

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

SOUTH DAKOTA EVENTS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Inmate of the Yankton Insane Asylum Sets Fire to Her Clothing and is Burned to Death in Presence of Others—Other Items.

Bessie Wolof, from Highland, Lincoln County, a patient at the hospital for the insane in Yankton, on Nov. 17 set fire to her clothes in one of the dormitories, and then ran into the large corridor, whirling herself so as to fan the flames into a terrific blaze.

The coroner made careful examination of the facts and decided that a jury was not necessary, no one being responsible for the accident unless it was the state in not providing sufficient accommodations for the inmates of the institution.

That McClelland Estate. Paul T. Wilkes, who was selected by County Judge Wilkes to proceed to Ireland and discover if possible whether or not there were any living heirs of John McClelland, the eccentric and wealthy pioneer of Sioux Falls, who was killed in an elevator in that city a few months ago, has returned and announces that he succeeded in finding two nieces of the deceased—Miss Mary McClelland and Mrs. Margaret Hammill, both residents of Ireland.

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To Withdraw His Resignation. Religions circles throughout the state will unquestionably be pleased to learn that Dr. D. B. Scott, pastor of the Congregational church in Sioux Falls, a clergyman who has been prominent for years in religious circles in South Dakota, will in all probability withdraw his resignation, which he filed a few weeks ago and remain in the state.

Indians Form a Student Club. The young Indians of the Cheyenne Agency have formed an organization for mutual improvement, which is to be known as "The Returned Students' Society," and is to be composed of the young people who have been away from the reservation in attendance at different educational institutions.

Immigrants for South Dakota. South Dakota, according to the annual report of the commissioner general of immigration, during the past year received 2,079 immigrants, two being professional men, 114 skilled mechanics, 1,042 with miscellaneous occupations and 921 with none.

Mrs. Eddy's Money. Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the noted Christian Science leader of Boston, is building for her son, George Glover of Lead, a \$13,000 residence, which, when completed, will be one of the most palatial dwellings in the Black Hills. It is nearly completed.

Dewey Watch Fund. The children of the Aberdeen schools are contributing a penny each toward the Dewey watch fund. Several other cities in the northwest have a like project under way, and it is the intention to raise several hundred dollars in this manner.

Burglary at Columbia. Burglars attempted to blow open the large safe of C. E. Correy's at Columbia last week. They wrecked the safe, but did not get into the steel money chest. There is no clue to the robbers, who appeared to be experts.

Charged with Assault. John Lippard, a settler on the Yankton Indian Reservation, has been bound over in the sum of \$2,000 to answer to the charge of criminal assault on the wife of a neighbor.

Lost His Left Hand. By the accidental discharge of a shotgun while out duck hunting in a boat, Robert Wheeler, a young man living at North Webster, lost his left hand.

Thanksgiving Day. Gov. Lee has issued a proclamation calling upon the citizens of the state to observe Thanksgiving, Nov. 30, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer and asks that the usual business pursuits of our people be suspended in order that the proper observance of the holiday may be made.

Dies in Redfield Jail. Edward Hao, confined in the county jail at Redfield awaiting sentence for an offense against the state, died from apoplexy. He was 42 years old, unmarried and formerly worked on a farm.

MET A TERRIBLE DEATH.

Dennis Courtney, a Black Hills Horseman, Killed.

Dennis Courtney, a well known horseman living a short distance below Sturgis, was killed in a runaway last week. Mr. Courtney went to town early in the day and had been drinking heavily. Towards evening his wife went to town after him and at a late hour they started for home. When a short distance out a quarrel arose between them over his drinking and Mrs. Courtney got out of the buggy and went on home alone. About an hour afterward a farmer coming into town found him lying by the roadside dead, having been thrown out against a wire fence. He had struck the fence in such a way as to cut his throat from ear to ear, while he had been dragged so as to pull his face completely from his head, presenting, with his other bruises, the most ghastly spectacle imaginable.

EXPENSIVE WATER SYSTEM.

