

# DEADWOOD BOARD OF TRADE

Last Night's Meeting of Citizens Interested in Organizing a Board of Trade---  
This Institution is Now a Fixed Part.

Pursuant to adjournment, the business men of Deadwood met last evening to Phoenix Hall, to talk over and affect, it possible, an organization after the manner of boards of trade in other cities. The hall was filled, and all came there for business and meant it all the time.

Edwin VanClse was called to the chair, while E.C. Bent acted as scribe. The committee on constitution and by-laws, which had been appointed at a previous meeting, made its report, which with a very few exceptions, was adopted.

The constitution provides that each member shall pay an initiation fee of \$10 before becoming a member of the association. On motion of Mr. Mund, the initiation fee was reduced to \$5 for all persons who should become members within the next ten days, and those joining previous to that date would be charter members.

It is to be called the Deadwood Board of Trade, the business office is located at Deadwood permanently, and the object is to promote and encourage the business and commercial interests of the town of Deadwood.

Something over fifty gentlemen came to the front, enrolled themselves as members, paid their initiation fee and then elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

Daniel McLaughlin, president; Ferdinand Jensen, first vice president; R.C. Lake, second vice president; E.C. Bent, recording secretary; Sol Star, corresponding secretary; Wm. Selbie, treasurer. An executive committee of five, consisting of Seth Bullock, Robt. Hood, J.K.P. Miller, James Browning and Ben Baer were elected.

Vice-President Jensen was then escorted to the chair, and after thanking the board of trade for the honor they had conferred upon him, asked what their further pleasure might be.

Seth Bullock, in a short speech, said that the first thing they should turn their attention to are the highways leading into town. They were all toll roads, and these should be supplanted with the free wagon roads. Therefore, he moved that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to look out a road up City creek and over the divide to Falsebottom and Spearfish, and to consult with the board or county commissioners and see what could be done toward bringing about a reform in this direction. He was satisfied that a good road could be made in sixty days that would shorten the distance to Spearfish at least four miles.

The chair appointed Jim Woods, Henry Monday, C.V. Gardner, Robert Hood and Mr. Hines, the lumber dealer, as such committee.

Upon further consideration it was concluded to add two persons to said committee and make them a permanent committee on roads and highways. Seth Bullock and Jacob Shoudy were then added, after which the meeting adjourned to meet on the evening of Feb. 15th.

Our business men are in earnest, have taken hold of the enterprise in earnest, and will make a success of it. In addition to the above action of the board, the executive committee was instructed to look after the manufacturing interests of the city.