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# MINERS WILL MEET

## MITCHELL ISSUES A CALL FOR JOINT CONVENTION.

**It Is the General Feeling that the Ten Per Cent. Offer Will Be Accepted as It Stands—Expressions of Satisfaction Heard.**

PHILADELPHIA: President Mitchell has issued his call for the much talked of miners' convention to consider the operators' offer of a 10 per cent. increase in wages. The convention will be held at Scranton and will open Oct. 12. Representation in the convention will be on the basis of one delegate with one vote for each 100 persons on strike.

It is the general expectation that the decision of the convention will be to accept the increase and return to work.

Quietness prevails throughout the anthracite regions, the call for the convention being generally accepted as a signal for cessation of hostilities all around. There were many expressions of satisfaction by miners and operators and by merchants and others over the prospects of an early settlement of the troubles.

## SIGNS POINT TO A MURDER

**Conditions Surrounding Death of Chicago Woman Being Probed.**

CHICAGO: With insurance upon her life amounting to $12,000, Marie Defenbach, aged 23, died Aug. 25 in a boarding house, under conditions which the police believe indicate a plot to swindle an insurance company and two insurance societies, if they don't point to murder. Upon bench warrants two persons said to be implicated in the case, Dr. August M. Unger and Detective Frank H. Smiley, have been arrested. The third person who is alleged to be connected with the fraud, for whom a warrant has been issued, has not yet been arrested. It is said he is out of the city.

F. Wayland Brown, assistant manager of Mooney & Boland's detective agency, was arrested on his return from Virginia, charged with complicity in the alleged murder and conspiracy.

## KILLED BY SAVAGES.

**Minneapolis Newspaper Man Thinks This Was Andree's Fate.**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.: Harry S. Knappen, a newspaper man, returned Tuesday from a perilous trip to the Hudson Bay country, in which, with nine white men and eight Indians, he sailed 600 miles up the east shore of that great inland sea. Mr. Knappen was assured by Eskimos whom he met that a "sky boat" had come into that region on the extreme northeast shore of the bay two years before, that it came to the ground and that the savages who inhabit that country had killed the white men in it. This, he explains, was Andree's ill-fated polar expedition.

## OVER 15,000 ARE SLAIN.

**Estimates of Native Christians and Missionaries Killed.**

NEW YORK: More than 15,000 native Christians and 150 Catholic and Protestant missionaries died the death of martyrs during the four or five months of the Boxers' uprising in the northern part of China. These figures are only approximate, as it will be impossible to obtain a complete record of the Christians massacred until the missionaries return to the districts from which they were driven and make detailed reports to their respective boards. At present it seems doubtful if the missionaries can safely return to the more disturbed provinces for a year, or perhaps longer.

## SHOT HIMSELF IN COURT.

**Prominent Vermont G. A. R. Man Attempts Suicide.**

BENNINGTON, Vt.: A highly dramatic incident occurred in the municipal court room when Dennis M. Blackmer, who was being arraigned on the charge of felonious assault on a 10-year-old girl, rose in his seat and shot himself in the forehead, inflicting a fatal wound. Mr. Blackmer is a well known resident of Bennington, 69 years of age and married. He was a member of the First Vermont cavalry during the civil war, and was adjutant general of the G. A. R. of Vermont, under Department Commander Puffer.

**Gets Salary of 1 Cent a Year.**

WASHINGTON: A treasury warrant for 1 cent was certified to Auditor Castle of the postoffice department in lieu of the yearly stipend of Frank H. Lynch for carrying the mails from Mineral Point to Dodgeville, Iowa, daily. He was afraid some one would underbid him, and as he wanted to carry the mails on account of the advertisement it would give his stage route he offered to do the work for 1 cent a year.

**Freight Traffic of Lake Superior.**

DULUTH, Minn.: The traffic of Lake Superior to Oct. 1, has been computed and shows a movement of freight for the months of almost 20,000,000 tons. This is more than any complete year prior to 1899. The September movement of freight was 3,411,450 tons and for the season to date 19,878,357 tons.

