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CANTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

REAP MANY MILLION

AMERICANS HAVE BEEN FILCHED TO THE EXTENT OF \$120,000,000.

REPORT MADE TO HITCHCOCK

During Fiscal Year Ending June 30 Last, 1,023 Persons Have Been Arrested for Operating Fraudulent Schemes Through the Mails.

Washington, D. C.—One hundred and twenty million dollars was filched from the American people during the last fiscal year by swindlers who operated largely through the United States mails, according to a statement just made in a formal report to Postmaster General Hitchcock. This was an increase of approximately \$50,000,000 in the aggregate to the previous year. Of those who are alleged to have operated the fraudulent schemes, 1,023 were arrested by postoffice inspectors. They included persons in all walks of life, merchants and mechanics, politicians and professional men, paupers and millionaires.

During the year which ended June 30 last, 452 persons were convicted and sentenced and 571 cases are awaiting final disposition.

Postmaster General Hitchcock's order to inspectors to collect evidence that would warrant criminal prosecution is building up a wall of protection against such frauds around the American people. Before that the punishment was only a fraud order forbidding the delivery of mail to such operators, who were worried but little. They merely changed their names, addresses and title if their "businesses," continuing their operations until another fraud order caught up to them.

The report says that these fraud manipulators, who usually exploit bogus mines, fake remedies and worthless lands, constitute a distinct class of lawbreakers. Among the wealthy offenders who have been caught by the inspectors are criminals, leaders in their communities and personages in the highest social and business fields. Some of them are millionaires, enriched by their plunder. Some of these men are now serving sentences.

REBELS MINE A TRACK.

More Than Sixty Persons are Killed

Mexico City.—More than 60 persons were killed and many were wounded in an attack by Zapatists on a passenger train between this city and Cuernavaca, Morelos.

The Zapatists said to number 500, placed a mine under the railroad track, which exploded as the locomotive passed over it. The overturned engine hardly had settled when the Zapatists sprang from all side and poured a murderous fire into the train.

First the object of their attack was a second class coach in which were riding a federal military escort with a captain and two lieutenants. The federal got out of the cars as quickly as possible and answered the fire of the assailants, but their efforts were futile. The command, with the exception of five wounded and two who escaped, were killed.

Thirty passengers in the second coaches were killed and many wounded. In the first class coaches no one was killed, but one was dangerously wounded and may die. The conductor, an American named Allen, is not expected to live.

Big Vancouver Fire.

Vancouver, B. C.—Estimates of the loss in the fire in the Main street warehouse district place the damage at nearly \$2,000,000. Three warehouses, each valued at \$250,000, were destroyed, as well as a number of other smaller blocks. The loss on stock was very heavy.

Fire in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo.—Fire destroyed a five-story building of the Sulzberger & Son's Packing company in Kansas City, Kan., used as the bone and glue department. Loss \$75,000.

Live Stock Market.

Sioux City.—Cattle.—Good to choice corn fed steers, \$3.00@3.50; medium to good, \$7.00@8.00; medium to choice fat cows and heifers, \$4.50@5.25; canners and cutters, \$2.50@4.50; bulls, \$4.25@5.00; veals, \$4.50@5.25. Hogs.—Prices ranged from \$6.90@7.40, with the bulk of the sales at \$6.95@7.25. Sheep.—Lamb, \$5.00@7.25, yearlings, \$4.75@5.25; ewes, \$3.00@4.00; wethers, \$4.25@4.75.

Snow Falls in Michigan.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—A dispatch from Carp Lake, 25 miles northeast of Petoskey, says that a light sprinkle of snow fell there Friday night. Crops were damaged by the cold.

New York Bank Statement.

New York.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks for last week shows that the banks hold \$13,155,000 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$4,459,250 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week.

Small Tornado in Kansas.

Elsworth, Kan.—A small tornado swept through Elsworth county, doing considerable property damage. Joe Soubath, a farmer, was struck by lightning and killed. Two inches of rain fell in an hour.

Steal \$25,000 in Gems.

Chicago, July 20.—Jewelry valued at \$25,000 mysteriously disappeared Thursday from the sidewalk in front of a loop building from under the watchful eyes of a guard and as hundreds of persons were passing.

UP TO LEGISLATURE

DENEEN CANNOT APPOINT NEW SENATOR.

Under Lea Resolution Election War Invalid, the Legislature Alone Having the Power to Act.

