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ARCTIC EXPLORERS

AMUNDSEN TO STAY UNTIL HE HEARS FROM NANSEN.

Amundsen Party Passed Within Ninety Miles of the Magnetic Pole—Whaling Fleets Are Reported in Good Condition for Winter.

Seattle, Wash.: By special arrangement the Post-Intelligencer secured the following from Eagle Saturday night, via Dawson:

Capt. Ronald Amundsen, the Norwegian scientist and navigator, is at the Haeth Hotel at that place and will remain in the north until he hears from Nansen by mail. Besides his cable message he has sent a mail report to Nansen and a letter to the editor of the Intelligencer, weighing twenty-one pounds.

Capt. Mogg, of the San Francisco whaler Bonanza, wrecked off King Point, accompanied the explorer on his 700-mile journey.

Amundsen states that he has traversed the entire length of the far famed north-west passage, being the first man to do so traveling from east to west.

On Boothia island he took accurate astronomical observations within ninety miles of the magnetic pole. He believes that he passed over the pole, but needle observations made other variations possible. He states as a result of his work that former navigators have been correct in their observations and the pole has not shifted.

Amundsen passed the grave of three of Franklin's men and saw the grave stones erected by Sir John Franklin.

At the mouth of the Mackenzie River Amundsen reports that the declination of the needle was 45 degrees east. Mogg, who accompanied the explorer, reports that there are five whalers caught in the ice at Herchel island. Their crews include 200 men, and two officers' wives are with the party. The women, several officers and some men have started to "dash" over the ice to Point Barrow, with the purpose of going to Nome.

The whalers are plentifully supplied with provisions to hold out until next August, and there are plenty of caribou, mountain sheep and musk ox close at hand. The icebound whalers have physicians with them and a sufficient supply of medicines.

RACE RIOT IN NEW YORK.

Police Had Desperate Battle to Arrest Alleged Murderers.

New York: Following a shooting affray in which one man was killed and another perhaps mortally wounded Sunday night, three men charged by the police with having been concerned in the affair barricaded themselves in a tenement in Franklin Street, West New Brighton, Staten Island. After the doors were battered down they, with their friends, defied the police reserves of the district to come and take them. With the entire neighborhood on the verge of riot and after an hour's work, a section of a telephone pole was jammed through the barrier. Police with clubs and revolvers fought their way over the barrier, and men and women and the arrests were made.

SEEKS NEW TRIAL.

Council for Mrs. Taggart Accuses Judge Eason of Prejudice.

Woonsocket, R. I.: Mrs. Grace Taggart's motion for a new trial was Saturday set for hearing on Dec. 19. Counsel for Mrs. Taggart presented a number of depositions and affidavits in support of their charge of prejudice and bias against Judge Eason, and asked for a continuance so as to secure others.

Judge Eason insisted that he would have the affidavits read at once. Some of the affidavits, it is stated, make sensational allegations against Judge Eason. One of the matters they attempt to show is that a newspaper man had some influence on the verdict in the case.

Banker Sent to Prison.

Cleveland, O.: Federal Judge Taylor Saturday sentenced O. L. Hayes, president of the Galion National Bank, of Galion, O., recently found guilty on the charge of violating the national banking laws, to seven and a half years in the penitentiary and to pay the cost of prosecution.

Bad Year on Lakes.

Chicago: According to figures compiled by the lake marine bureau the death list on the great lakes during the season now closing has been the heaviest of any year since big steel vessels began to be used on the lakes. A total of 215 lives were lost, 116 of these being lost during the recent storms.

Brothers Die in Same Hour.

Follet, Ill.: Almost simultaneously Martin and George Hicks, brothers and members of a well known family, met sudden death Wednesday night. One succumbed to hemorrhage. The other died from the shock over the news.

Varsity President is Hurt.

Madison, Wis.: President C. R. Van Hise, of the University of Wisconsin, is carrying his left arm in a sling as the result of being thrown from a horse while out riding. His left shoulder also is sprained.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Sioux City: Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$5.05. Top hogs, \$4.55.

Two Men Killed in Explosion.

Channah, Kan.: Herbert Shannan, of Merwin, Mo., and John Turner, of Channah, Mo., were blown to pieces by the explosion of a boiler on the Burkhart lease, seven miles east of here, Sunday. The bodies of the two men were literally scattered over the ground.

