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SENATOR QUAY DEAD

FAMOUS POLITICIAN EXPIRED SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Life Ebbs Very Swiftly Away—Oxygen Administered Constantly, but Efforts of Physicians to Prolong His Life Are Fruitless.

Col. Matthew Stanley Quay, senior senator from Pennsylvania, slept peacefully into death at 2:48 Saturday afternoon at his home in Beaver, Pa., after an illness which had been more or less persistent for the last year, which took a turn for the worse ten days ago, and which the doctors diagnosed as chronic gastritis.

Senator Quay's illness began about a year ago. It was a recurrence of the trouble that beset him during the latter part of 1900 and the early days of January, 1901, when he was undergoing the strain of a desperate fight for re-election to the senate.

For a time he seemed improved, and gave much of his time to outdoor exercise. Never a strong man physically, Senator Quay prided himself on his endurance, and believed firmly that outdoor life would restore him to health and give him some years longer lease of life.

It was this thought that took him to the Maine woods for several successive summers.

Col. Quay in health was a great eater, and his troubles of later years dated from overdraughts on his vital system, due to heavy eating, smoking and the great nervous strains which he underwent. When he returned last fall from Maine he complained of weakness and continued loss of strength. The malady which brought him to his bed and death was then taking firm hold.

His stomach refused to assimilate the food it got, and, nutrition failing, weakness followed. He celebrated his 70th birthday at Beaver last fall, and at the time seemed in excellent health.

Matthew Stanley Quay was born in Dillsburg, York County, Pa., Sept. 30, 1833; was prepared for college at Beaver and Indiana academies; was graduated from Jefferson College in 1850; was admited to the bar in 1854; was elected prothonotary of Beaver County in 1856 and re-elected in 1859.

A Harrisburg special says: Owing to the death of Senator Quay Gov. Pennypacker has recalled the invitations of the state dinner to the justices of the state supreme court at the executive mansion on Tuesday evening. The governor was shocked by the news of the senator's death and will attend the funeral if it does not interfere with his plans to preside at the Memorial day exercises at Gettysburg, at which President Roosevelt will be the orator.

LOSS OF FIVE MILLIONS.

Seven Freight and Coal Piers Destroyed by Fire at Jersey City.

Seven freight and coal piers of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad in Jersey City, N. J., were destroyed by a fire that started about 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon in pier 12, on which a lot of barrels of oil were stored. The flames spread rapidly. Pier 12 was 800 feet long and was soon ablaze its entire length and the firemen who were trying to fight the fire from the shore were able to accomplishing but little. The flames swept across to pier 11 and beyond, being finally checked at pier 5, which is a new coal trestle, steel framed and ironclad.

A number of canal boats and several tugs were burned, the loss of small boats being variously estimated at from 30 to 200.

Vice President Loomis, of the Lackawanna, placed the total loss b ythe fire at $5,000,000, based on the original cost of the piers burned, on the freight stored in them and to some extent on the loss of business which must necessarily ensue.

GILLESPIE JURY DISCHARGED

Deliberated for Forty-Two Hours Without Result.

At Rising Sun, Ind., after deliberating forty-two hours without coming to an agreement, the jury in the Gillespie murder case was discharged Sunday morning.

When the jurymen were brought into the court room Judge Downey asked them whether there was any probability of agreeing on a verdict, and every one of the twelve men shook his head in the negative. Judge Downey then thanked them and dismissed them.

Prosecutor McMullen said that the state would oppose any effort on the part of the defense to release James Gillespie on bail, and stated that the case would come up again next September.

Young Ranchman is Dead.

Wier D. Coffman, the wealthy young ranchman who was found in his room in the Auditorium Annex at Chicago in a delirious condition last Wednesday, twenty-four hours after reaching Chicago, died Sunday afternoon. He did not regain consciousness. Brain fever caused death.

Memorial for Dead Heroes.

A solemn religious and military service in honor of fifteen officers, residents of Tokio, who were lost at the time of the disaster to the battleship Tatsuse and the protected cruiser Yoshino, were held Sunday at Tokio.

In State of Blockade.

Minster Griscom cables the state department at Washington from Tokio that the Japanese government declares the Liao-tung peninsula from Pitsewo to Pulientan to be in a state of blockade.

Serious Fire in New Orleans.

A fire caused by crossed electric wires did about $500,000 damage at New Orleans, la. The Louis H. Rice saddlery factory, the Simmonds manufacturing and the Meig, Brady & Lincoln wooden ware establishments were destroyed and a half dozen others damaged.

