

**SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS NOTES**

September 5 has been fixed as the time for the next meeting of the Rosebud Ministerial association, to be held in Colome.

Cattle buyers are now driving over the country adjacent to Miller after stock. The grass has been good all along and stock is fat.

The board of education of Woonsocket has awarded the contract for the erection of a new public school building to cost about \$20,000.

Madison will entertain the grand commandery of South Dakota, Knights Templar, at its next annual convocation, August 13, 14 and 15.

The baseball team at Colton has been reorganized, with Carl Juvie as manager and Julius Aker, captain. A number of games have been arranged for.

At a special election held at Highmore a majority of the voters declared themselves opposed to the issuing of bonds of \$16,000 for a sewerage system.

Hoboes have been especially active at Milbank recently, a number of box cars having been robbed and other depredations committed by the unwelcome visitors.

The German Methodists have closed their camp meeting in Beulah park on the Turtle river, adjoining Redfield. They bought this land last year and are developing the grounds.

The current statements show that the three banks of Onida have deposits aggregating more than \$150,000, which proves that the people of Onida and vicinity are in a prosperous condition.

Work commenced last week on the construction of a two-mile stretch of model highway in the vicinity of Ipswich. The work is being done under the direction of experts, whom it is believed will make the road among the best in the state.

While despondent, John Lambert, aged 51, foreman of a livery barn at Sioux Falls, attempted to commit suicide by slashing his throat with a razor. He fell unconscious after the deed, and a physician was summoned who found no arteries were severed, and the man will recover.

Two early morning fires at the Gilmore hotel at Deadwood, one of the two principal hotels of the city are believed to be the work of incendiaries. In each case the fire was started by the aid of kerosene, but the flames were extinguished with chemical apparatus before any damage was done. State Fire Marshall Crane of Lead is investigating and believes that he has a clew.

Bison, the county seat of Perkins county, has just celebrated its annual "Gala day" and the town was thronged with visitors. Barrels of ice water for the thirsty and rest rooms for women visitors added to the comfort of those attending. The sports program was interesting and included a baseball game between Chase and Strool, resulting in a victory for Strool by a score of 10 to 9.

Reports made at the annual meeting of the farmers company, which conducts an elevator at Willow Lakes, show the affairs of the company in good condition. During the past 12 months the company handled over 100,000 bushels of grain, 1,986 tons of coal and 146 tons of hay. After paying 8 per cent interest on the stock, the company was able to declare a dividend of 2 cents per bushel on all grain purchased from stockholders.

Judge McGee passed sentence on Mrs. Sarah Gleason and her daughter, Mrs. Fannie Huney of Rapid City, sending the former to the Sioux Falls penitentiary for two years and the latter he subjected to a fine of \$200 and costs. Mrs. Gleason was indicted by the grand jury for enticing young girls to lead a life of immorality and found guilty by the petit jury. Mrs. Huney was also indicted and found guilty of maintaining a disorderly house.

In a ball game between White Owl and Marcus, Harold Spaw, of the White Owl team, broke a leg, dislocated an ankle and sprained a knee in attempting a slide home. He will be in bed at least six weeks, and out of the game for the season. This is the second accident within a week to the home team, Dwight Enders, catcher, having the flesh torn from the bone of a finger by a foul tip off the bat a few days ago, which retired him from the game for the season.

Sudden death overtook Jessie Howe of Armour while riding his motorcycle some four miles from town. Howe was returning from a spin in the country about 9 o'clock in the evening and passed Rev. Mr. Mansfield of Golden Rod church, who was on his way to town. To all appearances all was well with the young man, but in a few minutes Mansfield came across Howe in the road with the machine on top of his body. He was 19 years of age. The body was shipped to the old home at Bagley, Ia., for interment.

Seth Wyland and Wm. Collins of Miller shipped in 300 head of cattle from St. Paul last spring and turned them on a ranch south west of here and now they claim that they have made \$3,000 on the investment. Stock raising and dairying will receive increased attention from now on.

The assessed valuation of Humboldt, as returned by the board of equalization, is \$19,888. These figures do not include the assessed valuation of the railroad and telephone property within the town, which is adjusted by the state.

