

RESPONDENTS

Brainard

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Walworth were pleasant callers at the home of Frank Swartout last Sunday.

Willis Anderson left for Oregon yesterday evening. His family arrived there safely a week ago.

James Heffelfinger contemplates leaving for North Dakota to work on Seth Gilborne's well drilling outfit.

Wm. Siemann has bought the machinery department of F. C. Benjamin of Westport and intends moving there soon.

Quite a few from Oneota and Westport contemplate attending the big dance at Frederick next Friday, January 30.

Columbia

Among Columbia shippers of cattle and hogs this week are John Daly, Albert Karlen and Will Beard.

W. G. Osthoff was in Aberdeen Tuesday taking in the K. P. ball at the Aberdeen Commercial club house.

Caryl Wilbur is expected home this week after a visit of about a month among the scenes of his infancy back in Michigan.

Mrs. Markin accompanied her brother-in-law to Aberdeen today for treatment of his broken arm which is getting along nicely.

Winter goods can be bought pretty cheap in Columbia. Both stores offer large reductions in clothing, underwear, etc., and it is a good time to buy.

Mrs. E. E. Ingham, of Redfield, came up on the freight last Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. Kribs. Her husband has just been installed as station agent at Redfield for the Northwest.

W. G. Osthoff, our druggist, has found it necessary to remove the partition in his store extending the counters and shelves, nearly doubling the capacity of his store to display his extensive stock.

John Murphy, railway conductors on the Great Northern, running out of Breckenridge, is spending a vacation of a week, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Murphy.

The D. of H. Lodge installed its officers for 1905, Tuesday night Jan. 10, also initiated two members. There's nothing slow about this "wide awake" Lodge: watch for further developments.

Residence of Columbia were greatly shocked to hear of the sudden death of James Wells, old time attorney in Columbia. His death occurred at Mitchell as he was coming out of the court house, after arguing a case.

Father Feldmaier went up to Hecla on the freight Saturday afternoon to hold the regular monthly services on Saturday there. He reports that on the occasion of his next monthly trip up there he will likely be able to celebrate mass in the new church that is being built there. The church is larger than the one in Columbia.

One of Columbia's bright girls, Gracie Knapp, is now a resident of Cottage Grove, Oregon. Prizes were offered the students in the city schools for the best essay on the town in which they lived. Gracie won first prize. The essay appeared in full in the Lane County Leader, and was very clever. Her closing paragraph shows that she has rather gone back on Columbia her birth place. It is as follows:

"In closing I wish to say, those who do not reside here ought to make haste to become citizens. Those who were born here are indeed lucky were I to be born again, I would want this to be the place."

Bath

Lester McCaughey and wife of Aberdeen visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brewster Sunday afternoon.

Kate Smith, daughter of Charles Smith, who has been ill since the holidays, is somewhat better.

All persons having any of the S. S. or public library books are requested to promptly return them to the librarian.

The little folks gave a surprise party to one of their members, Miss Edith Little, last Friday evening. Fay Stewart got a nice group picture of them.

John Helmka, Robert Kerr, O. Boynton and D. G. Stewart were Bath parties that attended the annual Tacoma Park meeting at Aberdeen Tuesday.

Neither president nor vice-president being present at the Ladies Aid meeting at Mr. John Fritz last Wednesday, the election of officers for the ensuing year was postponed until the next regular meeting.

At a meeting in the school house last Friday evening a permanent organization for the debating and literary society was effected. Miss Vina Baker was chosen president; Wallace Smith, vice-president, Emma Stewart, secretary and Clyde Brewster, treasurer.

The Modern Woodman and Royal Neighbor Camps had a good meeting Tuesday evening, the 10th, at which their respective officers were installed. Miss Anna McPherson of Aberdeen

officiated for the Neighbors and T. C. Wenz for the Woodmen. A nice lunch was served.

The program at the meeting of the literary on the 13th was very largely of a humorous nature. As the question for discussion at the meeting Friday night of next week is the desirability of a primary election law, more soberness will doubtless characterize the meeting.

Westport

Mr. Namock was a caller in Westport Saturday.

C. E. Morrison made a business trip to Aberdeen today.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Hulbert were pleasant callers at O. C. Matteson's Thursday.

