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TO LURE ON JAPANESE

KURAPATKIN'S PLAN OF CAMPAIGN EXPLAINED.

Will Not Dispute the Yalu—Victory or Defeat There Alike Disadvantageous—Is Playing a Waiting Game—Other News Items.

St. Petersburg: The generally anticipated attack on Port Arthur did not occur Saturday night, although a telegram received from Grand Duke Cyril reports that the enemy's ships were sighted on the horizon. It is presumed that the Japanese were warned of the extra precautions which had been taken to guard against surprise.

Admiral Marakoff's torpedo flotilla patroled the open sea, while the warships, with full steam up, remained outside Port Arthur. Elsewhere throughout the theater of war all is reported quiet.

A high military authority explained why Gen. Kuropatkin's plan of campaign does not contemplate a heavy resistance to the Japanese advance at the Yalu, saying:

"Either defeat or victory in a battle there would be disadvantageous to us. If we lost we would have to fall back through a difficult country. If we won—and I say to you that Russian strategy is based on the idea of victory and not on that of defeat—success would be fruitless. We could not follow it up without exposing the army to too great risks. On account of the Japanese control of the sea, we pursued the enemy into the peninsula of Korea we would open both flanks to a possible attack from the rear. No, the Japanese must come on to a point in the interior, which, with this end in view, has been selected, where we can follow up a crushing defeat to the bitter end with blow after blow, and seal the fate of the campaign.

"Our plans on sea and land will converge at a time next summer when Vice Admiral Marakoff's fleet will be relieved by the arrival of reinforcements. Then if successful on land, we can clear the sea of the enemy, cut his communications and the Japanese in Korea and Manchuria will then be at our mercy.

"The world must not be impatient. The prelude to this war is not yet finished."

FIGHT IN PENITENTIARY.

George Duncan Probably Fatally Stabs "Burglar Jim" Anderson.

Columbus, O.: In revenge for an alleged betrayal, George Duncan, a prisoner, Sunday stabbed and probably fatally wounded "Burglar Jim" Anderson, another prisoner at the Ohio penitentiary. Anderson was seated at a table in the larger dining hall when Duncan suddenly sprang upon him from behind and inflicted six wounds with a shoemaker's knife, which he had managed to secrete, before he could be overpowered. The blade of the knife penetrated Anderson's lung, making a dangerous wound.

Anderson and Duncan escaped together from this penitentiary some time ago, and were recently captured after a desperate fight at Chillicothe, O. On being returned to the penitentiary Anderson accused a former guard of having aided in their escape. Since that time Duncan has expressed extreme animosity toward Anderson.

PASSENGERS BADLY CRUSHED

Three Were Killed Outright and Two More Died of Injuries.

Santa Barbara, Cal.: One of the Edison Company's street cars ran off the track in this city Sunday and was turned over. Three people were killed instantly, and two were so badly injured that they died soon after the accident. Twenty were more or less injured, sustaining bruises and broken bones. All are believed to be Santa Barbara people.

The accident was due to a defect in the brake apparatus, as was revealed upon an inspection of the car after the accident. While the rear brakes were tightly set against the wheels the forward brakes were of no service because of the breaking of a part of the gearing.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Fatal Quarrel Over a Husband at Wheeling, W. Va.

Wheeling, W. Va.: Mrs. Ella Graham and Victoria Robinson disagreed and quarreled over the attentions Mr. Robinson was alleged to have lavished upon Mrs. Graham, and in consequence Mrs. Robinson is dead and Mrs. Graham is in jail charged with murder. The two women met near their home in Pocahontas and started in to fight, viciously tearing at one another's hair. Mrs. Robinson was proving too much for her antagonist when Mrs. Graham pulled a revolver and fired five bullets into Mrs. Robinson's body, killing her instantly.

Mississippi High at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn.: The Mississippi River at this city has come to a stand with a stage of thirty-nine feet shown on the gauge. It is predicted by the United States weather bureau officials that the water will remain stationary for several hours. Thus far all the levees in the Memphis territory have withstood the overflow.

Five Badly Wounded.

New York: In a feud fight here Sunday three brothers, Thomas, William and Michael Gilbride, were seriously if not fatally stabbed, and Harry and John McShane, also brothers, were badly wounded.

A Bitter Church Fight.

Huntsville, Ala.: The famous factional fight in the Christian Church of this city broke out afresh again Sunday. As a result two elders and three members of the church were placed under arrest in the afternoon for willfully defacing and injuring the church building.

