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FIVE MEN ARE KILLED

ACCIDENT AT A MISSOURI ZINC MINE.

Discharge of Unexploded Shot Sets Off a Box of Powder, Resulting in Terrible Destruction—One Man Is Thrown Thirty Feet.

MOBILE, Mo.: Five men were killed and two others seriously injured in a mine accident at the Englefield zinc mine in Center Valley, eight miles east of here, Monday.

The dead: HALE FOSTER, GEORGE WILSON, WILLIAM BUZZARD, FITZ MORRIS, ED STODDARD.

The injured: William Daniels, John Burton.

The seven men were in the ground cutting a drift from the main shaft. The five men killed were confined in the drift and the other two were in the main shaft. Early Monday morning two shots had been fired, but the whole charge failed to explode. During the afternoon a whole box of powder was sent down into the mine. One of the men accidentally discharged an unexploded shot and the box of powder was set off, resulting in terrible destruction. A man at the surface entrance was thrown thirty feet in the air.

INDEPENDENT VENEZUELA.

Inspired Press Attacks the Washington Administration.

PORT OF SPAIN, Island of Trinidad: Advice received here from Venezuela are to the effect that the press of Caracas, under orders, supposedly from the Venezuelan government, is daily attacking the Washington administration. Minister Loomis and President McKinley are caricatured by the lower Venezuelan newspapers, the former as being the author of the means of communication of hostile and incorrect information concerning Venezuela to the American press. A new revolution has been started near Coro, on the north coast of Venezuela, under the leadership of Rodolfo Hernandez. The banks have refused to accept silver in payment of foreign drafts, in consequence of President Castro having ordered the unlimited coinage of silver.

ROMANCE OF THREE WORLDS

An American-Boer Soldier Loved a Girl Lost at Galveston.

ST. LOUIS: Lieut. Gordon B. Hayward, formerly of New York City, an officer in the Boer army, of service because of a stroke issued by the English war department after he was a prisoner of war, is here searching for his fiancée, a young French woman, Miss Stella DeLoring, after traveling over 10,000 to meet her. They were to meet and marry here. The last letter from Miss DeLoring received by her fiancé, in August last before he was made a prisoner of war, states that she and her traveling companion were about to leave St. Louis for Galveston, to spend several months there. He fears they were killed in the storm.

TOMMY WEST BADLY BEATEN

Prize Fight at the Auditorium in Louisville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.: Tommy Ryan of Syracuse on Monday night was given the decision over Tommy West of Brooklyn. After seventeen rounds of a twenty-round contest West's seconds threw up the sponge. The fight took place in the Auditorium under the auspices of the Southern Athletic Club, and was the bloodiest and most severe ever seen in Louisville. The men had been in training for weeks and were as fit as possible. They entered the ring at catchweights and each weighed in the neighborhood of 157 pounds. Tim Hurst was the referee.

SHE WANTS REDRESS.

Girl Sues for Damages Because of Illegal Marriage.

GARY, Minn.: Mrs. Steele, formerly Miss Christine Henricks, has begun suit in the district court, whereby J. P. Steele, also known as Dave Bettel, once an employe of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company at Gary, lately at Bemidji, is made defendant in a suit to recover \$15,000 damages. Miss Hendricks was married to him about two years ago. She afterwards discovered he had another wife in Iowa. She has commenced the suit to obtain some redress for the wrong done her.

Posed as a Man Forty Years.

LONDON: A remarkable story of male impersonation revealed in a police court here Monday in connection with an arrest for alleged money frauds. The prisoner, named Catherine Coombe, aged 68, described as a house decorator, appeared in the dock in male attire. For forty years Catherine impersonated a man and worked on board P. and O. steamers in various capacities and also for London firms. She says she married at 15, taught school, and then thought there were better chances of advancement as a man.

Sultan to Meet Claims.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The sultan has ordered a tribunal commission to negotiate a loan, guaranteed by a 6 per cent. increase of the property tax, for urgent payments, including the claims of American and German contractors for ships and guns.

China Appeals to Powers.

PEKING: Russia has withdrawn a portion of the Russo-Chinese agreement regarding Manchuria, and China has appealed to the powers in the matter.

Carrie Returns to Topeka.