Judge C. R. Scott Dead.

Omaha, Neb.: Former District Judge Cunningham R. Scott died Sunday at his residence after a brief illness. Judge Scott figured more or less in Omaha political and legal affairs for twenty years.

Frank Weather in Texas.

El Paso, Tex.: For the first time in the history of the local weather bureau snowfalling and sleighing are possible in El Paso before Christmas. Snow fell all day Sunday from El Paso north and east for several hundred miles. It is not cold enough to harm cattle unless a freeze sets in.

Fine Battleship.

Philadelphia: The battleship Idaho, launched Saturday at the yards yards of William Cramp Shipbuilding Company, is a sister ship to the Mississippi, launched Sept. 30, and will be a battleship of the first class.

MURDER THEIR OFFICERS.

Russian Troops in Manchuria in Rebellion.

Harbin, Manchuria, via Warsaw, Russian Poland: Many officers are being killed by rebellious troops. Reserve officers are not permitted to return home. All messages from Manchuria are censored.

St. Petersburg: In much more optimistic feeling prevails in government circles at the prospect of a complete collapse of the postal-telegram strike and the definite passage of the danger, but it might be completed by an immediate general strike throughout the empire.

The workmen's council and the railroad men's affiliated organizations Thursday afternoon came to a final decision that it would not be wise to employ the supreme fighting tool except to achieve the highest political aims and to reserve all their strength for the greatest struggle projected for the middle of January. In the meantime they will devote their energies to perfecting and extending their organization and to the accumulation of their resources. Without the support of allies, with the meager fund of \$10,000 exhausted and with many reluctant and poverty-stricken members returning to work, the leaders of the strikers realize they cannot hold out much longer.

A period of comparative calm lasting a few weeks may now supervene and both sides will use it in preparations for the January struggle. In a fortnight heavy snows are likely to put an end to the strike and the lull will give the government a chance to accomplish something tangible and the sober minded an opportunity to reflect. The latter, however, will hardly enter into the question.

The radical editors are already starting a movement to defy the new press law even before it is issued. This law abolishes the censorship in cities, but not in the country. While it is based on the principle of the responsibility of editors before the courts, it includes besides the usual prohibitions to strikes which threaten the safety of the state and which may cause mutinies in the army and navy. Such incitements, it is said, are punishable with imprisonment for a term not to exceed two years, but certainly will be another struggle.

FATAL WRECK.

Train Derailed by Townerman to Prevent a Collision.

Riverside, Cal.: Santa Fe train No. 5 was wrecked Friday at the tower house, corner of First Street and Colton Avenue, in this city. The engine, tender and baggage car were thrown off the track on this side, and under the mass of wreckage lies the mangled body of Walter Cave, fireman.

The train was derailed by the tower man to prevent a collision with a Southern Pacific motor train which was crossing the track.

Engineer J. McArdele remained on the engine and was badly cut and bruised.

EXPLOSION IN WASHINGTON.

Accident in Gas Plant Causes Loss of \$150,000.

Washington, D. C.: An explosion of the plant of the Washington Gas Light Company in southeast Washington Friday resulted in damages to the extent of \$150,000. The double building, which houses the engine room, together with the intricate machinery it contained, was completely demolished. The explosion occurred in the six-inch by-pass gas main.

Thomas Woods, night engineer, was blown through an opening in the building and landed in the street, but was practically unharmed.

MINERS ENJOINED.

Injunction in Kentucky to Prevent Possible Violence.

Louisville, Ky.: Allegations that certain union miners have threatened to blow up the mines of the Kentucky Coal Company and assassinate the operators of the mines contained in a petition for a restraining order, which was granted Friday afternoon, against members of the United Mine Workers in Webster and Union Counties, asked for by the company. The order is effective until the next term of the court in Owensboro, in May, 1905.

Ousts Nebraska Marshal.

Washington, D. C.: The president has summarily removed from office United States Marshal T. H. Matthews, of the district of Nebraska, for alleged misconduct in connection with the case of Richards & Constock, who were recently convicted in that state of illegally fencing the public domain.

Negro Hanged in Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga.: The first legal execution in the history of Fulton County, Ga., for the crime of criminal assault took place at the Tower Friday morning when Jim Walker, the self-confessed negro assailant of Mrs. Alice Moore, the wife of a white merchant of Atlanta, was hanged.

