North Prairie.

Surprise parties are in order in this vicinity at the present time.

A surprise party was sprung on Miss Strum one evening of last week by a few friends of the young lady.

A number of relatives and friends of Mrs. V. Holcomb took possession of the house Nov. 23. The occasion being Mrs. Holcomb's birthday. A merry time was enjoyed by all, the guests leaving as a token of their esteem a handsome water set also china cake plate and salad dish

We must report a surprise also at the Crandall home but the joke was in the party, as all members of the family were absent except the dog Nevertheless the crowd had supper and under the circumstances had a good time.

Mr. Alfred Walton is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Monesmith departed for Washington to make their home in that state.

Mr. H. W. Holcomb from Minot is making his children a visit on North Prairie before cold weather comes as Mr. Halcomb is now quite recovered from his sick spell.

German Lutherans Will Build.

Wm. Abraham has been circulating a petition to raise money with which to erect a new church for the German Lutherans in this city. Quite a large sum has already been raised and the new structure is an assured thing.

A New Swedish Church.

Nels Tufueson, one of Minot's wealthy property owners, has donated a lot not far from where the new bridge will span the Mouse river, and upon it work will start at once. The building committee is composed of John Wallin, J. W. Samuelson, Nels Tufeufson and the pastor of the church, Rev. Alex. Peterson.

The church will be 38x50 and the basement only will be completed this winter. The structure will be of brick and will be a very handsome one.

Elect Chapter Officers.

The first meeting of the Tyrian Chapter, No. 14, A. F. and A M. was held in the new Temple Wednesday night of last week, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

C. F. Traux, High Priest.
W. W. Horton, King.
Fred Almy, Scribe.
A. D. Hagenstein, Secretary.
G. D. Colcord, Treasurer.

The meeting was held in the drill hall of the commandery.

Clark is Guilty.

Frank Clark, the water man, who struck Wm. Saples, a rival over the head with a pump handle, was found guilty of assault with a dangerous weapon in District court and is now in jail awaiting sentence. Clark is possessed of a violent temper, and when he found Staples delivering water at the home of one of his old customers, he drove in and began to smash him over the head with a pump handle. Staples was badly used up. Clark will likely get a penitentiary sentence.

Clark was out on bail, and was ordered to report at nine o'clock Thursday morning at the court room, but did not get around until eleven. This led to a report that he had jumped his bonds.

Couldn't Find Any Lice.

Dec. 4, 1907.

To the Editor of the Ward County Independent:

Minot, N. D.

After reading the article on "Life in the Ward County Jail," in the issue of November 28th, 1907, we made a personal inspection of the jail and talked with the prisoners relative to matters contained in the article, and as a result of such inspection we find that there is no complaint made by any of the prisoners on the management of the jail and that there is no vermin in the jail, nor were we able to find anyone who claimed that there were any lice in the jail whatever.

County Commissioners:
C. C. C. Willis, Chairman.
A. J. D'Lance,
R. H. Emerson,
Ralph Abbott.

Lost — A curly brown Spaniel, which answers to the name "Teddy." When missed, he had on a collar with no name. Collar had been broken but was patched with string. Will give liberal reward for information leading to his recovery. W. H. Reighart, Minot, N. D. 12-12tf

Michael Muir, wife and two daughters of Burlington, left for Melrose, Minn., where they visit a short time, after which they will go to Denver, Col., to spend a few months.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Parriott Dec. 3 in honor of Mr. Parriotts birthday, a surprise party was held. Progressive cinch was the order of the evening. Mr. John Campion and Miss Strombo received first prizes. Mr. James Foley and Miss BlanchWehe received the consolation prizes. Refreshments were served at twelve.

Warden Hellstrom will partially do away with stripes at the state pen. Convicts will be graded according to the character of their crimes. The first grade men will be fitted with rather a blue gray uniform. The second grade with the same kind of a uniform, except their suits will be trimmed with a black stripe, while the third grade birds will wear the old style stripes. It is expected that this will elevate the deportment of the convicts.

How Can They do it?

The Sanitol Co. realizes the worth of advertising and spends millions of dollars each year in bringing their preparations before the public. Here is one of their new schemes, and for the world, we cannot see how they can make it pay. For instance, go into McCoy's drug store ordinarily and buy a box of each of the Santol preparations, consisting of tooth powder, tooth paste, powder, face cream, ets., and you will pay $2.70 for the outfit, and its good value at that. On the other hand, by sending a dollar bill to the company direct, with an order on McCoy, you can secure the entire $2.70 worth of the preparations for the one dollar. You will find more particulars regarding this extra ordinary offer elsewhere in this issue. The Sanitol goods are first-class, none better manufactured.

Berthold, N. D., Dec. 5, 1907.—Mr. A. E. Olsen and Miss Grace Monroe were married at the residence of the groom, Mr. J. S. Olsen, on Wednesday, Dec. 4. Rev. Mr. Aishem officiattd in his impressive and admirable style so characteristic of that noble gentleman. Miss Nora Olson and Mr. Stephen Olson, sister and brother to the groom acted as brides maid and best man. A large number of relatives and friends from their neighborhood, Ryder and Minot, were present. The occasion was a festival as a good time in the most edible dainties, and merriment in dancing and music. The newly wedded will make their home in Ryder where Mr. Olson will engage in the mercantile business with his brother, Stephen Olson, who is one of the pioneer merchants and biggest dealer of that growing and prosperous town.