

NEWS COMMENTS.

It is now written that "Truth is more of a strange fiction."

The new postal telegraph can send 1,000 words a minute.

Ingersoll will best keep talking in the star room.

North Pacific stock 51 1/2; preferred 88 1/2.

The Duluth Tribune thinks that Dakota is suffering from "capital" punishment just now.

A member of the Tennessee legislature wears his hair so long that it reaches his waist.

It is said that the queen knows but little of the magnitude of the Irish troubles.

A LIGHTNING bolt caved in around through twelve different houses in Boston last week.

A MASHAGUETS paper says: "There were 1,670 baptisms in Bismarck last year."

The new liquor law in Ohio was declared unconstitutional so soon after its passage that the bibulous citizen never missed a drink.

ELLA WHEELER's new book, "Poems of Passion," will soon be out, and Anthony Comstock is waiting for it with blood in his eager eyes.

"SHALL we abolish marriage?" asks the Minnesota Tribune, and the Chicago divorce courts reply: "Keep cool—We are abolishing it as fast as we can."

A NEW YORK paper says that 100 lunatics attended Barnum's circus the other day.

PROF. MEZGEROFF told the Bostonians that he would make the tyrannical nations of the earth suffer before he died.

THE Lowell Times ranks Governor Butler among the servants of Christ.

It is announced that a monument to the memory of some Persian potentate was begun 500 years ago.

MRS. STOWE'S Uncle Tom is dead at last, and now if some beneficent will kill the old and decrepit wife of which he is the hero.

WILL women never learn that the use of tobacco will surely land them in the grave?

A CINCINNATI crank has discovered that the United States is mentioned in the New Testament.

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boom, as well as other towns up and down the Missouri, and Bismarck will reap therefrom a large trade.

A CHANGE OF FIRM.

A Well Known and Staunch Grocery House Passes Into Other Hands.

An important transfer was made at Bismarck on Monday.

Messrs. J. B. Yerxa, H. J. Whitley and B. H. Emerson sold their interests in the firm of Yerxa, Whitley & Co., to Justus Bragg, Fred. W. Smith & Co., who have taken possession and will continue the business at the old stand.

Mr. Bragg is an old resident of Bismarck and was previous to 1882 one of Bismarck's leading business men.

He is a director in the Bismarck National bank and a large holder of real estate both in Burleigh county and at Minneapolis, Minn., from whence he came.

Fred. W. Smith, lately from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, is a young man of far more than ordinary ability, and of large capital.

They take a business that is prosperous, and have one of the best locations and best buildings in the city for their business.

They succeed a firm that has been established that a wholesale house having abundant capital, backed by business ability, is not only needed at Bismarck but can succeed far beyond reasonable expectation.

Their sales during the past few months have been unprecedented in the history of our northwestern towns, and their trade extended from Jamestown west to the Rocky mountains, and to all upper Missouri river points.

They laid the foundation for a trade of millions per annum, and the day is not far distant when their successors will enjoy a business as great as that of P. H. Kelly & Co. of St. Paul.

Their location, the favorable freight rates enjoyed by the Banner city and the rapid development of northwestern Dakota and eastern Montana, ensure this result.

The members of the retiring firm have no thought of leaving Bismarck. Mr. Yerxa has his plans matured for business on his own account on an extensive scale, to be announced hereafter.

Mr. Whitley will, however, continue to attract his attention to his large real estate interests at Bismarck and Steele, and Mr. Emerson to his hotel business, which he finds increasing at a rapid rate.

The Tribune congratulates the members of the new firm on the high business character they have enjoyed and on their bright prospects for the future, and Bismarck on the return of Justus Bragg to the number of our business men.

Verily, It is True.

An old resident of Bismarck met a TRIBUNE reporter on the street Monday, and in a voice tinged with sadness, said: "I tell you I am lost! I feel just as homeless on these streets as a Sioux Indian 'd fell in the promised land. Up to a few weeks ago, I knew every man, woman, child and dog in the city, but now when I meet an acquaintance he is wedged in between strangers so that I can scarcely see him. I can see nothing but unfamiliar faces from nearly every clime under the sun—strangers and I really feel like I was in a strange city."

