SCHOOLS AND FAIRS

Monopolize Most of the Space in the Tribune's Local Columns This Morning.

The Schools Will Close To-morrow With Interesting and Instructive Exercises.

Packard Explains—A Cow Boy's Tribute—Personal and General Notes.

Our Schools.

It is many months since the TRIBUNE gave prominence to the public schools of this city, and the non-resident readers will recognize the justice of devoting at least once in the year a goodly amount of space to this important factor in the advancement of the country and the elevation of its civilization. As for the city readers they will be pleased to read of the progress and enlightenment of their sons and daughters, and will applaud every endeavor to encourage the teachers and the pupils. The schools are in excellent condition, and have marched abreast with the best educational institutions of the country. Professor Abbey has maintained that splendid discipline which he established two years ago, and the corps of teachers is in keeping with the high standard of the schools. A visit to the various departments Tuesday gave a TRIBUNE representative a good opportunity to witness the harmonious co-operation of the teachers and pupils, and a more encouraging picture was never framed by the walls of an educational institution. Bismarck is proud of her beautiful site and the magnificence of her buildings; she is proud of her enterprise and her fame, but above and beyond all these she has infinitely more reason to be proud of her rising generation. The various departments of the schools are well filled with intelligent, mannerly and cleanly boys and girls, and the promptness and grace with which they respond to every request of their teachers is evidence of their good breeding and the confidence which the worthy educators have won.

On Thursday (to-morrow) the schools will close for the holiday vacation, and the parents and citizens generally are cordially invited to be present. The following excellent programme has been arranged for the various departments, and the exercises will be well worth the fullest attendance:

ROOMS ONE AND TWO.

[Misses Nona Miller and Kate Thomas.]

Song.....Merry Christmas.
Recitation.....Ballad of Christmas.
Recitation.....Christmas.
Recitation.....Merry Christmas.
Recitation.....What Christmas Brings.
Recitation.....Day of Days.
Recitation.....Welcome to Christmas.
Recitation.....Christmas day.
Recitation.....Who is Santa Clans?
Song.....Hang Up the Baby's Stocking.
Christmas Carol.
The Gingerbread Cat.
Budd's Christmas Stocking.
The Night Before Christmas.
Santa Claus.
For Lucille and Me.
The Night After Christmas.
The Boy's Wish.
Tableau.....Bessie and I Are Out.
Christmas Problem.
An Errand to Santa Claus.
Bessie's Christmas.
Christmas.
Santa Claus.
Christmas Tree.
Santa Claus.
Tableau.....The Bachelor.
Song.....Christmas Tide.
Tableau.....The Six Graces.

ROOM THREE.

[Miss H. M. Donaldson, teacher.]

Chorus.....Fret Not Thyself
Declamation.....The Kind of a Boy
Recitation.....Christmas Morning
Recitation.....Lilly's Trouble
Reading.....Charles Dickens
Song.....Honey Bees
Recitation.....What do the Pansies Think
Recitation.....Mother Goose's Christmas
Reading.....The Famous King
Recitation.....A Southern Christmas
Duet.....I Cannot Tell the Reason
Declamation.....The Leaves and the Wind
Recitation.....Can't and Try
Recitation.....Mistress Santa Claus
Reading.....Traps
Song.....Snowbirds
Recitation.....The Fairies' Token
Recitation.....A Soft Answer
Declamation.....Great Men
Song.....In Light Tripping Measure
Dialogue.....A Scene in Court
Recitation.....Johnnie's Next Door Neighbor
Recitation.....The Child's Prayer
Declamation.....The Child's First Grief
Declamation.....For Vacation
Song.....Do Your Best

ROOM FOUR.

[Miss Josie Shaw, teacher.]

Music.....Our Public Schools.
Concert Recitation.....Welcome
Declamation.....Salutatory
Recitation.....Advice to a Boy
Declamation.....Sour Grapes
Reading.....The Miser's Fate
Declamation.....Courage
In Memoriam.....Our Margaret
Dialogue.....Conscience
Song.....Scholars, Come
Concert Recitation.....The Fiftieth Birthday of Agassiz
Reading.....The Days Pass On
Recitation.....The Shepherd's Wife
Declamation.....A Quarrel
Chorus.....Boating Song
Declamation.....The Boy Who Told a Lie
Dialogue.....How He Had Him
Recitation.....Be Content
Declamation.....Christmas Fifty Years Ago
Music.
Girl's Concert Recitation.....You Hear That Girl Laughing?
Reading.....The Two Church Builders
Dialogue.....The Golden Rule
Recitation.....The Baby's Kiss
Recitation.....Christmas
Declamation.....The Lost Watch
Boy's Concert Recitation.....The Happy School Boys
Music.....The Farmer's Song
Recitation.....The Captain's Daughter
Declamation.....The Blue and the Gray
Recitation.....Little Goldenhair
Dialogue.....A Conclusive Argument
Quartette.....Christmas Tide
Concert Recitation.....Children's Hour
Song.....Hang Up the Baby's Stocking
Recitation.....Blue Beard
Music.....Ho! Ho! Vacation

