

DAKOTA DOINGS.

News Gathered From the Most Reliable Sources.

PERSONALITIES.

Sioux Falls and Elk Point will send their companies to the Sioux City fair palace.

Anna Lutata Osmondson, born in Norway 103 years ago, is now living in Chamberlain.

D. L. Power, agent of the Northwestern railroad at Centerville, has been transferred to Groton.

Company I, second regiment, D. N. Co. of Mitchell, will go to the corn palace at Sioux City, Iowa.

The boom city of Alabama is attracting a number of persons in Spink county and some will go there.

The duck hunters are having great sport at Red Lake, Brule county, the amount of game secured being enormously large.

The Father Mathew temperance society of the Catholic church at Fargo will be permanently organized Oct. 10, Father Mathew's day.

Pensions granted: J. H. VanHorn, Kimball; W. J. Larimore, Lead City; R. F. Hows, Millard; J. Davis, Tyndall; W. H. Blizard, Aberdeen.

State Secretary Williams, of the Young Men's Christian association of Minnesota, will hold an institute at the hall of the association in Fargo early in October.

At the cathedral of Our Merciful Savior, in Fairbault, Minnesota, took place the marriage of Miss Hattie Sawyer and John M. Pratt, son of A. W. Pratt of Aberdeen, Dakota.

There is some prospect that arrangements will be made by the Congregational society at Brookings whereby Prof. Updyke, of the agricultural college, will become their minister.

The labor societies are perfecting their arrangements to receive Cardinal Gibbons when he passes through Fargo on his way to Portland, Oregon, to confer the pallium on one or two priests of the Pacific slope.

BAD PEOPLE.

The trial in the Reeser elopement case at Frankfort was dismissed, no one prosecuting.

Rev. J. Scott, of the Methodist church at Plankinton, charged with immorality and dishonesty, could not face an investigation.

Sioux Falls claims the meanest man in the territory in the person of Henry Stringham, who collected money to bury a dead child and buy medicine for three others sick with diphtheria, and then spent it for whisky.

A. J. Mattery, formerly residing northwest of Aberdeen, has migrated to Albama. He departed between two days, and a number of his creditors have secured everything left behind. His farm was heavily mortgaged.

Ole Knutson, the boy thief who made such wholesale work of stealing around Volga some weeks ago, was brought before the probate judge, and on petition of his uncle, was sent to Bismarck, where he will be placed in the reform school.

A man named Went, of Tyndall, was arrested at Parkston by Deputy Sheriff Harris for running away with mortgaged property. He was detained until the sheriff of Bon Homme county arrived, when he was driven back to Tyndall in the same rig he ran away with.

Robert J. Wells, J. Wilson and I. W. P. James were arrested in McCauleyville at the instance of J. R. Harris, charged with disposing of mortgaged wheat. All have been placed under \$500 bonds except James, who was unable to furnish bonds, and who accordingly, has been confined in jail.

AMONG THE FARMERS.

Harvest excursionists have visited Watertown, Huron and Canton in large number from the states.

The Watertown farmers' alliance are building the largest flat warehouse in the city. They will also build a coal house 80 x 20 feet.

Albertson & Brooking are pressing flax straw in Brookings county. They take their press to the farmers' houses and pay \$2 a ton for the straw.

E. W. Monfore & Co. of Springfield, will put up about 2500 cans of tomatoes this season. They have already about 1200 cans put up in two and six pound sizes.

Farmers about Windsor are taking concerted action to prevent prairie fires caused by railroad engines. They claim that they destroyed over 300 tons of hay last year.

There is an over-crop of potatoes in the Mandan locality, and the quality, is the very best. A good many car loads will be shipped to Minneapolis before the winter sets in.

Thursday afternoon a long train load of cattle from the plains west of the Missouri went east from Pierre to be slaughtered, and Thursday night other train loads went east.

Two heavily loaded harvest excursion trains from eastern Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois, reached Canton over the Milwaukee road. About a hundred land seekers stopped in Canton and

will circulate throughout southern Dakota from that city.

