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RUSSIA'S WAR PLANS

HEAVY FIGHTING NOT LOOKED FOR BEFORE APRIL.

Means to Overwhelm the Japanese, and by Sheer Weight of Men and Guns Russia Expects to Roll Them Back Through Korea.

St. Petersburg: Although almost four weeks have elapsed since the Japanese first attacked Port Arthur, the war is said to have hardly begun.

Heavy fighting, upon which the fate of the campaign depends, is not expected much before the end of April. By this time Russia will have in the field, exclusive of the large army of men required to guard the railroads, four army corps, each with a cavalry division and an artillery brigade. All that has happened so far or is going to happen until these forces are in the field is considered, according to the Russian view, to be nothing more than the prologue to the real drama.

The crippling of the Port Arthur fleet was unfortunate in that it gave the enemy command of the sea at the very outset. It is, however, of relatively small importance from the standpoint of the main strategy of the war whether Port Arthur stands or falls. But as long as it holds out and the fleet is harbored there it will restrict and hamper the Japanese operations, and the Russians are determined to defend Port Arthur as heroically as they did Sebastopol.

The Russian plans do not contemplate taking any chances on the score of inferior numbers. By sheer weight of men and guns, if nothing else, when the proper time arrives Russia counts on overwhelming the Japanese and rolling them back through Korea. It is realized that that the vastness of the theater of war will make the protection of the railroad, the sole means for transportation of troops and supplies from Europe, one of the most difficult phases of the Russian military problem.

AFRAID OF WOMAN SVENGALI

Man Fears Proposal and Asks Arrest of Charmer.

St. Louis: Herman Pfininger of East St. Louis, appeared before Justice Boyne and asked that a warrant be issued for the arrest of Mary Roe, whom Pfininger charges with keeping him under a hynotic influence, from which she will not release him.

Pfininger says he has been playing Trilby to the woman's Svengali for twelve years, and he is afraid that she is going to take advantage of the privilege afforded by leap year and ask him to marry her. Pfininger anticipates that he would be unable to refuse, and asks the law to succor him. He says his experience with her has been one of continuous surrender to her hypnotic powers.

FREED BY KIDNAPPERS.

Pursuit Saves Prisoner for Whom Big Ransom Was Asked.

Houston, Tex.: Dan Cushing, brother of E. B. Cushing of this city, who was kidnapped by Mexican bandits Tuesday, while in west Texas, was set free and returned to Devil's River completely exhausted.

When the bandits captured Mr. Cushing they left a placard fastened to the water tank, demanding a ransom of $10,000. E. B. Cushing and a party of friends left here to rescue his brother, and a telegram received announced that the bandits had become alarmed and released their prisoner without seeking to enforce their demands.

GETS TWIN SISTERS MIXED.

Husband Lavishes His Affections on the Wrong Woman.

Fond du Lac, Wis.: Divorce proceedings have been commenced by Mrs. Pauline Heilman against her husband, Adolph Heilman. A sister of the plaintiff, Miss Emma Klix, is cited as the cause of most of the domestic turmoil. The complaint alleges that Heilman has constantly lavished his affections on Miss Klix. Mr. Heilman is said not to deny that he was affectionate toward Miss Klix, but she being a twin sister to the woman he married and living with them constantly since the wedding, he was puzzled to tell which was which.

Six Trainmen Drowned.

Cleveland: Six trainmen were drowned and four others injured as the result of the collapse of a bridge spanning Yellow Creek, near Ironadale, on the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad, Saturday. Most of the men lived in Wellsville, O. The bridge was weakened by a cloudburst that occurred Thursday.

More Brawn and Less Brains.

New York: The civil service examination for applicants for positions in the fire department keeps out just the men needed, according to Fire Chief Croker, who has appealed to the fire commissioner for more brawn and less brain among the fire fighting force.

Four Born at Once.

Louisville, Ky.: Mrs. Lura Wyman, wife of one of the largest land owners in central Kentucky, has given birth to quadruplets. Mr. Wyman immediately named them Grover Cleveland Wyman, Marcus Hanna Wyman, Theodore Roosevelt Wyman and Willie Bryan Wyman. The last is a girl.

Fort Sill Threatened.

Lawton, Okla.: Advices from Fort Sill state that the military reservation north of Fort Sill is burning and a strong north wind is blowing. The Apache Indians, who are prisoners of war upon this reservation, have been ordered to the front as fire fighters.

A Great Earthquake.

Lima, Peru: A tremendous earthquake, which did much damage, occurred here at 5:20 Friday morning. Nothing comparable with it has been experienced during the last thirty years.

