunday morning. The scribe and several others religiously inclined, offered to act in the capacity of heavenly dispenser, but their offers were, for some insurmountable cause, ignored. Several other important reasons for the abandonment of the excursion might be given, but it is not necessary. The fact remains that there will be no excursion, and the numerous picnic dresses and excursion hats must be laid carefully away for the Fourth of July. The hundreds who have purchased tickets will have their money refunded by calling upon those of whom they bought.

Collections Made. A gentleman named Woods, who came to Bismarck representing the Omaha road, and who has secured the position of storekeeper on the Gen. Terry, had a little experience Tuesday morning which afforded him some good exercise and the bystanders considerable amusement. While on the trip down river he loaned a few dollars to the coy and skittish Dakota Jim—known as "Dakots." Tuesday morning he demanded the payment of the money, but Dakota said he worked all night for the accommodation of Mr. Woods and the \$2 loaned him was small enough pay. The two were walking leisurely up Main street when Woods stopped to shake hands with a friend. Dakota did not stop, but strolled almost as far as the corner of the Merchants hotel, when he saw a butterfly or something away ahead in the dusky future and dashed on to catch it. About this time Woods saw something ahead that he wanted to catch, and shot around the corner after the fleeing Dakota Jim. The chase was a lively one and attracted a large crowd. After chasing around in the alleys and avenues of the Second ward a few minutes, in a manner that reminded him of the days of his youth and vigor, Mr. Woods gave up the ghost, which vanished. In about twenty minutes Dakota Jim appeared on Main street again and Woods made a sneak on him, and saluted him with a soft, affectionate tap of the large knuckle of the right hand. Policeman Scott was near at hand and escorted Woods to the jail, where he was given time to reflect on the meanness of this world, where a man is imprisoned for loaning a few dollars to a friend.

Horrible Experience of a River Man. The people of Bismarck remember the steamer Montana, which plied the upper Missouri river for a number of years and was the largest steamer on the stream. Many of them also remember Phillip Schneider, mate of the Montana, now plying on the lower Missouri, and the following thrilling story told by him to a St. Louis Chronicle reporter will be read with interest: "Not long ago Barney Earl, the clerk of the Montana, was robbed of \$1,700. Whether I was really suspected or whether some men tried to make me their scapegoat I don't know. Nothing was ever said by any of the crew to me about the matter until Sunday night. It was my night and I went to bed early. Between 10 and 11 o'clock I heard a noise by the bunk that awoke me d sitting up I saw three men in my stateroom, two of them pointing revolvers at me. My revolver was under my pillow but I could not reach it. They ordered me to get up and go with them and I did so. There were four men armed with revolvers. All wore rubber clothes and were masked. I asked them what they wanted and they warned me that if I spoke to anyone they would kill me. As we went down the staircase roof we met the captain, who was on watch. The men took me on Wolf island, a few acres of land in the middle of the Missouri, below Wellington, Mo., about six miles above Lexington. The boat had stopped there to take on wood and the landing stage was out. I was taken some distance from the boat, the men burying me along and allowing me no time to struggle. I don't know how far I was taken from the boat, but when they had gone some distance they kicked me to tell what I had done with the money, the \$1,700 that had been stolen from the safe here. I told them I knew nothing of it, and they said if I didn't tell they would hang me. I begged them to let me go and told them I knew nothing of the money, and that they kicked me again. Let's give it up! I remember hearing one of them say. I told them again I knew nothing of the money and they believed me, I think, for the leader, who had done most of the talking, said, after he had helped me to my feet: 'Do you see that light down there among the trees? That's your boat; get it!' I hurried on board, though nearly dead, and getting off at Waverly came up by train to this city."

More Enterprise. Dr. Warren, of Janesville, Wis., is in the city on route to Montana and Idaho where he has large interests in connection with the United Mail service. He was joined by Mr. E. V. Nicholls, of Oaage, Ia., Wednesday, and these two gentlemen will proceed west on their return they will stop at Bismarck and go to Stevenson county, where Mr. Nicholls has large coal and landed interests in connection with Hon. N. C. Deering, who is prominently mentioned for Dakota's next governor. A company has been organized for handling the coal interests, and some time during the summer the stock will be placed upon the market. These coal banks are considered the most valuable in the territory and the company will realize handsome profits from the enterprise. Among the most important objects in view by the company is the construction of a railroad north from Bismarck to the coal banks.

What Col. Lounsbury Says. A TRIBUNE reporter yesterday interviewed Col Lounsbury in relation to the governorship with the following result:

Rep.—Colonel, I notice there is a general feeling that the Dakota governorship will be settled before the adjournment of congress. Do you think so?

Col. L.—I do.

Rep.—Will Gov. Ordway be reappointed?

L.—He has said on all occasions that he is not a candidate for reappointment and would not accept the appointment if tendered him.

Rep.—Do you expect the appointment?

L.—My end-rements for the place are very gratifying indeed. I appreciate the confidence shown in me by those who have recommended me fully as much as I would the appointment. I shall not be disappointed if I do not receive it. Appointments of this class are very apt to be made for personal reasons and can with propriety be made without reference to the endorsements that may be filed. The high character of Gen. Tyner, for instance, will justify his appointment should the president go out of the territory. The same is true of Mr. Deering, of Iowa, who is endorsed by the Iowa delegation for the position.

Rep.—But will not the president regard the plank in the republican platform in relation to territorial appointments?