Big Fire at Montgomery.

Fire destroyed the plant and warehouse of the Alabama Compress and Storage Company at Montgomery, Ala., Sunday, entailing a loss estimated at $400,000, which is practically covered by insurance.

HOSTS ARE SLAIN.

Twelve Thousand Japanese Killed at Kin Chou.

A dispatch to the London Central News from Harbin says the Japanese losses during the fighting at Kin Chou are said to be 12,000 men killed. It is asserted that these figures have been confirmed by an official dispatch. Fighting, it is added, is still going on in the vicinity of Kin Chou.

The Tokio dispatch to the Associated Press and Japanese official accounts are the only detailed descriptions that have yet reached London of the brilliant Japanese victory at Kin Chou, which is hailed by the London press as establishing an even stronger claim than did the Japanese operations on the Yalu River to their superiority on land as well as by sea, since in the case of Kin Chou the Russians had ample time to carefully prepare their positions. It appears that the conclusive victory was immediately followed up, for the Morning Post's Tokio correspondent asserts that the Japanese have swept the Russians from their defenses west of Talien Wan, and if the Daily Telegraph's well informed correspondent is correct and the Japanese already are nearing Port Arthur the Russians must have suffered a complete rout at Kin Chou. That this is the case would also appear from rumors of the capture of Russian artillery.

According to the London Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent the Fifth Japanese division of veterans, which is destined for the storming of Port Arthur, already has landed on the Liao-tung peninsula.

The London Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Japanese headquarters, under date of May 26, says there is no change in the situation of the first army, but that there are frequent outpost encounters.

"I suppose," he adds, "that the lull is due to preparations for a great battle in the direction of Liao Yang."

The London Daily Mail's Sin Min Ting correspondent, telegraphing under date of May 25, declares there are only 2,000 troops at Mukden.

NEWSPAPERS ARE CREDITORS

Pettingill & Co.'s Liabilities Are Over a Million Dollars.

Pettingill & Co., an advertising company of Boston, Mass., which, with its affiliated corncern, the Dr. Greene Nervura Company, was compelled to suspend this spring, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court. The total liabilities of Pettingill & Co. are placed at $1,217.975, of which $1,205,396 is represented as unsecured.

The total is distributed among over 7,000 creditors, which are almost entirely newspaper companies scattered from Bangor to the Pacific coast. About 250 of these creditors are secured to the extent of being preferred stockholders of the Nervura Company. The assets are scheduled nominally at $30,787 in cash and $500,000 in accounts due, of which $270,000 is owed by the Nervura Company.

PANAMA CANAL PAID FOR.

Transfer of Forty Million Dollars Has Been Completed.

J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York, have announced that the transfer of the $40,000,000 payment by the United States for the Panama canal concession, etc., has been completed.

J. P. Morgan & Co. shipped about $18,000,000 in gold in connection with the payment. At the office of the firm it was said that no part of the other gold exported since the early part of April, amounting to more than $40,000,000, was for this account. More than half the amount of the canal purchase money was in the form of exchange on Paris purchased by Morgan & Co., in the principal cities.

FOR CHURCH UNION.

Important Action is Taken by the Presbyterians.

The Presbyterian general assembly of the United States in session at Buffalo, N. Y., declared in favor of union with the Cumberland Presbyterian church by a vote so nearly unanimous that it was not counted.

A recommendation in favor of union is to be sent down to the presbyteries for approval or disapproval. It must have a two-thirds vote of the presbyteries to make it a law.

It is stated that the opponents of union will carry the fight to the individual voting of the presbyteries.

MYSTERY IN SHOOTING.

Son of American Dentist Dies in Paris Sanitarium.

Ivon Evans, known as Viscount d'Oyley, and a son of the American dentist, Dr. John Evans, is dead at a private sanitarium at Paris, France, as the result of a bullet wound received under mysterious circumstances.

The family is prominent, Dr. John Evans being a nephew of the famous Dr. Thomas Evans, who assisted Empress Eugenie in her flight from Paris after the Franco-Prussian war.

Venerable Pianos Cremated.

While 150 delegates to the National Piano Dealers' convention in Atlantic City, N. J., waved red lights and danced in a circle, 200 venerable square pianos were being cremated to mark what the dealers term the passing of the old make of instrument.

Priest Shoots at Bishop.

