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## HOMAGE TO HEROES

### CONGRESS THANKS DEWEY AND HIS MEN.

**Bill Passed Authorizing the President to Promote the Commodore to Rear Admiralty—Medals for all the Men and Sword for Dewey.**

#### Congress Thanks Dewey.

A special cabinet meeting was held Monday morning to consider the situation generally and a message to congress recommending the tender of the thanks of congress to Admiral Dewey. It was sent in shortly after congress opened. Among other things the President said: "The magnitude of this victory can hardly be measured by ordinary standards of naval warfare, outweighing any material advantage in the moral effect of this initial success. At this unsurpassed achievement the great heart of our nation throbs, not with the boasting or greed of conquest, but with a deep gratitude that this triumph has come in a just cause, and that by the grace of God an effective step has thus been taken toward the attainment of the wished for peace. Feeling as our people feel, speaking in their name, I at once sent a message to Commodore Dewey, thanking him and the officers and men for their splendid achievement and overwhelming victory and informing him that I had appointed him acting admiral."

"I recommend, following our national precedents and expressing the gratitude of every patriotic heart, that the thanks of congress be given to Acting Rear Admiral George Dewey, U. S. N., for the highly distinguished conduct in his conflict with the enemy and to the officers and men of his command for their gallantry in the destruction of the enemy's fortifications in the bay of Manila."

#### BRYAN ON WAR ISSUES.

#### Says Americans Should Lay Aside Politics and Support McKinley.

William J. Bryan in an interview at Peabody, Kan., said that he did not want to talk about politics, as questions of war now overshadow questions of politics. He said that until the war is ended and victory crowns the arms of America all the people should forget politics and as one man stand behind the government at Washington and uphold and sustain it. He also expressed great gratification that the president had elevated two former confederates to the high rank of major general, and regarded it as a splendid means of emphasizing the fact that the two sections are reunited. When we are not in trouble from foreign domination, he said, then we will again proceed in our own peculiar peaceful manner to free our own beloved country from foreign financial domination.

#### SERIOUS RIOT IN SPAIN.

#### Fourteen Reported Killed and Sixty Wounded at Linares.

There was serious rioting at Linares, Spain, Sunday. A mob tore out the windows of the town hall and threw everything into the street. The civil guards charged them and drove them from the building after firing several rounds. Some of the rioters were armed and returned the fire. Fourteen are said to have been killed and sixty wounded. The rioters captured the residence of the tax collector by assault and demolished everything in sight. They stole 2,000 pesetas and a box of jewels, and tried to set fire to the house.

#### FITZ WILL FIGHT.

#### Champion Accepts the Offer of McCoy and Corbett.

Bob Fitzsimmons has accepted "Kid" McCoy's offer of \$1,000 for a fight at mid-dleweight, and Jim Corbett's offer of \$25,000 for a chance to regain the heavy weight championship, the fights to be before the club offering the largest purse. He will insist upon a side bet of \$10,000 in each case. Both matches are to take place before the end of September. He wants to bet \$2,500 neither man will meet him.

#### TO SUCCEED ROOSEVELT.

#### Massachusetts Man Named for Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

The president has nominated Charles H. Allen of Massachusetts to be assistant secretary of the navy.

#### Dispensary Law Ruling.

The supreme court of the United States has rendered a decision that the South Carolina state dispensary law is invalid as to its inspection features, but valid as to the part regulating the sale of original packages within the state.

#### Caught by \$1.70 Wheat.

The C. S. Lee Grain Commission Company of Kansas City has assigned, caught by the sudden rise in wheat. The company was formed in 1896, with a capital of \$2,000.

#### Injunction Denied the Sun.

Judge Lacombe, in the United States circuit court, has denied the motion of the New York Sun for a temporary injunction pendente lite, restraining the Associated Press from publishing its newspapers from buying or using the Sun service.

#### Cattle Moving North.

Perry & Roberts of Durango, Colo., have shipped 500 cattle north via the Denver and Rio Grande. They will be turned loose on the range above Chama. They will ship 1,500 head more to that section in a few weeks.

