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WHOLESALE ARRESTS

AMERICAN BLUEJACKETS PERSECUTED BY HAWAIIANS.

Popular Outbreak Is Feared at Any Time—Citizens of the Hawaiian Capital Consider the Situation as Very Serious—Other Items.

News from the Islands.

Honolulu harbor is dotted with British, Japanese and United States war vessels, and more British and Japanese vessels are expected daily. In semi-official quarters it is reported quiet, but the impression among citizens is that the condition of affairs is very threatening, and that a popular outbreak may occur any time, when international interference from the ships in the harbor will be the occasion of complications. The stream of Asiatic laborers is still pouring in, each shipload causing a fresh outbreak of feeling among the different factions.

The immediate cause of alarm is the fact that the United States bluejackets are bitterly hostile to the Hawaiian police, who exercise almost military rule. The British and Japanese sailors are not molested, but American bluejackets are constantly arrested as deserters without cause and annoyed in every conceivable way. Heavy rewards have been offered to the police for arresting United States naval deserters, which has caused wholesale arrests of men of the American fleet.

HAZARDOUS CLIMBING FEAT

Members of Mt. Tacoma Exploring Party Report on Their Trip.

The first party to return from the Mazamas expedition to the summit of Mt. Tacoma has arrived at Tacoma, Wash. The advance party of five to break the way experienced many dangers, and report the ascent and return more difficult this year than ever before. At times the steel points of an Alpenstick could not be made to hold, so hard was the ice, and the climbers were forced to leap from point to point, taking chances on securing a safe foothold.

H. C. Ainslee and Walter Rogers of Portland lost their way in returning from Camp Muir. Each was precipitated into an icy ravine, from which they escaped with great difficulty. H. L. Pittock, president of the Mazamas, had a narrow escape from an awful death at Gibraltar rock.

WHEAT SAILS UPWARD.

Sharp Jump Made in Prices on the New York Exchange.

Wheat took a sharp jump Monday in New York and carried September up to 82⅛ cents, against 81⅛ cents on the curb Saturday. Local houses were all good buyers, and so was the foreign element, particularly continental representatives. The French market displayed marked strength, Paris flour, for instance, advancing 60 centimes to 1 franc and 5 centimes.

Another feature of strength in New York was the big rise in corn, due to bad crop news from Kansas. At noon, however, local wheat prices received a setback of 1 cent in consequence of a larger increase in the visible supply for the week than figured on.

MURDERED BY HIS WIFE.

Abuse Causes a Wisconsin Woman to Kill Her Husband.

A Red Falls, Wis., dispatch says: John O'Connell, a well known farmer and politician of Westline township, has been murdered. After he had been beaten to death, his clothing was saturated with keorsene and his home set afire.

The statements of three of the oldest of the nine children to the authorities are to the effect that the wife of the murdered man was the author of the tragedy. Her husband's abuse of her and her children while under the influence of liquor is the supposed inciting cause.

Gilbert Defeats Heikes.

Rollo O. Heikes of Dayton, Ohio, and Fred Gilbert of Spirit Lake, Iowa, shot a 150-bird race in Fairview Park, Dayton, Ohio, Saturday for the E. C. Powder Company trophy and championship of America. The contest consisted of 50 singles, known traps and unknown angles. Fifty singles, known angles and unknown traps, and 25 pairs doubles. Gilbert's total score was 142; Heikes' total score, 136. The referee declared Gilbert winner of the trophy and championship.

Dishwasher the Only Heir.

A Boston special says: Carl Cronheiln, who has been employed heaving coal and washing dishes in this country, has been notified of the death of an elder brother, Count Henrik Julius Cronheiln of Sweden, without issue, with the request that he return and take possession of the estate as the only living representative of the family. He thus comes into a title, to four large properties and an income of $50,000 a year.

Cyclist Leo Reaches Chicago.

Henry Leo of Sioux Falls, S. D., who started from Sioux Falls July 24 to beat Charles Foster's bicycle record of thirty days and eight hours from the Missouri River to New York city, arrived in Chicago Monday. He said he was a day ahead of Foster's time.

Killed by a Jump.