The correspondent of the Berlin Tagblatt at Freiburg, Breslau, says that a parish priest named Dr. Rieger fired a revolver at the archbishop of Freiburg, Dr. Loerber, but missed him. Dr. Rieger is said to suffer from the belief that he is the vicitm of persecution and that the archbishop is his enemy.

Found Not Guilty.

James McDonald, charged with the murder of Sarah Schaefer at Bedford, Ind., was found not guilty.

Capt. Tough, Horse Dealer, Dead.

Capt. Wm. S. Tough, known all over the United States as a dealer in horses and mules, is dead at Kansas City, Mo., aged 58 years. Capt. Tough came west from Baltimore at the beginning of the civil war and enlisted in a Kansas regiment.

Poor Cobbler Gets Fortune.

Jacob Larye, a poverty sticken cobbler of Mt. Joy, Pa., who went to Marseilles to claim $300,000 left him, and who was reported murdered in the streets of that city, is now reported alive. He is en route to the Holy land.

WON BY THE PICKET.

The Westerner Captures the Great Brooklyn Handicap.

A New York special says: Coming down along the rail in the last few strides of the run to the wire, The Picket, the western champion in the Brooklyn handicap, snatched victory away from the ever popular Irish Lad, the Brooklyn winner of last year and the Metropolitan winner of this year.

It was scarcely more than the nod of a head, but the hardy westerner finished stronger than the Duryea colt, whose terrific pace with Hermis up to the very home stretch had tired him. Frantic cheers, which had been ringing from the throats of nearly 40,000 onlookers, died away when it was realized that Irish Lad had gone down to defeat.

Proper, the California candidate, came through at the end and beat out Hermis for third place. The time for the mile was 1:39 2-5, and for the mile and a quarter 2:06 3-5—1 1-5 seconds slower than the race record made by Irish Lad last year.

The handicap was worth $20,000, of which $2,500 went to the second horse and $1,500 to the third.

A great outpouring of turf devotees witnessed the eighteenth running of the classic.

As the time for the handicap, the fourth event on the program, drew near, the name of Irish Lad could be heard on all sides. He had grown into immense popularity after it had been definitely learned that there was little hope for McChesney, owing to the injury sustained by him in his workout a few days ago.

There were sixteen thoroughbreds entered, and four or five of these had recorded victories during the past two years in the principal classic events of the American turf. In addition to this, four of them—Irish Lad, Hermis, Hurstbourne and Africander—had won races this season in commanding style. Reports of sensational time made by The Picket in his workouts brought him many supporters, but the rank and file did not look on him with favor.

The weather was ideal and the track was swept by the cooling breeze from the Atlantic. No sooner had the odds been posted than there was a rush to back Irish Lad. Three and three and one-half to one were the prevailing quotations for a time, but when the bugle sounded no better price than 11 to 5 could be had against the favorite. Hermis opened and closed at 4 to 1. The Picket was well played, and from 10 he was backed to 8 to 1. Much of the speculation on the winner, however, was conducted through the winter books, and large sums were won both at New York and in the west on his victory.

BOAT IS BLOWN UP.

A Disaster on the Ohio River Near Louisville.

Ten persons were killed, thre fatally injured and five hurt by the explosion of the boilers, which totally demolished the towboat Fred Wilson off River View Park, Louisville, Ky., Thursday.

The Fred Wilson was the property of the Monongahela Coal and Coke Co. She had just arrived from Pittsburg and was about to tie up when the explosion occurred. The cause is not known.

The boat was literally blown to pieces and her hull sank in eighteen feet of water. Two heavy pieces of her boiler were found almost 600 yards from the bank of the Ohio River, and her flag floats from the top of a tree near River View Park, where it was blown with a piece of wreckage.

But two members of the crew escaped without some injury more or less serious. The Fred Wilson was built eighteen year ago and was valued at $25,000.

UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

Soldiers Guard Ruins of Yazoo City—Loss is Over a Million.

Yazoo City, Miss., is under martial law as the result of Wednesday's conflagration. Several negroes caught in an attempt to steal salvage were arrested.

The loss is estimated at between $1,500,000 and $2,000,000. The insurance will probably approximate 50 per cent.

The devastation of the business district is complete. Twenty-eight blocks were swept clean by the flames. Of the 200 buildings destroyed 50 were splendid residences.

SUN WORSHIP KILLS.

St. Paul Woman Dies in Illinois Insane Hospital After Long Fast.

Eloise Reusee, of St. Paul, Minn, who became insane at Chicago while undergoing the ordeal of the so-called "sun worship fast," is dead in the hospital for insane at Elgin, Ill.

