

# The Alert

DAILY AND WEEKLY

MARSHALL McCLURE.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD CO.

TIME CARD.

TRAINS GOING EAST DEPART:

Atlantic Express	3 45 p. m.
Jamestown Accommodation	4 10 p. m.
Freight No. 12 (except Sundays)	7 45 a. m.
do " 14	8 00 p. m.
do " 16	11 30 p. m.
do " 18	11 30 p. m.

Close connections at St. Paul with all east-bound trains.

DEPART GOING WEST:

Pacific Express	3 45 p. m.
Jamestown Accommodation	4 10 p. m.
Freight No. 11 (except Sundays)	4 35 p. m.
do " 13	7 45 a. m.
do " 15	7 45 a. m.
do " 17 (except Sundays)	11 30 p. m.

P. M. DAILY AGENT.

## The Fourteenth Legislative District Committee.

JAMESTOWN, Aug. 2, 1882.

A meeting was held at Jamestown, on the 2nd day of August, for the purpose of appointing the members of this district and calling a district convention. R. A. Bill in the chair, C. L. Baxter, secretary. The meeting was largely attended by delegations from the different counties of the district and the situation fully discussed. The following address to the voters of the district was read and adopted:

TO THE VOTERS OF THE FOURTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.

Owing to the re-formation of the council and legislative districts of the territory, by the legislative session of 1881, the fourteenth district finds itself without a republican committee upon which is devolved the duty of calling a convention for the nomination of candidates for the council and two candidates for the house of representatives, to which the said district is entitled under the law.

Recognizing the difficulty of the situation, the undersigned citizens of the various counties composing the district, at the request of R. A. Bill, a member of the old eleventh district committee, met on the 2nd day of August, at the village of Jamestown, and, after a full consideration of the subject, agreed to unite in requesting the republican voters of the various counties to send delegates to a legislative district convention to be held in Klats Hall, Jamestown, on Wednesday, Sept. 20th, 1882, at 3 p. m., for the purpose of nominating one candidate to represent the district in the senatorial council, and two candidates for the Territorial house of representatives for the session of 1883.

The basis of representation as unanimously agreed upon by the undersigned is as follows:

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| Barnes     | .....7 | La Moure | .....4 |
| Burlington | .....3 | Ransom   | .....2 |
| DeWitt     | .....2 | Stutsman | .....2 |
| Kidder     | .....2 | Stutsman | .....2 |

Any county within the district now unorganized, but which shall perfect its organization pending the meeting of this convention shall be entitled to one representative in said convention.

Signed,  
C. L. BAXTER, Barnes county.  
R. C. COOPER, Griggs  
J. W. STODDARD, La Moure  
FRANK J. MEAD, Morton  
A. H. MOORE, Ransom  
E. A. BULL, Stutsman  
W. F. STEELE, Kidder

On motion the meeting adjourned.  
R. A. BILL, Chairman.

C. L. BAXTER, Sec'y.

The first load of this season's wheat was marketed at Grand Forks a few days ago at \$1.25 per bushel.

The New York Herald thinks Senator Windom is stronger as a presidential dark horse than he was two years ago.

The Chicago Times thinks the proposed enlargement of the White House at Washington is a boom for David Davis.

Kewanee, Ill., is now enjoying the notoriety of a \$70,000 bank robbery. Illinois has made one step on the track in a race with Missouri.

Hon. Roscoe Conkling is expected to be present at the Minneapolis Fair and deliver an oration, which will be one of the special attractions.

The Central Dakota Fair will be held at Chamberlain in September. It is in the hands of a stock company and over \$4,000 have been subscribed.

The Northern Pacific intends to send its exhibit to several different fairs. The people should do all in their power to make the exhibit as favorable and complete as possible.

Senator Logan expresses himself very strongly of the opinion that the straight republican ticket will win in Pennsylvania. He also states that he is not a candidate for president.

Tower City has an artesian well which sends forth a stream of mineral water that is thought to contain valuable medicinal properties and a citizen of that place is bottling it for shipment.

The Hillsboro artesian well is beginning to flow salt-water and extensive salt works are in contemplation. The resources of Dakota are wonderful, and are as yet but in the beginning of development.

It is rumored in Chicago financial circles that Vanderbilt's recent visit to the west was that he is impatient to get control of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad so that he can squeeze the Chicago, St. Paul & Omaha.

