South Dakota a Paradise for Stock and Dairy Interests

Stock and Dairy Interests Add To Prestige of South Dakota

Great Combination of Opportunities for Money Making Offered the Newcomer—Development of Dairying.

Special Correspondence.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 13.—No better cattle, hogs, sheep and horses are raised anywhere than those grown in South Dakota. It is estimated that $35,950,000 worth of cattle were marketed in South Dakota in 1903. Grass fat steers have sold as high as 7 cents a pound on the Chicago market, and one South Dakota firm sold 984 head of corn-fed steers for $102,864. The corn on which they were fattened was all produced in the vicinity of the feed yards.

South Dakota is well adapted to the raising of horses and mules, and South Dakota horses are the best in the world for cavalry service. As a sheep country it is not surpassed by any other. Comfortable fortunes have been made by sheep men in ten years.

Hogs are easily and profitably raised. In but a few localities in the state has hog cholera ever made its appearance.

The wonderful western range for stock cattle, where stock graze all winter without hay, grain or shelter, and the fertile farms of the grain belt, for finishing, afford a combination of interests and opportunities not elsewhere equaled for live stock money making.

By the last federal census South Dakota had $160 worth of livestock per capita, Iowa $122, Minnesota $49 and Wisconsin $45.

Money in Dairying.

Dairying is profitable in every part of the state, feed being abundant, pasturage costing almost nothing, and the price received for butter and eggs being practically the same as where land is worth $100 an acre. South Dakota now ranks twelfth among the dairy states of the union, and at its present rate of progress it will soon be among the first five. The quality of butter produced is not equaled by any other state, the product from its creameries bringing the highest price on the New York and Boston markets and being more sought after than any other butter for its "holding-up" qualities and perfect flavor.

There are about 125 creameries in successful operation throughout the state, all under the regulation of a state food and dairy commissioner. The report of the commissioner for 1902 shows detailed reports of 88 creameries for twelve months. These 88 creameries handled 171,265,209 pounds of milk, for which there was distributed among 8,186 patrons $1,294,503.30. The patrons received an average price of 17½ cents a pound for their butter and an average price for milk of 75 cents a hundred. The average amount drawn by each patron for the year was $158.10.

Taking these figures as a basis, the total amount of money paid to the patrons of the creameries of the state would exceed $2,000,000. No figures are at hand for estimating the amount of dairy butter made and sold aside from the production of the creameries, but it is safe to say that the creameries do not produce more than one-third the total amount.

Production of 1904.

The following table of productions is taken from the Annual Review of the Progress of the State for 1904, compiled by the State Historical society, and was not intended for advertising purposes, but to set down the historical fact:

Wheat, 24,150,000 bushels	$15,939,000
Corn, 53,532,000 bushels	14,721,000
Barley, 17,303,000 bushels	4,671,000
Oats, 33,480,000 bushels	8,000,000
Rye, 2,310,000 bushels	1,386,000
Flax, 2,000,000 bushels	2,100,000
Potatoes, gardens and fruit	4,125,000
Hay	14,000,000
Dairy and creamery	6,000,000
Eggs and poultry	5,000,000
Live stock	29,350,000
Wool and hides	1,500,000
Gold, minerals and stone	9,000,000
Total for 1904	$116,792,000

AND HER NAME IS WATERTOWN

Swellest and Most Up-to-Date Little City in South Dakota—A "Prize Winner" That Offers Great Inducements for the Investor.

Special Correspondence.

Watertown, S. D., April 13.—"Hee Haw" and "Her Name Was Maud." Maud puts everything to the bad once a week in the comic supplements of the papers, but if she could just look over this "Gem" of South Dakota, she would go out of business and never have another "kick" coming. South Dakota is known in song and story, first by the verses of Doane Robinson, who has a reputation second to none in producing "a line of stuff" that everybody reads and likes, and, second, by good, clean facts that are published daily by scores of reliable newspapers in South Dakota, whose editors stand high in the newspaper fraternity all over the country. But while most of the towns are wide awake and progressive, there is one that has made "an awful hit" with me, and that is "the dead swell" little burg of Watertown, Coddington county, where the American business man predominates and where "the glad hand" is extended, and every encouragement is given by a business union that "extends every assistance" to the visitor who is desirous of opening up a new business.