The quality of wheat being marketed at Parkston, which in the summer promised to be first class, is soft in many cases, the grain having been rained on so very much after harvest.

The people of Castlewood have long been considering the advisability of having their town incorporated, but as yet no action has been taken. A public meeting to discuss the matter is soon to be called.

Gen. H. H. Sargent, former president of the Fargo Southern railroad, grows one of the large wheat farms on the Red river valley and has spent most of the summer in and near Dakota. He has given the wheat crop this season his special attention, and pronounces the statement put forth by romantic writers that Dakota has grown 40,000,000 bushels of wheat this year an enormous exaggeration. He says that 25,000,000 bushels would be a large estimate, and he would hardly put it above 20,000,000.

R. E. NOTATIONS.

The Manitoba is running trains into Watertown, and hard coal there is only \$8.50 per ton.

A mixed train will run from Huron to Gettysburg for the present, leaving Huron at 10 a. m., arriving at Gettysburg at 7 p. m.

The Northwestern's new time table announces that regular trains are running over the new extension from Faulkton to Gettysburg.

Wm. T. Love has purchased the interests of all other parties in the Huron street railway and now has entire control of that enterprise.

From Seneca to Gettysburg is a stretch of nearly twenty-five miles on which no stations have been located, but likely will be soon.

The largest outfit of railroad graders that ever entered Dakota in one body arrived in Sioux Falls Sunday at midnight, from Hastings, Nebraska, by special train. They began work on the Illinois Central depot ground in that city Monday.

The new station of Burkemere, on Gettysburg extension of the Northwestern, is open for business. It is nine and a half miles west from Faulkton. At the same time Seneca, a new station ten miles from Burkemere, was also opened for business.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

There are now sixty-four organized schools in Clark county, with 1,366 school children between the ages of seven and twenty.

The Stutsman county teachers' institute began at Jamestown Monday and continued five days, conducted by Territorial Superintendent Dye and C. J. Pickard.

Rev. William Fielder, of Huron, preached his last sermon as elder, Sunday, having now filled the position for four years. It now becomes necessary for him to take a station as pastor at least one year.

A county teachers' institute will be held in Castlewood the week commencing Monday, Oct. 3rd. Prof. W. H. Dempster will be the conductor, and a large delegation of teachers is expected to participate in the exercises.

IN THE MINING COUNTY.

In the Black Hills the Iron Hill, Rattler, Gilmore, Brookline and Spanish mines have made big strikes and stocks are now on the rise.

The Homestake mining company distributed \$25,000 among stockholders last week, making \$225,000 paid this year and \$3,723, 750 paid to date.

Deadwood voted Thursday in favor of bonding for \$25,000 to buy the right of way through the city for the Ferromont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road.

The recent discoveries in the carbonate camp near Deadwood, have had the effect of booming all sorts of mineral stocks. Hon. J. K. Graves of Dubuque, Iowa, is mining the Hay creek coal field, thirty miles north of Deadwood, and pronounced the coal of good quality and the supply inexhaustible.

LAND CASES.

Asher Edgerton gets a new hearing on his homestead entry in the Mitchell district, Sparks being reversed.

John C. Rowland and John S. McKeenan, the former having a claim in the Aberdeen and the latter in the Huron land district, have been allowed by Secretary Lamar to offer supplemental proof. This decision overrules Sparks.

The general land office would have cancelled the claim of Mrs. Hollister in the Mitchell land district, but Lamar directs that she be allowed to make new proof. She is feeble, and falling broke her leg, being thus prevented from making first proofs.

P. O. MATTERS.

Daniel Flynn has been appointed postmaster at Mandan.

The assistant superintendent of the railway mail department has just made a trip through this section, investigating complaints against the service.

PROSPEROUS.

Centerville is filling so rapidly that not a building is to be had for rent. Many are compelled in consequence to live at the hotels.

At the sale of school bonds of the

town of Armour, Douglas county, Johnson Bros. bought the bonds as an investment at two per cent. premium.

