

## **The People's Church, 1891 "1891 Rico Democrat.doc"**

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Friday, Jan 15, 1891. First issue. Five "Local Organizations and Societies" are listed on page 1.

**PEOPLE'S CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,**  
Corner Mantz avenue and Silver street.  
Service every Sabbath at 11:00 a. m.. Sabbath  
School, 2:30 p. m. Evening service, 7:30 p. m.  
S.C. Dickinson, Pastor.

Other organizations listed were the Hazen Post, G.A.R., McPherson Camp, S of V, (presumably "Sons of Veterans," and two I.O.O.F. Lodges, the Silver Crescent and the Rico Encampment. The listing ran every week through April 10th, then stopped.

Friday, Jan 23, 1891. No church news.

Friday, Jan 30, 1891. The painters have finished their work on the People's Congregational Church. With the completion of the papering Rico can boast as neat a place of worship as any town in the Southwest.

The subject of discourse Sunday evening at the Congregational church will be "Science and the Bible."

There will be a social at the People's Congregational church on Saturday evening. Those who attend are assured a good time.

Friday, Feb 6, 1891. The social at the People's Congregational church last Saturday called out quite a number of Rico's society people, and the little folk were there in full force. A number of charades and other amusements were indulged in, after which a bountiful lunch was served.

Friday, Feb 13, 1891. The Rev. S. C. Dickinson, of the People's Congregational church, left for Telluride yesterday, to take part in the dedication of the new church at that place, which takes place Sunday.

Rev. S. C. Dickinson will be ordained as pastor of the People's Congregational church on Monday evening, February 16. The new church will be dedicated the following day. President Slocum of the Colorado College, will officiate.

Friday, Feb 20, 1891. The clergy from abroad who have been in Rico for the past few days assisting in the dedication and ordination services at the People's Congregational church, departed Wednesday by the stage for the north.

The stage for the north left on time yesterday, but had gone only three or four miles when they found it impossible to proceed further, so returned to Rico.

Sunday being Washington's birthday, the exercises at the People's Congregational church will be of a patriotic order, in which the children will take a part.

**RICO'S NEW CHURCH.**  
**REV. S.C. DICKINSON ORDAINED AS PASTOR.**

The Rev. G.M. Sanders, Assisted by the Revs. Reid and Chase, Dedicated the People's Congregational Church to the Services of Our Lord. The heavy snow that fell during Monday and the evening of that day, did not deter the people from attending the ordination ceremony that had been announced to take place at the People's Congregational church, and by 8 o'clock that beautiful structure was filled by the people of Rico, who take a just pride in the long looked-for consummation of their desire to see such a building erected.

The exercises began by the rendering of the following beautiful hymns: "Nearer My God to Thee," and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"; followed by an invocation by the Rev. J.H. Reid of Telluride; after which "Coronation" was sang by the congregation.

A discourse was then delivered by the Rev. Reid; subject, "The Fatherhood of God;" which was delivered in a forceful and sound argumentative manner, and listened to with wrapt (sic) attention by the immense audience.

Then the Rev. C.M. Sanders, superintendent of Home Missions, lifted up his voice in supplication to the Throne of Grace for approval on their work; following which the Rev. A. L. Chase offered up the ordination prayer., during which all the ministers assisted in the solemn and impressive ceremony of consecrating the life of him who had been chosen to lead the flock, to the service of the Master.

The Rev. Sanders than gave the charge to the new minister, which if observed cannot fail to do good work in this part of the moral vineyard, and give us a higher moral standing.

At the close of the ordination service the "Ave Marie" was rendered by Mrs. F.L.Thompson, who was assisted by Mrs. E.L.Davis at the organ.

After the benediction, a great many pressed forward to shake the hand of the newly ordained minister, and were introduced to the visiting clergymen.

All went to their homes feeling that the evening had been profitably spent.

On Tuesday evening, the exercises attending the dedication of Rico's new church building was held in that beautiful structure on Mantz avenue. A large attendance greeted the new pastor, who was assisted by the Rev. Sanders, superintendent of home missions for Colorado and Wyoming, the Rev. Reid of Telluride, and the Rev. Chase of the Montrose parish.

The exercises began at 7:30 by the singing of an anthem by the choir, lead by Mrs. F.L. Thompson; followed with prayer by the Rev. Chase.