Superintendent Whitman says her death was due to an acute mania induced by starvation. During her fast, which lasted forty-one days, the deceased, it is said by the hospital authorities, had been subjected to torture by means of needles and application of lotus oil.

Dr. Flower Has Gone.

Dr. Richard C. Flower, of New York, whose bail bond for $23,000, furnished by a woman interested in his mining companies, was declared forfeited a few days ago, is reported to have sailed for Central America at least a week ago to avoid answering charges of grand larceny. It is said he took with him $500,000 in cash.

Mason for Forty-Nine Years.

A. P. Packard, who died at Summerfield, Kan., and whose body was brought to Lake City, Ia., for burial, had been an active Mason for forty-nine years. He became a member of the Masonic order at the age of 21.

Lineman Falls from Pole.

Charles Welch, an electric lineman, at Lincoln, Neb., fell from a 30-foot telephone pole, striking a brick sidewalk with his head. It is thought he will die. His parents live in Ashland.

Money in Old Coat.

Five $1,000 treasury notes have been found in an old moth-eaten coat purchased by Elmer Eckerson, of Bogota, N. J., at an auction sale of unclaimed baggage in a railway station at New York City. Neither the trunk nor the coat it contained bore any marks of identification.

Cuban Gold Loan.

Eleven million dollars of the 5 per cent gold loan of the Republic of Cuba were subscribed at Frankfort on the Main, Germany, Thursday. The subscription price is 98.

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Christian Endeavor Union—Annual Convention at Sioux Falls Next Month—Preparations Made—Von Ogden Vogt to be Guest of Honor.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the sixteenth annual convention of the Christian Endeavor Union of South Dakota, which will be held in Sioux Falls on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 16, 17, 18 and 19. The guest of honor during the four days' convention will be Von Ogden Vogt, of Boston, who was reared in South Dakota and has attained prominence by his work in behalf of the Christian Endeavor organization. It was hoped that Fred B. Smith, of New York City, also a former South Dakotan, and now prominent in Christian Endeavor work, would be present, but he now writes that owing to throat trouble his physicians have forbidden him filling any engagements.

In addition to Mr. Vogt, other speakers of prominence will be present during the convention and will make the principal addresses. Local members of the organization are arranging to furnish free of charge lodging and breakfasts to the several hundred delegates and other visitors who will be present to attend the convention, while they will themselves arrange for their other meals.

The programme for the four days' convention has been partially completed. The convention will be called to order on Thursday evening, June 16. The address of welcome will be delivered by Rev. J. Brainerd Thrall, of Sioux Falls. Rev. Hiram B. Harrison, of Watertown, president of the South Dakota Christian Endeavor Union, will respond in behalf of the union and its members. At the opening session Von Ogden Vogt, who is general secretary of the national union, will make an address.

The business session will be held Friday forenoon, June 17, at which time the reports of the officers will be presented and the biennial election of officers will take place. The afternoon of Saturday, June 18, will be given over to the Christian Endeavor Juniors. One of the features will be mass meeting.

On Sunday afternoon, June 19, a mass meeting for men will be held in the auditorium. A mass meeting for women will be held at the same time at the First Methodist Episcopal church. This meeting will be in charge of Mrs. Maud P. Walker and assistants. A mass meeting of children will also be held at the Baptist church under the supervision of Mrs. F. P. Leach and assistants.

Mr. Vogt will have charge of special devotional exercises, to be held every morning at 8:30 o'clock. A school of Christian Endeavor method will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18.

TO FIGHT THE FLAMES.

Oacoma Business Men Establish Fire Department.

As the result of an agitation lasting for several weeks, the citizens of Oacoma held a meeting for the purpose of organizing a volunteer fire department. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and a large number of charter members were secured.

The following officers were elected: Chief, John Harvey; assistant, Arthur Walker; secretary, Byron McNeill; treasurer, Eugene Martin. A quantity of hose and a hose cart has been ordered. and this, with the fire fighting apparatus already owned by the town, will give the people of Oacoma first class fire protection.

GEDDES WILL RESOUND.

Elaborate Preparations for the Immortal Fourth.

For some years there has been an understanding between the people of Geddes and Platte by which the towns take turns in celebrating the Fourth of July. It is Geddes' turn this year, and preliminary steps are being taken for one of the best celebrations ever held in Charles Mix County. The sum of nearly $800 already has been raised for the purpose and this will be materially increased during the next two or three weeks. The principal celebration in the county will be held at Geddes, and thousands of the residents of Charles Mix County will be present to participate.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Sad Accident a Few Miles North of Armour.

