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### Locals.

Everybody, boost for Wibaux. Geo. C. Hayward was in from Cedar on Tuesday.

Mrs. C. C. Benedict and son returned from Dickinson Saturday.

Mrs. J. M. Ingle is spending a few days in the country at the Hall ranch.

Mrs. Frank Payne and daughter returned from Glendive Sunday morning.

B. J. Parsons was in from his ranch on Boxelder the latter part of last week.

Victor Peterson had occasion to make a trip to Billings the first of the week.

Deputy assessor, R. F. Smith is making the rounds this week with his books.

J. C. Kinney returned on Friday from Billings, where he has been for the past ten days.

Mrs. Geo. Berry came down from Glendive on Sunday morning for a two week's visit.

Henry Mullendore transacted business in Medora, Sentinel Butte and Beach, Monday.

Albert Gilbert was up from Sentinel Butte on Wednesday to have some dental work done.

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Mrs. Earl Brown and sons, of Glendive, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. James this week.

E. A. Lynk went out on the stage Wednesday morning to visit his wife who is teaching school at Preston.

R. G. Robinson, manager of the Robinson Bros. ranch at Preston, departed for his home in St. Paul on Saturday evening.

We see more strangers on our streets every day, homeseekers, to whom is extended a hearty welcome. Come and be one of us.

Mrs. E. C. Hyde and daughter, of Fairmont, Minn., and Mrs. H. Hagerman and daughter, of Mandan, were here on Tuesday, between trains, visiting Mrs. R. Anderson.

J. G. Stewart returned Monday night from a trip to Florida. While there he enjoyed a day's fishing, but because of the remarkable indolence of the people, notably the blacks, he does not think it a very desirable place to live.

Measles appeared in our community last week and owing to the fact that the county is, at present, minus a health officer, Dr. Benedict was appointed by the Board to act temporarily, and under the quarantine established it is not likely that there will be any further spread of the disease.

Mr. Bushman and Mr. Shannon arrived last week from S. D. and will locate south of town. Their families are expected to arrive this week, and until the creek goes down they will live in a temporary house erected near the lumber yard. Mr. Bushman brought about 220 chickens which will be a source of steady income.

The I. O. O. F. lodge extends a welcome to all visiting or new resident Odd Fellows to come and get acquainted and identify yourselves with the order here. Lodge meets every Tuesday evening in the hall. A new drill team is soon to be organized so that the work may be brought up to the old-time standard of excellency which it enjoyed before the members of the old team moved away or became too busy to attend. Visitors and new comers are urged to come, you will find a cordial welcome.

### Important Social Event.

On Friday night a goodly number of young folks from here, met at the home of Mrs. S. B. Chappell where a reception was given for Miss Scott's Bible class. Prof. Kitchen and the Misses Devasher and White of Sentinel Butte also Mr. and Mrs. Near of Beach were in attendance. The occasion was an exceedingly enjoyable one, having spent the fore part of the evening in rendering a well arranged program, consisting of recitations by Miss Scott, Prof. Kitchen, the Misses Devasher, White, Sommerfield, Barnes and Bovee, Rev. Douglas and Prof. Baird; vocal solos by Mr. Near and Miss Payne; piano solos by Mrs. Near; piano duet by the Misses Sommerfield and a Danish poem by Mr. Dahl.

After the program, a delicious lap lunch was served. The remainder of the evening was spent in contests, (the gentlemen dressing dolls, etc.) and playing various games.

When all had pronounced it one of the best times of the winter, and after giving three cheers for their N. Dak. friends, they all resumed their seats in the various vehicles and enjoyed a pleasant ride to Wibaux.