Ex-Senator Ramsey, in an interview with a reporter at Omaha, gave it as his opinion that Utah isn't much of a state, having no grand farming districts like Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota, if it had the Gentiles would have driven the Mormons out long ago.

through their entire ignorance of farming. The patches of wheat are all small, rarely exceeding five acres, but there will be an average yield of twenty bushels.

The government land department will soon issue a circular instructing that survey certificates cannot be used in payment for land outside the limits of the district where the survey is made. The Santa Fe fraud led to this change in the survey system.

Affairs in Dublin are rather critical, and the precautions taken denote the apprehension of a serious outbreak. Gatling guns have been placed in the upper yard of Dublin Castle, and large bodies of infantry with guns parade the streets, creating great excitement. It is said these preparations are made in view of possible riots during the O'Connell demonstration.

The Fargo Argus of the 19th inst. says: "That excellent North Dakota daily, The Jamestown Alert, has added to its working force Howard Hetrick, an old and experienced journalist, who has seen service from Washington and New York to Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco. He will be a strong reinforcement to an already good staff, and the Jimtown boomer will doubtless be Alerter than ever."

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, who voted for the river and harbor bill in opposition to the wishes of his constituents, is out with a logical defense of his position, justifying his vote upon the broad and statesmanlike principles of national duty and policy, raising above the narrow contracted sectional feeling of the New England states on the subject. He sees other interests than those in his own immediate section.

The Red River and Lake Superior Canal enterprise brings to the front a new phase of the delegate question, and one of the very first consideration. He should be a man who is at heart an earnest sympathizer in the project and one who has the ability to present the matter to congress in a favorable light and will exercise himself diligently to that end. It is a matter of material interest to the northwest in general and to Dakota in particular.

The Fargo Argus says that Cass county has no candidate to present at Grand Forks, but that the county is for a North Dakota man. It also asserts that Mr. Raymond is not and will not be a candidate and does not wish such an impression as that he will be under any circumstances to go out among the people. Mr. Raymond is "solid" for any North Dakota man the people may agree upon for whose election he will give his energy and influence.

As an illustration of the old saying that "prevailing passions are strong in death" may be cited the case of the democracy in Iowa the other day nominating a state ticket. When we take into consideration the fact that the democratic party stands from year to year confronted by a republican majority of from 40,000 to 60,000, it will be seen that it must require a great deal of fortitude on the part of the democratic statesman to accept a nomination for office in the state of Iowa.

According to some of the newspaper reports, Rufus Hatch, since his return from over the line of the Northern Pacific has become an enthusiastic boomer of the great Northwest. To his eye the course of the Star of empire is along the line of the Northern Pacific railroad, and he looks upon this road as the greatest commercial artery in the country, and he thinks this road the most valuable property in the world. He is preparing a detailed statement of his views for publication.

The Alert heartily endorses the following sentiments of the editor of the Providence, Rhode Island, Press: "The great newspaper to-day is not the mouth-piece of politicians, or intended to promote the ambitions of single men who control them. As a class, the newspapers of to-day are independent, owned and controlled by men who have no special ambition of their own, and who are hence able better to judge events. The public service of this country is improving daily, and this fact is due, to a great extent, to the existence of a free and independent press."

Ex-Senator Conkling went to Washington recently to ascertain the whereabouts of the report made by the Northern Pacific of lands earned by construction and not yet accepted by the government, which report he had himself mailed from New York and the department denied having received it. By subjecting the clerks to a severe cross-questioning he succeeded in resurrecting the report from a pigeon hole, where, for some dubious purpose it had been laid away to rest in peace. In connection with this circumstance it is remarked that Jay Gould's henchmen are numerous about Washington.

The people of Dakota are warming up to political work with the spirit and vim of state politicians. As yet the farming community is not seriously affected by it, but as soon as they shall have safely secured their crops then they will take a hand. The matter of selecting officials is one of too much importance to be let go by default. Qualification should be the first test applied to the aspirant who seeks the suffrage of the people for office. Many a good man has been ruined by being complimented with an election to an office which he was incapable of filling. Jefferson's test was "sober, honest and capable." The first is important, the second more important, and the third all-important.

