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MEETING OF PIONEERS.

Black Hills Pioneers Meet and Elect Officers, Followed by a Fine Lunch.

The society of Black Hills Pioneers tabled the proposed amendment extending the time of eligibility to membership, says the Deadwood Pioneer Times. On motion it was decided to defer action upon it until the next annual meeting, and a committee was appointed by the president to consider the amendment in its various phases and secure data bearing upon it. The amendment was intended to admit those who came to the Hills in 1877. Under the constitution of the society as it exists at present only those are eligible who came to the Hills previous to December 31, 1876. The amendment offered extended the time one year.

The president appointed Paul Rewman, J. W. McDonald, George V. Ayres and Jack Gray to look up the matter and report at the next yearly meeting.

The amendment provided for the reinstatement of delinquent members by the remission of all dues, and the payment of one dollar admission fee and two dollars dues, was unanimously adopted. The meeting was held in the city hall for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. It was called to order by James Konzett, and the officers made reports. The report of the secretary, covered the transactions of the society for the year. It showed 103 members in good standing, 5 honorary members. Three members were lost by death during the year, John Gray, Henry Newcomer and Gid S. Whitney. One member was admitted. Six meetings were held by the board of directors during the year. The officers and directors have shown splendid business ability during the past year. When they assumed their places they had a debt of \$100, or thereabouts. The report of the treasurer showed a balance in the treasury of \$179.

The election of officers resulted in a continuance of the old set, as follows: James Konzett, president; H. P. Lorey secretary; D. M. Gillette, treasurer; William Naddy, marshal; A. W. Merrick, historian; George W. Simmons, standard bearer. The board of directors consist of James H. Carver, E. A. Hornberger, Paul Rewman, of Deadwood; Gus Oberg, of Central City; J. W. McDonald of Lead. The following vice presidents were chosen: James Halloran, Lawrence; Earnest Schlenning, Pennington; Lyman Lamb, Mead; Henry Albion, Custer; Frank Thulen, Butte; E. T. Pierce, Fall River; and James Ryan, Crook County, Wyo.

On motion of Mr. Hornberger the society will hold social meetings quarterly. At these meetings lunches will be served, to be paid for by the society.

There was a novel departure last night from the previous custom in the refreshments after the business meeting. Instead of the usual banquet and its attendant expenses, a table lunch was served in the fire room, adjoining the city hall, and a member was invited to participate.

The lunch had been prepared by Mr. Hornberger, and proved exceptionally popular with those present.

A Domestic Difficulty.

In the divorce case of Mrs. Isham vs her husband the court refused to grant the divorce asked for by her, but gave her judgment against her husband in the sum of \$475. The court made no order as to the disposition of the children. Mrs. Isham had them in her possession since their separation, but on Wednesday Mr. Isham of them and started east on the night. Mrs. Isham sought to have a warrant issued for his arrest for kidnaping the children but as they were his own, as well as hers, she was unsuccessful in getting a warrant. She therefore followed him on the evening passenger train and expects to overtake Mr. Isham and the children down in Nebraska somewhere. Then, what?

To The Public.

You and your friends are cordially invited to a supper (an extra fine supper) at the home of Mrs. Evans, on Tuesday Jan. 29. From 5 to 7 o'clock.

Help the Hospital.

Any person who will give labor for the new Hospital either with or without team, will greatly oblige by reporting to the Sisters at the Hospital.

I will be at the library Wednesday's and Saturday's from 3, till 5 P. M. Any one wishing books can come then. S. L. BASFORD, Librarian.

Found.—Some money. Inquire of Capt. Comstock, Salvation Army.

W. K. Vanderbilt is Coming.

W. K. Vanderbilt is expected to arrive in the city Saturday evening by special train in his private car. He will be accompanied by Oliver Harriman and wife, and Mrs. Stewart, of New York City. Mrs. Harriman is a sister of Mrs. P. C. Hunt. The party will probably remain until Monday evening. Hot Springs will be honored by the visit of so distinguished a railroad magnate, and it is hoped he may be favorably impressed with our resort and its surroundings.

MRS. SILKENSON DEAD.

The Esteemed Wife of F. C. Silkenson Dies Suddenly Saturday Morning.

The community was grieved last Saturday morning when the report was given out that Mrs. Johanna Silkenson, wife of F. C. Silkenson, was dead. She was taken sick with la grippe the fore part of the week and suffered severely with pains in her back and over her body a very common sequence of the grip—but no one thought she was serious until Friday evening when she rapidly grew worse, and at 3 o'clock Saturday morning she suddenly expired. Not only her loving husband was painfully shocked, but also was the entire community, while the adopted daughter, Miss Emma, who was at Vermillion pursuing her course at the university, was not aware of her mother's illness; so that when she received word to come at once she was in a measure prepared for the sad news that was told her when she reached Buffalo Gap Sunday morning—that her mother was dead.

