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FOREST CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

A coster stopped outside a chemist's shop with a rather recalcitrant moke. "Mister," said the pearly one, "can you give that 'ere animal sumfink to make 'im gee-whiz? 'E won't move for nuts." The man of poisons smiled, went inside, and brought out a large bottle of liquid ammonia. He withdrew the stopper and placed the neck of the vessel underneath the tired one's nasal organ. One long, deep sniff, and one gasp of twenty ass-power, then off galloped Neddy, as though his satanic majesty was after him with a thick stick. The coster, in stupefaction, gazed at the rapidly retreating form of his asinine friend, then anxiously inquired of the chemist: "Say, cockie, is that 'ere stuff expensive?" "No," responded the gentleman designated by that facetious title. "Then git a move on yer, an' give us two sniffs. I've got to watch that 'ere moke!"—Birmingham Post.

In one of the chief watchmaking establishments in Zurich there is to be seen a remarkable curiosity in the way of watch or clock making. The timepiece is in the form of a ball, which moves imperceptibly down an inclined surface, without rolling. The length of this inclined surface, which is sixteen inches long, is accomplished from top to bottom in twenty-four hours. Then the "ball" only needs lifting to the top again. This extraordinary timepiece has no spring, and therefore needs no winding. The "hands" are kept in motion by the sliding along an inclined plane.—London Globe.

J. Pierpont Morgan was an active figure at the annual convention of the New York Protestant Episcopal diocese recently. The day was a trifle cool, and Mr. Morgan wore an overcoat worth $100. When the session came to an end Mr. Morgan left in a hurry and did not discover until an hour or so later that he had carried off some other man's coat—a rather shabby-looking affair it was, too. The only thing he could find in the pockets was a well-chewed toothpick. The owner has not yet claimed the property.

Chief Justice Lore of Delaware, who has taken such a decided stand against lynching, is opposed to capital punishment. "I would not take life for the commission of crime," he says, "but would put the criminal under such restraint as would protect the people and give him the full measure of his day to work out such penitence and reformation as all good influences might produce. Life is too sacred and too holy a thing to be taken. I would grant life so long as God spared each one of his creatures."

The eldest daughter of Secretary Shaw will be introduced to society during the coming Washington season, in which Mrs. Shaw, it is thought, will be among the most energetic of hostesses. She has reared her daughters carefully, and neither of them has seen anything of the gay Washington life. "A girl can't study and attend dinners and balls. It's one thing or t'other, and I prefer the girls who knows something," she says.

An impressive figure is that of John Sparks, the present democratic governor of Nevada. He is over six feet tall, has gray hair and mustache and a ruddy complexion, and, with the heart of a lion, is one of the most retiring and mild-mannered men. A Texan by birth, he drove cattle for many years from that state to the northwest. Now he is rated at over a million, his property including cattle, land, mining and bank stocks.

The royal family of Sweden is a thrifty one. It has a civil list of very nearly a half million dollars from Norway and Sweden, and in addition the king has a little more than $82,000 a year from the fund voted to King Carl XIV. and his successors. At the same time his majesty has palaces both in the city and country, in Sweden and Norway, and he owns stock in many undertakings.

Bishop Leighton Coleman of the Episcopal diocese of Delaware has just concluded one of his annual tramping tours. This time he walked something over 200 miles through the mountains of Virginia and North Carolina, and returns considerably improved in physicial condition. He traveled incognito, attired in rough garb and had a number of amusing experiences, being generally taken for a genuine tramp.

Before long a motor car will be running on the so-called roads in Uganda. Mr. George Wilson, the deputy commissioner of that protectorate, who is on his way back from England to Africa, is taking with him a 25-horse power motor, which he intends to make use of on his tours of inspection throughout Uganda. There are now nearly 600 miles of roads in that country good enough to run a motor on.

At a political meeting in New York last week a Tammany man named Delancy was one of the orators. Speaking of certain men whose names are often seen in print, he was about to say that they were fond of newspaper notoriety, but instead, said "newspaperiety." The new word has "caught on" and on several subsequent occasions has been used to convey the same idea.

Visitor—Your son seems a very quiet sort of chap. Farmer—Comparatively speakin' he has always been so. He has had his share of fights, has took part in four er five lynchin's, has been out with th' boys several times at charivaris, but he's been, as I said, comparatively quiet and law-abidin'. He's never been t' college nowhere.

