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THE GENERAL PUBLIC HOLDS IT RACIAL AND NOT ECONOMIC.

GREAT HOPE PUT IN AMERICA

Tokyo Newspapers Loud in their Praise of President's Endeavors to Preserve the Traditional Friendship in Far East.

Tokyo.—Faith in the American people to see that justice is done the Japanese is the dominating note in the discussion of the California alien land ownership legislation. War talk is denounced as ridiculous and only calculated to embarrass the two governments which are laboring for a peaceful settlement by diplomacy.

It is conceded, however, that failure on the part of the Americans to respond to the Japanese appeal for a discontinuance of the alleged discrimination would be liable to lead to some estrangement of peoples. The Japanese public generally is convinced that the land bill is a racial and not an economic measure, and hence a blow in national pride, and the people feel that the world must be taught the necessity of equal treatment for the white and non-whites.

The Tokyo newspapers are loud in their praise of President Wilson's zeal in his endeavors to preserve the traditional friendship and they recognize the difficulties which confront the president of the United States in the confusing conflict between states and federal rights.

The Nichi Nichi is of the opinion that the question as to whether the Washington government can procure for the Japanese equal rights depends upon the strength of Japanese diplomacy, and urges the government to take a firm attitude.

A joint celebration of Japanese and American peace societies Sunday was attended by 1,000 Japanese. Speeches were made by Count Okuma, former minister of foreign affairs, and Baron Yoshio Sakatani of Tokyo, and Tamejiro Miyaoka, who was consul of the Japanese embassy at Washington in 1906. All the speakers endeavored to clarify the situation and decried the situation.

Count Okuma was loudly applauded when he compared the attitude of California legislature with the anti-foreign movement in Japan half a century ago, which he looked upon as race prejudice.

"We despised the foreigner," he said, "because he looked different; we did not consider them human beings. Japan finally saw the falsity of its position and became an admirer of everything western. The same causes underlie the California question, but like the Japanese, the Californians will see the folly of their position, as truth and justice will triumph."

"At some future day the Californians will laugh at their fathers and grandfathers for driving off the Japanese, just as we laugh now at the anti-foreign absurdities of the Samurai."

CALLED BY DEATH.

Stephen Dudley Field Passes Away at Age of 68.

Stockbridge, Mass.—Stephen Dudley Field, sometimes called the "father of the trolley car" and an inventor of international prominence, died at his home Sunday, aged 68 years.

Among the inventions patented by Mr. Field are the quadruplex telegraph electric elevator, amplifier for doubling the speed of ocean cables, stock ticker, hotel annunciator, and the police patrol telephone. Altogether Mr. Field had more than 200 patents.

Calmer Turn in London.

London.—While scenes of rowdyism in Hyde Park were not so marked Sunday as on recent Sundays when the ultrarights attempted to hold meetings, the orators who espoused the cause of the women found it impossible to make themselves heard on account of interruption by the crowd, and finally had to accept the services of the police in obtaining safe escort from the park.

Capt. Kelleher Dead.

Chicago.—Capt. A. J. Kelleher of San Francisco, adjutant general of the army of the Philippines, died Sunday aged 65 years, while visiting friends here. Death was caused by uremia.

State of Siege in Nicaragua.

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua.—The government has issued a decree placing the republic under a state of siege. The step was taken owing to the threatening situation through the country.

Mining Engineer Dead.

Cleveland, O.—Albert F. Halden of the Lake City and Cleveland, one of the best known mining engineers in the country, died at his home here of a lingering disease after several months' illness.

Train Derails at Wreck.

Winnipeg, Man.—A passenger train derailed Sunday, May 19, at a point near the city. The train was badly wrecked and several persons were injured.

Rich Banker Steals Cigar.

Winnipeg, Man.—May 19.—Great Stair, vice-president of a local bank, accused one of the wealthiest men in Winnipeg, was convicted by a jury Friday on five counts charging the theft of cigars from local dealers.

Wagon Is Shot by Soldier.

Donnan, Ill., May 19.—A State soldier of the 1st Auburn (Ill.) Tribune, Friday shot Dr. Bennett T. Wilson, mayor of that town, at the C. & N. station, where he was on a train on a mission related to him.

JAP REPLY READY

ANSWER TO PROTEST AGAINST ALIEN LAND LAWS APPROVED BY CABINET.