Acquitted of Mutiny Charge.

San Juan, P. R.: The United States lighthouse tender Nina, the sailors of which recently were charged with mutiny, has sailed for Pensacola for repairs, manned by a crew from the gunboat Gloucester. The members of the crew of the Nina who were arrested for mutiny have been discharged.

Sells Wife and Children.

Norfolk, Va.: When John Outlaw of Currituck County, N. C., became tired of his wife and two children some weeks ago he sold the trio to his brother, Jerome Outlaw, receiving in exchange two fishing nets.

MAY USE THEM LATER.

Japanese Let Contraband Articles Reach Vladivostok.

Tokio: It is evident that several vessels laden with coal, provisions and other contraband articles have recently effected the passage of the Tsugaru strait and succeeded in reaching Vladivostok. Their exact number and names are unknown, but it is said that they have included British, Norwegian and German vessels. Two of them are said to have carried cargoes of Australian coal. Japan evidently refrained from making a special effort to prevent their passage, and it is not impossible that she calmly permitted the delivery of the contraband goods, calculating that they will prove useful to herself at a later stage of the campaign.

The Vladivostok squadron continues inactive, though it has an ample supply of coal, and the ships are in good condition. It has evidently been instructed by the Russian government to remain close to the Vladivosthok batteries, in preference to risking a fight in the open seas. It is declared to be only a question of time before this squadron will receive the attention of the Japanese navy.

St. Petersburg advices state that there exists high authority for the statement that Russia now has reason to feel more tranquil regarding the attitude of Great Britain.

FORCEPS FOUND IN HER BODY

Marvelous Discovery During an Operation Upon Woman.

Sioux City, Ia.: In an operation upon Mrs. F. Bortels of Carroll, Neb., performed at the German Lutheran hospital Friday, a large gall stone was removed, in the center of which was found a part of a physician's forceps, two and one-half inches in length. The physicians are at a loss to account for the presence of this.

The only explanation which can be given is that at a previous operation the instrument was broken by some physician not honest enough to acknowledge it and left to remain in the system. However, Mrs. Bortels was never operated upon before for gall stones, although it is understood she has undergone previous operations.

JURY ACQUITS DUELLIST.

New Mexican Who Killed Former Newspaper Man Not Guilty.

Carlsbad, N. M.: One of the most noted criminal cases ever tried in New Mexico came to a close when the jury in the case of Clayburne W. Merchant, Jr., charged with the murder of Gearge W. Hutchins, rendered a verdict of not guilty.

The two men fought a duel in the hotel conducted by Hutchins, the result of bitterness engendered, it is said, by an assault upon Hutchins made by Merchant. The latter claimed self-defense in the last trial.

Both men were wounded in the battle, Hutchins dying soon after.

Merchant is a wealthy cattleman. Hutchins was a well known newspaper man.

FOR KILLING HIS FATHER.

St. Louis Man Gets Off with Five-Hundred-Dollar Fine.

St. Louis: Wm. O'Meara, who shot and killed his father, Martin O'Meara, in a billiard hall on Nov. 17 last, was convicted of manslaughter in the fourth degree in Judge MacDonald's court and fined $500 and costs.

Father and son were joint owners of a billiard hall. O'Meara had compelled his wife to do the work of a porter before his son became a partner. When William bought an interest he would not allow his mother to do such work and hired a negro. The father, it was alleged, became enraged at his son when the negro appeared and assaulted the young man with a club. The shooting followed.

GREAT PRAIRIE FIRES.

Two Deaths Are Certain and Three More May Result from Injuries.

Lawton, Okla.: So far only two deaths from the prairie fires that swept the Kiowa and Comanche country have been verified, those of Dr. Harmon and an unknown boy near here, although rumors of deaths at numerous isolated points have been reported. Twelve persons were burned, three perhaps fatally.

It is estimated thousands of persons have been made homeless and penniless, and the suffering among the destitute is intense. The property loss is estimated at $200,000.

Hangs Head Down an Hour.

St. Louis, Mo.: For nearly an hour Edward Herberer, a tinner, hung thirty feet above the earth, suspended head downward, from the tin guttering at the front of a house, expected momentarily to be dashed to death. His cries finally brought help, a hole was chopped through the roof and he was saved.

Accused of Dynamite Plot.

Los Angeles, Cal.: Joseph W. Stark has been arrested and is being held pending an investigation as to his sanity. Stark is accused of plotting to blow up the shops of the Los Angeles Railway Company and to take the lives of Henry E. Huntington and his son, Howard Huntington.

Bride Committed Suicide.

