

IN THE LOCAL LENS.

Items of Local and Personal Interest Gathered Together During the Past Week.

News of Every Nature Showing That the Capital is Alive With People and Events.

Some Notes That Perhaps Will Prove Interesting, But Some Others That May Not.

FRIDAY'S DAY.

The first dance by the Redows was given at the Locke last evening and was a very highly enjoyable affair. Some forty odd dancers participated and a number of visitors thronged the balconies. The music was by the Sewall-Robinson orchestra and was perfect. We take the liberty to say on the part of Mr. C. H. Burke, chairman of the executive committee, that he desires to thank the other members of the committee, Messrs. Carter, Stewart and Wellman, especially the latter, for their untiring efforts and assistance in making the dance a success. The party was quite a swell affair and opened the season of social gaiety in Pierre in good style.

An incipient blaze underneath the stairway leading to Horner & Stewart's law office was discovered this afternoon by Bakers Miner & Steinberg, and after a lively scuffle was put out without giving an alarm. How it got started no one knows, but some careless fender probably threw a lighted stump of a cigar in the rubbish. Our citizens should take warning from the Ree Heights calamity and profit thereby—especially a day like this one.

George Carter, another member of Judge Carter's big family, arrived last Wednesday night from Canton, and will pass the winter in Pierre. George is pretty well known here already, and was formerly one of the publishers of the Canton Advocate. For an editor he possessed a peculiar lot of baggage as he stepped off the train. We did not succeed in obtaining a complete inventory—but noticed that he carried a trombone, violin, mandolin, tambourine, tennis racket, shot gun and hand satchel.

The statement of the Pierre National bank, which is published in today's FREE PRESS, indicates a prosperous condition. While the deposits of all banks are low now, this bank shows up nearly \$95,000. The Pierre National is officered by men who have the confidence of the people, both at home and abroad, and is steadily gaining in popularity, and everybody is glad of it.

Spearfish Mail: A report comes to this city that the engineers and surveyors of the Midland Pacific are running a new line from the crossing of the Cheyenne, and that today they will be at Dry creek, three miles from Whitewood. Their line runs on the bench considerably above that of the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley.

Christmas presents were bestowed by the cord about the city yesterday. Those who could afford to gave seal skins and gold watches, others had to be content with giving something less expensive—but the linen handkerchief was appreciated as much and was just as worthy as the richer gift.

Major W. A. Moore went to Blunt today to try and have his car of household goods which was set out there Wednesday brought to Pierre. The major's family arrived Wednesday night and they expected ere this to be living "at home." There was some accident to the car which causes the delay.

Hattie Gilbert, keeper of a house of ill fame on west Dakota avenue, had one of her girls, Lizzie Archer, arrested today, for having stolen some dresses, underwear and jewelry from her. The examination is being held before Judge Yarnell.

A big masquerade ball was held in East Pierre Christmas evening that was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. The costumes were numerous, many of them weird and many of them very handsome.

Abertown News. The citizens of Pierre will give their second inaugural ball on Tuesday evening, Jan. 6, at Hotel Locke. The news acknowledges an invitation to be present and promises to be there.

Colored Jennie is reported to have had another one of her famous baked possum Christmas suppers last night, to which she invited a number of her friends.

The "Knickerbockers" is the name of another dancing club organized in this city. L. H. Bailey is president; W. I. Walker, secretary and A. Ewart, treasurer.

A contest has been commenced on the Roche addition, the contestant alleging the party who pre-empted the quarter did not comply with the laws in living on it.

The Christmas service at the Catholic church yesterday, was very impressive and the music was especially fine. A great many were in attendance.

A large consignment of folding spring beds were delivered at the Locke today by John Griffin. The Locke proposes to be ready for the rush.

Attorneys Crawford and Fawcett went to Faulkton today on business connected with the sheriff and treasurer contest in Sully county.

Deputy State Treasurer S. C. Peasley and wife were presented with a handsome dancing boy for a Christmas gift.

Jack Trotman, the well known traveling implement salesman, of Chamberlain, left this morning.

Tucker & Root's elegant new billiard hall was thrown open yesterday. Every-

thing was bran new, tables, balls, cues, and chalk. On the first shot of two players, each broke \$25 worth of new ivory balls that had not been properly tempered.

