

A Reminiscence.

Thomas Adams, who accumulated an immense fortune in chewing gum, died at his home in Brooklyn, Feb. 11. Mr. Adams built the Kindred Hotel in Valley City in 1882.

By the way, speaking of the Kindred in 1882, the first use of the dining room was for a banquet to the "Iron Brigade" the name given to certain members of the territorial legislature from the northern part of the territory, because of their persistent and finally successful fight against the members from the section now known as South Dakota. Old timers will remember that even in those days it was the north against the south from start to finish. The southern members had a majority in the legislature, especially when the Black Hills members were with them, and took everything in sight whenever they could which was upon nearly every question raised. The north in those days was in favor of the division of the territory, the south opposed. The fight continued until the time of the Huron convention in 1887, when the Hills delegation deflected from the South, joined forces with the North, the southern cohorts were out-general-ed and routed in an all night's session. After that the South was willing and anxious for division.

The newspaper men of this section were also participants in the banquet above spoken of.

B. W. Benson, of Valley City, was the member from this district, which included a large scope of country at that time, and Walter Cushing chief instigator in getting up the spread.