Terre Haute, Ind.: Mrs. Gertrude Shawman, fearing the parents of her husband, Harry Shawman, had prevailed on him to leave her, committed suicide by taking arsenic. They were married a year ago, when he was under age and she 22, and against the wishes of his parents.

Aged 116 Years.

Mason City, Ia.: Samuel H. Boone, born in 1788, died at the poorhouse in this county Thursday night, aged 116 years. He was the father of twelve children.

Von Waldersee Ill.

Hanover: The conditon of Field Marshal Count von Waldersee is causing anxiety. He has been ill for some days and is losing strength.

Nearly Under Water.

Toledo, O.: The flood situation here is still threatening. The wagon bridge across the river at Grand Rapids went out and nearly the entire town is under water. The water at Toledo is over the docks and has covered Water Street.

Strike Breaker Stabbed.

Chicago: Edward Tenney, one of the men employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company in place of striking messengers, was attacked by three young men, who knocked him down and stabbed him. Tenney was badly cut in the face.

Ready for the Schafer Case.

Bedford, Ind.: After much delay the grand jury has reached the Schafer murder case. The state expected to get an indictment against the accused, James McDonald, last week, but it is not known how long a time will be necessary to examine all the witnesses.

Fifteenth Victim of Disaster.

New York: After living more than thirty hours under the debris of the collapsed Hotel Darlington in West Forty-sixth Street, Charles Lasek, a cement worker, died Friday while being carried to a hospital. This increases the known dead to fifteen.

FIFTEEN KNOWN DEAD.

Fifteen Injured and Three Still Missing at Darlington Hotel.

New York: There are fifteen dead, fifteen injured and three persons missing as the result of the collapse of the unfinished Darlington apartment house on West Forty-sixth Street Wednesday and of the resultant injury to the Patterson Hotel directly in the rear of the collapsed building.

The search for the dead among the twisted iron girders and masses of stone continues. A wrecking force is at work and is aided in its efforts by a steam derrick. Many large arc lights have been erected over the mass of twisted timbers and beams and operations will go on night and day.

A. J. Patterson, proprietor of the Patterson Hotel, expresses the belief that the Darlington building stood on a bed of quicksand, and his statement was communicated to the district attorney's office. This statement will open an entirely new line of investigation.

DREYFUS' APPEAL HEARD.

French Court May Grant Revision of Famous Case.

Paris: The court of cassation began Thursday the consideration of the appeal of Alfred Dreyfus for the revision of his trial.

Though general interest in the case was not as great as in previous years, yet the court room was crowded.

Dreyfus was not present, his interests being in the hands of Lawyer Mornard.

The report of M. Boyer, reporter of the court, which was read, presented two new facts, upon which Minister of Justice Valle recommended the revision of the case.

It is claimed by those present in court that if the new facts are acknowledged by the tribunal the innocense of Dreyfus would be established.

AN UNPRECEDENTED DROP.

Fall in Six Hours of 63 Degrees in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb.: Two March temperature records were broken in Nebraska Wednesday. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon in Lincoln the weather bureau thermometer indicated 79 degrees, the highest temperature for March of which there is record. An hour later it had fallen 20 degrees and at 7 o'clock at night the reading was 16 above zero, a fall in six hours of 63 degrees, a descent likewise without a precedent in the state. Throughout the afternoon and night a tremendous gale blew from the northwest.

Reports from country towns tell of damage to small buildings, windmills and plate glass store fronts.

ALMOST A HURRICANE.

Wind Developed Velocity of Sixty Miles in Colorado.

Denver, Colo.: High winds, in some places approaching the proportions of a hurricane, prevailed along the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado and Wyoming Wednesday. In Colorado Springs the wind reached a velocity of sixty miles an hour, and several buildings were damaged.

At Pryor, a coal camp twenty miles north of Trinidad, a store in which is the postoffice, was wrecked. Several persons were buried in the ruins, but were rescued without serious injury.

In southern Wyoming and northern Colorado a blizzard is raging.

LUNCHEON COST HIM $68.

Colorado Man Missed One Train and Chartered Another

Nevada, Mo.: J. Hubert Pettingil of Colorado Springs, on the way to Joplin from Kansas City, on the Missouri Pacific passenger, stopped off here to eat a lunch and the train pulled out, leaving him. Pettingil rushed to the dispatcher's office and chartered a special train, which was started in less than ten minutes. He had a mining deal in which $10,000 was involved and was compelled to be there to close it. The train was given the right of way and ran the sixty-eight miles on schedule time. It is reported the train cost him $1 a mile.

Murders Wife; Shoots, Himself.