After the rendering of some appropriate music by the choir, responsive readings were had; the Rev. Reid taking the part of the pastor.

The Rev. Sanders than delivered the dedication sermon, which was a fervent appeal to the people to rally around the pastor of the church, and to aid and assist him of the upbuilding of the good work in Rico.

At the close of the sermon the "Ave Marie" was rendered, and the benediction pronounced by the pastor, after which the congregation dispersed.

Friday, Feb 27, 1891. 36 inches of snow in the past week. No church news.

Friday, March 6, 1891. No church news.

Friday, March 13, 1891. The topic at the Congregational church Sunday evening: A Very Important Question.

The ladies Church Building Society will hold a business meeting on March 18, at 4 p. m., in the Primary schoolroom. A full attendance is earnestly requested. Mrs. E. B. Quigley, Secretary.

On Friday evening of last week about 100 people young, old and middle aged, assembled at the Congregational church; the event being the regular semi-monthly social. All seemed to enjoy themselves. The refreshment committee, of which Mrs. Joseph Meridith is president, served an excellent lunch about 10:00. Receipts \$19.

A number of Rico's people met at the Congregational church on Monday for the purpose of organizing a literary society. An temporary organization was perfected with W. H. Burnett as president, G. N. Law as vice president and Mr. Kalbfus, secretary pro tem. The next meeting will be held on Monday evening at which time the permanent officers will be elected. Such a society can not fail to be instructive.

The Democrat would like to see the use of tobacco discontinued in church.

Esther, The Beautiful Queen. This cantata will be presented to Rico's people about the 10, of April. It is now in course of preparation by local talent, all painstaking people, who will no doubt be greeted with a full house.

The following cast of characters, some of whom are well known as being gifted with musical talent, is an assurance that the public will be entertained in an acceptable manner:

King Ahaserus Mr. John Hughes  
Queen Mrs. F. L. Thompson  
Haman Mr. W. Muncaster  
Zerish Miss Susie Tarsney  
Mordecai Mr. M. Rees  
Mordecai's sister Mrs. Wm Shea  
Prophetess Mrs. O. Flinn  
Harbonah and Chamberlain Messers. Lee and Burger  
Guards Messers. Kelsey and Moore  
Queens Attendants Misses Dellie Rollie and Maude Tarsney  
Hegal  
High Priest S. C. Dickinson  
King's Pages Masters Muncaster and Waldron  
Queen's Pages  
Semi-choruses of Children, Chorus of Persians and Chorus of Jews.

Friday, March 20, 1891. The service at the Peoples' Church next Sunday evening will be a song service; all invited to come and have a good sing.

The Irving Literary Society will met Monday evening at the church, at 7:45 p. m. The programme which was to have been presented last week will be given then.

The Irving Literary Society held a meeting at the Congregational church on Monday evening, for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization. Charles A. McLaughlin was elected as president and J. W. Kalbfus, as secretary. Thirteen new members signed the constitution.

**Irving Literary Society. The following is the programme of the Irving Literary Society for Monday, March 23:**

**Recitation Miss Ella Rule**

**Essay Rev. S.C. Dickinson**

**Reading Dr. Kelsay**

**Debate: Resolved, that the United States Senators should be elected directly by the popular vote. Affirmative -- H. W. Strickler, Chas. A. McLaughlin; Negative -- W. H. Burnett and G. N. Law.**

**Wanted -- Parents at church with the children, children at home with parents or children to keep quiet during service. -- Subscriber.**

**Occupations noted: G. N. Law is a U. S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor. Dr. Kelsay is a dentist. F. L. Thompson is the mayor and School Treasurer. Burger is the County Assessor. T. J. Tarsney is a lawyer and owner of the Democrat.. Charles McLaughlin is a Justice of the Peace.**

**Friday, March 27, 1891. Easter service Sunday night. Singing by Children.**

**Social for older folks at the Congregational church Friday night. All invited.**

**About a dozen men contributed work on the new seats for the church. As a result, there are now fifteen new seats, and 150 people can be accommodated with sittings. Come out Sunday night and prove the statement.**

**Rev. S. C. Dickinson, pastor of the People's Congregational church, desires to thank all who so kindly responded to the invitation to work on the new seats for the church, and especially Mr. H. F. Bushey, for the use of his shop.**

**Workmen have been engaged this week in placing additional seats in the Congregational church. None need remain away from church by reason of a scarcity of seats.**



**Note added: The picture below shows those seats, as they looked in the spring of 2006:**

**Friday, April 3, 1891. No church news. Missed the issue of April 10.**

Friday, April 17, 1891. Another pleasurable social was given by the committee of the Church Building Association last night, at the People's Congregational church.