William O'Brien, aged 22, employed in the Byron Paper Mill at Grand Rapids, Wis., on a wager, jumped out of the mill window, a distance of thirty feet, into the Wisconsin River. He burst a blood vessel, from which he died an hour later.

Murderer Sentenced to Hang.

Edwin Flanagan, who has been on trial at Decatur, Ga., for the murder of Mrs. Nancy Allen and Miss Ruth Slack, the 31st of last December, was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged.

THE SUGAR-COFFEE WAR.

Trust Will Start a Big Coffee Roasting House in Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia Record on Monday contained the following: The war between the sugar trust and Arbuckle Bros., the big coffee roasters, which has carried the trust into the coffee trade, and the Arbuckles into the mysteries of sugar refining, is soon to be transferred in part to this city. Some time ago the trust, in order to strike at the Arbuckles, bought control of the Woolson Spice Company of Toledo, Ohio, one of the largest coffee houses in the country, and now it proposes to convert the old Delaware sugar warehouse at Reeds and Swanson Streets, into a great coffee roasting establishment, from which the trade along the Atlantic seaboard may be easily reached. It is not likely, however, that active operations will be started for some time to come, as all the machinery needed has not been delivered yet. Much of it is to be imported from Germany. The plant when completed will give employment to a large number of skilled workmen.

Draw Poker Not Gambling.

Draw poker can now flourish unmolested in Chicago on the north side. According to the interpretation of the police, the game known by this name is not a gambling game. Inspector Schaack issued an order exempting draw poker from molestation. He instructed his subordinates to close all places where stud poker, faro, keno or other gambling might be found, but not to touch the harmless little game of draw. In explanation the inspector said he regarded "draw" poker as on a par with whist, euchre, high five, solitaire and tiddledywinks. Any one can gamble with those games if he chooses, the inspector said, but they are not real gambling games.

Sells Freedom to Prisoners.

W. G. Malcolm, clerk of the village of Braceville, Ill., and Hugh Allison, the city marshal, will be compelled to face some very ugly charges, preferred against them by some Polanders as a result of the investigations which have been made by Justice of the Peace McCall of Braceville. The two officials are charged with releasing two prisoners without due process of law and accepting bribes. According to Justice McCall's statements, three prisoners were released from the Braceville lockup on the payment of $31.50 to Malcolm. Marshal Allison demanded the payment of $5 as the price of the liberty of another.

England's Big Strike.

The strike and lockout of engineers in London is now on in earnest. The executive committee of the Amalgamated Engineers has instructed the remaining 75 per cent. of the members of the society to strike. The manufacturers of bicycles have taken a hand in the strike, twenty-one manufacturers of bicycles having joined the Employers' Federation and posted notices in their shops discharging 25 per cent. of their employes who belong to the union. The labor leaders say 16,000 men are now out.

Plans of Gen. Gomez.

Thomas Estrada Palma, president of the Cuban junta in New York, has received a letter of the date of July 4 from Gen. Gomez, in which the general says: "It is our purpose to make this summer empaign as active and aggressive as possible. To carry out our plans successfully we will need, rather than anything else, a steady supply of ammunition. For that we will depend on the support of patriotic Cubans and friends abroad.

Daughter Born to the Whitneys.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney at Newport, R. I. Thursday. Mrs. Whitney is the daughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt, and this is his first grandchild. Harry Payne Whitney, eldest son of Wm. C. Whitney, was married to Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, at The Breakers, the Newport home of the Vanderbilts, on Tuesday, August 26, 1896.

Doesn't Think It Was Andree.

The report that what was supposed to have been Andree's balloon had been seen adrift in the White Sea caused much popular excitement at Stockholm, it being feared that the intrepid explorer and his two companions had been lost. Men of experience in the Arctic regions discredit the port.

Dead Man Named for Postmaster

Last Saturday Peter Yoakley was appointed postmaster at Wahoo, in the First congressional district of Tennessee. The appointment is supposed to be due to a promise of Congressman Brownlow made during the campaign last fall. It develops that Mr. Yoakley died two months ago.

Havana's Suburbs Raided.

Havana's outposts have again been attacked by a large body of rebels, who, before the Spanish troops could be gathered to resist had swept through the suburbs, carrying all before them. They used, it is believed, rapid firing guns and a large quantity of dynamite.

