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J. S. MORTON IS DEAD

FORMER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE PASSES AWAY.

He Had Been Ill for Many Months—Contracted a Severe Cold in November, Conversationalist and Farmer.

Chicago, J. Sterling Morton, secretary of agriculture under the last Cleveland administration, died Sunday afternoon at the residence of his son, Mark Morton, at Lake Forest, Ill. His three sons, Mark, Paul and Jay Morton, with their families, were at the bedside of their father when he died.

Secretary Morton's illness dates from last November, when he contracted a severe cold while speaking at the stock show in Chicago. The cold ran into an attack of grip, and Mr. Morton was in a hospital for several weeks. When he was able to travel he returned to his home at Nebraska City, where he suffered a relapse. After a partial recovery he went to the City of Mexico, expecting that his health would be restored. During his stay in the south he was attacked by a disease of the bronchial arteries, and he returned to his home at Chicago. He suffered severely on the return journey, and reached his home with his health very much impaired.

Three weeks ago Mr. Morton came to Chicago for the purpose of consulting a specialist. A week ago, while at the home of his son at Lake Forest, he was stricken with apoplexy. He rallied little until the end.

The remains will be taken to Nebraska City, where the final services and interment will take place.

THREE LIVES LOST.

Windstorm of Almost Cyclonic Proportions in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Pa.: A windstorm of almost cyclonic proportions which prevailed in this city during all of Saturday and the greater part of Sunday resulted in the destruction of much property, and was the cause of the loss of three lives.

Saturday night as a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train was approaching the city the engine was thrown from the track by the roof of a freight car standing on a siding being blown in front of it. Edward G. Sperry, the fireman, was caught under the wreck and so badly scalded he died. None of the passengers were hurt.

Sunday at 8 o'clock an Italian was crushed to death by an oil derrick being blown over on him. Another death, the result of the storm, is reported from Rochester, Pa. The wind played havoc with telegraph and telephone wires generally.

BAD FREIGHT WRECK.

One Man Killed and Property Loss Estimated at \$50,000.

Kalamazoo, Mich.: A disastrous freight wreck occurred here Sunday evening on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern road. One man lost his life, and the loss is estimated at \$50,000. An extra freight, northbound, broke in two on a grade two miles south of the city, and the two sections collided near the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad crossing. Twenty cars left the track and piled up on either side of the road. The contents of an oil car took fire and exploded and four cars on the adjoining Grand Rapids and Indiana track, and the blacksmith shop of Lull & Skinner's carriage factory was destroyed.

The badly burned body of a man, supposed to have been a tramp, was found after the flames had been extinguished. None of the train crew was injured.

VICTORY FOR EMPLOYEES.

Street Railway Strike in San Francisco Declared Off.

San Francisco: The street railway strike has been declared off. Victory rests with the employees, who are conceded all their principal demands. The united railroads have granted an advance in wages, a ten-hour day and in a measure recognized the Carmen's union. The company recognizes the right of every person to belong to or refuse to belong to a labor union, and to discharge or employ because of his connection with such a union. Traffic has been resumed.

Smallpox in Reform School.

Terre Haute, Ind.: Six cases of smallpox have developed at the Indiana Reform School for Boys at Plainfield, but it is hoped that the disease may be confined to that number, as all the affected boys have been isolated and all the other boys vaccinated. Until the disease has been stamped out no boys will be released. The disease was brought to the school by a boy named Conroy, who was sentenced from Marion about a month ago.

Ten Men Badly Injured.

Joliet, Ill.: Ten men were severely injured Sunday by an explosion of hot metal in a blast furnace at the Illinois steel works. Terry Creighton was probably fatally hurt. Five of the injured women are at Silver Cross hospital. The others were taken to their homes.

Four More Bodies Recovered.

Chiro, Ill.: Four more bodies of the victims of the City of Pittsburgh wreck were recovered Sunday, making forty to date.

Kicked Mother-in-Law Down Stairs.