Miss Magdeline Gernon was on the sick list for the last week but at the present time is improving.

Miss Elie Morrison has been suffering from a severe cold but is improving very much in the last few days.

Fred Mattison who has been looking after one of the fellows that gave Job such torment is in his classes this week. Fred says that they are bad.

One week from Friday, the 27th, there will be a dance in the Westport hall. Music will be furnished by the Aberdeen orchestra. A good time is promised to all.

Mr. Wardell Sr. left Westport for Michigan. He will visit until spring with his sons and daughters in Michigan. Mr. Wardell's absence will be keenly felt at the literary.

There has been an effort on the part of some good people to have a weekly Sabbath school in the M. E. Church. The endeavors of our folks should meet with better success.

Last Saturday the Realty Co. met and discussed plans for increasing the company's dividends. Share holders were well represented and all are pleased with the work of the meeting.

Some of the old settlers met at the home of N. Hulbert and rehearsed some of the strenuous times of pioneer days, on last Saturday. Mr. Hulbert always sees to it that these people enjoy themselves when in his home.

There has been considerable talk about organizing a base ball team in town for next season. We have a half dozen boys who have been tried in this sport and are not found wanting. Westport should give these boys encouragement.

Mr. Henry Good and Day Bros. were out all day Saturday throwing shot at cottontails and jack rabbits to see these quadrupeds assume unusual vitality. And then they have the audacity to announce that their skill as hunters compares favorably with Nimrod of old.

Miss Harrietta Young visited the schools on Monday last. Miss Young is a very interesting talker and both faculty and students feel greatly helped by her visits. It would behoove others to say some words of encouragement for the school whenever it is convenient for them to do so.

Dr. Campton, of Westport, who has been visiting in Aberdeen came home Saturday morning. The doctor is quite favorably impressed with the surroundings of the village. He says that a drug store would do a good business here and it would be a splendid opening for some young physician. We have felt the need of these for some time.

The Athletic club has come out of its comatose stage and is manifesting unusual vitality. Under the hegemony of Edward Friel, a most consummate man in fistiana, we expect to surpass all other organizations of this nature in the county. One can hear rumblings nearly a block away on Tuesday evenings. A stranger in our town would be inclined to believe that we had a factory of some kind and were running a night shift to fill a pressing order.

Westport had a most entertaining literary program last Wednesday evening. Both sides produced an abundance of good arguments pro and con on the live issue, "Resolved, that the sympathy of the United States should be with Japan in the oriental struggle." The judges gave the decision in favor of the affirmative. We will contend over the following affirmation on January 18th; "Resolved, that the Afro-Americans should be entitled to their share of appointments by the president." Lory for the affirmative and Stephens for the negative.

Hecla

Gaylord Clark is once more in our midst. He has disposed of his interest in the cigar factory and has resumed his work with the Bank of Hecla, of which he is an officer.

The condition of Elder Boyer, who got a severe fall upon the corner of the depot platform Jan. 9th, is very serious. Dr. Deertz, who has the case in charge, called Dr. Arnold in consultation Tuesday. A paralysis has developed which may be permanent.

Dr. J. P. Foster, state veterinarian, ran up from Huron to examine a sus-

Gaskin's Annual Clearance Sale

From Jan. 16 to 28, 1905

This sale has always been one of the features of our year's business and we have always made big cuts in all our lines. This year, owing to the crop conditions, we will make deeper cuts than ever before. This sale is bound to save you money.

DRY GOODS

Everything in this line consisting of a complete line of Dress Goods, Wash Goods, White Goods, Table Linens, etc. at 1/4 off.

- 10, 11 and 12 1/2c Outings at.....8c
11, 12 and 15c Flannelettes at...8c
Best Light Prints at5c
Best Dark Prints at.....5c
Check Ginghams at.....5c

A large line of Ladies' up-to-date dress skirts at 33 1/3 per cent discount.

A full line of Bed Blankets and Quilts at 25 per cent off.

Our entire line of Winter Underwear, Hosery, Shawls, etc. at 1/4 off.

We have a large line of Men's and Boys' Woolen Shirts and Sweaters which will go at 25 per cent off.

CLOTHING

A complete line of Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats to be sold at 1/4 off.

In this department we have a large line of odd Coats and Vests and odd Pants. They must all go at 40 to 50 per cent discount.