The constitution of Tennessee provides that, whereas ministers of the gospel are by their profession dedicated to God and the care of souls, and ought not to be diverted from the great duties of their functions, therefore, no minister of the gospel or priest of any denomination whatever, shall be eligible to a seat in either house of the legislature.

A pair of burglars in New York broke into a barber shop and found, besides other things, a first-class violin. One of the cracksmen being musically inclined, paused in his professional duties long enough to play. A policeman interrupted the midnight sonata, and the distressing details of the sequel were given before a police judge.

"And now," whispered the lover, as he tucked her in his arms, "what shall we do about the rope ladder? We shouldn't leave it hanging there." "Don't worry about it," replied the maiden. "Papa said he would pull it in tomorrow, as we couldn't get back."

In 1849 there was not one mile of railroad in Wisconsin, Minnesota or Florida, and scarcely one west of the Mississippi river. Texas in 1845 had the area of the country now with without a railway.

LAY CORNER STONE OF NEW CHURCH

German Catholic Church Now in Course of Construction at Aberdeen.

ALSO DEDICATE CHURCH

German Evangelical Lutheran Church Consecrated With Much Ceremony—Three Churches in Aberdeen.

Aberdeen, S. D., Oct. 21.—The laying of the cornerstone of the new German Catholic church in Aberdeen took place Sunday afternoon with impressive ceremonies, conducted by Rev. Dean Mensing, Rev. Father O'Hora and Rev. Father Keane. The occasion was especially notable from the fact that this is the first instance in South Dakota where the second Catholic church has been established. The structure will cost about $6,000. Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic church here cost, with the priest's residence adjacent, something over $20,000.

The third Lutheran church to be built in Aberdeen was also dedicated with much ceremony. This church is known as the German Evangelical Lutheran church; another is Zion's German Lutheran church, and the largest of the denomination is the Norwegian Lutheran church.

DENOUNCE BOARD'S ACTION.

Canton Merchants May Resist Raising of County Assessments.

Canton, S. D., Oct. 21.—The merchants of this city and county are preparing to resist the action of the state board of equalization who recently raised the county assessment on goods and merchandise 65 per cent. The merchants will resist on the ground that the equalization makes the tax too high and is therefore unjust. A meeting has been held and a committee appointed to make a full investigation of the situation and attorneys are being consulted with a view to taking action at an early date. It is thought probable that the matter will be carried into the courts.

Hon. H. J. Frank of Sioux Falls and Captain H. H. DeLong of this city left here yesterday for Chicago, where they go to attend a reunion of the famous Thirty-ninth Illinois infantry, of which they are the only remaining survivors residing in this state. The reunion will be held there next week and it is expected that practically all the old boys who were members of it and are yet alive will be there.

Hon. A. B. Carlson, in behalf of the local law firm of Cuthbert & Carlson, has left for Norway for the purpose of looking after the interests of some of the heirs in a large estate.

INJURED BY FALL.

Miss Eva Bankson, a Teacher, Suffered Concussion of Brain.

Aberdeen, S. D., Oct. 21.—Miss Eva Bankson, a teacher in the public schools of the city, was so badly hurt from a fall on a cement sidewalk that she is suffering concussion of the brain. A new section of walk had been put in and wires stretched at its ends to prevent people from walking on it. No light was put out to serve as a warning, and in the dark Miss Bankson ran into the wire while walking rapidly down the street. She was thrown to the walk and rendered unconscious, lying in that condition for several minutes, until discovered by some ladies who were passing the same way.

Thomas Ray of Winnipeg, Man., and Miss Charlotte Smiley of Helena, Mont., were married in this city, having met here for that purpose. Ray, who is connected with the Hudson Bay company, has been living at Big Stone long enough to gain a residence, it is said, and was recently divorced from a former wife, after which Miss Smiley came on from Montana for the wedding. They left this morning for Denver, where a visit will be made before they take up their home in Winnipeg.

Has a Car Famine.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 21.—According to reports which have been received from some of the smaller towns in this part of the state, the grain dealers are experiencing difficulty in securing cars fast enough to keep their elevators clear for the receipt of grain brought in by farmers. At Wentworth for several days grain came in in such quantities that the buyers could not handle it. Had they been able to get cars this would not have been the case. After they had filled all available space they were compelled to cease buying grain. About the time the elevators were full th market began to fall and when grain had dropped several cents a bushel they began to receive cars, and, as a result, were compelled to ship at a low price grain that had been purchased at a high price.