Pittsburgh, Pa.: Michael Conley, a structural steel worker, Sunday evening kicked his mother-in-law, Mrs. Catherine McGoldrick, down a flight of stairs, killing her almost instantly. When arrested Conley said Mrs. McGoldrick came to his room just as he struck his wife in the face with his fist. The mother-in-law interfered in the quarrel, and struck him on the head with a broom. She then left the room, and as she stood at the head of the stairs Conley kicked her. In the fall the woman's neck was broken.

Missing Man Found Dead.

Philadelphia, Pa.: The decomposed body of James V. P. Turner, a lawyer and formerly registrar of vital statistics, who disappeared last Monday, was found in Fairmount Park. Mr. Turner left his home on Monday afternoon at 10 o'clock at the head of the stairs Conley kicked. In the fall the woman's neck was broken.

Demand Universal Suffrage.

Stockholm: Demonstrations were held Sunday in most of the Swedish towns at which universal suffrage was demanded.

FORCIBLY DETAINED.

Civil Prisoners in South Africa Held Without Warrant.

LONDON: The forcible detention in South Africa of Albert Cartwright, who, while editor of the South African News, charged Lord Kitchener, prior to the engagement with Gen. DeWet, with ordering his officers to shoot all prisoners, formed the subject of a heated debate in the house of commons Thursday evening.

John Morley, liberal, moved the adjournment of the house, the success of which proposition would practically amount to a vote of censure on the government in general and on Lord Kitchener and Lord Milner in particular. Mr. Morley pointed out that Mr. Cartwright, who had served a year's imprisonment for libel, none the less came to England, and that his detention was illegal, unconstitutional and tyrannical.

The secretary of state for war, Mr. Broderick, in the course of a reply, raised the question of the detention of Mr. Cartwright by saying that, although Mr. Cartwright had served his legal sentence, the question of his liberation was still sub-judice.

This brought forth a vehement protest from Sir William Vernon Harcourt, liberal, who declared that such a proposition was scandalous, and contrary to the elementary principles of freedom.

Winston Spencer Churchill, conservative, also delivered a few caustic sentences, saying he hoped the house would force the government to withdraw within the limits of the law and observe the constitution.

Mr. Balfour, the government leader, contended that the government was justified in detaining a British subject if it thought his wanderings were calculated to injure the interests of South Africa.

The house then divided and the motion for adjournment was defeated, 250 to 182.

MARRIED OVER THE WIRE.

Couple Who Had Never Met Are Wed by Telephone.

Cincinnati, O.: Mrs. Bessie Gallagher, a comely young widow of Dayton, O., was united in marriage to J. D. Koon, a merchant at Hopkinsville, by long distance telephone. The ceremony was performed in this manner because unexpected business matters detained the groom at Hopkinsville.

The marriage contract was read at both ends by the ministers and each asked the bride and groom the necessary questions and received the necessary answers. The ceremony occupied about an hour. The bride left for Hopkinsville to join her husband, whom she had never seen, but with whom she had been corresponding. She has not even a photograph of her husband.

The telephone bill was \$23.

TEACHERS TO STRIKE.

Organization Formed for Purpose of Demanding Higher Pay.

Oshkosh, Wis.: Unless the salaries of the teachers of the public schools of this city are appreciably raised at the appropriation made next month, there will be a wholesale strike at the end of the year.

Out of 120 teachers, including the superintendent and all the district school principals, there are only twenty who receive \$550 a year or more.

Several meetings have been held and an organized movement has been inaugurated to stand by one another and not to serve unless an advance is granted.

WANT HIM TO VISIT STATES.

Boer Agents in America Are Entreatng Oom Paul.

The Hague: The report published in Paris that President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, is coming to Europe to consult with Mr. Kruger is entirely without foundation. On the other hand, it is true that the Boer agents in America are entreatng Mr. Kruger to visit the United States next June. He will probably comply with these requests if sufficient pressure is exercised, although he has often personally expressed his dislike of this plan.

Suicide of a Child.

Kansas City: Frances Rigby, aged 12 years, daughter of R. M. Rigby, president of the Rigby Printing Company of this city, was found in a diving outfit on the street near her home Thursday and later died at the city hospital from the effects of swallowing carbolic acid. No motive can be advanced for the child's suicide except that she feared punishment because of a trifling offense at school.

Piles Mortgages to Secure Creditors.

