

WOMEN ON HANDCAR KILLED BY TRAIN

Appalling Accident on Burlington Railroad, Near Edgemont, S. D.

DIDN'T HEED WARNING

Engineer Blew Whistle Thinking Section Men Had Car and Would Lift It Off as Usual—Five Children Orphaned.

Edgemont, S. D., May 2.—While riding on a handcar Mrs. Joseph Wilson and Mrs. F. M. Blitrick, the latter the wife of the section foreman of the Burlington railroad, with headquarters at Marietta, nine miles west of Edgemont, were killed when struck by a freight train. A pathetic feature of the double tragedy is that Mrs. Wilson about two months ago was deserted by her husband, who left her penniless and with five small children to support, and the further fact that she was about to again become a mother.

The coroner's jury is investigating the accident. Those who have unofficially investigated the sad affair say that not the slightest blame attaches to the engineer, who did everything possible to stop his train and avert a collision when he discovered that women were riding on the handcar instead of section men, who are accustomed to remove their handcars from the track to permit the passage of trains.

Both of the unfortunate women resided at Marietta. Desiring to make a trip to Edgemont they took one of the handcars which was used by the husband of Mrs. Blitrick. When they had traveled about half the distance they were overtaken by No. 48, an eastbound freight train, which collided with and demolished the handcar and killed both women.

Helpless From Fright. Mrs. Wilson, when she saw the train was upon them, attempted to jump, but was struck by one of the handcars of the handcar. The blow crushed her skull. She fell from the handcar and rolled over into the ditch, being dead before she struck the ground.

Mrs. Blitrick was overcome with fright and, unable to control herself, fell helplessly backward from the handcar upon the track immediately in front of the approaching train. The heavy engine and a number of cars passed over her body, crushing her and badly mangled her body. When picked up she was dead.

The engineer stated that he saw the handcar ahead, but at first thought it was occupied by section men. He whistled several times to warn the occupants of their danger, but those on the handcar appeared to pay no attention to the warning. When the train had approached close enough for the engineer to discern the occupants of the handcar were women he instantly attempted to stop his train.

But the momentum of the heavily loaded cars behind him was so great that it was beyond his control and the heavy engine crashed into the handcar with its living freight.

TRAVELING MEN BANQUETED BY LANDLORD KENT

Huron, S. D., May 2.—Jolly knights of the grip, members of Huron council, U. C. No. 111, were given a grand banquet by Landlord Kent, of the Depot hotel, last Saturday evening, thirty couples sitting down to an elegant spread, which cost the hotel man \$2 a plate. The banquet followed a social session held in the lodge rooms of the council.

H. J. McGarvey, grand counselor for this jurisdiction comprising the states of North and South Dakota and Minnesota and the Canadian provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, acted as toastmaster, and Lowell R. Campbell, grand auditor for the jurisdiction, and several others responded to toasts. The membership of the local council is now 103, one of the very strongest in the state, and efforts are being made to increase it to 111, the lodge number.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE MAN COMES TO S. D. UNIVERSITY

Vermillion, S. D., May 2.—Dr. Francis M. Hamilton of Columbia college, New York, has been chosen professor of the department of education at the state university here.

GOOD PRICES PAID FOR DALLAS TOWN SITES

Bonesteel, S. D., May 2.—At the sale of town lots in the new town of Dallas, on the Tripp county line west of here, yesterday afternoon, the lots sold, aggregating \$10,550. Among the high prices paid, the Nye-Schneider Fowler company gave \$1,000 for an elevator site near the railroad track. Today is expected to be the big day of the sale.

ASSESSMENT OF 100 PER CENT. ON STOCK

Comptroller Orders Shareholders in Scotland Bank to Dig Up.

Scotland, S. D., May 2.—The comptroller of the currency has ordered an assessment of 100 per cent. on all the stockholders of the defunct First National bank of this place, of which Charles C. King, now in jail at Sioux Falls on a serious charge preferred by the government in connection with the failure of the bank, was president. The capital stock of the bank was \$25,000. It is not believed the assessment just ordered to be made will aid the creditors of the institution to any great degree, for unfortunately the bulk of the stock is held by parties who are not financially responsible.