Watertown is located in the northeastern part of the state, about 200 miles west from Minneapolis, and in a county that never knows a crop failure and is populated by a prosperous, happy and contented class of farmers who "have made good" in old Coddington, and are the hardy, right sort of men that are "builders," who discount their obligations and feel they are in "God's country," and they are. Watertown's shipping facilities and markets are unexcelled by any city in the great northwest. The great North-Western system reaches out and taps this town both from the twin cities and Chicago, as does the Rock Island, and Jim Hill has pushed his road thru from St. Paul, while our own Minneapolis & St. Louis gets here with the "bunch," and all of these roads consider Watertown second to no city in South Dakota that "delivers the goods." Think of this, you men of affairs in the east who are looking for a place to open up a new manufacturing plant or to establish a new wholesale branch. Just have the porter make up lower 7 or 11 some night and take a "Flyer" to one of the "live ones" of the state. You are there in the morning from the twins and only one day from Chicago, look over the splendid warehouses that shelter the machine interests, see the up-to-date business way affairs are conducted by some of the best men of the state. Go up and look thru Park & Grant's wholesale grocery plant and gasp with surprise when you learn the territory this business covers and the high-class grade of goods they place all over the northwest.

Look thru the up-to-date lumber yards, visit the big elevators, size up the splendid terminal facilities of four big railroads. Then jump into one of the forty "kerosene buggies" that this little city boasts, and whirl down to Will Stokes' big 400-barrel-per-day flour mill, and see them produce the "white stuff" from Coddington county wheat, that has a great reputation and is shipped all over the world. Then talk to Herb Sheldon, W. D. Morris, Sam Sheldon or W. B. Rylls about the financial strength of the city and county and get a line on how everybody is fixed, and the prosperity that exists in this hustling, bustling community and the strong standing the business interests enjoy in financial and business circles all over the northwest. You ought to be going some by this time and be convinced that this is a great section to invest and live in, but if you are from "Missouri," go out and let them show you the elegant business blocks of granite and stone, fully equipped with every modern appliance for the comfort o ftenants and expedition of business, and you will see what live, wide-awake business men with the "get there" spirit have done on the prairies of South Dakota in a few years. You may have boys and girls that wish to enjoy the best of educational advantages. "Here is where you get off at." Look over the graded schools, investigate one of the best systems of learning in the country that is not only in Watertown but extends thruout Coddington county, and you will find how "they teach the young idea how to shoot." Then if the wife wants to drag you to church every week, or at least on Easter Sunday, you will find every religious denomination represented with splendid churches and ministers that are eloquent enough to make John D. give up "the coin of the realm" if they so desired, to an extent that would make his light shine right. Watertown is the city of beautiful homes in South Dakota, and taking the time into consideration, it has the residences on Euclid avenue, Cleveland, looking like "claim shacks." The streets are well graded, beautiful shade trees line both sides and beautiful drives abound all over and around the city.