The report of the Duluth Canal convention in the press dispatches yesterday morning indicates a very flattering outlook for that gigantic enterprise which is of more direct and material interest to North Dakota than either that of the admission or division of the territory, or of the selection of a Delegate to congress except so far as he may be instrumental in securing the aid of the government, and the Red River with Lake Superior by a ship canal. The distance of the contemplated route is 32 1/2 miles, 34 1/2

miles of which is already navigable by lakes and the St. Louis river leaving only 37 miles of canal to be constructed to make a complete navigable water course from Grand Forks on the Red River through to Lake Superior, or in other words, opening up transportation by water from Dakota to the Atlantic ocean. The total cost is estimated at \$4,000,000, which is but the widow's mite compared with the benefits which would be derived from it. North Dakota should take an active interest in this enterprise.

The importance of nominating a North Dakota man at Grand Forks should not be lost sight of for a moment. The development of the north part of the territory for the next few years will surpass anything of the kind ever before known on this continent, and every acre to be secured through the national government should be obtained; and to do this it is necessary, as far as possible, to have a delegate in congress who is personally identified with its interests. The south part of the territory has always had this advantage, and now that it has settled down into a steady course of progress, it would be fair and equitable that the north should have that advantage during its boom of development. As has been stated in these columns before, the Alert has no war to make on any candidate out of sectional feeling, but it urges the nomination of a northern man for the reasons given which we think are reasonable and just. The southern part of the territory will, in all probability, be admitted as a state the coming winter, which will necessitate a new election. In view of all the circumstances we ask the people and the delegates to the territorial convention to give the subject an unbiased and fair consideration. The transportation question is one of vast consequence to the people of North Dakota, and will be for some years. The meeting of shippers at Duluth a few days ago to consider the Red River and Lake Superior Canal enterprise forcibly brings that question before the people in this campaign.

Another Railroad for Jamestown. From the Daily Saturday.

A dispatch was received in Jamestown yesterday ordering terms for the conveyance of a party of civil engineers from this place to Grand Rapids. This is understood to mean the speedy construction of a branch of the Northern Pacific road from Jamestown to Grand Rapids. President Willard, when in Jamestown last summer, remarked to a personal friend, "We will start a branch road, first from Jamestown to the north; then we will build a branch to the south."

Gardening About Jamestown. Strolling about the city limits, last evening, the Alert man portered at the vegetable gardens of L. F. Porter, less than a mile from the northwest limits of the city. The gardens, embracing some ten acres are in a magnificent condition. Early in April last, Mr. Porter came to Jamestown from Illinois, his sole possessions consisting of a few dollars and a few packages of seeds. To-day he is coining money. He has two acres in corn and has for several days been delivering green corn to his customers at 35 cents per dozen; the ears are large and the grains well filled out. He has about two acres in cabbages, which readily sell at fifteen and twenty cents per head; six cents per pound. His onion bed, containing an acre and a half, has yielded magnificently. Other large beds are devoted to turnips and other vegetables, and are all in a most flourishing condition. He has a patch of celery that shows up well, but will soon require a little rain. He showed the reporter a growing turnip, measuring 21 inches in circumference. He is an old and experienced farmer. "This country," he said with a broad smile of contentment, "is a No. 1 soil for vegetables—no one could find a better."

About the Enormous Crops. The first grain of the season was received in Jamestown on the 14th inst.; on that day Vennum & McKechnie delivered quite a quantity of barley at the Stutsman county elevator. Since then barley has been received in considerable quantities daily. The above named firm and Waldo Dennis have delivered, up to date, about 2,000 bushels each. The barley is pronounced the elevator to be of fine grade, averaging 49 pounds to the bushel after cleaning—the average weight being 48 pounds. Mr. Dennis, last evening, was selling barley at a lively rate.

The elevator men think that wheat and oats will commence to come in the latter part of next week, and that on and after the 25th inst. the receipts will be very lively.

A party of experts, gathered in the elevator office last evening, estimated that not less than 350,000 bushels of wheat, barley and oats would be brought to the Jamestown market this season; the total was about 130,000 bushels.

The local demand for grain promises to be quite large. Aside from home consumption the Jamestown Roller mills receive from 400 to 500 bushels daily, when in full operation.