KING'S OPERATIONS AFFECT OTHER CITIES

Sensational Story Concerning the Scotland, S. D., Banker.

A \$40,000 TRANSACTION

Royal Trust Company, of Chicago, Said to Have Held King's Paper to This Amount—He is Still in Jail.

Chicago, May 1.—The arrest of Charles C. King, president of the First National bank of Scotland, S. D., in Chicago last week under federal indictments voted at Sioux Falls, promises to have further developments which will involve banks in St. Louis, Chicago and possibly other cities, King having engaged in high finance under the guidance of an Iowa promoter-attorney.

The Royal Trust company of this city is said to have held some \$40,000 of King's paper at one time, it being suddenly shifted to St. Louis under conditions.



CHARLES C. KING. On engraving on certificate of deposit issued by King and which led to his identification.

Conditions later threatened the stability of two St. Louis institutions and several more in Missouri which were in the chain. Mr. King accepted arrest with nonchalance, turning with a smile when the officer touched him on the shoulder at the Kaiserhof hotel. His arrest was through his identification by means of his portrait on checks of his bank, but the deputy United States marshal afterward said King's new side whiskers, cut to the pattern inevitable whiskers of the stage banker, nearly fooled him.

Banker Stays in Jail.

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 1.—Although Federal Judge Carland has reduced the bail bond of Charles C. King, president of the First National bank of Scotland, S. D., from \$20,000 to \$10,000, the banker has not yet been able to secure bondsmen.

It is said that stories of King's widespread and oftentimes shady operations are being told and that they are having a very discouraging effect on his former friends to whom he has naturally looked for aid in his present trouble.

It is generally believed, however, that King will succeed in getting bail. He will be tried at the Aberdeen term of the federal court in May or June.

RAILROAD RETRENCHES BECAUSE MINE IS IDLE

Deadwood, S. D., May 1.—The Burlington railroad has already begun to retrench on its expense account owing to the business depression due to the closing down and flooding of the Homestake mine. One freight crew has been taken off between Deadwood and Edgemont, and it is expected that the crew running on the narrow gauge lines from Lead to Piedmont and Nemo will be taken off this coming week. The force of men in the yards in this city has also been materially reduced. The principal business of the road these days is in its passenger department, as the freight shipments are small.

MONUMENT WHERE FIRST DAKOTA SCHOOL STOOD

Bon Homme, S. D., May 1.—The project of securing by popular subscription sufficient funds with which to erect a suitable monument at this place in honor of the first school building erected in Dakota Territory is meeting with good success. The first schoolhouse erected in the two Dakotas was constructed at this village in 1860. The movement was inaugurated last year by the Pioneers' association of Bon Homme county. When the monument is erected it will be the first monument erected anywhere on Dakota soil to commemorate any important historical event in the transformation of the Dakota wilderness into two prosperous states of the union.

BLIZZARD THAT SNOWED IN CUSTER IS RECALLED

Yankton, S. D., May 1.—This city got its share of the snowstorm which for a while was quite severe. Snow fell to the depth of several inches. Snow storms in April are not very unusual here and it will be recalled that on April 13, 1873, a three day blizzard started, which overwhelmed Custer's command here, buried the tents and forced the Seventh cavalry, afterwards annihilated at the battle of the Little Horn, to take shelter in the city. Malcolm Walker has sold his interests in the Fountain Roller mill to G. G. Fry, of Mission Hill, who will hereafter be associated with Ephraim Miner. The old firm has been in existence for twenty-two years.

WANT TO APPRAISE DAKOTA RAILROADS

Engineers Ask Commission for Employment to Fix Values.

CAR SHORTAGE IS OVER

No Further Complaints Heard at Meeting of the Board—Fate of New Town Is Still in Doubt.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 20.—During the regular meeting of the state board of railroad commissioners, just held here, it was reported the commission is receiving numerous applications from engineers for employment to make an estimate of the cost and an appraisal of the value of all railroad property in the state under the new law enacted, which will go into effect July 1 next. The estimate and appraisal must necessarily be made by experts, under the direction of the state railroad commissioners. It was announced that no appointments would be made until after July 1.