Springfield, Ill., July 19.—Attorney General Stead, in a voluminous opinion, rendered to the governor Wednesday, holds that the unseating of Senator Lorimer creates no vacancy and Governor Deneen has no power to appoint a successor.

Whether a special session of the legislature will be called at once so that Lorimer's successor may be elected has not been decided. Governor Deneen declined to discuss this phase of the situation. He said he had not decided what he would do.

In contending there is no vacancy within the meaning of the Constitution, Attorney General Stead cites as analogous the cases of Lee Mantle of Montana and Matthew S. Quay of Pennsylvania. Mantle had served a full term, but the Montana legislature, though in session and legally organized, failed to elect his successor. The state executive proceeded to appoint, contending there was a vacancy, but the federal senate decided that the legislature's failure to elect did not create a vacancy as constitutionally considered. The facts in the Quay case are substantially the same.

The opinion incidentally sets forth that the senate "investigation was not to inquire into the conduct of Mr. Lorimer as senator. It did not expel him, but it determined that his election was invalid," and therefore, technically, there had been no election.

LOSES SEAT IN CONGRESS

Representative Catlin of Missouri is Ousted From House, But Wins Bride Same Day.

Washington, July 22.—While the society columns of Washington newspapers were announcing Friday the engagement of Representative Theron E. Catlin of Missouri to Miss Laura Merriam, daughter of former Gov. William R. Merriam of Minnesota, the house elections committee No. 2 was reporting that Representative Catlin's election to congress had been obtained by fraud and declaring his seat vacant.

The vote in the committee was 6 to 3, the record having shown that \$13,000 was expended by the candidate and his father, Daniel Catlin, a retired tobacco multi-millionaire of St. Louis.

It was contended on behalf of the accused representative that most of this money was expended by his father without his own personal knowledge, but this bore no weight with the members of the committee.

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS

Washington, July 22.—The impeachment court which will try Judge Robert W. Archbald of the commerce court, after a brief session here Friday, fixed August 3 as the limit for all formal answers in the case and then adjourned until July 29 without deciding if the trial shall go on this summer or go over until fall.

Washington, July 20.—The senate adopted a unanimous consent agreement for the disposition of the pending tariff bills. It was agreed that the bill should be disposed of on the calendar day of July 25, excise bill July 26, and sugar bill July 27.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 20.—It was said here that Charles M. Hays, the president of the Grand Trunk railway, who lost his life on the Titanic, had with him when the ship went down signed contracts for the purchase of \$10,000,000 worth of coal properties in this region.

Jacobs Creek, Pa., July 20.—Nine persons were drowned in Barren Run, on the farm of John Raymond, near here, in a cloudburst. The dead are Mrs. Raymond and her six children; the Rovinsky, her brother, and Mrs. Rovinsky, her mother.

Kalamazoo, Mich., July 20.—On a track made exceedingly heavy by a hard rainstorm, Joe Patchen II, had little trouble in making the 2:10 pace, every heat of the race being run in exactly the same time.

MANY DIE IN CLOUDBURST

Seven Troughs and Mazuma Mining Camp of Nevada Badly Damaged by Big Storm.

Reno, Nev., July 20.—A report received here Thursday says that a cloudburst destroyed the Seven Troughs and Mazuma mining camps and that many lives were lost. All available doctors are being rushed to the scene. Telephone and telegraph communication has been cut off and it will be several hours before details can be obtained.

Swartz's Body is Found.

New York, July 20.—The body of Nathan Swartz, whose father informed the police that his son was the slayer of fourteen-year-old Julia Connors, was found Thursday on the fourth floor of a tenement on Chrystie street.

Pass Rivers and Harbors Bill.

Washington, July 20.—The conference report on the rivers and harbors bill was adopted by the senate Thursday. Senator Nelson said the bill now carries \$33,209,370. As passed by the house it carried \$26,366,000.

Lloyd's Loss \$251,375,000.

London, July 20.—Statistics published here show that Lloyd's losses from steamship wrecks in the six months ending June 30, 1912, were \$251,375,000. This exceeds the losses for the same period last year.

Esther W. Wins \$10,000 Race.

Kalamazoo, Mich., July 19.—The \$11 trot and the \$10,000 purse that went with it was won here Wednesday by Esther W., a young mare that has been a Pennsylvania county fair favorite this year.

