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A LACK OF HARMONY

STRATEGIC BOARD'S METHODS DISPLEASE PRESIDENT.

Will Take Things Into His Own Hands and Direct Movements of Army and Navy Himself Hereafter—Other Items of Interest.

Displeases the President.

President McKinley has grown tired of the jealousies and bickerings which have been the order of the day among the foremost officers of the army and navy. During the past week these misunderstandings and differences of opinion have led to orders which have been countermanded, changed and reissued until there is a decided fog as to the program, which even the president of the United States is unable to see through. The president has finally decided to take matters into his own hands. It can be asserted positively, upon the highest authority, that from this time forward every order governing the movement of the army or navy will emanate from the president. The first of these orders was issued Monday. It is asserted the president early in the morning informed Secretary Long that he had a plan of his own for handling the blockading fleet, and that in carrying out his plan he desired the secretary to immediately transmit its details to Commodore Watson. As a consequence dispatches were carried to Watson directing him to hit a Spanish head wherever he sees it. He is to cruise along the coast of the blockaded district and to shell thoroughly everything along the coast outside of Havana which looks like a battery or a fortification. There will be no repetitions of the unfortunate Winslow affair, nor will there be any more cables cut by a boatload of American sailors within a hundred feet of masked rifle pits.

DRAPER IS NOT GUILTY.

Second Trial for Murder of Hastings Results in His Acquittal.

The jury in the Draper murder trial at Jerseyville, Ill., returned a verdict of acquittal. The murder was one of the most sensational ever committed in Illinois. Charles Draper and Charles L. Hastings were for years employed by Abstractor of Titles in Kirby in Jacksonville. Draper lost his position, and it is supposed that jealousy of Hastings prompted the crime. Hastings was very popular while Draper was not. On the night of March 21, 1897, Hastings was in the abstractor's office attending to some work when Draper came in. What happened no one knows. Draper attacked Hastings with a pocket knife, inflicting 135 wounds. He fairly cut him into strings. Draper at first denied all knowledge of the crime, but later made a full confession to his attorney. The trial just ended was the second. The first trial was at Jacksonville, where the jury returned a verdict of guilty and fixed the penalty at life imprisonment.

SAMPSON REPORTS.

Commander of American Fleet Stops at Cape Hayti.

Admiral Sampson reported to the navy department Monday from Cape Hayti. The department says he will now go to Cienfuegos, on the southern coast of Cuba. A dispatch from Willemstad, Curacao, says that the Spanish cruisers Vizcaya and Maria Teresa left that port at 6 o'clock Sunday evening. Their destination was unknown. While there the two warships took on a small quantity of coal and provisions. Their departure was due to the Danish government requesting them to leave as provided in the decree of neutrality. There are no collies with the fleet. Nothing is known as to their boilers.

FIRE IN A CONVENT.

Seven Dead and Five Missing at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec. The St. Joseph Sisters' School at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, burned Monday morning. Seven are known to be dead of the 200 in the institution, and five are missing, and a number were injured in jumping from the windows. The dead are: Two boys named Beauchemin, Sisters Alexandrina and Hilomena. The missing are: Maria Millot and Nofette Mounir, servants. Mrs. Berthiaume, boarder. Sisters Bonvier and Ange.

Kansas Squatters in Trouble.

The colony which, under the leadership and advice of Judge F. M. McDonald of Fort Scott, Kan., settled on a lot of rich railroad land near Yates Center, about six months ago, has just been ordered to vacate the lands and serious trouble for some one is probable. The colonists sent McDonald to Washington to see about the lands and he reported that they were open to pre-emption. A repetition of the Allen County Land League trouble is threatened.

Big Paris Robbery.

A package containing over \$30,000 francs in securities and gold was stolen Monday morning from a car in Paris on the Lyons and Mediterranean railroad. There is no clew.

Timber Fire.

