

# The Farmers Leader.

CANTON, S. D.

## GERMANY PROTESTS

### COMMANDER OF THE RALEIGH OFFENDS THE TEUTONS.

Hay informs Germany the matter is not within the jurisdiction of the State Department and that it requires Naval Discipline Only.

**Formal Protest Filed.**  
WASHINGTON: The German Government has entered a formal protest against the language used by Capt. Coghlan of the Raleigh, at the Union League Club banquet in New York. The protest was lodged with Secretary Hay through the German ambassador. Hay replied that the language appeared to have been used at a dinner in a club, and so could not be regarded as official or a public utterance in a sense that would warrant the State Department in acting. However, the Navy Department was fully competent to take such action as the case seemed to require. With this statement the ambassador must be content for a time at least, and will doubtless await a reassurance from the Navy Department. After the conference between Secretary Hay and the German ambassador it was stated in an authoritative quarter that there was no reason to view the Coghlan affair in too serious a light or as presenting grave international complications.

### GEORGIA LYNCHINGS.

"Lige" Strickland, Negro Preacher, Strung Up by the Mob.

PALMETTO GA.: The body of Lige Strickland, the negro preacher who was implicated in the Cranford murder by Sam Hose, was found swinging to the limbs of a persimmon tree within a mile and a quarter of this place April 24. Before death was allowed to end the sufferings of the negro his ears were cut off and the small finger of his left hand was severed at the second joint. On the chest of the negro was a scrap of blood stained note paper, attached with an ordinary pin. On one side of this paper was written: "New York Journal—We must protect our ladies, 23-99." The other side of the paper contained a warning to the negroes of the neighborhood.

Three times the noose was placed around his neck and the negro was drawn off the ground; three times he was let down with warnings that death was in store for him should he fail to confess his complicity in the Cranford murder. Three times Strickland proclaimed his innocence, until weary of useless torturing the mob pulled on the rope and tied the end around the slender trunk of the persimmon tree. Not a shot was fired by the mob.

### DEATH OF RICHARD J. OGLESBY

Illinois Ex-Governor and Ex-United States Senator Expires.  
ELKHART, Ill.: Ex-Gov. and former Senator Richard J. Oglesby died at his residence in Elkhart, April 24. The ultimate cause of his death was a fall, his head striking the sharp edge of a piece of furniture. The remote cause was vertigo, which caused the fall. The blow made a sharp dent in the right side of the temple, from which the blood freely flowed. Death resulted from concussion of the brain. The end came in about an hour from the time of the discovery of the body on the floor. He was unconscious from the time of his fall until he died, and gave no sign of recognition of the members of his family. A low groan as he was lifted to the couch was the only indication of life.

### Dead Fish a Nuisance.

WINONA, Minn.: Despite the fact that a crew of 12 men armed with skiffs and light barges have been kept at work the past week by the local board of health removing from Lake Winona the accumulations of dead fish, their efforts apparently have had no way diminished the number. The dead fish line the shore and fill the pockets by the car load and the men have been kept busy throwing them into large pits and covering them with quick lime in order to prevent danger to the public health.

### Another Arrest Made.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.: The biggest sensation thus far in the famous Jacobs-Kennedy-Taylor-Bredell counterfeiting case occurred the fore part of this week when former United States District Attorney Elmyr F. English was arrested. He is charged, it is said, with attempted bribery. English's law partner, ex-Assistant United States Attorney Harvey K. Newitt, was arrested last week on the same charge.

### One Boy Burned to Death.

SAN FRANCISCO: The Sherbourne school, a boarding institution for boys, located in the suburban town of San Rafael, was burned the other day. There were a number of fatalities, including Charles Armstrong, the 13-year-old son of an army officer now in Manila, rushed into the burning building and was lost.

### To Name a Senator.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.: The Examiner says Gov. Gage has given out that he has appointed Dan Burns to fill the vacancy in the United States Senate caused by the failure of the Legislature to elect, though the commission has not yet been issued, but intimating that if Quay is seated he will at once issue the commission.