Heavy Fine Imposed.

Kansas City, Mo.: W. H. Thomas, formerly a deputy United States marshal at Springfield, Mo., was fined \$10,000 in the United States district court Friday for having falsified his expense account with the government. He was indicted by the grand jury several days ago.

An Ovation for Kuraki.

Tokio: Gen. Kuraki and staff made a triumphant entry into Tokio Friday morning. There was a great demonstration of enthusiasm and Gen. Kuraki's reception was especially notable in view of the fact that he was the winner of the initial victory on land.

Robbers Blow Empty Safe.

Fairland, Ind.: The safe in the store of Robert Smith is blown empty Thursday by four robbers, who escaped after a running fight in which twenty shots were fired. No one was hit so far as is known. The safe had been in the Smith bank until recently, but was empty.

To Force Employes to Pay Debts.

Washington, D. C.: A bill providing for the discharge of civil service employes who fail to pay debts contracted for groceries, clothing, rent or the services of dentists, physicians or undertakers, has been introduced by Representative Dixon, of Montana.

Aged Banker Cremated.

Herrington, N. Y.: James L. Blodgett, a hermit banker, perished Friday in his house which burned to the ground. He was a millionaire and graduated from Yale College with the class of 1850.

Unwell Soldiers' Monument.

Andersonville, Ga.: The monument erected here in memory of soldiers from Pennsylvania who died during the civil war was unveiled Friday. Gov. Samuel W. Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, his official staff, and a party of distinguished Pennsylvanians participated in the ceremonies.

Hears Remark; Starts Run on Bank.

Yonkers, Pa.: Because a man in the street overheard only part of a remark of a passer that "the art store opposite the First National Bank had failed" and spread what he heard, the bank had to weather a run Friday.

NO LAND FOR WEST.

White Man Who Married an Indian Woman Loses His Case.

Washington: Justice Duell has rendered a decision affirming the judgment of the federal court in the case of Willis C. West against Secretary Hitchcock. West, having married an Indian woman, claimed that he thereby became "by adoption" a member of the Choctaw tribe, to which the woman belonged, and was entitled to an allotment of land in Indian Territory. The secretary denied West's application for allotment on the ground that the alleged adoption had never received the approval of the interior department. West then sought by mandamus proceedings to compel the secretary to recognize the adoption.

The trial court held that the answer of the secretary showed that his rulings involved the exercise of discretion and could not be controlled by mandamus, and in this view of the case the appellate court concurred.

JILTED; DIES IN HIS PRESENCE.

Girl Swallows Poison While Driving with Faithless Fiance.

Schenectady, N. Y.: Because the man whom she loved was soon to wed another, Miss Louise Westwood, a nurse, swallowed poison Wednesday night in a restaurant after a "last supper" with her faithless sweetheart. She died in his presence.

Thursday night, while the young woman's friends were mourning at her bedside, the man whose indifference impelled her to suicide was married to the other girl, and the last chapter of the discarded one's romance was closed.

There is every indication that Miss Westwood carefully planned self-destruction, keeping ever in view the idea that she should expire before the eyes of her william fiance.

CODY'S SHOW HORSES KILLED.

Radical Measure to Prevent Spread of Glanders in France.

Marseilles, France: All the horses belonging to the Wild West show of Col. William F. Cody were killed Thursday. Although the government veterinarians had certified that glanders had been entirely eradicated from the show, Col. Cody and his partner, James Bailey, decided on this radical measure in order to allay the fears of the farmers regarding the spread of the disease. The saddles, bridles and other articles of the equipment, as well as the hitching post, the blankets, were burned, and the railroad cars belonging to the show disinfected.

Col. Cody is now in the United States engaged in purchasing a fresh stud.

FOR CHILDREN'S PROTECTION.

Leaders in Move to Restrict Employment Meet in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia: Men and women prominent in the movement to restrict the employment of children of tender years took part Thursday night in a discussion of the "Protection of Children" at the December meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, which was held in Witherspoon hall, this city. The meeting was preliminary to the three days' session which the national child labor committee will begin in Washington. The principal speaker of the evening was Dr. Felix Adler, professor of social ethics in Columbia University. Dr. Adler told of the efforts made to obstruct the employment of small children.

BEEL IN NEW OUTBREAK.