BOTH DOCUMENTS A SECRET

Their Publication in Both Countries Simultaneously is Being Arranged for, Following Gov. Johnson's Signing Bill Which Caused Imbroglio.

Washington, May 19.—With the expectation that the federal government will defend the Californians against the Japanese protests against the anti-alien legislation adopted by the Pacific state's legislature and with the American reply to that complaint ready for transmission to the Japanese embassy here, the seriousness of the situation will now largely depend the reception which will be accorded the answer by the Japanese public as well as to the protest which called it forth.

Neither of these documents is ready for publication, though arrangements are already under way for their simultaneous publication here and in Japan. The reply of the United States has been prepared, and was discussed at length Friday at the cabinet meeting.

Neither the president nor Secretary of State Bryan will discuss either the terms of the protest or the reply, or the probable time at which the latter will be transmitted to Ambassador Chinda. It is believed, however, that the reply will not be sent until Governor Johnson has actually affixed his signature to the bill which has caused all the trouble.

Just how serious the situation is, no one in authority here will discuss. But the mystery which has enveloped the present state of the negotiations has given rise to a general feeling of apprehension, as well as to all reports of speculations concerning the attitude of the two governments.

Secretary Bryan feels that the situation is exceedingly delicate, and seems to feel that attention both here and in Japan, that have nothing to do with the subject, may make a lot more trouble at any time.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

Tacoma, Wash., May 15.—Four persons were killed and seven seriously injured when a train on the Oregon-Washington line, bound from Portland to Seattle, was derailed near Lakeview Tuesday.

Hellgram, Germany, May 18.—Four German bluejackets were killed and three others seriously injured Wednesday by the explosion of a cylinder in the engine room of torpedo boat "S-148."

New York, May 17.—There is no agreement or understanding of any kind to fix prices in the steel industry, James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation, testified at the hearing Thursday in the federal suit to dissolve the corporation as an illegal combination.

Munich, Bavaria, May 15.—Gen. von Lewinski, the Prussian military attaché to Bavaria, was killed here Tuesday by a supposed lunatic.

Springfield, Mo., May 15.—Harry Dishman and Lewis Johnson, the six-year-old convicted murderers who escaped from the city jail and were at liberty six hours before being recaptured, were sent to the state penitentiary at Jefferson City, but not before they had attempted to set fire to the jail.

Atlanta, Ga., May 17.—Ecclesiastical politics were rebuked by the general assembly of the Northern Presbyterian church Thursday when Rev. John W. Stone of Chicago was chosen moderator by an overwhelming majority.

JOHNSON MAY FIGHT AGAIN

Manager of Luther McCarthy Seeks Match With Convicted Negro Pugilist.

Chicago, May 17.—If Federal Judge Carpenter, in whose court Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, was convicted of violating the white slave law, will consent, Johnson and Luther McCarthy, white heavyweight champion of the world, will meet. Arrangements for the match were agreed to by Billy McCarnay, manager of the white champ, and Johnson.

Johnson said that his statement of a few days ago that he was "broke" was absolutely true. He said he needed money now worse than he had ever needed it. When asked if he would meet Luther McCarthy, he showed his gold teeth, and said he would be glad of the chance to share the gate receipts of a championship battle.

"The only thing that stands in the way," said Johnson, "is the consent of Judge Carpenter."

Too Many Apples in Kansas Orchards. Hufschmidt, Kan., May 19.—Because of an abnormally large crop of green fruit on the apple trees in this vicinity, orchardists employed gangs of men to go through their orchards with sciss and knock off the surplus fruit.

Lightning Kills Farmers. Louisville, Ky., May 19.—One life was lost in a severe storm that swept central Kentucky, between Mayville and Cynthiana Friday. Ed Maher, aged thirty-four, a farmer near Mayville, was struck by lightning.

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SECRETARY BRYAN ADDRESSING CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE



A remarkable photograph taken during Secretary Bryan's recent visit to California to attempt to influence the legislature to conform to President Wilson's views in relation to the proposed alien land law. On the left of Secretary Bryan are: Governor Johnson, Lieutenant Governor Wallace and Speaker Young. The insert shows Secretary Bryan receiving flowers from Eveline E. Meger.

MANY DIE IN BLASTS

SCORES INJURED AND MANY FLEE MINING DISTRICTS.