Thirteen hundred thousand feet of logs were burned on the skids at Reefer Creek, near Bayfield, Wis., a few days since. They were owned by Hiram Knox and H. L. Chase of West Superior, and were cut last winter. It is supposed that it was the work of an incendiary. No insurance.

Murder Trial Disposed With.

Clark, who killed James Adney at Atkin, Minn., died about noon Sunday. He was conscious to the last but died without knowing that he had killed Adney.

"SWIFT WATER GILL" DROWNED

Klondike Millionaire and Two Women Perish in Lake Bennett.

Word has reached Seattle to the effect that "Swift Water Gill" Gates, one of the most unique characters in the Klondike country, as well as one of the wealthiest prospectors, was drowned Friday, May 6, in Lake Bennett, Alaska, with two women. He was on his way to Dawson City when the disaster occurred. "Swift Water Gill" was the owner of valuable claims in the vicinity of Dawson and was accounted a Klondike millionaire. The fact that two women perished with "Swift Water" serves to recall his experiences with women last year. While he was at Skaguay enjoying his newly found fortune he became infatuated with a vaudeville actress and offered her \$50,000 if she would go with him to San Francisco and marry him. She accepted his offer, took the \$50,000 and went to San Francisco with him. Before the wedding day the actress tired of "Swift Water," and refused to marry him, going east with a large part of the money which he had given her.

SEVERE HAILSTORM.

Thousands of Window Lights Broken in Kansas City.

Kansas City was visited Sunday evening by the heaviest hail storm ever experienced there. Hailstones as big as hen's eggs fell everywhere. The storm came from the south and throughout the city residences and business blocks were left without a window pane on the south side. Skylights were smashed everywhere and in the business districts many stocks of goods were soaked. The roofs of several street cars were pierced by hail. Horses ran away at every hand and there were numerous injuries. The storm seems to have been general in eastern Kansas and it is feared that serious damage has been done to fruit trees.

PENSION FOR GEN. CLAY.

Famous Old Kentuckian Granted \$50 Per Month.

The entire session of the house Friday was devoted to pension and private claim bills. At the night session the house in committee of the whole voted to grant a pension of \$50 per month to Maj. Gen. Cassius M. Clay of Whitehall, Ky. The famous old veteran of Mexican and civil wars was represented as the owner of the extensive estates known as "Whitehall," but with an income insufficient to meet his expenses. A total of forty-six bills were passed in committee of the whole and six were passed finally by the house.

TRAIN ROBBERY.

Bandits Make a \$5,000 Haul Near Cuba, Alabama.

The Alabama Great Southern passenger train was held up by five masked men near Cuba, Ala., Sunday night. The express car was robbed of \$5,000. Express officials, however, claim only \$500 was taken as the express messenger hid most of the money in a stove pipe. A posse was immediately formed and went in pursuit of the bandits with bloodhounds.

Protests Against Our Course.

The first political step taken by the Cuban congress after being definitely constituted was to appoint a commission which will send, through the Spanish government to the powers and to the United States, a protest against American intervention in Cuban affairs, declaring the entire adherence of the people of Cuba, and the colonial authorities, to Spain and the Spanish government.

Gloomy Outlook for Wheat.

Owing to the prolonged drought throughout California the outlook for the wheat crop is a decidedly gloomy one. According to reports received by the weather bureau officials only a small amount of wheat raised on irrigated land in the lower sections will be harvested and some elsewhere cut as hay. It is scant owing to light crops of hay and alfalfa.

McDuffie Defeats Titus.

Eddie McDuffie easily defeated Fred J. Titus on the Charles River park track at a distance of fifteen miles, for a purse of \$1,500, in 27 minutes 9-5 seconds. He broke the world's record made by Michael Forke for the distance by 5-15 seconds, and made new records from five miles up, and defeated Titus by about five-sixths of a mile.

Mysterious Topeka Murder.

