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MILITIA CALLED OUT

INDIANS AND HALFBREDS IN-TRENCHED IN HILLS.

Oklahoma Authorities Determined to Crush and Capture Murderous Hostiles—Chief Harjo's Son Forced to Tell Father's Plans.

Chief Crazy Snake and 100 Followers Retreated Before Five Companies of Oklahoma Militia Late Sunday Night, Thus Deferring an Expected Battle.

Hastily settling fire to his tepees and tents, the Indian leader, with his added company of redskins and negroes, fled from their blazing camp as the troops advanced. They took up a strong position between the North Canadian river and Deep Fork creek, about seventeen miles east of Henryetta.

Col Hoffman in command of the state troops, considered it unwise to push the pursuit and engage the Indians in the darkness. Accordingly he bivouacked his troops for the night awaiting reinforcement by a company of cowboys from around Lawton, all crack shots.

Crazy Snake's men number over 100, all armed with modern rifles and plentifully supplied with ammunition. They had been preparing for two months for this, their final stand against lawful authority, and defiantly sent out word Sunday that they would fight to death.

Crazy Snake's band strongly entrenched itself early in the day Sunday and was reinforced from time to time by roving companies which were scoured away from Henryetta by the coming of the state troops at 3 o'clock. Crazy Snake is in personal command. This was established by the testimony of a posse of his college bred sons by means of a nice new inch rope. Young Harjo was strung up by the determined deputies until nearly dead. Then he gasped out that his father was in command; named the Indian who killed the deputies; told the officials how to trail the band and did everything which a stoical red man is supposed not to do when in the hands of his enemies.

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD.

Attorney Generals of Many States May Meet at Kansas City.

A conference of the attorneys general of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Texas and Missouri will be called for some time during the first week in April. The meeting will be held in Kansas City, and railroad rates, lumber trust prosecutions and kindred matters which are engaging the attention of the state interested will be discussed. Some days ago Attorney General Major, of Missouri, sent letters to officials of other states suggesting the conference and enough favorable replies have been received to insure the success of the plan.

SHOOTS AND KILLS WIFE.

Boston Man Then Ends Own Life in Same Manner.

A startling tragedy was enacted in the public garden near the entrance of the Boylston street subway at Boston Sunday night while the early evening suburban rush was at its height. Suffering from nervous trouble with which he had been afflicted for several years, Lawrence R. Boyle, a well known newspaper man, shot and killed his wife and then ended his own life by the same means.

MURDERER CHEATS GALLOWS

Negro Had Confessed to Killing New York Hotel Clerk.

James Vargo, a young negro, who after his arrest in Chicago confessed that he had murdered Isadore De Vaillant, night clerk in the Eastern hotel at New York, for robbery, Sunday strangled himself in his cell in the Tombs prison. He twisted a handkerchief around his neck, and after trying it securely tight twisted it with a small piece of lead pencil until it closed his windpipe.

CANADIAN PACIFIC WRECK.

Engineer and Brakeman Lose Lives in Collision.

Three men were killed Sunday night in a train wreck west of Brandon, Manitoba, Can. The regular coast limited train of the Canadian Pacific railway, westbound, when four miles out of Brandon, took the wrong track at a point near Kemnay on which was a freight, eastbound. The engineer, fireman and brakeman of the passenger train were killed.

To Improve Prussia's Railways.

A bill has been introduced in the Prussian diet to empower the government to spend \$66,000,000 on the extension, improvement in equipment and partial electrification of Prussian railways.

Sloux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sloux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$6.20; Top hogs, \$6.50.

Hughes Ends His Life.

Edward A. Hughes, convicted murderer of George Gilliam was found dead in his cell at Goldfield, Nev., hanging from the highest of the steel bars by a rope of strips of blankets. Hughes had been sentenced for life.

Greeks Die of Asphyxiation.

Four unidentified Greeks were found dead in a gas filled room in a west side boarding house at Chicago Saturday night. It is thought one of them was killed accidentally.

SLAIN BY OWN HAND.

Mystery Clears in Case of Mrs. Culbertson.