**Trolley Car Injures Seventeen.**

PITTSBURG, Pa.: Seventeen picnickers returning home in a wagon were more or less seriously injured by a collision with a trolley car. A small child will probably die. The others will recover. The accident was due to the slippery rails.

**Supreme Court Convenes.**

WASHINGTON: The United States supreme court convened at noon Monday. No motions except for admission to practice were entertained.

**Million Dollar Pittsburg Combine**

PITTSBURG, Pa.: The Pittsburg Valve, Foundry and Construction Company, a combination of a majority of the blast furnace and steel mill, steam fitters and pipe benders of this city, has been formed, with $1,100,000 capital. Operations begin Nov. 1.

**Leaves Fortune to Loubet.**

PARIS: A special dispatch to La Patrie from Loubet, mayor of Montelimar, brother of Maud'l Perret, author of the [illegible] name. She leaves a fortune of many million francs, the principal beneficiary being President Loubet.

## NOW A HOLE IN THE GROUND

**All that Marks Spot Where Minnesota Magazine Stood.**

EVELETH, Minn.: Seven thousand five hundred pounds of dynamite in the powder magazine of Spruce mine, about half a mile from town, blew up Sunday afternoon. A hole 100 feet square and 25 feet deep marks the spot where the magazine stood. The force of the explosion was so great that there is not a piece of glass over a foot square within a radius of two miles of the mine. Practically every window and mirror in Eveleth was broken. The loss in the city is estimated at $30,000. The damage done to the Spruce mine was about $3,000, the mine laboratory and warehouses being totally wrecked.

At least 200 people were hurt more or less from being thrown down by the shock or hit by shattered glass. The explosion was plainly felt at Biwabik, twelves miles distant. The cause of the explosion is hard to ascertain. An unknown man was seen near the magazine a few minutes before it occurred, and it is believed that he was responsible, although that is pure guess work. At any rate the fellow has not been seen since.

## A FIERCE TORNADO.

**Storm in Northern Minnesota and Wisconsin Results Fatally.**

DULUTH, Minn.: One of the fiercest tornadoes that ever visited northern Minnesota and parts of Wisconsin struck the edge of the Mesaba range town of Biwabic at 4:10 o'clock Saturday afternoon, killing nine persons, injuring eight, and doing damage variously estimated at from $300,000 to $500,000.

The names of the injured cannot be obtained. The principal damage consists of the destruction of shaft houses, dwellings and business houses. The Austrian settlement of Biwabic suffered severely. Twenty houses were blown down in the district

The funnel shaped cloud passed over Biwabic with a power that was irresistible. It tipped locomotives over, lifted cars off the track and carried them from 100 to 300 feet. Houses in the path of the tornado were blown to atoms, and the furniture scattered for miles. The Duluth Mining Company's shaft houses and other buildings were blown down. The Drake-Stratton Company sustained considerable loss to locomotives and cars.

## RESIGNED TO HIS FATE.

**Millionaire Withdraws Reward for Restoration of Sight.**

NEW YORK: Charles Broadway Rouss, who offered $1,000,000 as a reward to the person who should restore his eyesight, announced in an interview here the withdrawal of the offer and his own resignation to his fate.

Mr. Rouss's eyes were affected by paralysis of the optic nerve five years ago. His munificent offer brought the best scientific knowledge of the world to his aid without avail. Over 300 specialists have worked over the case. Many experiments have been made on the eyes of James G. Martin, who, being similarly affected, was paid a regular salary by Mr. Rouss to allow the experiments.

## WOOLLEY IN PERIL.

**Prohibition Candidate for President Has a Narrow Escape.**

LOUISVILLE: While the prohibition special with John G. Woolley and party aboard was nearing the Louisville union depot the engine jumped a frog, tore itself loose from the head Pullman car and with four hind wheels of the tender bumping along the ties, finally stopped with a crash that gave every one on board a severe shaking up. Something of a panic occurred among those on board, but it soon subsided. Considerable delay was caused, as the couplings had been demolished and another engine was called into use to complete the trip.