J. S. Collins, one of the most prominent citizens of Topeka, Kan., was killed early Saturday morning as he lay in bed. The murderer fired two shots from Collins' shot gun, standing at the foot of the bed. One charge slightly wounded Mrs. Collins. It was at first supposed to be the work of burglars, but it is now in doubt.

Elks Elect Officers.

The grand lodge of Elks in session at New Orleans elected the following officers: Grand exalted ruler, John Galvin, Cincinnati; grand esteemed leading knight, C. A. Foote, Minneapolis; grand esteemed local knight, W. L. Saxon, New Orleans; grand esteemed lecturing knight, Henry D. Cozzans, Des Moines.

Peter Maher Knocked Out.

Pugilistic history was made very rapidly at Philadelphia Friday night, when in 1 minute and 51 seconds of combined springing and fighting, Joe Goddard, the "Barrier champion," retired Peter Maher, with a sort of pivot punch, which was delivered so suddenly that hardly a spectator realized what had come off.

Blanchard Declines the Position.

Chairman Blanchard of the Joint Traffic Railroad Association, who was recently appointed by Secretary Alger to have charge of the transportation of the troops of the volunteer army, has informed the secretary that he must decline the honor conferred upon him.

Early Is Electrocutted.

Frank Early, the Cincinnati wife murderer, was electrocuted in the annex of the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus at 12:15 Saturday morning. The electrocution was not as successful as previous ones. Six applications of the current were required before life was finally pronounced extinct.

DEWEY HEARD FROM

HE EXPECTS SURRENDER OF MANILA SHORTLY.

Can't Stand the Blockade Established Much Longer—Rebels Hem In by Land and Our Warships by Sea—Other Items.

Must Surrender Soon.

The dispatches from Hong Kong Sunday brought welcome news from Admiral Dewey to the president, Secretary Long and the naval officials who are watching the admiral's movements with so much interest. The telegrams indicate that Dewey has lost none of his prestige gained in his memorable fight of two weeks ago and that while he refrains from taking the city of Manila he has it practically at his mercy. The admiral expresses the belief that the rebels are hemming in the city by land, but the fact that he says explicitly that they have made no demonstration seems to disprove thoroughly the published reports that they had already entered Manila and had begun a career of bloodshed and rapine. The best evidence of the effectiveness of the blockade maintained by the American admiral and also of the work of the insurgents in surrounding the city is shown in the statements in the dispatches that provisions are scarce in the city of Manila, which seems to indicate to Admiral Dewey an early surrender by the Spanish authorities.

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS.

Prime Minister Sagasta Will at Once Form a New Ministry.

The Spanish cabinet resigned Sunday. It was composed as follows: President of the council—Senor Sagasta. Minister of foreign affairs—Senor Gaitan. Minister of Justice—Senor Groizard. Minister of Finance—Senor Pulgarcerver. Minister of the Interior—Senor Capdepon. Minister of War—Gen. Correa. Minister of Marine—Admiral Bermejo. Minister of Agriculture and Commerce and of Public Works—Count Xiquena. Minister of Colonies—Senor Moret.

The liberal cabinet, under Senor Sagasta, assumed office October 4, and was formed shortly after the assassination of Senor Canovas del Castillo, who was assassinated on August 8, 1897, by an Italian anarchist named Gotti. One of the first steps taken by Senor Sagasta was to recall Gen. Weyler, the then captain general of Cuba, who was succeeded by General Blanco. But the situation did not improve, and Spain was courteously but firmly warned that the United States could not much longer maintain neutrality in the face of the terrible situation of affairs in Cuba and the damage which American interests were suffering therefrom. Spain, however, refused to regard the situation from a humanitarian standpoint and diplomatic relations with the United States were broken off on April 21 last. It is officially denied that the cabinet changes are connected with a peace movement. On the contrary, it is declared that Premier Sagasta's ministry, when the new ministry is formed, will continue to prosecute the war with the full recourse of the country.

Bumped a Freight.

