DAKOTA JOTTINGS.

A Woman's Relief corps auxiliary to the G. A. R. post at Ethan has been organized.

Plans are being drawn for a new opera-house at Sioux Falls. It will cost $150,000.

As soon as the houses at Aberdeen are numbered steps will be taken to secure a free mail delivery system.

A law and order league is to be organized at Brooklings. It will be auxillary to the county league.

Lead City has been divided into fire districts and the of fire signals will hereafter be adopted.

It is said that Moody county will be able to pay all her bonds July 1 and have a balance in the treasury.

Mr. and Mrs. Clancy, of Aberdeen have lost three children within the past two weeks from diphtheria.

Live stock in various portions of Lawrence and Pennington counties is is suffering greatly from the depredations of wolves.

The saloonkeepers of Aberdeen have petitioned the council for the privilege to keep their saloons open until 11:45 P.M. each night.

The pastor of one church at Miller was compelled to post notices in the church forbidding the use of tobacco during services.

Paddy Brown and Fred Pool, of of Whitewood, indulged in a sleeping contest for $20 a side. Pool won in 12 hours and 40 minutes.

The Record thinks that an elevator at Sturgis controlled by a company able to buy wheat would be worth more than anything else.

It is reported that M. F. Dunham, one of the earliest citizens of Mitchell, is interested in a very valuable gold mine near City Creek, Col.

The Iroquois Chief says: "Yes, Iroquois wants the capital, but the capital she wants is one of dollars and cents, with public-spirited men to use it."

The petition asking that two commissioner districts be added to Pennington county has been laid aside because it is forty-five names short of the legal requirements.

The enrollment of the Madison normal school this term reaches 360 students. This attendance is drawn from thirty-seven counties in the territory.

The Press says that an Iowa firm of wollen mill men is desirous of establishing a second woolen mill at Yankton and is making inquiries about water-power.

Harry Pierce, of Madison, has been arrested on a charge of bigamy brought by Mrs. Lottie D. Schenck, of Ada, Mich., who claims that Price is none other than Charles D. Schenck, her lawful husband.

The Press has made the startling discovery that Sioux Falls in her greed to gain prominence as a railroad and commercial centre is losing sight of the stone intrests.

A Christian prohibition league is the latest organization under way at Wessington Springs. It is composed of young men, and has a membership at present of twelve.

Maurice O'Hara, who had been in the Traill county jail awaiting trial on the charge of murder, has been brought to Fargo for safe keeping and is now in jail. O'Hara is suspected of having murdered a tramp near Hillsboro last September. He will be tried at the next term of court at Caledonia.

The Rapid City Republican says: "Hon. S. P. Wells, a former resident of this city, and well known throughout the Black Hills, is said to have gone crazy on religion and the Salvation army in Los Angeles, Cal., where he has been engaged in the real estate business since his departure from this city, something over a year ago.

Suits on appeal have been filed in the United States supreme court from the supreme court of Dakota in the case of John E. Adams against the commissioners of Brown county, Dak. This is a suit to prevent the removal of the county seat from Columbia to Aberdeen in pursuance of an election held in July, 1887.

The Rapid City Republican says "the inspectors of horses at Fort Meade now prefer a horse very different in build from those used by the last cavalry regiment here. They want a horse with narrow breast, thin, long neck, square hips, short back, round foot, weighing not less than 950 pounds."

The White Cap fever has at last struck Canton. The proprietors of two of the temperance resorts of the city received threatening letters through the postoffice, as did also the city marshal. Just what was the motive of the author or authors is not known, but it is presumed that it was done by some one not in sympathy with the recipients, who took this method of scaring the parties and creating a little excitement about town.

THE FARM.

Agricultural Notes.

Cayenne pepper in moderation is a valuable ingredient in the soft food for chickens. Too much of it is irritating to the internal organs.

The winds of this season will make sad havoc with the flocks if they are exposed, and especially should the hens be protected at night.