## GREAT ARKANSAS FLOODS.

### Many Towns Submerged—Feared that Many Have Perished.

A dispatch on May 9 says that the worst flood known since 1844 is devastating the Arkansas valley. Towns along the banks of that stream are submerged, while many farm buildings are afloat. One-fourth of the residence part of Van Buren is eight feet under water. Riverside and Babylon, two densely settled suburbs, are under water and several large residences have fallen into the river. Every foot of dry land is covered with household goods. Thousands of people have been driven from their homes. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas and Iron Mountain systems are tied up in Indian Territory. Hundreds of thousands of dollars' damage has been done to plantations in Crawford County. A large lot of stock has been drowned, and it is feared that when the water subsides it will be found that the loss of life is greater than now known. The river was beginning to fall Monday night.

### ATTACKS AMERICANS.

#### Senor du Bose Calls Us Border Ruffians in a Lecture at Toronto.

Senor du Bose, late first secretary of the Spanish legation at Washington, lectured to 2,000 people at Toronto, Ont., the other evening on the causes of the present war. Senor Polo and many prominent men were present. The lecture was in aid of the Red Cross society work, and was delivered in a private character. The senor made a severe attack on the American people. He traced the history of the trouble, reiterating the Spanish arguments, and spoke of American senators as "border ruffians, whose illiterate boorishness is only equalled by their venality and ludicrously pompous conceit." He urged that American cupidities for conquest constituted a grave danger to Europe, Canada and Mexico, and concluded by comparing the queen regent of Spain with "the bloated politicians whose countenances depict the lust that is in their hearts."

#### VAN WYCK MAY STEP OUT.

#### Rumor that Greater New York's Mayor Will Resign.

Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck of New York is tired of his office. To a personal friend, in talking about it, he said: "No, I don't enjoy the position at all, and I shall be glad when I am relieved of it."

#### It is not the first time that he has made this statement and it is probably due to this fact that the rumors have spread that he intends resigning.

### A TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

#### Two New Orleans Policemen and a Robber Are the Victims.

Corporal Anthony Cleary of New Orleans was shot and killed by Dennis Burrell, a negro, whom he had arrested for robbery. The police and mob chased the murderer and finally surrounded him. He made a fight and shot and killed Officer Trimp. The murderer was finally brought down. His body was riddled with bullets.

#### After the Tax Dodgers.

The board of supervisors at Quincy, Ill., passed a resolution directing all assessors to follow strictly the letter of the revenue law and compel holders of taxable property to fill out schedules in ink and swear to the same. The resolution further directs the assessor to swear any and all persons in cases where they may have knowledge of property which is evading taxation and to take the names of such witnesses, together with their testimony, which shall be returned with the schedules. A committee of three is provided for prosecuting assessors or citizens who evade the law.

#### Patronize Playhouse Scene.

Mrs. McKinley and a party of friends occupied two of the lower boxes at the National Theatre in Washington the other evening to witness John Drew's presentation of "One Summer's Day." A pretty incident occurred in the intermission between the second and third acts, when the orchestra played "The Star Spangled Banner." The distinguished party and the entire audience arose and remained standing during the rendition of the patriotic air.

#### Austrian Thief Is Captured.

The steamer Fulda's passenger, who shipped as Edward Gruen, and who is really Baron Unterrichter, confessed to the immigration authorities at New York that he stole the 67,000 forins, of which theft he was accused and for which he is being detained. The prisoner says he is the son of a Jewish rabbi, and that he was sent to an agricultural college in the Austrian Tyrol. He ran away and went to an aunt in Entenbach, in the Tyrol.

#### Bandits on an Electric Car.

Two highwaymen boarded a Chicago street car which was standing at Thirty-ninth and Morgan Streets, and after intimidating the conductor, Joseph Dooley, and Harry Pfeiffer, the motorman, robbed the conductor of \$33 and his watch. After the robbers left, the trainmen notified the police, giving a good description of the footpads.

#### Rubber Goods Firm Fails.

The W. H. H. Peek Company of Cleveland, founded in 1867, and for a number of years a heavy rubber goods and leather belting concern, has made an assignment. The assignee is Spencer B. Driffield, the secretary and treasurer of the company. The company hopes to adjust matters and resume business.

#### Old Railroad Man Insane.

Thomas B. Twombly of Chicago, who for twenty-eight years was superintendent of motive power of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, has been adjudged insane. An order was made for the appointment of a conservator in his estate, valued at \$15,000.

#### Egyptian Prince Shot.

Prince Ahmed Safeddin, cousin of the khedive, shot his uncle, Prince Ahmed Fuad, in the reading room of the Khedivial club at Cairo, Egypt. Prince Fuad received three bullets in the back. He is believed to be dying. Safeddin was arrested.

