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Governor Ordway of Dakota, has issued an order designating Bismarck as the capital of Dakota pending final judgment on the quo warranto case and ordering the territorial officers to remove from Yankton thither. It is said the order will be disobeyed by the officers and what complications may arise from the existing strong sectional feeling cannot be predicted. The governor professes to stand in bodily fears of assassination. He says the falsehoods that are being circulated about him from South Dakota are liable to arouse some Guiteau to strike him down, and last winter during the legislation for the removal of the capital he received several threatening letters. He also says that he does not own a foot of land in Bismarck or Burleigh county and offers to bet that no one can prove that he does.

W. P. Lambdin, a Fargo civil engineer, has published in the New York Sun a statement inveighing strongly against the National Park Improvement Company. His specific charges are that the company refused to pay him for surveying a town-site at the end of the Park branch; that the company has no credit at the Livingston and Miles City banks; that laborers are induced to come there on promise of liberal wages and then forced to work for a bare sustenance; and that under its management the Park is a scene of violence and rapine. The St. Paul Pioneer-Press takes cognizance of the charges and has interviewed regarding them Mr. John Douglass of Minneapolis, a member of the Improvement company. Mr. Douglass denies them in toto, characterizing most of them as positively false.

Mr. Lambdin's charges are serious, and published through such a widely-circulated medium as the New York Sun, will do the company a serious mischief. The first regarding the refusal to pay him for his services probably contains an element of truth, perhaps is entirely true. He would hesitate a long while before taking the serious course of telegraphing to a New York paper, and the paper would hesitate to publish it, were it not near the mark. He made the same statement to one of the western papers and it appeared in the ENTERPRISE some time ago. As to how the Improvement Company's credit may now stand with Livingston banks we do not know, but there was a time and not very long ago when its paper was not considered in Livingston a very safe investment. Of the violation of promises to laborers we know nothing. The company has had difficulties with its mechanics and laborers on at least one occasion but we should not consider that one instance a good ground upon which to base the allegation set forth. That the Park has been "fraught with violence and rapine," is a charge greatly overdrawn. Crimes have been committed there during the past summer though not nearly so many as might have been expected, considering the fact that the Park is practically beyond the jurisdiction of any court or officer. Such offenses as have been committed have mostly gone unpunished and it is useless to deny that in the minds of many tourists they have been exaggerated both in number and importance. We hope, however, that by another season much needed legislation will have placed the Park within the jurisdiction of some Montana court competent to speedily arrest and punish offenders. The circulation of these charges is an unfortunate circumstance for the company, especially as they cannot be fully denied and no one cares to take up the cudgels in its favor. The National Park improvement company was born under a cloud, and its active life has not done much to remove the stigma. The non-resident stockholders are probably blameless, but its local managers have somehow failed to instil popular confidence near the scene of their work.

No little interest is felt in Helena and Butte in the railroad conference for some days in progress at San Francisco. The result of the meeting will determine, among other things, whether the third rail agreement of last year between the Northern and Union Pacific will be carried into effect. There is a hitch thus far in the matter of the interchange of freights. The third rail project we think will be abandoned. It is pretty generally expected that the Northern Pacific will

build an independent track to Butte, and the Utah & Northern come into Helena in the same manner.—Herald.

On Tuesday night, at Helena, Robert Davison assaulted P. O. Hammer with a heavy bolt of iron, inflicting painful wounds. He is now under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon.

The Assinaboines and Gros Ventres, who met Senator Vest and Delegate Maginnis a few days ago, took kindly to the proposition to open a portion of that reservation and were pleased with the idea of getting cattle, horses and farming implements in payment for their lands. The result of the council was satisfactory to both sides and will result in the reservation being cut down.

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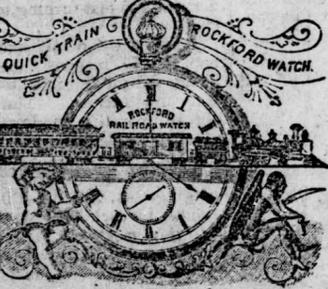
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