When a man is frightened or angry his digestive organs do not work; this is also true of an animal—hence the profit of keeping it in a peaceful and fearless state by kind treatment.

In fattening hogs, have a dry-floored pen and plenty of clean bedding. Dispense with that half of the pen generally allowed for rooting in the ground.

It is an old belief that an animal that goes into winter quarters fat is half wintered. Perhaps there are none of our domestic animals to which this saying is more applicable than to sheep.

The dairy interests of the United States, says an exchange, foot up to $3,000,000,000, while the entire banking capital of the country is only about $981,000,000. The number of milch cows is 21,000,000, giving an average of 350 gallons each annually, or 7,350,000,000 gallons in a year.

Cows are liable to severe accidents if compelled to tramp over icy paths to water. or if ice is allowed to accumulate around the watering trough in the yard. There is no room for question about the economy of taking the extreme chill from the drinking water for stock. Yet there are few farmers who will take the trouble, and the least they can do is to see that the chilly watering places are not rendered inaccessible by ice blockades.

Clover For Swine.

It will be a sign of progressive farming when the owner of swine saves clover for his hogs in winter, or goes further and preserves in a silo sweet corn with which to winter and help fatten his hogs. The possibilities of hog rearing with the right kind of silage are beyond reckoning. We must have more hogs on the farm to make more fertility. The cost of wintering is the present drawback; but with clover, silage, and roots there may be an immense increase with corresponding profit. A good breeding sow is a good investment, with a little more faith in the natural food for swine.

Care of Cattle.

If the cattle are turned out of doors to drink or for exercise, do not let them remain out to long, and guard against their having to plunge through snowdrifts or against slipping upon icy places. A little exercise in the open air in pleasant weather is beneficial to all animals, but a half-hour in each afternoon is enough when the thermometer marks below the freezing point in the sun, and is too much in a cold rain or a blustering cold wind. Perhaps the young stock, if well fed and lively enough to caper and play about the yard, may not be injured by a longer season out of door, but they should be taken in before they begin to hump up their backs and turn their tails toward the wind.—Cultivator.

How to Milk a Cow.

The most economical way to milk a cow, all things considered, is to milk the two fore teats clean, leaving off with a pretty full stream, and then milk the hind ones down to a short stream, and, returning to the fore ones, milk them to the same condition, not touching the hind ones again. This will leave the teats empty, and the bags too. It is a false notion that tugging away at the teats stimulates a cow to give more milk; but, on the contrary, emptying the bag as soon as possible yields more; then the cow can have the extra time to eat, which is a better stimulus than either. A slow milker is never tolerated in the dairy districts, and a "stripper" is an injury anywhere. The sooner the cow is milked, and all the organs connected with feeding, digestion and secretion are left in their natural condition, the better it is for the cow.—Rural Canadian.

The Horse's Muddy Feet.

When the horse after working is brought to the stable to feed or rest with mud on feet and legs, if he is not hot and the weather be warm, the legs and feet may be immediately washed with moderately cool water, and then rubbed dry. But if the weather be cold, warm water ought to be use for the washing, and after rubbing dry a thick flannel cloth be wound around each limb, and kept there till it becomes warm, and no moisture left remaining. The cloth may then be taken off, and there will be no danger of stiffness or rheumatism following, which is likely to be the case unless this precaution is used. For want of it, many a horse is made lame and the owner remains ignorant of the cause. If there be but little mud adhering to the outside of the fetlock it may be left to dry without injury before being rubbed off.—A. B. Allen, in N. Y. Tribune.

Shiftless Farming.