CONGRESSMAN AND HIS FIANCEE



THE ENGAGEMENT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED OF CONGRESSMAN THERON E. CATLIN OF ST. LOUIS, MO., AND MISS LAURA MERRIAM, DAUGHTER OF FORMER GOVERNOR AND MRS. W. R. MERRIAM OF MINNESOTA. MR. CATLIN IS A REPUBLICAN AND A GRADUATE OF HARVARD AND IS SERVING HIS FIRST TERM IN CONGRESS. MISS CATLIN IS VERY PROMINENT IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY. BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 3 THE NATIONAL HOUSE ELECTION COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY VOTED TO OUST CATLIN, DECLARING HIS SEAT WAS OBTAINED BY FRAUD.

PARKER HAD MILLION

W. F. SHEEHAN OF NEW YORK TELLS SENATE OF DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN FUND.

TRUST MONEY WAS BARRED

Chairman of Executive Committee Declares Check for \$10,000 From Sugar Corporation Was Returned to the Donor.

Washington, July 20.—When Alton B. Parker ran for president in 1904, the Democratic campaign fund contained about \$1,000,000, said W. F. Sheehan of New York, who testified Thursday before the senate committee investigating campaign funds. Mr. Sheehan was then chairman of the Democratic national executive committee. Money was sent by the committee, he said, to Maine, Colorado and Nebraska.

The witness declared the committee made a rule at the beginning of the campaign to accept no money from any trust.

"There was \$10,000 contributed," began Mr. Sheehan, "by the American Sugar Refining company—not by Mr. Havemeyer—to the state committee. Before the check was cashed we heard about it and it was returned."

Washington, July 19.—Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock on Wednesday told the senate committee investigating campaign contributions of 1904 and 1908 that the records of the funds used in President Taft's election, as filed at Albany, N. Y., were correct.

Mr. Hitchcock said the total collected through various agencies of the committee in 1908 was \$1,655,518.27. Of this amount \$620,150 was collected in various states and handled by the state committees.

No contribution was received from a corporation, Mr. Hitchcock said, because congress had just passed a law prohibiting it.

GOTHAM GAMBLER IS SLAIN

Widow Charges That Accused Members of New York Police Force Killed Him.

New York, July 18.—Herman Rosenthal, proprietor of a gambling house, who was to have amplified to District Attorney Whitman a story told a few days ago, charging certain police officials with grafting and oppression, is dead at the morgue here with five bullets in his head.

While the police are holding a man who says his name is Louis Bibby, as the driver of the automobile from which five men shot Rosenthal to death, the latter's widow puts the assassination squarely up to the police. The eye-witnesses of the shooting declare that at least one policeman was in the automobile when the shots were fired.

Taft's New Aid at Work.

Washington, July 19.—Carmel Thompson of Ohio, the fourth secretary President Taft has had at the White House, is at his new post, though his nomination has not yet been sent to the senate.

Chinese Kill 1,000 Tibetans.

Peking, China, July 19.—The Tibetan forces, which retreated from Tashienu before the re-enforced Chinese army, were defeated in battle near Litang, Szechuan province, Wednesday, losing 1,000 men killed.

Taft Names Luther Conant.

Washington, July 19.—President Taft on Wednesday named Luther Conant, present deputy commissioner of corporations, to be commissioner of corporations, to succeed Herbert Knox Smith, who resigned.

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AIDS DARROW'S CASE

LINCOLN STEFFENS GIVES IMPORTANT EVIDENCE.

Believed Testimony of Magazine Writer Will Be Deciding Factor in Reaching a Verdict.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 19.—Lincoln Steffens, writer on government, politics and labor and the man who was credited largely at the time with having brought about the settlement of the McNamara cases, took the stand for the defense in the bribery trial of Clarence S. Darrow, and gave impressive and in minute detail the history of the McNamaras' pleas of guilty.

Steffens testified that on Saturday before the arrest of Bert Franklin, on the following Tuesday, November 28, Darrow consented that if it was necessary in order to affect a settlement of the McNamara cases, he would let J. J. McNamara plead guilty, as well as J. B. McNamara.

Steffens testified further that this decision of Darrow was kept secret between himself and Darrow, and he went on representing to the citizens' committee, which he had interested in the peace negotiations, that Darrow would not agree to any terms that did not include the discharge of J. J. McNamara.

