

SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORIC INVENTORY

Historic Name Evans, Poznansky, Morris Block

Location 602-06 Main Street

Historic _____

Function Various retail shops

Historic Context(s)

Topic IV. Permanent Rural & Urban Pioneer Settlement

Study Unit 1 D. Urban Development

Study Unit 2 1. Commerce

Owner's Name See following page

Owner's Address _____

Owner's Phone # _____

Dates of Construction and Founding

1886

Roll # 1; 3; 5; 11 Frame # 2-6; 24A; 26-34;

32, 34

Attach Photos Here ↓

Site Number

PA		RC		13
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County

Township Name

City (Urban)

Neighborhood (Urban)

Number

U.S.G.S. Quad Map Name

Lots 29-32, Block 74, Original Townsite
Legal Description

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Q1

Q2

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R

Surveyors Michael Koop

Date June 1990

NR Eligible

Historic Significance

Local

Architect. Sign

State

Archaeological Sign

Nat'l

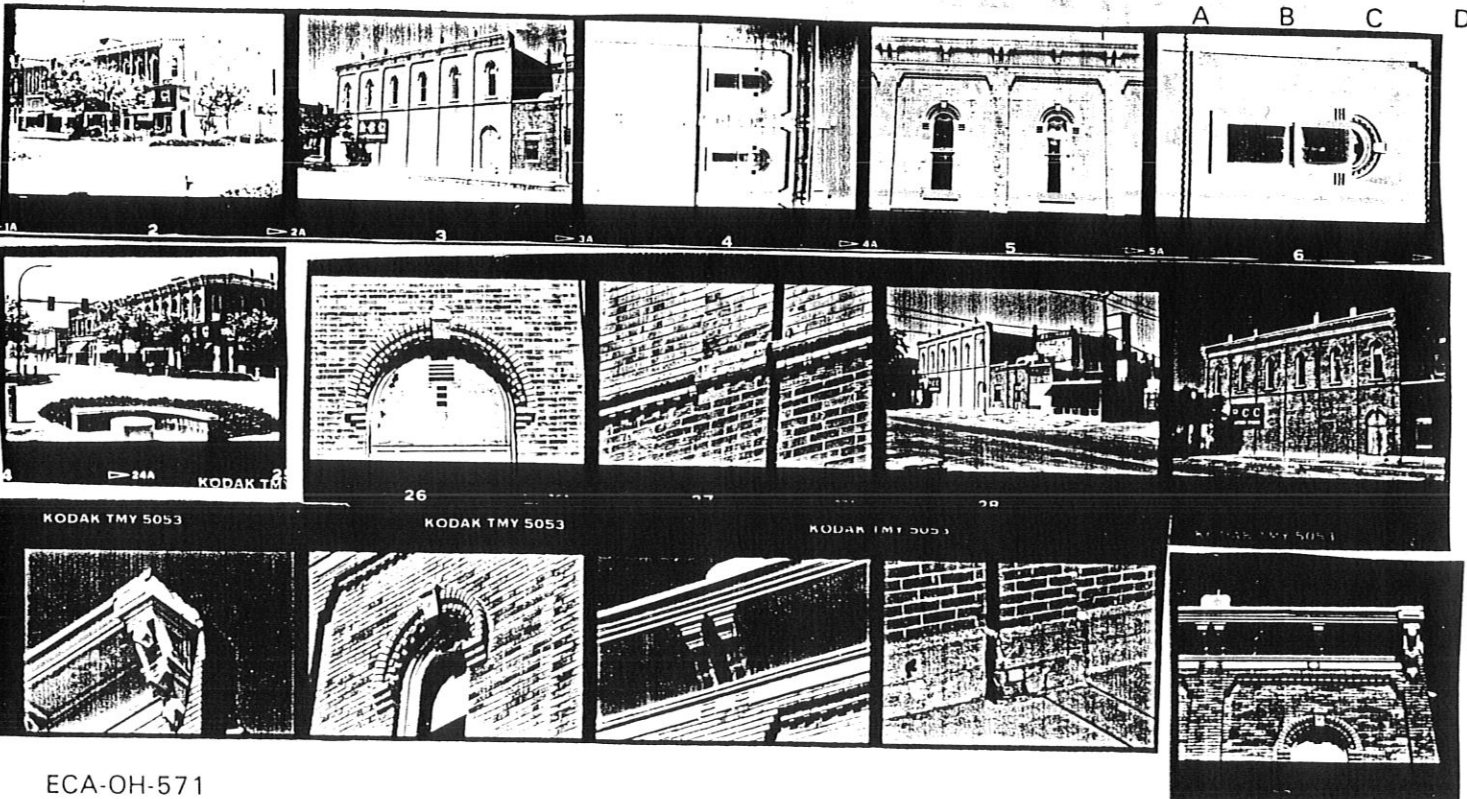
Urban only

A

B

C

D



Floor Plans of Major Buildings; Indicate Room Functions

With its canted corner facing Main and 6th Streets, this large (100' x 105') two-story block is one of the better Italianate style buildings in the historic district. The Main Street elevation is 13 bays long with three storefronts (altered in 1963 with metal tile and redwood siding) and identical second floor windows. Each bay is divided by a brick pilaster and a beltcourse of molded brick at the second floor. The windows are $\frac{1}{2}$ double hung sash and have stone sills, round arches, hood molds of alternately colored molded brick, and keystones. There is an elaborate metal cornice w/ heavy corner brackets and lighter single and paired brackets. The brick veneer walls were sandblasted in the 1970s and the interior has been altered.

Owners:

Lots 29-30: Ray Hillenbrand PO Box 8303 Rapid City 57709 ph. 341-3620 (o)

Lots 31-32: Caroline S. Pedersen 800 Waukegan Rd. Glenview, IL. 60025



Site Number/Code	Date of Bldg.	Function/Bldg.	Photo Info.	Date of Bldg.	Function/Bldg.	Photo Info.	Date of Bldg.	Function/Bldg.	Photo Info.
PN-RC-13	1886	Evans, Poznansky Harris Block							
Materials	FOUNDATION	stone							
Method of Construction		unknown							
Design Details									
Condition		deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____					
Materials	WALLS	brick							
Method of Construction		running bond							
Design Details		Italianate windows & cornice							
Condition		deteriorated _____ poor altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sandblasted maint. _____	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____					
Materials	ROOF	tar and gravel							
Method of Construction									
Design Details									
Shape		flat							
