

C. C. Crabtree will shortly open up a dry-goods and millinery store in this city in the store occupied by the Singer Sewing Machine co. on south side St. Joe Street. Mr. Crabtree intends carrying a full line of dry-goods and run millinery parlors in connection.

A. R. Sisley, brother of Simon Sisley who was killed at Dazell recently, was an arrival this week from Alberta, Canada to investigate in the affair of his brother's death.

The new gas plant is now nearing completion and is going to make quite a considerable addition to the eastern end of our city. The finishing touches are being put on the building this week.

Immediately after the annual meeting of the Western S. D. Stock Growers Association to be held at Rapid City, on April 11, 12, and 13th the Northwestern Association intend holding their meeting at Belle Fourche. The citizens of that burg are going to put up a big time, having already subscribed something over \$700 for entertaining purposes.

Our old friend Billy Welch, with his old time smiling countenance, arrived in this city this week from Butte, Montana, after an absence of about two years. Billy used to be night clerk at the International, a position which he filled for several years before he left here. He reports nice weather in Butte.

Our managing editor has had an elephant on his hands this week in the shape of a raging toothache, which has placed him in a mood where nothing is safe that stands in his way. Consequently the city reporter, who believes "discretion the better part of valor" has been obliged to poke his nose under the back door of the print-shop and run, there fore it is quite likely that some of his excellent work may have escaped the wrath of editor's eye and been lost. However we present the public with such local bits as were saved and promise better next week.

Last Monday night, station agent, J. E. Owen, boarded the east bound passenger and went away, as he said, to Chicago. It has been discovered however, that he had not notified his company of his intended departure, or sent in any resignation, consequently the matter was looked into and an auditing committee was sent down from Deadwood this week to audit his book, and it is strongly suspected that a considerable short-

age will be found. Owen seems to have been imbibing of the red wine quite freely of late, and has also been bucking that little wheel where nobody knows where the little ball goes to a considerable extent, and it seems as though the redoubtable gentleman found himself somewhat in the hole to the company and therefore concluded to try another climb before it got too warm for him here. Owen has had charge of the passenger depot here about two years. Before that time he was in charge of the passenger depot of the B & M at Lead City.

An excellent band is now being gotten into shape at the U. S. Indian school under the able leadership of Mr. Albert Tourtellot, industrial teacher. The band consists of twenty-four pieces, and the best musical talent of the school has been selected to make up the organization. The instruments are all brand new and of the finest quality having been manufactured by the Randolph Wurlitzer company of Cincinnati, Ohio. The boys practice every day in their Band Hall on the school grounds, and under the able leadership of their instructor, Mr. Tourtellot, we feel confident that the school will by next spring turn out a band that is liable to make our town band turn green with envy. And maybe the Indian boys will give us some open air concerts, which will be quite a treat for our citizens as we have not had an opportunity of hearing anything of that sort for quite a while. We understand that the town band is soon to give a pay concert at Library Hall. We have not had a free concert for about two years.

The city reporter has been informed by the editor that after a lapse of several months, Madame De Parlay has decided to resume her position on the Union staff as society reporter, which position she was obliged to abandon last fall on account of the fact that the Union type force was not sufficient to set her supply of copy along with the vast amount of other work that was then pouring in on the paper. This however, has all been obviated by the great improvements in the typesetting department, therefore Madame De Parlay will again write up the social whirl for our columns every week or at least every two weeks. Last fall there seemed to be quite a little conjecture as to whom the Madame De Parlay really was and quite a number of our subscribers, we understand came to the conclusion that she was no other than the editor's wife herself. This however, was an entire wrong impression and the editor's wife assures the writer that the editor refuses even to tell her who it is.

Mrs. Sisley, wife of Simon Sisley

who was killed a couple of week ago, by Bud Chaffee, went to Sturgis during the early part of the week to counsel the States Attorney of Meade County concerning her husband's death and in hopes that she might secure the arrest of Chaffee. As it will be remembered, immediately after the shooting Chaffee was arraigned before Justice Keith of Dazell, where he pleaded guilty of the crime but claimed it was in self-defense. Justice Keith after listening to Chaffee's story released him from custody. This was rather a loose way of treating so serious a matter and Mrs. Sisley determined to appeal to the States Attorney. The appeal was in a way successful as the sheriff of Meade County and the States Attorney left Sturgis this week for the scene of the crime and they intend to thoroughly investigate the affair. Chaffee will probably be re-arrested. The shooting is said to have resulted from an old feud which has existed between the two men for several years past.

A. W. Bangs had the misfortune to suffer a slight stroke of paralysis last Saturday while in his office attending to his daily work. Something went wrong with the stove-pipe and the Judge got up on a chair and attempted to fix it. He was compelled to reach quite a distance and this is thought to have brought it on. He soon commenced to feel a peculiar numbness come over his left side, and found in a few moments that he could not use his left arm and left leg at all. A doctor was called and Mr. Bangs was removed to his home, where he is still confined, although the doctor says he will be all right again in a short time. Mr. Bangs displayed remarkable fortitude when he found out what was the matter and laughed and joked in that irrepressible way of his that makes every body happy around him. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

Saturday evening the Christian Endeavor Society of the Congregational Church gave a social at the home of the Misses Chase. In spite of the severe weather which kept quite a number away, there was between forty and fifty young people in attendance and all report a most enjoyable time. An auction sale was carried on by Rev. Butcher, made things quite lively for a time, rattle-boxes, pop-guns and other articles of childish delight being sold for beans; beans being the legal tender. Appetizing refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, coffee and cake was served by the young ladies of the society.