Funds for Monument.

Canton, S. D., Oct. 21.—The subscription lists which were recently started out for the purpose of soliciting funds for a $4,000 monument to be erected in the court house square in this city to the memory of the soldiers of the civil war are being freely signed by all classes and it is probable that the necessary amount will be raised with little difficulty. The monument is to be completed within the next year.

Injured in Explosion.

Ethan, S. D., Oct. 21.—Robert Coyne, while making some repairs on his traction engine met with a serious accident. He was melting lead for a soft plug and in som eway the hot metal came in contact with water causing an explosion; the hot lead was thrown into his face and eyes, burning him badly. A physician was called and hopes are entertained of his complete recovery.

Off With Dowie.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 21.—South Dakota is not without representation in the Dowie crusade to New York city, the representatives being M. H. Diebold and his daughter, Miss Myrtle, who were formerly well known residents of Big Stone. They became members of Dowie's Zion a short time ago, and, so far as known, are the only converts from this state who have cast their fortunes with the Dowie organization.

Iowans at Big Show.

Kansas City, Oct. 19.—The fifth annual American Royal Cattle show opened here today with nearly 5,000 cattle, 400 sheep, 300 swine and 300 thoroughbred Angora goats on exhibition. The show is the greatest ever held here. A party of students from Ames college, of Iowa, is here to study the various breeds

FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

Sioux Falls Hack Driver Said to Have Impersonated an Officer.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 22.—The authorities of this county have caused the arrest of Marion Wamsley, a hack driver, who, it is alleged, assisted Mrs. Florence Wendell, of Minneapolis, to get her two infant children out of the state of South Dakota after she had outwitted her husband, a resident of Sioux Falls, and secured possession of them. He is charged with impersonating an officer.

Wamsley denies that he in any manner impersonated an officer. While it apparently is true that what purported to be an order for the mother of Mr. Wamsley, who had charge of the children, to appear in a local court was served on that lady, Wamsley declares he had nothing whatever to do with it.

It is thought he will have no difficulty in proving his innocence, as during the kidnaping he is alleged to have acted strictly in accordance with the instructions of an attorney whom Mrs. Wendell had previously consulted. Wamsley's preliminary examination will be held next Monday.

An interesting incident in connection with the kidnaping which has not heretofore been alluded to in Sioux Falls dispatches in reference to the visit of Mrs. Wendell, was the fact that the telephone in the boarding house where the children lived with their father and his mother, refused to work, and Mr. Wendell, who was in another part of the city, could not be notified for some time that the children had been carried away.

INJURED AT PLAY.

Fourteen-Year-Old Boy Dead as Result of Rough Game at School.

Vermillion, S. D., Oct. 22.—The 14-year-old son of Pat Manan died yesterday after suffering intense pain for forty-eight hours. The young lad was playing at school, when the accident occurred which resulted in his death. The scholars were enjoying a tug-of-war, and in the pull young Mahan fell backwards, striking on his head. He was taken home in a critical condition, dying two days afterwards.

Funeral services were held at Garryowen this forenoon, where interment also took place.

COLONEL WOOD DIVORCED.

Well Known Kansas City Man Granted a Decree by Judge Bennett.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 22.—Notwithstanding that every effort has been made to keep the matter from reaching the public, it has been ascertained that Colonel Willis Wood, a prominent Kansas City man is among the latest to receive a South Dakota divorce.

The decree was granted by Judge Bennett, of the Third judicial district, on the grounds of abandonment and cruelty. For about a year Wood has made his home in South Dakota, a part of the time at Deadwood and the remainder in Sioux Falls, having reacehd here last July from Deadwood.

The recipient of the divorce is supposed to have gone to the Black Hills to look after mining interests preliminary to returning to Kansas City, where the knowledge that he had come to South Dakota for a divorce is reported to have caused a great sensation.

Colonel Wood is owner of the opera house bearing his name at Kansas City, as well as another place of amusement there. He is also the owner of a large Kansas City hotel. He is a lover of fine horses, and had a fast stepper with him during his residence in Sioux Falls.

Found Dead Among Rubbish.

Vermillion, S. D., Oct. 22.—Coroner Howard was called to Pleasant Valley township to investigate the death of a man named Ira A. Smith, who was found on a rubbish pile near his home. Deceased was a hard drinker and the effects of the poison resulted in heart failure. He had evidently been dead for hours when found, as the body was cold. Smith was well liked in his home community, and but for the liquor habit would have been a prosperous and happy man.