Further, the witness testified that on Sunday, November 28, he and Darrow and former Judge Cyrus F. McNutt of the McNamara counsel, went to the county jail and disclosed the plans to the McNamaras and secured their separate consent to the plan which involved changing their pleas to guilty.

WOMAN ADMITS FATAL ERROR

Operator Testifies She Misunderstood Order That Caused Burlington Wreck.

Chicago, July 21.—"I misunderstood an order,"

Mrs. Julia A. Wilcox, said to be a former inmate of the hospital for the insane at Dunning, Ill., and block signal operator at Western Springs, the scene of last Sunday's wreck on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, accounted for the catastrophe. She said her error in a telephone order whereby she unnecessarily had stopped two trains, had caused the confusion which brought about the collision.

Her admission was wrung from a mass of evasive and argumentative testimony given at the coroner's inquest held at La Grange, Ill., on Thursday.

The inquest was a fourfold investigation of the disaster in which thirteen lives were lost.

Toadstools Fatal to Woman.

Chicago, July 18.—One woman dead, ten other persons, all of them Chicagoans, are ill at the summer home of Paul Bedleske, at Essington, ten miles north of Joliet, as a result of eating toadstools on Tuesday.

Aviator Hubert Latham Killed.

Paris, July 18.—Hubert Latham, the famous Anglo-French aviator and one of the pioneers of heavier than air aviation, was killed by a wild buffalo in the Chari river, practically in the center of the French Sudan.

"Terror" Ship is Authorized.

Washington, July 18.—The senate passed the "terror battleship" resolution by Senator Tillman Tuesday, proposing that the United States build the greatest warship possible under modern naval conditions.

Man Chained for Twenty Years.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 18.—A prisoner in chains for twenty years, with his parents his jailers, is said to be the experience of an insane man who was received at the Dixie asylum Tuesday from Indiana, Pa.

SINK BIG WARSHIPS

TWO OUT OF EIGHT ITALIAN TORPEDO BOATS SUNK BY TURKS.

IN FIGHT OFF DARDANELLES

Six Others Are Seriously Damaged by Bombardment From the Turkish Forts—Rome in Ignorance of the Engagement.

Constantinople, Turkey, July 22.—The entrance of the Dardanelles were attacked Friday by eight Italian torpedo boats.

The Turkish forts replied vigorously, sinking two of the Italian war vessels and damaging the other six. The cannonade lasted 45 minutes.

The cabinet ministers were called hurriedly to the palace, where at a council of war it was decided to close the Dardanelles.

Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish ambassador at London, who was appointed grand vizier July 17, has undertaken to form a new cabinet.

This bombardment of the entrance to the Dardanelles is the second attack on the straits connecting the Aegean sea and the Sea of Marmora since the outbreak of the Turco-Italian war.

NAME CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Announcement of Selection is Made by Democratic Nominee Himself After Several Hours' Conference.

Sea Girt, N. J., July 20.—The campaign committee which is to run Governor Wilson's campaign for president was selected at a conference at the nominee's summer home here Thursday.

It consists of 14 members, as follows:

William F. McCombs of New York, chairman; Joseph Daniels of North Carolina; Judge Robert S. Hudspeth of New Jersey; Willard Sainsbury of Delaware; Col. Robert Ewing of Louisiana; A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania; Joseph E. Davies of Wisconsin; former Judge Will R. King of Oregon; all members of the national committee, and from outside the national committee Senator Thomas P. Gore of Oklahoma, Senator James A. O'Gorman of New York, Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, Congressman Daniel J. McGillicuddy of Maine, Congressman Albert S. Burleson of Texas and William G. McAdoo of New York.

Robert Shaw, Artist, Dead.

Wilmington, Del., July 20.—Robert Shaw, the noted water-color artist and etcher, is dead here.

Indicted for Towel Plot.

Washington, July 22.—Five local laundrymen were indicted by the federal grand jury Friday for conspiracy to defraud the government by shutting off competition in the laundering of towels used by the government.

French Train Derailed; Many Killed.

Paris, July 22.—The Paris-Beziers express train was derailed near Leszars Friday and several passengers killed as well as a number injured, according to a special dispatch published by the Journal Des Debats.

Edward Corrigan Starts Life Anew.

Kansas City, July 22.—Edward Corrigan, former king of the American turf, came back to Kansas City last Friday and will start life over again where he left it in this city more than thirty years ago.