## BOY BURNED AT STAKE.

**Companions play "Indian" with Him with Fatal Results.**

TRENTON, N. J.: Eddie McBride, aged 10, died as the result of burns received while playing "Indian" with companions about his own age. McBride was tied to a stake, his clothes saturated with gasoline, and then set on fire. The boy offered no resistance until a lighted match was applied. He then broke loose and ran screaming. His cries attracted the attention of some men, who rolled him on the ground, extinguishing the flames. The boy was taken home where he died.

**Tennessee Loan Company Fails.**

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.: A general creditor's bill was filed in the federal court here by F. M. Collins, of Quincy, Ill.; Thomas B. Johnson and G. Johnson, of Missouri, against the Cumberland Building and Loan Association, organized under the laws of Tennessee, with the principal offices in this city, to wind up its business and asking the appointment of a receiver. The liabilities are about $141,000. T. T. Wilson of this city was appointed receiver.

**Revenues in Philippines.**

WASHINGTON: The war department has made public a statement, showing the revenues in the Philippine Islands for the first seven months of 1900 to have been $4,782,080, an increase over the corresponding period of 1899 of $2,095,336. The customs of the period named in 1900 were $3,362,245 and the internal revenue receipts $336,101. The postals receipts, beginning July 1, were deposited in the treasury, and the disbursements amounted to $119,315.

**Colored Jockey Killed.**

LEXINGTON, Ky.: Franklin Perkins, the colored jockey, was shot and killed at his home here by Tom Christain (white), a former bank clerk and exerciser of Graves, the murderer. He became enraged at Perkins' refusal to give him a match and was put out of his house. He returned and killed Perkins as he sat on his porch.

**Weekly Bank Statement.**

NEW YORK: The weekly bank statement shows loans decreased $661,900, deposits decreased $7,495,000, total reserve decreased $5,574,700, surplus reserve decreased $9,700,700.

**Sworn Denial of Bribery Story.**

CHICAGO: Lucius Bay, of Jacksonville, Ill., has sent to Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic committee, a sworn denial of the Kingman story that she knew William Jennings Bryan to have been paid $150,000 by silver mine owners to cause the silver plank to be incorporated in the Kansas City platform.

**Kruger's Grandson.**

LOURENZO MARQUEZ: Kruger's grandson, Eloff, sailed on the 19th to establish a residence in Brussels for the former president of the Transvaal. The latter sails on a Dutch cruiser in a few days.

## MANY HOMESTEADS TAKEN.

**Over 2,000,000 More Acres Taken Than During Previous Year.**

WASHINGTON: The report of the commissioner of the general land office shows a large increase in the recent work of the office in the past year, due, the commissioner says, to the general stimulus given to all industries in the country for a year past. The total cash receipts of the land office for the past year amount to $4,379,798, an increase over the previous year of $1,909,621, and over the fiscal year of 1898 of $2,191,763.

There was a proportionate increase in the amount of land disposed of, the total this year amounting to 13,453,885 acres, an increase of 4,000,000 acres over the previous year. The homestead entries for the year aggregated 8,478,409 acres, an increase of 2,300,822 acres over the previous year. There has been also a large increase for the year in the number of final homestead entries made. There has been a decrease in the number of mineral land entries made during the year, but this is to be accounted for largely by the number of suspensions, notably in Colorado and Montana, under late rulings made by the secretary of the interior. While there has been a diminution in the number of mineral land entries in general, there has been an increase in the number of patents issued upon coal land entries.

There are now a total of thirty-eight forest reservations under the act of 1891, embracing an estimated area of 46,772,129 acres.

