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NEWS OF THE WEEK IN EPITOME

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WASHINGTON NOTES.

If President Taft makes a trip West during the coming summer, the Twin Cities and other places in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and the Dakotas will be included in his itinerary.

Senor Carlos Garcia Velez, the new Cuban minister, has arrived from Havana. He asserted it would be his purpose to foster cordial and friendly relations between this country and Cuba.

Halstead P. Councilman of Minneapolis and G. E. Nikirk of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, are among the civilian candidates for appointments as second lieutenants in the coast artillery corps who successfully have passed the recent competitive examinations.

Congressman Steenerson has appointed Jens P. N. Bothue of Hitterdahl, Minn., a cadet to the Annapolis naval academy. Hilmer V. Kruse of Emdijh has been appointed alternate. They take the places of Ralph Leon and William H. Russell, both of Emdijh, who were appointed but failed to take the examination.

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT.

T. S. Story, chairman of the Texas railroad commission, died at Austin of heart failure, aged seventy-two years.

Mrs. Esther Wallack, widow of John Lester Wallack, actor, died in New York, aged eighty-four years.

Mrs. Macha Schlatsky, 106 years old, died at the home for the aged at New York. She is believed to have been the oldest woman in New York.

Jasper Rand, a New York millionaire, vice president of the Ingersoll-Rand Drill company, president of the Rand-Rock Powder works and a prominent club man of New York, died in a hospital in Salt Lake City.

Philip Sheridan Finn, who two and a half years ago laid out the automobile route for the Glidden tour and who for two successive years finished the Glidden tours with perfect scores, died at Atlantic City of an affection of the heart.

Joseph Peter McIntyre, chaplain of the battleship Oregon on her memorable run from the Puget sound navy yard around Cape Horn to Santiago, died at Seattle from nervous disorders resulting from services in the Spanish-American war and by shock caused by exposure after the San Francisco earthquake. He was a brother of Bishop McIntyre of St. Paul.

ACCIDENTAL HAPPENINGS.

Two workmen were killed and two injured at Los Angeles when the walls of the old county jail, on which they were working, collapsed.

Two men were instantly killed and four more are entombed as a result of an explosion in the Echo mine at Beury, Fayette county, W. Va.

Roy Farnum of Sumner, Iowa, was killed when duck hunting. The death of Farnum is the last in a long chain of accidental fatalities that wipes out his family.

Ten persons were injured when Frisco Meteor No. 9, a fast express from St. Louis to Oklahoma, left the track at Ritchey, Mo. Five coaches left the track.

Two prisoners confined in the county jail at Geneva, Neb., started a fire, supposedly by accident. One was found dead from suffocation and the other is in a serious condition.

While riding to the surface in No. 5 shaft of the Tamarack mine, at Calumet, Mich., William Polkinghorne slipped from the cage and fell a mile to instant death. He was twenty years old and unmarried.

FOREIGN.

Dispatches received at St. Petersburg from Radom, in Russian Poland, state that thirty persons have been drowned by the floods. The river Vistula has reached the highest point since 1852.

The Prussian government has published a bill providing for \$56,750,000 to be used in the construction of secondary railway, double-tracking the present lines and other railway improvements.

Members of the Krupp family authorized a denial of the rumor that Frau Halbach, daughter of the famous gunmaker of Essen, was contemplating divorce proceedings. They would not discuss the reported marital difficulties of Frau Bertha and her husband, but characterized the stories now current as "cruelly unjust."

A German wireless company has succeeded in establishing wireless communication between Berlin and Vienna with two light portable field outfits. Emperor Francis Joseph has sent a message of congratulation on the achievement.

It has been decided to permit representatives of the official press of China, as well as foreign newspaper correspondents, to witness the funeral services May 1 over the remains of the emperor and dowager empress. This is the first time the press has been recognized in this manner.