Anxiety Is Caused Among Workers of Three States by Explosions Which Began a Week Ago.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 17.—Much anxiety is being caused in western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland by numerous explosions of dynamite and powder coupled with attempts to blow up heavily filled magazines and a searching investigation into the matter seems warranted. A dozen persons have been killed, scores have been injured, some fatally; much property has been ruined and hundreds of people have been so frightened that they have left the vicinity.

Beginning Saturday, May 10, when 500 sticks of dynamite exploded in the magazine of the Sunshine Coal and Coke company's mine near Meadstown, Pa., resulting in the death of four and injury of two scores, and ending Wednesday with the explosion of 1,700 pounds of dynamite and seventy kegs of powder stored in the magazine of the Consolidated Coal company at Eckhart, Md.

Last Monday an attempt was made to blow up a passenger train at Leek, Pa. A track-walker found nine sticks of dynamite under the joints of the rails of the Monongahela railroad. Within seventy-five yards of the railroad was located the plant of the Cameron Powder company, containing 20,000 pounds of powder and 500 pounds of dynamite.

In a premature explosion of dynamite at Parkersburg Tuesday, five men were blown into a stream.

TARIFF HEARINGS ARE DENIED

Senate Defeats Motion to Permit Public to Express Their Views on Underwood Bill.

Washington, May 19.—The Penrose-La Follette motion instructing the senate finance committee to hold public hearings on the Underwood tariff bill was lost by a vote of 41 to 36. Two Democrats, Senators Ransdell and Thornton of Louisiana, voted with the Republicans, while Senator Poindexter of Washington registered his ballot with the Democrats.

This motion has held up consideration of the Underwood bill for more than a week and its defeat came up as a climax to an exciting debate during which Senators La Follette, Smoot, Gallinger, Jones and Clark of Wyoming flayed the Democrats for ordering secret conferences on the bill. Senators Simmons, Smith of Georgia, Walsh and James, Democrats, upheld the action of their party.

Scheff Decree Is Signed. New York, May 19.—A final decree of divorce to Fritzi Scheff, freeing the actress from John Fox, Jr., her novelist husband, was signed by Supreme Court Justice Keogh at White Plains Friday. The suit was not contested.

Wilson Talks to Bankers.

Macon, Ga., May 17.—President Woodrow Wilson was the guest of honor Friday of the Georgia Bankers' association, the occasion being the annual state convention of the association.

To Run Trains by Phone.

New York, May 17.—The Lehigh Valley railroad Thursday inaugurated a system of dispatching all trains by telephone and within a short time all telegraph instruments will be eliminated.

Couple Agree to Separate.

London, May 17.—An agreement for permanent separation was signed Thursday by the duke and duchess of Westminster and their intention of starting actions for divorce against each other were abandoned.

Miners Will Get Back Pay.

Hannibal, Pa., May 17.—About half a million dollars in back pay will be given anthracite mine workers as a result of decisions rendered Thursday by Charles P. Neill as umpire on questions submitted to him.

NAVY PLANS STOLEN

SENSATION CAUSED BY THEFT OF DOCUMENTS AS TO DREADNOUGHT.

No Clue Is Yet Discovered of Thieves Who Took Papers Relative to Giant Battleship Pennsylvania Two Months Ago.

Washington, May 15.—A sensation was caused in navy circles Tuesday when the disclosure was made that important plans, some of which relate to the new dreadnought Pennsylvania have been stolen from the department.

It can be said on reliable authority that the thefts began two months ago and that, despite the activity of secret service men, the Burns' detective agency and the police, no clue to the thief has been discovered. The heads of the department are disturbed, not knowing what document may go next.

According to the information available at this time the loss of the documents began to be noticed in February. Most of the thefts have been comparatively insignificant, relating to the manual of the department and similar documents. When, however, plans for some of the work on the new giant battleship disappeared the situation became so serious that steps had to be taken by the department to search for the perpetrator.

Outside aid was called in and for weeks under the pretense of a change of administration detectives have been slipped into clerical positions in most of the bureaus of the department and persons known to have handled the missing documents have been under the closest surveillance.

Knowledge of the situation came out through an inadvertent disclosure by one of the detectives. The department itself refused to say anything on the subject, but it is understood it may lift the lid later.

Building of the dreadnought Pennsylvania, part of the details and minor plans of which have been taken, was authorized by the last congress. It has been designed to displace 31,000 tons and will carry an armament of 84 heavy guns, exceeding in gun power the battleships of any other nation.