Deceased was born in Sweden September 17, 1840, was married to F. C. Silkenson at Yankton, Dakota Territory, September 17, 1874. In 1877 in company with her husband she came to the Black Hills, locating at Deadwood, and resided in the northern Hills until 1886, when they removed to Buffalo Gap. They removed to Hot Springs in October, 1891. Thus in brief is given an account of the life of the deceased. She has for years been a faithful and consistent member of the Congregational church. Her life work was crowded with good deeds. She possessed kindness, gentleness, generosity, humility, and many other admirable virtues in a marked measure. She was loved by all who knew her, and her home life was that of a devoted, loving, thoughtful wife and mother. Not only will she be sadly missed in that sorrowful home, but by all her neighbors and large circle of acquaintances.

Funeral services were conducted from the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Pearson speaking words of comfort, hope and consolation to the bereaved ones, there being a very large number of friends present to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of their departed neighbor. The singing by the choir was tenderly impressive. The I. O. O. F. lodge and Daughters of Rebecca, of which latter Mrs. Silkenson has long been an ardent member, were present in uniform. The floral offerings were exceedingly beautiful and extensive while the church had been appropriately decorated by loving hands. Altogether the service was a beautiful tribute to the memory of the deceased, and one that expressed the high appreciation in which she was held by the community. Accompanied by a large concourse of friends the remains were conveyed to Evergreen cemetery and there laid to rest.

If words could assuage sorrow the grief-stricken husband and daughter would not be bowed down in grief today, for the community joins in its entirety in expressing the profoundest sympathy, and would share with the mourners the grief they bear.

Card of Thanks.

We are most profoundly grateful to the dear friends, and lodges and all others who assisted and sought to comfort us in our sad and great affliction. The beautiful floral tributes, and many other kindnesses were deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
F. C. SILKENSON,
EMMA SILKENSON.

Notice.

The Hospital Union is requested to meet on Saturday next at 3:30 p. m. at the hospital. All members and others interested in the work of the Union are requested to be present as business of importance is to be considered. By order of the president.

MRS. HOWLAND DAILEY, Sec.

Life Insurance Policies bought for cash or loaned on. Elmer R. Juckett Minnekahta Block.

GAMBLE GETS TOGA.

Legislature Formally Elects Congressman Gamble United States Senator on Tuesday.

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 22.—In the house today the name of Gamble for the senate was presented by Mr. Price, and that of Pettigrew by Gross. The vote was: Gamble, 75; Pettigrew, 8.

In the senate Senator Edgerton presented the name of Gamble and Senator Martin that of Pettigrew, the vote being: Gamble 38; Pettigrew, 5.

The total gave Gamble 113; Pettigrew 13.

W. C. Bower was placed on the list of committee clerks.

In the house petitions were presented for a state immigration bureau and for letting county printing by bids.

Mr. Stransky presented a resolution condemning the issue of \$250,000 emergency warrants by the treasurer and requesting the governor to withdraw his consent to the issue.

In the senate Martin introduced a resolution condemning the issue of emergency warrants. Bills were introduced to license pool rooms and to prevent the establishing of wholesale liquor houses in towns of less than 2,000.

Gov. Herreid is again confined to his room by the grip.

Mr. Benedict's bill No. 42 amends the law regarding tax sale certificates in such manner that the treasurer need not make a certificate of sale where the real estate is bid in by the county.

Mr. Benedict's bill No. 43 is intended to stop the advertising year after year of lands that have once been sold for taxes and bid in by the county. But it provides that the purchaser of such lands must pay the taxes which have subsequently accumulated unless compromised according to law.

It is likely that the legislature will pass a bill empowering the governor to appoint the secretary for the railroad commissioners. There has been a deadlock on the board of commissioners, and it does not appear likely that the three members can agree on a man for the place very soon.

Bills have been introduced to make the compensation of county commissioners \$5 per day and five cents per mile, the total not to exceed \$300 per year; to appropriate \$2,000 for an artesian well on school lands in Fall River county.

Senator Leach of Bon Homme county is not in favor of removing the capital, but he has a plan that he would like to see put into effect if the capital should ever be removed. It is that the state buy a section of land at some accessible point, outside the limits and distant from any existing town, and establish the capital thereon. He believes the sale of lots would more than pay for good buildings and keeping them in repair, and the state would save the agonies of another campaign, a long period of litigation, and possible location of the seat of government at some place not easily reached.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Episcopal services will be held at the city hall Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Young peoples meeting 6:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to these services.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Next Lords Day: Morning subject "Can we be perfect?" Evening subject "Backsliding, Falling from Grace and the Unpardonable Sin."