And it is true. The streets of our rapidly growing city are trod by strange feet from every point of the compass.

The merchant, the professional man and the farmer from far distant states, meet and jostle each other here upon the streets, each one looking for a location in which to pursue his chosen calling.

The fame of our wonderful resources and add to the wealth and prosperity of the fairest territory under the radiant sun of heaven.

A ceaseless stream of immigration is pouring in upon us from the overcrowded east, and settling upon our broad, productive lands, where peace, plenty and fortune await all who take hold of the handles of the plow. And still there is room.

There is no art that has become more improved during the past few years than that of the photographer.

The old system of picture taking on copper plates, followed by the ambrotype, has entirely passed out of date.

The tin type is but little used and the change in photography is simply wonderful.

O. S. Goff, the pioneer photographer at Bismarck, has kept up with the times, and no better work can be found in any city than that done by him.

Very fine samples of his work may be found in the show window of the Bismarck, next door to the postoffice.

There is nothing in his line that he is not prepared to execute, including enlargements by the solar camera to life size, and views by the instantaneous process.

He keeps on hand, also, a full line of frames, chromos, engravings, etc., and receives orders for paintings in oils and Indian ink—in fact for anything in the line of his art.

His building was erected especially for his business, and the best possible effect is provided for in the arrangement of light.

His studio is opposite Camp Hancock, the quartermaster's depot, on Main street.

A Valuable Publication.

The Biographer is a promising venture in monthly periodical literature.

It gives a large number of concise, but by no means dry, biographical sketches of men and women eminent in all departments of activity.

Subjects are chosen with the view to gratify the public curiosity for particulars of the life and career of people whose names are appearing in the public prints.

In a word, their selection is timely. The sketches are ably written, and their interest is heightened by accompanying faithful and well-executed portraits.

In quality of paper and printing and tastefulness of appearance, the Biographer is among the best periodicals we have seen.

We anticipate that its enterprising publishers will be rewarded with a large sale of this unique magazine, which supplies a need and hitherto felt.

The Biographer is sent to any address at 25 cents a copy, or \$2.50 a year; and to foreign addresses for \$3 a year. New York: 23 Park Row.

Sinking of the Steamer Big Horn.

The steamer Big Horn which left Bismarck on April 29, last, loaded with 285 tons of assorted merchandise, consigned to Montana merchants, struck a snag on the morning of May 8, five miles below Poplar River, causing her to sink above her main decks in five minutes.

The boat and cargo are reported a total loss, but no lives were lost. The steamer Big Horn was owned by the Missouri River Transportation Company.

She was built in Pittsburg, Pa., and came out in the fall of 1878, was rebuilt at Yankton in 1882 and had undergone thorough repairs previous to leaving.

She was valued at \$20,000. There was no insurance on the steamer, but her cargo was fully insured. She was officers as follows: Captain, John A. Williams; Pilot, Ben Jewell and James Clarke; Clerk, J. Q. A. Parr; Chief Engineer, Milt. Pickering.

A Caution.

The TRIBUNE has received the following circular, to which it calls the attention of advertisers:

St. Paul, May 7, 1883.—It having come to my notice that a party representing the firm of Bacon & Monroe, of this city, is soliciting advertisements for an advertising time table of the North Pacific road, I take this means to notify my patrons and the business men generally that said parties have no authority whatever to publish such time table, and that the same will not be allowed to be distributed on trains, or through station agents on the line of the North Pacific road, undersigned having been granted the exclusive privilege of furnishing such time tables to the company.

H. H. WINDSOR, Publisher North Pacific Time Table.

McLean & Macdonald have put in about 500 acres of wheat and oats on their Stark farm, located near Bismarck and 170 acres on McLean's Menoken farm. The wheat is up nicely.

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

THE NEWS BY TELEGRAPH TO READERS OF THE TRIBUNE.

Paymaster Wasson's Confession—The Yankton Grand Jury's Festive Break—The Fenian Scare in Canada, Etc., Etc.