Mining Company Begins Work on a Million Dollar Plant.

The Homestake Mining Company at Lead has commenced work on a water system which is to cost about \$1,000,000 before it is completed. For several years past the company has been short on water for the stamp mills in Lead and during the dry season of the year some of the stamps have to be hung up. The company now proposes to tap the upper waters of Spearfish creek, the largest stream of water in Lawrence County at a point about twelve miles from Lead. The company has several water rights on the creek, which will prevent lawsuits being made by the farmers in the valley and the citizens of Spearfish. The water will be taken from bedrock for the most part, which will not interfere with the flow of water in the creek. It will require a year to complete the plant. The water will be the purest in the northern hills, and it will be given to Lead, Deadwood, Terraville, Central City and Terry.

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Sues Saloon Men.

Actions have been commenced in the circuit court of Clark County for damages in the sum of \$5,000 against T. L. Barner, and for \$8,000 against Kjos & Bjornethen. The defendants are saloon men at Clark. The plaintiff is Mrs. Norden of Clark, who alleges that because the defendants sold her husband liquor she has been damaged to the amount sued for.

Will Cost \$3,000,000.

The American Mining Company of Newcastle, Wyo., has begun a tunnel at the base of Ragged Top Mountain which will be a mile long and connect with a 1,000 foot shaft from the top. It will be the longest tunnel in the Black Hills and will cost \$3,000,000 before a pound of ore is mined.

Actress Dies in Alabama.

A telegram received in Pierre Nov. 18 announced the death at Birmingham, Ala., of Cora Ernst, the actress, who played in northwestern cities last year with Woodworth stock company, and who had been in southern cities this year. Her remains will be brought to Pierre for interment.

Japanese Mining Expert.

A Japanese mining expert, named T. Tsuno, has been in the Black Hills a number of days, having been sent there by his government for the purpose of learning something about the treatment of low grade ores. He was educated in England, and was well up in mining matters.

Brewery Sold.

The brewery at Central City has been sold to a Milwaukee company and it is stated that a \$20,000 plant will be erected immediately. A test that was made on the water used at the Central City plant showed it to be equal to that used in Milwaukee.

Grant's Latest Ore Sale.

Otto P. Th. Grant, the Black Hills millionaire mine owner, has returned to Deadwood from Denver, where he had treated two carloads of ore from his rich Hidden Fortune mine. Street reports say Grant got \$67,000 for his ore.

Vermont Cattle.

W. L. Shunk of Aberdeen has received a carload of calves from Vermont, which will be held and fed on refuse from the despoita factory.

Court House Killed; Jail Carried.

The court house bonds in Brown County were voted down by a majority of 49 votes, while the jail bonds carried by 314.

Picked Up Here and There.

Fulton is to have a new 20,000-bushel elevator.

Desmet now has a saloon, the first of the regulation kind since 1883.

Mitchell's opera house has a new manager in the person of W. W. Mann of Milwaukee.

Men to work in the corn fields are in great demand in the vicinity of Elk Point. The yield is first-class.

Lead citizens are jubilant over the prospect of having better railroad facilities for the city's rapidly increasing traffic.



The State School of Mines at Rapid City has an enrollment of fifty pupils, and two more are expected by the first of the new year.

The law firm in this city composed of Congressman C. H. Burke and I. W. Gooder has been dissolved, Mr. Gooder taking the practice of the firm.

The tax sale in Buffalo County this year was the smallest in the history of the county, only thirty-two tracts being offered for sale, and of these all but two were purchased by residents of the county. The entire sale amounted to less than \$150.

At the sitting of the supreme court last week H. W. Hobart of Dell Rapids was admitted to practice on a territorial certificate; George E. Todd of Salem, on certificate from the supreme court of Minnesota, and Geo. J. Marvis on territorial certificate.

Gov. Lee has advised the Aberdeen committee of location that he has selected a site for the normal school a tract of land known as Melgaard's hill. The site selected is a good one, being close to the residence part of town, and gives general satisfaction.