Mrs. Jessie Culbertson, of Vincennes, Ind., the woman of mystery, had hearted, though a bride of three months, was not murdered. She was self slain. Of this there is no doubt, and her husband and relatives tearfully acknowledged Friday that their suspicions that she was killed at the instigation of another woman for jealous revenge were unfounded. The body of a miniature skeleton which had been attached to the skull found near Mrs. Culbertson when she was discovered in the shed near her home last Wednesday after swallowing carbolic acid was picked up Friday near the scene of the tragedy. It lay concealed beneath a pile of debris where the disheartened girl had placed it after she had removed the head and attached it to the threatening letter which she thought would lead the authorities to believe she was murdered for revenge. This toy skeleton Mrs. Culbertson is known to have had in her possession a month ago.

Positive proof that the suicide wrote the anonymous threatening letters to herself has also been established. A letter she wrote to her husband at Bridgeport, Ill., is written on stationery similar to that upon which is printed the anonymous notes. The water mark on the paper is the same on all the anonymous notes as that in the stationery found in the dead woman's trunk.

It was Mrs. Etta Longwell of Chicago, formerly of Vincennes, whom the Culbertsons and Joshua Brazelton, stepfather of the young husband, had been led to suspect sought to injure the dependent Jessie. Now they want to have it understood that if they were mistaken the accused woman may establish proof that their charges to the police were unfounded.

WOMAN'S TRAGIC END.

Wife of Pierre Lorillard, Jr., Ends Life by Inhaling Gas.

Wearied of the gay whirl of society and face to face, as she believed, with years of physical suffering, Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Jr., aged 49, wife of the tobacco magnate, committed suicide by asphyxiation at her home near the fashionable Dupont circle in Washington, D. C., Thursday. Her tragic death has shocked the first social circles of the capital as nothing else in years. In spite of the coroner's certificate of death by suicide, members of the family declare that Mrs. Lorillard died of heart failure.

George Cheever Arraigned.

George Cheever, son of former chief of police of Andover, Mass., who has been posing as a Yale man, was arraigned in court in New York Thursday and held in \$2,000 bail for trial on a charge of forgery. Cheever is said to have obtained nearly \$20,000 in the last six months by forged checks.

Canada Will Assist.

The semi-official intimation that the Canadian government is about to offer national assistance to Great Britain, probably in the form of two battleships of the Dreadnought type, has been received throughout Canada with hearty approval.

Kills Himself in Street.

After carefully preparing a long obituary notice and handing it in at the office of the Herald, Aquilla Chase, a son of the late Gen. Daniel Chase, stepped out into Herald Square, New York, Friday and shot himself in the heart. He died in a few minutes.

Drowns Self and Two Children.

Two children of Mrs. Amos Miller were found in the Farmington river near Boston Friday. The children had been tied together and through a note left by Mrs. Miller the probabilities are strong that she took their lives and her own.

Plays Kidnaping Joke.

Lawrence Gibson, aged 14 years, of Pittsburg disappeared Friday night, and about midnight his father received a letter demanding a ransom of \$15,000. The police were inclined to believe the boy was playing a joke on his father.

Three to Be Electrocutted.

Judge Huntley has sentenced to death Isham and Joe Taylor and Lewis Jenkins, convicted Friday at Powhatan, Va., of having murdered Mrs. Mary Skipwith and Walter G. Johnson. They will be electrocuted April 30.

Mexican and Negro Killed by Posse.

John Johnson, a negro, and Sebastian Sandoval, a Mexican, were killed near Cuervo, N. M., Friday after a long pursuit by a posse to rescue a girl which the two had kidnaped.

"Dry" Wave in Russia.

The duma Friday adopted the budget of the colonization department, with a resolution asking the government to suspend the sale of liquor in all regions open to colonization.

Booth in St. Petersburg.

Gen. William Booth, commander in chief of the Salvation army, is at present in St. Petersburg, Russia, negotiating with the government to establish a branch of the army in that country.

Holiday on a Pullman at Denver.

Two highwaymen held up the occupants of a Pullman car in the West Denver yards of the Denver and Rio Grande Thursday and secured \$400.

Brownsville Riot Inquiry.

Secretary of War Dickinson Wednesday announced the retired army officers who have been appointed members of the court of inquiry to investigate the discharge of the battalion of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, colored, for alleged complicity in the affair at Brownsville in 1906.

Bank Robbers Make Successful Heist.

The Bank of Watson, Ill., was robbed of about \$6,000 in cash Friday morning. The robbers escaped.

BATTLE MANY HOURS.

Twenty Deputies and One Hundred Negroes in an Encounter.

On the scene of the famous Creek Indian uprising of last year at Hickory settlement in Oklahoma, two negroes were killed, many wounded and forty captured in a battle between twenty deputy sheriffs and 100 negroes. The fighting began late Wednesday and continued without interruption until 10 o'clock Thursday.