Sherman Growing Stronger.

Secretary Sherman, it is reported at Amagansette, Long Island, will remain another week with his daughter. He is getting stronger daily. He spends his time in still water bathing in the morning, and walks and drives in the shade during the afternoon.

King of Siam Arrives in England

Chulalongkorn, the King of Siam, arrived at Spithead Friday morning in his royal yacht. The British warships received his majesty with a royal salute. The Duke of York cordially welcomed the king.

Cotton Mills Close Down.

The voluntary curtailment in production which is being made by the cotton mills of Fall River includes the mills of nine corporations, representing 875,000 spindles and 8,000 operatives.

Engineer and Fireman Killed.

Two Lehigh freights collided at Depew Junction, near Buffalo, N. Y., early Saturday morning, killing George Ellensbee, an engineer, and Charles Eddy, a fireman.

The true life is the life we live within ourselves.

SPALDING IS GUILTY

CHICAGO BANKER MUST GO TO THE PEN.

Convicted on the Third Trial of Embezzling University of Illinois Bonds—Two Couple Drowned Sunday at Carlisle, Ind.

Guilty at Last.

Charles W. Spalding, ex-president of the Globe Savings Bank of Chicago, was found guilty Saturday of embezzlement and his punishment was fixed at imprisonment in the penitentiary. The specific charge against Spalding was the embezzlement of bonds of Macoupin County, Illinois, belonging to the State University of Illinois, of which Spalding was treasurer, and valued at $28,000. This was Spalding's third trial, and the evidence submitted to the jury was practically the same as on the former trials. On those he was acquitted because the jury believed that he hypothecated without "intent to embezzle." The third jury found him guilty on the same grounds on which he was twice acquitted, the only difference being that they took a different view of Spalding's intentions. The prisoner took the verdict very hard, and sat with bowed head while the clerk read the finding of the jury. He will make a hard fight before he goes to the penitentiary, and will carry the case up to the last court. The duration of his sentence will be settled by the prison board of the state.

TWO COUPLE DROWNED.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hammond and Mr. and Mrs. Abner Morris.

Sunday was a tragic Sabbath for Carlisle, a town about thirty miles south of Terre Haute, Ind. Four of her citizens were drowned at Hyatt's ferry in the Wabash River and one was ground to fragments by an Evansville and Terre Haute freight train. The dead are:

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hammond.
Mr. and Mrs. Abner Morris.
Charles Hines.

The first four were seen to go in bathing and later their clothing was found on the river bank. It is believed one of the women was seized with cramps and the orhers were drowned in trying to rescue her.

Charles Hines was found lying close to the Evansville and Terre Haute track at Carlisle. The head was crushed in, the right hand torn off and the body almost severed. It is thought Hines fell from the train while stealing a ride.

MURDER AT HILLSDALE, IND.

James McLaughlin Shoots and Kills Joseph Robson.

At Hillsdale, Ind., on Sunday James McLaughlin shot and instantly killed Joseph Robson of Montezuma. McLaughlin, although not a drinking man, had gone to Montezuma for a night out. McLaughlin and Robson were in a saloon when, without provocation, the former drew a revolver and fired three bullets into Robson's breast. McLaughlin then backed out of the saloon and made his escape. One report is that McLaughlin had sworn to take the life of a man who had caused McLaughlin's father to commit murder, and Robson was mistaken for that man. McLaughlin married a rich woman several years ago and has since been spending money recklessly.

WRECK IN KANSAS.

Engineer and Fireman Fatally Hurt, but Passengers Escape.

The Missouri Pacific passenger which left Eldorado, Kan., for Kansas City at 10:30 o'clock Saturday night crushed into four loaded freight cars that had been left carelessly standing on the main track at Yates Center. The passenger train was running at a speed of thirty miles an hour. The wreck caught fire, burning the baggage car, four freight cars and the locomotive and tender. The engineer and fireman, both men of family, living at Eldorado, were probably fatally injured. All the passengers escaped serious injury.

Fitz to Try the Turf.