Queen Isabella's Death.

Madrid: The Official Gazette, which appeared Sunday with black borders, merely announced the death of former Queen Isabella, and made no statement regarding the funeral arrangements.

Coal Fields in Alaska.

Washington: The geological survey has received a report of an extensive deposit of Alaskan coal, accessible to the Pacific Ocean, located from twelve to twenty-five miles inland from Controller Bay, Alaska. The coal fields lie behind the Controller Bay oil fields, at the foot of the Chugach Mountains.

Embezzlement the Charge.

Eau Claire, Wis.: A warrant has been issued for John Erickson, former grand secretary of the Independent Scandinavian Workingmen's Association of America, charging embezzlement of about $4,000 from the association.

TREATY IS SIGNED.

Anglo-French Compact is Favorably Received.

London: The Anglo-French colonial treaty was signed in the foreign office in London Friday. It comprises three separate instruments, the main features of which have been outlined from time to time.

The first instrument deals with Egypt and Morocco, the second with Newfoundland and west Africa, and the third with Siam, the New Hebrides and Madagascar.

By the terms of the treaty the present political situation in Morocco and in Egypt remains unchanged, and a full agreement is reached regarding Egyptian finances. Great Britain recognizes the right of France to guard the tranquillity of Morocco, while France will not impede the action of Great Britain in Egypt and Great Britain adheres to the convention of 1888 for the neutrality of the Suez canal.

The freedom of trade in Egypt and Morocco is guaranteed for thirty years.

In order to assure the freedom of the straits of Gibraltar it is agreed that no fortification can be erected on the Moroccan coast.

The Newfoundland fishing clause has already been made public.

France obtains three concessions regarding territory in west Africa.

In the case of Siam, the two countries confirm the declaration of 1896 determining its precise meaning with regard to pre-existing differences.

With regard to the New Hebrides, the governments agree to appoint a commission to decide the land disputes between the inhabitants.

Concerning Madagascar, Great Britain withdraws the protests made at various periods against the French economic regime there.

The government has long been a stranger to such a chorus of universal approval and congratulation as that exhibited editorially in all the London newspapers because of the happy conclusion of the Anglo-French negotiations for a colonial treaty. The approval is none the less whole-hearted because it is recognized that France has obtained substantial concessions while conceding little of real value.

NEBRASKA IS SWEPT.

Snow and Sleet Driven by Fifty-Mile an Hour Gale.

Lincoln, Neb.: Snow and sleet visited the eastern southeastern and central portions of the state Friday propelled by a gale of fifty miles an hour. Further west the snow followed the rains, which lasted until midnight. The temperature here was 28 degrees at 7 o'clock, and towns in the west and northwest reported a temperature as low as 18 degrees.

The storm increased in violence during the afternoon and evening, the wind reaching a velocity of fifty-five miles an hour, which, with the whirling snow brought conditions comparable to a midwinter blizzard. Street car traffic was delayed and on some lines blocked. Outbuildings were moved from foundations and delivery wagons toppled over. Trains were not greatly behind time, but the gale played havoc with the roofs of freight cars, blowing them off in a number of instances when the wind got a full sweep at moving trains. The snow ceased falling in Lincoln at night and the weather grew colder.

At one time the wind in Lincoln reached a velocity of 64 miles an hour. Near McLean, Neb., a Pacific Short Line passenger train was stalled in the snow several hours.

COTTON MILLS SHUT DOWN.

Curtailment of Output is the Object in New England.

Fall River, Mass.: Thursday's developments in the movement looking toward a widespread curtailment of output in this city show that at least thirty-two cotton mills, owned by fifteen corporations, will be shut down for the remainder of the week. These mills will be operated four days each week for some time. The movement affects about 13,000 operatives.

Providence, R. I.: The Rhode Island mill owners will follow the action of Fall River. The Lonsdale cotton mills at Lonsdale, Berkley and Ashton are running five days a week, while the plant at Tiverton is shut down.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT.

Our Consuls to Manchuria Given Other Posts.

Washington, D. C.: The state department has decided to find temporary employment for persons recently appointed to consular offices in Manchuria, and will make no effort to place them at their designated posts pending the issue of the war between Russia and Japan.

Mr. Cheshire, consul to Mukden, will be attached to the legation at Pekin.

Mr. Davidson, consul at Antung, will be assistant consul at Newchwang.

Edwin Morgan, consul at Dalny, will be assistant consul at Shanghai.

EX-CONGRESSMAN FINED.

Assaulted an Officer of Colorado National Guard.

