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Seeds and Farming.

Mr. Pierce of Eden township and  
Mr. Dorthaud of Canton township,  
the committee appointed to prepare a  
program for the Institute this year, have  
prepared the following

INSTITUTE PROGRAM.  
Feb'y 2, at 2 o'clock p. m. Scoring com-  
mittees elected.

Feb'y 3rd, 10 o'clock a. m. Talk on corn,  
by Prof. J. S. Cole.

Feb'y 3rd, 11:30 o'clock a. m. election  
of officers.

Feb'y 3rd, 1 o'clock p. m. Talk on  
grains and rotation of crops by Prof.  
J. S. Cole.

Feb'y 3rd, 2:30 o'clock. Talk on Farm  
Crops, by Hon. F. M. Greeley.

Reports of scoring committees.

EVENING SESSION  
7:30 Music by Greig Singing Society.  
Address Hon. F. M. Greeley and Prof. J.  
S. Cole.

Music by Greig Singing Society.

You will observe that the program is  
brief and it is made so for the purpose  
of doing a great deal of business in a  
short time, in fact Wednesday, Feb-  
ruary 3, is to be the big day of the ses-  
sion, and those who miss being present  
on that day will miss much in the shape  
of information that money can't buy.

Every farmer who wants to learn how  
to select the proper kind of corn for  
seed should be on hand. He can learn  
how to pick out a good ear of corn  
for seed the moment he sees it, and we  
will venture the assertion that there are  
not one hundred farmers in the county  
today who can do this unless they have  
learned from a specialist like Prof.  
Cole.

There will only be another issue of  
the LEADER before the Institute will be  
held, and it seems that enough has been  
said through its columns to arouse  
every farmer in the county to the im-  
portance of the Institute. Surely there  
is no man in the county so blind to his  
own interests as to neglect a chance to  
study corn, wheat and oats from a scien-  
tific and practical standpoint.

The LEADER is practically donating a  
beautiful buggy and Joe Millett three  
small cash prizes, and the Canton  
merchants \$100 in cash to arouse an  
interest among the farmers which is  
entirely for their special benefit and  
the welfare of all, because as the farmer  
prosper so we all prosper.

The LEADER intends to continue the  
prize business for another year and we  
expect the merchants will do the same,  
and we shall feel repaid if the interest  
in better seed and better crops shall  
produce the result we hope for. There  
can be no question as to the benefits if  
the farmers will do their part.

If a farmer has a lot of poor corn he  
is the man who wants good corn.

If any farmer can't afford to give a  
bushel of corn for this grand object, let  
him bring in his corn for the benefit of  
the scoring committee and he can have it  
back if he wants it. The LEADER is not  
in this contest for gain. We have gone  
into this seed corn business solely for  
the benefit of the farmer, because the  
writer now as in years long past, has  
always tried to do whatever he could to  
aid the farmer in his efforts to better  
his condition.

There ought to be at least three or  
four of the best samples of corn from  
every township in the county. Some  
of the corn men over in Grant have  
promised to be represented. The only  
townships so far represented are Eden,  
Fairview, Canton, Dayton, Lynn, La-  
Valley, Highland, Lincoln and Norway.  
Half a dozen or more of the big farm-  
ers in Norway, have promised to be in  
the contest but only one so far has  
showed up. What's the matter with  
Norway? Why don't Perry and Grant  
as well as Delapre, Springdale, and  
the other townships show up. There  
is room for all, and Saturday January  
30, will be the last day on which corn,  
wheat and oats will be received.

The LEADER's handsome prize buggy  
can be seen at the waterworks of Cloud  
Bro. & Johnson, and Joe Ellis says it's  
a beauty.

### You Shall Have 'Em.

Col. Arthur Linn, editor of that most  
excellent newspaper—the Canton LEAD-  
ER—was in the city this week. Col.  
Linn is one of the oldest newspaper  
men in the state, as well as one of the  
brightest. His recollections of early  
times would make interesting reading,  
and we move that he give the younger  
generation a pen picture of some of the  
more important events transpiring dur-  
ing his residence at Yankton, the then  
capital of Dakota Territory, and mecca  
for a long list of carpet baggers and  
hanger on.—Mitchell Clarion.

### No Doubt of It.

Minneapolis Journal: President Roose-  
velt is the salvation of the republican  
party from denunciation by illegal  
trusts and from repudiation by the  
masses.

He will be nominated and elected by  
the largest popular vote ever cast for  
any president of the United States.

## Crawford at Aberdeen.

For the second grand speech in a  
campaign series the following in re-  
gards to the Aberdeen effort does not  
speak very strongly for Coe I. Craw-  
ford. The write-up of the event is  
from the Aberdeen News.