Legislators Indicted. YANKTON, May 8.—The grand jury was dismissed this morning. It is certain that a number of members of the legislature have been indicted for bribery.

A LATER DISPATCH. YANKTON, May 8.—Regarding the action of the grand jury last adjourned it is known that several indictments, the contents of which are scrupulously guarded by the district attorney, jury and court clerk, have been returned, but reporters are unable to arrange affairs. There has been present during the jury session many witnesses who were not permitted to have been summoned except upon an investigation of certain transactions during the last legislative session. These witnesses have dropped words in conversation and their utterances and other circumstances have given rise to rumors that several members of the late legislature have been indicted for participation in attempted bribery. Later developments make it appear that at least four indictments have been brought which relate to the legislative session, and they pertain to legislators and lobbyists. As near as can be ascertained capital syndicate stock figures largely in the bribery cases examined into. The local papers are unable to obtain any names, but full developments will be communicated by the officers after the arrests are made.

Important Divorce Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—Mrs. Senator Fair brings suit for divorce, and says the defendant has possession and control of a large amount of community property, the particulars of which she cannot state. Mrs. Fair prays for judgment as follows: First, that divorce be granted her, and that she be awarded the custody of the children; second, that such portion of community property be allowed and set apart as shall be equitable and just. Third, that defendant be required to pay into court a reasonable sum to defray the expense of the action and counsel fees, and that the defendant pay alimony in such an amount as the court may deem just and proper. The opinion of the court is to children during the pendency of the action and such further relief as may be deemed just. The senator was in Comstock last Wednesday, the day the papers were served on him, but left for San Francisco the next morning. He had created quite a sensation in Virginia City on account of his high standing in society of both parties and the wealth of Fair, who is also a representative of Nevada in the United States Senate. The divorce suit has been agreed upon as follows: \$3,000 in cash and \$1,500,000 in real estate, but this is merely a rumor. The case will come before Judge Rising and is looked forward to with considerable curiosity by nearly every one on the coast.

Paymaster Wasson's Confession.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, May 8.—Quite a sensation was created here to-day by the confession of Major Wasson, paymaster, alleged to have been robbed of \$24,000 on a train near Fort Worth, that the whole transaction was framed to cover his short accounts with the government. Wasson is now here at headquarters, under arrest. Having failed to obtain a clue to the robbers, Wasson was ordered to turn over the balance of the funds in his hands to chief paymaster Terrell, and settle his accounts. An examination by Col. Terrell exhibited shortages of about \$5,500. Wasson confessed the robbery, and admitted to having made up the amount and to have been robbed of \$24,000. When further questioned, he made a clean breast of the whole affair, that he had put up the job to cover his evil doings. He was immediately placed in the arsenal at headquarters, with plenty of supplies of necessities, and heavily guarded by soldiers. It is said that his bondmen are good for the indebtedness to the government of \$5,000. He has designated the hiding place of the remaining \$19,500, and the officers went for it. The list of officers of the old martial has been made for the trial, which will occur quite soon.

Systematic Robbery.

St. Louis, May 8.—O. E. Gragans, baggage master, and Wm. Herzog, a brakeman on the run from Longreim to Texarkana on the International and Great Northern road, are now lodged in jail at Longreim and will be prosecuted for a series of systematic robberies of baggage extending over the past year or two. The road paid between \$4,000 and \$5,000 to passengers as indemnity for losses sustained by pilfering from trunks but their secret service police were unable to ferret out the particulars. The robbery of Gragans and Herzog was reported in the afternoon of New York, and the amount of the same was \$24,000. The latest victim was circuit attorney Harris, of this city, who lately returned from a Texas trip. He found his trunk had been plundered, and the contents of the same were missing. Gragans and Herzog were detected down to the run between Laredo and Texarkana. Invariably it was the trunks of passengers to the remote northern and eastern points that had been robbed. Gragans was baggage master and brakeman of the same train, roomed together at Longreim. Both are old railroad men formerly from Chicago where the father of one of the accused is now connected with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road.