A resolution has been presented in the Paris municipal council for the adoption of fire escapes in the Paris schools similar to those in use in the United States.

In anticipation of a possible outbreak of cholera in Paris this summer and its extension to Western Europe, instructions have been issued to insure purity of water and an ample supply of disinfectant.

The duma has adopted the bill for the establishment of a Russian agricultural agency at Washington, with the object of introducing American methods and machinery into Russia. The Yekaterinesia Zovnstvo maintains such an agency in Minneapolis.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that a woman named Popova has been arrested at Samara charged with having poisoned at least 300 persons during the last thirty years. She made a business of ridding wives of their husbands for a small fee.

CRIMES.

Alex Ferguson, thirty-eight years old, has been placed under close restraint at the Northern Michigan asylum for the insane on the charge of killing Isaac Fuller, a fellow "trusty."

An unknown man, supposed to be an anarchist, created a disturbance at St. Ambrose church in Des Moines when he tried to reach the altar. It is thought he wanted to kill the priest.

Examination of the books of the office of the city registrar at Baltimore showed an apparent shortage of more than \$67,000 in the funds of that office. William F. Downs is under arrest.

In the public gardens at Boston, when the suburban rush was at its height, Lawrence R. Boyle, a newspaper man, shot and killed his wife and then turned his gun upon himself, both dying almost instantly.

A short time before the arrival of the Twentieth Century Limited on the Lake Shore railroad at Elyria, Ohio, Max Tunington found a pile of ties laid across the tracks. It is believed that tramps had planned to wreck the train.

Following the receipt of a letter threatening him with death if he did not leave \$500 in a designated spot, Fred Wolf of Youngstown, Ohio, asked a police investigation of the case. One suspect, whose name the police refuse to reveal, is held.

S. C. Pooler, chairman of the Democratic central committee of Taos county, New Mexico, and one of the most prominent Democratic politicians in New Mexico, was assassinated. George Potter is under arrest, charged with the crime. Pooler was shot down as he sat reading in the parlor of his home at Taos, his slayer firing through the window.

OTHERWISE

Lieut. Gov. M. E. Hay was sworn in as governor of Washington last week, to succeed the late Gov. Cosgrove.

Samuel L. Gilmore (Dem.) was elected to congress from the Second Louisiana district. The Republicans did not nominate a candidate.

Word has been received at Manila of the murder of Dr. W. M. Jones, the noted anthropologist, who was in the field for the Field museum of Chicago, at the town of Dumobato.

Abe Attell, featherweight champion of the world, knocked out Frankie White of Chicago in the eighth round of what was to have been a twenty round bout at Dayton, Ohio.

In the course of an address at Cincinnati, Dr. C. A. L. Reed said he was authorized to announce that President Taft would do all in his power to have established a national bureau of public health.

Reading matter for the blind is to be carried in the United States mails free of postage, "whether printed in Braille, New York point or moon type," if a bill introduced by Senator Burkett becomes a law.

A single steam shovel on the Panama canal recently removed 3,911 cubic yards of rock and earth in six hours and fifty minutes. This breaks all records for a single day's excavation by one steam shovel.

"Seventy thousand" American settlers will come to Canada this year," said Commissioner Walker of the immigration department. They will settle on 21,000 homesteads, an increase of 100 per cent over last year.

At the second day of the thirteenth annual convention of the National Dentists' association at Birmingham, Ala., pyorrhea was discussed. Some members declared that this gum trouble is more prevalent among women whose hair is made blonde by artificial means than in any other class. It is communicable by kissing.

The entire iron country of Michigan is aroused over that provision of the Payne bill placing iron ore on the free list, and mass meetings are being held all over the range. Citizens are forwarding protests to congressmen and senators, fearing a repetition of the former iron slump when food was shipped in from the copper country to keep the miners from starving.

While digging for the foundation of the new Russell Sage Memorial church at Crestwood, near Far Rockaway, workmen unearthed a casket containing the body of Tacoma, the great Indian chief, who was buried there more than 100 years ago.