Rufus Hatch on North Dakota. That wealthy and somewhat eccentric New Yorker, Rufus Hatch, and his party, who lately made a tour over the Northern Pacific road, passed through Fargo day before yesterday on their way home from the British possessions. The following extracts from an interview, had with him by a Republican reporter, will prove interesting to the Alert readers:

"Well, I didn't see any wheat fields in the provinces that could compare with yours of Dakota. The soil seems to be somewhat lighter, and does not contain the producing qualities that characterize yours of large and heavy production. I see a few crops and the farmers' intentions up there, and I don't see what they are going to do for fuel in the winter. You have a good country here, the best in the world. We people in the east never dream of large production, it is an expense of country out here. Yes, I used to 'bear' this Northern Pacific road, and I think I was all right. I kept people from investing their money in the corn crop, and it has been worked down to a good solid bushel, now I believe I am right in 'bulling' it, because it has developed into a strong, aggressive corporation, and I know that it traverses the richest country in the world. You crops are the finest I ever saw, and if no rain or hail storms injure them, this country will have a 'boom' next spring which will surpass the most sanguine expectations. So far as the Northern Pacific railroad is concerned, there is nothing to prevent it from doing an immense business this fall and ever after. If heavy rains ensue they will injure the quality of the wheat but cannot lessen the tonnage to be shipped. The business of this company is unlimited, only by the number of cars and engines it can control. The young ladies in our company are to write articles on the country, and I will buy a quarter section of Dakota land from the one who produces the best 'write up.'"

A Woman's Kindly Sentiments. Dr. Clara E. Atkinson, the lady physician of St. Paul, has just returned to her home from a trip to the Northern Pacific road as far west as Mandan. The St. Paul Globe, having interviewed her on her return, says:

"She has had much to say of a professional nature, save that, in such a flourishing country professional people cannot do otherwise than flourish. As an unprofessional traveler she noticed a great many nice points. She observed particularly the conduct of some of her fellow travelers, which was strictly unenthusiastic. There was a Mr. Scott and a Mr. McWilliams, of Cincinnati, who would rush from side to side of the car and express their wonderment at the beautiful panorama of plenty that could be viewed all along the way on either hand stretching away into illimitable distance. Lawyer Clemmer, of Cincinnati, whose son is superintendent of public schools at Jamestown, was also on the train, and gave way to his astonishment as did all the others."

Dr. Atkinson is a niece of Mr. James Atkinson, who is a large land owner in and around Jamestown. He has a thousand acres of land planted in small grain, and he has spent this season \$500 for the single item of twine. He has oats which will yield, in some places, one hundred bushels to the acre.

"You are very much fairer and rarer." "You are right," replied the husband, looking at her in loving tenderness, "you are right, and I will not deceive you any longer."

"What do you mean," she asked, a look of horror passing over her face. "There is but one piece of pie," said George W. Simpson, "and I shall tackle it myself."

## WHEAT METROPOLIS.

The finest crops seen anywhere were around Jamestown. And that town a magnificent new brick hotel and numerous comely business blocks are being pushed to completion.

In Hard Luck. A whisky impregnated cripple, whose breath would intoxicate a temperance man 20 yards off, was around calling at business places and private residences, yesterday, trying to awaken sympathy in his behalf. He wanted good, substantial sympathy—25 cents a head—but was invariably disappointed. Late in the evening he shambled up to a residence on 4th Avenue, and calling one of the inmates, a young man, to the door, launched out on a pitiful tale which was nipped in the bud by the young man's remarking: "See here, my esteemed friend, I'm 'out' you the worst way, and I am fully convinced that the present state of your health demands that you immediately take a walk around the block. In fact, it is my unbiased opinion, based upon a long experience with just such cases, that you are suffering from a depression of spirits to which, prominently, the Avenue would be decidedly beneficial. You are therefore very respectfully invited to disperse." Thanking the young man for his munificent donation, the tramp proceeded down the Avenue, where he encountered one of our prominent citizens, to whom he related his sad story. The citizen gave him a promissory note to the effect that he would "see him later, and passed on. This was the "last straw," and the poor man sneaked away to his humble apartments beside the Northwestern House hog pen, and his musical snore was soon blending harmoniously with the grunts of his neighbors.

A Tenderfoot's Discomfitures. Mr. Donovan, who arrived in Jamestown from Illinois one day the past week, was soon informed of the wonderful new country over in the vicinity of the aspiring and enterprising village of Dawson, and next day took passage on the N. P. for that town. On arriving he and an accommodating land agent took a drive out in the country in a single rig drawn by steppers of indifferent gait and uncertain endurance. When they had gone out about seven or eight miles, the agent about a determined disposition to take a rest that it was found necessary for one to walk before and lead, with a forward pressure of about forty pounds to the square inch, and the other to apply the whip from behind, in which positions they took turns, until disgusted with such conveyance they stripped off the harness, turned the horse out to grass and proceeded on foot. Having viewed the country with the critical eye of a tenderfoot, they turned on the home stretch and arrived in sight of the railroad in time to see the train, on which they expected to return, disappear in the east.