House Bars Fight Views.

Washington, July 22.—The house of representatives on Friday passed the senate bill prohibiting the shipment of prize fight pictures in interstate commerce by the overwhelming vote of 107 to 5.

TALKING IRRIGATION

WIDELY ATTENDED MEETING DEVICES WAYS AND MEANS TO IRRIGATE LARGE TRACT.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

From the Capitol City, the Various State Institutions and From Many Different Parts of the Sunshine State.

Presho.—That the Great Plains Irrigation association has become a most important factor in the development of South Dakota, was evidenced by the proceedings of the meeting for organization at Fort Pierre.

Moneyed men, engineering experts and public men from all over the state enthusiastically endorsed the movement and honored the meeting with their presence.

H. C. Bartow of Presho, father of the movement, was unanimously elected president. The vice president is Dr. C. J. Lavery of Fort Pierre; secretary, C. W. Chamberlain, of Presho; C. L. Millett of Fort Dodge, treasurer.

State Engineer Lee, in discussing the subject at the meeting, made these statements: "The Missouri river has a supply of 10,000,000-acre feet at the mouth of the Yellowstone. Of this amount 4,000,000-acre feet is flood water. This will be sufficient to give 2,000,000 acres one foot of water, allowing for evaporation. The advantages for the construction of a reservoir of the necessary magnitude at Buford, S. D., are admirable. The area of the reservoir would be 200,000 square feet. The dam would be 200 feet wide at the bottom and 27 feet wide at the top. When this project is completed it will cause a revolution of conditions west of the river. From an engineering and physical point the scheme is feasible."

Mr. Lee said that this project would be a factor in diminishing the effects of the lower Mississippi floods, as it is the crest of the flood that does the damage. He estimated the probable cost of the project at \$30,000,000, or \$40 per acre for the lands watered.

Mr. Lee heartily endorsed the movement and said that the meeting was a step in the right direction, as the irrigation of this country was inevitable.

Resolutions were adopted to be sent to the congressional delegations of Montana, North and South Dakota and to the secretary of the reclamation service and of the war and interior departments. These provided in substance:

"The flood waters of the Missouri-Yellowstone system, instead of wasting themselves and destroying millions of dollars worth of property in the lower Mississippi valley, should be conserved and scientifically distributed over the great plains. To this end the United States reclamation service is urged to make an immediate preliminary survey to ascertain feasibility, cost and relative benefits of the proposed route from the Missouri river near Fort Buford, thence in a southerly direction through Shafer, Dickinson and Hettinger counties, North Dakota, crossing into Corson county, South Dakota, near Morris-

town, following southwest to a point near White Owl, Meade county; thence southeast, crossing the Cheyenne at Pedro; across Stanley county, crossing the Bad in the vicinity of Midland, and finally emptying into the White river. (A high elevation to the south of White river would prevent its further continuance.) Further, that if the United States reclamation service does not have sufficient funds at its disposal, that congress be immediately petitioned to appropriate sufficient federal money to carry out the same."

Judge Barlow was given authority to appoint committees on permanent organization, finance, publicity, etc., and the enterprise was commended to the press of the state for favorable consideration.

Slayer of Custer.

Huron.—As a special feature of the Indian village at the state fair, Frank Paman, of the Crow Creek agency, writes that he will bring the Indian that killed General Custer. Among the dancers of the village will be two chiefs, Ghost Bear and Not-Afraid-Bear. Other Indians with peculiar names are Two Teeth, Thick Hair, Not-Afraid-of-Shooting, Bobtail Gose, Mrs. Burning Prairie and Willie Skunk.

Missouri is Interested.

Pierre.—State Engineer Lea has received a communication from the Missouri waterway commission, stating that a bill is being prepared to create the office of state engineer for Missouri, and asking for suggestions as to what is covered in the South Dakota law.

To Propose Legal Reforms.

Pierre.—The committee of the State Bar association, which has been at work on proposed legal reforms here for the last two days, will, among other things, recommend to the legislature amendments simplifying the appeal laws, the enactment of uniform negotiable instrument and bill of lading laws and the enactment of a law similar to the Kansas (blue sky) law in regard to transfer of stocks of corporations.

Dry Candidates Filed.