If you want a good time, get in touch with Cy Williamson, who is one of "the best ever," and the jolliest little "piece" of good fellowship that ever happened. Cy will take you out to the "Capital Prize" of the state, Lake Kampeska, for fishing or hunting, and you will have the time of your life. Kampeska is the most beautiful sheet of water in the two Dakotas, is the permanent camping site of the South Dakota National Guard, and will be reached by an electric line this summer. Parties from all over the northwest go there for summer outings, and the bathing and fishing is unexcelled, while many "white wings" give the best of yachting. A great many summer homes are being built on the shores of this beautiful lake and the splendid water system of Watertown gets its supply from this source, which is piped for a distance of four miles. But what is the use—had I space I could write indefinitely about this "winner," and the county that surrounds it. I could go into the splendid money-making propositions this section offers, but I must "cut it out." The city is here, the county is doing its share to build up a community that enjoys permanent prosperity, and if you are from Governor Folk's state, they can do it all right. Oscar Kemp, John Lund's popular manager, who does not believe in "race suicide," or Hon. Johnny Martin can tell you about the splendid farm offerings for homeseekers in this section. The Business Men's union can furnish you detailed information that can be relied upon absolutely for the investment of capital, and if every reader who is tired of paying rent, or every investor who would like to get "a run for his money," could realize the splendid chances that exist here, they would be running specials to carry the crowd. One of the secrets of Watertown's present standing among the towns that "do things," is from the fact that everybody gets busy together for the general good of the city and county, the entire absence of factions, and the loyal and hearty support of big, broad-gauged business men, and from a class of strong, hardy farmers who have worked out their salvation in this grand old country. —Ward D. Williams.

Lyman County Extension

Special Correspondence.

Chamberlain, S. D., April 11.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway has decided upon an extension of its line from Chamberlain west thru Lyman county, opening up thereby a region of cheap lands, rich in agricultural resources, mild climate, productive soil, and in which there is already much deeded land, also a large acreage that may be had under the homestead law.

Lyman county is in the southern part of South Dakota, adjoining the Rosebud Indian reservation on the north. It is watered by the White river on the south, the Missouri river on the east, Medicine creek thru the center and Bad river in the northwest, with a large number of smaller streams tributary to these rivers. A notable fact is the ease with which artesian wells may be secured. Such wells have done much toward reclaiming the great area of South Dakota east and adjacent to the Missouri river. Water may be had at depths varying from six hundred feet on the White river to thirteen hundred feet on the higher lands. Surface wells may be found almost anywhere, varying in depths from twenty to sixty feet. The ease with which water may be secured for farms in this vast area of practically untenanted lands, makes them particularly attractive to persons desiring cheap homes as well as for speculators.

It is a well-known fact that with the extension of railroad facilities, thereby bringing farm products closer to market, the price of lands increases many fold.

The soil of Lyman county is one of the richest in the state. It is a black loam with a yellow clay subsoil. There is little gumbo and no alkali within the entire territory. This county has been noted for its rich grasses upon which large herds of cattle have lived during the entire year without shelter and without other food. It has produced corn of an excellent quality, having taken first prize at the Mitchell corn palace during several of the past exhibits. It is well adapted to the growth of wheat, oats, barley, speltz, and of all the other small grains produced in the northwest. Land is selling now at the rate of from $5 to $12 an acre, and as soon as the railway extension is made it is safe to say that such lands will increase in value from 100 to 200 per cent.

The southeastern part of South Dakota contains a fairly dense population with land values averaging from $25 to $75 an acre. This land is on the same parallel and the soil is quite as good, the rainfall as great, and water facilities equal to any. All that it has lacked heretofore has been ability to get products across the Missouri river to markets. The extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway will solve that problem and will make Lyman county one of the richest sections in the west.

The Rush at Pierre

Special Correspondence.

Pierre, S. D., April 6.—Settlers who have recently filed on government land west of the river, are rushing in now, and preparing to commence their residences. The ferry boats at this point are taxed to their capacity, taking teams with their heavy loads of lumber and household goods across the river, where they scatter in all directions for the new homes of the settlers, who come from Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and a good many from as they term it, "Away back east." These people who are moving out to this new Eldorado, are people who have filed during the last six months, and have taken the land up for about forty miles out. With the present prospects of the Chicago & North-Western railroad, crossing at this point, and running to the Black Hills country, the further out they get now the better, for a good town will spring up at a point fifty miles west of here, and, for that matter, several good towns may spring up between here and the Hills country.

