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LOCAL ITEMS.

The band will meet for rehearsal this evening.

Several fine showers fell in this vicinity, this week.

Rev. J. A. Diesen and son, have returned from Minneapolis.

Mrs. James Anderson, of Weller, took a trip to Bismarck this week.

Attorney Lamb, returned from a business trip to Bismarck, this week.

Rancher Pace was in the city this week, from his ranch on Painted Woods creek.

Wanted at the Merchants Hotel: A good cook and girl to work in dining room.

Miss Byrdyna Lambert, of Bismarck, is in the city attending teachers' institute.

Sheriff McDonald and family were in the city Tuesday, attending the social at the Park.

Miss Ella Stout of Fargo, arrived in the city last Saturday, to conduct the teachers' institute.

Devine and communion services will be held in Sverdrup school house No. 1 July 1st., at 10:30 a. m.

Landlord Charleboise returned from a trip to Bismarck this week, where he was in search of help.

Persons desiring to contribute to the 4th of July fund, can do so by calling at C. G. Forbes drug store.

Enumerator J. P. Peterson, is canvassing Washburn. J. P. has an eye for business, making Washburn. Institute week.

J. D. Wakeman of Wilton, passed through the city Tuesday en route for Coal Harbor, where he will meet a party of land hunters.

Col. E. S. Crow is erecting a residence on his claim north of town. The Col. will also put in an additional five acres of potatoes this spring.

A party of business men gathered at the park Wednesday evening, and cleared off several acres of underbrush, making a fine picnic grounds.

Attorney McCulloch has purchased an interest in the Washburn flour mill, and is having some improvements made, before resuming operations.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dillon, of Bismarck, were in the city this week. Mr. Dillon, who is Deputy State Bank Examiner, examined the books of the local banks—which were, of course O. K.

E. F. Leach of Helena, Mont., who has the contract for furnishing 1500 head of cattle for the Ft. Berthold reservation, was in the city this week. Mr. Leach will drive the cattle overland from Bismarck.

The various committees on arrangements for the 4th of July celebration, will meet tonight at the office of E. A. Lamb. A general plan for the celebration will be decided on and all committees are requested to be present.

The re-nomination of President McKinley for a well merited second term and the nomination of New York's famous Governor Roosevelt, for the Vice Presidency is regarded by all parties here as the safest and most popular ticket that the National Republican party could have put in the field.

Among the prominent arrivals in the city this week were, Geo. W. Merrick of Austin, Minn., and son, C. L. Merrick, of the N. D. Land Dep't. at Bismarck. The two gentlemen took a drive through the surrounding country, before returning to the capital city, and speak in high terms of our beautiful country.

Attorney Lamb will go to Kansas City this week or the first part of next week, where he will take in the National Democratic Convention, having received some appointment.

Mr. Otto Peterson and Miss Minnie Musselmen, two popular young people of Coal Harbor, were united in marriage at that place last Thursday. The many friends of the young couple, wish to extend their congratulations. Rev. G. M. Hughes of this city, officiated.

Rev. A. J. Swelander will hold tent meetings at Coal Harbor, on Langballe's farm the 13, 14 and 15 of July; commencing on the 13th, at 10 a. m. Saturday the 14th, there will be services in the American language at 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. Also Sunday the 15th at 2 p. m. All are invited to attend these meetings.

Hon. W. D. Washburn, Hon. John Satterlund and Chief Engineer J. M. Dixon of the Washburn road, arrived in the city Sunday afternoon. The party left for the north, returning in the evening, after viewing the surrounding crops. It is understood Mr. Washburn will soon erect a large elevator at this place, and extend the telephone line to Washburn. It is generally understood that the Washburn road will not get beyond Wilton this fall, as it is difficult to get steel and supplies. There has been some grading done between Wilton and Washburn, and it is possible the road may be extended to this place the coming winter or spring.

SOCIAL.

The social and dance given at the park Tuesday evening, for the benefit of the park, was very successful financially as well as socially. An unusual large crowd was in attendance. Ice cream, cake and lemonade was served through the evening, and upon arrival of the orchestra, dancing was participated in by a large crowd. All who attended report a most enjoyable time.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The most successful teachers' institute ever held in McLean county, now convenes in this city. The attendance is large, and the old teachers, as well as the young, take great interest in their work. The attending teachers are without exception, bright and good-looking, and their general appearance and ability as conversationalists, show their qualifications as able instructors. Those in attendance are as follows:

The Misses Vida Herred, Alice Tarkington, Anna D. Connolly, India Tarkington, Emma N. Johnson, Myrtle Collis, Adeline Falk, Byrdyna R. Lambert, Dora C. LeRoy, Berdie Tarkington, Florence Kirtland, Phebe A. Gates, Mrs. M. J. Handy and the Meyers, H. G. Hartzell, E. F. Ramsey, A. C. Ranard, Wm. E. Collis and Frank Hughes.

Miss Ella Stout, of Fargo, is conducting the institute, assisted by County Supt. Holtan.

WASHBURN WILL CELEBRATE.

At a meeting held by the citizens of Washburn last Monday evening, at E. A. Lamb's office, it was unanimously decided to celebrate the coming 4th of July at Washburn. An invitation is extended to the people of the entire slope, and the attractions will be the best. Among the numerous events to take place will be: A base ball game, horse races, and all out door sports will be represented; a picnic dinner in the park, speaking by prominent business men, concerts by the Washburn band and the day will close with a grand ball in Wahl's new store.

