

More Local.

Mrs. Clarence Sageser is very ill the past few days.

Mrs. Carpenter has been quite ill the past two weeks.

Dr. Lewis is recovering from pneumonia and today was able to sit up.

Mrs. Claude Jones and baby have been ill the past week but are better.

Frank Fischer is suffering some from a cold and soreness in his side and back.

Mr. Beatty's concert is announced for Wednesday night, Feb. 1, at the M. E. church.

Al Tuacher is still unable to be up and about and is reported about the same or possibly weaker than last week.

We want correspondents who will be as faithful in sending in the news as those we have now. If anyone knows of an item of news send it in.

Peter Porath of Riego called last Friday while in town to order the Democrat sent to Porath Bros. and also paid subscription of his father and a sister.

The Meistersingers sang to a good audience at the church last Friday night. We regret that we did not know of their coming soon enough to notify our readers a week in advance of their coming.

Al H. Metzgar called on us Tuesday, while in town from his ranch south of Merriman. Mr. Metzgar drops into our city only about twice a year and has so many things to attend to that it keeps him pretty busy while here.

There will be a joint installation of officers of the M. W. A. and the Royal Neighbors next Wednesday evening. There will be a little ceremony for the Royal Neighbors have been practicing their parts and the brothers and sisters will all wear their smites upon that occasion. There will be something to eat when you're hungry.

While some of the boys and girls were out sleighing last Saturday evening the sleigh tipped over and John Gould had his arm broken by the fall. Several were shaken up a little but John is the only one who will remember the accident real well. He is carrying his arm in a sling. Allan Gould is still carrying his arm in a sling as a result of cutting off the end of his thumb and Mr. and Mrs. Gould are conducting a hospital.

Wm. H. Carter and father Henry Carter came down from Cody Monday, Wm. H. returning the next day and his father remained for a few weeks visit with his daughter, Mrs. Shore. Wm. H. Carter is still carrying his arm in a sling as a result of his sprained wrist but is looking well and his wrist is getting some better. He will probably lose the use of his thumb and one finger for some time as he at present has no feeling in them.

L. L. Anderson took a lay off from his work last week, and a week ago Sunday went back to his old home at Modale, Iowa, to visit his parents who are living on the old farm and in the same comfortable house that his father built 37 years ago. Mr. Anderson's father is 83 years old now and his mother is 77 years of age. A week's visit wasn't very long but it was pleasant to be at home again, after four years of labor. Mr. Anderson returned Monday of this week.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Congressman Kinkaid has introduced another bill amending his 1904 measure, providing that homesteaders on Nebraska lands may relinquish to the government their 160-acre claims and re-enter claims not exceeding 640 acres. He also presented a bill granting to Chas. H. Cornell the right to build a dam across the Niobrara river and to build telephone and trolley lines across the military reservation at that point.—Omaha Daily News.

W. H. Hooper hauled in a load of shoes, 8½ months old, averaging 250 pounds each, which he sold to J. H. Quigley yesterday. Mr. Hooper raises corn good enough to fatten hogs for market in as short a time as anybody back east and always gets a fair yield. Like many of the farmers on north table he raises a crop of potatoes and other farm products which makes a comfortable living and he doesn't have to work too hard to enjoy life either. His subscription is always paid in advance.

The U. S. Weather Bureau report for the week ending Jan. 18, 1905, shows a rather variegated climatic condition, the highest temperature being 45° on the 18, and the lowest -26° on the 13, a swing of the temperature pendulum of 71°. During the three days of low temperature there was very little wind and the weather was not uncomfortable except for people who had long journeys to take. There was no precipitation and the highest wind velocity was 22 miles per hour from the northwest on the 18th.

Rev. A. T. Carpenter reports the death of Mr. Dickson, lately from Illinois, at the home of a neighbor, Lewis Wilson, about 50 rods from the former's house, 12 miles south of Johnstown, last Tuesday evening of heart failure. Rev. Carpenter, in company of Mr. Heerten had stopped at the Dickson home a short time previous to which they had gone up to Wilson's to look at some fruit which Mr. Dickson and Mr. Wilson, who had lately come from Illinois, had brought with them. Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Dickson's little girl had just returned from the cellar, each with an apple when Mr. Dickson, who was sitting on the bed, gasped once and fell over dead. All efforts were fruitless in trying to revive him. The funeral will be held at Ainsworth tomorrow under the auspices of the Masonic order at 1:30 p. m. Rev. Carpenter goes down to preach the funeral. Mr. Dickson leaves a wife and child, a girl four years old, to mourn his death.

The winds are never silent,
The waves are never still,
The waters are so violent,
They toss the ship at will.
My soul like the sea is restless,
Like the wind is full of woe;
My heart like the wave is fearless,
For each beat there is a foe.
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Untrusting.
"When I took you into partnership," said the indignant father. "I expected you to be untrusting in your devotion to the interests of the business."
"The son took one foot down from the desk long enough to strike a match to light his cigarette."
"I think I have been," said he. "You never have noticed me tire myself yet, have you, pa?"