The high price of land in the eastern states has caused this immense immigration to places where land just as good as the sun shines on can be had for the taking, or can be bought at prices that makes the purchaser feel like he is stealing it. The resources of South Dakota are unlimited. As a farming country she has no superior. Crops of all kinds, that grow thruout the middle west, flourish here, while fruit of all kinds, such as apples, pears, prunes, grapes, cherries and raspberries, seem to have found their native clime in South Dakota. For several years she has produced far more wealth per capita than any of her sister states. The poorhouse is a thing unheard of here, every man, woman and child that wants to work can get it, and get good pay for it, too. All kinds of farm and dairy products are bought and consumed at home and at the top prices. There is plenty of land in Hughes and Sully counties that can be bought at prices that will surely double in a year or two, and to the man who is unable to buy, we say, go with the bunch and get a homestead of 160 acres west of Pierre, where it can be had for the taking.

Something Doing Down De Smet Way

What A. N. Waters of De Smet Did for One Homeseeker.

Special Correspondence.

De Smet, S. D., April 12.—A. N. Waters, of this city, located Henry Fritzel on a section of land four miles from Irvine four years ago. Fritzel paid $1,200 down on the land. Today the market price of the land, plus what he has made in the four years, make his profit $30,000. Mr. Waters' record among those who have dealt with him in the past, recommends him strongly to prospective homeseekers and investors. His lands range in price from $15 to $50 per acre.

UNIMPROVED FARMS
160 acres.....$10.00
160 acres.....$12.50
160 acres.....$15.00
160 acres..... $8.00
The Ware & Griffin Bank, Clark, S. D.

Do Your Buying of a Bank
This one owns the lands its has for sale, and it is looking for the bona fide homeseeker. Clark county needs a lot of active, good farmers. Let us assist you to a good home here.
The Ware & Griffin Bank, Clark, S. D.

IMPROVED FARMS
320 acres, 5 miles from Clark, 5-room house, large barn and granary, all fenced, 220 acres cultivated, balance pasture. $33.00 per acre.
The Ware & Griffin Bank Clark, S. D.

I would like to have you write to farmers whose names I will gladly furnish, about their success in Miner county—and the possibilities here for others. 160 acres, 4½ miles southeast from Canova, fine 8-room house, cost $2,000; small barn, good granary, deep well, nice water. Per acre $35.00.
Canova State Bank
CANOVA, SOUTH DAKOTA.

CORN, CORN, WHEAT, WHEAT, AND ALL GRAINS AND GRASSES AS GOOD AS IOWA OR ILLINOIS ON THESE LANDS—Fine farm of 160 acres 5 miles from Iroquois, 3 miles from Osceola, 5-room house, stabling for 25 head of stock; all fenced. Good well and windmill; $20 per acre, your own time to pay for it. Every foot good, level farm land. Another 160 acre, raw prairie, 7 miles from town. No improvements; level land; every foot good, black soil, clay subsoil; $15 per acre. Terms to suit. No agent's commissions.
C. G. SWAFFORD, ATTY. AT LAW, Iroquois, Kingsbury County, S. D.

Five quarters, 800 acres of fine, level prairie land as rich as cream. If sold at once, $3,000 will take them. You pay part cash and leave balance against the land, 5 per cent interest. This tract is some of the best land and one of the greatest bargains ever offered in Faulk county. Party must have money for other business.
The Warner Land Co., Faulkton, S. D.

$12 TO **$35** PER ACRE. According to location and improvements. My lands are all in Clark county, and Clark county is almost the center of the CORN BELT of the state. I want the bona fide homeseeker and will try to meet his purse.
W. A. SHARP, CLARK, S. D.

$20
An acre for this improved farm; 160 acres, 6 miles from county seat; 100 acres cultivated; living well; small grove; fair house; barn, 40x40.
IT WILL NET $4.00 AN ACRE A YEAR.
We will make you very agreeable terms if you really want a good home.
BAER & BREWSTER, WOONSOCKET S. D.

$15 per acre for 480 acres, nearly all level land, 3 miles from town, school section adjoining that can be rented very cheap. This land is owned by a non-resident and I want to sell it to a man who will farm it.
F. J. RILEY, Doland, S. D.

