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A Little Gun Play Near Oelrichs.

U. S. Brown and Wm. Sisco had an altercation with guns last week, in which they tried to put out each others existence but when the smoke of the battle had cleared away, and each had secured a spade to bury the spoils of war, they found no dead to lay away. So they both came to town. Mr. Brown went to Hot Springs and made complaint and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Sisco, and a hearing was set for Tuesday, but on account of the absence of the prosecuting witness the examination was continued until today, (Saturday.) Oelrichs Times.

The case was brought before Justice Pomeroy, of this city, but as the complaining witness failed to appear on Saturday the defendant was discharged and the costs charged up to Brown. More may yet develop in this difficulty.

South Dakota Creamery Profits.

H. H. Welch, who is a large handler of live stock at Carthage, gives the following figures as showing his experience as a patron of the Carthage creamery:

He started the year with sixteen cows as an experiment.
The income from the sale of the milk from these cows was \$368
From sale of thirteen calves, the increase of these sixteen cows, 8 months old 130
Or a total income of \$498
The expense of hauling the milk to the creamery was \$40
Paid for live tons of shorts 30
Paid for oil-cake meal for calves 3
Or a total expense of \$73

Net income of \$425
An income from each cow of \$25.50.
These figures for hauling the milk cover only the time during the summer hauling season of seven months, and the rough feed and hay, which is a natural product of the farm and would be put up for the cattle and horses in any event, is not figured as an item of expense.

Mr. Welch says that in his experience it pays to feed well on shorts or grain as at the commencement of the year his cows were in poor condition, whereas they are now in excellent condition.

Farming in Fall River County.

The farmers along the canal are preparing for their crops for the coming season and great work will be done near the city. At present every foot of land under the canal is taken and the 16 houses for the colonists have been contracted for and will be built immediately. One year ago last Saturday the first colonists arrived in Edgemont. Gus Dasher and a contingent from Greeley, Col., were the pioneers. The land, covered with sage brush and cactus, did not present a very favorable view to the uninitiated. These men were accustomed to such soil, and it did not take very long for them to find out the fact that here was a soil that was as rich as that at Greeley. They were followed by Iowa farmers who took the cue from them and went to work. At the present time, what change has taken place! A house on nearly every 40 acres, inhabited by a family of contented people, all looking forward to the returns from this year's work. They are assured good crops, and the markets are increasing in the country by reason of the mine discoveries and the added works that will be inaugurated in Edgemont, insuring good prices.

J. E. Eubanks, one of the most energetic men in the country, was interviewed during a visit to the Express, as to his crops and the outlook for the farming district. He said: "I have 20 acres of fall wheat and rye that is looking fine and I intend to farm 80 acres of ground. As to the division of the ground, 15 acres will be seeded to alfalfa, 10 acres to corn, 5 acres to potatoes, 25 acres to oats and the balance to garden truck of all kinds. Last year when we came onto the land it was with some misgivings that we put in our seed, owing to the lateness of our arrival and not being used to the soil. Our fears were groundless as we found out by June. We came late and had loads of work to do. If we had been in the eastern states it would have been folly to put in the crops we did and it was a work of faith to do it in this country. Our work was rewarded with bounteous crops and this year there is no holding back. Irrigation is what made our crops. Put seed in this ground, water and take care of it and your reward in the shape of big returns is sure. I am just as confident of the returns of this year's crop as can be. The company has made sufficient plans for abundance of water any time in the year and are with us in our work. They put their money against our work and farming experience and when that is done for me, I am convinced that there is something to be made and will put my best efforts forward."—Edgemont Express.

PIERRE POINTERS.

Some Happenings of the Week at the State Capital—Legislative Grind and Gossip.

The oleomargarine bill has passed and is said to be of more benefit to the farmers than any other measure that has been enacted.