Articles of incorporation have been filed as follows:

New York and Deadwood Mining Company, Deadwood, capital \$2,500,000. American Illuminated Sign Company, Pierre, capital \$1,000,000. Queen City Milling Company, Sioux Falls, capital \$10,000. Oneida Telephone Company, capital \$500.

The Montrose Mercantile Company has filed a copy of its articles and appointed L. H. Lamar of Montrose, as its resident agent.

The state land department has prepared its regular estimate of the amount of permanent school fund on hand for its distribution among the counties. This fund has been piling up, as there has been but a light demand for funds during the summer, but the demand is increasing at present. The total fund estimated to be on hand the 1st of January is \$158,000, which will be 48 cents per capita, on which basis the fund is distributed to the counties for investment. The loans on this fund which have been sent out so far this month amount to \$4,400, of which \$4,000 went to McPherson County and \$400 to Deuel County.

Where the precinct officers who brought in returns this year, failed to bring in a private list of the number of votes cast for the different candidates, there is no way to know what the votes of these precincts were until the official count is had, as the provisions of the law of last winter are such that all returns must come to the county auditor sealed, and not be opened except by the canvassing board. On this account it will not be possible to secure accurate returns until the canvassing boards take action. The official count by the state board will not be until the 7th of December, and while the county returns can be taken as accurate they may be slightly changed by the count of the state board.

The beneficial effects of one of the laws passed by the last legislature are beginning to be felt in a number of localities about the state. The law referred to is that providing for the collection of taxes on transient herds of cattle. Heretofore it has been the practice of many cattle owners to evade the payment of taxes by shipping their animals in the fall after grazing them during the summer months on the fine prairie grasses. Under the new law the treasurer of Hand County has collected from one cattle firm the sum of \$812, the amount of taxes on 1,830 head of cattle which are being temporarily herded in that county. Treasurer Swanson of Hyde County reports that his county has thus far received over \$500 from the same source. The new law will place in the treasuries of the various counties an aggregate of several thousand dollars per year which they have not heretofore received.

Land Commissioner Herman of Washington, D. C., has given out a supplemental report for the last fiscal year, showing the business done at each land office in the country during that time. The transactions in the South Dakota land districts were as follows:

Aberdeen—Entries, 1,011; acreage covered, 72,695; receipts, \$10,397; expenses, \$6,885. Chamberlain—Entries, 401; acreage, 43,798; receipts, 6,903; expenses, \$5,633; receipts from sale of Sioux lands, \$6,304. Huron—Entries, 684; acreage, 36,079; receipts, \$6,521; expenses, \$6,008; sales of Sioux lands, \$325. Mitchell—Entries, 869; acreage, 35,389; receipts, \$35,157; expenses, \$6,872. Pierre—Entries, 460; acreage, 45,165; receipts, \$2,368; expenses, \$2,710; sales of Sioux lands, \$400. Rapid City—Entries, 1,040; acreage, 44,344; receipts, \$29,594; expenses, \$6,447; sales of Sioux lands, \$659. Watertown—Entries, 1,297; acreage, 61,222; receipts, \$63,954; expenses, \$7,210; sales of Sioux lands, \$773.

Artist Forgot That. "This is a snap shot of an express train going at the rate of sixty-five miles an hour."

"It's remarkably lifelike. But why does the smoke rise straight up from the engine, instead of extending back over the train in a long line?" "Well—er—the picture was taken so quick it hadn't time to do that, you know."—Chicago Tribune.

All the Same. The pleasure yacht touched at Sanion.

"Oh, dear!" exclaimed the American heiress, "who are those strange-looking men in the bumboat?" "They," elucidated Lord Fozzie, "are unmarried natives."

"But why are they so fierce looking?" "Because they are savage bachelors, I suppose."

Then every one saw the joke except Lord Fozzie.