TOPEKA, Kan.: Carrie Nation returned to Topeka from Florida and went at once to the county jail, where she gave herself over to custody. The \$2,000 bond which Mrs. Nation was required to give before she left the city was canceled. Her trial comes up in April.

Thirty Thousand Short.

PITTSBURGH: Bank Examiner Slack had C. H. Sueder, individual bookkeeper of the Third National Bank, arrested for an alleged shortage in his accounts of \$36,000. Sueder was released on bail.

KILLED BY HER SWEETHEART

Kansas City Girl Shot by a Professional Baseball Player.

KANSAS CITY: Ruth Nollard, 18 years old, was shot and killed on the street Saturday by Bud Taylor, 23 years old, a baseball player, formerly her sweet-heart, with whom she had quarreled. The girl and her sister were walking along Ninth Street near Broadway in a crowded business district of the city. Taylor, sitting in the window of second-story room in a lodging house opposite, fired three shots from a repeating rifle. Two bullets struck Miss Nollard, one passing entirely through her chest and the other entering just below her heart. She died in less than an hour. She lay bleeding on the sidewalk ten minutes, a great crowd gathering meanwhile. The police arrested Taylor in the lodging house and had difficulty in getting him through the mob, many members of which claimed for the lynching of the murderer. Miss Nollard and Taylor had been engaged to be married but disagreed a month ago, and the girl forbade Taylor to come to her home. About two weeks ago Taylor choked her almost into insensibility and threatened to kill her at the first opportunity. He was arrested on complaint of Miss Nollard and was released on bond. Taylor rented a room in the lodging house several days ago. The landlord says he stayed in the room during the daytime and it is supposed he had sat in the window for many hours, rifle in hand, awaiting an opportunity to pick off the girl without striking others in the crowded street. She was in the habit of passing the house every day. Last year Taylor played ball with an eastern team and the year before he played with the Nebraska Indians. Miss Nollard was a dry goods clerk.

TIDAL WAVE HITS STEAMER.

Passengers on the Teutonic Have an Exciting Experience.

NEW YORK: The White star line steamer Teutonic, which reached this port Saturday, had a lively experience on Sunday. While the ship was riding in fair weather and going at her usual speed she was struck by a tidal wave. The ship went down in the hollow of the sea, and immediately there was a crashing of ironwork and a mass of water boarded her on the starboard side, thundering down on the masts and deck house. The ship recovered suddenly, throwing more water aboard. The wave broke high up, throwing down the men in the crew's nest, and rushed on, leaving them bruised and badly shaken. John Michaelson, a steamer passenger, was hurried down and caught his foot in such a way that it was almost completely torn off at the ankle. The passengers generally became so frightened that they were on the verge of a panic, so that Capt. McKinstery was obliged to go into the saloon and assure them that there was no danger.

GROWTH OF SMALL PRESENT

Five Dollars Has Increased in Eighty Years to \$200.

HUDSON, N. Y.: A few days ago an advertisement in a New York savings bank appeared in a New York paper asking for the address of any heirs of the Hanson family, who lived in Hudson in 1821. Mrs. Mary G. Little, 38 Union Street, recalled that nearly eighty years ago a friend here placed \$5 on deposit for her in that bank, and little later in the same year another friend deposited \$2 more. She was then Mary Gardner Hanson. The bank was communicated with through Edmund Holley, president of the Hudson City savings institution. He was notified that the \$5 now amounted to \$202.04 and would be forwarded upon the proper proofs. Mrs. Little will celebrate her 84th birthday the last day of March.

LENIENT TREATMENT.

Sentence of Snake and Band Suspended During Good Behavior.

MUSKOGEE, I. T.: The winding up of Snake trouble came Monday in the United States court, as arranged last week between Chitto Marjo and his band of Indians, through his attorneys. It was agreed that they should all plead guilty to conspiracy before United States commissioner Sanson. After pleading they were called into the United States court, which was in regular session, Judge Thomas presiding, and then, after a very forcible charge on the grave offense charged against Snake and his band, the judge sentenced them to eight years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$50 each, but agreed to suspend sentence if they would go to their homes and not commit any such acts again.

Four Trainmen Killed.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.: In a head-on collision between two freights on the Southern railway Sunday morning at Lenoir City, Tenn., four trainmen were killed, three fatally injured, and several other members of the crew were more or less injured. The cause of the wreck is said to be due to a misunderstanding of train orders.