FIRES.

Landlord Hoshim, of Ipswich, who recently lost the Prior house by fire, has decided to erect a fine brick hotel in Aberdeen.

The machinery hall of George H. Shaver, at Fargo, was burned Friday, along with machinery, hay and grain. Loss \$5,000; insured.

Prairie fires did a large amount of damage Tuesday a few miles south of Aberdeen. Farmers lost a large amount of grain and other property.

COLLEGE TERM.

The fall term of the Redfield college opened Wednesday in temporary quarters, pending the completion of the college edifice.

LECTURE.

The Knights of Labor have invited Father Collins, of the Catholic church at Fargo, to address them some evening soon and he has accepted.

INSANE.

Charles Gerrard, supposed to be insane, was taken into custody at Huron Monday. He says he recently lived in Minnesota, but formerly in Illinois.

COURT.

A term of court will be begun in Brookings county October 11th. That takes the lawyers by surprise, as they were not expecting it until November.

WINTER PASTIME.

Company G. Dakota national guards, of Brookings, are making arrangements for an army large enough to drill in during the coming winter. They will either purchase the opera hall or build a house suitable for the purpose.

BUCKET SHOP.

The bucket shop of Geo. E. Phelps & Co., of Sioux Falls, is involved in some sort of financial difficulty. The shop is closed and Mr. Phelps is in Minneapolis in conference with Pressey, Wheeler & Co., through whom he has been operating.

MAIN CHANCE.

The Indians that pass through Mandan on their way to their reservation after visiting their friends, north or south, have a decided eye to the main chance. Last week a party of them numbering about fifty, hired the largest hall in town and gave a dancing exhibition, admission 25 cents.

GLANDERS.

Several horses have been shot in Hutchinson county for glanders by the veterinary surgeon. Some doubts exist as to whether the animals were affected with the disease or not, none having died, the county being an old one and well settled for several years past.

BAPTISTS.

The Baptists of South Dakota held their sixth annual convention in Dell Rapids. They organized in 1881 at Madison, in a big barn owned by a Baptist sister. They then had but three meeting houses; now they have thirty; then they numbered two hundred; now two thousand, including between thirty and forty ordained ministers.

INSURANCE CO.

The Farmers' mutual protective association, of Aurora county, a mutual hail insurance company, has just issued its assessment call for this season. It assesses for the whole amount of the premium notes. The officers are now organizing a stock company with a capital of \$200,000. Farmers are preparing to unite to resist collection of the assessment.

POLISH COLONY.

The committee appointed by the recent national Polish alliance to look up a location in Dakota for a Polish colony was at Jamestown on their way to Crystal Springs. On their return they will investigate Stutsman county's claim for the colony. The committee consists of Messrs Kowalski of Illinois, Dorsomki of Wisconsin, and Losnowski of Pennsylvania.

ARTESIAN WELLS.

From the water from its artesian well Altoona has a lake of ten acres, four feet deep, stocked with fish and its waters cut by the prows of many boats. In the winter he who wants ice gets it for the trouble of cutting and hauling it. Thus the artesian furnishes meat (fish), drink, ices, merry sails and water power free. A similar sea is formed at Miller from artesian water.

ANNIVERSARY.

Press and Dakotian: Yesterday was the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Methodist church in Yankton and the services at the church were in keeping with the importance of the celebration. Twenty-five years ago Rev. John Ingram, now of Fargo, Dakota, preached the first sermon to a Methodist congregation consisting of seven people, five men and two women. At last night's meeting an extract from an account of this first church service by Dr. Ingram was read. Last evening the debt of the church was also raised, and the pastor's salary paid to date. There is a possibility that Rev. Mr. Hager will be transferred from Yankton by the next conference and his church members are looking forward to a conference with solicitude.

RELIGIOUS READING.

THE HEART'S RELEASE.

Heart that's longing for peace
Mid tribulation,
Holding thy wee's increase
In contemplation.
Know that thy God of love
Will every care remove,
And grant sweet peace, above
Thine expectation.