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Rev. John Stanford will preach at the Congregational church Sunday Jan. 27. Morning topic: "New things in Gospel Civilization." Evening topic: "The Redeemer under the Mosaic law." A full congregation is desired as Mr. Stanford comes well recommended as a very able man and a good speaker.

A full attendance of the membership of the Congregational church is very earnestly requested at the business meeting, following the morning service on January 27.

Miss M. J. DEWEY,
Clerk.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society desires to extend their thanks to all who in any way assisted in the preparation for and rendition of the Cantata Queen Esther. Those in charge are to be congratulated on the success attending their efforts to give the public a first-class entertainment. The special parts were well rendered, the choruses were excellent, and the costumes beautiful. The good attendance and close attention throughout indicated the hearty appreciation of the public.

THE HOSPITAL ASSURED.

A \$10,000 Building Guaranteed by the Sisters. Hot Springs Raises \$2,000.

The erection of a Hospital building by the Benedictine Sisters is assured. The building will be located upon the ground as before described, about fifty feet north of the Gillispie hotel. It will be of stone, 40 by 60 feet, two stories high, with a third story something after the style of the top story of the Gillispie.

The total cost of the building will be not less than \$10,000, of which the citizens of Hot Springs have subscribed \$2,000, and the Benedictine Sisters are to expend not less than \$8,000. Steam heat will be used, the combined engine house and laundry will be separate in the rear of the Hospital.

Excavating for the foundation has already begun, Dan Larson having the work in charge.

The splendid response by the people of Hot Springs to the call for aid to the enterprise has been most gratifying. The committee says "with only three or four exceptions, the people of Hot Springs have again shown their loyalty to their town in the way that counts." The donations by the citizens are cash \$2,000 and in real estate a location in the center of the business part of town, 150x125 feet, worth at least \$1,000.

The work will be pushed as rapidly as the weather will permit.

Card to the Public.

The Benedictine Sisters desire to express to all the pleasure they feel in the inauguration of the work for their new hospital building, in the actual beginning of the grading for the site. The sisters have continually met kindness and only kindness from the citizens of Hot Springs—kindness evincing itself in the zeal and faithfulness of the soliciting committee; in the generous response to its appeals; in the enthusiasm of the dauntless Hospital Union and in the ready assistance and patronage afforded that organization. Hitherto it has been impossible to afford definite information regarding the value and size of the proposed hospital building; but now arrangements have so far progressed that questions in regard to the matter can be answered with decision as well as with pleasure. The work of the Sisters is to care for the sick. May their friends in Hot Springs never need their services! But if illness comes to them and the hospital can help them the sisters will feel the double pleasure that comes to those who serve, and serve friends.

BENEDICTINE SISTERS.

Compulsory Vaccination.

The rule adopted by the school board requiring all pupils to be vaccinated is not accepted with favor by some who are opposed to vaccination. Mrs. Frank Jackson objects to it and wrote Attorney General Pyle to know if the school board had the authority to expel children who were not vaccinated. The attorney general has rendered quite a lengthy opinion upon the question, quoting from various decisions of supreme courts. In summing up his citations and referring to our own state law Attorney General Pyle concludes his opinion as follows:

"I am of the opinion that in those communities where small-pox may exist or that are in the vicinity of neighborhoods where it does exist, that it was within the power and authority of the state board of health to require vaccination of all pupils attending the public schools * * * and that in communities where small-pox is not prevalent, that the order of the state board of health cannot be enforced and that the children of such communities have a right to attend the public schools without a certificate showing that they have been vaccinated."

So that according to Attorney General Pyle's opinion the authority of enforcing compulsory vaccination here in Hot Springs hinges upon the question of whether or not this community is near or remote from where small-pox exists. They have it in Deadwood and Alliance, on the north and south of us, each place being about 100 miles distant. Is that near or remote? They are probably people coming from either place about every day—so that it would not be very difficult, we believe, to show that we are in "the vicinity of neighborhoods where it (small-pox) does exist."

In some portions of the country 100 miles would not include a "neighborhood," but in the Black Hills that distance hardly precludes the remotest points from being neighborly.

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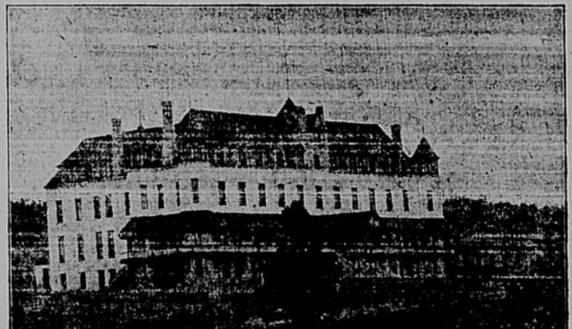
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