Detroit, Mich.: Henry C. Ward, son of the late David Ward of this city, who was known as the richest man in Michigan, has filed trust mortgages covering all his real and personal property and also his interest in his father's estate. The total liabilities are \$382,305. Unfortunate business ventures are believed to have caused Ward's embarrassment.

Naturalization Papers Void.

Cleveland, O.: Judge Wing of the federal circuit court at Cleveland, O., rendered a decision Friday that neither probate nor insolvency courts had authority to issue naturalization papers. Many thousands of foreigners have secured naturalization papers through the courts named in Cincinnati.

Russia Has a New Enemy.

St. Petersburg: Considerable attention is being given a new sect which has gained many adherents in the Province of Perm. It is known as the sect of the horists. Its declared purpose is the reconciliation of all religions. Latterly it has assumed a character of pronounced enmity to the government.

Iron Fence Works Burned.

Keaton, O.: The plant of the Champion Iron Fence works was destroyed by fire Thursday, entailing a loss of from \$225,000 to \$250,000 and throwing 300 men out of employment.

A Long Name.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.: The longest single name in the county was discovered here Thursday, when in the probate court's office there appeared a judgment note against Franciszka Radwinawicz-Zenebarilla of Pittston. Several people who tried to pronounce it gave up in despair.

Small Town Is Wiped Out.

Lamar, Pa.: Clintondale, a town of 175 inhabitants, situated on the line of Clinton and Centre counties, was wiped out by fire Thursday evening.

Forest Fires in Indiana.

Decatur, Ind.: Forest fires are still burning in this county, and valuable timber is being destroyed. Two farm houses near Echo burned Thursday, making a total of six homes destroyed. A boy smoking a squirrel out of a hollow tree was the origin of the fire.

Grave Digger Dies at Grave.

Helena, Mont.: At the Catholic cemetery here Thursday the funeral rites for a man who had been buried in the ground were being performed over the body of Thomas Crystal, John A. B., a grave digger, was filling up the grave when he was stricken with apoplexy and died almost at once. He was 66 years of age.

FOREST FIRES.

Two Lives Lost and Much Property Destroyed.

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As a result of the fire which destroyed ten houses, a church, a school house and nine stables in the village of Clintondale, Clinton County, Thursday night, Mayor Ed. M. Stone, the American fire chief, became frightened when the flames attacked the home of her parents, and in attempting to reach a place of safety she fell into a creek and was drowned.

SENATOR IN A FIGHT.

Southern Statesman Ejected from a Washington Street Car.

Washington: In a dispute over payment of car fare on a Capitol tractor car, near the capitol Thursday, Senator Money of Missouri received two severe blows from the conductor, and the latter was cut quite severely in the right hand with a knife.

According to Money, he refused to pay the second car fare demanded. The conductor, with the aid of a passenger, ejected Money from the car. In a struggle the conductor struck the senator, who drew a penknife to protect himself. The conductor grabbed hold of the knife and received a severe gash in the hand.

The senator was not badly hurt, and attended to his duties in the senate as if nothing unusual had occurred.

A warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Conductor Shaner on the charge of assault.

ALL SUSPECTS RELEASED.

Persons Charged with Kidnaping Miss Stone Are Set Free.

Salonica, Roumelia: All the suspects arrested in connection with the kidnaping of Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, have been released. This action followed a memorial address by the Christian inhabitants of Djinnaballa to the sultan, asserting their loyalty, begging the authorities to take measures to suppress brigandage, and asserting that the Christians of Macedonia are heartily tired of the continual revolutionary turmoil. The memorial was hailed with satisfaction by the porte, and the release and military precautions followed, as evidence of the sultan's good will.

A HORRIBLE SUICIDE.

Woman Sets Fire to Garments and Husband Is Badly Burned.

Chicago: Saturating her garments with kerosene, Mrs. Abraham Antorantum of Waukegan, Ill., set them on fire Monday while her husband slept in an adjoining room, and in a few minutes died in terrible agony. Her husband, awakened by her screams, started to help, but only to find that he had been locked in his bed room. He broke down the door, and in his efforts to extinguish the flames enveloping his wife was so badly burned that he may die.

Spaniards Get Excited.