It is understood here that special surveillance has been established over the bureau of construction and repair, headed by Naval Constructor Watt, and the bureau of ordnance, of which Rear Admiral N. C. Twining is the head. The missing plans are said to have been traced to both of these bureaus, but which one had them last has not been ascertained.

Sulzer Vetoes Compensation Bill.

Albany, N. Y., May 19.—Governor Sulzer Friday vetoed the Foley-Walker workmen's compensation bill, which has been vigorously opposed by organized labor.

Bandits Hold Up Hotel Clerk.

Chicago, May 17.—The Drexel Arms, a fashionable hotel, was the scene of a daring robbery Thursday, when a well-dressed young man felled the clerk with a revolver and escaped with \$125 in an automobile.

Page Sails for England.

New York, May 17.—Walter Hines Page, recently appointed ambassador from the United States to the court of St. James, sailed Thursday on the liner Baltic to take up his post at London.

Dynamite Blast Kills Two.

Cumberland, Md., May 16.—An explosion of dynamite occurred at Eckhart, near here, Wednesday, killing two persons, demolishing several houses and breaking windows in houses within a radius of a mile.

Death Follows Parole.

Fond du Lac, Wis., May 16.—George Wrightman, the aged slayer of Clarence Udkie, died at his home Wednesday, a few hours after his parole by Governor McGovern. He had served fourteen years of a life sentence.

DENIES BRIBE CHARGE

ATTORNEY ANHUT REFUTES DR. RUSSELL'S ALLEGATION.

Declares Thaw Retained Him to Work Up Another Case With Fee of \$25,000.

New York, May 19.—John Nicholson Anhut, the attorney charged with offering a \$25,000 bribe to secure the release of Harry K. Thaw from Matteawan, appeared as a witness in his own behalf on Friday, and emphatically denied that he had not told the truth when he testified before the investigating committee at Albany that he did not remember the name of the man who he alleged offered him the bribe.

New York, May 17.—Harry K. Thaw, brought from the Matteawan Asylum as the first witness Thursday in the trial of John N. Anhut, indicted for bribery in connection with the attempt to secure Thaw's release for \$20,000, testified that he had agreed to pay Dr. John W. Russell, then superintendent of the asylum, \$20,000 to release him, and that Dr. Russell had taken him to the door of the asylum and told him to go. Thaw testified that he refused this opportunity to escape from the asylum, because he did not believe it legal.

Under cross-examination Dr. Russell admitted that he had not told the truth when he testified before the investigating committee at Albany that he did not remember the name of the man who he alleged offered him the bribe.

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SEVENTEEN DIE IN STORM

Twenty-five Others Are Hurt at Seward, Neb.—Several Small Towns Are Wiped Out.

Omaha, Neb., May 16.—Nebraska was storm swept again Wednesday evening and many people were killed and injured in cyclones in different sections of the state.

At Seward, Neb., seventeen people were killed and twenty-five were wounded. Staplehurst, a small town seven miles from Seward, is reported as having been wiped off the map. At McCool many homes were destroyed, but there were no deaths.

Omaha and South Omaha were hit by a strong windstorm, but there was nothing in the way of a cyclone. Less than one dozen houses were wrecked and there was no deaths.

Lushton, Neb., a small town near Seward, is reported completely destroyed.

Old Music Hall Queen Dead.

Paris, May 17.—Emma Valladon, once world famous as Theresa, queen of the Parisian music halls, died Thursday. For many years she has been the idol of the boulevards and numbered her admirers by the score.

Seeks Man Under Bed, Finds Raccoon.

Marquette, Wis., May 16.—When Mrs. E. D. Fitzpatrick, looking for the proverbial man, glanced under her bed Tuesday, she was startled by two shining eyes which, upon investigation, proved to be those of a raccoon.

Retired Farmer Kills Wife.

Sparta, Wis., May 16.—William Hogue, seventy, a retired farmer, Wednesday beat his wife to death with a club, shot and fatally wounded his daughter and her husband, then slashed his own throat and died.

Wilkie Declines to Talk.

Boston, May 16.—Special Agent John E. Wilkie Wednesday refused to make any statement regarding the report from Washington that he would resign from the government service within a short time.

Rushes Cruiser to Smyrna.