Condition		deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____					
Interior Features - Moldings, Fireplaces, Org. cabinets, Wall decoration	INTERIOR								
Condition		deteriorated _____ poor altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> maint. _____	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____					

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Materials	FOUNDATION								
Method of Construction									
Design Details									
Condition		deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____	deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____	deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____		
Materials	WALLS								
Method of Construction									
Design Details									
Condition		deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____	deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____	deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____		
Materials	ROOF								
Method of Construction									
Design Details									
Shape									
Condition		deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____	deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____	deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____		
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CONTEXT

Site Number/Code PN-RC-13

Statement of Significance As It Relates to the Context Topics & Study Units.

The Evans, Poznansky Morris Block is historically significant in the context of Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement because it represents an early commercial establishment in downtown Rapid City. It also merits architectural significance as a fine example of the Italianate style.

Sources of Information

Oral Interview (name & dates) Black Hills Weekly Journal 2 April 1886 p.1; 17 September 1886; 3 September 1886; 10 September 1886 p.4

Atlas (date & publisher) _____

County History (name & pages) _____

Deed Abstract Building permits

Tax Records Assessment in Equalization Office

Sanborn-Ferris Maps (dates) 1885, 1887, 1891, 1897, 1903, 1909, 1915, 1923, 1930

Census Records _____

Historic Photos (description & date) located at Rapid City Public Library # 39

Manuscripts (name & date) _____

Preservation Strengths of Site

- In use and not threatened
- In good structural condition
- Owners protecting site
- Appreciated by public
- Valuable to research

Preservation Threats

- Abandonment
- Deterioration through lack of resources
- Vandalism or looting
- Inappropriate alterations
- Inappropriate or poor maintenance
- Fragile or deteriorating construction materials
- Unsound fragile condition
- Lack of support (specify by whom)

Environmental situation(s) effecting site (specify what; may include mining, flooding erosion, pollution, acid rain, weather, isolation, settlement, etc.)

not sufficient to keep Dead-wood men out of them.