## PRIZE FIGHTER MAY DIE.

**Steve Flannagan Finishes Boxing Match in Dangerous Condition.**

PHILADELPHIA: At the industrial Athletic Club Steve Flannagan of Philadelphia, ex-champion bantamweight of America, fell unconscious in the sixth and last round of a contest with Jimmie Devine, a local boxer, and is now in a critical condition in a hospital. Flannagan's manager, Bob Delaney, and Jimmy Devine, and the seconds of both fighters, were placed under arrest, pending an examination of Flannagan's condition.

According to those at the ringside Flannagan's collapse was unaccounted for. It seemed to most of them as though no blow had been struck. Those sitting further back, however, thinking there had been a knockout, set up a cheer. Flannagan's manager and seconds jumped into the ring while Devine was standing over the prostrate boxer with a look of astonishment on his face. Flannagan was carried to his corner and all efforts to revive him failed, and he was taken to a hospital nearby, where the physician expressed doubt as to his recovery.

At the hospital the case was diagnosed as hemorrhage of the brain. The doctors could not say whether this was due to a blow or from some other cause.

## BRITAIN FALLS INTO LINE.

**Follows Lead of Uncle Sam in the Chinese Negotiations.**

WASHINGTON: The British government has followed in the footsteps of the United States in the Chinese negotiations. It has authorized British Minister MacDonald at Pekin to enter into relations with the Chinese officials, just as our government did in the case of Minister Conger. It has left to its minister discretionary power to pass upon the sufficiency of the credentials of Li Hung Chang, Prince Ching and other Chinese envoys.

## BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL.

**Hopes that Council Bluffs Train Robbers May Be Caught.**

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.: Bloodhounds were placed on the trail of the train robber who escaped from the holdup of the Burlington train south of Council Bluffs last week, after his pal had been shot dead by the express messenger. The desperado followed the Missouri river south a few miles until he ran across a skiff, which he used in reaching the Nebraska side. From this point he was traced by bloodhounds toward this city.

**Result of Akron Riot.**

AKRON, Ohio: The special grand jury investigation of the riot Aug. 22 reported, returning sixty-six true bills and indicting forty-five men and boys. The city officials were censured for allowing the mob to assemble and for not dispersing it early in the evening.

**Delary Reported Dead.**

PRETORIA: It is reported that Gen. Delary, the Boer commander, died of wounds received at Elands River.

## MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Sioux City—Cattle, common to prime, $3.00@5.00; hogs, $5.05@5.20; sheep, $2.00@5.00; wheat, 64c; corn, 32@33c; oats, 19@21c; butter, dairy 16@18, creamery, 20@22.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, $3.00 to $5.95; hogs, shipping grades, $3.00 to $5.52; sheep, fair to choice, $3.00 to $4.10; wheat, No. 2 red, 76c to 77c; corn, No. 2, 40c to 41c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 51c; butter, choice creamery, 18c to 21c; eggs, fresh, 13c to 16c; potatoes, 31c to 34c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, $3.00 to $5.70; hogs, choice light, $5.00 to $5.37; sheep, common to prime, $3.00 to $4.00; wheat, No. 2, 76c to 77c; corn, No. 2 white, 41c to 42c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c.

St. Louis—Cattle, $3.25 to $5.70; hogs, $3.00 to $5.40; sheep, $3.00 to $4.25; wheat, No. 2, 74c to 75c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 37c to 38c; oats, No. 2, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 54c to 55c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, $3.00 to $5.25; hogs, $3.00 to $5.35; sheep, $3.00 to $3.75; wheat, No. 2, 77c to 78c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 42c to 43c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 23c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 55c to 56c.