No additional complaints of car shortages have been received by the board. The car shortage appears to be a thing of the past, especially so far as South Dakota is concerned. The attorneys in the case involving the construction of a sidetrack by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad company at a point between the towns of Salem and Canova have been urged by the railroad commissioners to submit their briefs before the next regular meeting of the board.

Fate of New Town in Doubt.

In the matter of the application for the construction of a sidetrack and the siting of a new town on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, about midway between the towns of Scotland and Tripp, the board took the case under advisement until May 10. Both the people of Tripp and Scotland and the railroad company are stoutly opposing the proposition to construct the sidetrack.

The board considered a petition filed by the Aurora Farmers Elevator company, which applied for an elevator site at bank here, on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad company at Aurora, Brookings county. Unless the matter is adjusted in the meantime, a hearing in the case will be held at Aurora on May 10.

J. E. Sims, of Sheldon, Ia., asked to be granted a site for an elevator on the Northwestern railroad at Iroquois.

BIGGEST GUARDIENCAMPMENT IN HISTORY OF THE STATE

Watertown, S. D., April 30.—The annual campment of the South Dakota national guard will probably begin July 10, although the exact date is still uncertain. Adjutant General Engleby has a requisition in for a full regiment of regulars to go into camp with the boys, and has hopes that they will be sent.

This will bring about 1,200 men into camp in addition to the South Dakota regiment, and will insure one of the largest encampments ever held in the state. Since last summer the camp grounds have been greatly improved, new buildings provided and the whole rearranged so that there is now room for the maneuvering of a large body of troops. No exercises have been suggested in making the rifle range the best in the middle west, so taking it altogether when the Fourth South Dakota assembly on the bank of Lake Kampeska on the shores of Lake Kampeska, which has been provided for them on their home camp grounds.

CHAUTAUQUA ASSOCIATION FORMED AT WATERTOWN

Watertown, S. D., April 29.—Articles of incorporation for the Watertown Chautauqua association have been drawn and will be filed at once, providing for a regular summer assembly on the shores of Lake Kampeska, for instruction in elocution, history, geography, music, art, etc. Seven Watertown men are named as the first directors of the association. One thousand shares of stock at \$10 a share will be issued, and are already being rapidly subscribed for in the city. Five acres of land has been donated to the association by the South Dakota Land Lot company. This will be marked this summer and a large auditorium and other permanent buildings erected.

HE DAMNS THE MUD WHICH SAVED HIS LIFE

Murdo, S. D., April 27.—"Damn the mud," which saved my life, said the young son of Frank Shure, a prominent rancher living near here, when he was rescued from the bottom of a 40-foot well, into which he had accidentally tumbled. James Barb, one of a threshing crew, was lowered to the bottom of the well and brought the little fellow to the surface. Fortunately the well did not have much water in it, only enough at the bottom to make a mud and with which the boy was covered. He was found to be wholly uninjured. To the bystanders he made the remark quoted above as soon as he was able to rub the mud from his eyes and mouth. That the boy was not instantly killed by his fall of forty feet was due to the soft mud.

SCHOOL IS OUT TO PERMIT OF BUILDING

Armour, S. D., April 30.—School closed here yesterday for the year, two weeks early, in order that work may commence on the new \$50,000 building. The graduating exercises will be held next Wednesday evening at the opera house. There are five in the class: Mary Boehr, Winifred Kautman, Cornelia Nourse, Lillian Nourse and Luella Turner.

MORNING DAILY AT HURON, AFTER MAY 1

Huron, S. D., April 30.—Feeling that there is sufficient demand for another daily paper in Huron, V. F. Hollister, publisher of the Huron Herald Democrat, announces that the Huron Morning Herald will make its initial appearance on Wednesday, May 1.

TELEPHONE COMPANY WANTS FEDERAL COURT TO ENJOIN YANKTON

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 27.—After having been in progress for a number of months, the telephone war at Yankton has been transferred to the United States court in this city.