Spoozer, of Wisconsin, is the most youthful looking and man in the senate, but also in stature. He is familiar "Coat-tall" Spoozer among members, the sobriquet having been a remark made on the floor of the session that Mr. Coat-tall came nearer to the top of any other senator in the room.

The weather does not seem to retard the incoming tide of immigrants. Coaches arrive heavily laden with passengers, and almost all the transportation facilities up to Rapid City are adequate to the demand. The city of the new comers get off at Rapid City. Those who had wood are mainly residents of those who come for the investing in mining property. The number of arrivals here during the month past has been double what it is not one-fourth the number of those who will arrive during the month of June will witness a still greater increase in the numbers that will be on the railroad in June will be enormous.

A hearing was given yesterday by the house committee on the Woman's Suffrage bill. It was on their petitioning women equal suffrage territories. Reverend Amos A. Phelps, showing the bill excluding one-half of the territory of Massachusetts by a vote of ten years in Wyoming, certified by five governors, leading officials, and all the newspapers in the territory was successful in the hands of all the women. Mrs. Carey also gave testimony to the good results of the bill. She said that her husband had voted for him, and once against him, and she had a laugh by stating that her husband had voted for him.

Yesterday the city election will be held. One thousandly have been expected to vote. The result will be interesting. The city will be a success.

It don't require much of a pretext to raise a fight between Omaha papers.

PLANS HAVE BEEN adopted within a day or two past for the erection of an other fine block of brick buildings, on the north side of Main street, extending from Sixth street west, with a frontage of 100 feet on Main, 140 on Sixth, and average depth of 100 feet. This block is partially under contract at the present time, and as the entire ground is now covered by frame business buildings in which business is transacted, the utmost dispatch will be used in completing the new structures, that the stocks of goods may be moved from the old to the new. Here is an improvement, which, if built alone in Deadwood or any of our sister towns of Dakota, would call for extended notice and be pointed to as a good indication of prosperity and progress. And indeed, it would be worthy of such notice. But in Rapid City at the present time such an improvement is only one of many, and when work is commenced upon it people are called upon to take notice of other new projects of the same kind being set on foot. When a month or six weeks ago, THE JOURNAL stated that the two and three story brick buildings with a total street frontage of over 1,200 feet were assured to be built in Rapid City the present year, some people were disposed to think we were too sanguine. But if they will visit the scenes of building operations in progress here today and make the measurements for themselves they will find that we underbet the mark. Work is now in progress on excavations and foundation walls on brick buildings on Main, St. Joe, Sixth and Seventh streets, making a total street frontage of 200 feet, while the new block mentioned at the beginning of this article will add 200 feet within a few days at most. Besides all this, work will certainly be commenced in a short time on a number of frame buildings, and the new block on the north side of Main street, extending from Sixth street west, will be solidly built up with brick buildings this present year. From the Black Hills National bank on the east to the new block on Main street, the city will be a success.

As a "straw" it may not be amiss to refer our readers to mention made in Tuesday's paper that Edwin VanOlse, of Deadwood, had purchased thirteen lots in Rapid City. It may not be out of place either, to state that Mr. Van Olse was a member of the "railroad committee" of gentlemen sent east a short time ago to interview Mr. Keep, of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad company, relative to an extension of the road from Rapid City to Deadwood. From the action of the gentleman it is reasonable to assume that he does not construe the "intimation" made by Mr. Keep as it was construed by Mr. Warner, of the Deadwood Times, who was also a member of the committee.

The extract from one of Mr. McLaren's letters to the Sioux City Journal, which we publish elsewhere, indicates that "Mack" knows a good town when he sees it. But all intelligent men coming from the east see Rapid City alike. There is no mistaking that the rush and bustle and the amount of work going on mean business, and plenty of it, and mean that Rapid City is to be a city indeed, and that her residents are giving her a great start in the right direction.