The fact that two fine barns on farms near Scotland, burned at about the same time, the fires commencing in a mysterious way, has given rise to the suspicion that a "Jack, the barn burner" has commenced operations in that part of the state.

A cow belonging to Town Marshall Cable of Hudson has given birth to twin calves—the second pair within a year, and the fifth calf born to it within a period of less than two years. This is believed to give the animal the state record for number of calves raised in that period of time.

**HORTICULTURE**



**PLAGUE OF THE FIELD MICE**

Even In Small Numbers They Destroy Considerable Clover and Alfalfa and Injure Orchards.

(By E. S. PIPER.)  
The mouse which produced the plague in some of the western states, a short time ago, proved to be the "black mouse," one of the numerous species of short tailed field or meadow mice, a group which has caused widespread destruction in various parts of the world. In nearly all parts of the United States short-tailed field mice are among the most abundant of mammals, and a number of species in widely separated localities have occasionally exhibited the same tendency to excessive increase, indicating that favoring conditions may produce



Lombardy Poplar Girdled and Killed by Field Mice.

mouse plagues wherever the mice exist. Even in small numbers they destroy considerable clover and alfalfa and injure orchards, nurseries and root crops.

This is the first recorded instance of an irruption of field mice in North America attaining the proportions of a plague. The experience indicates the probability of future and even more disastrous outbreaks. In the extensive reclaimed areas of the west the abundant food and luxurious cover furnished by alfalfa fields and the miles of irrigation ditches, which afford these mice suitable homes along their banks, greatly favor their increase, while surrounding desert conditions limit the spread of mice beyond the cultivated areas.

Without doubt poisoning is the best method at present known of dealing with field mice on an extensive scale.

**SOIL TOO RICH FOR APPLES**

Trees With Beautiful Foliage, but Mighty Little Fruit, Were Finally Removed by Ax.

A common mistake in the selection of a site for the apple orchard tract, large or small, is that of choosing a soil that is too rich; that will cause abundant growth of wood, but mighty little fruit. In the valley in which the writer's ranch is located is an orchard of mature apple trees, as pretty a sight from the standpoint of foliage as one could ask to see, which has lately been felled because it did not deliver the goods.

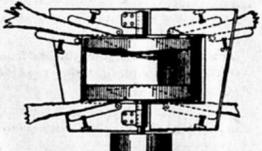
The tract is fat, rich and well watered. Within gunshot of this tract is a block of winter Nellis pear trees of the same age that for several years past have crossed their owners close to a thousand dollars per acre, says a writer in an exchange. Never was more emphatically demonstrated the fact that soil can be too rich for apples, but not for pears. Within a mile of these unproductive apple trees, on thinner and lighter granitic soils, the apple trees bear prolifically to the point of breaking down.

**GRAFTING MACHINE IS HANDY**

Implement Designed to Cut Scion Diagonally to Prevent Bruising or Other Injury.

In describing a grafting machine, invented by A. Robertson of Canada, the Scientific American says:

The purpose here is to provide a machine more especially designed for use in nurseries and the like, and arranged to cut the graft or scion diagonally with a shearing cut to prevent



Grafting Machine.

bruising or injury to the graft. For this purpose use is made of a rotary cutter head provided with beveled knives, a table for the grafts to rest on, and guides on the table at an angle to the cutting edges of the knives to guide the grafts. The machine is pictured herewith in a plan view.

**Pruning Better Fruit.**

Pruning done correctly will increase the size and improve the quality of most common fruits. The expense of picking will be lessened, and the expense of handling will not be so great, because there will be more of the first grade and less of the poorer grades of fruit. Then the results of spraying will be more satisfactory, and, if the tree has been pruned, injuries to the wood and fungus pests are not so likely to be present.

Cherry trees do not need so much pruning, but it is well to keep the tree in proper shape, with limbs fairly open, so that insecticides and sprays may be applied if necessary.

**GOOD SOIL FOR BUSH FRUITS**

Ground Between Rows Must Be Kept Fine and Mellow—Give Plenty Sunshine and Air.