### Concerning Depot.

Agent Horton is in receipt of a letter from Supt. Rapelje, relative to some improvements to the company's stock yards and water tank at this place. He also refers to their building a new freight depot, because of the increasing business here, and incidentally refers to the report current in regard to the railroad giving the town a "knock," through their contemplated action in moving the station to a point a mile east of here, stating that it is far from their intention, to do anything that would cause inconvenience to the citizens of the town, and that should they decide to make a change in the location of their buildings here, that they would only move the stock yards and build a new freight depot, east of here, using what is now a freight room, for a larger waiting room and office, which would make no material difference to our thriving city. This ought to hold the calamity howlers for a while.

### Fires at Beach and Medora.

The Northern Pacific water tank and coal dock at Beach was completely destroyed by fire last Friday night. The cause of the blaze is not known and it is supposed that the N. P. will rebuild the structures at once.

The mammoth, historic and long idle packing house of the Marques De Mores at Medora was burned to the ground last Saturday night. The old packing house has long stood a silent reminder of days of past prosperity and activity and while the loss is not a material one to the town in a commercial way, it will be felt by Medora, as it will never be replaced. The old, historic landmark is gone, but had it not gone in this way natural decay would have claimed it in the course of a few more years, and the death by fire is at least more glorious.

### Golden Valley is Sold.

The Golden Valley Land & Cattle Co., who for the past five years have been selling land around Sentinel Butte and Beach, have sold all their Billings county holdings to the Stoddard Land & Investment Co., of St. Paul, retaining nothing except their equity in lands previously sold but not yet all paid for.

This deal covers 60,000 acres and aggregates the sum of \$500,000.00.

Crude Thoughts As They Fall From the Editorial Pen: Pleasant Evening Reverses.

Home Circle Dep't.

A Column Dedicated To Tired Mothers As They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

No heathen god or goddess has ever had more zealous devotees than fashion, or a more absurd and humiliating ritual, or more mortifying and cruel penance. Her laws like those of the Medes and Persians, must be implicitly obeyed, but unlike them, change, as certainly as the moon. They are rarely founded in reason, usually violate common sense, sometimes common decency and uniformly common comfort.

HOME is where the heart is. A place our feet may leave but not our hearts. Home is where peace, joy, comfort and happiness reign. Where father whistles merrily, where mother sings cheerily, where children are happy, joyous and gay, where the family gathers around the evening lamp, busy with books, the needle, the papers and the playthings and baskets in the sunshine of each other's love.

"Home is not merely four square walls. Of wood and brick and spacious halls.

We would be glad to see all children grow to useful manhood and womanhood. They should be trained along the lines of industry. In short the home ought to be a sort of school for manual training, that through this useful occupation, the real bent of the child's mind might be readily perceived. Not all work, neither all play, but enough of both to make work and pleasure alike enjoyable and refreshing. Thus the child might be trained in useful ways, and obtain physical rigor now almost impossible by the unusual strain put on the child inclined to studious habits.

ALL the strength of the world and all of its beauty, all true joy, everything that consoles, that feeds hope or throws a ray of light along our dark path, everything that makes us see across our poor lives a splendid gold and boundless future, comes to us from people of simplicity, those who have made another object of their desires than the passing satisfaction of selfishness and vanity, and have understood that the art of living is to know how to give one's life. Parents mold the characters of their children, or leave the molding to others—thus comforts or pesterments are made for our own home and the world.

It is worse than useless to attempt to repress a girl's natural impulses. Shut her up and she elopes with a coachman—cross her in love and she may fill a suicide's grave, while the world wonders how it is possible one who "had all that heart desired" could wish to end existence. Many of our young women readers are consumed with ambitious desires—they feel the divine spark, which might be fame, but parental authority degrees they shall "fold their hands and wait," while the spark becomes dim and goes out, taking hope, perhaps life with it. Do not choose vocation for your daughter—do not insist that she smother her ambitions and become only a lady, when she might be a genius. The talent which is repressed and strangled would electrify the world. Give it free scope and a hearty welcome.

MODERN living is a complex affair, greatly in contrast with the simple modes of life of earlier Americans and of their immediate predecessors.

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