A number of gentlemen lately from the east were talking in one of the Rapid City hotels yesterday about western towns generally, and Rapid City in particular. One made this remark: "I have heard of 'booms' in western town property, and have had an impression that the term signified a forced, unnatural and unhealthy growth. I find here, in a town which is generally mentioned as booming, a growth in progress that is astonishing at this season of the year, and I find that the buildings are of a character not often found in towns of 10,000 inhabitants of the east. A \$40,000 hotel, five brick business blocks, two and three stories and quite a number of them are in course of erection, with assurance of many more to be built during the year. If this is what is properly termed a 'boom' I have always been mistaken in regard to the word."

It seems were less lively—if there was not work in progress and if there were not many more to be built during the year. If this is what is properly termed a 'boom' I have always been mistaken in regard to the word."

It is a very fine City that among important advantages building material here very durable building and brick clays of Milwaukee—be quantities. Sub stone structures cheaper than in even though meet wages here than in the people of Rapid City the fact at its full their action in business exclusively of business.

The Carter Christ over the tin pro around about Cur if the reports were true. Many good made every week so many good number of good in time be developed.

- Real Estate Following are estates recorded in lister of deeds for the week ending reported by J. H. agent and convey
- Henry Behrens and Barber, lot 8, block 1
 - Henry S. Bliss et al, ery, lots 9 and 10, bl add.....
 - Henry S. Bliss et al, gomery, lot 8, blo add.....
 - Henry S. Bliss et al, gomery, lots 11 and 12, add.....
 - J. J. Simmons to J lots 13 to 14, block 1, block 1, Simmon
 - Wester R. Blake et al, J. Simmons, block 1, lots 1 to 10 and 24 to City.....
 - Levy Kelley to Beld 24, 27, 28 and 29, blo
 - Selden A. Flower to undivided half lot Rapid City.....
 - Mary Gray et al in lots 3 and 4, block 1, Thomas Sweeney to lot 24, block 77, Ra
 - Richard C. Lake to undivided half lot City.....
 - Edward A. and M. H. D. Marble and Ja 25, block 55, Rapid
 - John P. McCarthy to A and B block 59, 1 block of Rapid Cit
 - Abraham G. McShane 1, lots 1, and 10 to side add.....
 - J. D. Fudge and W Bailey, undivided 1/2 add, addition, ex 10, and all of said 1
 - Wm. V. Gray et al undivided half lot 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

completed, and the work of putting the concrete bottom was completed yesterday. Next the walls and will be heavily cemented, will probably be completed in a few weeks. The connection with the springs has already been made and the pipes will be covered as responsible and the water then on. The progress made with the canal assures its completion by the time the spring has really opened.

Some of the work was done on the river bank and making good. There is some little difficulty in frozen ground, especially at the sections. These have not had the proper depth in any place and no water has been turned into the section of the canal. A week of weather will probably remedy

Some of the excavations are being utilized in grading streets.

Views on Rapid City.
We publish a portion of an article written by L. P. McLaren to the Journal:

Rapid City, I find, is a booming town. It is all my mind had pictured. Temporarily, at least, and for some years, it will be the railroad point to the great mines and cities of the Hills and will catch on to such a degree and the many industries will lead to a permanent prosperity. It has almost a positive assurance of future greatness. Rapid City is a mushroom town, it is no town built during a temporary excitement. When the roads of miles away it was a small town. To the north, south and east are the great miles and probably the richest of the world. The city is progressive and promising—a bright future. While real estate "present buyers" will be attracted to Rapid City has some fine business blocks, private and public. The court house is very fine. The fact is very apparent to all that the city is full of busy men who ago they had the courage to build a city on the foot of the railroad project for their money as dark as Egypt. They put money into property and took care of the engine and feel the pulse-beats of increasing wealth. They are certainly entitled to luck. The two days spent in Rapid City were occupied. I met many fine

results can now be made, and nothing definite and reliable will be known on the subject in all probability for a considerable time. But the starting of the mill marks an era in the history of this whole country. If this tin mining proves the complete success which everything now indicates, it will be a source of enormous wealth.