ROOM FIVE.

[Miss L. F. Adams.]

Music.....Christmas Time is Come Again.
Recitation.....Guests at Yule.
Declamation.....Belshazzar.
Recitation.....In School Days.
Recitation.....The Landing of the Pilgrims.
Song.....Robinson Crusoe.
Recitation.....A Little Girl's View of Life in a Hotel.
Essay.....Copper.
Recitation.....The Inch Cape Rock.
Reading.....A Letter to Santa Claus.
Song.....The Miller of the Dee.
Recitation.....The Dead Doll.
Declamation.....The Sexton.
Reading.....A Legend of the Northland.
Essay.....James Fenimore Cooper.
Reading.....Keeping His Word.
Song.....What Fairy-Like Music.
Recitation.....A Legend of Bregenz.
Reading.....Papa's Letter.
Recitation.....The Coming of Christmas.
Reading.....The Children's Hour.
Music.....O, Come, Come Away.

ROOM SIX.

[Miss A. M. Scott, teacher.]

Song.....Skater's Song
Declamation.....Greeting
Declamation.....A Talk on Home
Song.....Our Merry Greeting
Recitation.....Story of a Squash
Composition.
Music.....Dancing Through the Meadows
Reading.....Bill Nye on Noah Webster's Books
Song.....Christmas, Christmas, Happy Time
Recitation.....Belshazzar
Declamation.....Mother's Fool
Solo.....Bye, O
Reading.....Behind the Sofa
Recitation.....Little Joe
Song.....Music in the Air
Recitation.....Grandpa's Christmas
Recitation.....The Three Motherless Turkeys
Song.....See Saw
Recitation.....Edith's Christmas Dream
Recitation.....Lady Yeardley's Guest
Solo.....Soon Will the Morn
Declamation.....Uncle Skinflint
Chorus.....Good Cheer
Recitation.....How He Saved St. Michael's
Song.....Good Night

ROOM SEVEN.

[Miss F. M. Ryan, teacher.]

Song—Chorus.....Christmas Day is Coming
Recitation.....Benny
Reading.....A Chinese Story
Song—Solo.....Mother, Are the Angels Dwelling
Reading.....New Year's Eve
Declamation.....Our New Walk
Song—Chorus.....A Band of Truest Friends
Reading.....A Rhyme of the Navy
Song—Quartette.....A Christmas Carol
Essay.....Under the Gaslight
Recitation.....The Black Brigade
Song—Solo.....Tea in the Arbor
Recitation.....The Leak in the Dike
Reading.....The Clown's Baby
Song—Solo.....Who Will Buy My Red Roses
Declamation.....Death Bed of Benedict Arnold
Reading.....Bay Billy
Song—Duet.....Ark of Freedom
Declamation.....Toussaint L'ouvertine
Song—Chorus.....Merry Christmas

SOUTH SIDE.

Miss Clara Whitney.

Song.....Kris Kingle.
Recitation.....The Greeting.
Concert.....In the Morning.
Declamation.....Santa and the Mouse.
Recitation.....The Two Stockings.
Song.....Lightly Row.
Class Ex.....The Christmas Tree.
Declamation.....When I Am Big
Recitation.....Pussy and I.
Concert Ex.....Work While You Work.
Song.....Thanksgiving.
Dialogue.....Christmas Gifts.
Recitation.....One Nose.
Recitation.....The Tree.
Concert Recitation.....Kind Words.
Select Reading.....Budd's Stocking.
Dialogue.....Little Gymnasts.
Recitation.....Jingle, Jingle.
Music.....Sleighing.
Class Ex.....Only a Chicken.
Declamation.....Captain Boots.
Christmas Ex.....An Acrostic.
Singing.....Christmas Carol.

The Freaks of Insanity.