In the opinion of Dana Estes, a Boston publisher who arrived in New York on the St. Louis after a 25,000 mile journey in Europe, Asia and Africa, former President Roosevelt will find hunting big game in East Africa "like shooting crows in a back yard."

FORT WORTH IS SWEEPED BY FLAMES

Carelessly Thrown Cigarette Starts Fire Which Burns Thirty-two Blocks.

LOSS, TWO MILLION DOLLARS

One Person Killed, Six Seriously Injured and 300 Families Rendered Homeless.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 6.—To a party of small boys and a carelessly thrown cigarette is generally credited the fire of Saturday, which destroyed property in South Fort Worth valued at \$2,000,000, caused the death of one person, the serious injury of six others, rendered 300 families homeless and will cause the temporary idleness of several hundred workmen employed in manufacturing plants and business houses burned.

The burned district is under the guard of state troops to prevent looting. Although worn out by their continuous labor, the entire fire-fighting force of the city still is engaged in extinguishing the burning embers which, with the wind still high, spasmodically springs into a blaze.

Fire Started by Boys.—The boys are said to have started the fire by dropping their cigarettes into straw. The flames spread quickly, and the local department, realizing that the fire would be a big one, telegraphed for aid to Dallas, thirty-two miles away, and to Waco and Weatherford.

So rapidly did the flames spread that people living within a radius of three blocks of the place of origin had no time to save anything except the clothing they wore. The fire, which started at Jennings avenue and Peter-smith street, in a fashionable residence district, was not checked until dynamite was resorted to, four hours later.

A stiff wind was blowing and the heat was so intense that the firemen were driven back as the fire advanced. Several times they were forced to abandon their hose lines and several thousand feet of hose were burned.

Burn Thirty-two Blocks.—The flames, spreading to the south, burned through thirty-two blocks and continued until they had swept through the yards of the Texas & Pacific railroad, destroying the railroad buildings and a large amount of rolling stock where the fire practically burned itself out.

The burned area is approximately a mile and a half in length and a half mile wide.

Today, it is declared, plans will be made to rebuild the fire-wrecked district. Yesterday morning citizens named relief committees. However, because the burned residence district was populated largely by those in comfortable circumstances, monetary relief needed will be small.

WAITER WINS MARATHON.

Little French "Dark Horse" Beats Dorando, Hayes and Other Crackers. New York, April 5.—Henri St. Yves, a funny little French waiter, with the shortest legs ever seen on a runner, scuttled away with the greatest Marathon race of the year Saturday, laps and laps in front of the men who were regarded as the best distance runners in the world. Finishing with a tremendous sprint, the little known carried the Miles of France under the wire five minutes ahead of the Italian, Dorando Pietri, and nine minutes ahead of the gritty little American, Johnny Hayes. Fourth money went to Matt Mahoney, whose time was not taken. Longboat, the Indian, favorite, and choice of the "wise" contingent, collapsed at the end of his nineteenth mile, and just as the crack of the pistol signaled the beginning of the winner's last mile Alfred Shrubb, the English representative, staggered off the track and gave up the race. He was in third place when forced to quit.

FARMERS' ELEVATOR BURNS.

Fire at Vermillion Believed to Be Incendiary.

Vermillion, S. D., April 6.—The farmers' elevator here, filled with 10,000 bushels of grain, burned yesterday morning. The fire seems to have been of incendiary origin, as a large pile of kerosene had been placed under the elevator and soaked with kerosene.

Organize "Auto Chasers."

New York, April 6.—The recent wholesale maiming and killing of pedestrians by reckless chauffeurs running their cars at an excess speed through the city streets culminated yesterday in the organization of a special squad of "auto chasers" by Police Commissioner Bingham.

Fort Dead; Poison in Pocket.