- C. M. Maddy with a force of men began wiring the People's Congregational church on Monday, for the introduction of the electric lights. Note: Here is what the wiring consisted of:



A little stranger made its appearance and demanded recognition at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Broughton on last Sunday evening. Mother and babe are doing finely, and J. N. himself is doing fair-to-middling.

Friday, April 24, 1891. The funeral services incident to the death of little Helen Summers, were held yesterday afternoon at the Congregational church, the Rev. S. C. Dickinson officiating. A large concourse followed all that was mortal of her who was such a favorite, to the cemetery.

There are a number of young hoodlums in Rico whose conduct at church on Sunday evening was such that the minister felt called upon to eject them. If they have no regard for the feelings of others, or reverence for the place, they should be brought to a knowledge of the fact that there is a severe penalty attached to disturbing religious worship.

The Democrat would like to see the boys conduct themselves properly in church.

Friday, May 1, 1891. o church news.

Friday, May 8, 1891. The topic at the People's church, Sunday evening, will be: "One Day in Seven; or Reasons for the Observance of the Sabbath". All citizens and strangers cordially invited.

Friday, May 15, 1891. The ladies and gentlemen who will take place in the concert at the Congregational church tomorrow evening, are possessed of musical talent. Don't fail to hear them.

A large concourse of people assembled at the Congregational church on Tuesday last, the occasion being the funeral of the 6-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Munde, who died on Monday. The little innocent had been in delicate health for some time. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community in this great affliction.

"Different Ways of Hearing," is the topic at the People's Congregational church, Sunday night. Services will hereafter begin promptly at 8 o'clock, city time.

CONCERT. Below will be found the programme of the concert to be given tomorrow night at the People's Congregational church, under the management of Mr. John Hughes:

Instrumental solo Mrs. Misch  
Chorus -- May Day  
Song Miss Addie Rees  
I am King O'er Land and Sea Mr. Hughes and Chorus  
Duet -- The Dove Misses Ella Rule and Susie Tarsney  
Solo -- Auld Robin Gray Miss Dollie Ralli  
Solo -- Beautiful Dreamer Mrs. Shea  
Meet Me Josie at the Gate Miss Ralli and Chorus  
Solo -- Naughty Clara Miss Maude Tarsney  
Quartette -- Moonlight on the Lake  
Whistling -- Mocking Bird Mr. Victor Lee  
Song Mr. Rees  
Solo -- In the Shadow of the Leaves Mrs. Flynn  
Duet -- The Sweet Wild Rose Mrs. Shea and Miss Susie Tarsney  
Chorus -- Hush Hush My Baby

Friday, May 22, 1891. No church news.

Friday, May 29, 1891. Goodman and Hood are giving the Congregational church a new coat of paint.

Memorial service at 8 p. m. on Sunday next, at the Congregational church. (This was to follow a G. A. R. parade, put on by the Hazen Post.)

The Rico base ballists had a practice game last Saturday.

By a telegram from the Rev. Dickinson, we are informed that the pulpit at the People's church on Sunday next, will be occupied by the Rev. Fitch, of Colorado Springs.

Oh, no, no atheist is he,  
Nor walks he in the atheist's ways;  
He is a self-made man, you see,  
And loudly sounds his maker's praise. (New York Press).

Friday, June 5, 1891. Rev. S. C. Dickinson returned yesterday, and will occupy his place in the pulpit of the People's church Sunday evening.

The calico hop given last Tuesday evening proved quite a success. The proceeds, \$30, will go toward furnishing the People's church with a new bell.

Rev. Charles Fitch, of Colorado Springs, occupied the People's Congregational church on Sunday evening. He also gave a lecture on Sunday school work, on Monday afternoon and evening.

Friday, June 12, 1891. The singing last Sunday night, at the church, was much appreciated and praised by all.

Childrens' Day will be fittingly observed, next Sunday evening, at the People's church. A special responsive and song service and recitations by the children, will be features of the service. All are cordially invited. Exercises begin at 8 o'clock, city time.