An Interview With Gen. Sargent. Gen. H. E. Sargent, ex-manager of the Northern Pacific railway, passed westward yesterday. In conversation with an Alert representative, he stated that the advancement Jamestown had made during the past year and the rapid development of the rich country in this valley was truly wonderful. He said that he had always looked with pride upon this beautiful valley and could see nothing but a bright future before it. In speaking of the severance of his connection with the Northern Pacific road, Gen. Sargent said: "It would have been very gratifying to me, indeed, could I consistently have continued my connection with the road, but as all was not lovely in the cabinet, I concluded that it was better for me to step down and out. In reply to further questioning, the general said: "I am living in Chicago, and giving my own business most of my attention. They have so long stood in need of, and I find it far more profitable, in a pecuniary sense, for me to do so, than to occupy the highest position in the gift of any railroad company." As General Sargent boarded the train, he pointed to the new Alert office and said: "I am glad to see that brick building, Mr. McClure; it speaks well for you and well for Jamestown."

Almost a Murder. On Sunday morning, about half past two o'clock, the cries of "murder!" "police!" "help!" awoke the sleeping inhabitants in the neighborhood of the North Pacific hotel. In a few minutes a well dressed man, hatless and hair on end, rushed into the Alert composition room and excitedly asked for help. "There's a man on the outside," he cried out, "he tried to murder me; for God's sake help me." He was quickly followed by another hatless and excited man, a tall, rough looking fellow with a big cut, as if from a stone, on his right cheek, which was bleeding profusely. Through the mediation of the printers the passions of the two visitors toned down and an explanation was given. Then Barry tried to drive him off, when a regular fight ensued, with the results above given.

The Crops at the Spiritwood Farm. Henry Mattison, superintendent of the "Spiritwood farm," made a flying trip to Jamestown on Sunday. He makes the following report: 200 acres of barley harvested, yield over 40 bushels to the acre. 600 acres in wheat, all will be in bundle by the end of this week; the grain is very heavy and the yield will average from 25 to 30 bushels to the acre. 350 acres in oats; 200 acres cut and the work of the cutters will be finished within ten days; a magnificent crop; the yield will average over 60 bushels to the acre. 500 acres in flax; in prime condition and promises to yield 16 bushels to the acre; the soil hereabouts is well adapted to the raising of flax and the crop pays equally as well as oats, wheat or barley. 30 acres in potatoes; the yield will be enormous, ranging from 100 to 150 bushels to the acre. Mr. Mattison is satisfied that small fruits can be raised with great profit in the James River valley. He took the preliminary steps to pay special attention to the raising of small fruits, strawberries in particular.

Up to date about 2,500 bushels of barley have been shipped from Spiritwood to the eastern markets. The elevator will

be finished in season to take care of this year's crops. Its capacity will be 50,000 bushels.

The Dakota Girl Got Him. An exchange thus tells the story of the Dakota girl's advertisement for a husband, as gratuitously published in the Alert:

There was a young girl in De Smet  
Who a husband was dying to get;  
So she published a letter—  
Asking some chap to get her—  
And she'd throw in a quarter section of the best earth in Dakota, and this in connection with one hundred and forty pounds of economical femininity as was ever tied together with a Thompson glove-fitting corset; it was more than the boys could stand, for they knew—  
It was a bargain they'd never regret.

That the young lady did advertise for a husband, with a little fun in him, is true. And last the results of her advertising were satisfactory is attested by the following from the Lake Preston paper:

"Miss A. C., Box 81, requests us to say to her many correspondents that she has had upwards of five hundred letters from her card, and as she cannot marry them all, she now asks the boys to let up, and she will try and choose from among the number she has already heard from."