Cripple Creek, Colo.: District Judge Lewis has sentenced John M. Glover, former congressman from Missouri, to pay a fine for assaulting Sergeant Dittemere of the Colorado National Guard.

Dittemere, with a detachment of militia, attempted to arrest Glover in his office. Glover resisted, but after being wounded surrendered.

Glover has secured a stay of sentence pending an appeal to the supreme court.

Buried in a Snow Drift.

La Crosse, Wis.: A report has been received at the division offices here to the effect that the southern Minnesota passenger train on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road has been buried in a snowdrift in the western part of Minnesota for ten hours.

Operators Cut Price of Coal.

Cleveland, O.: At a meeting of the Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia soft coal operators here the price of lake coal and steamboat fuel was cut 15 cents a ton, as compared with last year's prices.

Over 1,000 Houses Are Destroyed

Vienna: A dispatch to the Neue Freie Presse says an earthquake on April 4 killed twenty-five persons, injured forty, destroyed 1,500 houses and caused great distress in the villayets of Vossovo and Salonica, Macedonia.

Thirty Lives Lost.

Victoria, B. C.: Twenty or thirty hatches marked "L. M.," a number of light spars and two life buoys marked La Morna, Greenock, have been found within the past few days floating or ashore in Barclay Sound, indicating that the Scotch ship Le Morna of Greenock, grain laden, from Puget Sound to Queenstown, has foundered with her ship's company of thirty souls.

Three Men Killed.

Washington: Three men were killed and one fatally injured in an explosion at the Pintsch Gas Compressing Company's plant in southwest Washington.

COLLISION IN CHICAGO.

One Person Fatally and Others Badly Injured on Elevated.

Chicago: In a rear end collision Thursday night on the Metropolitan elevated railroad Miss Hazel Walters, 22 years old, was fatally injured, and about a dozen other people were hurt, although none of them is expected to die. The most serious case outside of that of Miss Walters is that of George S. Kroll, who was badly battered up about the body, and whose leg was fractured.

The acident occurred at the Logan Square terminus of the road. One train was standing at the platform discharging its passengers when a through train came up. The engineer shut off the electric current when within 500 feet of the station and applied the air brakes, but there was no air and the train went smashing into the rear of the cars standing at the platform. The front coach of the through, and the rear car of the other train were demolished.

FINDS MRS. BOTKIN GUILTY.

Jury Fixes Penalty at Life Imprisonment.

San Francisco: The jury in the Botkin case late Thursday night returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree and fixed the penalty at imprisonment for life.

Mrs. Cordelia Botkin was charged with having poisoned Mrs. John P. Dunning and Mrs. Deane, both of Dover, Del., daughters of ex-Representative Pennington, five years ago, sending them a box of poisoned candy. The cause alleged was her love for Mr. Dunning.

Mrs. Botkin was arrested at San Francisco, where she has been kept in custody notwithstanding attempts of the Delaware authorities to have her taken to that state for trial. In 1898 Mrs. Botkin was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment. She secured a new trial, which was begun on March 10.

INDIANS IN WRECK.

Three Were Killed Outright and Many Injured.

Maywood, Ill.: Sixty-three Indians in a special car en route to Washington to see President Roosevelt were smashed into by a Chicago and Northwestern mail train near here Thursday during a dense fog. Three Indians were instantly killed and three fatally injured. Twenty others were more or less seriously hurt. The Indians who were not pinned in the wreck fled in a panic across the prairie. All the victims were Indians.

After the bodies of the dead had been removed from the wreckage and placed in a row beside the tracks, an incident probably unparalleled in the railway's records took place. The uninjured among the Indians gathered about, led by Chief Iron Tail, and solemnly chanted the Indian "death song."

80,000,000 OF US.

Census Bureau Places Total Population at 79,900,000.

Washington: The census bureau Thursday issued a bulletin which gives the estimated population of the United States for 1903, exclusive of Alaska and the insular possessions, at 79,900,389, an increase of 3,905,814 since the census of 1900. According to these estimates New York is now a city of 3,716,139, Chicago has 1,873,890, Philadelphia has 1,367,716, St. Louis has passed and Boston has almost reached the 600,000 mark. Considered by states, New York leads in population, with more than 7,500,000, Illinois has pased 5,000,000. But twenty-two states now have less than 1,000,000 inhabitants, and fourteen exceed 2,000,000.

NO MASSACRE OF JEWS.

Reports of Shocking Outrages in Bulgaria Without Foundation.