Robert Fitzsimmons, champion pugilist, is about to gratify the ambition of his life. Soon his colors will be shown on the race track by thoroughbreds from his own stable. Already he has purchased several horses. Fitzsimmons says that before next year he will be in possession of a fine racing stable.

More Trouble in Crete.

The foreign admirals held a conference in Canea, Crete, on Thursday last and decided to oppose by force the landing of any additonal Turkish troops. In reply to their notification to that effect Ismael Bey said he could not accept such a decision. It is believed that fresh trouble is brewing.

Oldest Ironmaster Dead.

Samuel Lewis, believed to be the oldest ironmaster in the country, died at Allentown, Pa., aged 92. He founded the Allentown iron works in 1846 and continued as superintendent until 1886, building five furnaces and the Lehigh rolling mill.

Raises Wages of His Men.

Leon Godhau, owner of seven sugar plantations in Louisiana, and the largest producer in the United States, has telegraphed the managers of his seven plantations to advance the wages of all field laborers 16⅔ per cent.

Bridge Set on Fire.

A Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway bridge between Mt. Pleasant and Long Run, Ohio, was set on fire Saturday night. Trackmen put out the fire and saved the bridge. This road is crowded with coal from West Virginia.

Cuban Prisoners Pardoned.

A hundred Cuban prisoners, who were recently pardoned, have arrived at Gibraltar, whence they will proceed to New York. Spanish government organs express the opinion that they will rejoin the insurgents.

Well Known Turfman Dead.

Clifford Porter, a well known turfman, died at his farm near Lexington, Ky., Sunday, aged 47.

R. G. DUN & CO.'S REVIEW.

Wheat Raisers Will Realize $80,000,000 More Than Last Year.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Dispatches from almost every northern city of importance report without exception improvement in business, and from Detroit to Seattle and Portland splendid crop prospects. The task of adjusting the business and industries of the country to conditions created by a new law has progressed with gratifying rapidity and ease. Even the increasing strength of the striking coal miners probably forwards the adoption of the uniformity plan, which promises to remove most of the causes of such struggles. Some confusion is caused by events seemingly contradictory—by the closing of large cotton mills when many other works are starting, and by declines in some prices when others are advancing, but the balance is unmistakably on the right side.

Wheat has risen 4¾ cents during the week, with western receipts for the first time exceeding last year's. The fact that corn exports exceed last year's, although the price has advanced to 32.87 cents, is further proof that the foreign demand is substantial. With crop news still favorable producers may probably realize something like $80,000,000 more than last year on wheat, which means a great difference in purchases by agricultural states. Corn also advanced 1.25 cents and cotton a sixteenth, though reports as to yield are good.

IS WILLING TO ARBITRATE.

Japan Accepts Hawaii's Offer for a Settlement of Their Dispute.

Japan has accepted the offer of Hawaii to arbitrate the dispute over the landing of Japanese immigrants in Hawaii. A brief synopsis of the acceptance was cabled the Japanese minister in Washington and was given the state department. It says Japan accepts the principle of arbitration and is ready to negotiate terms of settlement. When advised of this move by Japan, the officials in the state department informed the secretary of the Japanese legation that until annexation was concluded the United States would stand aside and consider the dispute as between Japan and Hawaii.

The secretary said he was glad the United States took that position, as it would permit Japan to send two or three warships to Hawaii, pending the final action of the treaty of arbitration.

This declaration was rather a surprise to the state department officials, who replied that that was quite another matter, and intimated that non-interference by the United States in one case could not be construed as passive acceptance of the other.

A RADICAL JURIST.

North Carolina Judge Advocates Sweeping Changes.

Walter Clarke, associate justice of the supreme court of North Carolina, delivered an address Friday before the Tennessee Bar Association at Nashville, in which he advocated sweeping changes in the constitution of the United States, declaring that the constitution is now undemocratic and conducive to centralization. He advocated the election by the people of the federal judiciary and officers of the court, the election of senators by the people and of postmasters and all other federal officers, and made a vigorous attack upon the appointive power of the president.

Two Negroes Hanged.

"Pig" Newel, colored, was hanged at Selma, Ala., Friday. He admitted his guilt and while on the scaffold prayed for the Lord to send two angels to escort him to glory.

