

LOCAL LAONICS

The railroad people are laying track on the new grade east of Pierre street. Geese, ducks, meadow larks and even flies are on the wing. Verily, spring is advancing with a long stride.

The happiness of the Eastertide and the finish of the long penitential season was celebrated with solemnness at all of the houses of worship.

The record of the department of vital statistics for February shows 890 births in the state, 334 deaths, 241 marriages, 25 divorces and 100 nationalizations.

C. A. Young & Sons will soon establish themselves in the plumbing and steam fitting business in Pierre. Both are splendid workmen, and those who employ them will have no regrets coming.

It is a rather poor day in South Dakota when two or three scores of immigrant cars do not come into the state. Things are moving South Dakota towards nowadays, and every citizen of the state should do what he can to boost.

Thomas H. Ayres of Pierre, S. D., a real estate man who makes his headquarters in Omaha, returned Saturday from Cuba. He spent a month there to look over the land situation. He is convinced that within a few years Cuba will exceed California in the output of fruit—Omaha World-Herald March 31.

The Masons of Pierre were entertained by their brethren of Fort Pierre one night last week. The degree of Master Mason was conferred upon R. J. Brandhuber, Grand Lecturer Ives conferring the degree. A banquet was served at which Judge Gaffey acted as toastmaster.

That the dairy industry is taking a firm hold in this section of the state is thoroughly evidenced by the fact that E. L. Brown has sold over a hundred head of milk cows in small bunches, to settlers since the first of January. With such a movement this early in the season we may look for a big business in milk cows here later on.

Butte township is one of the newest among the organized townships of this county. John Steiner, one of the residents of that township in the city a few days ago, says that 22 new settlers have already come into that township this spring, and brought with them 20 cars of farm machinery and household goods. The whole eastern end of the county is rapidly taking in new population, generally being those who have purchased lands from the original claimants.

Judge C. D. Mead, of this city, a few days ago wrote what is probably the heaviest single insurance policy ever issued out in this city, it being for \$100,000 on the freight house and contents of the Northwestern road in this city. The huge building is filled practically to the limit with freight, and the question is where to store what is coming every day, the shipments not going out as fast as they come in. Last week 100 cars of freight were unloaded here, and the record of this week will probably be as great, and the risk on so large an amount of property piled up in one warehouse is more than the railway company cares to carry for itself.

This is certainly a peculiar world—one is struggling for justice and another is fleeing from it. One man is trying to build a house and another is trying to sell his for less than cost to get rid of it. One man is spending all the money he can make in taking a girl to a theater and sending her flowers, with the hope of making her his wife, while his neighbor is spending what gold he has in getting a divorce. One man will escape all the diseases that flesh is heir to and gets killed on the railroad. Another escapes with a scratch and die with the whooping cough. One man stands off his creditors and goes traveling, while another pays his debts and stays at home.

That there is a great movement of emigrants to the reservation country west of Pierre is shown by the number of cars which have been pulled into Pierre during the past week. Sunday morning a special train brought in thirty-two cars loaded with stock and farm implements, all bound for Stanley county. During the day fourteen more cars came. The movement that started in that direction last month means eventually a thorough settling up of that country, and within a few months it will be well populated. Men are more than anxious to get hold of the little government land remaining and none of it will be allowed to go begging at any price.

A walk about town is a revelation to anyone who has not been about much the past winter. New buildings are going up in every part of town, and yet there is not a dwelling house to be secured. Every house is rented before the foundation is laid. About two hundred houses were built here last season, and nearly as many are either in course of construction or contemplated by men who will build. Facts like these are what talk. It is not what is going to be done, but what has been or is being done. People are coming every day and we have nowhere to put them. Already there are shanties up and occupied, and with the warmth of spring there will be more. Meanwhile people are getting along the best they can under the circumstances, waiting for more dwelling houses to be put up.

Thos. H. Leach was in the city Monday from Harrold.

J. H. J. Black was in the city Tuesday, from Sioux Falls.

Miss Marguerite Karcher is spending vacation days in Pierre.

D. A. Stinger, a representative citizen of Blunt, was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Grace Evans, who has been ill for some time, has almost regained her health.

Mrs. C. H. Burke and daughter Josephine, went to Sioux Falls Tuesday, to visit friends.

Miss Dorothy Hutchinson is home from Iowa and will spend her vacation days in Pierre.

County Commissioner Metzger, of Canby, arrived Tuesday, accompanied by his wife.

F. N. Stewart, division superintendent of the Northwestern railway, arrived Tuesday from Huron.

If the conductors and trainmen do strike it won't make much difference whether the fare is 2½ or 3 cents a mile.