Berlin: The reports of anti-Semitic massacres and cruelties at Lompalanka, Bulgaria, circulated in the United States by a news agency are highly exaggerated and are based on a paragraph in one of the German papers which merely mentioned the threatening attitude of the Bulgarian population against the Jews, and ostensible violence against a young Macedonian. The alleged crucifixion details are nothing more than inventions.

TRAGEDY IN MISSISSIPPI.

Young Farmer Kills His Sweetheart and Her Father.

Water Valley, Miss.: A tragedy occurred near here Thursday. Eli Gammon, a young farmer, had made all arrangements to elope with Miss Fannie Kimsey, when her father, Jake Kimsey, appeared on the scene. Gammon shot and killed him.

The daughter endeavored to escape from the scene, but Gammon shot and killed her and then made his escape. A large posse is in pursuit.

Horseman Shot and Killed.

De Soto, Mo.: J. S. Rector, in charge of a carload of race horses bound for St. Louis from Hot Springs, Ark., was shot and killed near Mill Springs. Two men named Lantille and McMillan were taken from the train and placed under arrest here on suspicion of being implicated in Rector's death. They declare Rector killed himself by accident.

Walls Fall on Firemen.

York, Pa.: Three firemen were killed, several others were injured and a loss of $250,000 was caused Wednesday by fire which destroyed the plant of the York Carriage Company. Much adjoining property was damaged. Some 260 employes barely escaped. A wall fell on the firemen.

Big Snow Up North.

Grand Forks, N. D.: Eight inches of wet snow has fallen since midnight Thursday and at noon it was still snowing heavily. The storm is general throughout the northern part of the state.

Four Chinese Boys Drowned.

Vancouver, B. C.: Four wealthy Chinese boys sent here from China under the auspices of the Chinese Reform Association, have been drowned in Burrard inlet. They went out in a small boat on Tuesday and did not return. It is supposed their boat capsized in a gale.

Wreck in Kentucky.

Middlesboro, Ky.: In a wreck on the Louisville and Nashville road George McCoy was killed and Engineer Thornton, Edward Williams, trainman, and Martin, a section boss, seriously hurt.

General Strike Ordered.

Brazil, Ind.: President Houston, of the United Mine Workers of District No. 8, issued a notice to the operators of the block coal field that all miners would cease work on Monday, April 11. This general strike was ordered by President Houston to join the miners' organization.

Reward for Gallantry.

St. Petersburg: Vice Admiral Stark reached St. Petersburg Thursday simultaneously with the announcement of his decoration with the Alexander swords, which are only conferred for gallantry in the face of the enemy.

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Indians Make a Protest — Claim Whites Usurp Places on Reservation—Council at Cheyenne Agency Votes to Extend Lease System.

A Pierre special says: The Indians on the Lower Brule reservation have been making complaint in regard to filling the positions of farmer and assistant farmer at their agency by white men. For a long time these positions were held by Indians, but lately a change was made placing white men in the places. The Indians protested and a special agent was sent out to look into the matter. The Indians claim the place under the regulations of the Indian department which give an Indian preference over a white man for an agency position, when the Indian is competent to fill it, and the Indians claim they have men among them fully competent to fill either of these positions.

At an Indian council at Cheyenne agency last week the Indians voted to allow a wider trail along the northern border of their reservation for driving cattle from the western part of the state to Evarts. They also voted to extend the lease system on the Cheyenne River reservation at a lease price of 3½ cents per acre. This lease price includes the fencing, which those securing the leases are required to build, and which must remain as the property of the Indians at the expiration of the lease term.

WILL DELAY SEEDING.

One of the Severest Snow Storms of the Winter.

One of the severest snow and wind storms of the winter followed Thursday's rain at Huron. The storm set in from the northwest and is in progress with no indication of abatement. Seeding, which is very backward, will be delayed several days. The temperature is mild, and stock will not suffer.

A Lead special says: The first thunder storm of the season for western South Dakota has been experienced. It was followed by a short rain, and some snow. From the present outlook the spring season has arrived earlier this year than usual.

The first good rain of the season visited Mitchell Wednesday night and .65 inches of water fell. Farmers in all parts of Davison County have been in the fields the past week sowing their wheat crop, which will be largely increased over last year.

OBJECT TO SALOON.

Citizens of Roubaix Want Liquor Store Closed.

A Deadwood special states that the county commissioners, at their April session, received a petition, signed by the citizens of southern Lawrence County, asking that the saloon of John H. Conway, at Roubaix, be closed, and his license revoked.