Not to the one who shrinks
Grief's visitation,
But to the one who drinks,
In resignation,
The cup of human woe
That is his lot below,
Gladness will God bestow
In compensation.

Christ doth to thee assure
Full consolation,
If thou wilt but endure
Earth's lamentation.
Arise, and bravely bear
Thy part of pain and care,
Then shalt thou surely share
Heaven's jubilation.
—Rev. N. Pless, in N. Y. Observer.

Sunday-School Lesson.

FOURTH QUARTER.

- Oct. 2.—The Centurion's Faith. Matt. 8: 5-13.
- Oct. 9.—The Tempest Stilled. Matt. 8: 18-27.
- Oct. 16.—Power to Forgive Sins. Matt. 9: 1-8.
- Oct. 23.—Three Miracles. Matt. 9: 18-31.
- Oct. 30.—The Harvest and the Laborers. Matt. 9: 38-42; 10: 1-8.
- Nov. 6.—Confessing Christ. Matt. 10: 26-42.
- Nov. 13.—Christ's Witness to John. Matt. 11: 2-15.
- Nov. 20.—Judgment and Mercy. Matt. 11: 20-30.
- Nov. 27.—Jesus and the Sabbath. Matt. 12: 1-14.
- Dec. 4.—Parable of the Sower. Matt. 13: 1-9.
- Dec. 11.—Parable of the Tares. Matt. 13: 24-30.
- Dec. 18.—Other Parables. Matt. 13: 31-38; 44-52.
- Dec. 25.—Review Lesson selected by the school; or, a Christmas Exercise.

MINE OWN VINEYARD.

Why the Keeper of Other Vineyards Needs First of all Experience in His Own.

"They made me the keeper of the vineyards, but mine own vineyard have I not kept." Something like this pathetic plaint from the song of songs might be the outcry of many hearts in these days of Christian and philanthropic activity. The pastor, the Sunday-school teacher or superintendent, the parent, the missionary worker, any one who has been appointed to plan for others and finds his tasks unremitting and his burden heavy, stands in peril of neglecting his own spiritual nurture. For the soul does not grow without care. It is true we are rightly told that work is the best cure for doubt, and that religious activity is quite as necessary for spiritual health as physical exercise for the body. There are few Christians of whom we dare say they are doing too much for their fellow-men. There are many of whom it is to be feared the Divine judgment must be that they are putting stress upon outside work, rather than interior development and personal cultivation of the fruits of the Spirit. The preacher may apply all the force of the text to his hearer, forgetting his own barren and thirsty soul. The Sunday-school teacher may stay at home from Sabbath worship to prepare the lesson for his class, but he runs a sad risk of losing the influence of God upon his spirit, impoverished by the demands of a week in the dust and grime of the world. The physician, too, may allow his Sabbaths to be crowded out, and his time and strength absorbed in caring for other vineyards. What is to keep the rank weeds of materialism from choking out the precious plants of faith and love once rooted in his soul?

In a lofty and noble sense a man's first duty is to himself. A soul right with God is the essential qualification for successful service. We can present God to the world only as we see and love him in Jesus Christ. We do not see enough of Him if we are constantly engrossed by even the duties which are called Christian. To "grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ" there must be seasons of stillness; and rest in which we can hear the voice of the Lord. Every soul needs the quiet culture and enrichment that comes only from waiting upon God in His Word and in the closet.

The nature of the best man or woman is prone to evil. Vanity, impatience, spiritual pride and dogmatism spring up from the native soil, and gain ground with frightful rapidity and strength, even while we are absorbed in our appointed duty to others. Censoriousness is an easy fault for those whose position or ability is somewhat conspicuous. The heart is full of germs, all unsuspected in their vitality and evil power. Nothing but faithful watching unto prayer and openness to Divine discipline ever eradicates them. There is no one among us who does not need to join in the litany: "From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice, and all uncharitableness, good Lord deliver us."