Happy Little Ones. Quite a large party of children took possession of the residence of John F. Vennum, on Sixth avenue, last evening, the occasion being the celebration of a birthday of master Vene Vennum, a bright and promising five-year-old. They romped and played to their hearts' content and were feasted in royal style. Then they were transferred to a big omnibus and made the town ring with their merry songs as they were drawn through the principal streets. The young host was the recipient of a large number of presents from his friends, old and young. The following is a roster of the little ones present: Misses Winnie Wade, Fresa Wade, Bertha Davidson, Jennie Johnson, Winnie Johnson, Annie Jeffrie, Gertrude Jeffrie, Idolite Ott, Susie Lathrop, Nellie Wallace, Emma Valleen, Maude Ward and Elsie Giesler, and Masters Johnnie Webster, Otto Ott, Freddie Lyons, Harry Webster, Sam. Crayton, Don McKecker, Dan. Wallace, Robbie Lathrop, Walter Ward, Harry Ward and Harry Webster.

ELDRIDGE NOTES. From the Alert's Correspondent.

The wheat harvest commenced in this locality on the 18th, and every available man and horse were brought face to face with the largest crop of grain ever harvested in the northwest territories. It is simply immense and the demand for lumber to build granaries never was better.

The Northern Pacific Rail Road Company are determined to keep faith with settlers on the wood question. Last week they shipped to this station sixteen car loads.

The two young men that were lost in Goetting's oat field, last Friday night, were rescued by some friends early on Saturday morning.

Three quarter sections of land changed hands here on Thursday at fabulous prices. The soil is located four miles southwest and the purchasing parties are Vermonters.

MINOR TELEGRAMS. ST. PAUL, Aug. 21.—James J. Hall was today elected president of the St. Paul, M. & M. railway.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The Indian bureau is just in receipt of a dispatch stating that Red Cloud and his hostiles are completely quelled.

TORONTO, Can., Aug. 21.—Vennor predicts severe storm periods on lower lakes toward the end of the present month and early in September. He also predicts similar disturbances along New Jersey coast and southward and beyond Charleston on the Atlantic coast.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 21.—Doctors Sherman and Bebee, while botanizing three miles south of the city yesterday, found the body of a man in the bushes several rods from the road. The body was badly decomposed. His pantalon pockets were turned inside out. It is supposed that he was robbed and murdered.

CARRO, Ills., Aug. 21.—C. Coup's circus left here at 4 o'clock yesterday morning in two sections. When about four miles north of this city, the engine of the second section ran into a passenger coach of the first train, killing three drivers and wounding about twenty-five or thirty others. Relief trains with physicians were sent to the scene of the wreck at once.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The steamer Hope, which left here in June last in search of the steamer Era, has returned with the entire crew of that vessel. The Hope picked them up off Zembia, the third of August, they having lost their ship off Franz Joseph land and journeyed in boats to the straits through the ice. Leigh Smith, commander of the Era expedition, gives a thrilling account of the perils of the voyage.

Jail Delivery at Miles City. Special to the Alert.

MILES CITY, M. T., Aug. 21.—On Saturday night the prisoners in the county jail, a rattle-trap enclosed by a stockade, made a bold strike for liberty. Two prisoners, in for horse stealing, managed to escape. Dan Leche, charged with murdering his partner at Billings, was forced back into his cell by a deputy sheriff.

It is reported that the station agent of Northern Pacific road, at this depot, has skipped his bail. He was short \$900 in his accounts and was under bond for embezzlement.

King or Crank. MILWAUKEE, Aug. 21.—William E. Fitzpatrick, a lineal descendant of the Fitzpatricks who ruled Ireland three hundred years ago, is in the city. He was secretly crowned king of Ireland in 1848. He is now 43 years of age. He had to flee from Ireland seventeen years ago. He has been freestone the Academy of Music here. He is intelligent and fine appearing, and has written an Irish historical drama, which will be put on the stage soon. He thinks it will revolutionize Irishmen from one end of the globe to the other. He will himself assume the title role, and with the money made on it will fit iron-clads to cruise for British merchantmen, and do general damage. He will also organize clubs all over the United States. He says that in Ireland he is recognized as king, but would go imprisoned by the British if he should go there. He says that for three hundred years it has been the secret practice of crowning Irish kings in the Green Isle.

## A FIENDISH PLOT.

A Party of Negro-Desperados in Alabama Banded to Exterminate the Whites.

The Law-Abiding Citizens Capture Many of the Gang and Hang the Leader.

MOBILE, Aug. 21.—In Chotan county Alabama, a bundle of papers, disclosing a well organized plot among the negroes to kill the entire white population of that county, was found near one of their rendezvous.