Five deputies went from Henrietta, eighteen miles north of Guthrie, to the negro settlement to arrest cattle thieves thought to be concealed in the house of one of the negroes. They were met at the outer edge of the camp by a party of armed negroes, who refused to allow them to enter. The deputies persisted and were fired upon. Outnumbered, the five fled.

A few hours after the first clash a larger posse, heavily armed, reached the settlement. Some one fired a shot and the excitement increased and negroes roamed through the woods firing and yelling. The fight continued as a series of duels throughout the night, the negroes retreating gradually from tree to tree as the deputies advanced, firing steadily. Reaching the settlement, the negroes barricaded themselves in their huts and could not be dislodged.

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RIVER FUND IN DOUBT.

Prospective Fight Over the Big Improvement Appropriation.

With the announcement from Washington that a united effort was about to be made by senators and representatives from Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota to relocate in Sioux City, Iowa, an office for an engineer in charge of the Missouri river, it has become known that the campaign is the outgrowth of the domination of the lower river influence with the war department and the peculiar provision of the recent rivers and harbors bill for the improvement of the Missouri river.

The movement to bring to Sioux City a government engineer's office had its inception with George C. Call, of Sioux City, secretary-treasurer of the Missouri River Navigation congress. The agitation commenced immediately after the passage of the rivers and harbors bill, and is yet scarcely under way. The plan of the up-river men is not to remove the office of Capt. E. H. Schultz from Kansas City, but to provide an independent engineering headquarters and to divide the duties in regard to river improvements between the two offices.

Soon after the passage of the rivers and harbors bill, which was approved on March 3, it was found that the usual custom of designating the divisions of the appropriation between the various sections of the river had been changed, the amount being set apart in a lump sum for the entire river.

From the wording of the appropriation it gave rise to the belief that the greater portion of the \$55,000 for improvements would be spent in the Kansas City district with practically no expenditure except a little snagging in the upper part of the stream.

KIDNAPPERS AT PITTSBURG.

Officers Feared to Take the Couple to Sharon, Pa.

Willie Whitla Wednesday identified the man and woman held on suspicion by the Cleveland police as the persons who kidnaped him from the school at Sharon, Pa., last Thursday, and held him for the \$10,000 ransom which was paid by his father, Attorney James P. Whitla, Monday. Willie said the man who gave the name of James H. Boyle, was the one who took him from school and carried him through a tortuous route to Cleveland, then to Ashtabula, back to Cleveland, then to place him in the house in the east end, where he was held until the money was paid.

Willie also declared the woman was the one who cared for him at the house where he was detained, and who acted the part of a nurse. The Cuyahoga county grand jury has returned an indictment against James H. Boyle and Helen Boyle, alias Helen Faulkner, charging them with blackmail. The charge is based in the payment of a \$10,000 ransom by J. P. Whitla for the recovery of his son, Willie Whitla.

Fearing for the safety of their prisoners if taken to Sharon or the county seat of Mercer county, officers Thursday night brought Boyle and his wife to the Allegheny county jail at Pittsburg in a special car from Cleveland. The prisoners were guarded by sixteen detectives and officers.

Loses Right to Throne.

George, crown prince of Serbia, has renounced his right of succession to the Serbian throne. The action is the result of a bitter press campaign in which the crown prince is accused of the death of one of his servants.

Three Deaths in a Gun Fight.

A revolver fight between two families near Victoria, Mexico, Friday resulted in the death of three men.

Former Trouble Recurs.

A section of the embankment 300 feet long of the Panama railway line at Gatun has again settled about thirty feet at the same spot where the last movement occurred in November.

Falling Wall Kills Seven.

Seven men were killed and five seriously injured in an accident Thursday when a very severe one caused the wall left standing after a fire, crashed down on them without warning.

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RULING ON FENCE QUESTION.

Decision in Favor of the Railroads Is Handed Down by McGehe.

In the Pennington county circuit court at Rapid City Judge Lewis McGehe rendered a decision on the railroad fence question which is expected to settle the matter. The ruling is that a railroad company is not bound to fence its right of way, and that such fences as are erected by the land already fenced, and in cases where the right of way is not fenced the railroad company is not liable for damages for stock killed.