Fort Dodge, Iowa, April 6.—W. B. Schoonover, sixty years old, was found dead in a room at the Delone hotel at Lehigh. He had been drinking, and a bottle of strychnine pills was found on his person, though nothing indicated suicide.

City Father Charged With Theft.

Stamford, Conn., April 6.—Charged with stealing milk, Thomas A. Brennan, a member of the common council, elected on a reform ticket, was arrested here yesterday.

FOUR FALL IN GENERAL FIGHT

Members of Good Citizens' League in Fight With Men Drinking on Houseboat.

Wellsville, Ohio, April 6.—Four persons were injured in a pistol duel and general fight yesterday between members of the Good Citizens' league and men who had been drinking on a houseboat anchored in the Ohio river sixty feet from Wellsville, but in West Virginia jurisdiction.

While the West Virginia line comes to the Ohio side of the river, the Ohio authorities have been claiming jurisdiction over the sale of liquor close to the shore, until a decision last week by Judge W. W. Hole at Lisbon gave undisputed right to sell liquor in boats sixty feet from the Ohio shore without interference by Ohio authorities. A boat, said to have been well stocked with liquors, arrived here early yesterday morning and anchored sixty feet from shore. During the day skiffs and small boats were busy plying between the shore and the boat with passengers, while the shore was lined with men. When William Renoff passed the place it was thought he was taking names of those around the boat, and Frank Geisse, it is said, knocked Renoff down and beat him severely. He slashed back with a knife and both were arrested. A little later Dr. Barnes, knowing nothing of the former fight, passed the same place and members of the gang stopped him. Zoellers and Davidson are said to have thrown stones at him. Dr. Barnes is said to have drawn a revolver and shot both of them.

E. A. HITCHCOCK IS VERY ILL.

Former Secretary of the Interior Is in Critical Condition.

Washington, April 6.—Ethan Allen Hitchcock, former secretary of the interior, is critically ill at the home of his son-in-law, Commander W. S. Sims, U. S. N., and grave fears for his recovery are entertained. Mr. Hitchcock has been confined to his bed for the last two weeks, suffering from heart and kidney trouble. He has had several sinking spells in the last few days.

THE MARKETS.

Latest Quotations From Grain and Live Stock Centers.

St. Paul, April 6.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, \$1.17 1/8@1.17 3/8; No. 1 Northern, \$1.16 1/8@1.16 3/8; No. 2 Northern, \$1.14 1/8@1.14 3/8. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 61@61 1/4. Oats—No. 2 white, 50 3/8@51 7/8.

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Duluth, April 6.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, \$1.16 3/4; No. 1 Northern, \$1.15 3/4; No. 2 Northern, \$1.13 3/4. Corn—No. 2 white, 50 5/8.

Chicago, April 6.—Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.25 1/2@1.28 1/4; No. 2 hard, \$1.18 1/2@1.21 1/4. Oats—No. 2 white, 51@54 3/4. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 66@66 1/4.

Milwaukee, April 6.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.18 1/2@1.19; No. 2 Northern, \$1.16 1/2@1.17 1/2. Barley—Standard, 67 1/2.

Chicago, April 6.—Cattle—Beeves, \$4.60@7.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@5.40; cows and heifers, \$1.90@5.70. Hogs—Bulk, \$6.50@6.75. Sheep—Natives, \$3.15@5.65; lambs, \$5.50@7.65.

Sioux City, Iowa, April 6.—Cattle—Beeves, \$4.75@5.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.85@5; calves and yearlings, \$3.50@4.45. Hogs—Range, \$6.30@6.60.

South St. Paul, April 6.—Cattle—Grain-fed steers, \$5@6.25; cows and heifers, \$4@5; veal calves, \$6.75@6.50; good to choice stock steers, \$3.75@4.25. Hogs—Bulk, \$6.35@6.40. Sheep—Yearlings, \$6@6.85; spring lambs, \$6@6.85.