No specific charges are made against Conway, and the only ground for the action is that the people object to a saloon in the town. When Conway applied for his license last July a petition in remonstrance was signed by the citizens against its being granted, and it was held up for a time by the commissioners. The board has now taken further time for considering the recent objections.

SETTLERS IN BRULE.

The County is Filling Up with Emigrants.

Norwegian immigrants are fairly pouring into Brule County these days, says a Kimball dispatch. They are all young and vigorous fellows and come straight from the land across the sea. Four arrived within the past few days and have joined relatives in the south part of the county. Quite a number of Norwegians went across the water to their old homes last fall and they evidently told such tales of South Dakota and Brule County in particular that their good words for their adopted country is bearing fruit. Quite a number are now on the way to join their friends in this country.

WAS IT MURDER?

Body of Newly Born Infant Found in Sheeptail Gulch.

It is believed that infant murder has been committed in the vicinity of Central City, brought to light by the discovery of the body of a newly born girl in Sheeptail gulch, a short distance from the town. It was wrapped in the skirt of a woman, and had evidently lain all winter, becoming finally exposed to view through the disappearance of the snow and ice.

The coroner viewed the body, and it is his belief that it had lived several days after birth. The officers are at work on the case, but have meager clews.

Improving Telephone System.

The Home Telephone Company at Lead, which has recently taken over the property and property rights of the old Harrison Telephone Company, has three crews in the field repairing and improving its system. The lines connecting Lead with adjoining towns and communities are receiving new poles and wires.

Deadwood to Have Public Scales.

An ordinance has been passed by Deadwood city council providing for the introduction and maintenance by the city of public scales. The scales will be purchased and a city weigher appointed at once.

Miller's Light Plant Started.

The Miller electric light plant was set in motion Friday night, after anxious waiting by the people caused by the non-arrival of machinery. The plant is one of the best in the state.

Deed Comes from India.

A deed to a quarter section of Brown County land was filed in the registrar's office at Aberdeen, which had traveled a long distance, the signature of the grantor, F. F. Raymond, having been affixed in Calcutta, India, on Feb. 24.

Complaining Witness Missing.

The case against the Greenleaf Township judges for failure to challenge David Stewart at the polls was dismissed at Miller, owing to the failure of the complaining witness to appear. It is said he left the state.

Improvement Society.

A new organization is the East Pierre Improvement Society, which has been organized by the ladies of the Fourth Ward. They will at once take up the work of improving and beautifying their section of the city. Their work, besides general improvement, contemplates the erection of an assembly hall in that part of the city for general meetings of all kinds.

Old Landmark Gone.

The old Catholic church building which has been a familiar landmark at Wheeler since pioneer days, has been moved to Platte.

THE BAND IS READY.

South Dakota Musicians, Fifty Strong, Organized.

The South Dakota State Band will meet at Woonsocket June 16th for a week's rehearsal, going to St. Louis about June 23, and will give concerts daily at the South Dakota building for thirty days. Mr. Ireland feels elated at the success he has had in arranging the band and is confident he has the best musicians obtainable in the state. The band numbers about fifty; but, however, he would like to make it number sixty-five providing the right instrumentation can be obtained. As it is, the band is quite evently balanced.

Mr. Ireland has been in correspondence with a few first class artists in Chicago and Milwaukee but finds their salaries amount to more than his funds will permit, so the band will be strictly South Dakotans. If there are any more musicians in the state that have not been approached as to membership in this band who can furnish the required amount by solicitation of their citizens they would like to be heard from. This is the best advertising medium South Dakota can possibly get and citizens should not be reluctant in helping this cause along when it is for the benefit of all concerned.

FARMER TERRIBLY BURNED.

Literally Roasted in an Accident Not Far from Huron.

Tuesday afternoon Richard Tobin, a farmer living about six miles northwest of Huron, was horribly burned. He was assisting in burning some rubbish in a field when the fire got beyond his control and a team of horses attached to a wagon started to run, catching Mr. Tobin between the wagon and a barbed wire fence, near a burning haystack. Before getting free Mr. Tobin's clothing was nearly burned from his body. He plunged into a creek, several yards distant, thus extinguishing the flames and saving his life.

Mr. Tobin is 60 years old, and it is doubtful if he can recover from his injuries. His lower limbs, back, face, neck and arms are fearfully burned, but physicians say he may recover.

MITCHELL CITY ELECTION.

Indications that the Present Mayor Will be Re-Elected.