The Ladies' Church Building Society will hold a meeting at the Church on Thursday next, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the transaction of important business. A full attendance is desired. Mrs. M. Quigley, Sec'y.

Friday, June 19, 1891. "Some Characteristics of a Peculiar Word" is the subject of the sermon next Sunday evening.

Rev. S.C. Dickinson left for Ophir, this morning, where he will preach tonight. He will speak at Ames Saturday night and return in time for Sabbath school, Sunday.

Children's Day. A bright and joyous occasion was that which brought out the large assemblage at the People's Congregational church Sunday evening last. The singing by the choir was grand; the responsive exercises were interesting and instructive. Recitations, declamations, readings and dialogs, well befitting Sabbath school exercises, were a feature of the evening.

Miss Mary Middaugh led these exercises with a recitation which was well memorized and well delivered. Little Mary is deeply interested in all that pertains to church and Sabbath school work.

Master Max Waldron, in the manner in which he rendered a reading, showed familiarity with his subject, and elicited much favorable comment from an appreciative audience.

Miss Lizzie Muncaster, in her recitation, developed traits of a genuine artist; clear and forcible in articulation, well modulated voice, and with the graceful gesture of a professional, she held the audience in wrapt (sic) attention during her rendition of a beautiful piece.

The dialogue between Masters McNeill and Hart, fairly sparkled with good points, and showed that these young gentlemen had been at great pains to come to an understanding of their work previous to their appearance before the people, whom they delighted with their subject and its rendition.

Miss Edna Lloyd had a fine selection which she rendered in a manner that reflected great credit upon her and drew forth commendation from her listeners.

L. F. Hill read a very instructive paper on the manner of propagating Sabbath school work. Mr. Hill's long connection with Sabbath school work and other pious efforts here, was of material aid presenting his paper, and in the appropriate remarks following, constituting an appeal for substantial aid in the good work.

It will in no way disparage the merit of any, when we say, that to our mind, the gem of the evening was the recitation of little Ida Sprinkle, who fairly captivated the large audience by the manner in

which she acquitted herself, and which drew forth the remark from a gentleman that she was a prodigy, and with such sentiment expressed we were in accord.

The Rev. Dickinson gave the history of Sabbath school work; showing in a clear manner its relation to good government and the important factor it is in fitting the youth of the country for the proper discharge of the duty of citizenship, and to fill the responsible positions devolving upon them in the administration of the affairs of the nation, closing with an earnest solicitation for aid in the important cause. With the benediction, the people were dismissed.

From what we saw and heard we are satisfied that much interest is felt in Sabbath school work in Rico by pastor, teachers and pupils.

The pulpit was beautifully decorated with flowers and a miniature fountain sent its spray upward to fall back on an immense bank of ferns and flowers, so neatly arranged as to present the appearance of a miniature garden.

Friday, June 26, 1891. Their (sic) is to be a strawberry and ice cream festival at the G. A. R. hall tomorrow night given under the auspices of the Ladies Church Building Society. Admission only 50 cents. A good time is promised. Let everyone attend and bring their girl. If you haven't got a girl, get one, and if you can't get one come any way and see how happy those are who have.

Friday, July 3, 1891. The Rev. S. C. Dickinson informs us that the topic for Sunday evening will be an appropriate one for our country's natal day.

Married - At the residence of the brides mother on Silver street, Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:35 p. m., Rev. S. C. Dickinson officiating, Mr. Frank Hill and Miss Lillie Meagher.

L.C. B. A. The following is the treasurer's report of the strawberry and ice cream festival given by the Ladies' Church Building Association on Saturday evening, June 27, 1891:

Gross Receipts, \$60.85  
Expenses, 16.25  
Net Receipts, \$44.60  
Mrs. Emily Meredith, Treas.

Friday, July 10, 1891. The Rev. S. C. Dickinson officiated on Wednesday evening at a marriage ceremony at the parlors of the Hotel Enterprise, the contracting parties being Mr. John F. Finney of Telluride and Miss Cecelia Gleason of Ouray. The DEMOCRAT extends sympathy, and expresses the hope that the finn(e)y tribe may increase.

Friday, July 17, 1891. The Sabbath school hour has been changed to 10 a. m. Preaching Sunday morning at 11. Sermon Sunday evening will be the first anniversary of the pastorate. (Note added: It appears Rev. Dickinson had been holding church services in rented quarters as early as August, 1890.)