Madrid: Considerable excitement was caused here Thursday by the arrest of a Frenchman who attempted to enter the royal palace. The prisoner gave his name as Saury. Nothing but a prayer book was found in his possession. Saury was handed over to the French embassy.

Accidentally Killed.

Lakeville, Conn.: J. E. W. Dissett, a student at the Hotchkiss school, was perhaps fatally hurt on the school campus Thursday afternoon by being struck on the head with a 12-pound shot, Herbert Williams of Lakeville was putting the shot, when it slipped and struck Dissett on the head, fracturing his skull.

Rich Copper Strike.

West Superior, Wis.: Great interest in copper circles has been awakened by the report of the copper strike in Polk County by R. Ferguson, an old mining prospector and explorer of this city. Several Superior copper mining people went down to the mine in Polk County and report it extremely promising.

Quiet Restored.

Colon, Colombia: The United States garrison stationed at Colon, Colombia, quiet has been restored. The city was reinforced Wednesday by 350 soldiers from Panama.

Lincoln Monument Bill.

Washington: Senator Cullom has introduced a bill providing for a commission to secure plans and designs for a monument to be erected to the memory of President Lincoln.

Big Fire in New York Village.

Lowville, N. Y.: Fire early Thursday in the village of Croghan, near here, destroyed a loss of \$250,000 to \$300,000. Twenty-one buildings were destroyed and twenty families are homeless.

The Hopkins Is Launched.

Wilmington, Del.: The torpedo destroyer Hopkins was launched at the yards of the Harlan and Hollingsworth Company in this city Thursday afternoon. The christening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Alice Gould Hawes, of Washington, D. C.

General Electric Profits.

New York: The tenth annual report of the General Electric Company, bearing date of January last, was issued Thursday. The company's profits for the past year were \$8,588,241. The net amount of sales billed to customers during the year exceeded \$32,000,000.

The Treasury Balance.

Washington: Friday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of redemption, shows: Available cash balances, \$180,952,104; gold, \$91,890,285.

Will Increase Capital Stock.

New York: The directors of the National City Bank Thursday unanimously recommended to its shareholders that the capital stock of the bank be increased from \$10,000,000 to \$25,000,000 by the issuance of 150,000 additional shares of stock. The present capital of the bank is \$10,000,000 and the surplus about \$7,500,000.

Good Hains in Kansas.

Kansas City: Good soaking rains fell Thursday in Emporia, Fort Scott, Chanute and Independence, Kan. Showers and light rains fell last night at other Kansas points.

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Storm Hard on Live Stock—Snow, Accompanied by High Wind, Prevalis Over a Large Part of South Dakota—Other Items.

A severe snow and rain storm prevailed at Huron and over that section of the river valley Wednesday since noon. The wind attained a velocity of fifty miles and hour. The storm was exceptionally severe and will be hard on stock.

A driving snowstorm prevailed at Pierre Wednesday night and may cause some loss of live cattle. The loss is likely to be serious unless the weather turns extremely cold, so far the temperature accompanying the storm has been mild, although accompanied by a high wind.

Wednesday morning's snow storm at Aberdeen developed into almost a blizzard which lasted several hours. West of Aberdeen the storm was more severe. About a foot of snow has fallen, which drifted in places. Railroad traffic was somewhat delayed.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

Edwin M. Starcher of Gregory County Indicted at Sioux Falls.

A special from Sioux Falls says: The United States grand jury, which is in session at Sioux Falls, Thursday returned an indictment against Edwin M. Starcher, county judge of Gregory County, for the alleged forging of the final proof of Samuel R. Cotton, covering a quarter section of government land situated in Gregory County.

The alleged forged instrument contained the testimony of two witnesses who purported to testify as to Cotton's alleged continuous residence on the tract, an improvement made by him, and that he further alleged to have forwarded the final proof to the United States district office at Chamberlain, knowing the same to be forged and counterfeit, for the purpose and with the intent to defraud the United States.

The punishment for a forgery of this kind, upon conviction, is a fine of not more than \$2,000 and imprisonment at hard labor for not more than five years.

RIGID ENFORCEMENT PLANNED

Fish and Game Laws Must Be Observed in Black Hills.