Gov. Lee has approved the following bills: Providing for the sale and lease of the Taylor lands; repealing chapter 162, laws of 1895; to prevent the desecration of the United States flag; for the adjustment of taxes between counties; appropriating money for the maintenance of the state house; prohibiting nickel-in-the-slot machines; providing for the safe keeping of the public funds; changing the boundaries of the Third and Fifth judicial circuits; to enforce the clause of the constitution relative to monopolies and trusts.

The house killed the bill extending the terms of office of railroad commissioners to four and six years. Bills were passed to authorize county commissioners to call elections to vote bonds for public buildings; to establish a state printing office at the state reform school, where all state printing shall be done hereafter; providing that county commissioners' proceedings shall be published in newspapers of each political faith; appropriating money for the reform school deficiency.

The referendum measure which was in both houses all last week passed both houses Saturday. This measure is a proposed amendment to section 1, of article 3, of the state constitution. It provides that the people expressly reserve to themselves the right to propose measures to the legislature which it shall enact and submit to a vote of the electors of the state. The people also reserve the right to require that any laws which the legislature may have enacted shall be submitted to a vote of the people of the state before going into effect except such laws as may be necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, support of the government and its existing public institutions, health or safety, that not more than 5 per centum of the qualified electors of the state shall be required to invoke either the initiative or the referendum. This measure shall not be construed so as to deprive the legislature or any member thereof of the right to propose any measure. The veto power of the executive shall not be exercised as to measures left to a vote of the people. This section shall apply to municipalities.

The county depository law which has received the signature of Gov. Lee, is a radical departure from the present method of caring for county funds. Here are a few of its provisions:

The county treasurer of every county in this state shall deposit and at all times keep on deposit for safe keeping in state, private or national banks in this state, and of approved and responsible standing, the amount of money in his hands belonging to the several funds of the county treasurer. Any of such banks may apply for the privilege of keeping the funds upon certain conditions, and shall state in the application the rate of interest they will pay on such deposits and the amount of money desired.

All money shall be deposited in the name of the treasurer as county treasurer, and for all such deposits he shall take a receipt in duplicate, one to be retained in his office and the other filed forthwith with the county auditor, who shall enter the amount in a book kept for that purpose, and all checks drawn against such deposits shall be credited on the same book by the auditor, before delivery to the treasurer, which book shall be kept in such a manner as to show at all times the amount of money on deposit with said bank or bankers. All banks receiving and holding such deposits shall be required to pay to the county for the privilege of keeping such deposits interest amounting to not less than 2 per cent and not more than 4 per cent per annum.

For the security of the fund so deposited under the provisions of this act the board of county commissioners shall require all depositories to give bonds with five or more free holders of the state as sureties, such sureties not to be stockholders or owners of such depositories.

The county treasurer shall not have at any bank at any one time on deposit more than one-half of the bond and shall keep the amounts in the several depositories as nearly equal as possible.

Any bank may make application for such part of the public funds as it may desire, but the board of county commissioners shall determine the amount it shall receive, which shall not be greater than the amount applied for nor more than one-half of its capital stock.

No treasurer shall be liable on his bond for money on deposit in any bank as herein provided, if said bank has given bonds and has been approved by the board of county commissioners and the amount does not exceed the amount allowed to be kept at such bank.

The bill to establish a uniform educational system passed the senate and is now a law. It relates to district schools.

The general appropriation bill was introduced in both houses. It reduces the appropriations over those of two years ago.

The bill providing for a committee to investigate the state institutions and officers had its third reading Monday afternoon and will pass the senate.

In the house bills were passed to establish an experiment station at Highmore; to provide a mode of registration of live stock brands.

The county officials of the state will be interested in the bill which would make it "the duty of all county, city and state officers in this state to have all their printing, including all records, books and stationery for their respective offices, done within the limits of the state of South Dakota. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined for each offense not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, to be recovered before any court of competent jurisdiction." Of course this measure is being rushed through by the printers of the state.