Detroit—Cattle, $2.50 to $5.35; hogs, $3.00 to $5.45; sheep, $3.00 to $4.00; wheat, No. 2, 78c to 79c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 42c to 43c; oats, No. 2 white, 25c to 26c; rye, 53c to 54c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 78c to 79c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 41c to 42c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 54c to 55c; clover seed, prime, $5.80 to $7.00.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 79c to 80c; corn, No. 3, 39c to 40c; oats, No. 2 white, 25c to 26c; rye, No. 1, 55c to 56c; barley, No. 2, 59c to 60c; pork, mess, $11.70 to $12.50.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, $3.00 to $5.75; hogs, fair to prime, $3.00 to $5.65; sheep, fair to choice, $3.00 to $3.75; lambs, common to extra, $4.00 to $5.15.

New York—Cattle, $3.25 to $5.60; hogs, $3.00 to $5.85; sheep, $3.00 to $4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 80c to 81c; corn, No. 2, 48c to 49c; oats, No. 2 white, 26c to 27c; butter, creamery, 20c to 22c; eggs, western, 18c to 20c.

# WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

## SOUTH DAKOTA EVENTS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

**Midroad Populists Nominate a State Ticket at Yankton—Propose to Bring Out Their Best Speakers to Stump the State.**

A number of prominent and enthusiastic midroad Populists met in Yankton pursuant to call and nominated state and congressional tickets as follows:

Presidential Electors—Thomas Thompson, Hitchcock; Irwin J. Tracy, Sioux Falls; K. Halverson, Sisseton; J. J. Vell, Hand.

For Congress—Ed F. English, Yankton; John M. Pease, Davison.

Governor—L. E. Stir, Davison.

Lieutenant Governor—Chauncey J. Maynard, Brule.

Secretary of State—Fred Nystrum, Sully County.

Treasurer—Frank W. Bailey, Davison.

Auditor—Frank Stout, Dell Rapids.

Commissioner School and Public Lands—I. I. Stearn, Brookings.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—A. M. Huseboe, Moody.

Railroad Commissioner—A. D. Blunden, Lewiston.

John M. Pease was permanent chairman and Ed F. English secretary of the convention.

National Chairman Parker addressed the meeting and gave the keynote of the situation as follows: "The imperialism which we have to contend with is not in the Philippines, but at the ballot box, giving the lie to the declaration of American independence that all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. Democratic imperialism in Democratic states has actually destroyed popular government."

John Pease was elected state chairman and E. J. Tracy secretary.

A hard campaign is planned. Mrs. Marion Todd of Michigan, Congressman Howard of Alabama and Marion Williams of Texas will spend much time in the state in the interest of the party.

## HANDSOME SCHOOL FUND.

**The State Now Has $3,372,926 Interest Bearing Money.**

The forthcoming report of the state commissioner of lands will show a permanent interest bearing fund for the benefit of the public schools of the state amounting to $3,372,926. This fund is made up from sales of lands amounting to $3,333,633 and from smaller sums received from a percentage of the sales of government land in the state, the sale of dead and down timber and other small items. The general government donated to the state 2,150,480 acres of land from which to derive a common school fund. Of this the state has disposed of 238,403 acres at an average price of $14 per acre, and this, with the other sums mentioned, has given the state a permanent fund of $3,372,926. From the organization of the state to the present time the state school fund has received from the department $1,377,748, and the amount is growing so rapidly that within a few years the fund so received will, to a large extent support the common schools of the state, and materially reduce taxation for that purpose. The average price received for lands at the sales last year was $15.19 per acre, and this average is constantly increasing. Even at no higher average the land when sold would give the state a fund of over $30,000,000 from which to draw an income to support the schools.

## MYSTERY IN HERDMAN CASE

**No Apparant Solution of Murder of a Beautiful Woman.**

There is still the greatest mystery about the Mrs. Herdman murder in Deadwood. The only witness is the little son, 5 years old. He states that the back door of the house was broken open by an old man, who had a lantern in his hand. The mother jumped out of bed and said: "You get out of here." The man asked, "Where's Lafe?" meaning her husband. "Up at the shaft," was the answer. The old man immediately commenced firing at her with his revolver. The woman evidently tried to escape through a window, for there was blood on the sill and two bullet holes were through the wire screen. Five shots were fired at her, most of which took effect. The mysterious part of the murder is that none of the money in the house was touched as was at first thought.