A meeting of citizens was called at Butler to consider the best mode of suppressing the intended outbreak and massacre.

Numerous arrests were effected without any disturbance or blood shed. A large mass meeting was called for Saturday to decide the fate of the prisoners.

The plot has been in existence since 1878, and the conspirators now number four hundred. They have powder, shot and guns, and think themselves sufficiently strong to accomplish their fiendish design.

Sunday night, the 17th of September, had been appointed for its consummation, the papers showing that this day was selected because the white people would then be at camp meeting, unarmed and could offer no resistance.

The meeting called for Saturday brought together about 700 men, among whom were 150 negroes, who, after hearing the papers read, by an almost unanimous vote decided that Jake Turner was a turbulent and dangerous character, a regular fire brand in the community and that the public good demanded his immediate death. He was accordingly hanged in the afternoon in the presence of the assembled multitude. The crowd then dispersed.

All signs of the disturbance have now ceased. Everything was quiet on Saturday night. The other prisoners are still in jail to await further developments.

## GRAND FORKS CONVENTION.

The Pettigrew and the Hand Factions alike Disconsolate.

Special to the Alert.

YANKTON, D. T., Aug. 21.—The friends of Pettigrew and the friends of Hand are alike discouraged, as the results of Saturday's conventions clearly show that a North Dakota man will be nominated at the Grand Forks convention, if the delegations from North Dakota, as is considered probable, work harmoniously.

Pettigrew has already lost so many delegations that even his friends concede that he cannot organize the convention; so that the contests in his favor will not benefit him. It is believed that the Grand Forks convention will be the most exciting and turbulent one in the political history of Dakota.

Reports from Deadwood indicate an intensely bitter feeling between the Pettigrew and the anti-Pettigrew factions in the Black Hills. Had it not been for the police there would have been bloodshed at the county convention on Saturday. The Pettigrew delegation from Lawrence county received fifty-four votes, while the bolters numbered about twenty-five. Both delegations will appeal to the Grand Forks convention for recognition.

Reports from Grand Forks indicate an equally disorganized party in that section.

## THE NEWS ABROAD IN BRIEF.

From Saturday's Daily.

The mails are being quarantined in Texas on account of the yellow fever.

The greenbackers of Massachusetts yesterday nominated Gen. Ben. Butler for governor on the second ballot.

At Harrisonville, Ohio, the Presbyterian minister was robbed of \$5,000 by his two sons, aged 12 and 14 years. They chloroformed him.

In Chicago, yesterday, at the instance of citizens, all the lottery shops were raided; the citizens' association have determined to break up the business.

An assessor of Hyde Park, one of Chicago's suburbs, has created a sensation by asserting that he has been offered \$1,000 to reduce the assessment on the Fullman palace car company's property.

A nine-year-old girl, while out black-berrying, near Andersonville, O., yesterday, was outraged by a tramp. Great excitement prevails and there will be a lynching if the wretch is captured.

President Arthur, now in New York, yesterday gave \$200 to the Garfield memorial hospital fund.

The flow of the artesian well at Yankton yesterday increased from twenty to sixty gallons a minute.

Gen. Harrison Allen, of Pennsylvania, was sworn in yesterday, at Yankton, as U. S. marshal of Dakota.

The late Senator Ben Hill was buried yesterday afternoon at Atlanta. Twenty thousand people were on the streets to view the funeral procession.

Ferguson Brothers' hardware store at Minneapolis was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Loss, \$93,000; insured for \$48,000.

In Pennsylvania Gen. Beaver, the regular republican candidate for governor, has declined the challenge of Stewart, the Independent candidate, to a joint discussion. He says that it would only make the contest more bitter and serve to widen the breach in the party. Beaver is confident of his election.

Two thousand people are out of employment in Brownsville, owing to the yellow fever scourge. The governor of Texas applied to Washington for relief, the secretary of the treasury replied that the department would take care of hospitals and quarantine all persons but that Texas must support all persons not in the hospitals. Government tents were forwarded to Brownsville, yesterday.

A clerical scoundrel has been unearthed at Rochester, Minn. He had credentials from the Prince of Wales in the name of Rev. G. Prindence and traveled under a host of titles. He brought some seventy young men, of good families, to America, receiving \$375 for each one in his charge, on western farms. These young men, penniless and deserted in a strange land, denounced the titled person as a common scoundrel.

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