That farming is too often carried forward in a happy-go-lucky way, may account for the large number of shabby buildings, dilapidated fences, and run-down appearances of the farms generally. The owner may be more often found lounging about the village saloon, or dawdling about the streets in an aimless way, than at work on the farm. This is the extreme case. His children are poorly clad, but often clean, for the poor wife may be struggling to do her best by them, despite the intemperance of the husband. If the husband is struggling to better himself and family, the buildings and fences will be kept in decent repair until the time comes when bettter can be built, and the farmer will be found at home, working earnestly to this end. He is not unthrifty. Years may come and go. A good vegetable garden will be cultivated, and trees here and there will be planted to give needed shade and protection. The time as length arrives when, the mortgages having been lifted, a modest house is built, and barns and sheds are added. The stock is thrifty and accumulating from year to year, the farm becomes more and more fertile and something like the picture of the home of Farmer Thrift is presented to the view of the passer by. Fortunately, in the West, comparatively few surroundings of the first class are found. There are however, enough to keep in mind the fact that thrift in agriculture means a careful attention to the work in hand, and that an accurate knowledge from month to month is necessary to bring the balance at the end of the right side of the ledger. Young farmers, commencing to carve out a farm, which picture will be your aim through life?—Prairie Farmer.

The American Girl.

It may fairly be acknowledged that the "American girl" is the girl of the period. What she may become in the future nobody can tell. At present her destiny seems superb. Her father finds silver, strikes oil, kills pigs by the million, and raises corn by the square mile. She is pretty, can talk well, does not know what deference means, and enters Europe full of money. "If he but shake a traveling cloak, Down our Appian roll the scudi," said Mrs. Browning's Roman of John Bull. It is still truer of the little girl whom Uncle Sam does his best to spoil by unlimited tenderness and innumerable cheques. As a result of her beauty, her smartness, or her wealth—sometimes all combined—she has French nobles, Italian princes, and English dukes at her feet, and can capture coronets at her will. Sometimes as Henry James and Mr. Howells point out, she is not so eager for the ornaments as might be expected. For the truth must be told—marriage does not seem to the fair American what it still means to the majority of English women. Whether we call it a virtue or a fault, she can do without it. French women, their countrymen say, are not blameless as wives, but perfect as mothers. Young American ladies of culture do not greatly desire, it is said, either to be wives or mothers. It is well, then, that they should come to English soil to find for themselves the attractiveness of English nurseries and homes. They will learn here that no queen in society has so true a throne as the wife and mother who mixes love with rule; and even is in future years the slender Yankee belle is hidden behind the ampler beauty of the English matron, we still hear from her lips the wit and shrewdness, the acute accent, the intelligent questions, and the rapid repartee that proclaim her original nationality.—London Telegraph.

Artificial Deformity.

From the New York Press.

The great trouble with the man of the present day is his feet. The average complexion is well enough but the average foot is a fright. Almost every man you see has an enormous protuberance on his big toe-joint, buttons, I think they call them, which is far from pleasing to the sight or helpful to the gait. I suppose this is occasioned chiefly by the high heels worn by very young men and very silly women. Nature intended the heel to be flat on the ground, but fashion not only hoists it up an inch or two, but sends it forward toward the middle of the foot. This of course jams the toes into a a contracted space, and a growth which, if normal, would be all right, being abnormal seeks room where it most easily can find it, and the consequent is a disfigurement of a very essential and interesting portion of our anatomy.

Naval Yarns.

The story has been attributed to a former secretary that under his first visit to a man-of-war he expressed his astonishment at finding "the darned thing holler." The yarn, from frequent use, has become somewhat threadbare, and the following has been substituted: Shortly after a new secretary had assumed charge of the department he made a tour of inspection, and while on board a craft in process of construction, was asked to define the proper dimensions of a hatchway. It was something of a poser for the cabinet officer, but after considerable deliberation he replied. "It depends in a great measure upon the size of the hen and the number of eggs she is to sit on."

A Minneapolis real estate man is arrested accused of uttering a forged deed.

An anti-trust bill is introduced in the Minnesota house.

Axel Paulson and Fritz Luhr sign an agreement for skating races in the Twin Cities.

The personal property of the Hotel St Louis at Lake Minnetonka is to be sold by the sheriff.

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