Deed of a Jealous Husband.

BELOIT, Wis.: Homer Payne, a mechanic, aged 45 years, shot his wife and Arthur Galy, a neighbor, of whom he was jealous. He then placed the revolver at his head and killed himself. Mrs. Payne will recover. Galy was not seriously injured.

Negro Stabbed to Death.

MARION, Ind.: William Jones, a negro, was stabbed to death Saturday night in a fight over a girl by Will Mitchell of Bedford. Mitchell escaped.

North Dakota Town Suffers.

GRAND FORKS, N. D.: A fire has consumed the entire business portion of the town of Park River and caused a loss of over \$100,000.

Four Men Killed.

GALLUP, Ohio: A boiler in the mill of Jacob Lindwood, at Cruzet, exploded Monday, instantly killing four men and injuring several others.

\$50,000 Chicago Fire.

CHICAGO: Fire Tuesday night in P. Ringer & Co.'s book bindery at 108 and 110 Randolph Street, caused a damage of \$50,000.

Will Continue Smashing.

TOPEKA, Kan.: Asked as to her future plans, Mrs. Nation said: "You just tell the people that Carrie Nation will attend to her knitting the same as usual. I will go on smashing as soon as I am released, a course. That is my mission in the world at present, and I am going to fulfill it to the best of my ability."

Emperor to Peking.

LONDON: A Tien Tsin cable to Pall Mall G-zette says: "There is an impression here that a German expedition has gone to the northwest for the purpose of escorting the emperor to the capital."

FATAL FIRE IN ROCHESTER.

A Number of Lives Are Lost and Many Injured.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.: In a fire Friday which destroyed the Leary dye works, a five-story structure, two lives were lost, one man was pronounced fatally injured, and ten other persons were more or less seriously hurt. The upper floor of the building was occupied by the Seneca Camera Company, who employed a force of about twenty-five men and women. The fire is supposed to have been caused by an explosion of chemicals stored on the third floor. At the outbreak of the fire work was carried to Bridgeford's machine shop across the street, and a dozen employes secured heavy pieces of canvas and came to the scene of the fire. They were in time to catch two men, Case and Conrad, who jumped from the fourth story, but a third, Mr. Udell, missed the canvas and was probably fatally injured. In the room in which the fire started there were between twenty-five and thirty-five people. It was impossible for all to escape by way of the doors and twenty-four persons are said to have gone down the fire escapes. The loss on the building will be \$8,000, on apparatus \$5,000, well covered by insurance. The loss of the Seneca Camera Company is \$40,000, with no insurance.

TO CUT THE CHINESE FORCE

Only Two Companies of Our Troops to Be Left at Peking.

WASHINGTON: Carrying out the policy inaugurated by the state department when it ordered the military force in China into its eastern guard, the war department has sent orders to Gen. Chaffee to still further reduce his force. The general now has under his command about 1,800 men composed of Troops I, K, L and M, Sixth United States Cavalry; Battery F, Fifth Artillery, and the Ninth Infantry. Considerable discretion was left to Chaffee in the selection of troops to remain, and it is assumed at the department that the Pekin dispatches announcing that these consist of two companies of the Ninth Infantry, under Maj. Robertson are correct. If the other powers represented at Pekin can be induced to follow this policy it is hoped that a long step will have been effected toward the restoration of normal conditions at Pekin.

CANNOT LIVE ON \$250,000.

Count and Countess Boni Say They Will Have to Top Gould Parse.

PARIS: Count and Countess de Castellane sailed for New York Saturday on the steamship La Champagne. They intend to stay in the United States a month. The object of the visit is said here to be Count Boni's desire to negotiate a private loan with the members of the Gould family. He has declared openly at his clubs that he can't exist on the \$250,000 a year which the American courts have placed at the disposal of George Gould, receiver for the Countess de Castellane's fortune, as the limit of her yearly allowance.

Bloody Fight in Columbia.

COLUMBIA, Columbia: News has just reached here of a bloody battle Feb. 23 near Maria La Baja between a small force of government troops and 500 insurgents under Rozles, resulting in a victory for the government forces. The insurgents lost thirty killed and ten wounded, and the government troops eight officers and seven killed and many wounded.

A Princely Gift.