The city election of Mitchell will be held on Tuesday, April 19, when a mayor, four aldermen and four members of the board of education and school treasurer will be elected. The license question will not be voted upon at this time. The indications are that there will be no change in the mayor and board of aldermen. Mayor Silsby will likely be continued in office two years longer.

An important feature of the election will be the voting on the issuance of bonds for making a large number of improvements in the city, prominent among which will be the extension of the sewer system and the water mains of the city, both of which are at present practically inadequate to the needs of that growing city.

LAND OFFICE BUSINESS.

Record of Work Done in Chamberlain District.

Following is a summary of the business transacted by the Chamberlain United States land office for the month of March: Original homestead entries, 138, for 20,850 acres; 7 final homestead proofs, for 988 acres; 56 commuted homestead proofs, for 7,445 acres, or a total of 201 entries and 29,283 acres disposed of. During the quarter ending April 1 the business was as follows: Original homestead entries, 414, for 61,825 acres; 11 final homestead proofs, for 1,782 acres; 157 commuted homestead proofs, for 22,240 acres, or a total of 582 entries, for 85,847 acres. Considering that the period covered is winter months the showing is considered to be quite satisfactory.

SURPRISE AT WATERTOWN.

Baskerville Re-Elected Mayor by a Reduced Majority.

M. O. Baskerville was re-elected mayor of Watertown Tuesday by 124 votes over P. G. Bush, the opposing candidate. For Second Ward alderman Gunther won over Reichert by 17 votes. The closest contest was in the Fourth Ward, Lester winning over Bradley by 3 votes.

License carried in the city by about 300 majority. The fight was between the saloon and anti-saloon factions.

The surprise of the election was the falling off in Baskerville's vote over last year.

Cattle for Canada.

The big movement of stock over the Milwaukee road has commenced for the spring, and Tuesday there were forty cars of Texas cattle in the yards at Mitchell being fed on their journey through to the Alberta country in Canada. There are 3,500 cars of these cattle to be shipped this spring and the entire lot will pass over the Milwaukee road. The cattle shipped are a pretty poor lot of animals.

New City Well at Armour.

Work has commenced at Armour on the new city well. It will be eight inches inside the casing and about 400 feet deep. It is expecteed a soft water flow will be reached at that depth.

No Vacant Houses There.

The next family that moves to Bridgewater will have to bring a tent or ready-made dwelling house with them, as there is not a vacant residence building in the town.

Baseball Team at Rapid.

The baseball enthusiasts of Rapid City have organized a team which has commenced practice for the season's games in western South Dakota.

Farmer at Pierre School.

James H. Bailey of Pierre has been appointed to the position of farmer at the government Indian school at that city

Ruined His Own Niece.

C. W. King, a former respected resident of Hutchinson County, has been lodged in the Sioux Falls penitentiary, where he will serve a term of two years for a serious offense—the ruin of his niece. Sentence was pronounced by Judge Smith, of the Fourth circuit.

Attorney for the Homestake.

The Homestake Mining Company has appointed Chambers Kellar of Deadwood its general attorney, succeeding the late G. C. Moody, whose death occurred a few weeks ago at Los Angeles, Cal.

Work on Deadwood Library.

The laying of foundation stone for the new library donated to the city of Deadwood by Andrew Carnegie will begin during the week. The excavation has been completed and much stone for the foundation and superstructure has been delivered on the site.

Vermillion Teachers Resign.

Prof. J. Jones has resigned his position as superintendent of the Vermillion city schools. Mrs. Jones, who has also been an instructor there, has also resigned. Prof. Jones has been at the head of the Vermillion schools for a period of seven years.

STATE CAPITAL CHAT. PIERRE

Reports from the extreme northwestern portion of South Dakota and southern part of North Dakota are to the effect that many herds of cattle in that locality are affected by the mange. Attaches of the United States department of agriculture are in the field and some herds already have been quarantined. Three dipping plants are being erected in southwestern North Dakota, one on the Little Missouri River, one at Hamilton Bros.' ranch, and another at a convenient point in the same vicinity. The one at the ranch of Hamilton Bros. is being built by the brothers and adjacent stockmen named Shaw, Wright, Austin and McPhee. It will be placed in operation as soon as the weather will permit cattle to be dipped without danger of injury. The dipping plants are all to be built by stockmen themselves, but expert government officials will superintend the dipping of the animals. The officials state that when the dipping is properly done there is little difficulty in effecting a permanent cure and a complete eradication of the disease in a very short time.