Mrs. Herdman was a young woman and very beautiful. She was born in Boone County, Iowa. There is absolutely no clue to the murder, excepting the old lantern that was found in the house. The stolen horse and buggy are still missing.

**A Burning Bluff.**

One of the greatest natural curiosities known, and one which will some day furnish much material for investigation by scientific men, is a burning bluff situated near the south bank of the Missouri River, almost directly south of Kimball. The hill has attracted a good deal of attention in years past, but of late little has been heard about it. It is quite hot and by digging down to a depth of three feet a stick of wood can be ignited. The atmosphere near the summit is of an offensively sulphurous nature. The hill seems to remain about the same as when first discovered.

**Appointment Gives Satisfaction.**

The appointment of John R. Brennan of Rapid City to the position of agent at Pine Ridge agency to succeed Maj. Clapp, gives general satisfaction to the people of the Black Hills. He has resided in the Hills for more than twenty-five years, and his knowledge of the Indian ways is not exceeded by any man in the west.

**Death of an Aged Resident.**

James Teller, an old resident of Union County, died suddenly the other day from heart failure. He died at his home in McCook, immediately after he had partaken of dinner. "Jim" Teller was well known both in the vicinity of his home and in Sioux City, having resided in Union County for many years.

**Wolf Bounty Frauds.**

Sheriff Aiken of Glendive, Mont., was at Pierre after requisition papers for W. R. Werd, who is wanted in that state for alleged crooked work in securing wolf bounties. Werd is one of a party which drew over $5,000 out of this state on wolf bounties, the party he belonged to having taken the largest part of the state appropriation for two years.

**Russian Immigrants.**

A carload of immigrants direct from Russia have arrived at Eureka, where they will settle on land in that vicinity.

## SURE OF A CHAUTAUQUA.

**Canton Rejoices in Prospect of Summer Visitors.**

Canton is now sure of her Chautauqua, which has heretofore been talked of. The money necessary to insure its success is nearly all subscribed and a general willingness is displayed by citizens and people out of town. Presiding Elder Dobson is chief promoter of the scheme, his interest lying in the fact that, if secured, the annual state Epworth League associations can be held there. The location selected is one of the most beautiful spots on the Big Sioux designed by nature's own handiwork, and will make one of the finest places in the state for summer gatherings. The trees about it are numerous and large, and right across the river is a beautiful park which will now be joined by a fine foot bridge. Canton city guarantees $2,000 to the enterprise, and Elder Dobson has over $2,000 raised outside. This is no small plume in Canton's cap. With a new, large excursion boat, built this summer, a beautiful park and a fine auditorium, Canton will entertain her gatherings in fine style.

## DEDICATION OF MONUMENT.

**Shaft Raised at Spearfish to Heroes of the Spanish War.**

The dedication of the soldier's monument in Spearfish took place last week, there being a large number of people present from other Black Hills cities. The dedicatory address was delivered by Maj. J. B. Fairbanks. The monument is of bronze, the figure of an American soldier standing on a pedestal of white marble.

On the four sides of the pedestal are polished slabs upon which are engraved the names of Col. A. S. Frost, Capt. William McLaughlin, Capt. Paul D. McClelland, Capt. F. W. Medbery, of the First South Dakota Infantry; Col. Melvin Grigsby, Capt. Seth Bullock, Capt. Geo. E. Hair, and Capt. J. E. Hammond, of the Third United States volunteer cavalry, and Col. W. W. Torrey and Capt. Austin, of the Second United States volunteer calvary.

The names of the dead soldiers are also cut in the tablets.

The monument has been erected in the center of a plot of ground intended for a public park. The cost of erection of the monument was met by the ladies of the Black Hills.