Fargo, N. D.: Gottlieb Seivirt of McLean County, pounded his wife with a revolver until she was forced to lean upon his support, and when her head was resting upon his shoulder he shot her, causing instant death. He then turned the weapon upon himself, and is in a serious condition.

Smallpox at Indian Camp.

Winnipeg, Man.: Trappers and traders coming from the north report terrible suffering among the Indians from lack of food and a scourge of smallpox. At Isle de Cross sixty deaths are reported. A relief expedition, accompanied by mounted police, reports the epidemic of greater proportions than at first reported.

Fixing the Alaskan Boundary.

Skagway, Alaska: Capt. W. P. Richardson, in charge of the Haines military post, recently located the latitude and longitude of Pleasant Camp, Alaska, astronomically. It was deemed best to establish the boundary in this manner until such time as it can be permanently marked by government survey.

Alleged Forger Arrested.

Columbus, O.: Assistant Chief of Detectives Calcrim of Cincinnati has arrested Robert J. Knox on a warrant from Muncie, Ind., charging him with raising a check from $15 to $1,500.

Blizzard in Michigan.

Marquette, Mich.: An exceedingly severe blizzard raged in upper Michigan Wednesday. Train and wire service was demoralized.

Slight Earthquake at San Francisco

San Francisco, Cal.: A moderately severe earthquake shock was felt here. Its duration was about four seconds. No damage was done.

Minnesota Bank Closes.

St. Paul, Minn.: The Le Sueur, Minn., County Bank, a private institution, has closed its doors. Livingston Quackenbush is president of the bank and W. P. Quackenbush is cashier. The liabilities and assets are said to be $95,000 each.

Will be Electrocuted.

New York: Emil Totterman, convicted of murder in the first degree for killing Sarah Martin in a James slip hotel, on Dec. 20, was Thursday sentenced to electrocution at Sing Sing prison in the week beginning April 18.

No Hope for Bucketshop Speculators

St. Louis: The St. Louis circuit court of appeals handed down a decision to the effect that a person who loses money in a bucketshop transaction on margins cannot recover. The court states that it is a general rule of law that the loser, voluntarily paying, cannot recover in the absence of express special statutory enactments.

Cloudburst in Ohio.

Steubenville, O.: A cloudburst Thursday in the Yellow Creek valley, near Irondale, caused great destruction. Scores of houses were flooded. It is reported that at least one life was lost.

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

A Sensation at Aberdeen—Editor McLeod Sues H. Shepard for Libel—Row Over a Gambling Machine—Affair Causes Great Excitement.

An Aberdeen special says: Charles J. McLeod, editor of the Aberdeen Daily News, and a prominent politician in the north half of the state, caused the arrest of Hosley Shepard for operating a gambling device and at the same time instituted suit against him in the sum of $5,000 for libel. Shepard was placed in jail, but was later allowed his liberty on the furnishing of $500 cash bail.

A few evenings ago a prominent society young man, Palmer D. Sheldon, captain of Company L, South Dakota National Guard, lost $20 in Shepard's place, and when friends attempted to secure retribution Shepard told them that McLeod carried the key to the particular machine in which the money was lost, and if he would open it they could have back the money, less his (McLeod's) customary 10 per cent.

There has been talk for some time that McLeod receives blood money from gambling resorts and houses of ill-fame, but this he refutes and has decided to air the matter in the courts.

Shepard's father is one of the city justices and is a strong party man, belonging to the anti-McLeod faction, and Sheldon, the man who lost the money, is a popular young man at Aberdeen.

The affair has caused no little excitement and every one on the streets is talking of it.

Shepard will be tried in the circuit court in June.

A VALUABLE STONE.

It Contains Garnets Worth Up to $1,400—Was a Gift.

H. J. Hindersman of Redfield is the possessor of an interesting and valuable specimen, which was presented to him by an old friend who is now in Alaska. The specimen consists of a piece of rock, which weighs about thirty-five pounds. Imbedded in the rock are a number of large red Alaskan garnets.

Twenty-eight of the garnets are visible and it is thought that at least half as many more are buried out of sight in the piece of rock.

The garnets, which are from one-half to an inch in diameter, have been examined by experts, who pronounce them absolutely flawless and perfect in formation, and state that they are worth from $200 to $1,400 each.

BURGLARY AND DESERTION.

Recreant Soldier Arrested on Two Charges.

William B. Hayes, a deserter from the United States cavalry, has been arrested in Deadwood on the charge of burglary as well as desertion, for which he will answer in federal court. He has been given a preliminary examination before United States Commissioner C. H. Nelson of Deadwood, by whom he has been held to the United States grand jury.