### To Race the Champion.

SAN FRANCISCO: Racing men will be interested in knowing that either Anaconda or Searchlight will this year be pitted against Star Pointer, Joe Patchen, and John B. Gentry. Joe Keating, owner of the horses first named, says that he will make an entry in the free for all pace in New York in September.

### Move to Check Pingree.

DETROIT, Mich.: A committee of sixty citizens has filed a bill restraining Gov. Pingree and the Detroit Street Railway Commissioners from purchasing the city's street railways in behalf of the city, and asking that the law under which they are acting be declared invalid.

### Will Limit Sugar Production.

BERLIN: The Neuze Nachrichten says the raw sugar and sugar refineries syndicates have approved the terms of an agreement limiting the production of sugar for home consumption.

## DUEL WITH PITCHFORKS.

### Young White Man Kills a Negro in a Chicago Alley.

CHICAGO: Armed with pitchforks, Horace Scott, colored, and Edward Zikmond, a young white man, fought a duel to death in an alley at the rear of 1830 Indiana Avenue. Scott was stabbed in the breast and died a few minutes later. Zikmond surrendered to the police three hours later. There had been ill feeling between the men for some time, and when Zikmond attempted to drive through the alley and was unable to do so because a wagon in Scott's charge blocked the passage, the old quarrel was renewed. Zikmond threatened to kill Scott, and the latter ran at him with a pitchfork. Zikmond drove a short distance up the alley. Borrowing a small, three-pronged pitchfork he ran back to where Scott was working. Scott's weapon was a four-pronged affair and was much longer than that carried by Zikmond. When the two men met they lunged and struck at each other viciously with their forks. The fight lasted fully five minutes, when Zikmond struck Scott's pitchfork aside and then plunged the prongs of his own fork into the negro's breast. Scott staggered into a barn near by and fell to the floor. Zikmond followed and stood over the dying man, threatening him with the fork if he attempted to rise. He stood over Scott until the latter died, then ran from the stable. Later he gave himself up. The prongs of Zikmond's fork entered Scott's heart.

## TRAGEDY OF THE SEA.

### Boat with Nine Bodies in It Drifts Into a South American Port.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.: The steamer City of Paris, from Central American ports, brings details of an ocean tragedy. While the vessel was at Corinto, an open boat containing the remains of nine men, who perished months ago, drifted ashore there. The bodies were horribly emaciated and the manner in which their limbs were contorted showed they must have died in terrible agony. Not a drop of water and not a particle of food was in the boat. In December last Louis W. Malsen of El Triunfo, Pier County, three of the port officials and five boatmen went out to the mail company's steamer lying in the offing at El Triunfo. They boarded the mail boat and stayed until signs of an approaching storm warned them to return. The boat came up quickly and overtook the mail boat. It was never seen again until it floated into Corinto Harbor. Louis W. Malsen was a son of E. W. Malsen, deputy naval officer of this port. The names of the other victims are not given.

## CARLISTS ARRESTED.

### Barcelona Police Discover a Serious Plot—Arms Seized.

MADRID: A number of persons were arrested by the Barcelona police, charged with being implicated in a Carlist plot. The suspect most compromised is Senor Margenat, magistrate of Sardonola, who has confessed to the existence of a conspiracy and led the police to a cave where the arms were concealed. The Carlist general, Luis Gruaso, an intimate friend of Marquis de Cerdeira, one of the principal agents of the pretender, was also arrested. The police have the names of all connected with the affair, but it has been decided to arrest the ringleaders only. The Government regards the conspiracy as an attempt to force the hand of Don Carlos. The police seized a quantity of documents, which indicated the intention of the conspirators to raise bands without the authority of Don Carlos.

## Kills Supposed "Witches."

ANTLEYS, I. T.: Solomon E. Hotema, the full blood Choctaw Indian who was arrested on the charge of murdering a man and two women near Cold Springs, has written a confession of his guilt, in which he attributes his actions to the teachings of his peculiar creed. In his confession he states that he killed the three persons and did so because of their "evil practice of magic among Indian people." The prevalent sickness had been ascribed to these supposed "witches," and he took their lives.