Mr. Crawford held his much-herald-  
ed meeting in this city Friday night.  
The opera house was occupied by not  
to exceed two hundred people. Many  
of these were populists and democ-  
rats. It was plain to everyone that  
aside from the latter he had less than  
a dozen sympathizers in the audience.  
This statement may sound exaggerated  
but it is the fact as near as the News  
could judge by personal observation.

Mr. Crawford opened his speech at  
8 o'clock; he closed at 8:55. He is a  
young man, scarce in the prime of  
life. He had not been on the stump  
for a couple of weeks; he arrived  
here the night before and had a long  
period of rest. Notwithstanding this  
he almost broke down in the middle  
of his tirade, and all through exhib-  
ited evidences of mental unrest.

To state the case mildly, Mr. Craw-  
ford was not at his best. Speeches  
of his in this county have delighted  
thousands. Men have thrown up their  
hats under the influence of his oratory  
and have been carried away with  
his enthusiasm. Friday night, with-  
out exception his sallies were received  
in silence except when he denounc-  
ed some well known republican—Sen-  
ator Kittredge, Senator Gamble, Con-  
gressman Burke, the state and federal  
officers or certain private citizens.

He wadded his handkerchief the  
evening through as a child would  
with a rubber ball; he would carry a glass  
of water about the stage for minutes  
before swallowing it. He pounded the  
table; he gesticulated like a man pos-  
sessed; he worked himself into a frenzy  
and out of breath and met with no  
response. Only when he denounced  
republicans was he accorded the slight-  
est applause. His praises of the party  
were received in silence. His perora-  
tion was an eloquent tribute to the  
national republican party, but it moved  
no hand to action.

Three times the nominee of his party  
in this state under conditions similar to  
those under which other men have been  
nominated. He denounced all save his  
present mode of operation accusing  
other candidates for the office to which  
he aspires of trying to "sneak" the  
honors. His very denunciation of the  
republican "machine" shows positively  
that his grievances lie wholly in the  
fact that certain individuals whom he  
named would not stoop to the practice  
he himself condemns and promise to  
force his nomination in the convention  
regardless of the wishes of the party as  
a whole.

Itch for office is a vile disease. Once  
it gains possession of a man he becomes  
oblivious of all other sensations. For  
three years Mr. Crawford slept with it,  
drank with it, eaten with it, worked  
with it. This is the only apology that  
can be made to the people of Aberdeen  
for the spectacle which Mr. Crawford  
made to his audience Friday night.  
Ignorance of his condition and the  
utterances that would spring from it is  
the only excuse that can be made for  
his local republican sponsors, if he has  
any.

### Like a Mitchell Jubilee.

From the appearance of the Cataract  
during the meeting of the retail grocers  
and editors one would think that it was  
a Mitchell jubilee. Of course Pierre had  
friends there but the sentiment and  
crowd all seemed in favor of Mitchell,  
and a prominent Sioux Falls old timer  
remarked that "Mitchell is geographi-  
cally the center of population at pre-  
sent and will always remain so, not be-  
cause other parts of the state will not  
grow and prosper, but from the fact  
that the population of the state will  
hold its present and future relation to a  
well defined center, and Mitchell seems  
to be that center in spite of all other  
conditions which surround other grow-  
ing centers of population. Yankton,  
Mitchell, Redfield and Aberdeen are  
the leading business centers of a north  
line leading through the center of the  
state. Watertown, Brookings, Sioux  
Falls, Canton and Elk Point represent  
the eastern line of commercial activity  
and all are within easy distance of the  
proposed capital location at Mitchell.  
From Elk Point, Vermillion, Gayville,  
Yankton, Scotland, Springfield and  
Tyndall, Mitchell is but a few hours  
distant. From Canton, Worthing,  
Lennox, Parker, Mari on Junction,  
Bridgewater and Alexandria, Mitchell  
is a neighbor. The Northwestern takes  
you up at Alcester, or at Bersford,  
Centerville, Hurley or Parker, and  
drops you at Salem where the Sioux  
Falls branch of the Northwestern picks  
you up and you are at Mitchell in a  
very short time. From Watertown or  
Brookings or Madison you run out west  
and jump onto the train with its many  
connections at Aberdeen, which picks  
up travelers from the east and west at  
Redfield, Wolsey and Woonsocket; and  
again you are close to Mitchell. The  
people west of Chamberlain are close  
to Mitchell when they get to the  
east side of the river. The same is  
true of those on the west side of the  
Missouri when they reach Pierre.  
The Black Hills people won't have  
to ride all day and part of the  
night to reach Mitchell, as they now do

to reach Pierre. If the Milwaukee  
builds west from Chamberlain and  
Everts, and this will be done, then the  
entire country from Hot Springs and  
Edgemont to Belle Fourche will be  
within a reasonable distance from  
Mitchell."