Garden of the Soul.
Each bud flowers but once, and each flower has but its minute of perfect beauty, so in the garden of the soul each feeling has, as it were, its flowering instant, its one and only moment of expansive grace and radiant kingship.

Brilliant.
"Did my diamonds call forth any comment?" asked Mrs. Cumrox.
"Yes, indeed," answered Miss Cayenne. "I heard several people refer to you as the human chandelier."—Washington Star.

Dear Things.
Miss Sluzger—What a self possessed woman Miss Passay is! Miss Pepper—Yes, and I don't imagine she'd ever get a chance to dispose of the property.—Cleveland Leader.

Conditions That Unfit For Marriage.
The low paid employee today can succeed as well alone as with a wife, which his ancestors could not do. At the same time his selfish enjoyments are greater without her, for he may live irresponsibly, without a motive to save and with all his surplus available for wayside pleasures of an antisocial sort. The disintegrating forces of a great city upon homeless youth are too obvious to need emphasis. The wage earning girl, on her part, is likely to acquire the taste of fragmentary, pointless and unproductive spending. Both form habits harmful to the altruistic motives of group living—of the home idea. A man who goes from the saloon, street corner or cheap pleasure club, a girl who leaves the dance hall and pavement glitter to make a home for him, the bare necessities of which are hardly met by his wages, are not qualified by their experiences to bring to a successful issue the supreme test of character that makes stable a high standard.—Professor Simon N. Patten in Independent.

A Soft Answer.
It was in 1872 that George Chesmore Bronley, author of "Long Ago and Later On," became a member of the Bohemia club of San Francisco and soon found himself "Sire of the Low Jinks," which occasion he vividly recalls, and especially his arrival at home afterward. He writes: "My dear little wife awoke at my entrance and inquired the time. I looked at my watch and replied, 'Ten minutes past 10,' and then laid the watch on the mantelpiece. Having some doubts as to the correctness of my reply, the little woman arose and looked for herself. 'What time did you say it was?' she asked again. 'Ten minutes past 10,' said I. 'Ten minutes past 10! Why, it only lacks ten minutes of 2,' said she. 'Is that so?' said I. 'Why, bless my soul, how time flies! I had no idea that I had been home so long.' This was another occasion when I realized that 'a soft answer turneth away wrath.'"

Wrestling With the Spaniard.
When Walter Williams, from Columbus, Miss., was in Spain in the summer of 1903 he called upon a provincial editor in the interest of the St. Louis exposition. The next day the paper had the following: "Walter Williams of the United States purchased the state of Louisiana and next year will give a celebration, to which he invites his fellow journalists of Europe." Mr. Williams again called upon the editor and thoroughly explained matters. The editor apologized and printed this correction: "Governor Francis of Missouri has purchased a large tract of land in the Great American desert, and Walter Williams is here to invite the journalists of Spain to a show which the governor will give next year." Mr. Williams fled the place, fearful the editor might explain some more.

Rossetti's Awful Breakfast.
It was at one time arranged that Dante Gabriel Rossetti, his brother William and Swinburne and George Meredith should live together in a certain house. Meredith happened to see Dante Gabriel Rossetti at breakfast and changed his plans. Meredith himself tells the story. "It was past noon," says he. "Rossetti had not yet risen, though it was an exquisite day. On the breakfast table on a huge dish rested five thick slabs of bacon, upon which five rigid eggs had slowly bled to death. Presently Rossetti appeared in his dressing gown, with slippers down at heel, and devoured the dainty repast like an ogre." That meal was too much for Meredith, and he sacrificed three months' rent rather than see it repeated.

The Sphinx's Riddle.
The riddle which the sphinx propounded to the Thebans and the solution of which she made a condition of her withdrawal from the state was as follows: "What animal has one voice, at first four, then two and at last three feet?" (Edipus discovered the answer to be "man," who in infancy, from using his hands as well as his feet in walking, may be said to have four feet (all fours), in after life employs but two, and in old age to these he adds a staff, which may be reckoned a third. Upon this solution being given the sphinx is said to have thrown herself headlong from the citadel.

The Simple Life.
In my wanderings on foot when I walk through the provinces of Europe and talk to the people and fish and learn I find that what people lack most in life is simplicity, the poor man as well as the rich. It consists not in plain dress, but in plain living, in simplicity of heart, of personal beliefs and respect for the beliefs of others.—Rev. Charles Wagner.

Preparedness.
Begin the morning by saying to thyself, I shall meet the busybody, the ungrateful, arrogant, deceitful, envious and unsocial, but I, who have seen the nature of the good, that it is beautiful, and that of the bad, that it is ugly, can be injured by none of them.—Marcus Aurelius.

Cause For Sorrow.
Brown—Smith is down with brain fever. Green—You don't say so! Brown—Yes. The doctor says if he recovers his mind will be a blank. Green—Well, I'm sorry to hear that. He owes me \$10.

Spiteful.
Kate—Do you think it's true that people catch anything through kissing? Madge—Oh, I don't think so. See how often you've been kissed and you've never caught anybody yet.

He who brings ridicule to bear against truth finds in his hand a blade without a hilt.—Lander.

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