The fish and game laws are to be rigidly enforced in the Black Hills this year. Seth Bullock, forest supervisor of the Black Hills reserve, has instructed the rangers under him to render all possible aid to officers of the law in arresting and punishing offenders. Not only are the rangers to see to the enforcement of the federal timber laws and the rules regulating the timber of the forest, but the rangers are expected to work in conjunction with the state's officers in protecting fish and game, and more particularly of birds on the reserve.

Raise in Land Values.

J. A. Stransky of Lukwanna purchased 320 acres of land four miles from Lukwanna two years ago for \$500. He kept it for about thirty days and then sold it to George Kemmerer of Yale, Ia., for \$800. He asked Mr. Kemmerer what he wanted with the land, and Mr. Kemmerer told him to sell it when he could double his money. Last winter Mr. Stransky saw how things were going, and bought the land back for \$1,000 and kept it about thirty days, when he sold it for \$4,000, and today it is worth \$5,000. This is only one case in many.

To Give the Convicts Work.

The state board of charities and corrections and Warden Swartz, who is in charge of the state penitentiary, have for some time been confronted with the necessity of adopting some plan by which the convicts confined in that institution can be given steady employment. The board has been investigating the feasibility of establishing a binding twine plant at the penitentiary. It is estimated that such a plant would cost about \$50,000 for the original equipment, and require about \$100,000 as a working capital.

Must Stay in Jail.

An Armour special says: James Mercer is an inmate of the Charles Mix County jail, having failed to procure the necessary bonds to warrant his release. He will remain in the jail until he can procure a circuit court, having been charged with breaking into the Geddes laundry while under the influence of liquor. The only plunder he secured was a box of linen thread, but he frightened the inmates of the building almost to death.

Dakota Bankers' Meeting.

Those having in charge arrangements for the meeting at Huron of the South Dakota Bankers' Association on the 21st prox. are busy planning for the gathering. A feature of the program will be a safe test, participated in by manufacturers of the binding twine plant at the penitentiary. It is estimated that such a plant would cost about \$50,000 for the original equipment, and require about \$100,000 as a working capital.

Desmet Proposes to Vote Again.

The business men of Desmet are discouraged because the voters defeated the proposition to issue bonds in the sum of \$20,000 for the construction of a waterworks system. It is now believed that a special election will be called to vote upon the issuance of bonds, but next time the exact sum needed will be voted upon.

Died from Influenza.

Charles Coloney died at the Ross House in Armour Monday. He was only sick three days, death resulting from influenza. He was a man about 55, and worth considerable property. His home was in Canton.

Will Serve Four Years.

Sheriff Rathgeber of Yankton County has arrived at Sioux Falls with George MacEivain, whom he turned over to Warden Swenson of the Sioux Falls penitentiary. MacEivain will serve four years for manslaughter in the second degree.

Census School Convention.

S. P. Gregory of Aberdeen, president of the census school convention, announced that the state convention will be held at Sioux Falls May 21, 22 and 23.

First Court Reporter.

A Sioux Falls special says: Among those who are attending the term of United States court is Cal Valentine of Omaha, who claims the distinction of being the first official court reporter in the territory of Dakota. Twenty-four years ago he was appointed to that position.

Armour Boy Accidentally Shot.

Tommy Roberts of Armour, while out hunting accidentally shot himself, and charge from the gun entering his left arm above the wrist, tearing away a piece of the flesh. Young Roberts is about 12 years old.

MITCHED TO A LIVE WIRE.

Horse Electrocutted After Several Men Were Shocked.

At Huron, Friday evening, a horse attached to a single buggy was tied to a guy wire that runs into the ground from an electric light pole, just across the street from the Dakota House. The horse was a mottled chaser, the horse was shot, the guy wire charged with the electric fluid and a circuit was complete. The horse commenced to plunge and a crowd gathered.

At first it was thought by many that the horse was merely fractious, and men took hold of the chain, only to be knocked down. As soon as the situation was grasped, however, the crowd became aware that death lurked in the wire and in the halter chain, and the electric plant was allowed to hold unmolested its acquired right of way. The horse was dead in less than three minutes after the driver had unwisely connected him with the electric light plant. The electrocution was witnessed by a crowd of 200 people.