Land Interests wishing space on South Dakota Weekly Page, write WARD D. WILLIAMS, Manager Northwest Advertising, Minneapolis Journal, Minneapolis, Minn.

C. G. KRIEG. GEO. HOLLAND.
Gettysburg Immigration Co.
Have another snap of 8,000 acre Ranch 1½ miles from County seat, or can be converted into smaller farms, as every acre is tillable land. A GREAT CHANCE TO LOCATE A COLONY, this is worth going after.
Another, 320 acres, 1 mile from County Seat, per acre..... $15.00
Write for what you want as we have it.
GETTYSBURG, SOUTH DAKOTA.

A Rare Business Opportunity
On account of busines changes requiring the removal of the president of the company from the state, the oldest, largest and most complete abstract office in South Dakota, with real estate, insurance and publishing lines, will be sold on reasonable terms. Unless you have the necessary funds and want a first-class business do not address
H. M. AVERY, Sioux Falls, S. D.

No. 95—560 acres, 7 miles from Hecla; 300 acres under cultivation, balance in pasture and meadow; fenced and cross-fenced. A good, 7-room house, large barn, cattle-shed, granary, corn-crib, all in first-class condition. A fine artesian well, with power attachment, feed-mill and cream-separator. A nice young orchard. Price $30 per acre; one-third or more cash; balance 6 per cent.

CONSIDER that farm cannot be duplicated outside of South Dakota for less than $60 an acre and my opinion is accepted as far where I am known.
I own and control lands in this state that I can sell at from $8 to $35 per acre. Write me.
CHAS. EGGABROAD, Aberdeen, S. D.

FINEST FARM IN SOUTH DAKOTA.
620 acres adjoining town of Lebanon, Potter county, South Dakota; good buildings, 300 acres cultivated, balance fenced, all level prairie land, only $25 per acre. Write for map and description; terms to suit.
A. G. WILLIAMS, GETTYSBURG, S. D.

$400 Guarantee on 160 Acres of Land in Brule County, South Dakota. Price of Land from $8 to $15.
I guarantee to sell your land within one year at an advance of $400. You agree to give me all above $400 for my commission. Brule county is in the famous Missouri River valley, the corn belt of South Dakota. These lands have never been advertised and are selling for just about one-half their actual value. Don't wait until it is too late, but get some of this land and double your money within the next three years or get a nice home. Corn fed cattle from this county, topped the Sioux City market in 1904 and we ship over 600 cars of fat hogs per year. Lands in Indiana, Illinois and Iowa that produce no better crops sell from $50 to $100 per acre. Write to or call on J. A. Stransky, Box 108, Pukwana, S. D.

F. C. Whitehouse & Co., of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
HAVE ISSUED A BOOKLET ENTITLED,
Facts About South Dakota
Which will be mailed FREE upon application. This book treats of all important facts regarding the wonderful development and unlimited resources of this prosperous and rapidly growing state, and should be read by every farmer, merchant, stock man or investor who wishes to better his condition.
This firm have a long-established reputation for fair and honorable dealing, and have sold improved farms, wild lands, stock ranches and Sioux Falls property to hundreds of clients from the over-crowded east, and without a single exception, all have made money and many people have become rich from their investments.
F. C. Whitehouse & Co. own and control over 1,100 of the finest improved farms in the Big Sioux and James River Valleys of South Dakota, which they are selling at $20 to $35 per acre, many of which will double in value in the next five years.
LAND SEEKERS' EXCURSION rates can be had to SIOUX FALLS from any agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway on the first and third Tuesdays of April, May and June, and by taking receipt from ticket agent for money paid, your railroad fare will be refunded from purchase price of land.
For the next sixty days this firm are offering 100 quarter sections of fine unimproved land owned by English clients, at only $10 per acre, on easy terms.
DON'T WAIT, but go to Sioux Falls on first excursion and investigate the wonderful opportunities they offer, and see the fine soil, water, climate, schools, churches, markets, etc., and have a talk with the farmers who are getting rich faster than in any other state in the union.
(Honorable agents wanted in every town to solicit buyers for our cheap lands.)
WRITE TODAY FOR FREE BOOKLET AND LAND LIST.
F. C. WHITEHOUSE & CO.
(The Old Reliable Land Firm.)
HOME OFFICE—SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES
In the Ree Valley in Faulk and Hand Counties, South Dakota.
I own and have for sale a large list of farms and wild land at First Hand prices. Wild land, $7 to $17.50. Farms from $15 to $30, according to improvements, distance from town, etc. All first-class land. Sure crops. Good corn. Titles perfect. Good neighbors, churches, schools.
References: Merchants Bank, Security Bank.
FRANK M. BYRNE, Faulkton, S. D.