One of the strangest freaks of insanity was that which was exhibited on Wednesday's east bound train. A woman who lost her reason while traveling between Helena and this point labored under the hallucination thas she was being mistaken for Lady Campbell, of London, whose scandalous trial has attracted so much attention during the last month. While the train stopped at this point, a passenger passed the demented woman and, as he passed, looked at her.

"Now, you go right along, sir!" shouted the woman. "I am not Lady Campbell, and if you say I am, you lie, sir!"

The man was surprised and startled, for he had said nothing to the woman, and, in a half-injured tone, he replied:

"Madam, I did not speak to you."

"You did speak to me!" she exclaimed. "You have told everybody on the train that I am Lady Campbell—the mean, contemptible, good-for-nothing thing. I'm not to blame if I look like Lady Campbell, but you have no right to insult me, and have everybody in the car pointing me out as that notorious, shameless wretch. Now, take that, and go on about your business."

At this the frantic woman looked about at the passengers, who were staring at her, and shaking her bonnet in their faces, shouted:

"Yes! That's right! Look at me, if you want to, but I am innocent, and I'll show you that I am before I get through with you."

By this time the train moved on, and when last seen the excited little woman was gazing through the window of the car and shaking her fists at the people upon the platform.

The Hymeneal Altar.

At 8 o'clock last Wednesday Mr. E. C. Welch and Miss Lulu DeGraff were joined in wedlock, at the residence of the bride's parents on Fourth street, by the Rev. C. B. Austin. The residence was brilliantly illuminated and neatly decorated, and the company, though not large, was composed of the representative young society people of the city. The marriage ceremony having been performed, the couple were warmly congratulated by all present and the guests were given seats at a bountiful and elegantly prepared supper. The wedding cake was a model specimen of the culinary art, and upon one of the most attractive cakes were the letters "E. C. W," the groom's initials. A handsomer couple is rarely seen. The bride was attired in a beautiful white satin dress with the conventional ornaments and trimmings, and the couple stood beneath an arch of pure white lace during the ceremony. The presents were appropriate and costly. The following is a list of those present: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. DeGraff, Mrs. C. M. Fargo. Misses Nellie Pierce, Mamie Haight, Nellie Spangler, Nona Miller, Ione Fraser, Cora Barnes, Nellie Joslyn and Maggie Enright. Messrs. H. J. Lowry, O. H. Whitaker, F. G. Whitaker, J. A. Haight, Wm. M. Pye, Jr., G. H. Herbert, E. A. Lilly, Thos. Herron and J. T. McGivern.

Mr. and Mrs. Welch have engaged rooms at the Thompson mansion, where they will be "at home" in a few days.

A Defeated Candidate.

It seems that Editor Packard, of the Bad Lands Cow Boy, was a candidate for justice of the peace at Medora and was defeated. He is also agent for the Studebaker wagons, and as he is said to have sworn vengeance on all the "bad men" in that region, one of the bad ones sends the following tribute to the TRIBUNE for publication:

Now that election's dropped into the past,
It seems on the jilted some terror was cast,
For out comes Packard with much hesitation,
And for his defeat gives this explanation:

"A county official I would not be,
As my outside business you all can see
For want of attention is so nearly lost,
Studebaker wagons are lower than cost."

Packard must surely have been "off his base"
When he was running for justice of p(e)ace,
For before election he said his plan
Was to wreak vengeance on every "bad man."

Now from his stupor he quickly awake-
Eth and says the office he would not take;
The one he has now he cannot long hold,
As the last "Stud'baker" will soon be sold.

Since squelched, Mr. Packard hath sadly declined,
And all have agreed that he's losing his mind,
And we now look forward to some future day
When old Studebaker will haul him away.

J. C. SMITH.

Misinformed Reporters.

The reporters of the St. Paul and Minneapolis papers who are sending out reports that Governor Pierce is to return to the position of Washington correspondent of the Chicago News have been misinformed. The governor returned from the east yesterday, and denied the report. The fact is, the governor has several very flattering offers, but as to his plans for the future he very wisely refrains from publishing to the winds. From the way the straws are blowing, it may be stated that the governor will remain in the northwest, and will be located in St. Paul or Minneapolis, or at some point in Dakota. He will go into journalism, and when he gets back to work it will not be necessary to use the wire or interviewer to discover the jonrnal for which he writes.

"Sut" Winston's Death.