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A matter of interest to the whole country west of the Missouri River, which is being settled up this year is covered in a recent opinion by the attorney general in regard to the organization of school districts in these counties. The matter came to the office of the state superintendent from Stanley County, but applies to all alike. Superintendent Nash submitted the matter to the attorney general, who holds that under section 2322 of the Political Code, each congressional township is a school district where the same are not organized into civil townships. The section is cited as follows: "Each township in every county in this state which consists of territory not organized into a civil township shall be and remain a school district until changed as herein provided." The change noted is where the board of county commissioners and the county superintendent in their judgment consider it is for the best interests of the school patrons to change the boundaries of a school district.

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Several towns in the state where the people were careless in regard to the time of holding the spring election found that when the day arrived they had but one ticket to vote, and in several cases none at all. In some of the towns where but one ticket was nominated attempts were made to write names on the ballots other than the printed ones. This was held to be a mark of identification on the ballot, and it was not counted. The present law is very strict in regard to identification marks, and as a number of city elections are yet to be held this spring voters should familiarize themselves with the law. And a thorough understanding might save trouble in the election the coming fall, as it is not at all uncommon for a voter to write a name other than the printed one on his ballot.

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Adjt. Gen. Conklin, after a short stay at his office at Pierre, has returned to Watertown to look after the erection of a headquarters building at the state camp grounds, preparatory to the encampment this summer. It was first thought that the encampment would be held beginning June 7, but this has called out a strong protest from the captains of several companies, who say that a number of their members are attending the different state schools, and that would be their examination week, which they could not miss, and they would be kept away from the encampment. On account of this, Adjt. Gen. Conklin has decided upon Tuesday, June 14, as the day for beginning the encampment. Both regiments will be in camp together this year, instead of having two separate encampments, as last year.

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The annual breakup of the ice in the Missouri River at Pierre occurred on the 21st of March this year. The record of the river for the past sixty years shows that in all that time the ice has gone out more than half the years the latter part of March. The earliest records for that time was a break on March 4, 1882, and the latest on April 20, 1846. The earlier records were kept by the officials of the American Fur Company at Fort Pierre, and the later ones by old river men at Pierre.

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Farm wages promise to rule high in South Dakota during the spring and summer. The farmers of Hutchinson County have hired men at an average of $22 per month. Some hands want as high as $25 per month in addition to their board, washing and the use of a saddle horse on Sunday. Similar conditions prevail in other parts of the state, and farmers complain that the hired man will soon be boss.

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County Auditor A. J. Vallier of Flandreau has negotiated with the state commissioner of school and public lands for the purchase, with money from the state school fund, of the bonds to the amount of $7,000 which were receutly authorized by the voters to be issued for the purchase of the gas plant at Flandreau. The bonds will be due in fifteen years and will draw five per cent interest.

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The silver service for the cruiser South Dakota, which was provided for by the last legislative session, has been received by W. D. Nelson of Pierre, who secured the contract for furnishing it, and it is attracting a great deal of attention in his show window. The scenes represented on the service are those of farming, ranching, mining and hunting, besides others.

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Those who are familiar with conditions on the great cattle ranges of western South Dakota, which annually produce cattle valued at about $4,000,000, predict that the time is not far distant when the cattlemen of that region will raise practically all of their own animals. Heretofore at this season of the year it has been the custom to ship in from other parts of the country vast supplies of stock cattle, mostly yearlings, twos and cows, to replenish the herds which had been depleted by beef shipments in the fall of the previous year and to start new herds.

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Land Commissioner Bach reports that every cent of interest due the state on 1903 deferred payments has been collected by the department. When it is considered that this requires the collection of interest on over $1,500,000, it shows that the people of the state are prosperous to pay so promptly.

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The state land department last week sent out to final purchasers of state lands, nineteen patents. Four each of these go to Kingsbury and Moody counties; three to Turner; two each to Codington, Clay and Brookings; and one each to Hamlin and Deuel.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Short Notes.

Ipswich is in excellent financial condition and is now paying cash for all warrants as fast as they are issued.

The new Catholic Church at Lesterville has been completed and services are now being held in it for the first time.

Burglars got in their work at the wholesale liquor store of William Tate at Sioux Falls. They got little for their pains.

The members of the Madison lawn tennis club anticipate an enjoyable season, and are placing their grounds in first class condition.

The Great Northern Railroad Company has a new agent at Hazel in the person of G. E. Ferguson, former agent of the company at Henry.