The ground between the rows and around the bushes should be kept fine and mellow. If the soil is allowed to become hard and allowed to grow up in weeds and grass, the yield will be cut short, and the fruit will be small and of inferior quality. All bush fruits should be grown in wide rows, as the greater part of the cultivation can be done with the horse, hoe and cultivator. The proper distance to plant currants, raspberries, blackberries and gooseberries in the fruit garden is five feet apart each way for horse cultivation. For the small family garden, plant in rows five feet apart and three feet apart in the row. This will allow of the larger portion of the cultivation to be done with the horse cultivator. The ground around the bushes must be broken up and mellowed with the hoe. Export fruit growers maintain a dust mulch until the berries are half size, then a thick coat of long straw, manure, grass or rotted leaves is spread over the entire ground about four inches thick. This mulch prevents the growth of weeds—and keeps the soil cool and moist. When this method is followed, the field will be greater, the berries free of dirt and much larger than any of extra fine flavor. All fruit succeed best when given plenty of sunshine and air, along with intelligent culture. The common practice of planting the bushes along the garden walk or fence row is bad, as the bushes cannot be cultivated economically. The yield and size of the berries is greatly increased where there is a full supply of moisture. The irrigation for fruit and vegetables big surface flow and under ground irrigation being extended as the result of tests made by practical men. The method of irrigation for vegetables and small fruits practiced by market gardeners of Boston has been found economical and profitable.

**SUMMER PRUNING OF TREES**

Cannot Profitably Be Done on Old, Stunted, Dying Trees—They Need Rejuvenation.

If the tree has a dense top, open up the center to permit sunlight and air to enter. Thin out the sides by removing from one-tenth to one-fourth of the branches, always cutting back



Apple Cluster showing apples at correct stage for second or apple worm spraying. Young fruit standing up with calyx lobes wide open ready to receive maximum dose of poison.

to a limb and never leaving a long stub to die or throw out a big crop of sprouts. Summer pruning cannot be profitably practiced on old, stunted, dying trees. They need rejuvenation, which comes with winter pruning, which may be profitably practiced upon old, thrifty, shy-bearing trees.

Large limbs can be removed at this time just as safely as at any other season of the year, only it is not advisable to remove too much of the top at once. Where great quantities of wood must be removed it is better to distribute its removal over a period of two to three years, rather than entirely unbalance the tree's growth.

**A Good Pruning Suggestion.**

To make large wounds heal quickly, first see that the trees are in a vigorous growing condition. When a large cut must be made, paint the wood with white lead, then cover the most of it with a piece of zinc. The healing tissue, called the "callus," will start from the edges of the wound. In the course of time this callus will fold over sufficiently to cover the wound. Its spread may be hastened by slitting the callus with the point of a sharp knife once each year. Early in the summer is the best time to do this, as the callus tissue is most active at that time.

**HORTICULTURAL NOTES**

When spraying, if showers come and wash off the poison, spray those trees a second time.

Spray your trees whether they have a crop or not. Spraying in off years is just as important as in years of heavy crops.

A yearling tree is preferred by many to older trees. They are thought to be safer to transplant than two-year-old trees.

Many growers say that weeds are as valuable as fertilizers as clover and cow peas if they are turned under every year.

If you believe that you have scale in your orchard, do not wait a day to have an expert examine the trees, and then fight for their lives.

That corky old apple, the Ben Davis, holds a high price in the city markets because its fine appearance deceives the ignorant buyer.

One of the surest ways to keep down weeds in the strawberry field is to cut off all the runners until July 1, to allow close cultivation.

Many now favor the summer planting of tree, although the soil should be thoroughly worked for a considerable time previous to planting.

It is a good plan to mow off the tops of the strawberry plants within a week after the fruiting season is over.

In picking strawberries it should be borne in mind that bruised fruit will not stand shipping. A careless picker has no place in a strawberry field.

**NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS**

**Strange Carriage Has All Guessing**



WASHINGTON.—For some five years past, the residents of Sixteenth street have been thoroughly mystified and made not a little curious by the presence of a most unusual carriage, which from time to time appears there.

It is an ordinary brougham, very spick and span, drawn by one horse, a black one, and beautifully caparisoned. The coachman is a stout man, with a clean-shaven, florid face and iron-gray hair, usually wearing a black coat. Thus far the carriage is most conventional, but when the eye lights on the doors it stops, and one is tempted to turn and take a second look; for, instead of the usual glass at the windows, there are oak panels filling the entire space. Each has a crescent-shaped hole cut near the top, as if to admit air to some one inside.