## A Valuable Find.

TOLEDO, Ohio: A tramp arrested at Toledo has turned out to be a valuable find. Frederick Wagner is the name he gave, and on his person was found negotiable paper to the amount of \$4,000, besides a large amount of stamps. He was drunk when arrested. Inspector Holmes of the Postoffice Department, had Wagner brought to Toledo, and has discovered that he is the man wanted for a number of postoffice robberies throughout Ohio.

## Peculiar Kidnaping Case.

CLEVELAND, Ohio: The police here are at work on a peculiar kidnaping case. Clarence Riggs, the 8-year-old son of Mrs. H. C. Riggs of Oberlin, Ohio, was called from school by a woman who visited the school house. The woman and the boy disappeared and no trace of them could be found. Mrs. Riggs is the divorced wife of H. C. Riggs, who lives in New York, and who is reported to be wealthy.

## Damages for Her Husband.

CARTHAGE, Mo.: The jury in the case of Mrs. Gillfillen against Mr. Crillis for \$18,000 damages for the murder of her husband, ended by a verdict of \$2,000 damages in favor of Mrs. Gillfillen. Crillis claimed Gillfillen had wronged his family and that in discussing the matter he had killed Gillfillen in self-defense.

## Rumors of Plague in Paris.

PARIS: The Fronde gives a rumor that three cases of the plague have occurred among the employes in one of the big shops of the city to which the disease was brought in caskets of eastern manufacture. The paper demands that a severe investigation into the matter be made.

## Fatal Mine Explosion.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.: Four men and a boy lost their lives by an explosion of gas in Cook & White's coal mine at Madrid. The explosion was caused by two miners carrying open lamps into the mine. The mine was badly wrecked.

## No Word of Captured Sailors.

WASHINGTON: No word has come to the Navy Department relative to the fate of Lieut. Gilmore and the fourteen sailors of the Yorktown, who were ambushed and captured at Baler, on the Island of Luzon.

## Town Nearly Destroyed.

LEXINGTON, Ky.: Clay City, forty miles east of here, was nearly destroyed by fire. Eleven buildings, are in ruins. Twenty-one families are homeless. Loss, \$40,000.

## Knockout Blow Likely to Be Fatal.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.: "Kid" Lavelle, it is likely, will die at Homestead from the effects of a knockout blow by John Cavanaugh during a prize fight.

## SHOWS QUIET STRENGTH.

### General Business Situation in Smaller Factories, Says Bradstreet's.

NEW YORK: Bradstreet's says: The general business situation is one of quiet strength, while in industrial lines activity continues unabated. An enlarged demand for this country's manufactured products in some degree counterbalances the falling off in the value of agricultural exports, the net deficiency for the month of March as compared with last year being 7 per cent. The cotton goods situation is still a strong one, though current demand from agents is light. Following the outbreak of the activity in wool last week, business has rather fallen off, but values remain steady. Continued buying of high grades of foreign wool for export is reported and there is some talk of high grade American wools being bought for shipment to England. Following an advance early in the week, due to good foreign advance and smaller than expected crop movement, cotton is quieter, but holds part of the advance. The strength of raw sugars is a notable feature. Abroad quotations of beet sugar have been advanced, while the Cuban yield is not expected to be large and Bradstreet's advises point to not more than half an average crop being grown in Louisiana. Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 2,982,959 bushels, against 3,282,108 bushels last year. Corn exports for the week aggregate 3,091,940 bushels, against 3,363,482 bushels in this week a year ago.

## EXTRADITION TREATY.

### The Agreement with Mexico Soon to Be Proclaimed by Presidents.

WASHINGTON: The President will in a few days issue a proclamation giving effect to the new extradition treaty between the United States and Mexico, President Diaz taking similar action in Mexico. His Mexican embassy has been advised that the treaty was ratified by the Mexican Senate on April 12 last, and already has been ratified by the United States Senate, so that it becomes effective as soon as proclaimed by the presidents of the two countries. The text of the treaty has never been made known, but besides providing extradition for all crimes not political, its principal feature is in giving the treaty retroactive effect so as to cover crimes committed while no treaty existed.