Rev. S. C. Dickinson entertained the choir of the Congregational church at his bachelor quarters on lower Glasgow avenue on Monday evening. The time, until about ten o'clock, was spent in tiddley wink and other brain wearing games, at which hour a fine collation was served. Their (sic) were present: Mr. And Mrs. William Shea, Mr. And Mrs. A. Misch, Messers. Hughes and Rees, Misses Ella Rule, Maude and Susie Tarsney.

EARTH TO EARTH. The funerals of the victims of Sunday night's tragedy (P. D. Hudson, 23, who ran the Enterprise Hotel, shot his girl friend, Mrs. Rose Conway, 19, then killed himself) were attended on Tuesday by a large concourse of people. That of Mrs. Conway was held at the Congregational church at 10 a. m., conducted by the Rev. S. C. Dickinson. . . . At 2 p. m. a solemn



cortege moved from the Hotel Enterprise, at the head of which went the hearse, bearing all that is mortal of its late proprietor, ... .At the Congregational church, Rev. S. C. Dickinson rendered a solemn and impressive discourse, ... . (Note added: Much more about the proceedings appears in the paper).

Friday, July 24, 1891. Sabbath school at 10 o'clock and preaching at 11 and 8 o'clock, Sunday. All are invited. Topic of the morning sermon next Sunday will be, "Lessons from the Timid Disciple." In the evening, "Moral Lessons Learned from a Day's Troutng."

The Rev. Father Pickle of Silverton, will hold a three day mission in Rio, beginning on today, July 24<sup>th</sup>. A cordial invitation is extended our citizens to be present. Divine service was held this morning at 9 a. m. at G. A. R. hall. Service will be held at the hall daily, at 9 a. m. and 8 p. m., up to, and including Sunday evening.

A committee are (sic) moving in the matter of purchasing lots upon which to construct a house of worship for the Catholic society.

Friday, July 31, 1891. The choir of the People's Congregational church having a surplus of filthy lucre, the proceeds of a concert given some time since, have invested a portion of it in the purchase of a set of neat, substantial chairs, for their own use at the church.

Rev. S. C. Dickinson left by the northern stage yesterday. He goes to Telluride and will occupy Rev. Reid's pulpit on Sunday. The last named gentleman will preach to our people on Sunday next at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Mr. Reid is a talented and forcible speaker, and we bespeak for him a large aad (sic) attentive audience.

Rev. Father Pickle of Silverton, visited Rico last week and conducted Catholic worship on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The services conducted here are known to the faithful of that persuasion as a "retreat." During the stay of the Rev. gentleman here, considerable interest was manifest by the Catholic people, and it is more than likely they will have purchased or built a place of worship in a short time, a committee being at present working to that end.

The Rev. S. C. Dickinson, of the People's Congregational church, was agreeably surprised on opening that sanctuary last Sunday morning, to find that some one had been there before him and had placed in position for his use a large upholstered chair, and had also spread upon the platform a fine Brussels carpet of neat design. It was subsequently ascertained that these neat and useful additions to the church furniture was the gift of Silver Crescent Lodge No. 40, I. O. O. F.

Friday, August 7, 1891. Much comment is indulged in, in connection with the sermon of last Sunday evening, by the Reverend Reid. The address might do for a Mott street audience, or to a set a camp meeting on fire, but to our mind not just the thing for a Sunday school class. The house was filled with an attentive audience, but to say they went away disappointed, is putting it mild. Those who were present sighed for the days of Parson Hogue and Brownie Lee.

From one of the committee to solicit aid in the establishment of a Catholic church here, we learn that they feel encouraged, as substantial aid to a considerable amount has been offered.

Friday, August 14, 1891. After listening to the "able, logical and consistent discourse" by the Rev. Reid, on August 2nd, we heard a number of intelligent people here, who take a deep interest in religious matters, express the regret that Parson Hoge was not here, as we so stated in our issue of last week. This has been tortured by the News(ance) into an adverse criticism of the Rev. Hoge. We were denied the "honor and pleasure of camping under the same wagon sheet, and partaking with him the aromatic bacon and Mexican cakes," at the time of "blazing the trails." We did not personally know the Rev. Hoge, but from information supported by the statement of "the writer"

believe that he was possessed of "broad-gauge humanity," so we don't wonder that the people here who knew him drew the sharp contrast between him, and one who under the garb of a sacred calling, offered an insult to their intelligence, by the use of language and illustration that might emanate from a graduate of a San Juan dance hall.