The Northwestern Telephone company, which maintains an exchange at Yankton, seeks an injunction to restrain the municipal authorities of Yankton from interfering with contemplated improvements to the company's system and the extension of the system to portions of Yankton which now are without telephone facilities.

It is contended by the city authorities that the franchise granted the company many years ago has expired, and that if it wishes to improve its system and extend its lines it must first apply for and secure a new franchise. The city authorities further contend that the telephone company now has no right to the occupancy of the streets for its poles and wires, and threats have been made that if the company attempts to extend its lines and improve its system, its poles and wires will be forcibly removed from the streets of Yankton.

SEED CORN TESTS MOST UNSATISFACTORY

Hazel, S. D., April 27.—Further evidence that the farmers of South Dakota will have to be unusually careful concerning the character of the seed corn they plant this spring is furnished by the result of tests which have just been made by John Robish, an experienced and progressive farmer who resides near this place. Robish made very thorough tests of his seed corn, and found that the very best results he could obtain from the test was that 60 per cent. of the corn would grow. He is a careful farmer and makes a practice of selecting his seed corn in the fall of the year.

BANKER KING IS IN JAIL LACKING BAIL

Scotland Man Unable to Furnish \$20,000 Bond—Former Sensation.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 27.—Judge Jarland, of the federal court, has refused to reduce the bail bond of Banker C. C. King, of Scotland, S. D., as fixed by the United States commissioner in Chicago, before whom the banker waived examination. Unless King can get good collateral security for the \$20,000 bail, the bond companies here will not add him. He spent the night in jail and his attorneys are today endeavoring to get bondsmen.

Had His Wife Arrested.

Scotland, S. D., April 27.—The arrest of President King, of the First National bank here, recalls a sensational incident in his affairs which happened some three years ago, but which had been almost forgotten here. His wife one afternoon entered the bank, extracted about \$3,500 from the safe and took the first train out of town. King discovered his wife and money missing about the same time, and telephoning officers at Elk Point had her placed under arrest when she reached there. The money was found in her handbag and was returned to the bank when the woman was brought back. It was said Mrs. King had snatched the money because she had not been allowed to travel more and took the money and left with the intention of going abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. King continued to live together in apparent harmony. She is accompanied by her parents in Dixon, Ill. Another child, aged 5, is here with Mr. King's father.

The affairs of the bank are frankly admitted by Receiver Landmann to be in a very bad shape, and King's promise that he can explain, is not received for much.

BIG GAIN IN DEPOSITS IN DAKOTA NATIONAL BANKS

Pierre, S. D., April 27.—The statement of business of the national banks of South Dakota for the call of March 22, shows total individual deposits to be \$19,947,393.58, a gain of \$1,752,460.51 since the call on January 26. There are now eighty national banks.

SOUTH DAKOTA GIRL MUST DELAY WEDDING

Huron, S. D., April 27.—In December last Miss Alice Josephine Ferrin, a former resident of Westington, sailed for New York for Bolong, Congo Free State, Africa, where she was to be united in marriage to the Rev. Andrew P. Henay, a missionary and former pastor of the church at Westington. A letter from Miss Ferrin, dated at Matadi, Africa, states that a certificate of identity, together with a similar one as to her parentage, birth, age and residence, is required by the authorities in that country before marriage can be consummated.

The marriage was postponed pending the arrival of this certificate, which was promptly made out by the clerk and forwarded to the young woman. As four months will elapse before the certificate will reach Miss Ferrin the marriage will not take place until the latter part of summer or early in the fall.

Meantime Miss Ferrin will assist her prospective husband in his work, she having made special preparations as a teacher of girls and women in the missionary fields in Africa.

EMPEROR'S SON FALLS FROM HORSE, INJURED

Berlin, April 27.—Prince Eitel Frederick, Emperor William's second son, fell from his horse during the cavalry drill near Potsdam. Alarming reports spread regarding his condition but there is no cause for fear.

BISHOP HARE HAS RIGHT EYE REMOVED

Revered Episcopal Prelate of South Dakota Under the Knife.