## BAD WRECK IN OHIO

### ONE MAN KILLED AND THREE INJURED.

#### The Engine Takes Three Cars With It Over a Steep Embankment—Fifty Houses Destroyed by Fire in Duluth—Other Items.

#### Bad Wreck in Ohio.

By the turning of a switch at Columbus, Ohio, Sunday an excursion train from the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago road, over the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus road into the city, was wrecked. Three cars were demolished, one man, Rizen Fry of Louisville, Ohio, killed and three others injured. The train was running as the second section of the regular passenger train and had seventeen cars packed to the guards. As it crossed the switch at Chase Street the engine forced the switch, and under the next car the frog gave way, the tracks spreading, and the next instant there was an awful crash, followed by the shrieks of frightened and imprisoned passengers. As the engine left the track she plowed down a steep embankment and turned over in a ditch. With her went three of the cars that were completely destroyed. When the concussion came Rizen Fry, the dead man, was standing on the back platform of the first car. His head was pinned between two cars by the blow and he was crushed to death. Several others were slightly hurt, but no one seriously injured.

### TAKE GOOD CARE OF SOLDIERS

#### Government Will Bring North Those Who Get Sick.

One of the provisions for active campaigning in Cuba will be a hospital ship to ply between the army in Cuba and Port Tampa. The purpose is to transport the wounded and the sick directly from Cuba to hospitals in the north, or perhaps in the mountain regions of the Carolinas. The government will charter a train to run northward from Tampa carrying patients brought over on the hospital ship. The train will be fitted up for this special service. Day coaches will be emptied of the seats and equipped with cots. Pullman cars will be attached for surgeons and nurses. Twenty-four hours and less on the cars will transfer the sufferers from Cuba to the mountain hospitals in the healthiest part of the United States. It is thought that by such an arrangement the dangers of the Cuban campaign may be mitigated.

### FIFTY HOUSES DESTROYED.

#### Several Hundred People Are Made Homeless in Duluth.

Fifty frame buildings on Minnesota point, just above the ship canal at Duluth, Minn., were burned Sunday afternoon. An hour after the fire started several hundred people were homeless. The fire took twelve frame store buildings fronting on lower Lake avenue, and swept from there back to the lake shore. The district was populated by the poorest people in the city. Many of the upper parts of the two and three-story store buildings were occupied as tenements. There are no particularly large individual losses. The total is thought to be over \$100,000. Among the sufferers were fifty families of Jews, members of a colony, who were at a mass meeting praying for the success of the American army in the war with Spain. There were many narrow escapes from death, but it is believed that everybody was rescued.

#### California Shipments.

Bobson Bros. of Santa Barbara, Cal., are shipping 22,000 head of cattle to New Mexico. They have already shipped fifty double deck cars to Nevada. This firm is also preparing to ship 2,000 head of steers to Texas from its Santa Barbara ranges, being all it could collect out of 10,000 head that would bear shipment. Towers & Smarth are preparing to ship 12,000 head of cattle, recently purchased there to Lamar, Cal.

#### Abandon a Texas Colony.

Twenty-five families of Mennonites of Harvey and Marion counties, Kansas, have returned from a Texas colony and will make their homes in Kansas in the future. The Mennonites grew dissatisfied last year and joined a colony of their sect near Fort Worth. They say rainy weather and soil infested with alkali rendered their land unprofitable.

#### Father Sherman Enters the Army.

The son of the late William T. Sherman, Rev. Thomas Sherman, has been appointed chaplain of the Fourth regiment, Missouri National Guard. Father Sherman says he considers it his duty to serve his country. He is familiar with camp life, having spent considerable time with his father during the last war.

#### Accepts Miss Gould's Gift.

The president has accepted the gift of Miss Helen Gould of New York to the government of \$100,000 for war purposes and her check for that amount has been received at the treasury department.

#### Cannibalism in New Guinea.

A terrible story of cannibalism is reported from New Guinea. Fourteen escaped prisoners from Manamama attacked a friendly village, killing and eating eighteen men.

#### Killed by Coal Gas.

H. N. Martin and his wife were killed in their home at Watertown, N. Y., by breathing escaping coal gas. Five other people narrowly escaped.