J. S. Winston, so well known throughout the northwest, died, Monday morning, at his home near Richmond, Va. "Sut," as he was familiarly known in this region, was one of the pioneers of Bismarck, and the news of his death will be learned with as much sorrow as though he passed his last days in the city. He was a brother of Col. E. T. Winston, of Coal Harbor, and with Capt. W. B. Shaw fulfilled the contract for the grading and laying of iron on the Northern Pacific road to this point. He was a particular friend of Robert Macnider and Capt. R. B. Mason, of this city, and the latter first met him in 1870, at the junction of the Northern Pacific and the St. Paul & Duluth. Captain Mason also received from the deceased the sub-contract for the grading of the Northern Pacific to this point. "Sut" Winston was a man of warm friendships and strong affection and was a favorite among men. For several years he and Capt. W. B. Shaw were engaged in the mercantile business where the First National Bank block now stands, and the deceased held the contract for carrying the mail between this point and Fort Stevenson. He was awarded numerous important government contracts, and after leaving Bismarck was for several years engaged in the construction of the Canadian Pacific road. He was 38 years of age at the time of his death, and leaves a wife who has been an invalid for a number of years. He came to the Northern Pacific road with General Rosser, to whose wife he was a cousin. Captain Mason and Robert Macnider regret that they cannot spare the time to attend the funeral, and they are joined by all the pioneers of the Missouri slope in extending their sympathy to the afflicted family.

General Free Dead.

At 10 o'clock, Tuesday night, General Free, ex-adjutant general of the territorial militia, died in the insane asylum at Yankton. The news of the general's death did not reach Bismarck till yesterday afternoon, when Governor Pierce issued the following order:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
BISMARCK, DAK., Dec. 22, 1886.

The governor and commander-in-chief announces, with sincere regret, the death of Brigadier General Thomas S. Free, late adjutant general Dakota National guard, which occurred at Yankton on the 21st inst. General Free was a gallant soldier in the war for the union, and by his genial modesty and soldierly deportment had gained the love and respect of soldiers and citizens alike. In the misfortune which befell him, he had the sympathy of all who knew him in official and private life; and in his death he will be sincerely mourned. The adjutant general will take the necessary steps to insure to the departed official a soldier's respect and a soldier's burial.

GILBERT A. PIERCE,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

The news of General Free's death will give rise to expressions of sorrow in all parts of the territory, as he was an estimable citizen, a valiant soldier, and a steadfast friend.

It is understood that his body will be taken to his former home in Toledo, and according to the instructions of the governor the remains will be conducted beyond the borders of the territory by a military escort.

The general's death was caused by softening of the brain, which affliction necessitated his removal to the Yankton hospital several months ago.

Money for Burleigh County.

In New York there is a Montefiore Agricultural society, the object of which is to lend assistance to the poorer classes of the Jews, who have been located in colonies throughout the country. The society has appointed Messrs. M. Eppinger, John Yegen and David Goodman as a committee to superintend the affairs of the Jewish colony at Painted Woods, and L. F. Menzesheimer is appointed attorney to attend to the legal affairs of the colony. The Montefiore society will send money for the care of the colonists during the winter and purchase seed wheat for them in the spring. The mortgages which are given in turn will be placed in the hands of Mr. Menzesheimer, and the society agrees that no interest money will be demanded of the colonists. At present they are exhorted to become good, industrious citizens, and as soon as they will have made sufficient money to stand upon their own merits, they will be expected to "lift" their mortgages according to law. This plan will bring a large amount of money to Burleigh county, and will assist in upbuilding a prosperous agricultural community in the vicinity of Painted Woods.

They Want Meigs Street.

Engineer Richards, of the Ordway, Bismarck & Northwestern railroad, is still in the city with his assistants, and it is evident from his conversation that the road is desirous of securing right of way on Meigs street. The route surveyed on the low land south of the city is not satisfactory, as the engineers fear that in the spring the depot, machine shops and warehouses of the road would be endangered by overflows from the Missouri. More surveys will be made, and it is hoped that a satisfactory site for terminal facilities will be secured without the embarrassment of a conflict over right of way. Meigs street is one of the most important thoroughfares in the city and the citizens will be very slow to consent to its being ruined by the construction of a railroad. The Ordway, Bismarck & Northwestern company exhibits commendable enterprise in pushing the work on their line as they have, and the present maneuvering is for the purpose of securing terminal facilities second to those of no road that may come to the capital city.

Where is Dunlap?