The case at issue was that of Frank Hart against the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, and the killing of a horse near the town of Sisseton, about forty miles east of Rapid City. This suit is a measure to settle the question of claims for similar damages against the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, and the Pierre, Rapid City and Northwestern company in western South Dakota.

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ROSEBUD LANDS AT AUCTION.

Several Thousand Real Estate Men Bid for Unencumbered Tracts.

Approximately 2,000 real estate men from points in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Missouri and Illinois were included in the crowd of more than 5,000 people from other places which lined up Thursday morning at the opening of the government sale of unencumbered tracts, ranging from 40 to 160 acres each. Judge James W. Witten, superintendent of the sale, offered the first tract at 10:30 o'clock and the bidding was spirited from the start. Prices ranged from \$1 to \$10 an acre, and 100 tracts will be sold each day.

EXPERIMENTAL FARM WORK.

Prof. Willis Will Take Charge of Work Near Cottonwood.

Prof. Clifford Willis, of the department of seeds and agronomy at the state agricultural college at Brookings will superintend the opening of eight acres upon the experimental farm near Cottonwood, selected some months ago by the state board of regents, in accordance with a law passed by the 1907 legislature.

The experimental farm for this year, but the legislature saw fit to appropriate only \$1,000. However, the citizens of Cottonwood and vicinity are planning to voluntarily assist in making improvements in order that the work may not be retarded because of the small legislative appropriation.

MAY BUILT FROM HURON.

Rumors that Great Northern Road Will Extend to Chamberlain.

Well founded rumors have been current for some time concerning the extension of the Great Northern railway from Huron to Chamberlain, the work, it is said, to be prosecuted during the coming summer. The project being one of much interest to Huron, the commercial club sent a delegation of the city to investigate the matter. J. W. Campbell, president of the South Dakota board of agriculture, and C. N. McElvaine, secretary of the Huron Commercial club, and also the same day they were for last year with the exception of pianos and organs, which were reduced. It was generally understood by the auditors present that their efforts should be directed to the reduction of the deficit as nearly as possible one-third actual.

An effort was made by some of the auditors to reduce bank stock to the same rate of assessment, but this was voted down and it was left at 40 per cent, the same as it has been for the past two years.

BOY KILLS HIS BROTHER.

Lads Were Hunting and Gun Is Accidentally Discharged.

Particulars have reached Sioux Falls of the accidental death of Henry the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Egger, who reside on a farm in the southeastern portion of Faulk county. The unfortunate boy met death at the hands of his own brother. Together with the brother and a companion the dead boy was engaged in hunting ducks. A 12-caliber rifle held in the hands of the brother was prematurely discharged, the ball striking the lad in the back of the head. He became unconscious and remained in that condition until he was buried six hours later. The brother has been nearly crazed by the accident and the tragic death of his little brother.

BARN DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Farmer Loses Nine Head of Horses and Farm Produce.

Fire on the farm of M. Wahl, a Jerauld county farmer, did serious damage. By the destruction of a large new barn nine head of horses, ten sets of harness, a wagon, and about 200 bushels of corn and oats were burned. The fire broke out Sunday morning. Wahl and his son rushed into the burning barn and succeeded in rescuing seven other horses. Wahl had just moved from the burning structure when the roof fell in, and for a moment it was feared he would not escape from the shower of flame which surrounded him, but he managed to get away unscathed, although he was quite seriously burned. He had insurance to the amount of \$1,400 on the horses and other property.

Telephone Monopoly.

It is announced that the Dakota-Montana Telephone company, which has many stations in northwestern South Dakota and eastern Montana, will form a junction with the Dakota Central Telephone company of Aberdeen which practically monopolizes the telephone business of the state east of the Missouri river.

Bison's New Court House.

Work on the new court house at Bison is being pushed as rapidly as possible, the intention being to have it completed and ready for occupancy by or soon after April 5.

Homecoming Date Changed.

In order to avoid conflicting with other gatherings in the state, the Aberdeen Commercial club has changed the dates of the Dakota homecoming celebration from June 22-25 to June 1-4.

Broken Leg Causes Death.

Andrew Skaven, a young farmer of Marindahl, while going to a prayer meeting, fell from a horse and his ankle was broken in two places. The shock, a very severe one, caused the death unexpectedly several days later. He was 32 years of age.

Corn Growing Contest.

County Superintendent Ole Jorgenson of Brown county, has instituted a corn growing contest, having put up over 100 prizes to be competed for by farmer boys under 18 years of age.

PLENTY OF MONEY IN STATE.