Fur Coats, Sheep Lined Coats and Duck Coats

We have a big assortment in this line, to be sold during this sale at 1/4 off.

CAPS AND MITTENS

Will be sold at a discount of 25 per cent during this sale.

Our entire line of Ladies', Misses', Men's and Boys' Overshoes and Arctics go at 20 per cent off.

SHOES

We have a large line in this department and will endeavor to reduce our stock during this sale, in order to make room for our spring and summer lines. They all go at 25 per cent off.

ALL SALES STRICTLY CASH

JOHN GASKIN COLUMBIA, - SOUTH DAKOTA

pected horse for Fred Kisenger. No definite diagnosis was arrived at but the animal has been isolated and will be watched closely.

Miss Lucy Holmes of Groton, of the millinery firm of Holmes Sisters, made her brother, Dr. Charles Holmes, a visit this week. She returned on Wednesday morning.

John Stolle and J. H. Lamport are soon to open a new butcher shop.

Preaching services were held in the church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. Grant of Huron delivered a very good sermon.

B. F. Adlard ran up from Aberdeen on the freight on business. It now looks as if we might lose him altogether.

It was predicted that wedding bells were soon to ring and they did for one happy couple. Charles Getty was married to Miss Lula Younker at Eliendale N. D., this evening. Some of their friends drove over to perpetrate a surprise upon them.

An eight pound daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Herther Wednesday morning.

Miss Fannie Waiste came down from Ludden Tuesday, accompanying Miss Lottie Yougman to the Youngman home for a week's visit. J. H. Youngman is also at home.

The pure seed wheat meeting held here Tuesday forenoon was very largely attended and Union Temple Hall packed. The men leading the discussions were certainly able agriculturalists and impressive speakers. Some very practical ideas were advanced and some useful methods of obtaining pure seed were brought to the growers' notice. One fact stated, in which all were very much interested, was that rust spores work only on the blade and not on the stalk or seed. The statement was made that wheat cleaned to weigh 45 lbs. per bushel would grow. Some very interesting information was scattered broadcast and every one went home feeling amply repaid for the effort it cost.

Houghton

The knot was tied yesterday by Justice Hall that made Chas. Wilson and his very best girl, Miss Knoke, one for life—not for 10 years as per the Kansas plan. If there is any truth in the old saw that "happy is the bride that the sun shines on" etc., Mrs. Wilson ought to be happy as the day was, as an old neighbor of ours used to say, a "purty day."

Mr. Norton's niece, Miss Murphy of Lake Madison, Minn., is visiting him.

Mr. Mitchell returned from his Chicago trip Friday night. He reports the weather so bad all week that it interfered very much with the stock trade. His hogs brought him \$4.60 and his two cars of sheep 7 1/2c, with which he was well pleased. His fat cattle (two cars) also brought a good price but not as much as if he had been able to sell in the early part of the week.

Lars Herseth and Karlan Bros. have shipped a couple cars of hogs to Sioux City and Chas. Abrams has returned from his trip to New York. You can't drive him away from Houghton for long at a time.

Mr. Norton, Will Hall, Lars Herseth and H. S. Cronyn were Aberdeen visitors during the week.

There was a business meeting at the church Tuesday evening. Rev. Larson was up from Columbia.

Karlan Bros. shipped two cars of fat cattle for the Chicago market last Saturday.

Miss Lucy Holmes of Aberdeen and Groton went up the line on Monday's freight to visit with her brother, Dr. Chas. F. Holmes of Hecla.

Highland

To late for last week.

The Brick young people returned last week from a long visit with their relations at Milbank, S. D.

Fred Bugner, jr., also returned from Milbank Friday, December 30. He has worked around there since harvest and says it is a nice country.

Lewis Sollie wears the ornamental dolls he got on the Christmas tree in his cap. He says they diminish each week and don't know whether they loose off or are swiped.

Our travelers are all back from visits. Lena Rorer from Iowa, Schwab's young people from Minn., P. D. Sollie from Iowa and Illinois, Alma Sollie from Minn. Some of them remark that this is as good a country as any.