The populists who are supporting the bill for a state printing plant at Plankinton, where all the printing for the state shall be done, are making a direct blow at or anized labor and bringing it into competition with convict labor. This bill has passed the house and has the sanction of Gov. Lee.

After the hardest fought legislative contest of the session, covering ten days, the capital removal bill was defeated on party lines on Tuesday, five Kyle populists voting with the republicans. This is a test of the strength and henceforth the republicans will control legislation.

The bill providing for a full investigation into the affairs of ex-Treasurer Taylor and other state officials has become a law.

The house passed the senate bill for bounties on coyotes, wolves and mountain lions at \$1, \$3 and \$5 respectively, to be paid by the state.

The bill creating the office of insurance commissioner passed the house and will pass the senate.

The bill to permit the establishment of a school of osteopathy in this state and empowering such school to issue certificates to graduates who shall be licensed to practice the art of healing, passed both houses and will become a law.

In the senate the valued policy insurance bill was killed by being indefinitely postponed.

A resolution of sympathy to the Cubans and a memorial to congress recommending the election of United States senators by direct vote were adopted.

Carter's Dollar Edition—Laws of 1897.

In order to continue meeting the popular demand for a cheap edition of the laws, the Carter Publishing Co., Pierre, will issue their regular Dollar Edition of the Laws, immediately after the adjournment of the legislature. The laws will be delivered a day or two after adjournment. Advance sheets will be mailed each week during the session for \$2.50.

We are publishers of all the Laws and Supreme Court Reports of the state and territory. Orders should also now be filed for the official edition of the Session Laws of 1897. Order the Dollar Edition or the advance sheets and keep posted. The edition is intended to fill the gap intervening between the passage of the laws and the publication of the official edition. Send for catalogue of law books and legal blanks. CARTER PUBLISHING CO., PIERRE, S. D.

CITY COUNCIL GRINDS ONCE MORE.

Elects G. C. Smith Auditor, Allows Bills and Wrangles a Little.

After a vain effort for about two months to get a quorum together the city council finally got together Monday evening in regular session, with all members present excepting Morgan.

The mayor called the council to order and informed the members that the first thing to be done was the election, or rather the confirmation, of the auditor, and until that was done nothing else would be done. They at once proceeded to ballot upon the confirmation of the mayor's appointee, G. C. Smith. The ballot stood five for Smith and two against, and he was declared duly elected, and at once assumed the duties of the office.

The minutes of the meetings of Jan. 4 and 18 were read and approved.

The reports of the marshal and police justice were approved.

The following bills were allowed on the general fund: STAR, \$11.75; C. R. Cramer, \$14.35; Jos. Petty, \$15.00; Transfer Feed & Fuel Co., \$34.50; John Gillespie \$3.90; Frank Fawcett, \$2.00; and the following on the current expense fund: J. G. Richer & Co., \$3.30; Ed. Blacey sheriff, \$6.30; salaries for Jan. and Feb., \$450.80.

Alderman Wells introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That this council hereby expresses its respect for and confidence in the personal good character and business ability of retiring Auditor, J. F. Parks.

Resolved, further, That we hereby express our satisfaction of the manner in which he has conducted the duties of his office during his term of service.

The mayor ruled the resolution out of order, whereupon Mr. Wells appealed from the ruling, the vote upon sustaining the mayor being as follows: Yes, Bradley and Jennings; no, Gibson, Magowan, Mower, Reeder and Wells.

And so the mayor was overruled and the motion was before the council. Mr. Wells added, the following to the final sentence of the resolution: "relating exclusively to the clerical work of his office," and in that manner the mayor put the resolution, in obedience solely to the vote by which his objection was overruled. The resolution was thus carried by the same vote as the one overruling the mayor.

Council then adjourned to Monday evening, March 15, at 7:30 to consider the water and light ordinances as a special order (these ordinances we understand being the ones presented by Mayor Anderson.)