Corn Raising
A beautiful home, 160 acres, well improved, only 1 mile from Salem, the county seat of McCook county, South Dakota. This land lies fine. A man who buys this will have all the advantages of living close to a thriving county seat town. Price $45 per acre.
Salem Land Agency, Salem, S.D.
Corn Raising

$10 Per Acre, Just think! A house for $1600. **FARM** 160 acres, all fenced, and 70 acres in macaroni wheat. Good six room house, granary, outbuildings, well, cistern; all ready for occupancy. Schoolhouse near by; good neighborhood.
Don't All Speak at Once for Only One of You Can Get It.
CHEAPEST GOOD LAND ON THE MARKET.
THE SULLY CO. LAND & ABSTRACT CO.
Sully County, Oneida, South Dakota.

BEST INVESTMENT ON RECORD FOR LAND INTERESTS IS REPRESENTATION ON SOUTH DAKOTA WEEKLY PAGE.

Sixteen hundred acre stock ranch; nearly all under fence; water in abundance; Chicago & Northwestern railroad passes thru the land; within eighteen miles of Pierre, the capital of the state; price $10 per acre. Fourteen hundred and forty acres in Sully county; within ten miles of Chicago & Northwestern railroad; 200 acres under cultivation; strictly first class land; good house and barns; nearly all under fence; artesian well flowing about one hundred gallons per minute; price $15 per acre. Central South Dakota farm lands and stock ranches in the Missouri river country, the artesian basin, and tributary to the capital of the state, $8 to $15 per acre. No better field for investment than the low-priced lands of Central South Dakota.
WILLIAM W. WAITE & CO., Blunt, So. Dak.

QUALITY AND QUANTITY
Quality of the best in the state.
Quantity to suit all purchasers and at living prices.
Questions promptly answered by
A. S. MITCHELL, "The Land Man," VOLGA, SO. DAK.

If you want reliable information regarding the famous Jim River Valley, write to or call on Ezra Martin, of Northville, S.D., who has for twenty-three years been engaged in actual farming, and knows all about Dakota, and will tell you the truth.

FOR SALE 1,600 acres east of Mellette, S. D.; 1,200 under plow, balance pasture and meadow—all fenced. Soil deep black loam, perfectly level land. 2-inch artesian well, flows 4,000 barrels a day. Fine improvements, cost $9,000. For sale on easy terms—might take some trade. Write for bargains.
KISER BROS., REDFIELD, S. D.

$17.00 an acre for 160 acres of as good corn land as lays outdoors.
3200 Acre Ranch
All fenced and cross-fenced; $10,000 worth of buildings, spring water, 200 acres under cultivation, and 2,000 can be broke. This can be sold in whole or divided; machinery and stock can also be bought if desired.
CLARK COUNTY LAND & LOAN COMPANY, CLARK, S. D.
$22.50 per acre, 160 acres, 40 broke, balance fenced pasture land.