Salonica, May 15.—The British cruiser Gloucester left here Tuesday at full speed for Smyrna after the receipt of an urgent summons from that city, where serious disturbances were threatened.

STATISTICS OF STATE

F. S. EMERSON OUTLINES RECORD OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN CONGRESS SINCE 1889.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

Sioux Falls.—F. S. Emerson, who has received a copy of the "Biographical Congressional Director, 1774 to 1911," has made up an outline of South Dakota's record of senators and representatives in congress since the state was admitted to the Union in 1889. His notions follow:

"The first item of local or state interest is that South Dakota was admitted as a state into the Union November 2, 1889.

"R. F. Pettigrew took his seat as senator December 2, 1889, term to expire as determined by lot, March 3, 1895. G. C. Moody took his seat as senator December 2, 1889, term to expire, as determined by lot, March 3, 1891.

"O. S. Gifford and J. A. Pickler, as representatives, took their seats December 2, 1889, for the term of two years. This was the Fifty-first congress from March 4, 1889, to March 3, 1891.

"Levi P. Morton was vice president and presided over the senate and Thomas B. Reed was speaker of the house.

"The Fifty-second congress opened March 4, 1891. Mr. Pettigrew was senior senator and J. A. Kyle was junior. Mr. Pickler senior representative, John R. Gamble junior representative. "J. T. Jolley was elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Mr. Gamble and took his seat December 7, 1891.

"In the Fifty-third congress our state was represented by Messrs. Pettigrew and Kyle in the senate and Mr. Pickler and W. V. Lucas in the house.

"Fifty-fourth congress, the same senators and Mr. Pickler and R. J. Gamble in the house.

"Fifty-fifth congress, the same senators and F. Knowles and J. E. Kelley in the house.

"Fifty-sixth congress, the same senators. Mr. Kyle died July 1, 1901, and Mr. A. B. Kittredge was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by death of Mr. Kyle, and took his seat December 1, 1902, subsequently elected.

"Fifty-eighth congress, Mr. Kittredge and R. J. Gamble senators, Mr. Burke and G. B. Martin representatives.

"Fifty-ninth congress, Messrs. Kittredge and Gamble senators, Messrs. Burke and Martin representatives.

"Sixtieth congress, Messrs. Kittredge and Gamble senators, P. Hall and W. B. Parker representatives. Mr. Parker died June 26, 1908, and E. B. Martin took his seat December 7, 1908.

"Sixty-first congress, Mr. Gamble and C. I. Crawford in the senate and Messrs. Burke and Martin in the house.

"Sixty-second congress, Mr. Crawford and Thos. Sterling in the senate and Messrs. Burke, Martin and Dillon in the house.

In this congress our state was entitled to three house members, being divided into three congressional districts."

Says Measure Will Cause Depression.

Aberdeen.—Representative Charles H. Burke, while in Aberdeen, on his way home from the national capital, expressed the opinion that the Wilson-Underwood tariff measure will cause business depression. The congressman expressed the belief that the senate would not take final action on the tariff bill until August, and that no other business outside the currency measure, was likely to come up. The members of the house, he said, had a "gentlemen's agreement" to transact no business until June 1. Questioned concerning the probable action of President Wilson on South Dakota appointments, Mr. Burke said that Coffey-Johnson-Taubman slate would undoubtedly be carried through.

Subject to Taxation.

Pierre.—The report of the Timber Lake land office to the state auditor shows that practically 100,000 acres of that land district is subject to taxation for the first time this year through the 581 final profits which were made for the past year. The reports from the different land district this year do not come up to those of former years, and the maximum in that line has no doubt been passed so far as South Dakota is concerned.

Postmasters Named.

Washington, D. C.—The following fourth class postmasters in South Dakota have been commissioned: William W. Parais, Creighton; Adolph P. Fladmoer, Fladmoer, Harding county; John A. McCullum, Imlay; Oscar E. Lewis, Karinen; Mary A. Miles, Nowlin; Nannie M. Knight, Promise; Susanna A. Gerhardt, Raymond; Eva Keats, Reserve; Clarence I. Linscott, Terry; Caroline W. Moore, Whitehorse, Dewey county; Maggie E. Widner, Widner, Pennington county.

Fire, starting in a mysterious manner while the members of the family were absent, destroyed the fine farm residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Bingham, near Groton, causing a loss of several thousand dollars, upon which there was \$1,500 insurance.