The Fenian Scare.

HALIFAX, May 8.—Owing to the startling letter of warning from Sir John Macdonald a number of special policemen were sworn in for service about the government house, provincial building and other points last night. The provincial and coast office buildings are watched by policemen of the city force detailed for that duty besides the regular night watchmen. Besides the policemen on duty at night throughout the city it is ordered not to take relief early in the morning as customary, and those who go off duty at 3 a. m. are until further instructions to remain on their boats until 6. The causes for the selection of Halifax as the spot for Fenian action is evidently owing to its prominence as a military station. From what can be learned as to the source of the information which alarmed the authorities, it appears there was a detective at the recent land league conference at Philadelphia who had instructions to report anything of importance. It is affirmed that this detective communicated to the governor general or the British government that the day of Brady's execution was to be the signal for a combined attempt at revenge wherever an opportunity might offer.

A Startling Fenian Scare.

HALIFAX, May 7.—Rumors set of a startling letter received by Lieutenant Governor Archibald, warning him of an expected visit to Halifax of two suspicious American vessels and cautioning him to have precautions taken for the safety of life and property in the city. The lieutenant governor admitted receiving a letter but declined to state its contents or the nature of the measures taken by the military and naval authorities. The information is said to be from Sir John Macdonald that two suspicious vessels named it is believed, by Fenians and carrying a quantity of torpedoes, had been seen in the harbor and had sailed from Boston a few days ago and it is thought they intend to make Halifax their destination.

On arriving here it was ascertained that the vessels which the rumors are looked will be said as an opportunity offered beneath the water of the harbor with the intention of blowing up shipping entering or leaving. A line of torpedoes was to be stretched from Boston up to Halifax as close to the city as possible, and when the time arrived all would be fixed. Particular mention is made of extraordinary watch to be kept on the 14th inst., the day on which Brady, the Phoenix Park murderer, will be executed, and it was also recommended to guard the various barracks, powder magazines, dockyards, and war ships. It could not be learned whether the guards on the imperial property all over the city have been increased, but on H. M. B. Teniers in port, this has been done, and the sentries at various points of the city have been instructed to be careful whom they allow to enter the gates at which they watch.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

The Rock Island About to Send a Branch to Fargo.

ST. PAUL, May 8.—It is rumored here to-day that the Rock Island road has accepted the proposition of Fargo and that a branch of that road will be extended to Fargo.

The emigrant agent of the Manitoba road has received a telegram from the Lloyd line of steamers stating that eleven hundred immigrants have arrived in Baltimore from Germany, mostly for the northwest.

A MANITOBA RAILROAD SOLD.

WINNIPEG, May 4.—A telegram has been received announcing the transfer of the Thunder Bay branch of the Canadian Pacific railway from the Pacific coast to the north shore of Lake Superior, over 100 miles to the eastward, by the Dominion government. The general superintendent will go over the line, value the plant and rolling stock of the contractors and formerly turn over the road to the Dominion government.

EXTENSION OF THE MANITOBA.

ST. PAUL, May 4.—The extension of the Manitoba road to Bartlett and the north shore of Devil's Lake has commenced.

BONDS NEGOTIATED.

NEW YORK, May 4.—It is announced that the syndicate that contracted in December, 1880, for \$40,000,000 North Pacific 6-per-cent bonds, have within the past few days sold the same to the syndicate of bankers who are to successful issue the largest railway bond negotiation as yet consummated in this country. This secures the funds necessary to complete the trans-continental line in September next.

RAILROAD ELECTION.

NEW YORK, May 4.—The board of directors of the New York Central, and the Shore and Manhattan railway companies, met to-day at the Grand Central depot and elected the following officers: New York Central & Hudson River railway company—Chairman of board of directors, Cornelius Vanderbilt; president, James H. Porter; first vice-president, Chas. Clarke; second vice-president, Chauncey M. Depew; third vice-president, J. H. Hayden; secretary, J. Tillinghast; treasurer, E. V. W. Rosseter; comptroller, Isaac P. Chamberlain; Michigan Southern railway company—Chairman of board of directors, Wm. K. Vanderbilt; president, Jno. Newell; vice-president, secretary and treasurer, E. D. Worcester.