## SUPREME COURT.

**Opening Session Devoted to Examining Candidates for the Bar.**

The regular October session of the supreme court began Oct. 3, and a class of ten was up for examination for admission to the bar. The class is: Robert A. Devers, Parkston; Duncan McLourin, Hasel; Theo. Landmann, Scotland; Ralph W. Reynolds, Selby; William H. Hatch, Gann Valley; Albert E. Rhode, Sioux Falls; Sherman F. Lucas, Bow Creek; Siegel D. Sharp, DeSmet; William C. Danks and Walter Speer, Sioux Falls.

The supreme court in the afternoon admitted a class to practice in the state on certifications from other states. Those admitted were Albert Chilgren of Deadwood, on Indiana certificate; Alva D. Long of Trip, on Iowa certificate; Henry F. Bulow of Beresford, on Ohio certificate; Earl J. Turner of Sisseton, on Iowa certificate; Robert A. Storm of Volga, on Iowa certificate; T. N. Treat of Plankinton, on Illinois certificate; C. A. Rhodes of Sioux Falls, on Iowa certificate.

## HEAVY TRANSFERS.

**Movement of Real Estate in Vicinity of Huron Is Active.**

Some heavy real estate transfers have been consummated at Huron recently. Parties from Iowa have been riding the county in search of farm lands, and have bought a large number of acres. Among the deals made was that of John H. King and Fred M. Wilcox, the leading real estate dealers of that section. They sold to Peter Keinne of Dubuque, Iowa, 3,240 acres, and to J. J. Wilson of Pella, Iowa, 2,720 acres, the former tracts being in Beadle and the latter in Hyde County, near Highmore. It is Mr. Wilson's intention to remove upon his new possession at once, and begin preparations for establishing a stock ranch. Several other parties have purchased from 600 to 1,000 acres in that locality, for actual farm and stock purposes. Not for several years has the demand for land been so great as at this time, and what is a healthy sign is the fact that purchasers have money and in most cases pay spot cash.

## CRIME IN THE BLACK HILLS

**Wife of a Mine Engineer Is Shot Dead by a Robber.**

Word has come from Garden City, a mining camp west of Deadwood, that Mrs. H. M. Herdin, wife of the engineer at the Kicking Horse mine, was shot and instantly killed by an unknown person, who entered the home for robbery. A little son of the family tells that an old man pushed open the door and shot five times at his mother. The man then hunted for some money which had been saved and hidden. About $200 was stolen. After the shooting the man stole a horse and buggy from Matt Carroll, a neighbor, and escaped. Several men are suspected of the crime, based upon the little boy's story.

**Statute Is Disregarded.**

Section 4, chapter 60, laws of 1897, provides that where a legislative district is composed of more than one county nominations for members of the legislature from that district shall be filed in the offices of the county auditors of all counties in the district. Regardless of this statute, every campaign finds such nominations being sent to the secretary of state for filing. The present campaign is not an exception, and by such action the filing of nominations correctly is delayed, and in case the convention should be held at a late date there might be difficulty in securing the correct filings by such delay.

**More Hearst Generosity.**

Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, who gets a fortune yearly from the stock which she holds in the Homestake Mining Company, has guaranteed money for the maintenance of a free kindergarten in Deadwood. At the start sixty children will be accommodated. Mrs. Hearst is also maintaining a free reading room and library.

**Suicide of an Unfortunate.**

C. P. Anderson, living northwest of Centerville, committed suicide by hanging. The cause was temporary insanity. Anderson was about forty-five years of age, a bachelor and well to do. Some three years ago he was struck on the head with a hammer, knocked senseless and robbed of considerable money.

**Call for School Funds.**

Potter County has called for $3,000 of the permanent school fund in addition to the regular apportionment of such fund recently made to that county.