Farmers are already in their fields sowing in anticipation of a "bumper 1907 crop." May their hopes be realized to an overflowing measure.

C. B. Billingshurst left today for Ashton to join Mrs. Billingshurst and Miss Anna who have been spending the week in that city, visiting relatives. They intend returning Saturday.

Misses Pearl Kittelson and Inez Denison, teachers in the city schools, are their vacation at their homes in Aberdeen. Both have done splendid work in the schools during the past year.

Fine spring weather has prevailed all this week, a continuation of the warm wave which prevailed the latter part of last week, and the farmers have been busy in the fields all of the week.

A Madison stock shipper made a trip to Milwaukee to see why he could not get cars, and on returning said the trouble must be in the power department, as he found the yards full of "empties."

The Western Union Telegraph Company has made an advance of 20 per cent. in its charges for transmitting messages. These piping times of prosperity have their advantages and disadvantages.

The foundation of one of Mr. Newbank's houses on Prospect street is well under way, and excavation for the second has been commenced. Mr. Newbanks is pushing the work as rapidly as possible and is having the water pipes put in.

The threshing crew got through with Clyde Shodmakers wheat last week and he reports a yield of 28 bushels. A pretty good yield considering that a large amount was wasted being too damp to thresh out good.—Reliance Record.

The threatened strike of railroad employees will not occur. The better sense of both employees and employer has prevailed and a great strike has been prevented. This result is largely due to the common sense of the railroad engineers and trainmen throughout the country.

The contract for the new creamery building at Fort Pierre was let last Friday for \$3,074. The main building will be 30 x 50 feet, constructed of concrete and cement blocks, with corrugated galvanized iron roof and will be of the most modern and sanitary pattern.

Judge F. R. Aiken of Sioux Falls is here before the supreme court to argue a motion for new trial in the case of State vs. Mrs. LaPine. The defendant was convicted on the charge of manslaughter in the Lake county circuit court a year ago, but the case was appealed to the superior court.

A general council of Cheyenne Indians is to be held at the agency, beginning April 15, for the purpose of discussing and voting on the proposition to leasing a portion of their reservation to the Utes, now at Fort Meade. It is expected that some 1,500 Indians will take part in the pow-wow.

A Larson, a representative of the Chas. W. Grindell Co., a leading contracting firm of Chicago, is in the city looking after the prices of material for the new passenger depot. Mr. Larson is the first of the contractors to appear, and is authority for the statement that the depot will be a brick structure, 30 feet by 330 feet.

Hereafter Mr. Nenhausner, owner of the European house and Pierre Hotel, will have management of both houses, except the first floor of the Pierre Hotel which has been leased to D. A. LaMotte recently from Clinton, Iowa, who will engage in the business of manufacturing rugs. The hotel properties are separated by a vacant lot upon which he will erect a two-story building, connecting hotel properties.

The steam breaking plow is taking the place of horse plows all over this part of the state. The new settlers west of the river are getting them in, and many of them are scattered over this part of the state east of the river. Several were worked in Sully county last year, and proved so satisfactory in every way that more are being ordered for the work in that country, while the eastern end of this country is being worked with that manner of plowing up the prairie sod.

Chas. J. Porter, the lawyer-postmaster at Madison, is in the city.

State Supt. Ustrud left on the afternoon train for a trip to Watertown and Sioux Falls.

Secretary D. D. Wipf returned from a trip to Hutchinson county, where he spent Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Shannon arrived from LeMars, Iowa, for a visit with her sister at Fort Pierre.

The society of Eagles are planning to build a lodge home. They are of the class who can build.

Louis Webber, who has spent the winter in the city last today for his homestead at Hayes.

Milton Goodner leaves in the morning for a visit of several days with friends in Vermillion.

Miss Nichola, one of the teachers in the Central school, began work on the examining board today.

John W. Laughlin is enjoying a visit from his father and mother, who arrived last night from Mt. Pulaski, Ill.

Miss Daisy Williams arrived this afternoon from Webster after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. F. Denton.

Attorney Bartlett Tripp of Yankton arrived last night and appeared before the supreme court today on legal business.

Richard R. Wickham arrived in the city today from Madison. He filed a homestead entry upon land in Stanley county and will shortly take up his residence in that county.

Hiram Waldo of DeWitt, Nebr., who has been visiting his brother, Guy Waldo and family for several days, left this morning for Ottumwa, S. D., where he will start in farming.

O. L. Lundin, a brother-in-law of E. C. Kindley, arrived last night from Clemons, Iowa, for a few days visit with relatives. His two boys have been here with Mr. Kindley for several months.