The Pioneer limited, a new \$250,000 train for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, ten cars, fresh and new from the shops at Dayton, traveling on an exhibition tour from Columbus to Cincinnati on the Big Four, collided with a switch engine with freight cars at Middletown, Ohio. Both locomotives were injured, the baggage car of the St. Paul was smashed and two passenger cars were derailed. The only man hurt was the fireman, who suffered dangerous concussion of the brain. The wreck was caused by somebody's blunder.

Forkey a "Lifer."

The jury in the Forkey murder trial at Fairbault, Minn., was out only two hours. When it came in it returned a verdict of guilty in the second degree, which means a life sentence. Forkey is glad that his neck was saved, the evidence against him being so strong that his attorney put in a plea of self defense.

France Issues a Denial.

A semi-official note has been issued in France denying the report that the steamer Lafayette, permitted by the United States to enter Havana, landed a number of French artillerymen, and declaring France had not departed, and will not depart, from loyal neutrality.

Weekly Bank Statement.

The New York weekly bank statement shows a reserve increase of \$8,000,000; loans increase, \$2,500,000; specie increase, \$600,000; deposits increase, \$7,000,000. The bank's now hold \$47,000,000 in excess of the legal requirements.

Will Succeed Gen. Merritt.

It is stated in New York army circles that Brig. Gen. John I. Rodgers, chief of artillery, has been appointed commander of the east, to succeed Wesley Merritt, who departed Friday for San Francisco on the way to Manila.

Famous Confederate Stricken.

Gen. Henry R. Jackson, the famous ex-Confederate major general and a veteran of the Mexican war and minister to Mexico during the first Cleveland administration, was stricken with paralysis at Savannah, Ga., Sunday.

Columbia's Boat Crew Beaten.

The boat crew of the naval academy at Annapolis defeated that from Columbia University Saturday in an eight-oared race over a two-mile course, finishing 13 seconds ahead of the visitors. Time, 11:29.

Makes a Loan to Spain.

The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Mail, says: The Banque de Paris has concluded a loan of 10,000,000 francs to Spain, and in consequence Spanish extortors are firmer.

Reconcentrados Dying.

News comes from Havana that the reconcentrados are dying of starvation, and that cartloads of dead are taken daily through the Spanish lines.

DARK DYNAMITE PLOT.

Suspected Scheme to Blow Up Government Buildings.

A Washington special to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: Notwithstanding the absolute secrecy of the police and secret service officials, it is learned on high authority that a scheme to destroy several of the public buildings of Washington has been detected and is now unraveled. Friday afternoon a man at work on Anacostan Island, in the Potomac River, a mile west of the city, discovered a box of strange looking things. He reported his discovery to the police officials of No. 7 precinct. They sent a detail and a patrol wagon. What they found was startling. Hidden in a dreary, wild spot were a canister containing 250 pounds of dynamite, a large canister of nitroglycerine and a can containing a white mixture. These dangerous explosives were taken to the station. The officers, who are being aided by the secret service, have a clew which leads to the belief that Spanish spies had secreted the explosives with the purpose of blowing up some of the public buildings. A sensation is expected to develop.

GOLD IS VERY PLENTIFUL.

Circulates So Freely in New York as to Cause Inconvenience.

More gold coin is in circulation now than was ever known before. This is because of the plethora of gold and the dearth of currency in the banks, as well as in the United States treasury. Merchants, and particularly Wall Street brokers, when drawing money at New York banks, object to the inconvenience of carrying heavy bags of coin instead of the more easily handled currency notes. Payments of gold at the treasury have aggregated \$1,000,000 daily lately, greatly increasing the work of the paying tellers. Nothing better illustrates the abundance of gold than its use in the settlements of customs duties. Of the total receipts for customs duties last month 50 per cent. was in gold. In October, 1897, the proportion of gold was only 5 per cent., and before that month the average did not exceed 2 per cent. This movement began before the war, and money shipped from New York has not begun to return.