Death of W. J. Heckart.

Hot Springs, S. D., Oct. 22.—W. J. Heckart, contractor for the grading of the National Sanitarium at this place, died suddenly of heart disease, leaving a wife and four children. His home was recently in Deadwood.

Class in Geology in Hills.

Rapid City, S. D., Oct. 22.—The class of geology in the state school of mines is in the badlands of South Dakota studying the formations and gathering fossils. There are forty in the class, under the direction of Dr. C. C. O'Hara, instructor of the class. The party is well equipped for several days' work in the field.

Iowa Pastor to South Dakota.

Hot Springs, S. D., Oct. 22.—Rev. P. M. Smock of Waverly, Ia., has accepted a call from the Baptist church of this place and will arrive this week with his family to take charge of his new duties.

Rev. J. B. Long of Norfolk, Neb., has taken charge of the Congregational church of this place. Mr. Long was the pastor of this church several years ago, but left it to go east, where he had charge of a church at Woods Hole, Mass., for a couple of years, after which he came west again. Mr. and Mrs. Long were very popular during their stay in Hot Springs and will receive a warm welcome when they return. Mrs. E. E. Bailey of Sioux City, who has been the guest of Mrs. Fred T. Evans for the past two weeks, is being very much entertained during her visit with dinners, teas and luncheons. Mrs. Bailey expects to leave in a few days for home.

Barn Destroyed by Fire.

Bridgewater, S. D., Oct. 22.—The large barn on the Charley Johnson farm, four miles northeast of town, was totally destroyed by fire, together with 1,800 bushels of grain, hay, farm tools, etc., entailing a total loss of $2,500, on which $900 insurance was carried. The origin of the fire is unknown.

ARRESTED FOR STEALING

Milwaukee Employes at Yankton Have Been Robbing Company.

Yankton, S. D., Oct. 21.—M. M. Wright, night operator, and Charles Ferber, truck man, at the Milwauke depot here have ben discharged by that company today. They were arrested at once and fined $50 each for stealing dry goods, groceries, cigars, etc. This thieving has extended over a year and it is estimated that over $800 worth of goods were taken. Exposure came through agoad detective. Other parties were implicated but the company would not prosecute them. Stolen goods were sold to peddlers.

INDUSTRY LAUNCHED AT DEADWOOD

A Fine Quality of Pressed Brick Being Manufactured of Whitewood Sand.

USE MASSIVE MACHINERY

From Present Indications the Company Will Be Successful, as Many Advance Orders Are Now Being Received.

Deadwood, S. D., Oct. 23.—The new plant of the Deadwood Pressed Brick company in Deadwood has been started. Thomas Whittaker of Deadwood and Mr. Scott and others of Sioux Falls are the principal owners. The brick are to be manufactured out of the sand of Whitewood creek by a patent process, and according to numerous tests made upon them will be of superior quality for building purposes.

The sand is mixed mechanically with a small amount of lime, 4 or 5 per cent., to which water is added in sufficient quantities. The material is then delivered to a large brick press where enormous pressure is applied in the moulding. The brick as they come from the press are loaded onto iron cars, each carrying 1,000 brick. When a number of these cars have been loaded the train is shoved into a hardening cylinder, which is in reality a massive steel chamber, and steam is turned on under a pressure of 120 pounds to the square inch. The brick remain here from six to twelve hours and are then ready for immediate use. The entire process of manufacturing and curing the brick does not require more than ten or twelve hours and it is expected that the plant in Deadwood will produce from 18,000 to 20,000 brick per day.

The company has already received a large number of orders in advance for its brick and expects to find a ready market for its entire product.

WELL PAYING FARM.

Albert Albees' Will More Than Pay Half Price of Farm in a Year.