#### Correspondent Put in Prison.

Otwith Boyer, said to be an Englishman, has been imprisoned at Ordiz for attempting to telegraph details of movements of Spanish warships.

#### Edna Wallace Hopper Is Divorced.

Edna Wallace Hopper has been granted a divorce from her husband, Dr. Wolf Hopper, by Judge Hebbard at San Francisco, Cal.

#### Boosts American Securities.

The news from Manila caused a jump upward of American securities on the London stock exchange.

## JEFFRIES WHIPS SHARKEY.

### The Sailor Pugilist Meets His Match in the Big Californian.

Thomas J. Sharkey, the sailor pugilist and James J. Jeffries, admittedly the leading heavy weight pugilist actually in fighting harness today, met before the National Athletic Club in San Francisco Friday night to settle the question of supremacy. The betting on the result had remained almost uniform at 10 to 8 with the big Californian favorite. The preliminary bout between Jack Steizer and Henry Baker was called at 9:30 p. m. Referee Agnew stopped the preliminary fight in the fifth round and awarded the decision to Baker on a foul. Steizer chased the referee out of the ring and went at Baker again, but the police jumped into the ring and sent the men to their dressing rooms. The fighting was about even. At this juncture Jeffries and Sharkey made their appearance. The fight lasted twenty rounds and the decision was given to Jeffries amid great enthusiasm. Sharkey got the worst of it all through in spite of his fouling proclivities. Jeffries failed to knock him out, however.

### WOOL GROWERS CONCERNED

#### Fear a Conspiracy to Absorb the Clip at Cut-Throat Prices.

Generally the vicinity of Fort Steele, Wyo., has at this season of the year from twenty to thirty actual wool buyers, and a corresponding number of railroad shipping solicitors. This year there are no outright wool buyers and practically no solicitors for railroad shipments. Two Boston agents are offering to advance 5 cents per pound on wool consignments, the consigner to take his chances on the market, with a drawback in favor of the consigner in case the ultimate selling price realized does not reach the original 5-cent figure. In this connection Robert Jones, a leading sheepman of that section, says: "The situation, to my mind, means two things—first, that practically no Wyoming wool will be sold this season on a current market; and second, that a gigantic conspiracy has been formed by eastern capital for the eventual absorption of the western wool clip at cut-throat prices."

### TO HUNT FOR NORTH POLE.

#### Walter Wellman Will Start from New York this Week.

Walter Wellman will start this week from New York on another expedition in an endeavor to reach the north pole. He hopes also to determine the fate of Andree, who has not been heard from since two days after he stepped into his balloon. June 1 he is to meet at Tomsoe, Norway, Lieut. E. B. Baldwin of the United States weather bureau, who served as meteorologist on the last Peary expedition; Prof. James H. Gor of Columbia University, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Edward Hoffman of Grand Haven, Mich., physician and zoologist. The party, well equipped with a crew, dogs, sledges, provisions and scientific instruments, will sail for the arctic regions June 20 on the ice steamer Fritjof.

#### Rain Helps Oklahoma Crops.

The heavy rains throughout Oklahoma have put growing crops in the best possible condition. Wheat was already in a flourishing condition. Oats, however, have not recovered from the effects of freezing, but the late rains are advancing this crop rapidly.

#### Missouri Soldiers' Home Inquiry.

The Missouri Soldier's Home trustees held a short business session at St. Joseph. Much routine business was transacted and some friction occurred in regard to the expenditures. The 23rd inst. charges will be preferred against the management.

#### Minister Woodford Arrives.

Gen. Stewart L. Woodford arrived in New York Sunday and left for Washington during the afternoon. La Touraine also had on board a number of the attaches of the United States legation at Madrid.

#### Thomas Lynch.

Ex-Congressman Thomas Lynch died suddenly at Antigo, Wis. He was a member of congress from the Ninth district from 1890 to 1894.

#### Many Ballots for a Candidate.

J. D. Bowersock of Lawrence, Kan., was nominated on the 35th ballot as Republican nominee for congress in the Second district.

