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## BANQUET OF BUSINESS MEN

**Business Men's Club to Have Big Banquet at the Harney May 5.**

**Rapid City Band to Furnish the Music.**

The annual banquet of the Rapid City Business Men's Club will be given at the Harney Hotel Friday evening, May 5. The Rapid City Concert Band will entertain the guests during the evening. An elaborate bill of fare will be provided:

### MENU

Oyster Cocktail  
Cream of Tomato—Imperial  
Queen Olives Celery  
Planked White Fish Maitre d'Hotel  
Potatoes Julienne  
Tenderloin of Beef with Mushrooms  
Potato Croquettes French Peas  
Punch—Nieu Centurie  
Chicken Salad—Mayonaise  
Neopolitan Ice Cream—Petit Four  
Roquefort Cheese with Wafers  
Cafe Noir

The toasts and responses selected for the occasion are as follows:

"Our City, the Gate"—His Honor, the Mayor.

"Our Streets—Your Duty"—The Commissioner of Streets.

"Town Development"—Commissioner of Finance.

"What Constitutes a Road"—President Ingram.

"The Cost of a Good Road"—Former President Emrick.

"The Economy of a Good Road"—J. C. Haines.

"The Drawing Power of Good Roads to the City's Gates"—H. W. Jones.

"Plan to Advertise the Gate City"—J. L. Soule.

"Club Finances"—Treasurer G. E. Le-Mar.

Covers will be laid for as many as desire to attend. All those who wish to attend should report by Saturday noon, April 30, so that arrangements may be made. The price is one dollar per plate. Tickets can be obtained from Messrs. Pickett, Radcliff, C. M. Dilger and H. W. Jones.

The club appointed the following committee on decoration: Mrs. Joseph B. Gossage, Mrs. Orin Holcomb, Mrs. I. M. Humphrey, Mrs. Thos. Sweeney, Conrad A. Wiegand.

## New Belle Fourche Lines Are Now Connected.

The connection between the Northwestern and the new branch known as the Belle Fourche Valley railroad, was made at Belle Fourche yesterday. This is the road connecting Belle Fourche with the government townsite on the irrigation project, for which the grading has been in progress for several months past. There remains but a small amount of grading to be done close to Belle Fourche before the laying of steel will commence.

The government townsite, which will be thirty-five miles east of Belle Fourche, will be called Newell, and that point will be reached by the completed road between June 15th and July 1. Nissland, which is on the line eighteen miles from Belle Fourche, will be reached about June 1.—Pioneer Times.

### A Substantial Farmer.

Mr. A. M. Marsh, formerly of Des Moines, Iowa, where he was extensively engaged in farming concluded to east his lot with the people further northwest and accordingly, with his wife and four children, has settled on some land near Conata, where he is opening up his farm in real old Iowa style, with every prospect of a decided success. We had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Marsh whose only objection to this country consisted in our having too much rain, as the ground in their vicinity was much too wet for the spring sowing.—Farmingdale Glimet.

### Buffalo Monument for Cody.

"Buffalo Bill" has requested that when he dies his body will be buried on the summit of Cedar Mountain in Big Horn county, Wyoming, and over it will stand a marble buffalo, forty feet high, with electric lights in the eye sockets so brilliant that they can be seen eight miles away. At least, that is what Cody himself plans, though he says he is far from a dead man now. The plans were revealed by Charles A. Heath in a lecture to the geographical society of Chicago. He declares that Buffalo Bill confided his plan to him a year ago.

## Superintendent Blyman Has Resigned.

J. C. Blyman has resigned the position of superintendent of the city schools to take effect at the end of the present school year. He has given up school work for the purpose of proving up on a valuable claim which he has up in Meade county. He has been fortunate in getting the appointment as U. S. land commissioner for the locality where his claim is.

At the meeting of the board held last Friday evening, J. R. Byers, now superintendent of the Vermillion schools, was chosen to fill the vacancy at a salary of \$1,500. Mr. Byers will move here with his family in August and will take charge of the schools at the opening of the fall term.

## Milwaukee to Build Another Line to Rapid City

It is reported on good authority that the Milwaukee will build another branch line into Rapid City to connect with its coast line.

When the northern part of the state commenced to attract attention two years ago the Milwaukee had a vision of extensive traffic by building a cut-off from its transcontinental line down to Rapid City. Accordingly a survey was made last year, and since then complete plans have been laid, it is understood, for the building of this cut-off which would be 500 miles in length and extend from Marmouth, North Dakota, on the North, and bring this section of the state in direct connection with the Milwaukee main line west. Work on the cut-off is expected to commence this summer and will be completed next year.