The following letter of inquiry has no reference to the talented commissioner of immigration, as that gentlemen has never had the honor of holding down cases in the TRIBUNE office:

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4. 1886.

EDITOR TRIBUNE: Would like to make inquiry through you and your paper of my brother James. He was on your paper during the year of 1884, May and June, and since then the family have unable to hear frem him. Please insert notice through your columns for the public, in case you do not find any information in person; also send me the address of some of the lodges I. O. O. F. By complying with this request you will confer a favor on his aged mother, brother and sisters. Respectfully,

J. H. DUNLAP.

The young gentleman referred to above was employed in the TRIBUNE composing room about a year ago, and when last heard from was "jeffing for strings" with a fellow printer in Jamestown.

The Court at Work in Steele.

Dr. John Harcourt, of Steele, was in the city Wednesday and stated that Judge Francis had opened court at that place and was grinding away with expedition and good grace. A number of important motions have been disposed of, and the Wolfe murder case has been called for next Monday. There is a prevailing opinion that Wolfe will be found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Unger, and that he will be very fortunate if he receives the clemency of the court. This was not the statement of Dr. Harcourt, but is the opinion gleaned from various residents of Kidder county, who have become acquainted with the circumstances of the case.

Northern Pacific Generosity.

The Northern Pacific company has recently adopted a policy, which, if continued, will make this the most popular line in the country. Not long ago it reduced the rates of fare from five cents to four cents per mile east of the Missouri river, and from six cents to five cents per mile west of the river. This voluntary reduction was cause for congratulation by the traveling public and won many friends for the road. Now comes an order from headquarters that the pay of freight conductors be raised to three cents per mile and that of brakemen to two cents per mile, while passenger conductors will receive $110 per month, instead of $100 as heretofore. This last act of generosity is worthy of special notice, as it shows a disposition on the part of the management to deal fairly with its employes and is proof that the officials appreciate good service. The increase of pay to these hard worked and faithful guardians of the traveling public will be as loudly applauded as was the voluntary reduction of fare.

The New Southeastern Route.

The Jamestown and Oakes express, which gives direct railway communication between the northern and southern portions of the territory, is now being run daily, and the people of the north and south may exchange visits without going by way of St. Paul. The time table is so arranged that you can leave Bismarck at 5 o'clock in the evening, leave Jamestown at 1:20 the next morning, reach Aberdeen for breakfast, Huron for dinner, and Sioux Falls for supper. Returning you may leave Yankton at 7:40 a. m., arrive at Huron 1:30 p. m., Aberdeen 5:30 p. m., and Jamestown 11:40 p. m. the same day.

A Wreck Near Almont.

The train from the west yesterday evening was delayed eight hours by the wrecking of the west bound passenger near Almont, about fifty miles west of the Missouri river. The wreck was caused by the frost, which "sprung" the "frog" of the switch as the engine passed over. The result was that the engine went onto the switch while the train continued on the main track. The engine was thrown from the track upon its side, but by presence of mind and activity the engineer and fireman jumped from the cab in time to be saved. Fortunately no one was injured, and the damage was not heavy.

Another of Hymen's Pranks.

The marriage bells of Chicago jingled over a young Dakotan Tuesday afternoon, the groom being Mr. Harry W. Taylor, of Steele, and the bride, Miss Maggie Templeton, of the Garden city. Mr. Taylor is one of the most prosperous of Steele's young business men, and the bride is one of the popular and accomplished daughters of Chicago. They will return to Steele in the spring, when they will receive that hearty and generous welcome that is always extended by Dakotans to the young and fair in matrimony.

Lolus Must Languish.

Fred Lolus, the frisky "colo'd gem'an" who riddled the windows of the Western house with bullets a few evenings since, was given an examination before Judge Hare and held to await the action of the grand jury, his bond being fixed at $2,000. He has thus far failed to furnish bail and is in the county jail.

PERSONAL.

Edson C. Dayton came in from Dickinson last Wednesday.

N. A. Thayer and wife, of Dickinson, Dakota, arrived from the west Wednesday and are guests at the Sheridan.

Mr. Charles Blunt, the dark haired brunette, who ranks among the prominent young rivermen of the upper Missouri, has gone east to distribute cheer among his friends.

Laurence Casselman, the recently elected register of deeds of McLean county who was in the city several days during the past week, returned to his northern home yesterday.

F. Jay Haynes, the famous palace car photographer and champion all 'round artist, passed through the city Wednesday, en route to Fargo, where he will spend the holidays with his family and friends.