MUSKOGEE, Mich.: Hon. Chas. H. Hackley, a millionaire lumberman, has offered the board of education \$25,000 for the enlargement of the Hackley public library, which was originally presented to the city by him at a cost of \$150,000, and which he has subsequently added an endowment fund of \$75,000.

Young Pullman's Days Numbered.

NEW YORK: It is thought that the days of young Geo. M. Pullman are numbered. He is now on his way to Mexico to benefit of his health. Pullman is said to be suffering from locomotor ataxia and a general break down of health.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.85; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$5.55; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 75c to 76c; No. 2, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2, 24c; corn, No. 2, 25c; eggs, 25c; butter, choice 15c to 17c; potatoes, 35c to 43c per bushel. Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$4.00 to \$5.62; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2, 25c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 25c to 26c. Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$4.85; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.37; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.10; wheat, No. 2, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 41c to 42c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 26c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 25c to 26c. Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.40; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 80c; corn, No. 2, yellow, 40c to 41c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 29c; rye, 35c to 45c. Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 77c to 79c; No. 2, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 25c to 26c; clover seed, prime, \$6.75 to \$6.90. Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 3, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 28c; rye, No. 1, 52c to 53c; barley, No. 2, 57c to 59c; pork, mess, \$13.50 to \$13.90. Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, fair to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.75; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$5.85. New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$5.30; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.35; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.85; wheat, No. 2 red, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2, 47c to 48c; oats, No. 2 white, 32c to 33c; butter, creamery, 22c to 24c; eggs, western, 16c to 17c.

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

SOUTH DAKOTA EVENTS IN A COMPENDED FORM.

Cattle Thieves Operate in the Heart of Sioux Falls—Five Fat Steers, Valued at Nearly \$300, Stolen Recently.

The thieves who have during the past year or more been operating in the rural regions of southwestern Minnesota, northwestern Iowa and southeastern South Dakota, stealing cattle, horses, sheep, hogs and other animals and property from farmers, appear to have temporarily shifted the scene of their operations solely to Sioux Falls. A crime attributed to them, and which for boldness has never been surpassed in the history of the city, was committed a few nights ago, when five fat steers, valued at nearly \$300, were taken from a yard in the heart of the city. The surrounding country was scoured for them, but not a trace of the animals could be found after a prolonged and systematic search. By the merest chance the animals were finally located in the cattle sheds of the Illinois Central Railroad, where they had evidently been taken by the thieves preparatory to shipping them out of the city on a freight train due to leave Sioux Falls a few hours after the steers were found by men in the employ of the owner. The thieves were very skillful, for they have succeeded in preventing the authorities from discovering the slightest clue which would lead to revealing their identity.

PIERRE LOOSES BIG CASE.

Taxpayers Must Settle For \$50,000 of Bonds.

By a decision handed down by the United States circuit court of appeals at St. Louis, the taxpayers of Pierre will be required to pay the sum of \$50,000 upon bonds issued in 1890. The decision was rendered in the case of Hector McLean against the board of education of Pierre, involving the validity of the bonds. The decision of the circuit court of appeals sent the case to the United States circuit court of South Dakota upon coupons cut from bonds issued, as stated, in 1890, ostensibly for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a railroad, but which were in reality issued for the purpose of providing means for furthering the interests of Pierre in the row famous capital location contest of that year.

FAITHLESS JUROR PUNISHED.

Sent to Jail for Six Months for Talking with an Outsider.

P. J. Lynch, a well known citizen of Deadwood was sent to the county jail for six months by Judge Moore, because he talked to a certain person outside of the jury room about a case which he, as a member of the jury, was trying. He held the jury out 15 hours, which is the longest time a jury has ever been out in the Black Hills. He told the other jurymen that he had conversed with a friend of his at dinner, and that he had been told by his friend that the prisoner, who was tried for arson, was not guilty and he believed his friend was right. The matter was reported to Judge Moore by the foreman of the jury and the man was sentenced to the county jail. Judge Moore intends that it shall be a lesson to future jurors.

Appointed by Gov. Herried.

Gov. Herried has appointed fish and game wardens as follows: For Bon Homme County, J. W. Turner, Springfield; Campbell County, J. H. Kruger, Mondak; Day County, George Batten, Webster; Deuel County, H. H. Herries, Gary; Hamlin County, C. E. Warner, Hazey; Minnehaha County, John W. Hutchinson, Sioux Falls; Sanborn County, Simeon Dool, Farwell; Spink County, C. L. Downey, Ashton.