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

Two Men Killed and Another Mortally Injured.

The boiler of McFarlin Bros' mill at Conway, five miles east of Potoski, Mich., exploded Monday afternoon, instantly killing two men and fatally injuring another. The mill was about to start up and it is supposed that the engineer started the pump with water too low. The mill was demolished.

Mrs. Manning Asks a Divorce.

Mrs. Mary C. Manning, eldest daughter of Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller of the United States supreme court, has made an application in Chicago for a divorce from her husband, Colin C. Manning, on the ground of non-support and alleged bad habits. Mr. Manning is now United States consul at Fayal, Azores Islands. He has given notice of an intention to resist the granting of the decree. The parties were married about six years ago.

Retirement of Carl Schurz.

Carl Schurz has retired from his post of editorial writer on Harper's Weekly, and goes to his home in New York. It is a falling out between the noted journalist, orator and campaigner and the proprietors of the publication concerning the war policy of the big weekly. This story is denied by the editors of the Weekly, and Mr. Schurz has not spoken. He is now free to engage himself in another arena of public opinion.

Secure Incriminating Papers.

Stories were published in Home Friday confirming the reports that the police have seized at the residence of Madame Kullieff, a noted nihilist, who is closely associated with the socialist leader, Turati, not only correspondence relating to the organization of the disorders, but the outlines of the whole concerted scheme for a revolution, compromising several republicans, socialists and anarchist leaders.

Horse Bells for \$125,000.

It is asserted in London that the Russian government has purchased the celebrated Irish bred race horse Galtee Moor for £2,500 (\$125,000).

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.50 to \$1.52; corn, No. 2, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2, 25c to 31c; rye, No. 2, 68c to 69c; butter, choice creamery, 15c to 17c; eggs, fresh, 9c to 11c; potatoes, common to choice, 65c to 85c per bushel. Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.23 to \$1.26; corn, No. 2 white, 37c to 38c; oats, No. 2 white, 33c to 35c. St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.20 to \$1.22; corn, No. 2 yellow, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2, 32c to 33c; rye, No. 2, 62c to 64c. Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.29 to \$1.31; corn, No. 2 mixed, 37c to 39c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 33c to 35c; rye, No. 2, 60c to 71c. Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.25 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.23 to \$1.25; corn, No. 2 yellow, 38c to 40c; oats, No. 2 white, 36c to 37c; rye, 60c to 71c. Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.37 to \$1.39; corn, No. 2 mixed, 37c to 39c; oats, No. 2 white, 31c to 32c; rye, No. 2, 65c to 67c; clover seed, \$3.00 to \$3.10. Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, \$1.27 to \$1.29; corn, No. 3, 36c to 37c; oats, No. 2 white, 32c to 34c; rye, No. 1, 68c to 70c; barley, No. 2, 50c to 55c; pork, mess, \$11.50 to \$12.00. Buffalo—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.39 to \$1.41; corn, No. 2 yellow, 41c to 42c; oats, No. 2 white, 36c to 37c. New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.50 to \$1.51; corn, No. 2, 42c to 43c; oats, No. 2 white, 38c to 39c; butter, creamery, 14c to 17c; eggs, Western, 10c to 11c.

THE NEWS OF THE DAY

SOUTH DAKOTA HAPPENINGS IN CONDENSED FORM.

A Sioux City Man Who Has Been Making a Tour of the State Says He Hasn't Seen Such Glorious Crop Prospects in Thirty Years.

South Dakota Crops.