Noah Newbanks will leave for his ranch in the hostile kingdom east of Hermosa, tomorrow.

Will Tomkins, manager of the rink-opera house, went to Huron today on business.

Glenn Wells had a foot badly sprained returning from the rabbit chase yesterday.

A common drunk added \$11 to the city treasury today in Judge Moulton's court.

The ice rink fence was let down in a few places by the wind this morning.

A shooting match was reported to have been held on the river yesterday.

A big lot of skaters enjoyed the ice yesterday.

George Thayer enjoyed Christmas at home.

The election of K. P. officers occurs tonight.

From Saturday's Daily.

Some months ago Ben Ash lost three head of horses on the other side of the river and was never able to hear anything of them until a day or two ago. A ranchman out on Plum creek knew of Ben's loss and was familiar with the brand the horses carried. About a week ago he discovered an Indian with a mare and colt. The mare answered the description of one of Ben's missing horses—but was wild as a March hare. He succeeded in lassoing her when the Indian owner gave pursuit. He leveled his gun at the Indian who concluded to decamp and the mare and colt were brought in.

Scotty Phillips is red-hot over the way the United States army is dealing with the hostiles in the Bad lands. He says the hostiles have hundreds of range cattle in the Bad lands which they are quietly eating while the troops stay around in camps on the outskirts "guarding" them while they eat—that's how the ranchmen are being benefited by the troops. He says the troops are afraid to go into the Bad lands for fear of being ambushed! The fact is many of us would be as disgusted as Scotty is, if we were in his place.

It has already been noted in these columns that the National Bank of Commerce has doubled its capital stock, having increased it from \$75,000 to \$150,000, which makes it one of the heaviest banks in the state. The increase of stock has all been taken but a few thousand, and notwithstanding the stringency of the times, President Tompleton has been meeting with excellent success in selling stock in the east, and is determined on building up a strong financial institution.

The statement of the First National bank appears in this issue of the FREE PRESS and is probably the best statement ever made by a Pierre bank, showing as it does a net profit of about 10 per cent during the past six months. This bank is conservatively managed, and has built up a business which is satisfactory to the public as well as the stockholders. The statement is another evidence of the prosperity of Pierre institutions.

General Veazey, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., is an old Vermont—so is Col. E. P. Farr, of the National Bank of Commerce of this city. Through the efforts of old army friends in Vermont and Commander Langley, of the South Dakota division, Mr. Farr was appointed an aid-de-camp on the commander-in-chief's staff, an appointment bestowed on a worthy old veteran—and remember hereafter, it is Col. Farr. The colonel says there is more honor than emoluments in the office.

J. H. C. Young, of Yankton, is in the city on business. Mr. Young was clerk of the supreme court for a number of years and he stands high in the esteem of Pierre people because of valuable assistance in making her the capital.

Dr. Sprague has called our attention to the fact that we have neglected to mention the great Christmas present that came to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bonsey, in the shape of a bouncing boy. Mr. Bonsey is head cook at the Locke hotel.

General B. H. Sullivan was in the city over night and returned to Huron this morning. It is the general belief that he was here in the interest of Senator Moody.

Prof. Sewall received a substantial Christmas present last evening from an old neighbor, Nathan Johnson, of Miller, in the shape of a quarter of a beef.

The wind yesterday scattered a sufficient amount of sand over the ice to make the crossing much easier for stock.

The Indian who predicted an open winter this season should be entitled to the rank of assistant Messiah at any rate.

Mrs. D. S. Williams left this morning for her old home at Council Bluffs to spend New Years with her mother and sisters.

J. E. Carpenter, manager of the ice rink, says he will have a rink made if it takes all winter and part of next summer.

The Driskill Tin Mining company, of Spearfish, has filed articles of incorporation with the state secretary.

Governor Mellette's secretary, R. Matson, came in last evening and left again this morning for Watertown.

The graders have unearthed a lot more graves in the work—but no relics have been brought to light.

Fred Caton and wife, of Egalala, Montana, are stopping at the Grand Pacific.

Joe Reed, of the Grand Pacific hotel, is suffering with an attack of a gripple.