## ONLY HALF A WHEAT CROP.

### Great Decrease Promised in States Between the Ohio and Missouri.

CHICAGO: The Trade Bulletin estimates, conceding all damage claims in states between the Ohio and Missouri Rivers to the winter wheat crop, promise 327,000,000 bushels, or 55,000,000 bushels less than last year. This statement is on the assumption of a condition in these states similar to that of California, Ohio and the South.

## WENT INTO THE DITCH.

### St. Paul Flyer on Burlington Road Jumps the Track in Illinois.

AURORA, Ill.: The St. Paul flyer on the Burlington road went into a ditch seven miles west of here, killing one and injuring others. It occurred while the train was going fifty miles an hour. The engine left the track and was followed by a coach which, when it turned over. The dining car and one coach were burned.

## Earthquakes in San Salvador.

WASHINGTON: The Department of State has been informed by the consul at San Salvador that the city of San Vicente has recently suffered from fearful earthquakes and that no telegraphic communication could be had with that city, which was reported in ruins. Enough, however, is known to show that help was necessary and a committee was formed to raise subscriptions for immediate relief. No lives were lost.

## Estate of Over a Billion.

VIENNA: The Neue Frie Presse asserts that the estate left by the late Baroness Maurice de Hirsch de Gerzenth, who died April 1, has been valued at \$25,000,000, of which \$20,000,000 will be expended in carrying on the various charities founded or fostered by the baroness and her husband. The Hirsch foundation in New York receives \$240,000 and the institution at Montreal one-tenth of that amount.

## Tragedy Follows Divorce Suit.

PUEBLO, Colo.: Frank Smith, driver of a soda water wagon, shot and killed his wife and himself as an outcome of a divorce suit recently brought by the woman.

## Ex-Gov. Frederick Smythe Dead.

MANCHESTER, N. H.: A cablegram from Hamilton, Bermuda, announces the death of ex-Gov. Frederick Smythe. He was 80 years of age.

## MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 74c to 76c; corn, No. 2, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2, 26c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 56c to 58c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 19c; eggs, fresh, 12c to 14c; potatoes, choice, 52c to 60c per bushel.  
Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$2.75 to \$4.00; sheep, common to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2 white, 36c to 37c; oats, No. 2 white, 31c to 32c.  
St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.15 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2, 73c to 81c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 34c to 36c; oats, No. 2, 28c to 30c; rye, No. 2, 55c to 57c.  
Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 74c to 75c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 36c to 38c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 30c to 31c; rye, No. 2, 61c to 63c.  
Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 75c to 77c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 36c to 38c; oats, No. 2 white, 32c to 33c; rye, 60c to 62c.  
Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 35c to 37c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 29c; rye, No. 2, 57c to 59c; clover seed, new, \$3.70 to \$3.80.  
Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 72c to 74c; corn, No. 3, 33c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 31c; rye, No. 1, 58c to 59c; barley, No. 2, 47c to 48c; pork, mess, \$9.00 to \$9.50.  
Buffalo—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$5.25; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$6.50.  
New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 84c to 85c; corn, No. 2, 43c to 44c; oats, No. 2 white, 35c to 37c; butter, creamery, 15c to 20c; eggs, Western, 14c to 15c.

## WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

### SOUTH DAKOTA EVENTS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

#### Lieut. Gov. Kean Addresses a Letter to the Chief Executive of the Nation Regarding the Withdrawal of Volunteers from Philippines.

