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THE LEGISLATURE WAS FLIM-FLAMMED BY THE OCTOPOUS.

Out in Gravity Test from 46 to 42, to Admit Kansas Oil, Gives Rockefeller All He Had Hoped to Gain in Litigation in the Federal Courts—His Case Dismissed.

Special to The Journal. Sioux Falls, S. D., April 29.—Pleditions of the session of the state legislature when a bill to lower the state oil inspection test from a gravity test of 46 to 42 was introduced, are fully borne out by the dismissal by Judge Garland of the United States court of the suit instituted in the summer of 1903 by the Standard Oil company for the purpose of testing the quality of the oil produced in the state by the legislature two years ago. It was maintained by representatives of the oil octopus that it was anxious to secure the admission of Kansas oil and as an inducement for the legislature to reduce the test it offered to sell the Kansas oil in South Dakota for 3 cents a gallon less than the usual price.

Professor James H. Shepard, state chemist, estimated there would be a saving to the state of at least \$100,000 each year if the offer of the Standard Oil company was accepted. Representatives of the company declared that the oil was just as good as the eastern product, and that owing to the field being closer to South Dakota the oil could be sold here at a reduction of 3 cents a gallon provided the state test was lowered.

State Oil Inspector Emil Brauch steadily maintained that the Kansas oil did not come up to the required test, and therefore refused to admit it. His admission until the legislature had lowered the test. State Chemist Shepard stated that the analysis of the tests of the oil product of that state.

He returned to South Dakota the closing days of the legislative session, and made a report, in which he sustained the claims of the Standard Oil company, but in which he stated the effect that in order to secure the cheaper Kansas oil it would be necessary for the legislature to lower the gravity test from 46 to 42.

Largely because of the report, the legislature took the desired action and lowered the gravity test to 42. The bill given admission to the state at a price known here.

Now, in accordance with a stipulation of the attorneys representing both the Standard Oil company and the state of South Dakota, the test suit of the federal court, the test suit of the state has been withdrawn. The case will not come up to the state supreme court, but it is to be paid to the state to reimburse it for the expense of the suit.

Now that the suit of the Standard Oil company has been withdrawn, the claims of those who maintained that the oil was of inferior quality are practically everything for which it contained in its suit are fully substantiated.

It is simply another illustration of the old saying that there are "more ways than one to skin a cat."

TRANSIENT MERCHANTS FINED Case at Elk Point Appealed to the Circuit Court.

ELK POINT, S. D.—B. Landers, auctioneer, and W. H. Remington, maraging partner, representing an eastern company engaged in selling out stocks of goods, were arrested on complaint of County Auditor Harter charged with conducting a transient sale without a license. They were fined \$25 each and costs. They have appealed the case to circuit court on legal bond.

John Neary and Miss Margaret Keavill, both of this city, were married.

Miss Flora Koch of Minneapolis, teacher of German and assistant in the high school here, has resigned. Katherine Varuska of Lincoln, Neb., at present teaching in Brownsville, Minn., has been selected to succeed her. Rev. Swaney Nelson of this city, has declined the call to the pastorate of the First Swedish Baptist church of Sioux City.

YALE A RUSSIAN SETTLEMENT Addition Platted to Great Northern Town in Beadle County.

HURON, S. D.—Yale, a station on the Great Northern railway thirteen miles southeast, is enjoying a boom. For fifteen years it has been nothing more than a halting place for trains. An addition of about twenty acres adjoining the original town has been purchased by E. Wieland from James Daley, and lots are being disposed of to prospective settlers. As several of those interested are Russians, it is thought the town will be somewhat of a Russian settlement, and will receive the patronage of the Menominee, who have a large colony in Milford township.

CARLETON WINS DEBATE Decision at Grand Forks Not Unanimous, However.

GRAND FORKS, N. D.—Carleton college debaters, A. E. Strebel, R. F. Hunt and H. S. McIntyre, defeated the University of North Dakota team, composed of Martin Rund, Oliver Berg and E. C. Hilborn, last night in the first contest between these institutions, by a vote of two to one. Carleton had the negative of the subject, which was: "Resolved, That the system of bank notes based on the general assets of the bank is preferable to a system based on government bonds."

SETTLERS FOR KIDDER Land Values Increase Under the Tide of Immigration.

STEELE, N. D.—Kidder county is getting its full share of immigration. Lands have advanced about \$5 an acre in the last two years and are selling at from \$10 to \$15. The new settlers are advised not to depend entirely upon grain, but to get sheep, horses, cattle and to diversify their crops.