A very sad accident occurred a few miles northwest of Armour last Sunday afternoon, where a gun went off in the hands of a boy, killing his brother instantly. Mr. Ernest Golammer, a man 38 years old, was the victim, and his 13-year-old brother was the unforunate boy.

The accident happened in the home in the presence of the father, who is almost prostrated with grief. This family is prominent in their community and have the sympathy of the people generally.

Big Plant of Trout in Hills.

Seven hundred thousand trout will be planted in the Black Hills streams in the next few weeks. They will be taken from the government fish hatchery, located at Spearfish. There are over 1,000,000 young trout ready for distribution. In two years' time fish planted this spring will be ready to be caught.

"Farmer" Burns Loses.

In a wrestling contest at Sioux Falls "Farmer" Burns, of Iowa, failed to throw Dan McDonald, the champion of Canada, three times in one hour, as he had contracted to do. Burns, in the sixty minutes, succeeded in throwing McDonald only once.

Boy Accidentally Killed.

Edward Goldammer, living twenty-five miles south of Mitchell, near Hillside, was accidentally shot and killed by the premature discharge of a gun. A boy was loading the gun with a shell, when it went off and the charge entered his back, killing him instantly.

Fire Protection for Letcher.

The village board of Letcher has purchased a fire engine, 1,000 feet of hose and all appliances that go with them. Better fire protection has long been needed.

Held to Circuit Court.

A man giving his name as John G. Johnson was brought before Justice Logan Berry, of Clark, accused of stealing a buggy and team of horses from the barn of Walter Stacey near Bradley. The prisoner waived examination and was held in bonds of $500.

Pennington County Pioneer Dead

Geo. Bertscey, who was one of the earliest pioneers in Pennington County, having come in the early '70s, died at hs home at Sheridan last week. He owned a large amount of valuable mining property and was well known throughout the west.

ST. PIERRE TAKEN TO ELK POINT

Slayer of Chillieu Brothers Waives Extradition.

John St. Pierre, who after firing the shots on Tuesday night that caused the death of Albert and Clarence Chillieu, gave himself up to the Sioux City police at 4:45 o'clock Wednesday evening and was taken to Elk Point, S. D., by Sheriff L. N. Lewison and State's Attorney Ira L. Nichols. He waived all extradition proceedings.

When told of the finding of the dead body of Clarence Chillieu and of the death of Albert, his second victim, St. Pierre was visibly affected. He showed much sorrow over the affair, repeatedly declaring:

"My God, why did those boys want to some to my place!

"I was half asleep when they entered," continued St. Pierre, who willingly talked of the affair. "They made a rush for me, and knowing of hard fellings existing between us I thought they intended to fix me right. I shot, not to kill, but to scare them away.

"Yes, we had trouble; trouble over the agreement between Joe and I over the horses.

"I go back to Elk Point with fear. I know those fellows, and know what they would do if they were started."

The tragedy occurred at Sioux Point.

A WEEK OF GOOD PROGRESS.

Weather Favorable for Work and for Vegetation in Dakota.

The crop bulletin for the week ending May 23, issued from the Huron station, is as follows:

The weather during the week was favorably warm, and there were no showers of sufficient quantity to interfere with field work, except in the Black Hills region, where about three-fourths of an inch of rain fell.

The generous rain that fell over most of the eastern portion of the state on the 15th and 16th, as noted in last week's bulletin, did not cover some portions of the middle and upper Missouri River counties, and also some extreme northeastern counties, where rain is needed, more especially for grass; elsewhere the soil is amply moist.

On the whole, all vegetation made very god progress during the week.

Wheat, oats and early barley and speltz are in healthy condition and stooling well, except that in a few scattered fields they are showing thinner stand and more weediness than was expected. Later sown grains have made rapid growth.

HEAT FROM HOT WATER.

Boise Plan May be Experimentced with at Pierre.

The plan of securing heat from hot water deep in the earth, which was followed at Boise, Idaho, is creating a great deal of discussion in Pierre, where the chances of carrying out the same plan appear to be better than at any other point in this section of the country. At Boise the temperature of the water secured was 100 degrees at 1,000 feet and 150 degrees at 2,000 feet. At Pierre the water is secured at a temperature of 97 degrees at a depth of 1,000 feet, and while it would probably be necessary to go more than 2,000 feet to get the required temperature it would probably be easier secured at Pierre than at any other place in this part of the northwest.

JOHN BOWLER DROWNED.

