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## ARTESIAN WELLS.

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## "HOW DEAR TO MY HEART."

ROSE SEELYE-MILLER.

How dear to my heart are the scenes of the eighties. "When fond recollections present them to view." The greensward, the shanties, the fields of pertayas, And every loved spot that Dakota then knew. The wide spreading prairie, the shack that stood on it, The creek with no bridge (needing none be it known). The dust sweeping by like the tail of a comet, Not least the green slough, with mosquito seed sown. That green slough on the prairie, That low place full of water, We hauled up in barrels and used for our tea. That green, stagnant water, we hailed as a treasure, For the well didn't pan, in those halcyon days, It was healthy and wholesome, we used it with pleasure, Tho' we strained out mosquitos, in divers strange ways. How delightful it was, when worn with long driving, With our eyes full of dust and our tempers of grit, To see the rank grass, springing up green and thriving, And to know there was water, and mosquitos, to-wit. That green slough on the prairie, That low place full of water, Which we strained through our hats and were thankful for it. Ah, well, there've been changes, yes, wide, high and handsome, And now we see wells two thousand feet down, And the prairie is worth, mighty nigh a king's ransom, For the soil is the richest, that ever was known. Yet we view the green slough with the fondest emotion, Though we don't drink the water; strained through our best hat. We found out a basin, the size of the ocean, And when we are thirsty we know where we're at. The artesian basin, the widest and deepest, The biggest and cleanest, the sweetest and best. If the world will but lift it, and drink of its contents, They'll admit 'tis the wettest, their lips have e'er prest.

The above clever parody is from the Dakota Farmer, and the author is an Edmunds county lady who speaks of personal experience in a region where wells were not easily obtained.

Arrangements have been made to have a grand Christmas tree Saturday evening in Beard Bros. & Gage's new building, south of the Sherman House. Parties contemplating making Christmas presents are requested to put them on the Christmas tree and assist in making it a grand success.

The next club dance will take place at the Sherman House on the evening of Jan. 2, 1882, and all members are requested to be in attendance. The club has proven a grand success and is a source of great enjoyment. Everybody should render all assistance in their power to support the enterprise.

Mr. Hanagan has built a new residence on his claim south of town. A new settler put in an appearance at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Kemnitz on Wednesday. Lumber and coal is now being sold cheaper in Ordway than in towns one and two hundred miles east of here. A choice lot near the business center of town will be given to any person who will erect a five hundred dollar building within six months.

The following is an extract from Dakota (Watertown) News, S. J. Konklin, editor: Aberdeen was the next town visited. It lies some 46 to 50 miles north of Redfield in the same beautiful valley and like Redfield has been built up since about the 4th of July. In approaching Aberdeen, for miles away you can see the Sherman House which rears its three stories in height above all other buildings in town and is one of the finest hotel buildings in Dakota and is first class in all of its appointments. An artesian well is being put down by the railroad company near the depot. It has already reached a depth of 800 feet and will continue until flowing water is reached.

Every phase of the people's life and achievements is touched upon; social, industrial, educational, political, commercial, agriculture, horticultural, financial. Attention is called to a notable feature of the year, politically: "The disappearance of the populist party, after a career of 12 years during which period it had exercised wide influence in state affairs, having controlled two legislatures and elected one United States senator and held the gubernatorial office for four years."

Dec. 21th, 1902, a quiet but beautiful wedding was solemnized by Rev. Fox, of Bath, at the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McGregor at Columbia, S. D., uniting their daughter, Annie E. Holt, and Arthur Hastings. The honored guests were relatives and near friends, and many useful presents were received. Immediately following the ceremony and repast, the bridal couple took a Milwaukee train for Minneapolis, Chicago and other eastern points, after which they will make their home in Aberdeen. The bride, having been reared in our midst, is a general favorite and we regret they intend living elsewhere. The groom is a conductor on the Milwaukee and has gained many friends in the short time he has been here. May joy and prosperity attend them always.

Columbia, Dec. 22nd.

Plain and Fancy Hem-stitching upstairs over office of the Democrat (Pioneer-Sentinel).

## STRUCK OIL.

That is What They Found in Artesian Well Northwest of Claremont.

Seth Gilborne has just completed a well for Hatton & Son five miles northwest of Claremont which developed a new feature for artesian wells in this vicinity. At a depth of 700 feet in a vein of fine sand a slight flow was struck and about one third of it was oil. The boring was continued on down to a depth of 925 feet where the strongest flow in this part of the state was struck, the stream shooting full size of the pipe ten feet in the air. The formation found in boring this well differs considerably from that

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