Attacks the Kaiser for His Visit to Morocco.

Berlin: Herr Bebel, the socialist leader in the reichstag, Thursday attacked the government's foreign policy. He said the emperor's visit to Morocco was a provocation calculated to excite the greatest distrust on the part of other nations. Continuing, Herr Bebel said that the three days' session which the national child labor committee will begin in Washington. The principal speaker of the evening was Dr. Felix Adler, professor of social ethics in Columbia University. Dr. Adler told of the efforts made to obstruct the employment of small children.

MRS. BERRY TRIED TO ESCAPE.

Officers at Grand Caught Her Climbing Out of a Window.

Girard, Kan.: Mrs. Berry, captured with the aid of ammonia after she had held possession of a railway coach here for nearly five days, attempted to escape Thursday from the sheriff's office, where she was confined. She was caught climbing out of a window, and when she was taken to the jail, she was found to be in a state of insanity.

Couple Found Dead in Room.

St. Louis: The dead bodies of Annie Mitchell and Alonzo Conway were found in a boarding house room on Washington street Thursday afternoon, both having been asphyxiated, as the room was filled with gas from an open gas stove. The police have been unable to determine whether the case was a double suicide or the result of accidentally turning on the gas stove after the husband had turned off. Both were intoxicated when they engaged the room the previous night, saying they were husband and wife.

Health Conditions on Isthmus.

Washington: Surgeon W. C. Gorgas, of the United States Army, who has supervision of the health department of the isthmian canal commission, talked to the president about health conditions on the isthmus. "The situation has improved wonderfully in the past year," said Surgeon Gorgas. "There is as little loss from sickness from the canal zone now as if the work was being done in New York or Pennsylvania."

Killed Wife and Mother-in-Law.

New York: Alfred Freylich, a pharmacist in the Presbyterian hospital, shot and killed his wife Fannie and her mother, Mrs. Anna Oerling, in their home in Brooklyn Thursday. He gave himself up to a policeman and was locked up after refusing to make a statement.

One More Football Victim.

Bridgeport, Conn.: Mr. McNalley, 24 years old, who was injured in a football game between local teams in this city on Thanksgiving day, died Thursday. McNalley's back was broken in a mass play.

Arctic Explorer Fiancée Married.

Nashville, Tenn.: Anthony Piana, the Arctic explorer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Claire Puryear were married here Thursday night. Miss Puryear came from one of the oldest families of Tennessee and is a direct descendant of Commodore Matthew Maury.

Safe Blowers Get Securities.

Spokane, Wash.: It is asserted that \$50,000 worth of non-negotiable securities were stolen from the store of the Coe Mercantile Company at Rockford by three safe blowers who made the raid last Tuesday morning. They also got about \$2,100 in cash.

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

A Dakota Divorce Upheld—Baroness Von Veltheim's Decree Sustained by the Highest Courts in Italy—Case Involves Unusual Romance.

Information received at Sioux Falls to the effect that the South Dakota divorce case of Baroness Carrie von Veltheim had been upheld by the court of appeals at Rome is an interesting chapter in the life story of a former member of the divorce colony in Sioux Falls.

The history of the case proves it to be an unusual one. In 1880 Carrie Hulse, nee Giuseppe Cerio, an Italian artist, married the parties took up their residence at Capri, Italy, where the bride owned a villa. In 1901 the wife was driven from her home by the husband's cruelty and obtained a decree of separation from the Italian courts. It appears the laws of Italy do not permit an absolute divorce for any cause.

The wife then returned to the home of her parents at Dresden and instituted a suit for the absolute divorce in the German courts. At the hearing of the suit it was discovered that the German imperial law did not permit divorce against a foreigner without his or her consent. The husband refused to consent to the divorce unless paid a large sum of money the suit was dismissed.

In 1903 the discarded wife took up her residence in Sioux Falls, and after establishing a legal residence in South Dakota, by her attorney, J. M. Donovan, of that city, instituted in the state circuit court a suit for absolute divorce.

The papers were served on the Italian husband by the United States court at Sioux Falls attorneys. His attorneys denied the jurisdiction of the South Dakota court to divorce him and alleged that their client had been deserted by his wife.