Was Attacked by Cramps While Seining on Sunday.

John Bowler, a hardware merchant of Wentworth, Lake County, was drowned at Egan on Sunday. He, with several other men, were seining fish and when Bowler got out into water up to his waist he was taken with cramps and fell under. The men with him, fearing he fell into a sink hole, hesitated to go into the water and attempt to rescue him, and consequently he drowned.

Bowler's wife pleaded with him on Sunday morning not to go, but he disregarded her wish.

CHILD NEARLY KILLED.

The Little Tot Fell into Tub of Hot Water.

What might have been a serious accident occurred at Dell Rapids Tuesday. A little child of B. O. Searles, the Milwaukee agent, fell into a tub of hot water. Mrs. Searles was in the midst of clothes washing and had momentarily left the tub, which was on the the floog, and the little tot fell into it. The doctor was immediately called, and the child is doing nicely.

It happened that the water was not scalding hot or else the child might have given up its life.

Cut Up by a Harrow.

Ludwig Nason, living near Vale, was brought to Sturgis badly cut up by a harrow. He was fixing the lines on his horses when they became frightened and ran away, dragging te harrow over Nason. One tooth of the harrow entered the calf of his leg and tore it open; another tore one foot open, and a third struck his watch and bulged it, keeping the tooth from entering his abdomen and saving his life.

Passed Century Mark.

Mrs. Hannah Bisby Sage celebrated her 100th birthday at Parker last Saturday. She was born at Orwell, Vt., May 21, 1804, and was one of a family of eight children. Her mother died in 1813, and her father was 96 years old at the time of his death. She was married to Noah R. Sage in 1830. She came to Turner County, Dakota Territory, in 1873.

Chancellor Will Celebrate.

At the request of Depot Agent Elker, of Chancellor, the Milwaukee Railroad Company has granted rates for a grand celebration which will be held at that place on June 8. The reduction extends to a distance of fifty miles from Chancellor, and a very large crowd will be present.

Want Rural Delivery.

Efforts are being made to have a rural free mail delivery route established from Woonsocket to the region east and north of town. A petition asking that the route be established has been circulated, and an inspector will soon make a report upon it.

Two New Towns.

The construction of a railroad from Sioux Falls to Colton, which is now in progress, has brought into existence several new towns. Crooks and Lyons are the names of two of the new towns.

Salem Boy Kicked by Colt.

Donald Rodgers, the 5-year-old son of Frank Rodgers, of Salem, was kicked by a colt, two teeth being knocked out of his mouth, a gash two inches long cut in his jaw and another in his lip. Dr. Hewitt was called and took two stitches in the wound in the jaw. The patient is doing nicely.

New and Useful Invention.

G. Thorson, of Letcher, has invented a machine wrench, known as the Lightning Ratchet cylinder wrench, and some of the Letcher citizens have organized a corporation to put the wrench on the market.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Short Notes.

Corn planting is nearly all done at Pukwana.

Pierre's graduating class this year is composed of ten members.

The annal institute of the teachers of Sanborn County will be held at Woonsocket from June 6 to 17.

Flandreau now supports five automobiles, the largest number of any one town in the state of similar size.

Edward Goldammer, living near Hillside, was accidentally shot and killed by the premature discharge of a gun.

The 21st annual encampment of the South Dakota department, G. A. R., will be held at Canton June 28, 29 and 30.

The Pierre fire department has made arrangements for getting a team in shape to send to the tournament at Canton.

Twelve young men and women graduates will receive their diplomas from the Mitchell high school on the evening of June 9.

The Flandreau council met Monday evening for the purpose of receiving bids on $17,000 bonds to fund the water works indebtedness.

A horse belonging to John Haw, near Canton, was struck by lightning Sunday afternoon and instantly killed. Mr. Haw lives on the A. A. Arnold place.

In the United States court at Deadwood, Daniel Roby, charged with the murder of Frank Raymes, was acquitted. It was shown that he shot in self-defense.

The Brookings Individual made an attempt to stir up some enthusiasm in regard to celebrating the Fourth of July in that city this year, but the suggestion seems to have been put on a cake of ice.

Marion Junciton is steadily improving this spring. Several new buildings are under construction at present and carpenters are very busy. Several hundred feet of cement sidewalk is under construction.

The Union Telephone Company of Bridgewater is engaged in constructing lines both north and south of town, which, when completed, will give the company 100 miles in operation in that locality.