Canton, S. D., Oct. 23.—The most remarkable case of big crops in South Dakota has developed in the eastern part of Turner county. Albert Albees, who came to that locality a year or two ago from southern Illinois and settled in the vicinity of Chancellor, purchased a farm of 160 acres for $54 per acre. Mr. Albees' crops this year astonished all beholders, and the proceeds from them will much more than pay half the price of the land. He had forty acres sowed to timothy and clover, from which he cut a trifle over 200 tons of fine quality of hay, which he recently sold for $7.25 per ton, making him $1,450. Also forty acres in oats and sixty in corn, the oats yielding him ninety-eight bushels per acre, and the corn will go over 100 bushels. The oats was sold from the machine for 31 cents per bushel and netted the owner $1,215, while the corn, which is not yet husked, may sell for 50 cents per bushel, but is certain to bring 42 cents, which means a total off the sixty acres of $2,520. The three items embracing the crops on but 140 acres of the land figue a total revenue for Mr. Albees' season's work of $5,185, and he performed all the work with one hired hand and raised cattle and hogs on the remaining twelve or fifteen acres not occupied by the house and outbuildings. Mr. Albees has been a farmer all his life in southern Illinois, and is thoroughly progressive.

Beresford Wins, 6 to 0.

Beresford, S. D., Oct. 23.—The football game here yesterday was won by Beresford, 6; Akron, 0.

Armour Waterworks Plant.

Armour, S. D., Oct. 23.—The waterworks system of Armour is being rapidly pushed to the finish. The power house is almost completed and contains two large compressed air tanks with a capacity of 30,000 gallons each. The water mains are being laid and will be finished by February 1.

Black Hills Nuptials.

Lead, S. D., Oct. 23.—B. N. Garrett and Miss Emma Fleisnes were married at the home of the bride's mother in Lead. They have gone to Seattle, Wash., where they will make their home.

Carnegie Library at Deadwood.

Deadwood, S. D., Oct. 23.—The plans have been adopted by the city council of Deadwood for the new Carnegie library and the architect, J. W. Reely of Marshall, Minn., has been asked to prepare specifications at once for the contractors. Fifteen thousand dollars has been made available by Mr. Carnegie for the Deadwood library.

Peaches at Spearfish.

Spearfish, S. D., Oct. 23.—J. D. Kingsley has successfully raised peaches this year for the first time. A tree was planted in his yard over ten years ago, but owing to the severity of the winters failed to bear. A little more than a year ago Mr. Kingsley had the tree moved from the south side to the north side of the house and this year several of its branches are loaded with ripening peaches of an excellent quality.

Sold Liquor to Indians.

Armour, S. D., Oct. 23.—Emmett Phelps of this city went to Sioux Falls Friday to answer a charge before the United States court of selling liquor to Indians last July. He has been out under bonds. City Marshal Berry, Will Nourse and Wirth Spaulding went as witnesses in the case. This is a serious charge and one that cannot be condoned. There is no doubt but that he will get a heavy sentence.

Bad News in London.

London, Oct. 21.—A dispatch to Reuters from Tokio says:

"Russian military activity on the Korean frontier is unabated. The important newspapers take a gloomy view. They are inclined to believe Russia does not intend to fulfill her repeated promises and declarations, in which case it will be incumbent on Japan to take decisive steps for the sake of her very existence.

Yokohama, Oct. 21.—Ministerial conferences and naval preparations, notably the appointment of Vice Admiral Tegel, known as "the fighting admiral," to command the standing squadron, have led to renewal of anticipations of trouble. Some decided development in the crisis are expected shortly. The steamship and railroad companies are reported to have been notified to be in readiness for emergencies

POSTAL CLERKS REMOVED

Discharges Were Result of Disclosures Made by the Bristow Report.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Postmaster General Payne removed from office Michael W. Louis, superintendent of supplies of the postoffice department; Louis Kempner, chief of the registry division of the third assistant postmaster general's office, and C. B. Terry, a $900 clerk in the postoffice department, and directed the postmaster at New York to remove Otto Weis, a clerk.

These removals are the first result of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow's report on the irregularities in the postoffice department.

Information of the contemplated discharges did not leak out at the department until the postmaster general made an official announcement of his action as follows:

"Michael W. Louis has been removed from the office of superintendent of the division of supplies because the recent investigation shows that he influenced the awarding of contracts for supplies to favored bidders; that he has been extravagant and wasteful in the administration of his office, and that he has paid excessive prices for supplies to favored contractors.

"Louis Kempner, superintendent of the registry system, has been removed for incompetent and negligent administration; for wasteful and reckless extravagance in sending expensive manifold registration books to a large number of small fourth class postoffices, and for violating the revenue laws by a system of petty smuggling.

"C. B. Terry, a clerk in the division of supplies, has been removed for making false affidavits; attempt to obtain money from clerks under the guise that he could influence their promotion, and general inefficiency."