Sale of Securities to State Banks Shows South Dakota Is Prosperous.

The placing of \$500,000 of state revenue warrants in South Dakota banks at a rate of 3 1/2 per cent, interest is evidence that the state has put itself in position where it need not depend upon eastern financial concerns for ordinary business transactions. Bidders were in Pierre from Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Des Moines, and other cities, with bids ranging from 4 per cent up to 5 per cent and higher, but when the South Dakota banks came in with their rates the eastern investors quit the field. It is not understood the situation, and one of the Chicago representatives said "the banks of this state must have money to burn to take the securities at that rate, as they could not get the money at so low a figure to take up the warrants." Most of the warrants went to the Black Hills banks, who were willing to take them at the low rate.

Gov. Vessey and State Treasurer Johnston are being congratulated on what they have done in floating these securities at the rate they secured, as they have practically cut the general fund warrants rate from 6 per cent to 3 1/2 per cent, a saving of thousands of dollars in interest charges by the loan.

CROWDS HEAR LECTURERS.

Pure Seed Special Ends Three Days Trip in Black Hills.

The three days' trip of the first "Pure Seed Special" over the Pierre, Rapid City and Northwestern railroad ended at Rapid City Friday. The special was greeted by crowds of farmers that was a gratifying surprise to the lecturers from the state agricultural college at Brookings. The railroad officials, starting from two to four hours each were made at Midland, Phillip, Cottonwood, Quinn, Wall, Wasta, Owanika and Underwood. The meetings were held in halls, and a record kept of all farmers in attendance, totaling over 1,600 for the nine stops. Lectures were given by A. E. Chamberlain, South Dakota Farmers' Institute director; Prof. C. Willis, of the department of seeds and agronomy; and Prof. Wilson, of the stock department of the state agricultural college. Prof. Willis is a son of Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, of Iowa. The railroad company was represented by C. T. Lutz, of Pierre, the superintendent, and B. E. Farrell, traveling passenger agent, of Huron.

NEW INTERURBAN SOUGHT.

One Proposed Between Centerville and Sioux City.

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The proposed interurban will run from Sioux City to Centerville, and the right of way is granted from one end of the route to the other as made by capitalists that no difficulty will be experienced in getting plenty of money to build the road.

WILL IMPROVE ROADBED.

Northwestern Between Iroquois and Hawarden to Be Improved.

The 126 miles of road owned by the Northwestern between Iroquois and Hawarden will be put in first class order as soon as the weather will permit. Material is being put on the line at convenient points for the complete reconstruction of the roadbed, which will be raised to a higher grade and gravelled. It is also the purpose of the company to lay 80-pound steel rails in place of the 60-pound ones as soon as possible during the present season.

HILLS PROSPECTOR ENDS LIFE.

Lifeless Body Discovered by Two Small.

When two little neighbors boys delivered milk reached the cabin of Benny Phillips, an old time prospector of the Hills, about dusk, they found the lifeless form of the old man hanging from a nail driven in the side logs. After driving the nail in the cabin wall he had mounted a candle box, which he kicked from under him, and was dead an hour before he was discovered. Phillips had lived in the various mining camps since 1878.

GLANDERS AMONG HORSES.

Veterinarian Finds Two Cases in 1 Herd at Aberdeen.

State Veterinarian Hicks, of Millbank, was called to Aberdeen recently to investigate some cases of suspected glanders in horses. He diagnosed the disease as glanders, and two of the animals were ordered killed by him. The two animals slain were a part of a herd which was sold in Aberdeen last week, and purchasers of the other animals from the herd fear that their horses, too, are afflicted with the disease.

Injured by Dynamite.

Alfred J. Robinson, of Lemmon, escaped a charge of dynamite with an iron spine. The charge "let go," and Robinson sustained a broken jaw and a severe injury to one eye which may destroy its sight, while nearly all his teeth were knocked out.

Circuit Court Adjourns.

The circuit court, which convened at Flaudreau on Monday, has adjourned to June 1 to take up the undisposed cases.

Hills Pioneers Dead.

Death has called two more pioneers of the Hills. At Spearfish Mrs. Emil Olson, who has been a resident of the Hills since 1822, in Deadwood, Eugene Driscoll, one of the early day placer miners, died at St. Joseph's hospital from pleurisy.

Commission Meeting Monday.

Friday was the time fixed for the regular monthly meeting of the state board of railroad commissioners, but the meeting was postponed until Monday.

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