Only on bright, sunny days, spring and fall it may be seen, and usually in the morning. From Sixteenth and H street to Sixteenth and N streets it goes, up and down, up and down, apparently never changing its course, for no one remembers ever having seen it anywhere else. The horse travels at a medium pace, never fast, and the shining, tightly closed carriage, gleaming in the sunshine, looks almost uncanny.

At short intervals the driver leans around, first on one side and then on the other, and looks carefully in at the

front window, which is of glass. This continues for four or five hours at a time some days, and it is almost too much for the curiosity of the Sixteenth street people, who have noticed it. A good many thought it must be an invalid, or maybe an imbecile, while some suggested dogs, cats, or even snakes.

Finally one day an enterprising young resident of Sixteenth street, on her way home, decided that she would at least get a peep inside, so accordingly she went to the curb and nearly lost her balance in the attempt as the carriage went by, but the empty seat only greeted her eye, and no queer face or form.

"He must be on the other side," she said to herself. "I'll get him when he comes back."

So when it returned she was there ready, but not a sign of life was to be seen within.

"Probably he has moved over," was the young lady's conclusion, and she pursued her way, but on reaching home another girl was seen on the opposite curb, staring down the street.

"Did you see that carriage?" she called. "I'm dying to know what's in it!"

When next it came up, a girl moved toward it from either curb and took a look.

Empty!

The mystery is still a mystery, and will be until some clever person finds the solution. According to Sherlock Holmes' process of elimination, if there is no one inside, they must be outside. Is it the coachman? No, no knows? Sixteenth street would be grateful for any light on the subject.

**Your Uncle Sam Has Books to Burn**

THAT you, Mr. Voter may get just the government publications that are of interest to you, and that you may be spared the expense of printing costly books which serve no further purpose than would a friendly postal card, congress is strenuously attempting to reform itself with relation to the business of printing. To accomplish this congress has appointed a joint commission to investigate its monster printing bills, and that commission has reported that the wastes in this direction amount to tens of millions, and that, despite the great expense, the one aimed at is not accomplished.

Uncle Sam has, the commission states, a gang of laborers at work regularly destroying books which it has cost him millions of dollars to print. Almost any day these workmen may be seen with axes chopping vigorously into great stacks of leather and cloth bound books such as would be an ornament to any library.

Every few years the government finds itself the possessor of vast quantities of printed matter stored in many basements as grain in granaries. In the vaults under the capitol it is no uncommon matter to find a thousand tons of worthless public documents which congress finds itself unable to even give away. Yet these documents have cost millions of dollars in the printing, and these millions, accord-



ing to congress itself, are absolutely wasted.

Every day through the congressional season there is mailed from the capitol and the house and senate office buildings an average of 20 tons of printed matter. The men who mail it confess that the vast majority of it is intended to have no more effect than would a postal card which reminds the constituent that he is remembered. The cost to the postoffice department in sending this matter through the mails amounts to \$3,200 a day.

Every year the federal government sends out more than 500,000 expensive books to certain designated libraries in different parts of the country. Very few of these libraries use the books. Many of them return them to the government printing office at the expense of the government, while the great majority simply discard them. Extremely technical books, some of which are filled with expensive plates and weigh as much as 18 pounds per copy, are thus broadcasted to people who do not want them.

**Plan to Stop Cats' Midnight Opera**



THE species of cat that takes delight in ensconcing itself upon the back fence at undesirable hours and serenading would-be sleepers is doomed. The habitue of the alley has incurred the displeasure of the commissioners, and as all other offenders who arouse the ire of the District officials, his punishment will be swift and terrible.

An edict issued at the District building the other day provides that all stray cats hereafter found roaming at large will be impounded and put to death. The unfortunate feline must in the future be confined to the premises of its owner, or, should its mistress deem it necessary to take it for an airing, it must be held in leash. The law for the impounding of dogs provides that the animal may be recovered from payment by the owner of ten dollars, but no such leniency is extended to the cat.