The postmaster general also stated that the postmaster at New York had been directed to remove Otto Weis, a clerk in the New York postoffice, for collecting money from clerks to influence legislation to procure promotions.

In reply to questions, Mr. Payne said the discharges were the result of disclosures made by the Bristow report.

"I have read the report," he said, "and am free to say that my action was the result of its perusal."

He declined to say whether there would be other removals as a result of the report, but it is understood that while a few others may follow, there will not be any wholesale dismissals. It is stated that there are three or four other employes upon whose conduct there is some reflection, and whose case hang in the balance. They were not implicated so much as those whose cases were acted upon, and some of them may remain permanently in the postal service, though possibly not in their present positions.

Weis, the New York clerk who has been relieved, is said to have enjoyed confidential relations with George W. Beavers, late superintendent of the salary and allowance division, and he is charged with having acted as a medium through which other clerks in the New York postoffice were communicated with.

Terry is from Indiana. He was temporary clerk in the postoffice department, and was afterwards removed. He made charges that he had been discharged from his position by John M. Masten, then chief clerk of the first assistant postmaster general, but now assistant superintendent of the railway mail service, because he had refused to give money to Masten for his retention, and the president directed his reinstatement. It is understood that the investigation failed to substantiate Terry's charges, and his permanent removal is the result of that failure.

The possible effect of the Bristow inquiry upon the fortunes of Louis and Kempner has been much discussed. Both have been in the postal service some years.

PITTSCURG BANK FAILS.

Institution With $2,000,000 Capital in the Hands of a Receiver.

Pittsburg, Oct. 23.—Notice was posted on the doors of the Federal National bank this morning announcing the institution had been closed by order of the comptroller of the currency, who had appointed Bank Examiner Cunningham receiver.

The closing of the bank has been within the possibilities the past two days, as the institution's stock was subjected to sharp declines and a determined raid on the Pittsburg stock exchange this week. The bank was chartered in November, 1901, with a capital of $2,000,000. Joseph A. Langfitt is president and Geo. W. Eisenbes, cashier.

In a statement to the comptroller of the currency in September the bank showed deposits of $1,932,000; cash on hand, $667,000; due from banks, $1,131,000; loans and discounts, $3,038,000.

In a general way banking officials feel confident the Federal National bank's trouble will be confined to itself and will not disturb any other financial institution.

In a signed statement President Langfitt says the bank yielded to the combined assaults of stockholders and depositors, and had to close its doors until an arrangement can be made to discharge all depositors' claims. He attributes the withdrawal of deposits to the raid on the bank's stock in the Pittsburg market, in which the stockholders threw their stock on the market through necessity or fear at disquieting rumors.

He said the deposits amounted to over $4,00,000 two weeks ago, and that when the doors closed there were nearly $2,000,000, to secure which he says the bank had ample loans, cash and other good securities amounting to over $4,500,000.

Illinois Bank Fails.

Joliet, Ill., Oct. 21.—The Exchange bank of Lockport closed its doors today, throwing the town into a state of considerable excitement, as numerous small depositors are affected. The bank is capitalized at $25,000 and deposits are thought to be in the neighborhood of $40,000. C. H. Bacon, former mayor and state senator, is president.

BIG TIMBER LAND GRAFT

Tendency to Steal Uncle Sam's Resources Crops Out in New Place.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 23.—The Oregonian today says: "The government has unearthed a stupendous 'land graft' ring that has been carrying on business in every well-timbered area on the Pacific coast. This ring has not only acquired 'base' lands by 'dummies' and other fraudulent means, but it has debauched the state land officials, making them the hirelings or the partners in the business; it has maintained in the general land office at Washington agents whose duties were to 'leak' information about proposed reserves and other profitable matters, and by the use of money it has influenced the placing of reserve boundaries to its own interests. The central figures of the conspiracy are said to be in San Francisco. Secret service men from the treasury department were in Portland last week gathering evidence that will help the government in prosecuting the instigators of the conspiracy.

DISORDER PREVAILED AT MADISON SQUARE

Women Were Trampled Upon and Many Injured in the Crush.

TRAFFIC WAS BLOCKED

Thousands of People Were Striving to Get Within Hearing Distance of Dowie—Grace George, an Actress, Injured.

