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Editor STAR:—According to promise we now resume the pen to indite a few thoughts and items for the STAR and its readers. We have, down here, an abundance of leisure, fodder, fuel, milk, cream, butter, chickens, eggs, beef, pork, corn and potatoes. All this without money, by living on a claim in Fall River county and properly improving the same. If we have a surplus; we sell or trade it for clothing, groceries and money to pay taxes. (If we have no surplus, then we stay at home and wear patches.) Now this is a good deal towards a pleasant, independent and honorable existence but social privileges are scant. In the immediate neighborhood we have a population sufficient to support a school and pupils enough of proper age to warrant the establishment of one. This settlement includes Mr. Tinney, Mrs. Scott, Martin and True Parsons, Nicholas Sands, Adam Sheeks, William Coleman, Mr. Smythie, Fred Willor, Albert Judd, Frank McDowell, Mr. Shaver, Mr. Atkinson, H. H. Ferguson, D. H. Ferguson and H. E. Pomeroy. In this settlement we now have 10 or 12 children old enough, or nearly so, to draw public money. Then there are several younger ones that will soon "get there" if they live. We are competent and able to build a good school house, where we could not only have a school, but hold Sunday school, religious and other meetings and improve ourselves intellectually and socially. But it is preposterous to include us in district No. 5 with the school house 3 miles south. We have no jealousy or objection to our neighbors south having a school, but they have located their house clear out of our jurisdiction without our knowledge or consent. We therefore protest against being reckoned "in it."

A season similar to the last, with the hail left out, will answer us very well without irrigation ditches or Melbourne rains, for the coming summer.

With one or two short intervals, we have had pretty straight winter weather ever since the holidays. But the snow has not been so deep or baffling to stock, as it was for over forty days last winter.

During the beautiful moonlight nights just passed, the wolves have made it lively for rabbits and musical for settlers.

Three fords and railroad are obstacles so serious that necessity only can induce us to make a trip to the Springs in the winter.

Mr. Shaver, our neighbor on the east, has a mill and grinds corn very nicely. His mill has been quite an accommodation in this neighborhood this winter. He runs it by horse power.

John Coleman is about leaving for a visit to Sarpy county, Neb. His son and family and other acquaintances reside there.

Mr. William Coleman and family, now at Hot Springs expect to occupy and improve his homestead while the old gentleman is absent.

Some of our neighbors have so much corn to shuck this winter, that it is getting monotonous. It infringes upon the winter leisure very materially.

County Clippings.

Many of the farmers are expecting to take advantage of the hay industry the coming year, as the demands of this quality of hay is becoming great in the mining towns—Oelrichs Times.

We understand that Omaha parties are figuring on the erection of two stone buildings at Edgemont in the early spring. This is good news to our people and will encourage our business men.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman's little girl was taken so severely ill on Sunday evening that for a time it seemed as if the little one could not recover. Happily this was not the case and she is out again.

The young people of Ardmore are preparing a drama to be played in the near future. The play will consume about two and a half hours and a fine entertainment may be expected by those who are fortunate enough to be able to attend.

Geo. Tupper, of Hill City, came in on Sunday evening's train from the north and is at work on the machinist force at the round house. Mr. Tupper has long held a responsible position with the Harney Peak Mining Co., and is a workman who understands his business.—Edgemont Express.

The 7-year-old daughter of Mr. Wm. Landers of Hat creek died Thursday, with typhoid fever. The Geyser joins with the friends of the bereaved parents in extending heart-felt sympathy.—Cascade Geyser.

To make room for new goods Fargos have determined to reduce their stock if low prices will do it.

Black Hills Stockmen Meet For Organization.

Stockmen from all over the Black Hills are in town today, the purpose of the gathering being to consolidate the association of the Hills and country and the region tributary thereto under one head, that more effective work may be done.

Most local associations were represented at the meeting which was called to order at the court house at 2 p. m., by Hon. J. M. Woods, president of the Black Hills Horse Breeder's association. J. M. Woods opened the meeting by reading the call, signed by himself and Mr. J. P. Gammon, which has heretofore appeared in these columns. He also expressed his views as to the purpose of the organization, and suggested that the organization be patterned somewhat after the association of eastern Montana where men who own stock are admitted, whether they own ten or ten thousand head, and equal protection is afforded to all members, irrespective of the size of their herds. On motion of Chas. Hamm, Hon. J. M. Woods was chosen chairman. Mr. Frank Stewart, of Hot Springs, was elected secretary. Mr. H. A. Godard, of the Keystone Land and Cattle Co., of Fall River county, was called upon and made a short address in which he expressed himself as heartily favoring the proposed organization. Mr. C. K. Howard of the Dakota Cattle company, also spoke endorsing the work. Mr. Wyatt representing the Fall River county Stock Association, was also heard from and said that his organization would work in accord with any action taken by the meeting. Mr. Avent, of Hermosa, made a short address in which he stated his experience with cattle thieves, and urged action. It was moved by Mr. H. A. Godard that the meeting proceed to form a state organization. The motion, so amended, by Mr. Wyatt, as to read "An Association of Stockmen of Western South Dakota." It was afterward changed to read so as to include all territory tributary to the Black Hills, either in Wyoming or South Dakota. It was moved by Mr. Godard, after considerable discussion, that the meeting proceed to form a temporary organization. Carried. A committee of nine was appointed to prepare by-laws and resolutions. The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held on the 6th of April. The stockmen present were, J. M. Woods, M. Keliher, Wm. Grambery, F. L. Fay, M. Keliher, Maurice Appel, R. C. Lake, Fred Holcomb, Julius Juelfs, A. C. Boland, J. Longevin, Rapid City; H. A. Godard, Smithwick, Chas. Hamm, Farmindale, Chas. Haxby, Moulton; C. K. Howard Cheyenne River; Scott Phillips Fort Pierre; Ed. Stranger, J. V. Avent, J. H. Avent, Hermosa; and many of others.—Rapid City Republican (20.)

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