Michigan Central railway company—Chairman of board of directors, O. Vanderbilt; president, H. B. Ledyard; vice president, E. D. Worcester; treasurer, Henry Pratt; it is noticed that while Vanderbilt retired from the presidency of the New York Central, he is still active in the management of the Michigan Central. Under the new by-laws the position of chairman of the board of directors is created with general supervisory powers. Under this arrangement O. Vanderbilt becomes chairman of the board, and J. H. Porter, president of the board, and Wm. K. Vanderbilt remains president of the Lake Shore directors. This plan relieves Vanderbilt and his sons of the detail work, and it devolves upon those who have been actively engaged in it before. It also illustrates that in their management merits are recognized by deserved promotion. The harmonious working of the various companies forming what is popularly known as the New York Central, and the Shore and Manhattan railway, is now in the hands of the Vanderbilt interest. Absence of responsibility, or even death of any one of them, would not disturb the relations of the survivors to the property. Wm. K. Vanderbilt remains director of the company and a member of the executive and finance committees.

INDIAN OPERATIONS.

CHICAGO, May 8.—A special from El Paso, Texas, says: Gen. Frazee, commanding in northern Mexico, will in two days be at Paso Dell Norte. When he arrives at the Rio Grande he will take command of all portions of Chihuahua and act in conjunction with Gen. Crook of New Mexico. Col. Ueda, chief of staff, with the troops has headquarters already at Paso Dell Norte. Col. Ueda is assumed as the idea of any difference between the two countries by account of Crook's operations. Gen. Frazee comes direct from the city of Mexico and there is perfect accord between them. When Crook reaches a certain point now a military fort, the Mexican forces will also move forward and then assault the hostile renegade Apaches.

A dispatch received by the times here from San Carlos, says: About 300 Indians have strayed from the agency proper to the northwest part of the reservation near Fort Apache. They evidently believe they will have better protection near the fort. Capt. Dougherty issued about 800 pounds of corn to them.

A Crank and His Pistol.

BOZON, May 7.—Shortly after noon to-day, Wade, chief of police in Pemberton square, was shot in the left arm and right shoulder, by Richard Brennan, a crank recently discharged from the city correctional institution. Brennan was arrested. Wade's wounds are severe, but not dangerous. The excitement over the shooting is tremendous. Within a few minutes a great crowd gathered in the neighborhood of the chief's office, 85 Pemberton square. General inquiry develops the fact that Brennan had in contemplation a number of tragedies. After failing to find Dr. Kelly, he visited the city hall, in search of inspectors. Georgetown, he went to the state house, looking for some one else, but the intended victim was absent in each case, and chief Wade was the first man on the list whom he found at his post.

A Dastardly Outrage.

HARTFORD, Conn., May 8.—West Hartford is in a high state of excitement over a heinous outrage committed there at 1 o'clock this morning. The residence of Mrs. Moore was entered by two burglars, and after ransacking the house the one of them, armed with a drawn pistol, stood on the stairs and kept Mrs. Moore and a crippled grand-daughter on the second floor while the other committed an assault upon another grand-daughter on the lower floor. The girl was rescued by the burglar who had kept guard, his companion taking his place on the stairs. The girl now lies in a precarious condition.

A Proposed New Line.

DULUTH, Minn., May 7.—To-day a company was organized here under the name of the Lake Superior and Northwestern road with a projected line running from this city to Red river at the mouth of the Red lake river, and branches to the northern boundary of the state, between Duluth and Red lake to Brainerd and from Brainerd to the northern boundary via Vermillion Lake and along the northern shore of Pigeon river. Capital stock is put at \$5,000,000.

The Jackman Land Case Settled.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The case of Plummer vs. Jackman, involving the title to 180 acres of valuable land near Bismarck, Dak., has been decided by the Secretary of the Interior in favor of Jackman for the whole quarter section Jackman claims. The land was contested upon the ground that he did not settle upon it in good faith, but for speculative purposes.