Unknown Schooner Meets Disaster. Boston, April 6.—Tidings of disaster to an unknown schooner at sea were brought to port yesterday by the Dominion company steamer Dominion, from Louisville, C. B. About 200 miles east of Boston light the steamer passed the lower mast and topmast of a large vessel. The spars were sticking out of the water and apparently was attached to a sunken hull.

Faces Serious Charge.

Washington, April 6.—Charged with obtaining \$60,000 under false pretenses when engaged in business at Boise, Idaho, Roy M. Wright, a railway postal clerk, said to be a member of a prominent Kentucky family, was arrested in this city yesterday at the request of Boise authorities.

Cervera Dead; Spain Mourns.

Madrid, April 6.—Admiral Cervera, who commanded the Spanish fleet, which was sunk off Santiago harbor, Cuba, in July, 1898, died Saturday night after a long illness. The nation will provide all honors in the burial of its war hero.

Steal Dentist's Gold Filling.

Columbus, Ohio, April 6.—Discovery was made yesterday that two sales in the office of H. G. Fitzgerald & Co., dentists, had been picked by professionals and robbed of gold filling material, said to be worth \$2,300.

Black Hand Members Caught.

Max-Mester, Okla., April 6.—Three Italians, alleged members of the Black Hand, were arrested here last night, charged with dynamiting Joseph Nellis' store at Krebs, Okla., on March 20.

NAPLES EAGER TO GREET ROOSEVELT

Cabin of Steamer Which Will Carry Him to Africa Is Loaded With Flowers.

REMEMBRANCE FROM KAISER

Party of Ladies Plan to Strew Path of Former President With Roses—Stay to Be Short.

Naples, April 6.—The steamship Admiral, which is to carry ex-President Roosevelt to Mombasa, is lying in the harbor, decorated with flags. The special quarters set aside for Mr. Roosevelt and his party are showing evidences of the welcome which awaits him. Numerous gifts of flowers for the distinguished American have already been sent to the ship, and today the remembrance of the German emperor, in the shape of great masses of carnations, typical of the German colors, will be placed in Mr. Roosevelt's cabin.

Tender Official Greeting. The Hamburg is expected here some time near to the hour of noon, and the former president will be greeted on board by representatives of the city council, who will extend to him an official greeting, and a party of ladies, who will literally strew his path with roses. The German consul general will extend the personal greetings of the emperor, and Ambassador Griscom will represent the hundreds of Americans who have gathered at Naples and who would like to meet the former president personally, but who will probably not have an opportunity.

American yachts in the harbor, of which there are several, have their flags and bunting ready to dress ship on the first appearance of the Hamburg, but police precautions will be made stringent, and service boats will keep all craft at a distance.

No Program Arranged. Mr. Roosevelt will probably not remain on board the Hamburg long after its arrival, as he will doubtless wish to make the most of the few hours of his stay at Naples. No fixed program has been arranged, as in all probability the ex-president will have decided views as to what he wishes to do. It is thought, however, that he will go directly to the Hotel Londres, where apartments were originally engaged for him by Carow West Roosevelt, who is stopping there. Later Mr. Roosevelt will have luncheon with the duke and duchess of Aosta, and it thought will visit the museum and aquarium.

WILL HEAR KAUFMAN TRIAL.

Judge Rice Will Preside at Brewer's Wife's Second Hearing. Deadwood, S. D., April 6.—Owing to the fact that Judge Jones of Sioux Falls is disqualified and Judge Smith has been promoted to the supreme bench, William G. Rice, judge of the eighth circuit, of this city, has been asked to preside at the second trial of Mrs. Moses Kaufman, wife of the millionaire Sioux Falls brewer who is charged with the murder of her servant girl, Agnes Polreis, a year ago. The trial will be held at Flandreau June 1. Judge Rice has accepted.

MUST CAPTURE CRAZY SNAKE.