After his desertion Hayes loitered in purlieus of Fort Meade, where the headquarters and eight troops of the Sixth cavalry are stationed, and burglarized the dwelling of Sergeant Moll. Besides abstracting several articles of value he destroyed a valuable collection of curios in mischief.

MORE SCHOOLS NEEDED.

Two New Buildings Probably Will Be Erected at Redfield.

A mass meeting of citizens was held at the court house at Redfield to discuss the advisability of erecting a new $35,000 school building. While the increased population of the city makes the need of more school room imperative, yet it was the general opinion at the meeting that ward schools would better subserve the purpose.

It is probable that two new ward school houses will be erected in the near future to meet the needs.

SMALLPOX IN THE HILLS.

Mild Case of the Disease Develops Near Spearfish.

Harry Goding, who resides on the Joseph Wells ranch, two miles west of Spearfish, has developed a mild case of smallpox and the premises have been quarantined by the county health officers. Goding is believed to have become infected while on a recent visit to Nebraska.

The Spearfish hospital is soon to be established by local physicians. Nurses and improved apparatus have been sent for and are expected from the east.

Gift for Mail Carrier.

The patrons of rural route No. 1 of Canton are getting up a benefit for Carrier Hans Berg, and propose to furnish him with a generous supply of horse feed. Hans is one of the salt of the earth, and his politeness and faithfulness is proverbial wherever he is known, and the patrons of his route are delighted to show their appreciation in a substantial manner.

Dog Poisoner.

Systematic efforts are being made by some unknown party in Yankton to kill off the valuable dogs. Will Bruce lost a pure-blooded Irish setter; Alderman E. David Finnegan lost his English pointer "Joe," valued at $100. Moris Pike lost a valuable setter. Dogs of lesser degree were included in the attack.

Red Cloud Claims Coffin Money.

Chief Red Cloud, who for the past few months has been very low and expected to die any day, was a visitor at the United States Indian agent's office at Pine Ridge the other day. One object of his visit was to obtain the money left on deposit by his friends for the purchase of his coffin.

South Dakota Stock Growers.

The annual convention of the western South Dakota Stockgrowers' Association will be held in Rapid City April 11, 12 and 13. The citizens have arranged for a celebration that will exceed in interest anything ever held before in that part of the west.

Gymnasium at Fort Meade.

The new gymnasium building has just been completed at Fort Meade and turned over by the contractor. It is one of the most complete in its appointments in western South Dakota.

N. L. Davison Dies at Mitchell.

N. L. Davison, cashier of the Mitchell National Bank at Mitchell, who was stricken with apoplexy late Thursday evening, died Saturday morning. The entire city is in mourning for Davison, who has been closely associated with the business interests of Mitchell for a great many years. He leaves an estate valued at $200,000.

Thief Arrested at Salem.

A man who refuses to give his name was arrested at Salem the other night for stealing four suits of clothes and several pairs of overshoes from Anderson Bros.' store.

RECALLED OLD TIMES.

Castalia Has Experience Which Recalls Old Days.

Developments at a dance held a few nights ago at Castalia, a town situated on the Missouri River slope in Charles Mix County, were a reminder of frontier times.

About fifty young people were present to enjoy the dance, but their enjoyment was of short duration. Some would-be "ba-ad" men or youths from the Missouri River gulches put in an appearance. They were loaded down with poor whisky and six-shooters, and to prove their "courage" fired shot after shot through the windows of the building where the dance was being held, using the lights of the inside for targets.

Some of the bullets passed dangerously near the occupants of the room. Women fainted and some of the more timid men sought safety in flight. One of the male dancers produced a knife with which to defend himself, but in the excitement plunged the blade of the weapon into his leg. This led him to believe he had been shot, and his shouts to this effect added to the general panic.

It was finally announced that the dance was indefinitely postponed.

GEORGE NORTHAM ACQUITTED

Found Not Guilty of Murdering George Tallman.

A Lead special says: George Northam has been acquitted in circuit court of the murder of George Tallman, the jury being out less than thirty minutes. The trial took up almost an entire week and has been one of the most exciting in the history of circuit court in and for Lawrence County.

Northam has for many years been a special agent for the Homestake Company at Lead, and Tallman was an employe of the company. It is claimed that bad blood had been engendered between the two men by reason of Northam's position, Tallman ofter referring to him as a Homestake "spotter," and having previously on different occasions announced his intention of inflicting great punishment upon Northam owing to the latter's having reported Tallman to the company several times. Self-defense was the theory adhered to by Northam's attorneys throughout the trial, and much testimony was introduced to show that Northam had had reason to believe he was in danger of great bodily harm.