The young people of Albion have invited the Highland debaters to meet them in joint debate Saturday, January 14, at the Dewey school house. Resolved, That the Natural Wonders of the New World are greater than those of the old. I do not know at this writing who all the debators will be but think Lewis Sollie, Alma Sollie and Mr. Stabline will take the affirmative, and Alva Powers, Harry Cunningham and probably Grover Powers the negative.

Frederick

H. H. Rosebrook, the newly appointed commissioner, convened with that body at Aberdeen last week.

Matt Hovilla, a young Finlander, returned from Minneapolis Monday, where he has been undergoing treatment for a peculiar case of blood poison, but without result.

Thad Fuller of Milbank is a visitor at the Howell residence.

The I. O. O. F. held a public installation Saturday evening, after which they enjoyed themselves by a social dance and oyster supper at Hotel Elkhorn. The following officers were installed: E. Garey, N. G., J. H. Herrett, V. G., J. R. Chase, Sec'y, P. Gorder, Treas.

From the Free Press The village schools have 87 pupils enrolled.

Miss Blanche Harris will make final proof on her homestead in Oneota township on Saturday of this week.

John Fylpaa's fine St. Bernard dog succumbed to a dose of poison or something else this week. His skin will be made into a robe.

The big St. Bernard dog belonging to J. C. Simmons became such a nuisance to its owner that it was killed several weeks ago. The skin was sent to a furrier and made into a fine rug which arrived this week.

The Savo creamery is now making and shipping about 750 lbs. of butter a week, this being the lowest point that will be reached during the year. Herman Hukari, the secretary, announces that the company has paid off all of its indebtedness.

Putney

Mrs. C. A. Rasmussen is visiting with her mother, Mrs. J. Sieh of James.

Bernard Sullivan has returned to his work at Breckenridge. He is a fireman on a branch line of the Great Northern railroad.

Some of the business men of Claremont are loading a car of ice here to ship to Claremont.

Miss Florence Sieh is spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Smith.

Mrs. E. E. Palmiter visited Mrs. McKinnon yesterday.

Miss Winnifred Smith was the guest of Mrs. W. W. Austin of Aberdeen one day last week.

Mr. Zellar of Ferney was here on business the latter part of last week. A number of our young people went to the dance at Claremont last Friday night. They report a fine crowd and a good time.

Frank McGee of Plana transacted business in town yesterday.

Rondell

Dr. J. H. Rondell, Jan. 14th, after an illness of some months, Mrs. Therese Rondell, aged 58 years, died in the province of Ontario. Her death is the loss of a woman whose departure has touched many hearts and shed such a general gloom over the community in which she lived. Having been in Rondell for a period of nearly twenty years, she was held in esteem by all who knew her. Her good judgment and her adherence to right principles were for her the respect and admiration of her neighbors. She was a member of several different organizations, one of which was the Kings Daughters, in which she served as secretary. She had also acted as superintendent of the Sunday school. She was a true friend of all children and a "widow and orphan" she dealt with in a generous hand. To quote her words in her latest sickness: "I am glad to die." "Asleep in the beautiful description of the new testament of the death. Besides the bereaved husband four children are left to whom there are three sons and one daughter. May the compassionate Heavenly Father fall tenderly on the heads of this sorrowing family.

A number who are ailing in the city.

Mrs. Schell is on the sick list.

Infants has been having quinsy and the swelling was called.

All of the little Miller children are well and a physician was called.

Dr. E. H. Strong has gone to Arizona for his health. We hope to hear of an early recovery.

Old Mrs. Sweet is quite ill at her daughter's, Mrs. Halwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould and Miss Bernadette spent Saturday and Sunday at relatives at Verdon.

J. Allen of St. Paul and the late Mrs. Robinson, is a few days in this neighborhood.

aney, who has been taking a rest again in his place behind the bar.

o. Patterson and children been visiting her parents, Mrs. Dayton, have gone to a brief visit. From will return to her home in Oneota.

ford spent Friday in Aberdeen.

al of Mrs. A. P. Robinson Tuesday at one o'clock at residence, Rev. Montgomer Aberdeen officiating. It was the largest funerals ever conducted in this place, which attests to the respect in which the deceased is held.

Oneota

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hefson.

Walworth is spending his whole a harness the other day at a trace.

Fluke's smiling face was the dance the other night.

to attend the literaries at a town hall every Saturday