L.—The idea prevails at Washington that the Dakota people are in an eternal row among themselves and that to quiet that row an outside man should be appointed. This feeling has been strengthened by parties on both sides of the controversy who have urged this course—unless the president should appoint the one of their choice. If the president should determine to make the appointment in accordance with that plank it is fair to presume that he would take the candidate presenting the strongest local endorsement. And in that event I would not receive the appointment.

Rep.—Why so?

L.—Because had I secured the endorsement of either faction in Dakota, I would have drawn the fire of the other. I did not ask that of either and have, to some extent, drawn the fire of both, and, of course, am liable to go down between the two fires. Petitions in my behalf that were being circulated in some parts of the territory were withdrawn lest offense should be given, and were withheld in other instances because of a general feeling that petitions would not count. Whatever endorsement I have from Dakota came unsolicited and usually resulted from my newspaper acquaintance. It will be remembered that the TRIBUNE, which I founded, was the first paper established in North Dakota, and the thirteenth in Dakota. I have relied upon my eleven years residence in, and labor for the territory, and the high character of those recommending me for success, while to defeat me a systematic canvass for endorsements for others was made in the north as well as in the south part of the territory. I have heard that strong protests have been filed against my appointment based upon prejudice against the governor, the capitol commission and against Bismarck. I shall have no reason to complain, however, if I am defeated. Those who go to war take the chances of getting hit.

Rep.—Do you think the president has decided whom he will appoint?

L.—I do not. I am of the opinion that the papers of all the candidates will go to the president with the recommendation of the secretary of the interior that an outside man should be appointed, and that if he does not heed this recommendation he is very likely to appoint Mr. Teller, who presents the strongest local endorsement. My chances, however, are by no means hopeless. No man could even wish for stronger outside backing than that presented in my case.

McLean County Lynching. For some time the farmers of McLean county have been after the horse thieves, and Sunday night were rewarded for their labors by catching Jacob O'Neil, one of the leaders of the gang, whom they hung to a telegraph pole, six miles south of Victoria. The balance of the party have not been captured. The body of O'Neil was discovered hanging to a telegraph pole as the stage passed on Monday, and was identified by Driver Sprague. The horse thief was hung by the lariat with which he had captured the horses. While mob law is to be deprecated and lynching discouraged, the men who performed the speedy execution felt justified in their action. These horse thieves have been pouncing down upon the farmers for several months, and in many cases have left the diligent, honest toilers perfectly destitute. The crime is worse than burglary or ordinary highway robbery, and if continued would be an irreparable injury to the country. For some time past the farmers would seek rest in slumber after a hard day's labor, almost expecting to awaken the next morning perfectly destitute of horses or other stock. This spring several farmers have been robbed of all their horses just as they were in the midst of the spring's work and the loss has verged upon financial destruction.

LATER REPORT. Captain Barr, who came down on the Undine last evening, said that while at Washburn the report had reached that point to the effect that the remaining four horse thieves had been followed as far as the Mouse river, where a fight ensued. One of the horses was shot and the other three hung. This report, of course, awaits confirmation, although it came reliably to Washburn. An inquest was held over the body of O'Neil Monday evening, and it is understood that the verdict of the jury is that the deceased met his death by suicide, riding on his horse to the telegraph pole, tying the rope to the pole and his neck, and driving the horse out from under him. In his pocket was found a note bearing the words, "O'Neil, the horse thief." The farmers of the country are gratified over the result, and are determined to protect their property.

The School Board. The school board met Tuesday afternoon in the office of Geo. P. Flannery, present, Messrs. Flannery, Beutley, Wakeman and Hunt.

The object of the meeting was to decide upon a corps of teachers for the ensuing year, and levy a school tax.

After some consideration it was decided to retain the teachers now employed, with Miss Bessie McNeil as principal. The members of the board visited the schools in the forenoon and found them in the most prosperous condition. They are perfectly satisfied with the work of the teachers, and their discipline and effective labors deserve the heartiest approval and compliment.

A school tax of four mills was decided upon. This is good news to the people, as the tax levied last year was seven mills.

The board adjourned to meet again Saturday next.

Land Office Notes. Charles Martinson will attempt to re-open the contest case of Rhude vs. Martinson, in the claim adjoining Washburn, recently decided by the secretary of interior in favor of Rhude. It will be further contested in the Bismarck land office, upon the application of Rhude to complete his proof.

The land office will be closed Saturday and Monday to close the business of the fiscal year which ends on June 30. Receiver Francis will go to St. Paul to balance accounts.

Henry Sattle made final proof on his homestead adjoining the city yesterday. This is the most valuable homestead taken in this section, barring the Van Etten claim.

Miss Sue Desones has brought contest against Matthewson's tree claim, the no 1/4 of section 8, near town of Steele. Editor Britton, of the Steele Herald, also brings contest for the same piece, and gossip from that lively village is to the effect that the case will be red hot.

Among the important contests pending in the Bismarck land office are the following: Terry McKernan vs. Paul Miller, no 1/4, 30, 138, 86, homestead near Sims. Decision in favor of contestant.

Jas. W. McNeil vs. Henry Eldridge, homestead no 1/4, 8, 136, 78, southeast of Bismarck. Decision in favor of contestant, but report is it might have been different if Eldridge hadn't been negligent. (This is Josh Billings' logic.)

W. W. Priest vs. Wilkin Flack, no 1/4, 30, 139, 88, homestead west of Sims. Decision in favor of contestant.

Geo. W. Chase vs. Robert Phillips, no 1/4, 32, 139, 72, homestead, near Dawson. Decision in favor of contestant.

Peter Grever vs. Hugo Schneider, no 1/4, 8, 134, 80, homestead, west of Sims. Decision for contestant.