John Johnson, colored, was hanged at Livingston, same state, Friday for the murder of Archie Clark. The drop fell at 1 o'clock. He was dead in ten minutes.

Britain to Arbitrate.

The British foreign office has notified Ambassador Hay that Great Britain has accepted the preposition of the United States for an international conference on the question of pelagic sealing in the Behring sea, to be held in Washington the coming autumn.

Six Killed by an Avalanche.

As a result of a mountain slide in Germany on the southern slope of the Koppen, one of the Riesen Gebirge peaks, six persons were killed.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, $3.00 to $5.50; hogs, shipping grades, $3.00 to $4.00; sheep, fair to choice, $2.00 to $4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 76c to 78c; corn, No. 2, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2, 16c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 40c to 42c; butter, choice creamery, 14c to 15c; eggs, fresh, 9c to 10c; new potatoes, 70c to 80c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, $3.00 to $5.00; hogs, choice light, $3.00 to $4.00; sheep, common to choice, $3.00 to $3.75; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2 white, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c.

St. Louis—Cattle, $3.00 to $5.25; hogs, $3.00 to $4.00; sheep, $3.00 to $4.00; wheat, No. 2, 79c to 81c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 25c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 18c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 39c to 40c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, $2.50 to $5.00; hogs, $3.00 to $4.00; sheep, $2.50 to $4.00; wheat, No. 2, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 28c to 30c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 21c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 37c.

Detroit—Cattle, $2.50 to $5.25; hogs, $3.00 to $4.00; sheep, $2.50 to $4.00; wheat, No. 2, 76c to 78c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 25c; rye, 41c to 43c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 77c to 78c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 19c; rye, No. 2, 41c to 42c; clover seed, $4.40 to $4.45.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 80c to 81c; corn, No. 3, 26c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 1, 41c to 43c; barley, No. 2, 30c to 35c; pork, mess, $7.25 to $8.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, $3.00 to $5.25; hogs, $3.00 to $4.50; sheep, $3.00 to $4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 78c to 79c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c.

New York—Cattle, $3.00 to $5.50; hogs, $3.50 to $4.75; sheep, $3.00 to $4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 83c to 84c; corn, No. 2, 32c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; butter, creamery, 12c to 16c; eggs, Western, 12c to 13c.

THE NEWS OF THE DAY

SOUTH DAKOTA HAPPENINGS IN CONDENSED FORM.

The American Beet Sugar Company May Build a Large Plant at Yankton—Plans for Such an Institution Have Been Made.

Plans for a Beet Sugar Factory.

The Yankton Beet Sugar Company has received from the American Beet Sugar Manufacturing Company of Chicago plans and specifications for the erection of a beet sugar factory at Yankton, also a picture of the proposed building. It represents a 500-ton plant, and the estimated cost of the building, with all the latest improved machinery, is about $275,000. The American Company has positively decided to build a plant in the west, and is anxiously awaiting the results of the test growth of beets now in progress in Yankton County. Herman Ellerman, one of the members of the Yankton Beet Sugar Company, will go to Chicago, where, in company with James A. Danforth, he will have a conference with the American Company, and a full discussion of the merits of the proposal will occur. It is estimated that in the neighborhood of $10,000 worth of stock will be sold in Yankton County.

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Commander Clark Gives Some Pointers to Old Soldiers.

General order No. 2, issued by Gen. C. B. Clark, commander of the department of South Dakota G. A. R., contains valuable information for old soldiers and others contemplating attending the national encampment at Buffalo on August 23-28. Gen. Clark says:

"The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held the 23-28 of August, promises to be the greatest event of the season. Seventy-five thousand old soldiers are expected to be in the great parade. The South Dakota department has selected the Northwestern and the Lake Shore lines as their official route. Through trains from all principal points in South Dakota to Buffalo without change. Sleeper accommodations provided at low rates whenever desired, of which early notice must be given Col. E. C. Walton, assistant adjutant general, Huron. Comrades going over the Elkhorn and Missouri Valley line from the Black Hills, or over the Milwaukee lines in the southern part of the department, will purchase tickets over the Lake Shore line and join the headquarters' train at Chicago. Add $10.50 to the cost of a ticket from your station to Chicago and you have the full fare for the round trip. Tickets good to return until September 2. Commander Clark is visiting posts and reunions wherever possible, and everywhere the New York veterans are saying: 'It is our last chance to visit our old home; we are going.' Many of their comrades from other states, as well as the citizens generally, are going with them."