Pierre.—The prohibitionists have filed with the secretary of state a list of their candidates for presidential electors, selected at Wolsey, the list being: C. M. Dajberg, Strandberg; H. T. Hurd, Howard; John Nolt, Mt. Vernon; Earl McCain, Underwood; C. K. Thompson, Northville.

Leo Symons of Sioux Falls

accidentally dropped a quantity of acid on one of his hands and was severely burned.

Remarkable Sale of Cattle.

Pierre.—Emigration Commissioner Deets is telling of a very remarkable sale of cattle made by T. I. Gunderson, of Centerville, S. D. Mr. Gunderson sold 85 steers, average 1,480 pounds each, at \$9.40 per 100; aggregating \$12,495. This was the highest price ever paid on the Chicago market.

Reports made at the annual meeting

of the stockholders of the Farmers' Elevator company of Wentworth show the affairs of the company to be in excellent condition.

LAND OWNERSHIP SUIT.

Valuable Tripp County Homestead a Matter of Dispute.

Sioux Falls.—The officers of the district United States land office have concluded the work of taking the testimony in an interesting case involving the ownership of a valuable homestead in Tripp county. The defendant in the action is Christian Nelson, the plaintiff being Martin M. Johnson.

Sensational charges are made by the plaintiff, who filed the original homestead entry on the farm. He alleges that while he was a patient in a hospital, recovering from typhoid fever, he was under duress induced to relinquish his right to the homestead by Nelson and to take as a consideration for doing so an 80-acre tract of farm land in Lyman county, which is alleged to be heavily mortgaged and worthless. It is alleged that at the time of executing the relinquishment the plaintiff was mentally incompetent by reason of his illness, to transact business. The plaintiff seeks to have the relinquishment set aside so his original homestead entry will be intact. It is expected the case will be appealed from the district land office, when a decision is rendered, and that it will be carried to the commissioner of the general land office at Washington and ultimately to the secretary of the interior.

Consecration of Biller.

Sioux Falls.—Preparations are being completed for what without doubt will be the greatest gathering of bishops and other prominent members of the Episcopal church ever held in the northwest outside of the larger cities. The occasion will be the consecration of Rev. George Biller, Jr., as bishop of the Episcopal church of South Dakota, to which he was elected by the house of bishops several months ago. The consecration will take place in Calvary cathedral in Sioux Falls on September 18, and will draw to the city leading churchmen of the denomination from different parts of the United States. The consecrators will be Dr. Daniel S. Tuttle, bishop of Missouri and presiding bishop; Dr. L. R. Brewer, bishop of Montana; Dr. Cameron Mann, bishop of North Dakota. The presenters will be Dr. E. S. Lines, bishop of Newark, N. Y., and Dr. Frederick Foote Johnson, bishop coadjutor of Missouri. The consecration sermon will be preached by Dr. K. Brooke, bishop of Oklahoma. The attending presbyters will be Dr. William M. Grosvenor, dean of the cathedral of New York City; and Rev. P. M. Kerridge, of New London, Conn. Rev. Dr. E. Ashley, of Cheyenne Indian agency, S. D., will be master of ceremonies.

To Tax Bank Funds.

Rapid City.—By a vote of five to three the board of commissioners of Pennington county voted at its last meeting to subject the undivided profits of the four local banks to taxation. This decision of the board will bring about \$400,000 into the grand fund, being divided among the four banks. The First National and Pennington County banks having the larger amount of funds thus held in reserve. It is the intention of the officials of the banks to pay the tax and appeal the case to the state board of equalization. Rapid City is said to be the only city in the state of South Dakota where funds of this character are taxed.

Governor Appoints Delegates.

Pierre.—Governor Vessey has appointed as delegates to the 23rd Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress, which holds at Salt Lake City on August 27, Dr. F. E. Walker, Hot Springs; Robert Wallace, Edgmont; W. R. Putnam, Rapid City; J. J. Davenport, Sturgis; E. A. Cads, Belle Fourche; R. A. Bieski, Phillip; J. A. Townsend, Murdo; Jno. Harrison, Sioux Falls, and V. B. Wadden, Madison.

Boosting for Railroad.

Pierre.—A party of boosters from Ainsworth, Neb., were in this city in conference with Pierre business men in an attempt to organize the towns through the central part of the state to secure the proposed line of road from the Gulf to Canada, the proposed Canadian terminal being Moose Jaw. At a meeting here a committee of business men was appointed to join with the Nebraska men in their efforts.

Phone Line Incorporates.