A young man who despises Thanksgiving after it is over is he who meets the turkey and is subdued by the bird. In plain English, about the most miserable swain in town Thanksgiving night is he who has been asked to carve a turkey and the turkey has objected. When a turkey objects to being carved there is no telling what the bird will do. Engagements have been broken as the result of the bird's antics in the hands of the inexperienced carver. Mothers-in-law-to-be have protested against receiving young men into their families who couldn't take a bird to pieces without, where the fork also can be placed after the work is done. Each person should be given both dark and light meat. The last thing before the portions are served a cross should be cut where the stuffing was put into the fowl. It is common to cut only one way, but by making the cross cut the stuffing can be served neatly. A good carver will not allow any bits to fall around the platter, and, in fact, there shouldn't be any crumbs. Every piece of fowl should be clean cut. No plan has yet been invented which will insure a turkey's staying on the platter during the carving process. Practice is the only thing able to achieve that result. But if a young man only carves turkey once a year, on Thanksgiving Day, he isn't likely to grow perfect in the art until his head is shiny and pink, and what is left of his hair is angelic in its whiteness.



HOW THE LEG SHOULD BE PULLED OFF.

After frosting the damask cover of the table with turkey pickings, and the young men themselves have regarded their dress shirts and frock coats mottled with flying turkey sorrowfully and sworn never to give thanks again. Every gentleman ought to know how to take a Thanksgiving bird to pieces. Such knowledge should be a part of every gentleman's education.

The best carver on earth can't carve neatly unless the bird is properly arranged and well cooked. It takes a good cook to properly fix a turkey for table carving. It shouldn't be fixed with its legs sprawling, and one arm shoots out in one direction while the other goes in a contrary direction. Nobody can make nice work with a turkey like that. Its legs must be laid flat to its sides and then tied closely together. Next, the cooking is important. The fowl must be cooked so that the legs will tear off easily. That is a feat of the carver's tenderness. To begin with, no man wants to stand to carve a fowl or anything else. His seat should be a trifle higher than the others, and if he is short, why a careful hostess will consider that point. The fowl should lay with its head toward the carver. The carver does not flourish the slender carving knife as if it were a weapon of war.

The first move he makes should be on the legs. These should be lifted one at a time, and with the knife two cuts made to form a circle about the second joint of the leg. Cut only through the skin and then the leg should tear off easily, leaving the meat light and flaky at the end. After the legs are taken off the fork is plunged into the breast as near the center of the breast bone as is possible and need not be removed if the correct place is found until the turkey is practically cut up. The white meat on the breast should be the second portion attacked in the carving act. The meat should be cut in the thinnest, flakiest of slices so that while they will not break to pieces still be tempting in their daintiness. Turkeys should not be served with wings on them. Remove the wings before the turkeys are cooked.

If the turkey has a disposition to skave around on the platter or fly into the lap of the lady beside you don't get excited. A man has to get over being nervous. If he's calm and understands how to handle the turkey no well bred bird will make any disturbance.

After the breast is cleaned it is the carver's duty to carve the legs. He must not help any one to a whole drumstick. He must slice close to the bone of the leg up to the first joint and turn the angle and strip the bone of the second joint in the same way. This supplies plenty of dark meat.

That's all most men need to do. The small parts aren't generally needed in a family serving. If a man wants to show



HOW TO CARVE THE TURKEY.

I.—Pull Off the Leg. II.—Slice the Breast. III.—Cross Cut for Stuffing.

that he really understands the art of carving he will turn the fowl over and get the two choicest, finest bits of meat on the entire turkey. Right on top of the back, one on each side of the spine, are two depressions not bigger than a silver dollar either of them. But in those two hollows is the finest grained, most delicately flavored meat the bird carries. In serving the party the same fork is used that was used in carving, while the knife can lay with the blade on the plat-

SONG OF THE TURKEY.

I look my last on fields all bare, My fond wife shares my sorrow, For I'm to be Thanksgiving fare, To-morrow, oh, to-morrow.

The cheerful sunlight mocks me so, It seems but gloomy weather; Turkeys may come, and turkeys go, But I'll be gone forever.

Last year 'twas one grandma had hatched, So thin a bird, the cook In looking at him, said he matched The master's pocketbook.