Secretary McCormack, wife and daughters arrived in the city yesterday. The secretary has enjoyed a flying trip through the east and returns to the duties of his office as happy and handsome as a groom.

John Satterlund, of the Bismarck, Washburn & Fort Berthold Transportation company, has been in the city several days, setting forth the beauties of the empire county and proclaiming the fecundity of her virgin soil.

W. B. Mack, of Boston, who was called to Bismarck by the illness of his daughter, left for the east last Wednesday in company with his son, W. B. Mack, Jr. Mrs. Mack will remain with her daughter until she recovers from her illness.

Mr. Paul Pierce and Miss May Pierce returned to the city, yesterday, to add to the happiness at the executive mansion. Paul returns from Chicago, where he is engaged in the study of law, and Miss May comes from Minneapolis, where she has been attending school.

Presiding Elder Brown arrived from his home in Sanborn yesterday and returned last evening. Mrs. Brown, who has been seriously ill for several weeks and whose recovery was despaired of, has regained sufficient strength to return from the hospital to her home.

The appreciative and thoughtful Judge Francis, having a strict regard for the sacredness of holiday joy, adjourned court at Steele yesterday and in company with Stenographer LaWall, returned to Bismarck for Christmas. Court will be reopened at that point next Monday.

Editor Dickerson, of the Helena Independent, as bright and vigorous a newspaper manager as ever spread the light in the northwest, passed through the city last evening, en route to St. Paul. He will return on January 2d, at which time he will arrange for special reports from the Dakota legislature.

Dr. O. W. Archibald, the humane and sympathetic superintendent of the Jamestown hospital for the insane, visited his Bismarck friends Wednesday, and returned to his home that evening. There are now about 140 patients in the hospital, and additional buildings must be constructed for the care of the demented.

Commissioner of Immigration Dunlap, with all the beauty of his beaming countenance and the magnificence of his silken, umbrageous beard, boarded Wednesday's east bound train and scurried away to Chicago. The worthy commissioner has gone for rest and recreation and to spend the holidays among his friends of the olden days.

Miss Kramer, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Bain, during the past summer and fall, left for her Kentucky home Sunday evening. Miss Kramer leaves many friends and admirers in Bismarck, and it is to be hoped that she will return ere long to again add brilliancy and life to capital city society.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mack, of Boston, arrived in the city yesterday, having learned of the severe illness of their daughter Madge. They will remain several days, and during the visit it is expected that the enterprising Mack, who is one of Bismarck's staunchest friends, will give some encouraging information and advance some original ideas as to enterprises that should be established in the capital city.

Col. E. G. Sleight, the accomplished sportsman, champion sprint runner, expert billiardist and artistic sinchist, left for his home in Iowa last evening. Col. Sleight is an enterprising gentleman and will return to Bismarck in the spring, when he will increase his investments in the Missouri slope and settle down to fortune-making in the land of the chinook.

L. K. Hull, the finest athlete that ever practiced law in Dakota, leaves for New York this evening. Mr. Hull has become one of Bismarck's most popular young society devotees, and his absence from the social circles of the city will be cause for regret in the community. He will remain in the east during the winter, but it is hoped that he will return in the spring with all the manly vigor and winsome grace with which he leaves.

Geo. W. Fowler, who has been on a South Dakota missionary tour for the TRIBUNE, returned to the city and reports a very pleasant sojourn with the gentlemen of the south. Mr. Fowler will rest in Bismarck for several days, when he will start for points in Northern Dakota, and judging from his success thus far in securing subscriptions for the legislative editions, the TRIBUNE will have a Dakota circulation greater than that of any metropolitan paper in the northwest.

Something of Importance.

Agent Davidson, of the Northern Pacific, has some information of importance to communicate to the pastors of the various churches of this city when they call at his office. It is to be trusted that no further comment will be necessary to receive early visits by the "gentlemen of the cloth."

Frank Mason Receives His Insurance.

The last of the insurance money due Frank J. Mason since the TRIBUNE block fire, was paid yesterday by Mr. F. J. Call. The amount was nearly $200, the insurance on the fixtures having been paid by Mallanney & Harris several weeks ago. The insurance agents of Bismarck deserve praise for the prompt and honorable manner in which they adjust losses and guard the interests of their patrons, as well as those of the companies they represent.