Judge Yarnell let Lizzie Archer, the girl accused of theft, go yesterday.

All the merchants report an unusually good trade for the holiday season.

Ireland ought to know whether "Kop" was at the possum supper or not.

Okobojo-Times-Travis came rolling in on his wheel last evening.

J. H. Voorhees, of Sioux Falls, was one of the arrivals last night.

M. G. Simon, the Stanley attorney, was

in the city last evening, and reports his city reveling in the anticipation of a healthy old boom in the spring.

Mrs. L. Leggett left this morning to visit friends in Sioux City, a few weeks.

Special meeting of Knights of Pythias tonight, for election of officers.

Enoch Arden is the play tonight at the opera house.

Mrs. B. C. Ash has returned from Arlesian.

Don C. Hall Dramatic company tonight. George Thayer went east this morning. Tom Green went east this morning.

From Monday's Daily.

There is one matter we often thought we would like to refer to, and that is as to the advisability of getting up a large party of men and dogs and go over to Rivers' or Marion's island and hunt for wild cats. One or two have suggested to us that this is a good deal more interesting sport than chasing jack rabbits. One advantage in this sport is that men and boys are not apt to get ahead of the dogs! And when the game is caught it usually does not succumb so readily as a rabbit. There is apt to be more hair circulating in the air at the death. There are several wild cats on Rivers' island, two being killed only last week by the old Frenchman. It is not so far to the island either and enough men could be gotten out to not allow a single beast to escape. By all means let us have a wild cat hunt New Years.

There is lying in wait a gold excitement that will develop early in the spring that will drive every hostile in the Bad lands skurrying into the agencies. Gold unquestionably exists in large, paying quantities in the Bad lands, and last fall several parties from Rapid City and Pierre located claims there which they calculate to work next season. Men, yes regular tenderfeet, will go anywhere for gold—and a few measily Indians will not interfere with the scheme a particle. Just think how it was when gold seekers fought Indians from Fort Des Moines, Iowa, all the way to the Pacific coast. Within the memory of boys gold hunters to the Black Hills poured in there and had to contend with the government troops as well as hostiles.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lynn and their big brood of children departed this morning, for the south, where they expect to find a home. Mrs. Lynn is a large, kindly looking German woman, and since she and her husband settled on their claim a few miles from Pierre, nine years ago, her brood of children has increased by five. During all those nine years she had not been over one mile from home. When she got in Pierre this morning, she was amazed beyond measure—as she only had in mind the Pierre as she knew it, nine years ago. She told a friend she expected to find it larger—but not a regular city—as it seemed to her.

The coming of the Seventh regiment to Fort Sully has been a great boon to a number of Sully county farmers. If there is anything an army officer is especially fond of, it is good fresh eggs, butter, milk, chicken, and so on. Forts Bennett and Sully have thus always been quite a market to the farmers in that neighborhood for their produce, and the advent of another regiment helps out an additional number.

At the opening of the bids for supplies for the Indian school, the bids for supplying 17,000 pounds of flour was as follows: A. C. Brink, \$3.10; C. N. Hawley, \$2.70; and Glenn Wells, \$2.88. Mr. Hawley will also furnish 850 pounds of salt. Frank Price captured the job of furnishing 200,000 pounds of beef.

What a big thing for the country west of Fort Pierre it would be if we could build about the splendid artesian well in Nowlin county next spring. It would be a big factor in settling up that 11,000,000 acres of land, all of which means big things for Pierre.

Yankton papers announce the marriage Wednesday, of Don E. Higbee and Miss Christiana Lander. The groom is a brother of Mrs. Jas. Oakley and Miss E. B. Higbee, of this city, and has a number of friends and acquaintances here who wish him much joy.

Litigation in regard to the Pierre Signal has been brought to an end, the mortgage against the plant canceled and L. Q. Jeffries has sold the plant to Irving Bath all clear. We understand the plant is being moved to the Kemp block on Pierre street.

The Masonic lodge held and installation Saturday night, at which a large number were in attendance, both from this city and Fort Pierre. The 27th is St. John's day, which is always remembered by Masonic observances.