### MARKET QUOTATIONS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.29 to \$1.31; corn, No. 2, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2, 30c to 31c; rye, No. 2, 64c to 66c; butter, choice creamery, 15c to 17c; eggs, fresh, 10c to 11c; potatoes, common to choice, 60c to 85c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.05 to \$1.07; corn, No. 2 white, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 32c to 33c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.18 to \$1.19; corn, No. 2 yellow, 32c to 33c; oats, No. 2, 31c to 33c; rye, No. 2, 62c to 63c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.09 to \$1.11; corn, No. 2 mixed, 36c to 38c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 31c to 33c; rye, No. 2, 67c to 69c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.25 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.19 to \$1.21; corn, No. 2 yellow, 35c to 37c; oats, No. 2 white, 32c to 33c; rye, 62c to 64c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.17 to \$1.18; corn, No. 2 mixed, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 31c; rye, No. 2, 61c to 63c; clover seed, \$3.10 to \$3.15.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, \$1.12 to \$1.14; corn, No. 3, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 31c to 33c; rye, No. 1, 60c to 62c; barley, No. 2, 47c to 52c; pork, mess, \$10.75 to \$11.25.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.19 to \$1.21; corn, No. 2 yellow, 35c to 40c; oats, No. 2 white, 35c to 37c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.25 to \$1.26; corn, No. 2, 40c to 41c; oats, No. 2 white, 37c to 38c; butter, creamery, 15c to 18c; eggs, Western, 11c to 12c.

## THE NEWS OF THE DAY

### SOUTH DAKOTA HAPPENINGS IN CONDENSED FORM.

#### National Guard in Camp at Sioux Falls—No Finer Lot of Men Ever Wore the Blue than Those South Dakota Will Send to the Front.

#### In Camp at Sioux Falls.

A cold, drizzling rain greeted the militia boys in Sioux Falls Sunday, May 1. The veterans of the civil war are all unanimous in declaring that no finer lot of men ever wore the blue than those whom South Dakota is now sending to the front. Monday a genuine military appearance pervaded the camp ground. Sentinels were posted and marched back and forth carrying their guns, and wearing their rubber capes, with their campaign hats pulled down over their eyes as protection against the rain. The quartermaster has been a busy man, but he has shown himself equal to the task before him. Supplies have been purchased, cooking stoves made, and the smaller details have been finished. Preparations for supplying the boys with food had not been completed upon their arrival and the various restaurants were called upon. The street scenes, with the marching and countermarching of companies as late as 9 o'clock in the first time to Sioux Falls, and seems for the first time to present a serious view of the situation which has not yet occurred to the average citizen.

#### The camp was named Camp George Dewey, in honor of Commodore Dewey who obtained such a signal victory over the Spanish at Manila.

### DECISION FAVORS RAILROAD

#### Cannot Be Compelled to Operate at a Loss.

Deep interest is manifested in the towns along the railroad between Chamberlain and Mitchell in the case brought by the South Dakota railroad commissioners to compel the Milwaukee Railroad Company to establish a regular passenger train service between the two towns. The case, after dragging along for many months, was argued before Judge Smith on Monday. The contention of the railroad company was that to put on an additional service would entail a loss to it. This the railroad commissioners sought to disprove. Judge Smith denied the commissioners' petition on the ground that the question of profits did not enter into the case, and the railroad company would have to be heard therein before he could decide the question. The case will, it is understood, be carried to the state supreme court, but a decision will probably not be rendered until the regular October session of that court. The case is in the nature of a test, and upon it depends the establishing of a passenger train service on other lines in the state.

### DOWDELL IS OUT.

#### Governor Appoints Joseph Meyers of Aberdeen Oil Inspector.

Gov. Lee has ordered a commission for Joseph Meyers of Aberdeen as state oil inspector in place of R. E. Dowdell, resigned. Mr. Dowdell in his letter of resignation gives as the cause of his action that it is impossible for him to comply with the provisions of the statute governing the office. It is claimed that the resignation was by request and on account of the showing in the public examiner's report, but this cannot be confirmed. The report will now be made public, as Mr. Dowdell is no longer a public official.

#### Alleged Train Wrecker Arrested.

A Norwegian named George Coughlin was arrested at Huron charged with attempting to wreck the passenger train on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway near Alpena. It is claimed this is his third attempt to wreck trains on this line by placing heavy ties across the track.

#### Coughlin waived examination and was committed to jail. He is a young man, and it is thought is not sound mentally, as he has twice attempted to wreck trains on the Milwaukee line and does not seem at all concerned about the matter. While he does not admit that he placed the ties upon the track, he does not deny having done so.