Topic of the sermon, next Sunday morning will be "Hallowing God's Name;" in the evening, "A Peculiar Character." Sabbath school at 10 o'clock.

The News(ance) went into convulsions last week on the DEMOCRAT'S reference to the alleged sermon of the Telluride divine who unfortunately occupied the pulpit of Rev. Dickinson on August 2nd. We had no intention of being "funny" nor to slander any one. We simply stated the fact, that however well meant, to our mind he gentleman's remarks were ill chosen. Th "able, logical and consitent (sic) discourse," if put in cold type in the News(ance) would be a sufficient reason to prevent its transmission through the mail by reason of its obscenity. We are aware that we have here a "generous community" but from the many declarations of disapproval (sic) of the "able, logical and consistent discourse" we conclude that they draw the line at theology of the dime novel order, got up in the style peculiar to that sentimental author, Paul De Kox. Though not a specialist, Dr. Landon might give you relief. Go see him.

"King's Daughters." A meeting of ladies interested in forming a circle of King's daughters, was held in the People's Congregational church, on Tuesday, August 6. This meeting resulted in the organization of a circle to be known as the "Willing hands." The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Quigley; Secretary, Mrs/ Brace; Treasurer, Mrs. Ingersoll. A visiting committee was also appointed, whose duties will be to keep informed of all cases of sickness or need of help of any kind. The members of this committee are Mrs. Parshall, Mrs. Sprinkle and Mrs. McNeill. Any information concerning the sick or anyone needing help, or contributions of clothing that might be of use to others, will be received by Mrs. W. W. Parshall. The next meeting of the circle will be at the house of Mrs. Parshall, on Thursday, August 20, at 2:30 p. m. All those interested in the circle and its work will be gladly welcomed as members or visitors for the day. -- C. H. Brace, Secretary.

Friday, August 21, 1891. Rev. S. C. Dickinson was quite indisposed last Sunday. He conducted the morning service, but by reason of his illness no service was held in the evening. Close application to his duties has impaired his health, rendering a vacation absolutely necessary, and the Rev. gentleman will shortly take a trip to visit relatives in Ohio. The DEMOCRAT has enough "broad humanity" to give credit where it is due, and takes pleasure in saying that the labors of Mr. Dickinson are appreciated by this "generous community." May he never weary in well doing.

Friday, August 28, 1891. The topic at the Congregational church Sunday morning will be "Hallowing God's Name;" in the evening, "Somebody Pays."

The article in the Telluride REPUBLICAN last week in regard to our criticism of a certain "divine,:" has certain ear marks that mark the identity of its author as one of a class that for the good of society are few in number, and through whose advocacy and participation in acts of violence, disgrace has been brought upon the community cursed by their presence. It is not recorded in Holy Writ that during the days of Sodom and Gomorrah, that any of its scribes had the monumental gall to lay down a code of morals for their neighbors.

Bishop Spaulding officiated at divine service Sunday morning and evening last, and held a large audience in wrapt attention, ... .

Friday, September 4, 1891. No church news.

Friday, September 11, 1891. No church news.

Friday, September 18, 1891. The topic at the Peoples' church Sunday evening will be "The Dude and the Beggar."

The Rev. Father Pickle, of Silverton, will hold mass at G. A. R. hall on Sunday, at 10 o'clock a. m. All are invited. The Rev. Bishop Mattz is expected in Rico on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. An effort is being made to establish a Catholic church here, and the bishop comes in the interest (sic) of that cause.

Mrs. D. M. Evans on Wednesday evening entertained the Congregational church choir, in honor of Mr. John Hughes birthday. After several choice selections by members of the company, an elegant lunch was served. At about 10:30 the company departed wishing Mr. Hughes many happy returns.

Friday, September 25, 1891. No church news. Friday, October 2, 1891. Issue missing. Friday, October 9, 1891. No church news. Friday, October 16, 1891. Published one day late "Rico don't get a railroad every week." No church news.

Friday, October 23, 1891. There will be services at the Peoples' Congregational church next Sunday at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone invited to attend. Evening topic will be "Vacation Thoughts."

Friday, October 30, 1891. Services Sunday at 11 and 7:30 o'clock. Topic in the morning "Forgetting the Past;" in the evening, "The A.M.A." A cordial invitation is given to all, especially strangers.