Another New Block.

Reference has been made in these columns to the plan drawn by Wentworth Rice for Morris and Company's two-story brick building, fifty feet front. The plans have been examined by Felix Poznansky and Fred Evans, and arrangements are now made to construct a block with a frontage on Main street of 100 feet, uniform front. This will make a handsome and valuable addition and improvement to Main street and Rapid City. Mr. Rice has, we understand, been engaged to superintend the construction of the entire block, in order that the work may be done exactly according to the specifications prepared. Work on the buildings will be commenced as soon as the excavations necessary can be completed and the building material delivered on the ground.

Sited for Paper Mills.

One of the manufactories for which Rapid City is eminently fitted is that of paper. The first essential for making paper is plenty of clear water. That we have, and it would furnish the power also. Then the abundance and excellence of the straw here is another strong point in favor of the establishment of such mills. First-class locations for paper mills are not common, and the business is apt to be good wherever they are found. Mills here would have the trade of an immense scope of country at their disposal.

Another Ticket.

The action of a caucus held last evening, the proceedings of which are given elsewhere, makes it reasonably certain that there is to be a second ticket for city officers of Rapid City in the field, and a second ticket means a lively campaign and election. As stated heretofore, it is possible that some of the nominees of the first convention may be endorsed by the convention to be held on Saturday, though at the present writing there is not much probability that many names on the first ticket will appear on the second. Who the nominees of the conven-

tion will be as he came through, and the gratifying thing about it is that they were sold to men who had been here and looked over the ground. He also says that parties coming out here express themselves better pleased with the country than they had expected. He was out in the country yesterday with three gentlemen from his home town, Rochelle, Illinois, and they expressed themselves surprised and pleased with the agricultural qualities of the country. The reporter also had a pleasant chat with these three gentlemen, A. Bain, H. O. Perry and J. O. Neff, and they expressed themselves in the same way to him. They did not come with a definite intention of making investments, but may do so before returning. At any rate they will carry back a good impression and a favorable report. Thus the fame of Rapid City spreads.

A Delusion and Snare.

There are many counterfeits, but one of the most thorough counterfeits we have ever seen is in a show case at Rochford & Tighe's store. It is to all appearances a large gold watch and chain with a gold nugget pendant. The nugget alone the superficial observer would consider worth thirty-five dollars. Upon opening the case the works are found to be about such as are commonly found in a watch valued at two dollars. The outfit was taken into the store by a gambler, who said he was "broke," and wanted to raise thirty-five dollars on it. John Rochford opened the watch case, and remarked that the works were not the kind commonly found in a \$250 watch. The gambler replied that they were not the works originally intended for the watch, but that he had them put in as he liked them better. Mr. Rochford, after a closer examination, said he could advance about five dollars on the outfit, when the would-be borrower became apparently very indignant, and left. He however returned a short time afterward, laid down the watch, and said, "Let me have the five dollars." He received it and departed. This is how the magnificent fraud came to grace the show case in the store.

A New Brick Block.

Work of excavation for a new brick block, having a street frontage of 100

HISTORY

Date of founding of institution or of settlement _____

Previous owners of the site Charles Evans, Felix Pozransky and Jacob Morris. Morris was born in Russia on 18

First owners May 1851. In 1879 he went to Des Moines and then to Rapid City to assist his brother Lewis in running
and dates a dry goods store.

Place of origin of owners _____

Date owners came to SD (& USA) _____

Occupation of owners _____

Historic owners: religious affiliation _____

Historic owners: social (fraternal) affiliations _____

Historic uses of the site (& buildings) Dry goods; tailor; clothing store; drug store; liquors; furniture store;
billiard hall

Builder's name Wentworth Rice

Architect's name Wentworth Rice

Date of commission _____ Date of construction 1886

History (attach research materials to file)

Three shops owned separately by Evans, Pozransky, and Morris were constructed at the same
time in mid-1886, with each business integrated into the same unified Italianate block.