FOR MINERAL EXHIBIT.

Black Hills Will Have Good Show at St. Louis.

A Deadwood special says: The secretary of the Black Hills Mining Men's Association has made formal application to the directors of the St. Louis exposition for space next year and the application has been acknowledged. This space is to be devoted to the mineral exhibit from the Black Hills. The Mining Men's Association has appointed a committee to begin collecting the ores and minerals for the exhibit and they will take up the matter at once. The hope of getting legislative aid has about been given up. Gov. Herrick writes that a majority of the members east of the Missouri River are against the movement for an extra session and this practically settles it. The mining men intend to raise the money by independent means.

NEW PAPER AT BONESTEEL.

That Enterprising Town Will Soon Be Incorporated. A Bonesteel special says: The Gregory County Board of Supervisors has passed a resolution to incorporate a new paper established here last week with B. F. Wood of Omaha, as editor and manager. Judging from the first issue, it is undoubtedly the intention of the paper to keep its readers posted regarding the Indian lands in Gregory County that are to be opened to homesteaders.

With more than eighty buildings in course of construction and the population having more than doubled in the past thirty days, the citizens of Bonesteel are realizing the importance of an incorporation and steps are being taken to that end. It is proposed to take in 450 acres.

WONDERFULLY PROSPEROUS.

Great Good Fortune of New Owners of Uncle Sam Mine.

A Deadwood special says: The last payment on the purchase price of the Uncle Sam mine has been made by the Clover Leaf Mining Company, and the deeds have been filed for record in Lawrence County. The transaction began four years ago, and the great bargain for the purchasers ever made in the Black Hills where a developed mine was involved. According to the terms of the transaction, the purchasers were entitled to make the mine pay for itself. The consideration was \$55,000, and at present the mine is producing that much gold monthly.

New President of Bank.

Harris Franklin has resigned the presidency of the American National Bank of Deadwood, and the directors of the institution have elected William Selbie, for several years cashier of the bank, to succeed him. Mr. Selbie has been in the bank since its organization, and today it is worth \$50,000. This is only one case in many.

Deadwood City Positions.

John Gorm has been elected chief of the Deadwood fire department to succeed Edward McDonald, who resigned to assume the office of mayor. Mayor McDonald has appointed E. Edmond, chief of the Deadwood police force, and Michael Edward, president of the Deadwood labor union, to be an under officer on the force. John R. Russell will be the city attorney.

Some Prospects of a Flood.

A Deadwood dispatch, dated Thursday, says: A heavy rain has been falling in the Black Hills since noon, and is taking the snow rapidly. There was two feet of snow in Deadwood, while at Bald Mountain it was from five to seven feet deep. Unless the rain turns to snow soon there is likely to be a flood, as streams are rising.

Death of Joseph Wier.

A special from Pierre says: Joseph Wier, better known as the Missouri River as "Long Joe," died in this city Tuesday night in the city hospital. He has occupied for over twenty years. He was a pioneer of Sioux City, Bismarck and Pierre, coming to this place in 1880. He was one of the characters of Missouri Avenue, where he ran a saloon in the early days.

Military Company at Canton.

Company I, to be assigned to the Second regiment, S. D. S. G., was mustered in at Canton by Col. Amos Patriquin, assistant adjutant general. This makes the second company to be mustered into service in the Black Hills within the last two months. The other being Company two more will be mustered in soon.

Garretson Water Supply.

Materials for a new waterworks system which will be constructed at Garretson this summer has been ordered. Work on the plant will begin in the near future. Some uneasiness exists as to the probability of procuring a permanent supply of water.

Have Left for New York.

Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton, the famous New York physician who was recently granted a divorce in this state, and his new wife, whom he married at Sioux Falls after each had been freed from former matrimonial alliances, have gone to their future home in New York city.

Mitchell Company Inspected.

Lieut. Col. Engleby of Watertown inspected Company D of the state guard at Mitchell Thursday, and gave the company a very good recommendation.

Pharmacy Board Meeting.

An Aberdeen dispatch, dated Thursday, says: The state board of pharmacy is in session in this city and has a class of twenty-five before it for