Death of Mrs. Fred D. Gillespie.

After suffering little more than a week with peritonitis Mrs. F. D. Gillespie calmly passed to the great beyond Wednesday morning, March 3rd, 1897, at 8:45, surrounded by her grief-stricken husband and three little children, and a few near friends.

Ella S. Morrow was born at Watertown, N. Y., on Dec. 25th, 1856, and was therefore a little more than 40 years of age at the time of her death. She was united in marriage to Mr. Fred D. Gillespie at her home on Sept. 11th, 1883, and the young people at once came west to Mitchell, South Dakota, where they resided until 1888, coming to Hot Springs on April 1st of that year. They at once took charge of the Minnekahta hotel, and so successfully did they conduct it that they were able to build the handsome Gillespie. Mrs. Gillespie was exceptionally bright, practical and business like, and her death is a sad blow to the husband and family, as well as to the community.

Brief services will be conducted at the home of deceased this (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Pond, of the Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Gillespie was a member. The remains will be started Friday evening for Watertown, N. Y., accompanied by Mr. Gillespie and children, and will be met at Omaha by Jos. Morrow, of Mitchell, S. D., a brother of deceased, who will also go on to Watertown. The remains will be laid to rest there in the family cemetery lot, where Mrs. Gillespie witnessed the burial of her mother only a few months ago. Two brothers and two sisters still reside at Watertown.

The STAR unites with the entire community in extending sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the sorely bereaved husband and children for their sad and irreparable loss.

Bids for Sewer from School House.

Bids will be received by the clerk of Hot Springs Independent School District No. 10 up to March 25th at noon, for the furnishing and constructing of a sewer (of vitrified six-inch sewer piping) from the public school building for a distance of 550 feet, more or less. Further particulars furnished by applying to the undersigned. W. R. MORGAN, Clerk.

The Fair

Buys and Sells Right!

If one pays too much for goods they come high to the people even tho' sold at cost. Less than cost on cheap goods for which too much was paid makes them high priced to the buyer. And another point to consider is that

OUR NEW GOODS ARE GOOD GOODS

Special Sale Ladies' Shirt Waists.

Choice of a Nice Lot 25 Cents.

LOCATION: Minnekahta Block, Between Merchants State Bank and Richer & Co's.

E. ELSEY, PROP.

New Milling Company.

A new stock company has been organized to conduct the flouring mill, to be known as the Minnekahta Mill company. The directors are Victor E. Peterson, Chas. A. Peterson and W. L. Judkins, the stock being divided into 1,500 shares at \$10 each, or a total of \$15,000. Mr. Judkins has been actively at work for some time adjusting the accounts between the subscribers to mill and the Petersons and has at last brought about this organization which will no doubt be a splendid thing for the city and county, as well as for those who conduct it. They expect soon to have affairs so adjusted as to be able to run the mill regularly. It is one of the best equipped mills in the northwest and with a little capital at hand it will be able to do a thriving business. They will manufacture various kinds of health foods, besides flour, feed, etc.—all of which they can make equal to the finest. We wish for the new organization all possible success. It has good business blood in it now and will certainly win.

And Why It Was Not Accepted by the Town Committee.

It had been decided at a public meeting of the citizens that they would have a combination library, reading room and social club in Wamptan. The committee, made up of substantial members of the community authorized to act upon their own judgment, was in session at Deacon Close's, he having a site that he wanted to sell for the proposed building. "I regard this movement as deserving of popular approval and aid," said the minister. "It aims to secure a wider intelligence and a better tone of morality among our people. Every one should give according to his means."

After the editor, the doctor and the banker had talked in the same vein, the lawyer proposed that they get down to business. "Deacon Close," he continued, "has a desirable lot for which he asks \$2,000. It strikes me as a pretty stiff price, but I have no doubt that he will make us a donation of \$500 and make a deed of the site for \$1,500."