There is a reference to Broughton & Derby's stable.

There will be a memorial service of the infant of Mr. And Mrs. Paine at the church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Among the many who will miss Mary Middaugh will be the Rev. S. C. Dickinson. She has acted as deaconess for him since he first came and now he will have to appoint some one to take up the weekly offering. Mrs. Middaugh and her daughter, Mary, left on the Monday morning train for Moab, Utah, ... .

Friday, November 6, 1891. Management change; name of paper becomes THE RICO SUN in the next issue. No church news.

Saturday, November 14, 1891. Issue missing.

Saturday, November 21, 1891. Services as usual to-morrow at eleven and half-past seven o'clock. Thanksgiving services in the evening. All cordially invited.

A salary that will insure his eating every day and snatch a morsel of sleep occasionally has been guaranteed to Rev. S. C. Dickinson by the Rico public, and the Rev. gentleman will continue to occupy the pulpit of the People's Congregational church. The JOURNAL was somewhat previous in its statement that Rev Dickinson would tutor the Telluride flock this winter. Nothing unusual, however, as Read's manner of jumping at conclusions and things is a force of habit.

Saturday, November 28, 1891. S. E. Custis and Mrs. Bessie Brown were married on Wednesday evening by Rev. S. C. Dickinson. The newly married couple are among Rico's best people, and the SUN hopes their journey through life may be marked by peace and plenty.

Rev. Father Pickle, of Silverton, will hold service at Grand Army hall next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. All are invited, as business of importance will be transacted.

Francis M. Lyman, a Mormon apostle, has been among the Mancos people for the past week in the interests of the Mormon church.

The topic of the sermon Sunday will be, "The Cure of Epilepsy of the Soul." In the evening there will be a song service. Every one is cordially invited to attend these services, especially strangers and new comers.

Saturday, December 5, 1891. A large ad for Jay Kelly's store features toys, nuts, books, albums, stationery, confections and toilet gasses. All for the upcoming holiday.

Winter's here.

Topic at the Peoples' church tomorrow morning will be, "The Successful Search." In the evening, at 7:30, the topic will be "A Mighty Magnet." Sabbath school at 2:30. Everyone invited to all these services.

Saturday, December 12, 1891. Services as usual at 11 and 7:30 to-morrow. Topic in the morning will be "A Good Thing to Remember." In the evening, "All About Bells." The bell will ring one half hour before time for service, and toll five minutes, immediately before time. All cordially invited.

The new bell for the church has arrived and will be used to-morrow to call out Rev. Dickinson's flock.

Saturday, December 19, 1891. Topic of the sermon Sunday morning will be, "Some Reasons for the First Christmas." In the evening the subject will be "The Manliness of Christ." All are invited to attend these services.

There will be a Christmas tree for the Sabbath-school scholars only, on Christmas night, at 7 o'clock.

Saturday, December 26, 1891. The topic of the sermon Sunday morning will be, "Spiritual House Cleaning." In the evening there will be a special Christmas song service. All are cordially invited to attend.

Robert S. Brown and Miss Katie Lincoln were united in marriage on Saturday evening last at the residence of S. H. Burghardt. Rev. S. C. Dickinson conducted the ceremony, which was brief and plain, and witnessed only by a few friends of the interested parties. Mr. Brown is favorably known to all who have lived in Rico for the past eight years, and by industry and economy he has stowed away a competence which is said to be opportune in case of adversity or perverse weather. The bride is one of Rico's charming young ladies, just such a woman as an energetic young man desires to smooth life's avenue with words of cheer and deeds which lighten the burdens of toil.

Saturday, January 2, 1892. No church news.

Saturday, January 9, 1892. The topic of the morning sermon to-morrow will be: "Some of the purposes of Affliction." In the evening the subject will be: "Evolution. Everyone invited.

The choir will give a concert and social at the Congregational church next Friday evening. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged, the proceeds to go toward purchasing new anthem

**books. After the concert there will be a "mum" social, light refreshments being served. Go and help the choir and have a good time.**

**Rev. S. C. Dickinson is Rico's champion swinger. "Dick" is a daisy with the clubs and displays grace, science and strength in his every movement. It is said that this young divine is practicing this pastime for the purpose of physical culture, which will be brought into use upon the next appearance of a bar check in the contribution box.**