Everybody knows that the conditions for health are not favorable when the stomach, liver and bowels are disordered. In such cases headache, indigestion and constipation are the result; for all which ailments the proper remedy is Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

Mellin's Food,

The only perfect subsitute for mother's milk, is recommended by our most prominent physicians as the best and safest food for infants. It contains no farinaceous matter, which so often produces disorders of the stomach.

Important to All Who Work

For a living. Write to Hallet & Co., Portland, Me., and they will send you full information, free, showing you how you can make from $5 to $25 and upwards a day and live at home, wherever you are located. Some have made over $50 in a day. Capital not required; you are started free. All ages; both sexes. All is new. Great incomes sure from the start. Fortunes await all workers who begin at once.

Advice to Mothers.

Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup should always be used for children teething. It sooths the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

BRIEF MENTION.

M. H. Day, who is now on his way home from Washington as happy and energetic as ever, is expected to arrive in Bismarck soon.

The St. Paul and Minneapolis papers have got it that "O. H. Hall, a nephew to Governor Pierce, has been appointed clerk of court in Bismarck."

The Ransom Dramatic company, with full band and orchestra, is negotiating for a week's engagement in Bismarck during the session of the legislature.

A number of toboggans arrived in the city Sunday afternoon and the lovers of out-door sport are now anxiously awaiting the completion of the slides.

A new time card has gone into effect on the Northern Pacific accommodation between Bismarck and Mandan. The train will hereafter remain in Mandan during the night.

The two events to which the Bismarck public is now looking forward with pleasure are the Christmas carnival and the Banner Hook and Ladder company's New Year ball.

Denny Hannifin was last heard from in Milwaukee, where he was securing converts to his new temperance order and teaching the easy-going Teutons a few of the kinks of the "national game" of draw.

The seats in the hall of the house of representatives have been rearranged, and the room now presents a splendid appearance. By the new plan, the members will be brought much nearer to the speaker than they were two years ago, and the room is made to appear neater and more spacious.

The neat upholstered furniture which now adorns the "sinch" room at the Sheridan is evidence of the luxury of the game. A comfortable spring lounge has a position near the table, so that when a man is "laid out" he can seek the solace of repose without discomfort to himself or hindrance to the game.

In speaking of the presents distributed by Alex McKenzie at the Presbyterian fair Tuesday evening, the TRIBUNE committed the unpardonable error of failing to announce that he gave a large and handsomely dressed doll to Mrs. Dr. Arnold. Mr. McKenzie is a very thoughtful gentleman.

Proprietor Bly is all ready for the arrival of the solons and the Sheridan will soon be the political center of the territory, at least before the hour of 10 in the morning and after the hour of 4 in the evening. With the improvements that have been made in the house and the bill of fare, which is always the best, the Sheridan should be popular with the visitors in the city this winter.

Professor Robidou has made some remarkably accurate predictions during the past few months. His storms in early December came as predicted, his Indian summer came in smiling on the day designated, but cut up some very unmannerly tricks during its visit, and the stormy weather which was to follow the aboriginal warmth came on the very day set apart for that purpose by the prophetic professor. The medal is now being made, and as to whether it will be of leather or gold depends upon the success of the prophecies of the professor during the next few weeks.

The holiday season in Bismarck will be exceptionally gay and joyful this year, as the sleighing is perfect, the moonlight nights are of that peculiar beauty that entices the youth and maiden into the gliding sleighs, the Christmas carnival will offer every inducement to the skatorial and dancing artists, the largest toboggan slide in the world will be completed, the Cotillion club and the matrimonial dancing club will open the doors and batter the floors of pleasure, the conventional Christmas trees and merry bells have been placed in readiness for the grand reception to Santa Claus, and the spirit of friendship and brotherly love permeates the very atmosphere of this land of hope.

Wanted to See the Governor.

During the closing exercises in the high school building yesterday, a prominent South Dakota politician, who arrived in the city in the afternoon, entered, and after listening in the lower halls to catch some sound that might act as a guide, he started up stairs. He heard a strong male voice in the upper room shouting "Strike for your altars and your fires, God and your native land," and decided that there was the room he wanted to enter. When about half way up the stairs he bunted against a Bismarck gentleman who was visiting the schools, and fortunately one with whom he was acquainted.

"Well, what are you doing here?" queried the Bismarcker, somewhat surprised to meet his political friend at this point.

"I want to see the governor!" shouted the puffing politician, whose exertion in rushing up stairs had about winded him. "Is that the governor making the speech up stairs?"