WE WANT A GOOD FARMER
To run this farm and will give him a chance to make it his home—160 acres, two miles from Ordway, Brown Co., 100 acres cultivated, balance hay land; house, barn, granary, good well, black loam soil, clay sub-soil.
QUALE LAND CO., Northwestern Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

IT COSTS A CENT TO WRITE KING
$12 An Acre
5,000 ACRES FINE PRAIRIE LAND—10 miles of fence, artesian well, one mile from county seat, long distance telephone line. Buy all of it for a ranch, or buy a quarter or a section for diversified farming. *You ought to know King*—he'll make money for you.
"We own 45,000 acres of our own land, from one quarter up to 5,000 acres in one tract, including wild land to the best improved farms in the central portion of the state. We make liberal terms with those that want to buy. Our lands are located in the Jim and Missouri Valleys, from Huron to Pierre, the capital. 10,000 acres natural gas land, artesian water everywhere. Write or come and see us at once. Money for railroad fare allowed on purchase price. Twenty-five years in South Dakota. Come by the C. & N. W. Ry. Line."
JOHN H. KING, HURON, S. D.

SOUTH DAKOTA

MURDER OF TODD: TRIAL NEXT WEEK

JOHN A. YOUNG ARRESTED ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

Robbery the Motive for a Series of Mysterious, Bloody Crimes in the Miller, S. D., Country—Whole Family Under Suspicion, but All but One Discharged.

Special to The Journal.

Miller, S. D., April 14.—Charged with the murder of George Todd last October, John A. Young will be tried for his life here at the term of court beginning on Tuesday, Judge Gaffy presiding.

Young is about 25 and previous to his arrest bore a good reputation. In starting away with Todd's team at dusk after the killing the murderer or a pal became lost on the prairie and drove to a farmyard sixteen miles from the scene of the crime the next morning at sunrise and inquired for the road leading south. Nothing was thought of the incident then, but about a month later, when Todd's body was found in an old cave near his house with two bullets in his breast and his head battered with a pick, the visit of the lost stranger to the farmhouse was recalled.

It was remembered that the team that the man drove looked like Todd's and the dog that followed resembled his. A month after the murdered man was found the same dog returned from the south and went to the scene of the crime, howling for his murdered master. Convinced that the murderer had gone south, and knowing that Elmer Young, an escaped convict, who with his brothers had made trips thru the country under assumed names, it was decided by the officers to arrest Elmer for the crime.

Arriving at Wessington Springs, the officer took the sheriff, ex-sheriff and two deputies, the five carrying Winchester rifles, and started for the Young ranch. Elmer was absent, so John, Gernald and the aged father were arrested on the same warrant and charge, brought to Miller and after a three days' hearing, the defense offering no evidence, John was held, Gernald and the old man being discharged. The evidence of the man at the farmhouse that John was the man driving the team, that he described as Todd's, was sufficient to hold him for trial, but the state now claims to have more evidence.

Previous to the Todd murder, Jacob Johnson disappeared from the same neighborhood, and is supposed to have been murdered. About this time a valuable team was stolen from Wessington.

Todd and Johnson lived alone; robbery was the motive and all the crimes are laid to the same man or gang.

Next week's trial is expected to lead to more arrests. A $7,000 reward is offered for conviction.

MONEY FOR SCHOOLS

Land Department at Pierre Apportions the Endowment Fund.

PIERRE, S. D.—The state land department today made an apportionment of the endowment funds due the different state institutions, sending out the March collections. The amounts which went to the different institutions were:

Aberdeen normal	$665.56
Deaf and dumb school	992.14
Reform school	990.88
Springfield normal	1,404.83
State university	2,056.67
Northern hospital	708.40
Agricultural college	4,628.71
School of Mines	645.25
Madison normal	927.50
Spearfish normal	927.50
Blind asylum	491.57

The amount paid into the public building fund in the March collections was $2,496.71, placing a total of $15,796.96 in that fund. This does not include lease funds for this year, which will bring the fund to $18,000 or more.

The state brand commission today closed up its work, passing on 125 brands. The close of this meeting shows 5,430 brands recorded by the stock growers of the state.

Congressman Burke today appointed Wells Alger of this city to a cadetship at Annapolis, and he will take his examination on June 22.

Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state today for the Farmers' Mutual Telephone company of Gregory county, with headquarters at Fairfax, and a capital of $900. The incorporators are N. David Hanson, L. O. Kerr, George A. Torrance, Fairfax; Almon Buttka, A. E. Havens, Echo.

While efforts are being made to secure suspension of the cattle dipping regulations in South Dakota for this year, there is a general movement to comply with the dipping law of the last legislative session, all but a few counties having selected their county inspectors, under the provisions of the law. Stockmen who have tried the plan announce their intention to dip their cattle every season, regardless of regulations, from this time on. The dipping kills vermin and gives the cattle a better start in the spring. Several stockmen who tried it last year say the difference in growth in the cattle in one season between those which were dipped and those which were passed more than paid for the expense.

CLOVER LEAF REORGANIZES

Capitalization of Black Hills Mining Company Will Be Doubled.

DEADWOOD, S. D.—Word has been received that the reorganization plans of the Clover Leaf company have carried at the special meeting called for that purpose at Beulah, Wyo. The capitalization of the company is changed from 12,000 shares of $100 each, to 2,500,000 shares of $1 each. This is a little more than double the capitalization. A portion of this added stock was spoken for before the meeting and it is planned that none of it shall be issued or money received for a share till it has all been subscribed.

The new stock is to be preferred 6 per cent a year. Many of the stockholders live in France and to that country will go a good proportion of the added stock. The money realized will be used in increasing the size of the treatment plant, in further developing the mine and to retire the present bonded indebtedness.

Mechanical stokers are proving highly satisfactory to the Homestake company. About a year ago several of them were installed in the Lead mill and after a year's test the company has decided to put them into the cyanide mills here and in Gayville. This device gives more perfect combustion, reduces the cost of fuel and enables one man to do the work required of several when the old style furnace feed was employed.

With the coming of spring several companies are resuming development work and it is probably that many of them will become permanent in their operations. Among such is the Elliptic Mining company, which owns over 1,000 acres in Miller gulch northwest of here.

The Elliptic company has been sinking a shaft to quartzite and is now down 230 feet, with the expectation that seventy feet more will bring it to the ore which in this part of the country lies directly upon the quartzite.

There are nearly 22,000,000 horses in European Russia. No other country in the world has so many horses as Russia.

FOSTER CHARTER MEMBERS

New Encampment of Odd Fellows Organized at Big Stone.

BIG STONE, S. D.—W. J. Rawson, special deputy grand patriarch, and Grand Marshal Swenson of Bristol instituted a new encampment of Odd Fellows here this week. Forty charter members enrolled, and there are fifteen or twenty more in sight. The work was exemplified by a degree team from the Revillo camp, headed by Captain S. J. Dillman. The lodge consists of members from subordinate lodges at Big Stone, Ortonville, Milbank and Clinton. Charles E. Cobb was installed chief patriarch.

The barn and tools of Gustave Bueckner were destroyed by fire Wednesday noon. The blaze was started by a child playing with matches. Loss $600, insurance $100.

The following instructors have been elected for the Simpson Park summer school: Professor Hilleboe of Willmar, Professor M. M. Ramer of Mitchell, Professor McLean of Dodge Center, Professor J. W. Goff of the Madison (S. D.) normal school, Professor S. K. Clark of Milbank, Miss Florence Ramer of Minneapolis and Mrs. Berenice Shank of the Valley City (N. D.) normal. A large attendance is expected.

OWNS TO GUILT IN COURT

Liebschwager of Armour Taken to Prison for a Heinous Crime.

YANKTON, S. D.—John Liebschwager of Armour pleaded guilty today in a special term of court to the charge of incest, and was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary. Public feeling was aroused to an intense pitch in the neighborhood of Armour. The Douglass county jail was considered unsafe and Liebschwager has been confined in the Yankton county jail for ten weeks pending his trial.

A half inch of light snow fell at this point yesterday.

The queen of Holland has given 500,000 francs for the erection of a hospital for crippled children at The Hague.

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