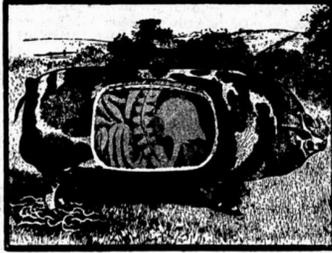




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THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The Redfield Journal-Observer hoists the name of O. C. Berg for Governor.

Prof. Lawrence received an exceedingly pleasant letter from State Superintendent Nash dated at Memphis, where he ran across a newspaper with the published list of institute conductors, and there learned for the first time that the name of his Canton friend, Prof. C. G. Lawrence, had been omitted from the list through copying or otherwise. Prof. Nash promptly wrote Prof. Lawrence that he is to be one of the institute conductors this year, and next year and just as long as Prof. Nash remains state superintendent.

McKenzie on Top.

"How do you do, Aleck? I am glad to see you." This is the greeting President Roosevelt extended to Alexander McKenzie, a member of the Republican national committee from North Dakota, when the members of the committee called at the White House. It was only a year or two ago that a number of men were hounding McKenzie very hard. He had been up in Alaska and became a receiver of a number of large properties up there. He was finally charged with contempt of court, but was released when all the facts came out. President Roosevelt, who is very vigorous in the prosecution of wrongdoers, investigated the case and concluded that McKenzie was all right. His greeting to the big committeeman from the north state showed how he felt toward him. McKenzie was sheriff of Burleigh county, N. D., when Roosevelt was a cow puncher in the Medora country. They learned to know each other then, and they know each other yet. When Alexander McKenzie gets through with that United States court over at San Francisco the court will know Alexander McKenzie better than it did. Aleck never allows persecution and fraud to go unpunished, and a perjured court is worse than all.

Headed for Mitchell.

Mitchell claims that she would accommodate the Black Hills better than Pierre, but on the other hand, Yankton would accommodate them better than Mitchell.—[Pierre Dakotas]

And Vermillion would lighten their load of traveling expenses still more, and Elk Point would afford a still greater additional saving, but this line of argument serves no good purpose for Pierre, so far as we can see. The people of the north and central parts of the State don't propose traveling to Yankton, Vermillion, Elk Point or McCook in order to transact capital business. They don't propose traveling out of their way to Pierre much longer, either. They are all headed for Mitchell—the most central and accessible point in the populated area of the commonwealth.—Vermillion Republican.

Legislators For Mitchell.

The three Union county House members of the legislature—Messrs. Martin, Ryan and Lawson—over their signatures unite in recommending Mitchell for the seat of the state government. There is no doubt but that nineteen out of twenty Union county voters will favor Mitchell, and possibly the ratio against Pierre will be still larger.—Vermillion Republican.

The Grand Valley school basket social last Saturday night was a decided success. The proceeds amounted to \$34, which will be used to purchase a new organ.

THE LAUNCHING OF THE DAKOTA.

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men who went there in the early '70s. He reviewed the days of grasshopper calamity, of the gradual growth and development of the territory into statehood, of the trials and tribulations of the pioneers, of the boom days at Bismarck when the eyes of the nation were centered upon that city after Alexander McKenzie had brought the capital up there from Yankton. He referred briefly to irrigation and concluded with a deserved tribute to Russia for her friendship to the United States during the civil war.

Hon. Marshall H. Jewell, also of Bismarck, was the next speaker. He is an earnest, direct and forceful speaker and showed strong sympathy for Japan.

Hon. E. Y. Sarles of Hillsboro followed the veteran Bismarck editor, Mr. Jewell. Mr. Sarles is a graceful elegant gentleman, a fluent and convincing speaker. He spoke of the glorious future of North Dakota and of the wonderful things Mr. Hill had done for the northwest. In concluding he proposed the health of North Dakota's champion at home and abroad—Alexander McKenzie—and his guests stood while they said "How." Mr. McKenzie seldom speaks in public, but on this occasion he responded briefly. He said he was proud of the Dakota representation in New York, because no better man lived, certainly none with bigger hearts and bigger manhood. He said he was proud to be with the boys who helped to carve two magnificent commonwealths out of a wilderness, and hoped that the future of all would be as bright as the past had been honorable and glorious in behalf of civilization and justice, and proposed the health of Judge John E. Carland, who responded briefly but eloquently. Senator Hansbrough followed Judge Carland. The senator is one of the best after dinner speakers in Washington, and told of legislation for the benefit of the Dakotas. Col. Stone, George B. Winship, Charles Diesem, Dan McMillan, Mayor Roache, Editor Kellogg, H. C. Plumley, and J. C. Hunter spoke in the order named, and then Judge Ivey of Alaska told of the wonders of that wonderland. His speech was very interesting. Judge Ivey has the honor of being the first delegate elected to the republican national convention and came away from the land of gold on the last steamer leaving Nome, so that he could be present to cast his vote for Theodore Roosevelt in June.