John M. McDonald of Sioux City who has been making a tour through the southern portion of this state gives most interesting news regarding the crop conditions throughout the section visited. He says: "There has been scarcely a single spring time in thirty years that I have not been into that region, and never in my life have I observed anything like the glorious prospects that confront the farmer here. Everywhere there is a great increase in the acreage, and the seed is coming up beautifully. The ground has been splendidly soaked by drizzling rains, scarcely a drop of which ran off, but all got away down into the soil. "Of course the farmers are feeling happy as clams, and business men in all sections are chucking over the outlook. Dollar wheat is the rule in all the markets. New elevators are going in, and the lumber yards are filling up, and the merchants in all lines are increasing their stocks, and everybody in a happy frame of mind. "At Tyndall the district court was in session, and I talked with farmers from all over the county, and it would do your soul good to hear them tell of what 1898 is doing for them. I saw Jim Elliott and Maj. Bailey, who had been out in the agricultural districts, and they declared that nothing but a personal visit could afford an adequate idea of the way the fields are prospering. Just keep your eye out for astonishing crop reports from South Dakota this season."

A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge.

The A. O. U. W. grand lodge was held at Sioux Falls last week. The attendance was very large. Reports of the officers were of most interest to the delegates. The association in this state was never in better condition than at the present time. The following officers were elected: J. D. Howard, Sioux Falls, master workman; Henry Court, Spearfish, grand foreman; C. N. Herried, Eureka, grand overseer; J. D. Lavin, Alexandria, grand receiver; J. G. Rickard, Hot Springs, grand guide; John McDonald, Watertown, inside watch; George B. Adams, Whitecourt, outside watch; supreme representatives, J. T. Smith, Yankton; Dr. H. E. McNulty, Aberdeen; Dr. F. M. Crain, Doland; W. H. Keamey, Aberdeen, grand trustee, three years.

A Serious Accident.

A very serious accident occurred a few miles northwest of Parker recently. Mr. A. G. Parritt was working some oil on the stove and had a cloth in his hand with which to handle the pan of oil. The cloth in some way caught on fire and that set the oil on fire. He then started out doors, when his little 3-year-old child in some way collided with him and oil was spilled on her, which took fire. The mother hastened to save her child when the burning oil was spilled on her and caught fire, burning her arms, hands, neck and back severely.

Bullock Confirmed.

It has been learned that an attempt was made by the United States examining physician to have Captain Seth Bullock rejected from the service by making a false report on his physical examination. It is stated that a son of a Fort Meade officer was a close competitor for Bullock's position. The fraud was exposed, but after the false report had been sent to Washington the United States examiner, it is stated, was forced to make corrections by wire. Capt. Bullock's appointment has been confirmed.

For Cattle Stealing.

The grand jury in session at Sturgis returned indictments against Pete Christensen, James Benderson and Michael Powers for cattle stealing and against Michael Morris for perjury in that he failed to give a correct report to the assessor. Jerry Dunlop, who was charged with horse stealing pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year. He had been liberated from prison for a like offense for about four months.

Elopers Wed at Vermilion.

A runaway couple, William Tice and Blanche Mahoney of Centerville, were married at Vermilion one day recently. The sheriff of Turner County wired the authorities to arrest them, but they were married an hour before. The father of Tice, who is only 19 years old, objected and threatens trouble. Tice swore in the license he was 21 years old.

South Dakota Epworth League.

The Epworth League District Association at Watertown elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, H. M. Palmer, White; secretary, Miss Susie Springer; treasurer, Maggie Selbeck, Watertown; superintendent of juvenile work, Mrs. C. C. Maxwell, Arlington. The meeting was very interesting and there was a large attendance of delegates.

Ready with Warrants.

On account of defective vouchers coming in to State Auditor Mayhew went to Sioux Falls and will remain there until the troops leave so he will be on the ground and issue warrants direct for any expenses incurred in the camp.

Oil Inspection.

Joseph Meyer, the new state oil inspector, has reappointed M. T. De Woody of Aberdeen deputy. He will shortly visit the Hills and appoint a second deputy for that region. Oil is to be inspected hereafter, he says.

Leaving the Black Hills.

Troop B of the Eighth cavalry left Fort Meade May 14 for Washakie, Wyo. Troop E has received word to proceed to Tongue River Agency, Montana, where it is feared an Indian outbreak is imminent.

Sheep Shearing.