The trial of the case resulted in a judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the wife and the restoration of her maiden name of Carrie Hulse. She subsequently married Baron Francis von Veltheim, an Italian nobleman, and while the bride couple were on a tour through Italy, stopping at the bride's villa at Capri, they were arrested on complaint of the divorced husband, who swore that he had no knowledge of the divorce proceedings and that no notice of such proceedings had ever been given him. Von Veltheim and his wife were immediately released on exhibiting a copy of the divorce proceedings in South Dakota, which was binding and conclusive.

An appeal was taken by Cerio to the high court at Rome, and that court, as stated, affirmed the ruling of the lower court and held that the South Dakota divorce was valid and binding in Italy. Sioux Falls attorneys who were interested in the divorce case have now been advised that the divorced husband has been made the defendant in criminal proceedings for perjury and for false arrest.

TO URGE PARDON OF YOUNG.

Gave Himself Up in Order to Save Innocent Brother.

Friends are about to move in the interest of securing a pardon for Elnor Young, now serving a three years' sentence in the Sioux Falls penitentiary for horse stealing. He was sent up from Mitchell, and after holding a part of more than a year, he was pardoned on a New Year's day, going to North Dakota, and later learning the barber trade in Minneapolis under the name of Brown. His home was near Wessington Springs, and after his return from Sioux Falls he was generally charged up to him, so he was given credit for murdering George Todd near Sioux Falls a year ago. He was supposed to be at home, and detectives went to Jerauld County after him, but he being there, his father and two brothers were arrested for the crime. One of the boys, John, was put in jail and held for trial.

Suspend Work on New Capitol.

At a meeting of the state capital commission at Pierre, with Architect Bell and Contractor Lepper, it was decided to stop any further work on the foundation of the capitol building for the winter. It would have taken about a week more of good weather to complete the work, but on account of the extreme cold it was considered inadvisable to go any further with the work until spring.

Wedding of a Real Cowboy.

Justice Meard, at Pierre, in the office of the Northwestern Hotel, married Jas. Wiley Mott and Lydia Durkin, both of Lyman County. The groom was a genuine type of the fast disappearing cowboy, and put up some objection to removing his spurs and the ceremony was performed and only secured a ring after the justice threatened to annul the ceremony unless the ring was forthcoming.

Council Bought Opera Chairs.

The city council of Ashton approved the purchase of ten dozen opera chairs for the opera house in that town. No objection has been made by Ashton residents to the use of the money for that purpose and everybody is satisfied.

To Sell Kerosene Gas Burner.

E. C. Noryk and a number of other Frederick business men have formed a company for the sale of a patent kerosene gas burner in which Mr. Noryk has obtained an interest. They will conduct the sale of the burner in the two Dakotas.

Died at Age of 94.

John Amle, the oldest person in Brown County and probably the oldest bachelor in South Dakota, died at the Brown County hospital at Aberdeen, of old age, aged 94 years. Amle came to Brown County twenty-two years ago, and has resided in the county ever since.

For Milwaukee Coast Line.

An Aberdeen special says that over 100 men have gone west of yards to Aberdeen has been ordered. It includes a very complete equipment, which will be placed in the basement of the new mechanic arts building, which will be used for gymnasium purposes for the school.

To Seek Building Material.

The state capitol commission at Pierre will leave the last of the week for Jefferson to look over the quarries at Bedford in regard to securing stone for the building. The matter of selection of stone for the walls of the building is yet to be decided.

Gymnasium for Normal School.

The equipment for the gymnasium at the northern normal and industrial school at Pierre, S. D., is being developed. It includes a very complete equipment, which will be placed in the basement of the new mechanic arts building, which will be used for gymnasium purposes for the school.

WIRE TAPPING SWINDLE.

Minneapolis Man on Trial in Potter County.

Several witnesses from Sioux Falls will attend an adjourned term of state circuit court for Potter County, which convened at Gettysburg on Tuesday, as witnesses in the case of F. E. Miles, of Minneapolis. Miles, who is charged with attempting to defraud the Stock Growers Bank of Gettysburg, out of the sum of \$3,800.

Miles is the man who some weeks ago picked up a Sioux Falls telephone operator, who was temporarily out of employment, and with him secured a Gettysburg message sent by the Gettysburg bank as to Miles' financial standing, and then, after again grounding the wire after due diligence had been shown, he sent the message to the Gettysburg bank, and the bank, after being notified by the Gettysburg bank, was induced to pay the sum of \$3,800.