The Marion public school has had a very successful year, which is appreciated by the patrons, as shown by the fact that the present corps of teachers have all been re-employed at an increase of salary.

Farmers about Sioux Falls have been holding their last year's potatoes for a higher price are liable to get fooled. New potatoes are coming in plentifully, which will be the means of holding down the price of old spuds.

One of the boats coming across the river at Pierre found a prairie dog paddling along in mid-stream, and took him in out of the wet, bringing him to shore, where he was turned loose. He evidently had got into the stream somewhere up river, and was not able to make shore.

Gov. Herreid has commissioned Ralph L. Miller, of Brookings, and C. S. Dillon, of Sioux Falls, members of his personal staff. Both young men are students of the agricultural college, who have distinguished themselves in both the military and academic departments.

As the result of a meeting of Fulton business men, preliminary steps were taken for the entertainment of the hundreds of people who will be present to attend the annual picnic of the Old Settlers' Association, which will be held at that place on Thursday, June 16.

A team, top buggy and three sets of harness were stolen from the barn of Walter Stacey, seven miles south of Bradley. Marshal Martin Holmes took the trail while it was fresh and bagged the thief with all the chattels in his possession, and has taken him to the Clark jail for safe keeping.

Rev. F. E. Hall, who for some time has been pastor of the Plankinton Congregational church, has tendered his resignation, to take effect June 1, at which time he will assume the duties of field secretary of the South Dakota Anti-Saloon League, to which he was recently elected. His headquarters will be in Mitchell.

Mrs. Alice Wilcox, confined in the county jail at Flandreau awaiting the arrival of an attendant to convey her to the state insane hospital at Yankton, has set the county jail on fire twice during the past two days. This is the same Mrs. Wilcox who did the Carrie Nation act at Flandreau and at Egan about three weeks ago.

The generous people of Vermillion have taken steps to assist W. H. H. Washburn rebuild his home, which was destroyed by fire a week ago. Not only have money contributions been liberally received, but the work of erecting the structure is to be donated. The wife, who was burned quite badly in escaping from the building, is getting along as well as could be hoped. Everything that the family owned was consumed in the fire.

For some time Flandreau has been trying to get a suitable fire alarm, but has been unable to get anything to arouse the sleeping public after they had retired for the night. The problem has at last been solved by Mr. B. J. Francis, the newly-elected alderman from the Second ward. He has procured a steamboat whistle of the largest size and attached it to the compressed air tanks at the gas works, and the alarm can be heard a distance of five miles in the country.

"Yes, I will be 99 years old on the 23d of June," remarked Elijah Clark Sears, of Canton, as he walked into the postoffice to get his daily newspapers. Mr. Sears is perhaps one of the oldest men in the state, and he bids fair to pass the century mark and something to spare. He was born June 23, 1805, at East Hampton, Conn., and has been a member of the Baptist church for the past seventy years. He goes to church regularly, and is as spry as a man thirty years younger than himself. This spring he is planting potatoes, and will attend to their hoeing himself. This venerable old gentleman has been a familiar figure on Canton streets for the past thirty years.

At a special meeting of the members of the Marion Gun Club the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Chas. Clark, Jr.; vice president, F. Bentz; secretary, O. G. Kuchenbecker; treasurer, H. Van Ruschen.

If improvements are carried on the way they have commenced, Brookings will have the finest residence streets of any city in the state. The streets are literally alive with workmen grading and clearing away objectionable matter, cement walks are being supplied where needed, telephone poles removed from the center of the streets, etc.

The penitentiary at Sioux Falls has received the new range for the cook room. The range is eighteen feet long and weighs over 3,000 pounds. When installed, the cooking department of the penitentiary will be equal to all demands.

Rapid City will celebrate the Fourth of July in the greatest style in the history of the place. There will be several hundred Indians from the reservation, who always come at that time of the year to take home their children from the Indian school, which is located there. The Indians will be invited to remain over the Fourth and will take part in the program.

STATE CAPITAL CHAT.

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But few people in the eastern part of the state know or appreciate the extent to which irrigation has been carried on in the western part of the state, or to what extent the government projects which are now under way will carry on the work. The average cost of this work has been $7.18 per acre, with a range from $5.34 to $20.12 per acre, according to the systems used, and the manner of the land to be handled. This work has all been done by private enterprise, and has proved beyond doubt the value of irrigation which has paid well for the cost of putting in the plants. The setting aside of $2,100,000 of the national irrigation fund for South Dakota comprehends irrigation systems on the Cheyenne, Little Missouri and Moreau Rivers, that on the Cheyenne having been surveyed last year, and the main ditches and reservoir sites located. The lands covered by these irrigation systems will be let to settlers in 80-acre tracts on long time payments, as a larger population can be supported on an irrigated section than on one which depends upon natural rainfall, and this work will make homes for thousands of families when the projects are all completed. The products of that section will find a ready market in the mining section of the Black Hills, which now takes thousands of dollars worth of Nebraska products every year, and which can be more easily reached from this section than from Nebraska.