But this year they must have a bird Of weight; for hopes are greener, And Uncle Sam, so I have heard, Has eaten Philopena.

I gobble, gobble, as I go, To mount the grooming table, Because for this year, well I know, Thanksgiving day's no fable.

THANKSGIVING WITH SOLDIERS.

Veteran of the Civil War Tells of Some Experiences.

"There is no day," said Gen. J. E. Atkinson recently, "that brings up the old memories as does Thanksgiving. It is the contrast, I suppose. Thanksgiving depends for its enjoyment upon home surroundings, and its very mention suggests feasting. Now, if there was anything more sadly lacking in the camps of both the Union and Confederate armies than these two items, I can't guess what it was. It might easily have become a very dreary and homesick day, and to guard against that the boys used to get up all kinds of schemes to make the days at home. Those who were fortunate enough to get boxes from home usually shared the good things with their friends, but when we had just been in action or were on the march it sometimes happened that no boxes could reach us, and we were thrown wholly upon our own resources. Some of the forms of diversion that were originated then seem very laughable as we look back upon them from this distance.

"I remember that on one Thanksgiving day, when we had been on the move for several days, the men organized a Thanksgiving celebration beginning with a fantastic celebration and ending with some impromptu tableaux, and the singing of army songs. Discipline was usually relaxed a little on holidays, and the officers gave permission for the affair. Considering the unshaven and tattered condition of the men and the accumulation of Virginia mud which adorned them, it was not difficult to get up a suf-

"THIS 'UN LEFT OVER FOR CHRISTMAS."



dents have issued an annual proclamation.

Highest Ideal of Culinary Art.

There is no pastry on earth comparable with a pumpkin pie. Not only for the deliciousness of the article itself, but it recalls the pleasant days and memories of boyhood. It is a song of youth and a poem of old age. It awakens memories of past pleasures and cheers the present with delight. No man, unless he be a heathen, ever eats a genuine pumpkin pie without thinking of his mother, home, Thanksgiving and schoolboy days. Then, all hail to the delicious pumpkin pie, the highest ideal of culinary art. Thou art entitled to sit on the top-belf of the world's great pantry. Thou art a jewel more golden than the nuggets of Klondike.—Exchange.

Hints on Carving.

A sirloin of beef should be placed on the platter with the undercut underneath. Thin cut slices should be taken from the side next the carver, and then turn over the roast, and carve from underneath. A portion of both should be helped.

To carve a loin of veal or mutton, begin at the small end and cut the ribs apart. A fillet of veal should be cut first from the top, and in a breast of veal the breast and brisket should first be cut apart and then in pieces.

Thanksgiving Day Abroad.

Exiled Americans cling to the celebration of Thanksgiving day, and every November sees Thanksgiving dinners in London, Paris, Berlin, Rome—or wherever some of the scattered children of Uncle Sam may chance to sojourn. Indeed, Mr. William Astor Chamberlain, the well-known explorer, tells of a Thanksgiving dinner which he enjoyed in the very heart of darkest Africa.

Taught by Experience.

Tuffold Knutt—Wot are ye goin' to do to celebrate the day? Wash ye face? Moseley Wraggs—Now, I don't last Thanksgiving an' was bit by four dogs during the day. They didn't recognize me.—Chicago Tribune.

Let All Give Thanks.

Sing sweet thy sweet Thanksgiving, O soul! Till the world shall catch the chorus and the anthem heavenward swell! For His love and for His mercy for His cross and chastening rod, For His tender benedictions, let the whole world thank its God!—Atlanta Constitution.

A Nice Prospect.



Gobbler—Oh, you feel very tickled over Thanksgiving coming, don't you? Boy—Yes, and when it gets here you'll feel very much cut up over it.

A Programme.

Thanksgiving comes in glad array, The poet's joyous text, With turkey and mince pie one day And biliousness the next.—Washington Star.

The eccentric cannibal had rather take in a missionary than a three-ringed circus.