The health of the distinguished representative of James J. Hill, Col. Clarence E. Stone, was proposed by Mr. Sarles and rising honors were paid Mr. Hill's worthy and able representative. Col. Stone told a story about his experience in London with railroad men and then proposed closing honors to the champion of the northwest—Alexander McKenzie, which were given by a rising and unanimous vote, and the most celebrated Dakota banquet ever held in New York was over.

Tuesday the writer visited some of the ancient landmarks in the lower part of the city. Old Trinity church and its famous cemetery were visited, and there lies the remains of revolutionary heroes, the most famous of which are Alexander Hamilton, and nearby that of Robert Fulton and Capt. Lawrence, who said as he was dying: "Don't give up the ship." Then a trip down Wall and Broad street brought us to Washington's headquarters, where he took farewell of his officers at the close of the revolution. The old building hasn't changed a bit since we saw it last 33 years ago. Then a trip down Pearl and Whitehall streets brought us to the old Staten Island ferry, and a ride over to the Island followed. Governor's Island looked natural, but the Statue of Liberty was new. We found a few old friends on Staten Island and visited until 10 o'clock, returning to the city at 10:30, and back

to our hotel at 11:30. Wednesday was our last day in the city, as our special train left the Grand Central at 6 p. m. Wednesday Senator Pettigrew and many others called and the day passed quickly. At 6 o'clock every Dakotan was at the train and our homeward journey began, and all seemed happy because of it. While rolling along through Ohio and Indiana the next day a surprise for Miss Flemington developed in the shape of a watch presentation. At the train dinner Feb. 11 between Toledo and Elkhart an elegant Tiffany watch and chain was presented to Miss Flemington the main speech being made by Hon. Ezra G. Valentine of Breckenridge. Miss Flemington rose and though much affected bowed her acknowledgments and was received with tumultuous applause. After quiet had been restored she said: I wish that I could find words to express my feelings; it was not necessary that I should have received this beautiful gift in order to keep the memory of this trip fresh in my mind all through my life. I feel that I do not deserve your kindness. I have simply tried to do my duty and your sympathy and well wishes have been my inspiration. I have seen so much and learned so many things and had so many kindnesses shown me that the trip would ever have been a green oasis in the desert of life—even without this lovely token of your esteem. I have seen men of note and of great wealth, but they have all taught me to appreciate all the more the broadness and true worth and the noble hearts of the men of the northwest, and am proud to number you all among my friends. While my life is spared it shall be my endeavor to live the true woman and exemplify in my life and my work those characteristics

participated in the launching of the steamship Dakota, at New London, Conn., as guests of the Great Northern Railroad and Steamship Co., desire to express their appreciation of the hospitality enjoyed in a simple testimonial. We extend to James J. Hill our appreciation of his comprehensive plans for the commercial development of the states in the northwest and the country as a whole. In his broad consideration of commercial subjects that has extended over more than twenty years, we see manifested a spirit that goes beyond personal gain and becomes broadly philanthropic, for in the consummation of his plans there will follow benefits to the people. We prosper most as a people when the facilities of transportation are most highly developed. The launching of the ship Dakota, reminds us of the constant willingness of Mr. Hill to undertake the risks of commerce and the hard work of commercial organization in order that ultimately there may be at hand facilities that will enable us to prosecute with vigor a trade in the Pacific, in which he will find the culmination of the work he has given his life to perform. We pray that he may be given the years to see his highest hopes realized.

Second, we desire to express formally our fullest appreciation of the liberality of the Great Northern Railroad in the provision made for the comfort of the guests from our homes to New London and return; and further.