"My good friend, why did you expect to find the governor here?"

"Why, don't he have his office in the captiol?" queried the perplexed politician.

"Certainly he does."

"Well, then, what's the matter with you? Why shouldn't I expect to see him here?" retorted the South Dakotan, a little vexed at the thought that his Bismarck friend was endeavoring to confuse him. "I'm no d—n idiot, and I'm going—"

At this juncture the door of a room was opened and a blushing young lady exclaimed "I do wish you gentlemen would not speak so loud. We can hear everything you say, and it interferes with our exercises." And then she pouted and went back into the room.

The South Dakotan was nonplussed and in an apologetic tone said to his friend:

"What does this mean? Where in h—l am I?"

"This, sir, is the high school building; we are having closing exercises here to-day, and the governor's office is at the capitol."

The South Dakotan was compelled to acknowledge that he was not a strict temperance man and that Bismarck's high school building was an imposing structure.

New Land Office Blanks.

By a recent order of Land Commissioner Sparks, approved by Secretary Lamar, November 13, 1886, the old forms used in making homestead or pre-emption final proof have been done away with and no more proofs can be made except on the new blanks. The TRIBUNE is a heavy loser by this order, as it has on hand a large supply of the old forms. Lawyers, clerks of courts and judges of probate will also lose according to the number of blanks on hand unused. The new order has, of course, necessitated the reprinting of a new stock, which the BISMARCK TRIBUNE has already done. The new blanks take the place of numbers 723 and 724 on the TRIBUNE's catalogue of legal blanks, and require the addition of a new number—728. Parties having "Tribune Catalogue of Legal Blanks" will therefore change No. 723 (pre-emption proof) to "Homestead, Pre-emption and Commutation Proof—Testimony of Claimant," 75 cents per dozen, and No. 724 (homestead proof) to "Homestead Pre-emption and Commutation Proof—Testimony of Witness," 75 cents per dozen; also, add, No. 728—"Affidavit Required of Pre-emption Claimant," price 35 cents per dozen.

All orders for the new forms (723, 724 and 728) will be filled promptly.

Attention is called to the order of the land commissioner, in which he says that no more proofs will be received on the old forms.

The TRIBUNE's blanks are endorsed by the register and receiver of the Bismarck land office and are therefore absolutely correct. Address THE TRIBUNE, Bismarck, Dak.

ROYAL

BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure.

This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and can not be sold in competition with the multitude of low test, short weight alum or phosphate powders. Sold only in cans. Royal Baking Powder Co., 106 Wall street, N. Y.

[First publication December 24, 1886.]

MORTGAGE SALE.

DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE IN the condition of that certain indenture of mortgage (whereby the power of sale therein contained has become operative) made, executed and delivered by Gustaf Ivenson and Carolina Ivenson, of Burleigh county, Dakota, to Norman Mason, of Ripon, Wisconsin, bearing date the 27th day of October A. D. 1883, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Burleigh county, Dakota, on the 29th day of October, 1883, at 1:45 o'clock p. m., in Book B2 of mortgages, on page 152, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due as principal and interest at the date of this notice the sum of four hundred and ninety-two and 70-100 dollars, and no proceedings at law or in equity having been taken to recover any part of the debt secured by said mortgage.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgagee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on the 5th day of February, 1887, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the front door of the court house in the city of Bismarck, in Burleigh county, Dakota, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as shall be necessary to pay the said sum of four hundred and ninety-two and 70-100 dollars as principal and interest, and seven dollars and thirty cents taxes paid, and six and 4-100 dollars insurance paid, as provided by said mortgage, and fifty dollars attorney fees as provided in said mortgage in case of foreclosure, and interest and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. Said above described premises being lot number two (2), in block number thirty-one (31), in the Northern Pacific Second addition to the city of Bismarck, according to the plat thereof recorded in the office of the register of deeds of said Burleigh county, Dakota, with all the appurtenances and hereditaments thereunto belonging.

Dated December 22, 1886.

NORMAN MASON, Mortgagee.
JAMES H. GAGE, Attorney for Mortgagee.

FREE TO F.A.M. Fine Colored Engraving of the interior of the Ancient Lodge Room in which the first lodge in N. America was held. Also large illustrated Catalogue of Masonic books and goods with bottom prices. Also offer of first-class business. Beware of spurious books. REDDING & CO., Masonic Publishers and Manufacturers, 731 Broadway, New York.