Lieutenant Governor Kean of South Dakota, in a letter addressed to the President, expressing the opinion of the people of South Dakota, is demanding the immediate recall of the First South Dakota Regiment, the retreat of the heroic and successful forces of the United States from the islands so gloriously won, and exposing to the mercies of the bands of semi-savage murderers and plunderers the people and property of those islands whom the gallantry of our soldiers and sailors and the philanthropy of our people have rescued from 400 years of Spanish tyranny. I deem it to be my duty to express to you the real sentiments of the people of this State as evinced by hundreds of letters, by public and private expression, and by the utterances of a large majority of the newspapers. I realize the burden of heavy care which rests upon you, and I deprecate the effort of anyone, even the Governor of a loyal and patriotic State like this, to add to that burden by the assertion that our people, in these trying times are not giving to you and to the policy of the Administration most cordial support. From expressions of indignation which have come to me from every side, I feel fully justified in declaring that the letter of Gov. Lee is a gross misrepresentation of the sentiment and feeling of the people of South Dakota. I desire to recall to your remembrance the fact that in the late war with Spain our State doubled its quota in the field, and every town stood ready to furnish one or more companies at your call. As our people feel, then, they feel now. When our brave boys went forth from the State amid the tears and fears of the loved ones left behind it was to share the fortunes of war, to endure, if necessary, hardship and death in defense of the flag and the nation's cause. And while the people of South Dakota with anxious hearts look forward to the time when with blood-bought laurels our heroes shall return to us in content in the confidence that when their services are no longer demanded by their country's exigencies, the Government will with all speed consistent with the dignity and honor of the flag, return them again to their homes. The people of this State will never endorse a policy which would pull down "Old Glory" at Manila and substitute the red flag of anarchy, and our brave boys in the ranks, as well as our people, will be slow to forget the charge. We believe that under your leadership the problems in the Orient will be settled in consonance with the spirit and genius of American aims and purposes, directed by the desire to secure to our people liberty and civilization, and that our troops in the field will interpret the meaning of the flag under southern skies not as the banner of oppression, but the symbol of freedom and the emblem of order, justice, contentment and thrift. Again assuring you of the loyal and patriotic support of the people of South Dakota, and of our troops in the field, I have the honor to remain, your obedient servant.

#### Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota.

**Horse Thief or Honest Man.**  
A suit for damages will result from the arrest at Valley Springs of Henry Stone, who has since been taken to Monroe, Neb., to answer to the charge of stealing a horse from a farmer living near that place. Friends of Stone have investigated the matter and say they have discovered that he purchased the animal and was to pay for it in installments. The sum of \$3.50 was paid as the first installment, and there were no papers drawn up in regard to the sale and Stone failed to take a receipt for the payment made on the horse, but the man from whom the animal was obtained has admitted that the payment was made as claimed by Stone.

#### Hospital for Sioux Falls.

Sioux Falls is soon to have a State hospital, to be known as the South Dakota Presbyterian Hospital. A training school for nurses will be operated in connection with the institution. The hospital will be owned and managed by a joint stock company, and a corporation has already been formed with a capital stock of \$25,000 and which will have thirteen directors, among whom are Atty. Gen. Pyle of Huron, Mayor Fallerton of Mitchell, Bohri of Clark, R. B. Mills of Lake Preston, and C. E. McKinney of Sioux Falls.

#### Parents' Inhuman Conduct.

The 18-year-old daughter of a Brookings County farmer named Larson persisted in leaving home and taking up her residence with her grandmother and a uncle, on which account her father and mother pounded her over the head with a revolver until she was nearly dead, and after fastening her securely to a tree with ropes, left her. She was afterward found more dead than alive. Larson and his wife were arrested and sentenced to the Brookings County jail for twenty days.

#### Silver Found Near Redfield.

A farmer living west of Redfield has some specimens of silver ore which he claims to have discovered along the banks of Turtle Creek. The ore has been tested and assays over 100 per ton. He says there is a considerable body of the ore in sight, but refuses to divulge the exact location of his find.

#### Joint Teachers' Institute.

The Black Hills counties have decided to hold a joint teachers' institute at Hot Springs from July 24 to August 1, inclusive, just prior to the meeting of the State Educational Association at that place. The corps of instructors will be made up of prominent educators who are specialists in their line.

#### Spearfish Normal Dormitory.

A contract for building of lead was awarded the contract for furnishing the plans and and superintending the erection of the new dormitory for the Spearfish Normal School which will be built this summer.