RESULT OF OPENING COFFIN.

Sioux Falls Family Practically Wiped Out by Typhoid Fever.

The opening of the coffin of a Sioux Falls man who died in Louisiana of typhoid fever has practically wiped out the family of James Dougherty of Sioux Falls.

Several weeks ago the remains of one of Dougherty's sons was brought to Sioux Falls from Louisiana, where he died of typhoid fever. The family, in paying the last honors to the dead, opened the coffin.

Since that time three other members of the family have died of typhoid fever, while two others are seriously ill with the same disease. The last victim is a married daughter, who leaves two little children. She resided with her parents and had been active in caring for other members of the family who were afflicted with the disease.

AN UNCLASSFIED BIRD.

Strange Songster is Found and Tamed Near Orient.

Mrs. August Zellmer of Orignt is the possessor of a decided curiosity in the bird line, and naturalists who have seen it are unable to classify it, nothing of the kind ever having been seen in that part of South Dakota before.

The bird is fully twice as large as an ordinary canary and can sing as sweetly as any canary. It has a curved beak something like that of a parrot, and is feathered almost the same as the common sparrow or wheat bird.

The strange bird was found by Mrs. Zellmer at a point about one mile east of Orient, having in some manner had one of its wings broken. It was taken to the Zellmer home, and to the great surprise of the family speedily became as tame as any canary.

BITTEN BY A PET DOG.

Englishwoman, Who Preferred Solitude to Splendor, is Dead.

Miss S. Henrietta Carlisle-Kent, a wealthy and eccentric English woman, is dead at her ranch in Crook County, Wyo., not far from Spearfish, aged 69 years. Once a lecturer and with ample means and prominent connections in England, she preferred to live in an isolated but well stocked western ranch. She took occasional trips to the old world where she was entertained in royal courts and was the possessor of gorgeous costumes presented to her on these visits.

Death was due to blood poisoning, caused by being bitten by a pet dog. Most of her wealth will go to a niece living in England.

Will Improve Gas Plant.

Peter English of Boulder, Colo., who purchased the gas plant at Deadwood and the franchise at Lead some weeks ago, has arrived and assumed possession. He expects to improve the plant at Deadwood and to proceed immediately with the installation of a system in Lead. A company that he has formed expects to expend $100,000 in this work.

Not a Vacant Building.

It has been impossible during the past winter to house all the newcomers who desire to move to Redfield, and this spring will see the erection of many residences. There has not been a vacant residence or store room in Redfield during the past three years and the demand has always kept in advance of thesupply.

Hold Revivals in Saloons.

The Presbyterian people, who are holding revival meetings in Aberdeen, held a meeting in the Shrantz saloon and will hold another in the Shea saloon. The novelty draws large crowds.

Diphtheria at Miller.

On account of continued cases of diphtheria the schools at Miller will remain closed another week. Church services were discontinued the 28th. There was no alarming necessity for this action, but it was desired to take proper precautions at once.

Auditorium for Brookings.

The auditorium committee met last Friday evening at Brookings, and it was decided to push the project with all possible speed and a committee will take up the matter of finances at once.

New Church Near Alpena.

The members of a Norwegian church situated in a Norwegian settlement northwest of Alpena, have been circulating subscription paper for funds with which to erect a handsome new church building. A sufficient amount already has been subscribed to warrant the commencement of work.

Bridgewater Will Boom.

Bridgewater is certain to enjoy a substantial building boom during the coming spring and summer. Arrangements already have been made for the commencement of work on four or five new dwelling houses as soon as spring opens.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Short Notes.

A meeting will be held at Gray for the purpose of reorganizing a Good Templar lodge.

The auditorium financial committee at Brookings is planning to get after the shekels at once.

Attorney Oal Eidem of Brookings is nursing an unusually large carbuncle on the end of his nose.

Mrs. Baldwin, recently matron at Crow Creek, has just been transferred as matron of an Indian school in Arizona.

Both of the large cyanide plants of the Homestake Mining Company, one in Lead and one at Blacktail, are being enlarged.

The Canton Athletic Club was organized at the gymnasium fixed up under the corner of the Syndicate block, Canton, Monday night.

The supreme court of the state has admitted to practice Ranson L. Gibbs of Sioux Falls, on a certificate from the supreme court of New York.

It is said that a new daily paper is to be established in Lead, of Democratic politics, and intended to espouse the candidacy of William R. Hearst for president.