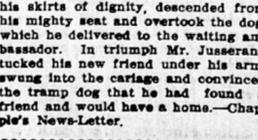
Nine cats have been impounded since July 1 last year, the commissioner says, and each of the "pets" is accused of being afflicted with rabies. They also were accused of biting 11 persons. It is to prevent a spread of the dread disease, the officials declare, that the amendment to the police regulations is made.

The term "running at large" is held by the authorities to have the same meaning as in the proclamation relating to the muzzling of dogs.

This is not the first proposition to place a tax on cats. Such a measure was under consideration by the board of commissioners several years ago but it met with serious opposition by the Washington Cat Club, of which Mrs. Henry L. West, wife of former Commissioner West, was president. No action was taken at that time.

**Stray Yellow Dog Finds Good Friend**

EVEN in staid and sedate Washington an amusing scene will occur and a stray yellow dog will find a friend. The gallant Ambassador Jusserand of France, in faultless attire, was returning from a hall where he had delivered an address. A liveried footman was holding open the door of his carriage, and the coachman, sitting stiffly on the box, was the very picture of convention. The chivalrous ambassador was bowing right and left, when his eye fell upon a little dog who had made his way through the crowd and stood in front of him. The little animal looked beseechingly up into the eyes of the great diplomat, who for his white gloves and stooped down to pat the dusky head. But the sudden motion frightened the dog, who was used to being kicked and beaten, and with his tail between his legs he scampered away.



The ambassador thrust away all dignity of diplomatic custom, and to the bewilderment of an amazed crowd, he pursued the feeble canine while society folks looked on at the novel chase. The dog's four legs made better time than the ambassador's two, and Mr. Jusserand sought the help of the footman. The liveried gentleman from his skirts of dignity, descended from his mighty seat and overtook the dog which he delivered to the waiting ambassador. In triumph Mr. Jusserand tucked his new friend under his arm swung into the carriage and convinced the tramp dog that he had found a friend and would have a home.—Chaplin's News-Letter.

**Cultivate a Gentle Voice.**

I would say to all: use your gentlest voice at home. Watch it day by day as a pearl of great price, for it will be worth more to you in days to come than the best pearl hid in the sea. A kind voice is a joy, like a lark's song, to a heart at home. Train it to sweet tones now and it will keep in tune through life.—Eliza Burritt.

**Something New in Game Laws.**

A proposed new game law in New York state will make the open season for deer-hunting later in the year with the purpose, in part, of preventing the accidental shooting of human beings. It is thought that when the trees are denuded of leaves the deer affected with "buck fever" will be less likely to shoot his guide or companion

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*Our correspondent has written for us the whole story.*

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**MORE HOSPITALS ARE NEEDED**

Situation Improved, but Further Work Is Needed to Stamp Out Tuberculosis.

Only four states, Mississippi, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming, have no beds whatever in special hospitals or wards for consumptives. Eight years ago when the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis was organized, there were 26 states in which no hospital or sanatorium provision for consumptives existed, and the entire number of beds in the United States was only 10,000.

While these figures would indicate a remarkable growth in anti-tuberculosis activity," says Dr. Livingston Farrand, executive secretary of the National association, in commenting on the subject, "there are still practically ten indigent consumptives for every one of the 30,000 beds, including those for pay patients. In other words, we have from 250,000 to 300,000 consumptives in this country too poor to provide hospital care for themselves. If tuberculosis is ever going to be stamped out in the United States, more hospital provision for these focal of infection must be provided."

**Explanation.**  
Fair Young Thing—What is that man who is running dog?  
Fan—He is going home to mother.

The man who falls out of an airship probably feels as badly hurt as the one who is thrown out of the political band wagon.

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At Dinard one summer there was a beautiful young countess, the wife of a millionaire, whose bathing dress was—well—  
A couple of men about town were talking in shocked tones about the countess' bathing dress on the casino terrace.  
"It's shocking; it's most improper," said the first.  
"But," said the second, "I can't believe it's any worse than the dinner dress she wore at Mrs. Hughes-Hallett's ball last night."  
"Oh, well," said the other, "she had her diamonds on then."—Rochester Evening Telegram.

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**Stern Call of Duty.**  
Reform is not joyous, but grievous; no single man can reform himself without stern suffering and stern working; how much less can a nation of men!—Carlyle.

**And Prized Above All.**  
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