The Pitch block was sold today to Royal F. King. The consideration is said to be several hundred lots. Mr. Fitch goes to Omaha tomorrow where he has a case in the United States court in which a claim of \$85,000 is involved.

Sewall & Robinson's orchestra has been engaged for the Don C. Hall entertainment in the opera house this evening. They will present a fine selection which alone will be worth the price of admission.

Billy Balnter and a daughter of Jim Ackerman, were married at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, by Rev. D. R. Landis. The happy pair have gone to live on their ranch down the river.

Mr. James Graham, of Minneapolis, is spending a few weeks with friends at Canning—and last night came up to look over the capital and spend a day or two with E. A. West.

All members of the I. O. O. F. lodge are requested to meet at their hall promptly at 8:30 Tuesday night by order of the N. G.

Joseph Katz says it is all right to speak of Fred Bonsey's baby—but he wants it understood he is head cook at the Locke.

Joe Reed is in bad shape physically through an attack of some disease strongly resembling lagrippe.

Miss Young, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. L. H. Notmeyer, for two or

three months, returned to her home in Greensburg, Indiana, today.

J. B. Wolgemuth purchased a number of lots today in Fort Pierre and the south side.

Register Bailey went to Huron today. Our Indian summer is still with us.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last evening a reporter was kindly invited by the well known artist Mr. S. C. Hayes, to step into his residence and look over a couple of life-sized portraits he had just finished. One was of Gov. A. C. Mellette and it was as fine a piece of art as we ever saw. The likeness was perfect and very life like, and we understand the governor is also well pleased with it. The portrait of Mr. Sebreus is also very fine, but being from a photograph of the subject taken at the time of his marriage, it looks less like the county register as we know him today.

Theo. D. Robb, of Lima, Ohio, arrived in the city last evening and departed this morning for Fort Bennett, to visit his cousin, J. C. Robb, the post trader. Some wag started the rumor, which spread rapidly, that Mr. Robb was the representative of Cal Brice, the famous democratic campaign manager, and was here to assist in electing Tripp to the senate. If Mr. Robb had been informed on the side he could have had all the sport he wanted.

Ladies who propose keeping open house New Year's will please hand in their lists for publication as early as possible tomorrow. We understand there will be quite a number, but it is important that public announcement should be made, so the gentlemen will know where to call.

The FREE PRESS hopes that a good number of ladies will receive New Year's calls. It is probable that the ladies of the various hotels will receive. Hand in your lists so they can be published in tomorrow's paper.

The FREE PRESS omitted to mention the departure yesterday of Miss Bird Ludlow to St. Paul, where she goes to accept a position in the office of Gov. Merriam. Her many friends here wish her success.

The Republican club of Pierre has leased the east room of the Locke hotel for a club room, and will keep it open for a general republican headquarters, at least until after the senatorial fight is over.

The ladies of Pierre have decided to keep open house New Year's day. The list of those who will receive callers will be announced later through the papers.

A. W. Curtis, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Freeman, returned to Osakis, Minn., today. He was accompanied by his two little children.

All members of the I. O. O. F. lodge are requested to be at their hall promptly at 8:30 o'clock, Tuesday evening. By order of N. G.

Watch night service will commence tomorrow evening at the First M. E. church at 9:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

The next meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held the last Thursday in January. Ladies please take notice.

It begins to look like a storm was brewing, but "Old Probs" White says "clear and colder."

H. C. Rorapough, of Deadwood, a well-known politician, registered at the Locke last night.

L. J. Enebo left this morning for Canton, where he has a lot of property to look after.

Mrs. J. E. Bennett arrived last night from Clark to join her husband, the judge.

A large bell and a lot of furniture was taken to the Oahe mission today.

A lot of freight was hauled to Fort Sully and Bennett today.

Rev. A. O. Mortvedt went to Hand county this morning.

D. G. Gallett, the jewelry merchant, is again in the city.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Col. Tassin has a job on his hands all right. He has fought Indians all over the western states—but he has a fight now that beats all of them. He has been ordered to visit all refugee settlers and learn their condition. If in need of present aid and comforts, to so report at once. He is to visit all the ranchmen and towns on the reservation and learn all losses by reason of the late Indian unpleasantness and make out their claims and report. The colonel is somewhat familiar with the job, however, as he has several times been engaged in looking after and distributing aid to Mississippi flood sufferers.