Blunt has an incendiary in the person of a woman, who, notwithstanding the efforts of the authorities, has thus far succeeded in keeping her identity a secret.

The board of education of Clark has materially enlarged the grounds of the public schools by purchasing four lots in the block where the school house now stands.

At Alpena the pupils of the high school and intermediate departments have organized literary societies and will give entertainments on each alternate Friday afternoon.

Several new business blocks and other new buildings will be erected at Montrose this spring, among them a postoffice building. Work on the latter will commence at once.

W. R. Davis has been transferred from Crow Creek to White Earth, Minn., as superintendent of the Indian school. This is considered a promotion by the professor's friends.

As the result of a recent fire at Blunt, a meeting of citizens was held at which it was decided to organize a volunteer fire department. The organization was perfected and officers elected.

Adjt. Throckmorton and party from Sioux Falls held a meeting at the Methodist church in Pierre for the purpose of raising funds for the army home in Sioux Falls and were greeted by a good sized audience.

Col. R. W. Stewart of Pierre and the party who accompanied him on his tour of inspection of the different members of the guard of the state, have returned home and report the guard to be in a flourishing shape.

Those who have charge of the sale of stock for the purpose of raising money for the construction at Valley Springs of a lodge hall building are meeting with very good success. Work on the structure will soon commence.

Sand is being hauled onto the site to be occupied by the new M. E. church at Brookings, and work will be commenced on the edifice as soon as the ground will yield to a pick-axe and shovel. The building will be an elaborate affair.

The first of the Stanley County homesteaders to arrive this spring with cars of emigrant goods to begin active operations on their lands are Messrs George Schlegel and John Clements, who have arrived at Pierre from New Sharon, Ia.

There is considerable property in Armour changing hands this spring, consequently a great deal of moving is taking place. There seems to be a great scarcity of houses for rent at present. Several new houses will be built as soon as the spring opens.

Mrs. D. M. Gillette, one of the pioneers of the Black Hills, died at Los Angeles, Cal., whither she had been taken a few weeks previously by her husband on account of poor health. She was born in Rochester, N. Y., 52 years ago, and came to the Black Hills in 1876.

The Geddes water works system will this spring be materially improved and placed in firstclass condition. Among the improvements will be the addition of a new pump, which will throw 120 gallons of water per minute into the tank against 120 pounds of air pressure.

Some subscriptions are being raised for the grist mill which is to be erected in Canton by Mitchell parties, if a certain bonus can be guaranteed. It is hoped that sufficient inducements can be offered to make the deal go, and thus place Canton somewhat more conspicuously on the map.

An agitation has commenced at Canova for the construction of a new and larger public school building or the material enlargement of the present structure. For several years the school facilities have been too limited and it is hoped to have a new building erected during the coming summer.

In accordance with a resolution passed by the city council, Mayor Giedd and City Auditor Zeek of Avon have called a special election for the purpose of voting upon the proposition of issuing bonds in the sum of $13,000 for the construction of a municipal system of water works to supply the people of Avon with water for fire protection and domestic purposes.

Thomas Ford is confined in the Butte County jail charged with an incendiary attempt upon the new wool warehouse at Belle Fourche. Straw saturated with kerosene had been used in the attempt and a hole several inches wide was burned through the floor, but owing to a strong draught the blaze was extinguished before communicated to the main part of the building.

C. H. Jordan, ex-sheriff of Brule County, who since retiring from office has devoted his attention to farming near Pukwana, is becoming the cabbage king of South Dakota. He is now marketing an aggregate of 45,000 heads of cabbage which he raised last season on six acres of ground.

Petitions have been circulated asking that a rural free mail delivery route be established between Altamont and Lone Tree Lake. The proposed route will extend through one of the most thickly settled portions of Deuel County and will accommodate a large number of farmers.

The three election judges of Greenleaf Township will be brought before Justice Miller at Miller on a warrant sworn out by David Stewart, charging them with allowing him to cast an illegal vote. He claims he did not know a six months' residence in the state was required, and that the board did know it. His vote reelected the old township officers.

Those in charge of the socialist state headquarters in Sioux Falls announce that as the result of the referendum vote just taken by the socialists of South Dakota, Sioux Falls has been selected as the place for holding the socialist state convention. Tuesday, March 15, was selected as the date.