The Menno town board of trustees at their last meeting ordered ten-foot cement sidewalks put in throughout the business portion of the town.

At a meeting of a number of the members of the German Methodist Episcopal Church east of Howard, an Epworth League Society was organized.

Hanna, which is the new town and named in honor of the late Senator Hanna, is situated on Little Spearfish Creek, and is rapidly becoming one of the thriving towns of the Black Hills.

The Western elevator at Wahpeton was again entered by burglars a few nights ago, but the attempt at robbery was unsuccessful as only 11 cents was obtained from the cash drawer.

The next meeting of the South Dakota state board of pharmacy for the transaction of regular business and the examination of candidates for registration will be held at Aberdeen on April 20.

Charles Raschke, an Iowa Township farmer, has completed an artesian well on his farm. It is 1½-inch bore, 760 feet deep and sends forth between 60 and 70 gallons of splendid water per minute.

The term of imprisonment of E. O. Reimers who was serving a five years' sentence in the penitentiary at Sioux Falls was ended Thursday morning about 6:30 by death from typhoid fever.

Leroy O. Moore, government land inspector for South Dakota, who has been making his headquarters at Huron for the past year, has rented a cottage in Pierre and will move there for headquarters to remain permanently.

A number of Sioux Falls people are planning to take advantage of the low excursion rates to Los Angeles this spring. They will join others from the state in forming a party, and will have a special car all the way through.

The members of the German Congregational Church at Java have incorporated their society and awarded the contract for the erection of a parsonage. The building will be erected on lots which were recently purchased by the society.

The owners of several gasoline launches have placed them in the river for their summer work at Pierre. They are taking chances on another run of ice from up river, and most of the launches are being kept out for a time yet.

The April term of the supreme court met Tuesday at Pierre with a calendar of 74 cases set for argument, which is larger than the average calendar of a term. A good sized class was on hand for examination for admission to the bar.

The well drilling machine is now on the ground and it is expected that the work of drilling an artesian well at Leola will be commenced in a few days. The well is designed to furnish the people of Leola with water for domestic and fire protection purposes.

What is known as the old Methodist church building, which has been a familiar landmark at Wessington Springs for many years, has been moved out of town. It is now the property of a Norwegian Lutheran congregation in a Norwegian settlement some miles out in the country, and will in future be used by the congregation for church purposes.

The contract has been awarded for the construction of a handsome brick building for the Merchants' Bank at Faulkton. The building, which will be 25x60 feet and two stories high, will, when completed, be one of the finest business blocks in Faulkton. The work of construction will commence as soon as the material arrives and men can be secured.

Manager Zeitlow, of the Dakota Central Telephone Company is at Pierre from Aberdeen looking after the interests of his lines in that part of the state. He will this summer change the line from Huron to Pierre to a metallic circuit line, and make it uniform with the lines which he operates in the central part of the state, and will also look up the matter of further extensions.

The people at the newer towns in central Lyman County are beginning to feel their importance and want the county seat, which is now on the river in the east edge of the county. They are circulating petitions for a vote on the question of relocation at a more central point at this fall election. Presho is one of the points which would like a court house, and several other places are looking up the matter.

The ferryboats in the river at Pierre have begun their summer operations, and as soon as the owners of the gasoline launches are certain that the last run of ice has come down, they will start their boats to going. In the meantime, the owners of row boats are kept busy crossing with passengers.

The farmers in the vicinity of Hazel do not place their sole dependence upon the fact that during the past few days a number of carloads of horses have been shipped from that station to eastern markets. The horses were all purchased from farmers in the vicinity, who received an aggregate of about $3,000 for them.

Along the Missouri River a great deal of diamond willow is used for light fence posts, and in the eastern part of the state their cultivation for that purpose is now being advocated. They are quick growers, and while very light, they are tough, and will probably outlast any other wood, save possibly cedar, when placed in the ground.

"Jimmy" West, the Sioux Falls boy arrested some time ago charged with participating in the Luton, Ia., bank robbery on the night of Jan. 1, has weakened and agreed to plead guilty under a stipulation that he is to receive a sentence of four years.

Preliminary Practice.

"Your friend hasn't had his automobile very long, but he seems to manage it exceedingly well. He seems particularly clever at steering through a crowded street."

"Oh, Popley's all right. He has had years of experience with a baby carriage."—Philadelphia Press.

An Even Break.

The Lady (to applicant)—But if you are really capable, why did you leave your last place?

The Cook—Faith, an' it may be for th' same rayson thot your cook wuz afther lavin' yez. I dunno