Dunham is a man of intelligence, and peace officers declare he is one of the smoothest swindlers who ever visited South Dakota. Great interest is being taken in his case.

WAITED 23 YEARS FOR JOB.

Railroad Contractor Begins Work Where Left Off in 1880.

M. P. Martin, of Pierre, recalls that on the 24th day of November, 1880, he did not work on the Northwestern railway extension to the river at Pierre. When that work was done it was believed by all the residents there that the road would be pushed on to the Black Hills the following year. But the time of the Black Hills extension was delayed from year to year, each new year bringing hope of the extension, but ending in hope deferred. This year, just twenty-five years after the last work was done on this side of the river, and on the 24th of November, Mr. Martin did the first work for the road on the west side of the river on its new extension to the Black Hills. Mr. Martin has been a resident of Pierre for all that time, and he has been in the city since he closed the work in 1880 that he would assist in building farther west, he hardly thought that the work would come to him just a quarter of a century later to the day.

HOLDUP IN A RESTAURANT.

Daring Robbery of a Crowd of Men at Mitchell.

At 11:30 o'clock Wednesday night two masked men went into the Plankinton cafe at Mitchell and held up a crowd of men, numbering about fifteen. With revolvers they ordered the men to line up against the wall with hands up. While one stood guard the other went through the pockets of the men and took what money they had, leaving watches and other valuables.

The happy men realized about \$275 on the raid, \$50 being secured from the restaurant cash register and safe.

The robbers made their escape without any trouble, although there was a crowd of twenty-five men on the opposite side of the street when they emerged from the cafe, and escaped in the darkness.

THE BARKER TRIAL.

Markey Case on the Docket at Aberdeen.

State's Attorney Campbell has completed his arrangements for the criminal case to be tried at the term of circuit court which opens at Aberdeen Tuesday. The first case to be tried will be that of the state vs. L. O. Moulton.

William W. Barker, accused of the murder of Lee Zook in a box car at Heald, will be the second case on the criminal calendar to be taken up. This case will probably take up considerable time, as Barker's father, who lives in Missouri, has obtained the services of Taubman, Williamson & Herrell, of which firm G. Herrell is a member, to defend his son, and every effort will be made to save the accused man.

MEN AND TEAMS SCARCE.

Plenty of Work for Railroad Builders in the Black Hills.

One thousand men could find immediate employment in the Black Hills on the railroad work at Rapid City and Mystic, at Belle Fourche on the irrigating scheme, and at Deadwood on the Homestead slane mill, and in different parts of the country. It is impossible to find enough men to do the work now in sight.

The railroad work is being delayed, especially on the line between Rapid City and Mystic, as the men are scarce and common laborers. The best wages in the state are being paid for all this work. There is also a scarcity of men and teams.

Soldiers' Home at Hot Springs.

At present there are 209 old soldiers enjoying the hospitality of the state soldiers' home at Hot Springs. This is four more than ever present at one time in the history of the institution, fifty-three more than were present a year ago and sixty-four more than two years ago.

May Put in Sawmills.

Iowa parties are investigating along the Missouri River with a view of purchasing the timber tracts, putting in portable mills and saving the logs into lumber. There are a great many good belts of timber along the stream, and several islands in the river are well covered with large trees.

Resigns Land Office Position.

T. E. Blanchard, for the past eleven years an employe of the state land department at Pierre, a part of the time as deputy in the department, has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted, and Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard will leave the 1st of January for Daton, Cal.

Woman Pioneer Dead.

A Deadwood special says: Mrs. M. Rosegardner, who came to the Black Hills in 1876, is dead in Chicago. She and her husband kept one of the first grocery stores in this old mining camp. She is very well known throughout this part of the state.

New Bank for Presho.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for the First State bank of Presho, one of the new towns on the railway extension west from Chamberlain. It is capitalized at \$11,000.

Enterprising Catholics.

Probably the most enterprising Catholics in the state are those residing at Colman and vicinity. Notwithstanding that there are only ten Catholic families in the town and adjacent country, they recently completed a handsome new church building which cost complete the sum of \$2,000.

Pire at Keystone.

A large boarding house kept by A. J. Little at the Dakota-Calumet mine north of Keystone, was totally destroyed by fire, the loss being about \$4,000. A little child belonging to the owner of the place was nearly suffocated with smoke.