An Editor Killed.

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 8.—An Oxford, Miss., special says: This p. m. at 4 o'clock, city mar. shall, O. E. Butler, shot and instantly killed Capt. S. M. Thompson, editor of the Oxford Eagle, who was resisting arrest. Butler immediately surrendered himself to the officials and the Oxford court grand jury is now in session. The case will probably be tried to-morrow. The circumstances leading to the killing are various.

Accident in Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE, May 8.—The engine, tender and six freight cars on the Milwaukee & St. Paul road over a bridge near Lamelle, eleven miles from LaCross, Wis., and engineer Ferguson was drowned. Malicious tampering with the switch is supposed to be the cause of the accident.

A Terrible Storm.

DENVER, COL., May 7.—One of the severest hail storms ever known in the west occurred here this noon. The storm was accompanied with terrific thunder and lightning and lasted fully an hour; hail-stones measuring an inch in diameter, fell in great quantities in the streets. Fruit crop is no doubt ruined.

Bismarckers on a Picnic.

The North Pacific Transfer, which went to Washburn Sunday with a cargo of lumber, returned to Bismarck at noon yesterday. Among her passengers were the following, who accepted the kind invitation of Mr. Satterlund, one of the proprietors of the new town, to visit the coming Grand Forks of the Missouri slope: Hon. E. A. Williams, R. B. Thurston, Jerro Platts, E. S. McCane and a Tribune man. No less jolly than the above gentlemen were Opts. Talbot, master, Deane Campbell, mate, Ernest Wright and Sims, pilot, and clerk Angevine. Pleasure was combined with business, and it is safe to say that pleasure did not suffer on account of pressure of business. Mr. Satterlund had provided a homelike lunch of all manner of canned fish and salad, which with Missouri river water in its native state, was well relished. The famous quartette of Angevine, Thurston, Wright and McCane furnished abundant music, and Capt. Wright entertained the party with a royal with an account of his adventures in various parts of the globe, and especially interesting were his experiences in Africa. At Washburn, the party were given the freedom of the city by mayor Mase, formerly of the Tribune staff, Bismarck, and Mr. Vedder also present, and to add to the comforts of the party. Teams were provided, and a drive of several hours into the country convinced every one that McLean county (named in honor of ex-mayor McLean of Bismarck) was the most beautiful in the northwest. Belonging to the above gentlemen returned to Bismarck, and it is safe to say that none of them will ever miss an opportunity to visit Washburn or say a pleasant word for it.

See Here, City Fathers!

Bismarck is a beautiful city, a thriving city, and a rapidly growing city. Strangers tell us so when they land here and look around, and our own citizens admit it themselves when closely questioned. It is a city of which we are all proud, but its streets are in a wretchedly filthy condition. They are a blot upon the fair escutcheon of the "Banner City"—a blot that should be at once erased. The streets would be beautiful if cleaned, and they can be cleaned at a trifling expense. Benton, away up yonder under the North star, almost outside of the limits of civilization, boasts of streets so clean and so well kept that almost no ground in them without selling his clothing, and her people are proud of them. And how does she keep them clean? By utilizing the labor of poor prisoners as are confined in her jail on fine and sentence for offenses. They are constantly in on all strong, able-bodied men who lie there idle and do nothing but eat and smoke and sleep and dream the hours away. Why not employ a gang and a team and remove the dirt and rubbish that has accumulated in the streets during the winter? The expense will be trifling, and the benefits resulting from such a move must be apparent to all. Let us brighten up our fair metropolis, and make it still more attractive in

the eyes of visiting strangers as well as our own. Do this, and do it at once, city fathers, and the whole community will rise as one man, and call you blessed.

Up the Line.

Mandan has organized a base ball club. Now look out for war.

The wife of Conductor Trim died at Billings last week of consumption.

Tom Casbury's ad in the Mandan Times gleams like a circus poster on a dead wall.

Joseph Hara will build on Main street and move his business across the track soon.

The Park branch will be fifty-three miles in length and will be finished in ninety days