NOSEGLASSES THE CAUSE

Small Abrasion Develops Into a Cancerous Sore, Which Threatened to Prove Fatal—Recovery Practically Assured.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 29.—Bishop W. H. Hare of the Episcopal church of South Dakota has had his right eye removed because of a cancerous growth due to an abrasion on the nose near the eye, caused, it is thought, by his nose glasses.

The bishop, who announced that before he left here that the operation might prove fatal, has himself dictated a message to his friends here telling of the successful operation to which he submitted at St. Luke's hospital, New York, and the assurance given him by his physicians that his health is sure to be better than it has been for some years.

This good news will be received throughout South Dakota with much pleasure, for no man is more sincerely beloved by the people of this state than Bishop Hare. It is expected he will be confined to the hospital for a month or more when he will return here.

WHITES WILL GET NONE OF PINE RIDGE RESERVATION

Deadwood, S. D., April 29.—Spring on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation this year means great activity among its Indian residents, numbering now about 7,600. Much of the season's work is well under way, and crops of corn, oats and potatoes, in addition to the game which will be raised.

Major John Brennan, Indian agent at Pine Ridge, says that there is no longer any opposition even among the old Indians to the allotting in severality of the land. Even Red Cloud, the famous old chief, the patriarch of his tribe and of the reservation, has taken his allotment and is satisfied with the results. Chief Red Cloud is now 87 years old, and though he is totally blind and very deaf, yet he retains his mental faculties in a remarkable manner.

The Indians on this reservation will receive more land than those on other reservations, according to the provisions of the bill. An allotment order has recently been issued which provides that all heads of families receive an entire section of land; the wives receive a half section; the children of age a quarter section, and those under age eighty acres. On Rosebud reservation, for example, the heads of families receive a section, but half of that goes to the wife. When the allotment first went into effect in June, 1894, the provisions of the bill specified that children born after that date should not participate in the allotment. This provision has, however, been nullified by an act of the last congress which provided that the children of the children born after that date should not participate in the allotment. This provision has, however, been nullified by an act of the last congress which provided that the children of the children born after that date should not participate in the allotment.

HORSEWHIP AND BRAND THIEVES.

Fresho, S. D., April 29.—A well-to-do farmer here has been publicly horsewhipped and branded in some manner is proposed owing to the extensive poaching among the homesteaders in Lyman county. Thieves make a practice of visiting the homes of the settlers during the latter's temporary absence, and large quantities of clothing, household articles and other property are carried away.

SOUTH DAKOTA CENTRAL SOON TO REACH WATERTOWN

Watertown, S. D., April 29.—The South Dakota Central railroad probably will build into Watertown in the next six months. It has pledged itself, through President Sherman, to do so before May 1, 1908, and stated that at all probability it will be here before January 1.

Mr. Sherman visited this city and completed arrangements concerning the right of way. A liberal inducement was offered by Watertown citizens. The Dakota Central has built north from Sioux Falls to Rutland, and the deal which has just been closed will mean the continuation of the road almost due north some sixty miles.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HAVE GOOD HURON LODGE

Huron, S. D., April 29.—A class of about sixty was initiated into the order of the Knights of Columbus here Wednesday evening. Delegations were present from Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Mitchell, Watertown, Pierre, Sioux City and other places. A banquet was served at the Hotel Royal.

ODD FELLOWS GATHER FOR BIG CELEBRATION

Huron, S. D., April 29.—Huron Odd Fellows, assisted by large delegations from lodges in cities within a radius of 150 miles are celebrating the anniversary of the establishment of the order in this country here today. It is the largest gathering of its kind held in this part of the country in many years. The Rebekahs are here in force and prominent officials and members of both orders are numerous. The city is handsomely decorated and the visitors were given a royal welcome.

ENGLISH LORDS BUY 2,000 PRAIRIE DOGS

A New Industry Springs Up Through Sporting Proclivities of Britishers.

FAKE PLACE OF HARES

noblemen Said to Have Signed Contract to Pay \$3 Each at Point of Shipment—Mistaken as to Character of Beasts.