Militia Ordered to Remain in Field Until Chief is Caught. Hickory Grounds, Okla., April 6.—Col. Hoffman, in command of the state troops hunting Crazy Snake and his troublesome Snake Indians, received orders last night from Gov. Haskell to remain in the field until he captured the chief. Col. Hoffman had planned to break camp today.

A scouting party led by Jim Starr, a full-blooded Indian and a member of the Creek council, is thought to be close on the trail of Crazy Snake.

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL.

Computery Education to Be Urged Before Manitoba's Legislature. Winnipeg, April 6.—The school board will endeavor to secure from the provincial parliament at the next session legislation providing for the compulsory education of children till they are fifteen years old. It is stated that newspapers, telegraph companies and merchants are employing small boys who should be attending school.

FREED OF SAFE BURGLARY.

Former Denver Politician and Wife Acquitted at Deadwood. Deadwood, S. D., April 6.—After a sensational trial in the circuit court here a jury acquitted Jerry Johnson and his wife of burglarizing a safe in a department store here in broad daylight. Johnson was formerly a politician in Denver.

Killed While Boarding Train.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, April 6.—Kenneth English, a junior in the Marion high school, while attempting late Saturday afternoon to board a moving freight train, lost his footing and was struck on the head by a car and received injuries from which he died.

\$1,000,000 Fire in Chile.

Santiago, Chile, April 6.—A serious fire in the Cale Huerfano destroyed the cable office before the flames could be got under control. The losses are placed at \$1,000,000.

PRAIRIE FIRE LOSS \$100,000

Loss of Flames Eight Miles Long Swept Through Six Townships in South Dakota.

Ipswich, S. D., April 6.—A prairie fire, driven by a strong wind, started about four miles southeast of Roscoe yesterday and swept over parts of Montpelier, Liberty, Powell and Vermont townships in Edmunds county, and two townships in Faulk county, covering a strip ten to fifteen miles wide.

School houses, farm houses, barns, granaries, hay and live stock, valued at over \$100,000, were destroyed. A farmer burning an old strawstack without proper protection started the fire. The state fire marshal is expected to take the matter up today.

When the fire crossed the Faulk county line it was eight miles wide. A high wind prevailed and the flames in spots jumped plowed ground ten rods in width. No loss of life is reported.

ASSYRIAN CHARGES FRAUD.

Accused Sioux Falls Banker of Receiving Deposit Unlawfully. Sioux Falls, S. D., April 6.—Christian G. Leye, for years one of the most prominent business men of Sioux Falls, will have a preliminary hearing Tuesday on the charge of having received deposits while cashier of the Central Banking and Trust company, knowing the institution to be insolvent. The banking company closed its doors early last year. The plaintiff in the action against the former cashier is a member of the local Assyrian colony, who charges in his complaint that Cashier Leye, on Jan. 11, 1908, accepted from him a deposit of \$421.73.

LID TO GO ON CROOKSTON.

Civic League Action Results in Order to the Police. Crookston, Minn., April 6.—The city attorney issued instructions to the chief of police Saturday afternoon which, if followed out, undoubtedly will clean out the "red light" district. Chief Eck says that he will carry out the instructions to the letter and has detailed certain members of the police department to keep the houses under constant surveillance. The complaint against the places has been lodged with the city attorney by members of the Civic league. This move probably will be followed by others which will clean up the city and put the lid on tight.

TWO WIVES; SETS SELF AFIRE.

Alleged Bigamist Attempts Suicide in Cell. Ottumwa, Iowa, April 6.—Frank J. Moriarty, for twenty-five years a traveling man of Ottumwa, was arrested here on a charge of bigamy. He later attempted suicide by setting his clothing afire when in the city jail awaiting Des Moines officers. Moriarty married Miss Mayne Mullen of Ottumwa fourteen years ago. While still living with her, it is alleged, he married Mrs. Jennie Linden of Des Moines. Moriarty is now in a hospital, but it is thought he will recover.