## ASKS HELP FOR GALVESTON.

**Clara Barton Appeals for Material for Building Houses.**

Miss Clara Barton, president of the National Red Cross Society, has issued a statement to the manufacturers and business men of the country in which she appeals to them for aid in the way of material to be used in the building of homes for those who lost all in the recent storm. She says:

"The number of homeless is estimated at 8,000 or more. Winter is less than two months away. Although a mild climate, still snow and ice are known here. If tents would protect, which they would not, the sea sand and the quicksand would not hold them down. The first norther would leave their occupants as unsheltered as before, and hardships, colds, pneumonia and consumption would finish what the storm has left. Some substantial shelter must be had at once for these people, and it would seem to be the duty of those on the ground to put the facts in an intelligent form before the people of the country, who are not here and cannot see for themselves and who could not comprehend without seeing.

"With this view the National Red Cross has, with the co-operation of the general committee, obtained estimates of the best architects of the vicinity regarding the material needed for the construction of the necessary number of houses, tenements or homes for the suitable sheltering of these now unsheltered thousands of suffering people."

A summary is then given, representing substantially the lumber and building material that would be required to shelter about 8,000 people in the most ordinary one-story weather-proof houses, built singly or in blocks of tenements.

## OUTBURST BY DOWIE.

**Zionist Leader Opens His Campaign in London.**

Zionist Dowie opened his campaign in England Sunday night at Holborn town hall. He told his hearers that he had come to give London a spanking, and intended to wage relentless war against the Church of England. He denounced the archbishop of Canterbury as an incompetent, and said his place ought to be filled by somebody who could manage it. Some of the listeners interrupted Dowie, and he lost his temper. He said he would not tolerate interruptions, and one man was ejected.

"DR." DOWIE.

Dowie announced that he would hold a baptismal at a later date. He said the London churches had refused to allow him to use their baptismal fonts, but if nothing else were handy he would get a bathtub and have a policeman guard it.

The diplomatic tangle over the Chinese settlement seems in a fair way to be unraveled. Germany has receded from the proposals which threatened to break the European concert. France has submitted plans, indorsed by Russia, which may aid materially in reaching an agreement satisfactory to the powers. The United States has practically agreed to Germany's modified views. The German and American notes deal almost entirely with the question as to how and by whom the punishment of guilty Chinese officials shall be inflicted. The French proposals cover the entire range of settlement and are likely to be acceptable to all the powers. Whether they are acceptable to China, however, remains to be seen. The punishment of guilty officials, many of them princes of the realm, will be a difficult task for the Chinese government to undertake, and may bring on a revolution which would tax the resources of the powers to deal with. The indemnity demanded by the several powers is likely to be so enormous that China will be unable to pay without the loss of territory, while the razing of the Taku forts will be a severe strain on Chinese national pride. The powers may have agreed between themselves as to the methods to be adopted in negotiating a final settlement, but the day of settlement is evidently far off.

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The British elections have been actively in progress during the week, and the results have been those predicted. Lord Salisbury's administration has received an indorsement emphasized by largely increased Conservative and Unionist majorities and a diminished Liberal vote. Chamberlain's policy, whether for the good or ill of the empire, has been accepted by the English electors. The only possible construction to be placed on the verdict of the English electorate is that the conduct of the war in South Africa, with all its mistakes and errors costly to life, has been indorsed, and that the annexation of the two Boer republics is approved. All other issues were lost sight of. No other question was raised.

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Paul Kruger seems to be no longer identified with the destiny of South Africa. Bent and enfeebled with a long life, bearing in his declining years the burdens and responsibilities of a war for the existence of the republic he himself has largely created, he is going to the Netherlands an old man. He will be received by Queen Wilhelmina with all the honors accorded a ruler of a free and sovereign people, and the British public will hardly resent the homage of the Dutch people to a man of their own race who dared face on field of battle the mightiest empire of Christendom.

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Berlin's highest structure, apart from the churches, is the 318-foot high chimney of the electric elevated road power house. Only two church steeples surpass it, that of the new cathedral, 330 feet, and that of the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, 340 feet.

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The cabled intelligence from St. Petersburg to the effect that the Ameer of Afghanistan is making active preparations for war with Great Britain may be accepted with many large grains of allowance.