When her little daughter lost her balance and fell out of an automobile which was running at a good rate of speed, Mrs. A. P. Hubert, of Hecla, did not wait for the machine to be stopped but instantly leaped to the ground to go to the aid of her daughter. She was quite badly hurt but the daughter escaped injury.

Jens Rees, late of B. Wokings, has leased the Toronto creamery, which has been idle for some time, and has reopened it. Farmers of the surrounding region have pledged support.

Submit Articles of Incorporation.

Pierre.—Recent complex circumstances in relation to the license question in Yankton, and the incorporation Tuesday of two saloon firms of that town in the office of the secretary of state at Pierre, leaves room for wondering if there is anything back of the sudden movement, it being out of the ordinary for saloons to incorporate in South Dakota. The two saloon incorporations are the Brown McKaig company, with George W. Brown, H. W. McKaig and E. O. Walgren, of Yankton, incorporators, capital stock, \$5,000; and the Wash. Behm company, with John F. Wash, John Behm and Henry Grimm, of Yankton, incorporators, capital stock, \$8,000. Recently in Yankton, a town which is exceedingly "wet," a petition was circulated for license, and 27 signers secured, 25 being all that is required by the law now in effect. Shortly thereafter the anti-saloon people discovered that several of these signers were not freeholders in the definition held in the new law, and the petition was declared not in good standing. Yankton now faces the possibility of being a "dry" town for a year. If signers are not upheld as freeholders.

Pounding a dynamite cap cost Alvin Christanson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Christanson of Parker, one of his hands.

Pierre.—Indians on the Cheyenne river reservation have been paid \$4 per capita in cash the past week, which gives each family a good paying money. The system of payment has changed, and instead of calling the Indians to the main agency, they are paid by a draft sent out to their different local camps in charge of the farmer at each station, who sees that the drafts go to those who are entitled to receive them. This takes away the rush at the agency, or main sub-agencies when such payments have been made in the past, and also takes away the many temporary traders who would get busy just off the reservation near paying places to get a share of the money.

People Imposed On. Pierre.—The state museum, in charge of the historical department, receives frequent inquiries as to the value of old newspapers claiming to contain the original accounts of the death of Washington or Lincoln, which the owner believes to be very valuable. While such copies do exist, most of them in circulation are merely worthless reprints. There are also frequent inquiries about the value of so-called Stradivarius violins, which are claimed to have been picked up at a bargain with requests as to their value. The department calls attention to the fact that the quality of varnish on genuine Stradivarius violins is the real test, as no modern chemist has ever been able to counterfeit it.

Want Saloon Census. Pierre.—Gov. Byrne has been called upon by four towns of the state to appoint enumerators to take the census of such places to settle their standing under the 600 to 1 saloon act. The towns which are asking for the figures are Sioux Falls, Elk Point, Fladmoer and Moberge, all of which want to know. The probabilities are that several other places will insist upon a new showing as to actual population before they can settle upon just how many saloons may be located "in their midst" and the governor called upon to pick their census man for them.

White Butte Loses Case. Pierre.—The supreme court in an opinion by Smith decreed that the town of White Butte on the "Pugot Sound" line of road will have to get along without a station on that railway. The town is unfortunately situated as it is on a loop of the road which crosses into South Dakota a few rods after running a short distance in North Dakota and again, leaves the south state a short distance west of White Butte. The founders of that town claim that they located it on an agreement of the officers of the road that they would be given a station but when they asked for the same privilege it was denied on the ground that the distance of the town from stations in North Dakota does not give them the right they asked. The state railway commission after a hearing ordered the station to be established and the company appealed to the courts securing a verdict in the lower court which has been affirmed.

Judge Jones, of the state circuit court has ruled that there is no law under which the city of Sioux Falls can call a special election to submit the proposition of reducing the number of city commissioners from five to three, and the case will be appealed to the state supreme court.

J. W. Chase of Parker was shot through the nose while in an outbuilding which some boys took for a target. The bullet went through the building and the unfortunate man's nose being in its path was also pierced.

Ray Moberly, a graduate of the state normal school in Spearfish, is making good. At one time he was principal of the Spearfish schools. Now he has been elected superintendent of the high school at Compton, Cal., at a salary of \$2,500 the first year and \$3,000 the second.

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