Interesting Point Decided.

In the case of P. B. McCarty vs. the Holy Terror Company, Judge M. Geo. of Rapid City rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiff for a judgment of \$7,000. This case has been one of the most interesting and most important tried in the Black Hills for a good many years. The case was for an accounting of the one taken by the Holy Terror and Keystone No. 4 to a portion of the Holy Terror mine, at Keystone. The question at point was whether or not a partner can be located out of a property by other partners.

Bondsman Liable.

Hon. E. C. Erickson of Elk Point, as reporter in the Patterson bond case at Yankton, will report that the bondsmen are liable during both the first and second terms of Patterson. The first term bondsmen will be held responsible for about \$1,200. The liability of the second term bondsmen has not yet been decided. The report will say also that the defaulting treasurer and his bondsmen should receive credit for a standing warrants, some of which were paid.

Needs a New School.

The board of education of Beresford has adopted a resolution calling upon the mayor to issue a call for a special election to vote on the proposition of issuing bonds in the sum of \$12,000 for the construction of a new school building. There is little or no opposition to the proposed bond issue, and no difficulty is anticipated in the sale of the bonds at a good price.

South Dakota vs. Iowa.

For the first time in the history of the State University of South Dakota its students will be permitted to debate against a university outside of the state. The State University of Iowa has consented to a meeting, and the date has been set for some evening during the first week in April. The place of meeting will be at the university chapel in Vermillion.

To Flood the City With Lights.

The town of Clear Lake is to arrange for the putting in of an electric light plant, and the city council will soon be asked to grant a 20-year franchise for this purpose.

Appoints His Staff.

Gov. Herried has appointed as colonels in his staff Arthur L. Fuller, Pierre; Frank Crane, Watertown; S. O. Hanger, Yankton; H. F. Hunt, Mellette; George C. Kniekerbauer, Eureka; B. A. Cummings, Pierre; O. W. Thompson, Vermillion; M. R. Baskerville, Watertown; G. E. McKinney, Sioux Falls, and William A. Remer, Deadwood.

Aberdeen Pioneer Dead.

E. H. Alley, a prominent citizen and one of the earliest settlers of Aberdeen, died Feb. 25, after a brief illness.

POPULISTS TO HOLD OVER.

South Dakota Supreme Court Declines Board of Charities Case.

The supreme court on Feb. 27, handed down its decision in what is known as the board of charities case, and holds that the appointees of Lee hold for their full terms. The opinion was written by Justice Hanney and holds practically that the government can appoint to fill vacancies on the board without the consent of the senate, and that vacancies existed at the time of the appointment of members Lien and Brown in 1899, and that the resignation in 1900 did not in any way change the status, but that whichever position was taken the vacancy existed to be filled and was filled in a legal manner. This leaves the Populist heads of the various charitable and penal institutions in charge of the board for at least two years more, when the term of Kingsbury, Populist, expires, and a new appointment can be made to fill the term which closes. Justice Fuller concurred specifically in the finding of the court.

BIG HERD OF LOST HORSES.

Over 2,000 Strange Animals on the Ceded Sioux Lands.

The matter in which cattle and horses drift during the severe storms of winter is shown by the fact that at the present time between 2,000 and 2,500 head of strange horses are scattered over a small area of country in the vicinity of Midland post-office, in the interior of the ceded Sioux lands between the Missouri River and the Black Hills. The animals do not belong to South Dakota stockmen, nor do their brands show them to be the property of stockmen in either Montana or Wyoming, as the brands borne by them are not recorded in the official brand books of the three states, so the natural inference is that they have drifted to the South Dakota ranges from states even farther away than Montana or Wyoming. It is thought the animals may be from as far away as Idaho. Efforts are being made by officials of the South Dakota Stock Association to ascertain the name and home of the owners.

UNLUCKY MR. PAYNE.

Makes Another Sensation on His Return to Lead City.