STATE CAPITAL CHAT. PIERRE

The state board of appraisement, consisting of the state land commissioner, state auditor, and county superintendent of schools in which the appraisement is to be made, has fixed the minimum for sales of lands in the counties in which they are to be offered for the present year. Sales will be made only in the counties of Kingsbury, Beadle, Spink and Brown, and the values fixed are quite different than in the days several years ago, when most of it was at the constitutional minimum of $10 per acre. In Kingsbury County the minimum prices run from $15 per acre as the lowest to $50 per acre for the highest, more of it running over $20 per acre than under that. In Beadle County the prices run from $15 per acre to $30 per acre. In Spink from $12 per acre to $45 per acre, and in Brown from $10 per acre to $40 per acre. The tracts in Brown, which are fixed at $10 are very few, most of them running from $15 to $25 per acre. The policy of the state board at the present time is to place the lands at a figure at which there will be an object in making sales. The lands are a better investment for the state to hold for lease, than to let go at a low price.

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"South Dakota troops made an enviable record at the time of the Spanish-American war," remarked Adjt. Gen. Conklin, the other day, "and if called on in the near future that record could be duplicated. If the government should make a call for troops South Dakota guards would be ready to move in forty-eight hours. In my travels around among the soldier boys I find a stron desire among the guards for an opportunity to go to the far east. The boys would all like to throw their strength on the side of Japan. If it were possible to open a recruiting station in South Dakota volunteers for a regiment could be secured in short order. But under the neutral agreement this cannot be done. However, I am a believer in the old motto of "In times of peace prepare for war" and we will push the work of bringing the South Dakota guards to as near a perfect standard as possible, as rapidly as it can be done."

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President Roosevelt is opposed to certain features of the Rosebud bill. He told the members of the South Dakota delegation so on Monday night at their conference with him. In fact, he was emphatic in stating that if the bill was not modified, particularly in regard to the price of lands, that he would veto the measure. The delegation from South Dakota endeavored to show the president that he was wrongly informed as to the lands included in the bill to be opened to settlement, but the president was unyielding, and the delegation is in a quandary to know just exactly how to proceed. The president stated at the conference that the upset price of the lands $3 per acre, was too low, and that the price should be $5 per acre.

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Ex-County Auditor Maupin of Stanley County has secured his bondsmen for all shortage which has been discovered in his affairs, and no one will lose a cent except Mr. Maupin, who is doing everything in his power to help straighten out the entanglement into which he allowed himself to be drawn. The investigation has developed nothing further than the $2,000 which was discovered at the time the shortage first became known, and he says that covers absolutely everything.

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A report from Cheyenne River agency indicates that an effort will be made to secure the consent of the Indians on that reservation to lease all the rest of their reservation not already under lease, with the Indians retaining their individual rights inside the fence around the tracts covered by lease. While the Indians may consent to this the matter does not appear to be one which will go through without opposition on the part of some of the leading Indians.

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The potato crop is becoming one of the most important in the Spearfish valley, according to the figures just obtained as to the shipments from that point during the present season. More than 150 carloads have been shipped and it is estimated that fifty carloads are yet to go. This will make upwards of 4,000 tons, not taking into consideration the potatoes hauled in wagons to Deadwood, Lead and other local points.

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Judge and Mrs. H. G. Fuller and Superintendent and Mrs. Nash left Pierre for a southern trip. They will go together to New Orleans and from that city Superintendent and Mrs. Nash will go to Atlanta, where Mr. Nash has a part in the program of the national meeting of state superintendents.

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About six months ago William Lewis of Sully County was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary on a charge of perjury. A petition asking the governor to pardon him is being circulated in that county, and some of the people are objecting to any clemency, taking the position that the sentence was light enough.

Conductor Ireland of the state band, was in Pierre last week making arrangements for representation from Pierre in that organization. The matter was considered, and the two men selected to go on the trip were W. S. Peck, cornet; and Dick Lynot, trombone. The city will be asked to raise $150 for the purpose of paying the expenses of its representatives, while they are at the fair.

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One of the range riders in the vicinity of Cherry Creek sub-agency wants a modern day miracle explained to him. In the old days the government killed and issued to the Indians at that sub-agency from 160 to 180 head of beef cattle per month. Since the issue of beef has been stopped to Indians who can and will work, the issue has fallen to about twenty head per month, but with this decrease the Indians appear to use as much beef as in the olden days, and the range rider wants to know how they can spread the limited supply to practically equal the old-time issue.

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Some time ago an examiner was sent from the insurance department of this state to look into the business methods of the Des Moines Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Des Moines, Ia. The report indicated that the interests of the officers were receiving more attention than were the interests of the policyholders, and on this report the company was refused a certificate to do business in South Dakota. Secretary W. S. Hazard of that company came to Pierre in an effort to be reinstated, and failing to secure favorable action on the part of the insurance commissioner, has employed counsel to test the right of the commissioner to shut the company out