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The advance sheets of the 1904 report of the state insurance commissioner are out, showing the business of the insurance companies of the state for 1903. The premiums received by the old line fire companies for last year reached 677,514.81, while they paid in losses $251,550.99, leaving a balance in favor of the companies of $415,963.82, less the expenses of their business in the state, but to give them a fair sum for their expenses, they would yet be about 50 per cent of the premiums received, the gainers. The old line life companies received premiums in the state to the amount of $1,021,720.68, and paid losses to the amount of $207,473.45, leaving them $814,247.23, less the cost of conducting their business. As the amount they paid was practically 20 per cent of their premium receipts, their net profits were beyond 50 per cent. The assessment and fraternal companies show receipts to the amount of $494,633.87, for the year, with payments to the amount of $364,822.57. The A. O. U. W. shows the largest amount of business, with over $27,000,000 of insurance in force in the state, while the M. W. A. is close up with nearly $24,000,000 of insurance in force. The total amount paid out for the past year by the people of the state for all classes of insurance, fire, life, accident, either to old line companies, mutuals or beneficiary orders, was $2,632,001.98.

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The Rosebud Indian reservation in the southeastern part of South Dakota, in the great corn belt of the Mississippi valley, has been turned over by the Indians to the government for public allotment under the United States homestead laws, The reservation is easily reached from Chicago, Omaha, St. Paul, Minneapolis and other western centers. About 400,000 acres are in the reservation and the only requirement for entering is citizenship, not less than 21 years of age, and the payment of $1 per acre at the time of entry, with deferred payments of 75 cents each at the end of two, three, four and five years. The applicant must be present in person at the registry land office at Bonesteel, Fairfax or Yankton, for registration. The books will be open on July 5, and the drawings begin July 28, final entry to be made Aug. 6. As corn lands of the same general character in northwestern Iowa, few miles distant, sell at $80 per acre, and lands immediately adjoining the reservation are worth from $25 to $40 per acre, it is expected that there will be an immense number of applicants for the land in the reservation.

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A good many experiments will be made this season by the farmers in the raising of sugar beets. Butte County has the record of the highest percentage of sugar in the beets of any county in the state, the amount being 22 per cent. The question is being talked over among the farmers what crop will be of the greatest value on the irrigated ground. The experiments thus far made show that from eighteen to twenty tons of beets can be raised on the irrigated ground per acre, and the net profit per acre would be from $35 to $50. It is understood that eastern capitalists have in mind the erection of a sugar beet factory in that vicinity, providing sufficient guarantee can be obtained from the farmers for a beet supply. A large quantity of beet seed has been received from Washington, which will be planted and experimented with this summer.

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Reports from many sections of the state tell of the use of traction engines for the breaking of prairie. This manner of turning over prairie sod, with a gang of several plows, is said by those who have tried it to be much cheaper than the use of horses for the same work. They do the work as well as it can be done with horses on land which is not too rough or stony, but on such land the work cannot be done with the engine for traction power.

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R. M. Wright, one of the Stanley County homesteaders on Antelope Creek, fourteen miles south of Fort Pierre, in digging a well on his homestead struck flowing water at a depth of 33 feet. He found water at 1[illegible] feet and at 20 feet, but went deeper [illegible] feet a better well.

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Gov. Herreid has commissioned Ralph L. Miller, of Brookings, and C. S. Dillon, of Sioux Falls, members of his personal staff. Both young men are students of the agricultural college, who have distinguished themselves both in the military and academic departments.

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The Pierre school board finds that the increased attendance in the central school building demands greater room space before the opening of another term of school, and another building will be required.

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Beginning last Saturday, May 21, which was Flag day, Gov. Herreid has ordered the flag to be floated over the state house every day from 9 in themorning to 5 o'clock in the evening. This is a custom which prevails in several other states and will be followed in South Dakota from this time on.

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Charles D. Warner, of Kimball, has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the national guard, and assigned as assistant quartermaster of the First battalion of the Third regiment, of which J. E. McDougall, the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor, is the m[illegible]