SOLBERG'S CLAIM IN BALANCE Contest Started Against Homestead Entry of Insane Patient.

FARGO, N. D.—Charles Galehouse has started a contest against the homestead entry of John Solberg, who is in the state asylum. Solberg became insane about the time he was ready to prove up on the claim. His guardian could not complete the proof because he could not establish the fact that Solberg had taken out his final papers, and Solberg was too far gone mentally to assist in securing the needed evidence. A sister resides at Velva, and is making an effort to save her brother's claim.

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Why Settlers Flock to Last Mountain Valley

Special Correspondence. Winnipeg, Man., April 28.—The Last Mountain valley, sometimes called "The Gem of the Saskatchewan," has become famous throughout the continent for its fertile soil and record-breaking crop yields. It is a beautiful stretch of country lying in the southern part of the enormous tract of prairie wheat land, the Saskatchewan valley; and its geographical charm is not detracted from by the fact that last year, a notably high year for crops, its average wheat yield per acre was something like twenty-five bushels. The thousands of American farmers who have come to Canada and who have taken over farms from William Pearson, the big operator of the Last Mountain valley region, have made him famous in the United States. Friends of glowing praise to their old neighbors back in Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota and Iowa. Satisfied that these letters are as a rule, one has only to read the glowing story which illustrates the strain of discontent that runs thru all human nature. In his offices at Winnipeg Mr. Pearson today told four correspondents the following anecdotes, for the truth of which he vouches: "Last fall when the talk of rust was going on, I had a number of acres of wheat going to the Last Mountain valley is increasing so rapidly each year."

What an Illinois Yankee Thinks of Alberta, Canada

Special Correspondence. Calgary, Alberta, Can., April 20.—The following letter has been received by the Calgary Colonization company from an Illinois Yankee: "During the summer of 1904 my attention was attracted to the fact that my friends in the latter part of March this year, and together we bought over 6,000 acres from the Calgary Colonization company. I am now settling on the land just as productive as land which I own in Illinois, which I could sell for \$150 an acre, and I am arranging to have at least 600 or 700 acres broken this summer in time to put into winter wheat this fall. Last year I saw oats raised in the Calgary district at 100 bushels to the acre, and winter wheat which thrived from twenty-five to forty bushels to the acre, and all over weight and of the best quality. The system, by the middle of September, was in the hands of a business man, and I am now farming permanent my permanent home in western Canada at this time, there is no part of my time so pleasantly and so profitably spent as that which I spend looking after my cattle and farming interests in the Calgary, Alberta, district. "W. J. Alexander, Allerton, Ill."

RAILROADS CREW IS ON HAND Work About to Begin on Denhoff Branch Extension.

Special to The Journal. Jamestown, N. D., April 29.—The work of extending the Denhoff branch will be in charge of Engineer Horrocks, who has arrived with a large party of engineers and assistants. The contractors are also on the ground with horses, scrapers, wagons and men. It is said that a number of changes in the survey to avoid cuts and fills have been made since the plans of extending the line were decided upon.

DIVISION SHIFTS G. N. Changes at Crookston, Grand Forks and Minot.

Special to The Journal. Grand Forks, N. D., April 29.—By night the Northern division headquarters of the Great Northern will be transferred to Crookston and the Dakota division headquarters will be established in this city, while the new Minot division headquarters will be transferred to Minot, with J. M. Davis, late of the Dakota division, as superintendent.

Many of the office equipment was shipped in from Larimore yesterday. The move brings to Grand Forks from Larimore Superintendent M. Nicholson, Chief Dispatcher F. A. Maxwell, and Thomas Connelly, Joseph Hilliard and Peter McGill, dispatchers; Clem Connelly, operator; Chief Clerk A. H. Nichol, clerks; J. W. Fulton, G. K. Rounsvell, H. P. Thompson, Roy Watson, J. R. Nevers, S. U. Hooper, Carl Whipple, Fred Williams, A. Borman, Roadmaster E. K. Kennedy, Master Carpenter Fred Barrington, Master Mechanic J. Dickson, Traveling Engineer F. E. Owens, Stenographer George Marsley, Assistant Superintendent F. P. Lowry, Stenographer J. L. Hughes, Operator Fred Jones and one additional operator will remain at Larimore.

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Now Is the Time to Plan. If going to the Portland Exposition, try one way via the Soo-Pacific Line. See the East and West money a rabbit was created recently in London, and belonged to Scottish regiments.