Sheep shearing is the order of the day in Rapid Valley. The clip will be large and will, it is thought, be a better grade than usual. Sheep have wintered very well in the Hills and the loss has been very light. There seems to be but little demand for wool this spring, and most of the sheepmen are clipping and storing temporarily for a better market.

Receiver at Pierre.

David S. Hooper has been nominated by President McKinley for receiver of public moneys at Pierre.

TROUBLE AT CAMP DEWEY.

Several Huron Militia Men Return to Their Homes.

The trouble at Camp Dewey, at Sioux Falls, in the ranks of Company G of Huron, resulting from the rejection of its commissioned officers by the examining surgeons, came to a climax May 11 by the departure of Capt. Cooper and Lieuts. Steere and Steele. The affair caused considerable discussion and feeling at Huron. Thomas H. Null and Judge Burt went to the camp and attempted to have the officers accepted in spite of the reports of the surgeons. Late in the day they gave out a statement charging Col. Frost with calling the boys cowards and with applying other abusive epithets to them. The members of the company who remain with the regiment, twenty in number, gave out a signed statement at the same time couched in the most respectful language, saying the charges against Col. Frost are untrue and showing that over one-half of those who left for home with their officers had been rejected by the surgeons. The company has new officers and will be recruited to the full limit.

Big Ranch Sold.

One of the largest real estate transactions in South Dakota this season was consummated recently, whereby the 1,600-acre ranch of Barnum & Draper, a portion of which is in the corporate limits of Running Water, passed into the hands of I. W. Seaman, the big banker and cattleman of Mitchell. The land all lies in a body and is said to be one of the finest pieces of ranch property in the state. It has magnificent buildings and a complete system of water works and the feed lots and barns are within 160 rods of the depot of the Milwaukee Railroad Company, which will, at the suggestion of Mr. Seaman, put in a switch track to facilitate the handling of stock. In the near future Mr. Seaman expects to erect an elevator and will also handle grain. The purchase price of the property, with all its improvements, was \$10 per acre.

Found a Human Foot.

A gruesome find was made at Oldham recently. Some changes were being made in a barn when the workmen were surprised to find a human foot and part of the leg which had been concealed between two boards of the floor. The matter was referred to the proper authorities. The foot would indicate that it was that of a large woman or a medium sized man. Whether this is in any way connected with one or two mysterious disappearances which have taken place in the vicinity within the past two or three years is a matter of conjecture.

Farmer Found Dead.

John Schillingstad, a farmer living about four miles west of Sioux Falls was found dead in the road May 8, by his son, Schillingstad, with a companion, had started home from town, with his team. It is stated that the reservation was instituted, resulting in the discovery of his body on the outskirts of the city. The body was taken in charge by the coroner, who examined the remains and announced that death had resulted from concussion of the brain, caused by falling from the wagon.

Rules for Roundups.

On account of trouble last year in roundup work along the borders of the reservation, Secretary Hays of the Missouri River Association has been working on the matter for this year with the result that he has received a telegram from Senator Kyle stating that the Indian department had granted authority to roundup weapons to go upon the reservation to gather up the cattle which had drifted across the lines. This will be of great benefit to the stockmen and save a great deal of trouble.

Cases Against Hipple and Anderson.

It circuit court at Pierre States Attorney Estes asked that the criminal cases against ex-Auditor Hipple and C. H. Anderson go over till the next term on stipulation because the state was not ready for trial, and such an order was made. For the same reason the civil suits to recover alleged illegal fees from Auditor Mayhew against J. E. Hipple and C. H. Anderson were not placed on the calendar for the present term.

Exhibit at Omaha Assured.

Gov. Lee has informed the Trans-Mississippi Exposition committee of the Hills that an exhibit from the state is now an assured thing. Out of seventy-eight counties sixty-three have or will make appropriations for the exhibit from the general funds of the county through resolutions of their commissioners. When the next legislative meets it