Condition of Crops.

The South Dakota crop bulletin says: The possibilities for late wheat are very encouraging as there is time yet to produce long, full heads. Some of the earliest wheat and oats is being harvested in localities in the most southern counties. Rye harvest is general with indications of fair to very good crop. Early wheat harvest will, it is thought, become general in the central and southern counties next week. Corn, potatoes, millet, flax and grasses are doing finely; corn is gaining steadily and rapidly approaching the seasonal average of advancement. It is in healthy condition generally. Much flax is in blossom. Potatoes are very promising and new tubers are plentiful on the market. Millet has made marked growth and is mostly thick on the ground. Native grass haying is general and the yield fair to very good. The recent rains will be very beneficial to the ranges.

Orphans Find Homes.

Mr. West of one of the Chicago houses for orphan boys recently left Chicago with a "carload" of urchins to be placed in the hands of people in the west, arriving in Miller with seven of the number. The boys are generally placed only upon application through the mail or personally, but this time a farmer or other person wanting a boy had his pick. This makes about thirty boys that this Chicago home has placed in that section, while the other homes in that and other cities have been doing something. Those who want boys are greatly pleased with the new plan of bring out a lot together so that a choice can be made.

Prisoners Make Their Escape.

The three prisoners confined in the county jail at Parker all made their escape Monday night and up to Thursday had not been recaptured. Sheriff Anderson was in Yankton and Deputy Ben Peters gave the trio their supper and as he supposed locked them in their cells. In the morning the cell doors were open and the prisoners gone. From the way the locks, etc., were destroyed, either one of the prisoners or one of their friends must have been left in the corridor over night.

Brown County's Assessment.

The equalized assessment of Brown County is $5,865,551 as against $5,867,535 one year ago, or a decrease of $1,984. The returns show an increase of population, cattle, sheep, etc., and 9,924 more assessable acres of land than last year. The loss is upon the items of personal property and is due to a general system of making lower valuations upon stock, etc., than heretofore. The showing is therefore a very creditable one.

Indian Lands to Be Thrown Open

Frank Peck, a Deadwood surveyor, has been awarded a contract to survey seventeen townships lying along the Moreau River. The ground is included in the Cheyenne Indian reservation and the work, which will be begun in a few days, means the throwing open to settlement some of the best land in the state of South Dakota.

Child's Leg Crushed.

Grace Colder, a child of 7 years, daughter of Mrs. Shandy of Vermillion was run over by a wagon loaded with hay. One leg was badly crushed. She was swinging beneath the rack and lost her hold and fell beneath the wheels. It is believed the leg can be saved.

Killed by a Cave-In.

A serious accident occurred at the first railroad bridge north of White the other day. The bridge carpenters were working there when the bank caved in. One of the men, H. B. Nicols of Emmetsburg, Iowa, was instantly killed.

Cattlemen Protest.

The detention of cattle at Pine Ridge Agency by Agent Clapp is about to develop into a hotly contested legal fight. Answers in twenty-three cases were filed in the federal court at Rapid City by the attorneys for the cattlemen in that city. The fight is not made to get out of paying the ransom money of $1 a head, but rather to put an end to all future corraling of cattle on the reservation. The boundary line between the reservation and the ranges is surveyed, but is imaginary as far as wandering cattle are concerned. The cattlemen contend that if Agent Clapp is sustained by the courts there will be nothing to prevent a repetition of the roundup this spring. It would be impossible for the cattlemen to keep their stock, some of it, from drifting during the winter storms onto the reservation, or, worse yet, there would be nothing to prevent the Indians from driving the cattle across the line, taking their possessions and then holding them for ransom. On the other hand, the Indians say that each year their range on the reservation is eaten by the stray cattle from across the line. It is a question of great interest to the stockmen.

Strychnine in a Well.