### Last Date to File for Office.

Saturday, May 7, is the last day on which candidates for legislative and county offices may file their petitions with the county auditor, and have their names appear on the primary election ballots. This will give the man with aspirations a few days more to make up his mind, get the required number of signatures and make his filing. The last few days are always busy ones, and this year will doubtless be no exception to the rule, so that several desirous of representing the people in various positions are likely to place themselves on record during the coming week.

## Rush of Homeseekers to Perkins County Lands.

There is a general rush from all over the country to the lands in Perkins county and everywhere talk is heard of claim taking in this county which is sure to have two or more lines of railroad built this season. Some of the finest land ever opened for settlement is that to be found now in Perkins and Harding counties in the northwestern part of the state, where conditions are excellent this year for taking up homesteads, and the rush undoubtedly will be the greatest ever seen by that part of the state.

### Power Plows are Active.

Many immense breaking outfits are at work in western South Dakota and at points in the Missouri valley east of the river, breaking the prairie at an astonishing rate, which means that many thousands of acres of heretofore raw prairie will this year, for the first time, be devoted to crops. Some of the power outfits have been provided with day and night crews, and with immense searchlights, which enable them to be operated at night as well as during the day. They are kept in operation continuously throughout the twenty-four hours.

### State Offices Being Moved.

The state officials are busily engaged in moving the records and equipment of the several departments into the new capitol building. Two of the departments have completed their work, being the departments of history and insurance. The others are waiting for the arrival of furniture and fittings for their office rooms before they make the change, and it will be the middle of next month before all the officers get out of the old building, and it will then be turned over to the purchasers for wrecking.

### After the Grafters.

The Hot Springs Star publishes the following notice by order of the commercial club of that city:

"All persons residing in or visiting Hot Springs, who have grievances on account of overcharge by anyone doing business in this city, are hereby requested to make complaint thereof to the secretary of the Hot Springs Commercial Club, giving all facts necessary for a thorough investigation."

There are a few other places where such action by the commercial club might result in much good.

## BUYS SCRIBNER'S INTEREST

**Mr. Scribner Sells Interest in Business and Retires.**

A business deal was consummated here Monday by which Thomas Roush and Dr. F. G. Gilbert become the owners of the stock in the Scribner Grocery Company held by M. B. Scribner, who retires from the business on account of other interests which will require all his time. We understand that Mr. Scribner does not intend to leave Rapid City but expects to remain here.

The company is one of the substantial business institutions of the Gate City which has been built up from a small beginning by painstaking work on the part of the owners and now enjoys a splendid trade extending over a wide territory. The Messrs. Roush and Gilbert have abundant faith in the future of Rapid City and have shown their confidence by this investment of capital.

### Why the Settlers Will Stay.

Many old timers in western South Dakota look upon the new settlers as a like class of those who settled between the James and the Missouri rivers in the early eighties. In this the old timer is mistaken.

When the great rush of settlers came to South Dakota in 1880 to 1885 there was not an artesian well in the state or then territory. At that time settlers in the southeastern counties had to haul their water in most cases for stock and household uses. Then the wells were dug 50 to 100 feet and no water obtained, while today on the same land flowing wells exist by the hundred. The new settler did not know then that even money could get water. Even in 1893, only seventeen years ago, a map was prepared signed by the state geologist and the secretary of state showing the artesian basin extending only to the Hand county line. Now the settlers of Stanley, Lyman, Butte and Lawrence counties know they can get water anywhere. When the first settlers came the whole country was new. The soil was like a shingle roof. It carried the water to the ravines and thence to the large streams and out of the country. At that time all the country from the Minnesota line west was new. Now the new country only covers a portion of the state. Even that country is not as new as the east side of the river was when first settled. Every post hole and every string of barb wire is a conservator of moisture. It may seem strange to consider barb wire as a moisture saver, but if you stop to think there are millions of cubic feet of shadow cast by these little wires. Every post hole allows water to go down easily. Every foot of soil turned, whether by the settlers or the railroads, causes water to stay where it formerly ran away. The new settler knows he can live from a few cows by patronizing the creamery. The first settler east of the Missouri river had no creamery to patronize, and it was fully fifteen years after the general settlement of the state that the creamery became a factor in the state. Now the creamery precedes full settlement. Then the home-builder had to experiment with all kinds of seed. Now the beginner gets seed that is proven to start with. The conditions are so vastly different now to what they were twenty-five years ago that there can be no reasonable comparison. All this means that the commercial man, the banker and the loan agent has a different state of things to deal with to what the first tradesman had.