EARL RICE KILLED.

Minneapolis Man Electrocutted While at Work. Osceola, Wis., April 6.—Earl Rice, a former Osceola boy and late of Minneapolis, was killed Saturday afternoon west of Scandia. Rice and his helper were placing a lightning arrester on one of the steel towers for the General Electric company, and the men were on the top of the fifty-foot tower when Rice and his helper both received a heavy shock from the electric current. Rice fell to the ground and never regained consciousness, dying at 7 p. m.

Coal Gas Is Fatal.

St. Paul, April 6.—Christian Brumer, aged ninety-one, is dead, and his wife is in a dying condition as a result of coal gas poisoning. A neighbor becoming alarmed at the silence of the aged couple broke open a door yesterday and found the old man dead and the wife barely alive. The death was caused by gas escaping from the open door of a coal stove in the sleeping room. Yesterday was Mr. Brumer's ninety-first birthday.

Killed While After a Thief.

Minneapolis, April 6.—While in close pursuit of a stranger who, he believed, had just stolen \$80 from him, Moses Morrow of Staples, Minn., jumped from the Northern Pacific coast train as it pulled into the Minneapolis union station and, falling, sustained injuries from which he died at the city hospital.

Week of Fires at Minot.

Minot, N. D., April 6.—Three fires in five days seems to be a record for the Magic City, the third conflagration occurring Saturday night, when a residence in the western part of the city was destroyed. The fire is supposed to have been the work of incendiaries.

Dependent Lover Suicides.

Butterfield, Minn., April 6.—Disappointed in a love affair, Wilbur Head, a young man twenty-three years of age, committed suicide by firing a bullet into his brain at the S. W. Burns farmhouse, ten miles north of here.

Three Robberies at Ipswich.

Ipswich, S. D., April 6.—Robbers Saturday night broke into a pool room, restaurant and hardware store at Ipswich, securing a sum of money in each place ranging from \$12 to \$20. No arrests have been made.

IS BIG BONANZA FOR THE FARMERS

Patten's Corner on May Wheat Means Wealth for Growers of Grain.

IT AMOUNTS TO \$37,800,000

Figures Show 140,000,000 Bushels of Grain on Hand at 27 Cents Over Normal.

Chicago, April 6.—Over \$37,000,000 has been put into the pockets of the farmers of the United States by the spectacular deal in May wheat which James A. Patten and his associates are carrying on in the Chicago board of trade. To be exact the figures are \$37,800,000. These figures are arrived at in the following manner.

Best estimates of the amount of wheat now on the farms, in the granaries and bins of the men who plant, cultivate, reap and thresh the grain is 140,000,000 bushels in the United States.

During the week that has just ended prices of May wheat on the Chicago board of trade ranged from \$1.22 1/4 a bushel to \$1.18. These prices are abnormal. They are the highest touched by May wheat since the famous "Joe" Letter corner in 1895. The price of May wheat now is at least 27 cents a bushel higher than it would have been had not the great bul movement of the "king of the pit," Patten, been inaugurated.

With these figures—140,000,000 bushels and 27 cents as a basis of calculation—the figure \$37,800,000 is easy.

Every One Is "Bull Crazy."

On the Chicago board of trade—to use the language of one of the biggest operators—"every one is bull crazy." Never in the history of the wheat pit has there existed such a condition of affairs as holds at the present time. Never has there been such a wild scramble to buy, buy, buy, and then buy some more. May wheat or July wheat, it matters not; it all looks alike to the frenzied crowd which wants a line of wheat in anticipation of a rise in prices of the commodity. "It's going up and up and up. Get aboard the band wagon," is the cry. James A. Patten, out of his long line of May wheat Saturday, just to keep the price from skyrocketing and from going to too high a figure, dumped 1,000,000 bushels of May wheat into the pit.

Gobbled Up by the