In the eastern end of Sully County a neighborhood feud has been in progress for many years, resulting in numberless lawsuits and personal encounters between the members of the different factions. The latest development in that direction is an attempt to poison the well upon the farm of G. W. Grass, the leader of one of the factions. The attempt consisted in placing a large amount of strychnine on a piece of bread and dropping it into the well. The piece of bread was drawn up with probably the first bucket of water taken out after it was dropped, and from some reason suspicions were aroused and a physician called to examine it. He pronounced the bread and water to contain a large amount of strychnine, and a portion of the bread when fed to the chickens caused death in a few minutes. Strong efforts are being made to discover who the miscreant was who thus attempted the lives of the family, and if found he will find his path a dangerous one, as the feeling of the factions was at a hot pitch without this last outrage.

Pays Dollar for Dollar.

The remaining assets of the defunct First National Bank of Redfield was sold July 30 at public sale by Receiver Bourne. The entire assets were sold in gross to L. C. Issenhuth, a banker, as agent for Henry A. Taylor of Lafayette, Ind., brother of W. W. Taylor, for $10,860. There were two other bidders. The amount realized will be sufficient to pay the remaining 10 per cent. dividend and complete full payment to all depositors of principal and interest, substantiating Taylor's claim when the bank closed that the bank would pay dollar for dollar.

W. W. Taylor has not perfected his plans yet for the future, but it is not likely that he will engage in business in Redfield although strongly urged to do so by his many friends.

Annulled a Marriage.

Judge Campbell of Aberdeen has annulled the marriage of George E. and Regina Hedrick of Frankfort, Spink County, and permitted the plaintiff to assume her maiden name. Hedrick was married at Warrensburg, Mo., in June, 1895, to Edna Easton, but was deserted in a few months by his wife, who, he was told, procured a divorce from him somewhat later. He came north and at Frankfort last October wooed and won Regina Valder, daughter of a hotelkeeper. They were married and lived together as man and wife until February last, when it developed that wife No. 1 never secured a divorce.

Touched Up the Safe.

The C. & N. W. depot at Castlewood was broken into recently and $25 taken from the money drawer. The agent was away to supper and had not been absent over twenty-five minutes. The outside doors were locked when he left, but upon his return one door was found open. Two tramps, who had been seen loitering around the depot during the day, were arrested, but there being insufficient evidence to convict them they were released. The safe was also opened but nothing valuable was found in it.

Fish Hatchery for the Hills.

Herman Van Beyer, special agent for the United States fish commission, closed a transaction last week for a nine acre tract of land at Spearfish for a site upon which to build a government fish hatchery. The site is on the farm of John Johnston, one mile above the town on Spearfish Creek. The price paid for the land and water right was $3,000. The appropriation made by congress for this hatchery was $20,000.

Will Have Another Boat.

Castalia people are advised that another steamboat will be sent from St. Louis to take the place of the Benton which now lies a wreck on the Sioux City shore. It is said the new boat will be of less tonnage and draft, but more capable for the trade than her unlucky predecessor. In its short life the Benton demonstrated to the people there that river transportation is a boon to them.

Raising Racing Stock.

That section of South Dakota adjacent to Pierre is turning out some fancy track horses, and the training stables in that city are reported to be overcrowded. One of the horses which is winning laurels in Minnesota and Iowa circuits this year was bred on a ranch just north of Pierre. She is a 4-year-old, and on the Webster City track a few days ago secured a record of 2:13.

Crops in Charles Mix County.

Taken as a whole, Charles Mix County has a most excellent crop this season. Harvest is now in full blast and numberless farmers predict that their wheat will yield from 30 to 40 bushels per acre and be No. 1 in quality. Corn is well advanced and promises a big yield, while hay will be more plentiful than for years.

Supreme Court Adjourns.

The supreme court has taken a recess to October 4, the beginning of the fall term.

Death of an Old Pioneer.

William Bevier, an old Pioneer of the section around Alpena is dead. Four years ago a cancer was removed from his stomach and until recently he was apparently in the best of health. Lately, however, the trouble developed again, resulting in his death.

South Dakota Retailers.

The executive committee of the South Dakota Retail Merchants' Association met at Aberdeen and chose C. C. Peterson of Newark, secretary, and Mr. Prentiss of Vermillion, Gov. Lee's business partner, treasurer.