South Dakota intends to put on a fine exhibit of building stone and stucco products from full River Co. S. D. at the St. Louis exposition next summer. Quite a number of men

are now at work cutting and dressing the stone from the quarries at Hot Springs. The stone will be used in constructing a wall around the South Dakota exhibit at the Fair. The wall will be two feet in height.

Mrs. J. D. Patton was made happy one morning this week by the arrival from Fort Clark, Texas, of her long absent son, J. S. Harvey who went to the Philippines during the Spanish-American war, where he served a year, and who since his return has been stationed at Fort Clark. Harvey's term of enlistment expired a few days ago. He will not probably re-enlist.

Edd Trenam of Salt Lake City stopped last night at the Kampeska house. Mr. Trenam is acting as agent for the mining interests of his father, J. J. Trenam. He has recently received word from headquarters that a rich vein of ore has been struck and that he finds has considerable enhanced the value of the stock—Watertown Public Opinion.

Mr. Trenam was formerly a student at the School of Mines and is well known here.

Jerusch Beranek who was run over on the night of the Belknap Livery fire and who has not been feeling well since was examined this week by the doctor and found to have one of his ribs broken. The doctor says that with rest and quite he will soon be all right.

Rev. Dr. Hancher, formerly pastor of the M. E. Church of this place and for several years president of the Black Hills College at Hot Springs, is said to be going to give a lecture here sometime during March.

E. G. Chapman, salesman for Tootle, Wheeler and Tootle of St. Louis Mo. is in the city this week looking up the trade. Mr. Chapman is a nephew of H. N. Chapman of this city, and was for a year a clerk in Chase's store.

Will Chase, Chase's popular clerk went up the road Sunday morning to Deadwood on a well earned vacation.

Hugh P. Estes of Nemo, S. D. was in the city this week on business connected with the land office.

Myron Wilsie, county surveyor, returned from Pine Ridge this week. Mr. Wilsie has been doing some surveying work down in that country.

George Baldridge and wife were up from Vesta one day this week.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Owing to the extreme cold weather Manager Johnson and Deputy coffee, who are organizing the Modern Brotherhood of America in this city, have concluded to postpone their first meeting until next

week. It is hoped by that time it will be warm enough for the members from the country to come in to the moving pictures and illustrated song entertainment which Manager Johnson will give the night of the organization of the lodge. The date now set for the organization and election of officers is Fri. night Feb. 19th, at the A. O. U. W. hall. No further postponement will be made as the most of the certificates will have been received from the Supreme Secretary by that time.

The M. B. A. is making rapid progress in the hills. A class of one hundred will be taken in at Ouster on the 18th of this month.

Hon. C. E. Smith, the well known attorney of Ouster, says, "I consider the M. B. A. one of the best fraternal insurance societies now in existence and no one will make any mistake by joining the same in case they desire fraternal insurance. I can heartily recommend it to the public at large."

Call For School Warrants.

Notice is hereby given to the holders of warrants of the Rapid City Independent School District, up to and including registered No. 1433 on the teachers fund and up to and including registered No. 1474 on the general contingent fund, to present the same at the First National Bank for payment and that interest will cease from this date.

FEBRUARY 12 1904.

MARY ERIDGE, Treasurer.

Fred H. Whitfield, Attorney for Petitioner, Notice for Hearing Petition for Letters of Administration.

State of South Dakota, ss
County of Pennington, ss
In the County Court)

In the matter of the estate of Cyrus A. Ehle man, deceased.

The state of South Dakota sends greeting to Edna May Wise, of Sterling, Illinois, Sidney A. Ehleman, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Mary Ehleman, of Oakland, California, heirs at law and next of kin of Cyrus A. Ehleman, deceased, and to all whom these presents may come:

Notice is hereby given that Marion T. Co-mack of Deadwood, Lawrence county, South Dakota, (at the request of Mary Ehleman, mother of deceased) has filed with the judge of this court a petition praying that letters of administration of the estate of said Cyrus A. Ehleman, deceased, and that Thursday, the 25th day of February, 1904, at 9 o'clock, a. m. on that day, being a day of the regular January 1904, term of this court at the county court house in Rapid City, in Pennington county, South Dakota, has been set for hearing said petition, when and where any person interested may appear and show cause why said petition should not be granted.

Dated at Rapid City, S. D., this 1st day of February A. D., 1904.

JAMES BOYD,
Judge of County Court,
First publication February 5, 1904.

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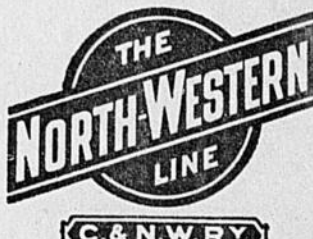
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