#### Dakota's Oldest White Settler Dead.

Erick Olson of Lake County died last week 67 years. He is said to have been the first white settler in Dakota Territory, locating near Vermillion in 1858.

#### Stricken with Paralysis.

A. G. Young, one of Brookings' most prominent citizens, was stricken with partial paralysis while loading freight. His physician has hopes of his recovery.

#### Big Prairie Fire.

A prairie fire started near Wessington Springs April 17 and swept across the county, burning everything before it. The fire was blowing sixty miles per hour. Several farmers were burned out. Thousands of acres of pasture and range and large amounts of hay were burned.

#### Epworth Leaguers.

The annual assembly of South Dakota Epworth Leagues will be held at Huron from Aug. 8 to 15, inclusive. A beautiful grove within a quarter of a mile of the city has been secured for the camping ground.

## LEE TALKS OF RETIRE.

### Governor Disclaims Any Intention of Being Disrespectful.

Gov. Andrew E. Lee was interviewed at Sioux Falls on his recent letter to President McKinley requesting the return of the South Dakota troops from the Philippines. After disclaiming any intention of being disrespectful to the administration Gov. Lee says:

I regard the war in the Philippines as unjust and opposed to the principles of our Government. The chief reason given for our policy in the Philippines is that the Filipinos are incapable of self-government. Who is to pass upon the ability of a people to govern themselves? The Chinese regard us as savages, and we class China as semi-barbarian. Neither people thinks the other capable of self-government. It all reverts, then, back to the old doctrine that might is right, and that no people are capable of self-government who cannot repel an invader. Similar claims were made that Cuba and Porto Rico were not capable of self-government, but public opinion has undergone a great change regarding that, and the administration will find its course is not concurred in by a large percentage of the American people.

I am in receipt of many letters from the parents and friends of the soldiers, who invariably claim the South Dakota troops have performed the service for which they enlisted and that they should not be kept to do garrison duty. Many of them left good positions to serve their country, and would cheerfully continue in the service if the nation's best interests were not at stake. But, as stated in my letter to the President, many of them feel that they are fighting against the fundamental principles of our Government. Whether the policy of the Government is correct in advocating expansion is a matter for the people to pass upon, but so far as I have been able to ascertain, a large majority of them, regardless of their political affiliations, are against that American doctrine and feel that no good results can come from it.

My main reason for asking the speedy return of our troops is that the unhealthy season is not at hand, and I do not desire to see any of them unnecessarily sacrificed.

## MISSOURI ON THE RAMPAGE

### Several Miles of Railroad Track Washed Out.

The Missouri River is on the rampage again. Several miles of railroad track have been washed out between Vermillion and Yankton. In the meantime traffic is being sent around by way of Canton. Farmers with goods were compelled to use boats in numerous places in the vicinity of Vermillion.

A telephone report from Meekling April 20 was to the effect that the bottoms surrounding the town were nearly all inundated and the water was within fifty feet of the center of the town. The water at that time was rising an inch an hour and was creeping toward the town from the east and west. It was expected that the two bodies would meet by morning and the entire town would be submerged. The inundations in the vicinity of the mouth of the James River near Gayville are greater than during the rise in that stream in the spring of 1897. Scores of farmers within this area, some of them with tracts amounting to many hundreds of acres under cultivation, the seeding of which has just been completed, will be totally deprived of a crop this year, and it is not improbable that the settling of the silt from the water upon the land may deteriorate it for several seasons to come. Among the heavy losers are Lee & Prentiss of Vermillion, of which firm the Governor of the State is the senior member. The situation in the vicinity of Elk Point was almost as serious as the one at Meekling, and it is not improbable that the settling of the silt from the water upon the land may deteriorate it for several seasons to come. Among the heavy losers are Lee & Prentiss of Vermillion, of which firm the Governor of the State is the senior member. The situation in the vicinity of Elk Point was almost as serious as the one at Meekling, and it is not improbable that the settling of the silt from the water upon the land may deteriorate it for several seasons to come.