Huron, S. D., April 27.—Securing a contract from English lords, holding estates in Ireland for 2,000 prairie dogs to take the place of the exterminated rabbits and hares for sporting purposes, Mrs. Nellie Madden of Waukon, Wis., refuses to place any valuation upon her land situated four miles north of Huron, and has taken it from the market. The land is overrun with prairie dogs, which have made it wholly unfit for farming or grazing purposes, and has always been considered practically valueless.

The prairie dogs are very prolific and multiply rapidly, and for this reason the county authorities have done everything possible to exterminate them, offering bounties for their capture or destruction. The colony of the little beast is the only one in the Jim river valley and one of the few east of the Missouri river, and the little animals are considered a worse plague than that of the Russian thistles of a few years ago.

May Be Caught in Nets.

Much money has been spent in vain in the attempt to rid the county of the little beasts, and the prospect of their exportation will therefore be hailed with delight by the farmers of the vicinity. How the dogs will be caught for shipment is as yet a problem, but this will doubtless be accomplished by means of a net, for when one becomes entangled his loyal brothers rush to its assistance and become themselves caught in the meshes.

Though the land which the prairie dogs have taken possession of is practically worthless, still C. C. Isenhardt, a real estate dealer of this city, wished to list it for sale, and to this end wrote the owner, receiving the following letter today in reply:

"Will say that my land north of Huron is not for sale. I have never seen this land, but understand there is a large city of the prairie dog family in possession.

\$3 Per, F. O. B. Cars at Huron.

"I have a contract to furnish parties in Ireland with 2,000 dogs to take the place of the exterminated hares and rabbits for sporting purposes. I will be out there June 1 and will send the first consignment of dogs to Queenstown by Canada Royal steam vessel Majestic. The dogs bring \$3 each at the depot in Huron.

Evidently the foreigners are expecting a certain species of dog about the size of an ordinary canine, and as the "prairie" naturally implies wild they are anticipating rare sport in running down these wild natives of the western plains. The ordinary prairie dog is about as large as an overgrown rat, and as they live in towns where the holes are as thick as in a cribbage board and all connected by underground passages, the dogs seldom get more than six or eight feet from their hole. They are saucy, but very timid. It is hard to shoot them, as they sit directly over the mouth of the hole and when wounded will drop back into it or falling to the ground will bite the other dogs will drag the unfortunate one to safety. There is simply no sport in shooting them, and they are without doubt the worst pest that has ever afflicted this section of the country, and if St. Patrick were to die he would have his work to do all over again.

Receiving \$3 each for 2,000 prairie dogs, Mrs. Madden will realize \$6,000 on this year's sale, a profitable yield considering the barrenness of this particular piece of land.

EDITOR'S SON QUIETLY WEDS, SURPRISING FRIENDS.

Howard, S. D., April 27.—C. E. Reive, son of Editor F. G. Reive, of the Miner County Democrat, stole a march on his friends Monday evening and quietly married to Miss Hannah Jacobson. Not any of their friends knew of the affair until the following day.

SCHOOLS CLOSED BECAUSE OF PRESENCE OF SMALLPOX

Armour, S. D., April 27.—The schools of Independence township, Joubert township and the village of Delmont, this county, are closed owing to an outbreak of smallpox. So far no fatalities have occurred and precautions are being taken that the pest does not get from under control. It is thought that the disease was brought here by traveling men from the north part of the state.

MADISON CONSIDERING RAILROAD SCHEMES

Madison, S. D., April 27.—The local commercial club has taken under consideration two railroad propositions affecting Madison, one of which is the curing of the electric line which it is proposed to construct from Brookings to Sioux Falls, and the other the construction of a line of railroad from Huron to Madison, which would give that city better access to the southern eastern portion of the state. As the result of a recent mass meeting of citizens with the officers of the commercial club a committee of five was appointed to look after these two propositions and give every possible encouragement in the hope that Madison can secure both of the proposed lines.

HIS MILLION DWINDLES TO A PALTRY \$500.

Yankton, S. D., April 27.—Mrs. George H. Meyer has arrived here from California to be present at the settlement of her husband's estate. Mr. Meyer died here just about to get a divorce. He was reported exceedingly wealthy, but the executors have only located about \$500, which was in cash. This goes under the will to the estate and a statement so that the widow will get half of the property.