The showing in today's paper should have been just trebled during the past year—but in the meantime the Messiah and outside world conspired against the state and against the entire west. The hard times were never so hard in South Dakota and, considering all adversities, Pierre can certainly feel well satisfied with this evidence of success. As soon as another wave of prosperity settles over the west, Pierre will vault ahead at a rate that will attract the attention of the nation.

Hon. R. Buchanan and wife arrived last evening from Sioux Falls, and are quartered at the Locke. Mr. Buchanan is member elect of the lower house of the legislature and is the favorite candidate of the republicans for speaker. He is a staunch old wheel horse of the party and has done life long and faithful service that easily entitles him to wear the honor as speaker of the next house.

Samuel B. Miller, who was a clerk on the engrossing committee in the house last winter, is a candidate for chief clerk of that committee this coming session. He is a fine penman, a rapid and faithful worker and deserving of the honor. His experience well qualifies him for the position and all things considered it would be hard to find one better fitted for the position.

The brick yard of Ward & Wells manufactured and sold 1,600,000 brick this season and A. B. Nelson 700,000. This brick was sold at \$8 and \$9 per thousand, mak-

ing an income of something like \$20,000. Next season promises to be one that will require three times this amount—and the manufacturers are having their facilities increased to accommodate the trade.

The boys in the Locke practiced all day yesterday on the new fire escapes placed in the building and lots of fun. After dark Al DeReimer, the gentlemanly porter concluded to try his hand at it and when about thirty or forty feet from the ground, something gave way and he fell, as he supposed, a mile or two, and fortunately struck soft earth, without serious injury.

The Don C. Hall company was not greeted with a packed house last evening—so much so that Mr. Hall announced that they were giving their last entertainment. We can truthfully assert that the company gave the best theatrical performance we have seen for at least two years. The company appears in Fort Pierre tonight.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Crabbs regret to learn of their bereavement in the death of their fourteen-year old son, Clinton. He had been sick a month or two with a complication of throat and lung troubles and death relieved his suffering last evening about 5 o'clock.

At a recent meeting of the school board Miss Bailey was employed, without assignment, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Clark. The board also decided to employ Miss VanVelsor, provided Miss King resigned as is contemplated.

Don C. Needham is in the city and it is safe to say he will continue on the ground until the question as to who succeeds Senator Moody is settled. There is little doubt in his mind but that Mr. Moody will succeed himself.

The supreme court convenes on the 6th; the circuit court on the 13th; the legislature on the 6th; the senator is elected on the 20th, and we see no reason why the time should not pass merrily during the coming month.

Geo. H. Bronteroye sold to A. W. Pingrey, of Cherokee, Iowa, three lots in Capital addition and two lots in Prontice & Pettigrew's addition for \$1,000. Mr. Pingrey thinks Pierre is all right, very evidently.

It seems that the ladies of Pierre have been reading that New Years calls had partly gone out of date on Fifth avenue and Murray Hill, and came to the conclusion that they would not observe the old custom.

The Pierre Republican club has leased the east room in the Locke hotel for headquarters during the legislative period. The room is large, well lighted and a very desirable place.

Hon. E. B. Cummings did not arrive last night—as has been given out. It was J. C. Cummings, of Brookings, who was sergeant-at-arms of the senate last winter.

The governor has received no word today, confirming the account of a battle in the Bad lands, that appeared in yesterday's Sioux City and Sioux Falls papers.

J. M. Barnes, of York, Neb., arrived in the city last night and will remain long enough to see the legislature organized and in working order.

Considerable sickness is reported in town among children, the prevailing disease being something similar to the lagrippe.

Major J. A. P. Hampson and wife arrived last evening and left for Fort Sully today where he takes command.

The meeting of Hose company No. 1, which was called for tomorrow night, has been postponed just one week.

The weather got on a decided rampage today. It is much colder and threatens to give us a little winter soon.

The FREE PRESS force will observe tomorrow as a holiday, and consequently there will be no paper issued.

H. R. Horner returned last evening. His family will remain in Georgia during the winter months.

Hon. Hans N. Cleven, member elect of the house, came in from Buffalo county last evening.