Thus spoke a man who seems to have  
given the location question some study  
as to the convenience of the public,  
and when one looks over the railroad  
map of the state, Mitchell is found to  
be a population and railroad center,  
which one can reach from any point in  
the state east of the Black Hills, with  
ease and comfort, and not a night ride  
anywhere only coming from Pierre  
to Wolsey. When a man has to ride  
all day and the greater part of the night  
in the winter time, to reach a State  
capitol, it is time it was changed to  
some point where the people could get  
there between meals.

After the first winter session of the  
legislature at Pierre, a constant and  
growing demand for the removal of the  
capitol has been heard all over the  
state, with the exception of the local  
interest embraced within a circle of 50  
miles. If the capitol had been located  
at Mitchell, Sioux Falls, Huron or Red-  
field in the beginning, no one would  
have ever heard of a removal combi-  
nation. Pierre is not to blame for this  
unfortunate condition, nor are her  
good citizens to blame for the condi-  
tions that favor a more central  
point.

There is no use in "knocking" any  
part of the state in discussing the cap-  
itol relocation. Just ask any man who  
has ever gone to Pierre in the winter  
during the legislature, what he thinks  
of the location and especially of that  
charming night ride! We have heard  
expressions about the present capitol,  
location that would not do in print.  
Every man in the state who has gone  
to Pierre in the summer or in the  
winter knows that Pierre is not the  
proper location for the capital of South  
Dakota. People living in Yankton,  
Mitchell, Huron, Redfield, Aberdeen or  
Watertown can go to Chicago about as  
quick as they can go to Pierre, and for  
comfort on the Illinois route as between  
that and Pierre don't even mention it.  
Had the capitol gone to any town in  
the populous center of the state be-  
tween Yankton and Aberdeen, the peo-  
ple would have been satisfied. The  
capitol is of no benefit to Pierre and  
never would be if it remained there for  
all time, because the condition of the  
country west of Pierre will always  
keep at least three quarters of the popu-  
lation east of the Missouri river for the  
same reason that you find the bulk of  
the population in Nebraska and Kansas  
in the eastern half of those states.  
Railroads will be built across the res-  
ervation and on west for through traf-  
fic just as the Burlington built from  
Edgemont, S. D. to Billings, Montana,  
through a country where little grows  
but sage brush and cactus, but it is a  
great sheep country, just as the west  
half of our state is a great cattle coun-  
try, and we are proud of the splendid  
possibilities of the reservation country  
for poor men to make fortunes in cattle  
and horses, but no reservation boomer  
looks for anything more than a cattle  
county population, and we all know  
what that is.

It will be a blessing to Pierre when  
the capitol is moved, for then her peo-  
ple will get ahead and do something for  
themselves. Sometimes a capitol will  
help a town, but it was always a curse  
to Yankton and it has been no benefit  
to Pierre—it came near bankrupting  
every man that had a dollar to put up  
with it. The capitol at Mitchell would not  
only help that town but the entire state  
east of the Missouri river, while its re-  
moval would not make a dollar's differ-  
ence one way or the other to the coun-  
try west of the Missouri.

The mid-winter meeting of the edi-  
tors of the state was held at Sioux Falls  
on January 21, 22, and from the num-  
bers present was the best attended  
meeting ever held. The boys were  
feeling good and an evidence of pros-  
perity was everywhere visible. When  
the writer looks back over a stretch of  
34 years, and draws a mental picture  
of the present and the past, he is forced  
to the conclusion that wonders have  
taken place in the newspaper field  
since January 1870, when the writer  
purchased the old Union and Dakotan  
from McIntyre & Foster. At that time  
the Vermillion Republican was being  
published by Charles True, long since  
dead. In the fall of 1870 the Yankton  
Press and Elk Point Leader were is-  
sued, the former being discontinued  
for a time, and then Frank Wisner  
took up the task and the Leader con-  
tinued to flourish. We loaned Wisner  
a small job press to help him along and  
he has it yet so far as we know. We  
loaned a hand press to Mr. Owens when  
he began the publication of the Ver-  
million Register in 1872, and we guess  
Owens must have taken it to Wash-  
ington when he left the territory. We  
started the Sioux Valley News with a  
lot of surplus material out of the old  
Dakotan office in 1872 to aid Col.  
Moody in his desire to go to Congress  
that year. From that time on papers  
were established as the territory grew,  
and now hundreds are published by  
brilliant young editors. What a con-  
trast—two papers in January 1870,  
hundreds in 1904.



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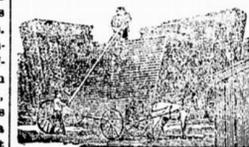


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