Resolved, that we are indebted to Mr. C. E. Stone, assistant general passenger agent of the Great Northern Railroad, for his personal attendance on the trip, his unflinching courtesy and watchfulness for the comfort of all. His hospitality and good fellowship have appealed to us, and we extend to him our sincere thanks, together with the wish that he may live long to enjoy friend-

ships that qualities such as he possesses always develop. Resolved, that to the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce, we tender congratulations on its happy alliance with so interesting and important an occasion; to Luther S. Cushing, its president, we acknowledge obligations for many courtesies; to Mr. Benj. F. Beardley, its secretary, we express appreciation of his painstaking care for our general comfort. Resolved, that to the ladies who have helped us by their presence to enjoy in greater degree the ride from the northwest to the ocean, we tender our sincerest regard; and it is a pleasure to

remind ourselves that in no part of the world is womanhood held in a higher respect than on the prairies of the west from whence we come and where life is free, but where is born from its freedom the honor that we pay to woman. Resolved that we offer a toast to Mr. Hill and the northwest. After the happy ceremony of presenting the watch was over, the boys got their heads together and decided that Col. Stone was entitled to some kind of souvenir of the delightful trip, because to him in a great measure was due the comforts and pleasures enjoyed by all. It was decided that there was nothing too good for him and enough money was instantly raised to purchase the best watch ever made. President Cushing and Mr. Noyes of St. Paul were appointed a committee to secure a testimonial for the Colonel. The writer received the following note from Col. Stone on the 20th.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY, Passenger Department, St. Paul, February 19, 1904. My Dear Sir:—Yesterday I received from the hands of Messrs. Noyes and Cushing, your committee, a beautiful Gold Swiss watch, engraved as follows: Clarence E. Stone, From Northwestern Delegation Launching S. S. "Dakota," New London, Conn., Feb. 6th, 1904. The gift is one that I appreciate more deeply than can be expressed in mere words of thanks. I am proud of having had the opportunity of gaining your friendship and glad of having contributed in a small way toward making your trip to the launching a pleasant one. The memory of the journey will also be treasured by me as one of the most enjoyable in my life, made so by the company of such genial fellow passengers as yourself, and the beautiful watch will serve as an hourly reminder of the same. I beg to thank you cordially, and with best wishes, I remain Yours Sincerely, C. E. STONE, A. G. P. A.

All that's grand and pleasant in life must end sometime, and as the journey was nearing the end all bid President and Mrs. Cushing and Miss Flemington goodbye, and then rallied around Col. Stone with our congratulations and good wishes, all agreeing that when the Dakota reached Seattle and was ready for her first trip across the Pacific, all would be there to see her start. The trip to New London and back was one never to be forgotten and we are sure none enjoyed it more than the Canton member of the party.

The delegation from the northwest prepared and authorized the following formal statement of their views which were presented to President Hill: AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. Between the dog sledge and the limited railroad train of today there seems a wide chasm, but thirty years have been sufficient to bring these changes to the northwest: the Red River cart and the stage coach followed the trapper's means of transportation, and this rapid development of the country was brought about through the far-seeing policy and the ability of our host of today, Hon. James J. Hill of St. Paul. The event of today—the launching of the Dakota together with the building of her sister ship, the Minnesota, which lies before us nearly ready for the Pacific—mark an epoch in the transportation history of this rapidly developing country. These two great steamships are, however, of special interest to the northwest—not simply through their being named after states located in the great producing section of the United States, but because of the market they will open in the Orient for the agricultural and manufacturing products of the section represented by their names. We anticipate—and have good reason to believe, through our faith in the pro-



MISS MARY BELLE FLEMINGTON.

gress that these boats and their successors, will make transportation development even more rapid than the last thirty years has brought to the wonderful producing section where are located the homes of these delegates. President Hill built the only transcontinental line that did not have government aid; he has constructed these steamships, each capable of carrying one hundred trainloads of freight, without asking government subsidy; his motto has always been—"Develop the country" and thus his aim as a manager of corporations has been in accord with the correct views of the business men, the farmers and the manufacturers, and their interests, have been his. We feel a personal pride because of representation in this great transportation enterprise, through the pioneer vessels being named from our commonwealths, and the future knowledge that the products of our states will find markets in the orient through the plans thus inaugurated. The launching of these boats opens a new era in the history of transportation which is world wide, and through the thoughtfulness of our host the northwestern states are represented by their names, and not only will our people be greatly benefited by these ships, but the business interests of the entire country will find in this commercial connection with the Orient relief for surplus production that will at once help to keep our factories in operation and to bring remunerative prices to our producers of grain and other raw material.

Lost. —Lost a young bird dog about 7 months old, white with three brown spots. Return to Berney Hanson and receive reward.

Company E. Inspected. Major J. E. McDougal of Britton, of the Third Regiment Dakota Guardsmen, accompanied by Captain Hazle of Aberdeen, inspected Company E. Wednesday afternoon in their armory. Major McDougal found the company in good shape and complimented Capt. Berg for the fine soldierly appearance of the men. Eleven men were ordered discharged for not attending Co. drill.

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