So now, the ladies will not receive calls tomorrow—well "here's to you, ladies," anyhow.

Hon. E. M. Mann, of Parker, is in the city—and took to the show last night.

Senator-elect Warner, of Sanborn county, was among last night's arrivals.

O. H. Root, of Winona, and Don C. Needham are stopping at the Wells.

The work continues on the grade today, despite the severe weather.

Senator Moody is expected to arrive in Pierre tomorrow evening.

Col. Laird is laid up with a severe attack of rheumatism.

Senator Frank Drew returned to Highmore this morning.

A "Happy New Year" to every FREE PRESS reader!

Unless all signs fail winter has just about set in.

Are you going to watch meeting tonight?

Joe Reed is reported to be improving.

FROM FORT PIERRE.

The Regular Grist of News From Over the River.

The county commissioners are in session for the last time and will turn over the affairs of the county to their successors in office. The board has done satisfactory work.

Some of the Fort Pierre merchants claim that the cutting and slashing of prices by Pierre grocers is attracting trade from the former.

Numerous non-resident property owners are arriving occasionally—making preparations to prove up on their lots.

Harry Howes says that numerous parties are beginning to put up new buildings.

D. D. Briggs is putting up a house on Main street.

A New Senatorial Candidate.

Another candidate for United States senator has been traced down—and this one lives in Pierre. In respect to politics he looks very much like Judge Tripp, but in size looks very much like Col. Dall Coy. The clue to this discovery was slight—but conclusive. He has been noticed going into the state law library several times of late and invariably pulls down the same volume—the United States revised statutes, and each time he appeared to peruse the book in the same place. He finally got it so thumb worn that we could tell just where he had been reading—and after he left one day, we captured the book before it got cold and found the place. It was chapter 1, relating to the election of United States senator.

One passage was wreathed with "hurrah" marks in lead pencil. This referred to the age when an American citizen was eligible to the office of United States senator. A short time previous the colonel expressed regret, to an old friend, that a man, say of his age, should be barred from going after the honor by reason of being a kid. But the passage above referred to placed the eligible age at a point which the delighted colored found he had already attained.

As a matter of fact, it was this gentleman who first discovered the senator was not to be elected until January 20, although credit has been given to Col. Goodner for it.

It is further rumored—and it is only rumor—that the colonel has determined to place \$50,000 in the pot as a starter and, if necessary, will add another sum of the same amount, just to make it interesting.

Articles of Incorporation.

The following articles of incorporation were filed with the state secretary recently.

The Douglas County Bank, of Armour.

The Sioux Falls Journal Publishing company.

The Black Horse Mining and Reduction company, Deadwood.

The Chas. Betcher company, of Big Stone City.

This Date in History—Dec. 31.

1384—Death of John Wycliffe, reformer; born 1324.

1770—Montgomery and Benedict Arnold attacked Quebec and were repulsed; Montgomery was killed and Arnold wounded. The Americans evacuated Canada in the following June.

1800—Birth of Ferdinand de Lesseps at Versailles, France; engineer of the Suez canal.

1801—Specie payments generally suspended in the North.

1862—Battle of Murfreesboro, Tenn., ending Jan. 2. Confederates under Bragg defeated Union with a loss of 11,500; Union less 11,750.

1860—Protestant worship at Rome prohibited, except at the embassies.

1874—Death of Hon. George M. Dallas, ex-vice president of United States, and minister to England; aged 74.

1882—Death of Leon Gambetta, French statesman.

1889—Robert Browning, poet, interred in Westminster Abbey with imposing ceremonies.

This Date in History—Jan. 1.

January derives its name from Janus, an early Roman divinity, and was added to the Roman calendar by Numa, 713 B. C. He made it the first month because Janus was supposed to preside over the beginning of all business.

1493—Death of Louis XII, duke of Anjou, king of France, known as "the Father of his People," grandson of Charles V.

1601—Charles II crowned king of the Scots at Scone.

1720—Birth of Edmund Burke, English statesman; died 1797.

1751—The first year in England was ordered to begin on this date instead of March 25.

1767—Birth of Maria Edgeworth, novelist; died 1849.

1776—