The ancient monk forgot a dying word in caring for his own soul in the seclusion of the cloister. The pendulum has now swung to the other extreme, and in a bustling activity men need to be reminded of their own per-

sonal needs before God. Laborers set on work, but only the labor that springs from a heart aglow with the thought of God's mercy and man's need. It is blessed to work obediently to the Master's command, but the teacher must first and constantly be a learner. The keeper of other vineyards needs first of all, and all the while, experience in his own. —Chicago Advance.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

It Is Wiser and Better to Talk Pastors Up Than to Talk Them Down.

The Religious Herald, of Hartford, makes a suggestion that a certain kind of pastoral support which it holds to be more important than an abundance of bank notes. The suggestion might be profitable any time, but some parishes in the vicinity of Boston may find it specially timely just now. The illustration, which the Herald takes as the basis of the suggestion, is the case of Dr. James Shaw, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church of Rochester, N. Y. After he had been settled several years, there began to be expressions of dissatisfaction with his qualities as a preacher, and many of the members were discussing the question whether it might not be best for them to get another pastor. The congregation fell off, and the state of things was becoming quite deplorable. At this juncture two prominent business men talked over the situation, and concluded to advise the church to change its course at once. They said: "Mr. Shaw is not a good preacher, but he is a good man, and we all have confidence in him. Now, instead of talking him down, let us talk him up." This advice was given and acted on. A marked change was soon apparent. The congregation rapidly increased, and the church rapidly prospered. Dr. Shaw has been the pastor forty-seven years, and is still active and influential, and the church has a membership of fifteen hundred. The story carries its own moral with it. If more churches would adopt the practice of talking their pastors up instead of talking them down, there would be fewer instances of pastoral relations hastily and unwisely severed. —Boston Journal.

CHRISTIAN TRIUMPHS.

Wonderful Growth of Christianity in Asiatic Countries and in Russia.

In India when the Christian Church attacked the Hindoo faith it undertook the greatest of tasks, but there have been marvelous results. Only recently a procession of 2,000 Sunday-school scholars took place in Lucknow. In Travancore the London Society have 20,000 Christians, and in Burma, in the Karen mountains, there are 100,000 native Christians. A lady from India says, the question is not how to get into zenanas, but how sufficient workers can be sent out, for on every hand are there open doors. A few years ago there were not ten converted Jews in Turkey, now there are 3,000 and a Hebrew Prayer Union has several hundred members. Fifteen years ago, if a missionary had gone into Russia, many a Jew would have deemed it an honor to kill him, but now it is very different. To-day in Russia thousands are studying and reading the New Testament. In China now, relates one missionary, there is no need of announcing meetings. "We can have a meeting in the street at any moment," he says, "and there we can preach as long as we are able. Often when I have arrived the whole city turns out to see me. The streets have been lined, so that there has not been room for me to walk up the street. On the tops of the houses and on the walls, and at the windows, and at the doors, the people now crowd around to see the 'foreigner,' and to hear what he has to talk about." —Baptist Weekly.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

—Preach to the conscience. —Goulburn.

—Prayer is the side timbers and faith the rungs on the ladder raised to Heaven. —Whitehall Times.

—Paul, who turned the world upside down, could not be turned upside down by the world. Can you be?

—If when thou makest a bargain thou thinkest only of thyself and thy gain, thou art a servant of mammon. —Paul Faber.

—When we remember only the good that we hear of persons during the day, we are carrying pearls to God. —Pomeroy's Democrat.

—The superfluous blossoms on a fruit-tree symbolize the large way in which God loves to do pleasant things. —Becher.

—The plea for Sunday labor generally comes in the last resort, from those who wish to make a seven days' profit in their business. —Watchman.

—In making the violets God used the color with which He tainted the sky. The lowliest moral and spiritual graces are as beautiful in his eyes as the loftiest. —Interior.

—Unhappiness is the call of God. We can only become holy through adversity. It was the exaggeration of this truth which led the old saints to inflict tortures on themselves.