#### State Brand Commission.

The state brand commission has completed its second session of this year. It considered and passed upon about 300 brands, which with those allowed the first of the year now places on record in the state brand department 2,000 brands. These are estimated at one-half the different brands in use in the state, and it is hoped that all will soon take advantage of the law and get an absolute guaranty that there is no conflicting brand in use in the state.

#### An Elevator Burns.

The H. Y. Hyde elevator at Ramona burned last week. It had a capacity of 15,000 bushels but only contained about 6,000 bushels of grain when destroyed. It is thought that the wheat had been stolen from the elevator and that the building was then burned.

#### Charged with Embezzlement.

O. B. Heath of Hecla has been arrested, charged with the embezzlement of \$2,700 while serving as treasurer of Portage school district. He waived examination and gave bonds. He is a prominent citizen.

#### Death of Mrs. E. M. Lewis.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Lewis, mother of Mesdames Thompson, Inman and Morgan of Vermillion is dead. She was one of the oldest residents of Vermillion. Her husband survives her.

#### May Move School of Mines.

The state board of regents was in session at Rapid City the other day. It is stated that it decided to either close the state school of mines or move it to Deadwood.

#### Election at Armour.

Armour had a hotly contested town election May 3, the chief fight being for marshal. W. L. Nelson was elected by a vote of 101 to 74 for eight years.

#### Chairman Elliott Issues a Call.

Chairman J. D. Elliott of the Republican state central committee, has issued a call to the members of the committee to meet at Mitchell on May 25 for the purpose of fixing the time and place for holding the Republican state convention.

#### Pierre Mayor's Appointments.

Mayor Albright of Pierre has announced his appointments: Chief of police, H. T. Sims; assistant, Emil Matthews; auditor, Geo. D. Parr; attorney, J. W. Goodner; assessor, J. C. Hays.

## WHY MR. DOWDELL QUIT.

### Oil Inspector's Reason for Tendering His Resignation.

On April 30 R. E. Dowdell, state inspector of oils, tendered his resignation to Gov. Lee in the following language: "Artesian, April 30, 1898. Andrew E. Lee, Governor, Pierre, S. D.—Dear Sir: Believing that it is impossible, under the existing law, and the written contract, under which I accepted the position, to fill the office of inspector of oils in a manner that would meet the approval of your excellency, I herewith tender my resignation, to take effect at the earliest date possible. Respectfully, R. E. DOWDELL, State Inspector of Oils."

#### Want a Dashing Rain.

While range cattle came through the winter in fine shape, and the calf crop is the largest ever known on the Pierre range, and in fact is beyond that of any other cattle state, the stockmen are yet asking for one more thing to make their condition just what they could ask for—that is a rushing, pouring rain. They had enough drizzling rain to start the grass all right and give them feed in plenty, but such rains do not fill the water holes and give an abundance of water all over the prairies. As it is now, many of the cattle have trouble in finding water, and que dashing rain would put them in shape to get the water and feed at any point on the range, and save trips to the water holes.

#### Enlisting the Cowboys.

A telegram from Colonel Grigsby was received at Chamberlain for Jack Foster, offering him a position as lieutenant in the cowboy cavalry now being recruited by Grigsby from the rough riders of North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming. Foster was formerly a Texas cowboy, gained distinction as city marshal of Chamberlain in the early days and is one of the best known frontiersmen in the state. He will have no difficulty in raising the necessary number among the cowboys on the ranges between Chamberlain and the Black Hills.

#### South Dakota Land Sales.

L. S. Pearson, the representative of a state of the Northwestern Land Company of St. Paul, has just closed the sale of three quarter sections of land, lying five miles west of Verdon, to Joseph Schultz, an extensive land owner of that region. The consideration was \$4,800, a very good figure in view of the fact that the farms have only very ordinary improvements. Mr. Pearson has gone to St. Lawrence, Mand County, in the vicinity of which he will locate three families of Swedes who are coming from Illinois to become permanent residents. Each man will buy a half section.

#### Will Be Held at Huron.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the General Association of Congregational churches of South Dakota, will be held at Huron, beginning May 24 and continuing three days. The annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Union, of which Mrs. Clara M. Cory of Columbia is president, and the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior, Mrs. E. M. Williams of Yankton, president, will be held at the same time.

#### Indians Want Divorces.

Papers in two divorce cases were filed in circuit court at Deadwood in which full-blooded Indians of the Rosebud Agency will attempt to settle their matrimon