There was applause, in which the deacon did not participate, but rising reluctantly he delivered himself as follows: "I must say that I agree with what has been said in praise of this enterprise. Our town needs it and there is no place for it more desirable than the lot I have offered. Of course I want to bear my full share of the expense."

"Since I offered you this lot," the deacon went on, "there has been a great improvement in times. Money is easier, prices are better and reality gets an enhanced value because of the general prosperity. I will let you have the lot for \$2,500 and throw off \$500 as a donation."

The minister muttered something he was glad the rest did not hear. The deacon laughed, the banker scowled and the lawyer moved to adjourn in a voice that told the deacon he would have to seek some other market for the lot that had taken such a long and sudden jump in value.—Detroit Free Press.

Ripans Tabules cure liver troubles. Ripans Tabules: pleasant laxative. Ripans Tabules.

CHURCH SERVICE.

Sabbath school will hold as usual at 12 o'clock at the Presbyterian church.

Rev. Jos. B. Long will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. Lymer will occupy the pulpit of the M. E. church in the morning; the evening service will be a song service.

Rev. John C. Ahern will hold Catholic services in the court on Sunday, March 7th, at 10:30 a. m.; and at the Soldiers' Home at 3 p. m.

Services in Baptist church: Preaching at 10:30; Sunday school at 11:15; Juniors at 3 p. m.; B. Y. P. U. at 6:30; Evening service m. n. a. 7:30. Morning subject, "Foreign Mission;" evening, "Our First Duty." All are invited.

J. F. CARLIN, Pastor.

Services at St. Luke's Mission, Episcopal, Cold brook north of court house Sunday morning at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 12 o'clock. Song service at 7 o'clock p. m. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Litany service Friday evening. Rev. W. H. Pond, missionary.

Services at soldiers' home as follows: Presbyterian, Feb. 7, March 28, May 23, July 11, Sept. 5, Oct. 24, Dec. 12. Episcopal, Feb. 14, April 4, May 30, July 25, Sept. 12, Oct. 31, Dec. 19. Catholic, Feb. 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Oct. 17, Nov. 21. Methodist, Feb. 28, April 11, June 6, Aug. 1, Sept. 19, Nov. 7, Dec. 26. Congregational, March 7, April 25, June 13, August 8, Sept. 26, Nov. 14. Baptist, March 14, May 9, June 27, August 22, Oct. 3, Nov. 28. W. C. T. U., March 21, May 9, July 4, Aug. 29, Oct. 10, Dec. 5.

Wood Wanted.

Sealed bids for fifty cords of good sound wood will be received by the clerk of Hot Springs Independent school district No. 10—25 cords of said wood to be delivered on or before April 1st, 1897, and 25 cords on or before June 1st, 1897.

Bids will be received until Feb. 25th.

W. R. MORGAN, Clerk.

The New Bridge at Sioux City.

Will be used by the Pacific Short Line exclusively, commencing March 1st. This will enable that company to offer its patrons the best of service, as there will be no delays caused by other trains.

Remember by taking that line at O'Neill you save three hours time to Sioux City.

Teachers' Examination.

A teachers' examination will be held in the office of the county superintendent at the court house, March 12 and 13, beginning at 9 o'clock, a. m. BERTHA Y. THORNTON, County Superintendent.

One Fare and One-Third to Lincoln.

For the Biennial Conference of Seventh Day Adventists at Lincoln, Neb., on Feb. 8th to March 8th, the B. & M. road will sell round trip tickets for one fare and a third on the certificate plan. Certificates issued on Feb. 7, 15, 22 and March 1, only, will be honored for return at reduced rate. On Feb. 17 tickets to Lincoln and return will be sold at one fare plus \$2.00, odd for return, leaving Lincoln on March 8th, only.

The STAR wants wood on subscription, and would like it at once. Those who do not find it convenient to pay in cash should try and square up in a "trade" of wood. Don't delay it.