The following committees were appointed Monday night:

Arrangements—C. G. Forbes, E. A. Lamb and John Oligney.

Music—Fred Peterson, Martin Holtan and A. Extrom.

Auxiliary—A. C. Ranard, Wm. Harris and H. C. Wilson.

Sports—Wm. Richards, H. Holtan and Walter LeRoy.

Speakers—Anton Peterson, Jno. Merry and Axel Nelson.

Decorations—Thos. Peterson, G. M. Digen and H. Richards.

Lunch—The Ladies of Washburn.

Marshal of the day—Jos. Mann.

ON TO GREAT FALLS.

New York, June 25.—The Bismarck, Washburn & Great Falls, which proposes to build a road extending from Bismarck, N. D. to Great Falls, Mont., has filed a mortgage to the Central Trust company of New York as trustee, to secure \$7,000,000 thirty-year 5 per cent. gold bonds (\$1,000 each), due Jan. 1, 1930. Of the bonds, \$600,000 are issuable on the forty-six miles from Bismarck to Washburn, now under construction, of which twenty-six miles will be completed in July and the balance about October next, and the remainder at the rate of \$12,000 per mile for additional mileage constructed. The authorized stock is \$500,000 of which \$200,000 is now outstanding. The president is W. D. Washburn; secretary and treasurer, C. C. Crane, Minneapolis.

DURRANT WAS INNOCENT.

One of the saddest and most atrocious legal murders so far recorded is that of Theodore Durrant, who was hanged in California a few years since, for the murder of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams a most diabolical double crime, its very fiendishness hardly having a parallel in the animals of vice, and its perpetrator was sought high and low for several days, the whole world hoping for his capture and punishment. In the meantime the so-called astute detectives and police authorities concluded a victim was needed, and after fastening their clutches on young Durrant proceeded to collect what they termed evidence, the whole mass of stuff in all probability being manufactured for the purpose of conviction, and all of a circumstantial nature. Durrant stoutly maintained from his arrest up to the moment of his execution that he was innocent of the horrible charge, but forsooth because he could not explain every moment of his presence at certain times he was convicted and hanged, and once more the majesty of the law, along with the thick skulled theory of these police wisecracks, was duly vindicated. Now the true sequel: A few days ago, on his death bed Rev. Gibbon who at the time was pastor of Emanuel church, where one of the murders was committed, confessed that he killed both victims. He was an active and im-

portant witness at the trial of poor Durrant, the reason of which is now quite plain, and also in view of the fact that suspicion was strongly directed to him at the time.—Saulte Lake Tribune.

CROPS IMPROVING.

Many farmers were in the city this week and report a wonderful change for the better in the conditions of crops. Many patches of grain were nearly a total loss. The rains of the past week have been general and were beneficial to hay and late sown grain, which will easily yield an average of half a crop.

WASHBURN BAND.

The musicians of Washburn assembled at the Leader office Thursday evening and decided to organize the local band. The old instruments will be used until new ones can be secured. The following are the members with their respective instrument:

A. Extrom, solo cornet, Frank Falconer, solo cornet, Fred Peterson, clarinette, Henry Holtan, baritone, C. G. Forbes, tenor, L. Fritz, tenor, Ever Extrom, alto, Martin Holtan, tuba, L. Eskes, base drum, Patrick Burleigh, snare drum. A. Extrom, leader and Fred Peterson, director.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted by the teachers' institute: Whereas, we the teachers of McLean county realizing the kindness and interest shown us by our instructors, and the citizens and board of education at Washburn, do extend to them our sincere thanks.

Resolved, that the work given us by Miss Stout has been in every way practical and progressive and that we have all been greatly benefited thereby, and would hereby express our sincere appreciation of same.

Resolved, that the thanks of the institute be extended to our Superintendent for the able and impartial manner by which he has succeeded in making this institute both pleasant and profitable to the teachers.

Phebe A. Gates, India Tarkington and E. F. Ramsey, committee.

Enthusiastic Boy vs. Public Safety.

Already reports are coming in through the newspapers of the destruction of buildings and other property by the hilarious small boy and his festive cannon cracker. This is but the beginning. After the 4th of July, last year, the Minneapolis Tribune published a list of buildings destroyed in various towns by the same combination of boy and fire cracker that run up into hundreds of thousands of dollars worth. In towns or villages without adequate fire protection—as is Washburn—parents, guardians or authorities should curb or regulate the boys' enthusiasm to conform to public safety.

Oscar Howard, grandson of Lord Howard, of Cumberland, of the English peerage, was in Washburn from the Fort Berthold reservation one day this week. Mr. Howard said they had copious rains up that way Sunday and Monday, and that the growing corn crop, particularly, looked fine.

TRANSACTION YOUR BUSINESS. By telephone between Bismarck and Wilton. Call up your man and talk with him, or if you prefer to send a message, it will be handled with privacy and dispatch.

Connections have been made with the Western Union Telegraph Co., and messages may be sent or received at Wilton, or from all points reached by telegraph or cable line.

Rates may be had on application at the office at Wilton; the Western Union Telegraph office at Bismarck, or by addressing Mr. E. H. Walker, Traffic Manager, B. W. & G. F. Ry., Bismarck, N. D.

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