Grand Lecturer B. F. Ives will come to Pierre this week to conduct Royal Arch Mason work in the Pierre chapter. A large number of members have been elected and are waiting to receive the degrees.

The county commissioners went out to the Snake Buttes bridge yesterday to examine it. The bridge is getting in bad shape and the board may abandon it next year and condemn land west of it for a road.

There is some agitation among the church circles to have a revival meeting here. The churches could stand the membership and society would not be hurt any if the Madison result should take place.

The Hughes County Teachers' Normal Institute, for 1907, will be held in Pierre, beginning June 3 and continuing one week. Some of the best instructors in the state will assist Superintendent Hatch during the session.

A. P. Osgood has purchased two lots on Ree Street of C. B. Ingham and is cleaning them off, preparing to plant trees, shrubberies, etc. In the fall he will erect a new home there, for him and his daughter, Miss Osgood.

Rev. H. L. Russell received his ordination as a minister of the Trinity Episcopal church at Sioux Falls this morning. His many friends of this city will congratulate Rev. Russell most heartily. The members of the church will tender him a reception upon his arrival home from Sioux Falls.

John L. Lockhart reports inquiries for lands greatly on the increase. He has as large a list of lands, perhaps, as any dealer in the state and his extended acquaintance is proving of great benefit to him at this time. He has farms and ranches for sale at prices that cannot fail to bring the biggest kind of returns to those who invest now.

A very pleasant social and business meeting of the Baptist Young People was held in the church parlors last evening. After the business matters had been adjusted, little Mildred Thomas recited, and a selection was read by Miss Chapman which were both much enjoyed. Progressive games furnished the entertainment for those present, until after ten. Lunch was then served after which the crowd dispersed, having spent a most pleasant evening.

Ferry crossing is all this place will have until the permanent bridge of the Northwestern company is completed. The company which has all the required material on the west side of the river for the heavy work on that part of the extension work from this end out to Philip, will not attempt to again put in the temporary bridge. Whatever lighter material will be necessary in the work will be crossing on many barges. The grading work is so far completed that the people of Philip are counting on the trains running to that point by the last of May. There is more work in several heavy cuts west of Philip, but the hope of the railway company is now to get the line in operation from Fort Pierre to Rapid City by the 1st of July. The through trains will be delayed by the permanent bridge, which will not likely be completed before the 1st of September. With average weather and river conditions the road should be ready for through trains by that time, but all depend upon these two conditions to a large extent.

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OVER THE PRECIPICE.

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Here is an adventure in the antarctic regions taken from Captain Robert F. Scott's "The Voyage of the Discovery." Nine men are returning from a sledge expedition in a blinding snowstorm. "An unusually violent squall prevented us from seeing even one another. I immediately ordered a chain to be formed at right angles and extending across our track, each man keeping in touch with the rest, with the idea of intercepting Hare, who was missing, when he came on. We shouted and blew whistles, and while this was going on Evans stepped back on to a patch of bare, smooth ice and shot out of sight immediately. Thinking the slope to be one of the short ones so common in the folds of the hills, Barne sat down and deliberately started to slide in Evans' track. In a moment or two the slope grew steeper, and soon he was going at a pace which left him no power to control his movements. He whipped out his clasp knife and dug it into the ice, but the blade snapped off short and failed to check his wild career. In a flash the ice changed to snow, which grew softer until, in a smother of flying particles, his rapid flight was arrested and he stood up to find Evans within a few feet of him."

A third man joined them in similar fashion: "Realizing the impossibility of ascending again by the way they had come, they started to descend, but within four paces of the place at which they had been brought to rest they found that the slope ended suddenly in a steep precipice, beyond which they could see nothing but the clouds of swirling snow. Even as they recoiled from this new danger and dimly realized the merciful patch of soft snow which had saved them from it, a yelping dog flew past them, clawing madly at the icy slope, and disappeared forever into the gloom beyond." The six others eventually moved on until they, too, found themselves on an awkward slope: "Their leader suddenly saw the precipice beneath his feet and far below, through the wreathing snow, the sea."

"Another step would have taken him over the edge. He sprang back with a cry of warning, and those behind him, hearing it, dug their heels instinctively into the surface, and, with one exception, all succeeded in stopping. What followed was over in an instant. Before his horror-stricken companions had time to think poor Vince, unable to check himself with his soft fur boots, had shot from among them, flashed past the leader and disappeared." Vince was never seen again, but Hare, the first missing man, staggered back to the ship two days after the others, remembering nothing between struggling to a patch of rock for shelter and waking thirty-six hours later covered with snow.

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