New York, Oct. 23.—Thirty thousand people, according to the estimates of the police, tried to get into Madison Square garden to see John Alexander Dowie. About one-third that number had secured admittance, when Dowie ordered the doors closed. When the other 20,000 found themselves shut out the wildest disorder prevailed, and the police, 400 strong, were for a time utterly unable to cope with the mad rush of the crowd. Men and women were knocked down and trampled on, and many narrowly escaped death in the crush.

Several times Inspector Walsh sent in calls for extra reserves, and it was not until the meeting was suddenly terminated by Dowie that anything could be done with the crowd.

In the surging of the throng Grace George, who was on her way to a theater, where she was playing, was swept off her feet and trampled on, and had her clothing badly torn. She accused the police of handling her roughly.

Mrs. William J. Buckley of Newark, N. J., was caught in the crush and fell fainting to the street. She was badly bruised. Inspector Walsh was near the woman when she fell, and with the aid of fifteen policemen he rescued and carried her to safety.

Several people were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct.

Street Traffic Blocked.

The crowd blocked all traffic in Madison avenue, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets, for more than an hour, and could not be dispersed until convinced that the meeting inside the garden had ended.

Within the hall the scene was comparatively tame. There were one or two slight demonstrations from a body of a thousand Columbia students. One of the students and another man in the gallery were arrested early in the evening for disturbing a religious meeting.

Thenceforward things were comparatively quiet until the audience had been dismissed, when a man engaged in a fight with two Zion guards because, as he declared, they had treated his wife roughly.

Dr. Dowie spoke only for about fifteen minutes. He announced his subject as "Divine Healing," but when the meeting was closed to terminate the disturbance outside the doors he had gotten no further than a description of the Illinois Zion and a laudation of its founder.

A squad of inspectors from the health department invaded the Madison Square garden today and ordered sweeping changes in the method of quartering the Zion guards and a part of the "host" of 4,000 there. An order was posted that only a certain number of persons could sleep in each room, and that there must be better ventilation. The inspectors also visited the kitchens and watched the preparation of the meals.

The fact that forty-three members of Dowie's followers whom he brought here were sick warranted the health department in taking action, so Commissioner Lederle said.

JURY REPROVES CAPTAIN

Officer of the Wrecked Steamer Was Criminally Negligent.

San Francisco, Oct. 23.—The steamer Spokane arrived from Seattle and brought four of the survivors of the wrecked steamer South Portland. They are:

Arthur Ravens, second officer.
F. Johnson, seaman.
Charles Blowberger, seaman.
Ole Gunderson, seaman.

These men were taken from a raft by the Spokane about 147 miles south of Cape Blanco. The Spokane cruised about for an hour in search of another raft, finding an empty boat. The fog shut down thick, and she proceeded on her journey to this city.

Port Orford, Ore., Oct. 23.—A tug from Coos bay has been crushing along the shore in an attempt to locate the missing raft from the steamer South Portland. The fog has been a great hindrance in the search. With the seas continually sweeping over the raft there seems little hope that any on it will survive. Although the beach has been carefully patroled for miles during the past twenty-four hours, no bodies have been washed ashore.

The coroner's jury impaneled to investigate the death of Charles L. Hughson, first assistant engineer of the steamer South Portland, which was wrecked on Cape Blanco reef Monday evening, yesterday returned a verdict that Hughson came to his death from exposure on a life raft. The jury, however, finds that **Captain J. B. McIntyre "was criminally negligent in his duties as master in abandoning the wrecked steamer before seeing to the safety of the passengers and crew."**

The jury took the testimony of several survivors of the wreck, and concluded that the captain should be censured for leaving the ship in the first boat.

Second Officer Raven, the last person to leave the sinking steamer, escaped with eleven others on a hastily constructed raft. In launching it the carpenter lost his life.

In relating the subsequent events Raven tells how, one by one, the occupants of the frail raft became exhausted, lost their hold and drifted away until but four survivors remained. The only food consisted of two apples, which were divided. Shortly after sunrise the fog lifted and two steamers were seen. They soon picked the men up.

At the coroner's inquest First Officer Bruce testified:

"I think the captain did all in his power to save the passengers and crew."

POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Bad Men Get Away With Over $15,000 Worth of Stamps at Superior, Wisconsin.

Superior, Wis., Oct. 23.—When the Superior postoffice opened for business today the large vault was found to have been rifled of practically the entire supply of stamps, amounting to between $15,000 and $15,500. About $100 in silver was also secured. The vault was forced without explosives and no clue to the robbers was left.