## BAD ELK FOUND GUILTY.

### Belief at Sioux Falls that He Will Be Sentenced to Hang.

John Bad Elk was found guilty at Sioux Falls of the murder of John Kills Back, an Indian policeman stationed at Porcupine sub-agency. The jury, after being out one hour and twenty-five minutes, returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty as charged in the indictment. The penalty is left discretionary with Judge Carland. It is understood, however, that the jury favored the death penalty. It is believed that the Court will sentence Elk to be hanged, as the crime was committed in a cold blooded manner.

### Death of Robert Lowry.

Hon. Robert Lowry died at his home in Huron April 16. Robert Lowry was 83 years old, and was born in Blair County, Pennsylvania. He represented Huntington County in the Whig convention that nominated Harrison and Tyler in 1840. In 1854 he wrote letters to numerous political friends calling a meeting in Philadelphia to consider the formation of what afterwards became the Republican party, and he had the distinction of being known throughout the country as one of its founders. President Grant appointed Mr. Lowry United States Centennial Commissioner from Iowa in 1871, and he served as vice president of the commission for six years. He went to Davenport, Iowa, in 1883, and was mayor of that city in 1884; was twice elected to the State Senate of Iowa, and in 1882 was appointed by President Arthur receiver of the Government Land Office at Huron, serving four years. He represented Badle County in the last Territorial Legislature, and was prominent in securing the division of the Territory and the admission into the Union of what are now North and South Dakota.

### Prairie Fire in Buffalo County.

A prairie fire started by the Indians on the Crow Creek Reservation swept across the northern part of Buffalo County and burned the house and barns and several head of stock belonging to C. A. Osman. Several hundred acres of good grazing land were burned.

### Quail for the Hills.

The Deadwood and Lead gun clubs have purchased seventy-five dozen quail which will be planted along the creeks in that section. They are now protected by law and it is hoped that by the time the law expires there will be enough to keep up the supply.

### Marriage at Pierre.

Byrd Jones of the Pierre National Bank and Miss Laura Madsen, daughter of T. Madsen, a prominent stockman, were married at the home of the bride's parents in Pierre.

### Elk Point Postoffice Receipts.

The cash receipts of the Elk Point post-office increased 29 per cent, during the past thirty days as compared with a corresponding period of last year. If this increase is maintained during the year the postmaster will be entitled to an increase of salary.

### Will Be Mustered Out in the State.

Senator Kyle has been advised by the Adjutant General at Washington that the South Dakota troops will not be mustered out in the Philippines, but it will take place at some point within the State.

## FIND QUAY NOT GUILTY.

### Trial of the Pennsylvanian Results in Acquittal.

The jury in the case of former United States Senator Quay, on trial for conspiring to use for his own unlawful gain and profit the funds of the State of Pennsylvania deposited in the People's Bank of Philadelphia, returned a verdict of "not guilty." Following quickly upon the verdict of the jury came the news that Gov. Stone had appointed Mr. Quay to be United States Senator to fill the vacancy caused by failure of the Legislature to name a successor to Mr. Quay.

The Legislature failed to elect a Senator before it adjourned on account of a deadlock. This left Pennsylvania with an appointment but one Senator unless an extra session of the Legislature was called and elected a Senator.



MATTHEW S. QUAY.

The appointment is supposed to be a second verdict in Senator Quay's favor in his trial.

When the verdict was announced there was an attempt at a demonstration, but this was sternly repressed by the court officers, whose loud shouts of "Order," "Order," "Silence" were effective in silencing those jubilant spirits who wished to give vent to their satisfaction by cheering. The officers were unable, however, to keep back those who struggled to get to Mr. Quay and congratulate him. Chairs were upset, tables were brushed aside and hats were smashed by the on-rushing crowd. Mr. Quay, with a broad smile on his face, responded pleasantly to the greetings and congratulations of those who crowded around. A number of his political friends were there, and these men were loud and sincere in their expressions.

The jury took but three ballots in