J. L. Payne of Lead, who recently made such a big time in New York city by being hit for a big roll of money, has returned to his home. Not caring to be seen by Lead people before seeing how matters lay with him, he got off the train before it reached Lead and took a back alley for his home. His wife was not expecting him to arrive. He tried all of the doors of his house and finally frightened his wife so that she opened the door and cried for help. A neighbor rushed over and grappled with Payne, and the entire neighborhood was soon aroused. Payne was taken to the ground by the big neighbor. Explanations were made at last. Payne was shown the stuns of New York city by a man who had won his confidence. When he awoke the next morning he found himself in a cheap boarding house, with his roll of \$400 gone.

Another Suicide in Sioux Falls.

Another suicide was discovered in Sioux Falls Feb. 25, the second victim within a period of twenty-four hours. The latest victim is E. Leonard Freiberg, a druggist, formerly of Toronto, S. D., but who has more recently been employed at Winifred. His wife is a patient in a hospital at Sioux Falls and he was on a visit to her. He borrowed from a local mail carrier. Some time later he was found lying in the road at a point about one mile from the business center. A bottle of morphine was found in his possession. It is said he was addicted to its use.

Will Meet in Sioux Falls.

Information was received in Sioux Falls Feb. 25 that at a meeting of the executive committee of the National Farmers' Congress, held in Boston for the purpose of selecting the time and place for holding this year's meeting of the congress, Sioux Falls won the prize by the unanimous vote of the committee. October 1 to 10 was determined upon as the dates, and sub-committees have been appointed to take charge of the convention preliminaries.

Important Mining Deal.

It is reported in Deadwood that the Gilman syndicate of Denver has purchased 500 acres of choice mining ground in the Ragged Top mining district, adjoining the ground of the Spearfish company of Colorado Springs. The reported consideration is about \$100,000, 10 per cent. for a first payment. There are large bodies of ore to be let treated by a cyanide plant which is to be built.

Business Man Disappears.

J. E. Heller, whose name has since been ascertained to be J. E. Swenson, who has been in business in Sioux Falls for some time, disappeared under circumstances which lead to the belief that he was trying to defraud creditors. Last Friday it was learned that he had procured a lively rig to aid him in his flight. This has not been returned, and no trace of Swenson has yet been found.

To Pipe Heat Through Streets.

Vermillion will soon be operating a district heating system, if the city board see fit to grant a franchise to the Vermillion Milling Company. The object will be to heat the business houses only, and the company estimates that nearly 25 per cent. will be saved over fuel. The plant will cost about \$5,000. Patrons will also be furnished with hot water and a fire protection plug.

New Aberdeen Wholesale House.

The Jackson Hardware Company of Aberdeen has filed articles of incorporation, with a capital stock of \$150,000. The incorporators are J. H. Jackson, Nora Jackson and Howard Smith, all of Aberdeen. They will do an exclusive wholesale hardware business.

Charles Pierman Acquitted.

The jury in the case of Charles Pierman, who was tried at Deadwood on the charge of embezzlement, acquitted him. He was arrested by an agent residing at Omaha for P. E. Collier & Son, for alleged embezzlement of the company's funds.

Stabbing Affray at Everts.

A sensational stabbing affray is reported from Everts, the terminus of Bowdler extension. In a scrap between Dick Pritchard and a squaw man named Charlie D. Shonk, Pritchard knifed D. Shonk, cutting him up seriously. As soon as the news reached D. Shonk's friends on the reservation a party of eighteen started for Everts, vowing vengeance on Pritchard. Fortunately for him he got wind of their coming and skipped the country. There is no doubt that he would have been killed by the infuriated squaw men had they been able to capture him.

Legislative.

ierre Correspondence.

The senate continued house cleaning Feb. 28, and the only break was the introduction of bills under the suspension of rules, as it was the last day for introduction. The rest of the day was not in an committee room and action on appropriation bills which had come back from the senate. Several of the committee reports and the matter of concurrence called out the debates before the general educational conference was dropped, and the wolf house bill went into conference to fix what the house thought it giving effect to an additional term of one year, called Clemen, Gross and Everett had agreed on the food and dairy commission bill were concurred in. The house appropriation committee brought in reports on the following special appropriations bills: Vermillion, \$4,000; Aberdeen, \$5,000; means; Vermillion, \$2,000; Rapid City, \$2,000; Springfield, \$2,000; Deadwood, \$1,500; Spearfish, \$3,000.

At the Opening of the House Session March 1.

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At the Opening of the House Session March 2.

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