The railroad extensions will not be so far distant now as they were then. The country is now being subdued by the power plow, now each engine pulling from eight to ten plows, where former settlers depended largely on ox teams. The new settlers can stay and will stay. Some will go away, it is true, but more will take their places. They know they can get water, and every indication, judging from the past history of South Dakota, is that drainage will be called for in the new country before irrigation is. In 1895 the members of the legislature were working for and succeeded in getting ditch bills passed. Where settlers twenty-five years ago could not get water in dug wells today there is water in their cellars. These things have come under the observation of thousands. In the new country there is no vast plain to the west of them unsettled. They reach the mountain section and ere lon the whole country will be a teeming land of people. The

new settler has come to stay. The machine houses, the wholesaler and the man looking for trade should reckon with this fact.

Welcome to the man and family who comes now and starts with the experience of the pioneer before him.—Spearfish Caravan.

### Quinn Items.

Quinn has as good or better territory and more of it than any town between Pierre and Rapid City and yet hasn't a good hotel.

The stallion law passed by the last legislature is called a frost and many other ugly names by all owners here. Seven and 25-100 plunks gone to the bid, a joke, a graft, etc.

The weather is most always fine in this section and this spring has been no exception. Most all small grain is sown and work well begun for corn. Grass has made sufficient growth for stock.

A splendid location for a good, strong man with a hammer. Competition is strong with more knockers than either Chicago or New York but competition is the life of trade. Come to Quinn and get busy.

Educational facilities for the youngsters is not to be neglected in these parts as townships are just voting bonds and building school houses. Lake Creek school district No. 62 voted on the bond question and it was unanimous for \$1,500 bonds. These bonds would seem a very safe investment for school funds or other surplus cash.

Much land is being broken this season near Quinn. Good crops have warranted a more extensive effort in soil cultivation, many farmers getting 100 or more acres broken and planting to wheat, oats, flax and corn. There is room for more farmers here, as much land is vacant and would give good returns for labor and capital invested in it.

A slight change in methods of three of the leading firms of Quinn was caused by the town judge having some unpleasantness with one of the said firms, whereupon said judge repaired to his court and issued a warrant charging said firm with operating a slot machine in said firm's place of business. Prospects looked good for securing a bunch of simolians for the needy town treasury and with the idea that the more the merrier two more innocents were brought in. The judge finding it too much work for one man to be the witness, also the court, with real estate matters pending, decided to appoint a judge before whom all the accused appeared and plead guilty. They were fined \$10 and trimmings and agreed to be good and turn the slot machines to the wall.

The Evans hotel property at Hot Springs, including the hotel, the Hot Springs House and the Evans and Minnekahta baths, have been sold to a company of Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota capitalists. The consideration was \$100,000. This is a valuable property and the new owners contemplate making extensive improvements.

In the recent city elections all the Black Hills towns went "wet," while a large number of the towns in the eastern and central part of the state went "dry," even staid old Pierre climbed onto the "water wagon."

### Church Announcements

BAPTIST.  
Rev. J. F. Blodgett, pastor, Morning service at 10:45; Sunday school at 12:00; evening, 7:30.

CONGREGATIONAL.  
Rev. F. C. Holbrook, pastor. Morning service at 10:45. Sunday school at 12 m.; evening services, 7:30.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.  
Rev. W. S. Grim, pastor. Class meeting at 10:15 a. m.; public worship and sermon, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school at 12:00 m.; Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.

CATHOLIC.  
Rev. Fr. Straeton, pastor. First mass at 9:00 a. m. High mass, 10:30 a. m. Sunday school immediately after high mass. On week days, mass at 8:00 a. m. Sunday evening services at 7:30.

EMANUEL MISSION.  
Rev. G. S. Kellar, pastor. Morning service 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school at 12:15 p. m.; evening service 7:30.

SWEDISH FREE CHURCH.  
Kansas City and Twelfth streets. Sunday school at 3:30 p. m. Evening services at 8:00. Thursday evening services at 8:00.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.  
Services at 11 a. m. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Wednesday evening service at 8:00. Chapel on Sixth street, near Kansas City street. Reading room open Wednesday afternoons at same place.



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