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FOREST CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

China has opened a new commercial port, Pukow, to foreign trade. It is on the shores of the Yangtze river, in the province of Kiangsu, directly opposite the city of Nanking, and 206 miles from Shanghai. It is expected that Pukow will attract considerable volume of trade from fertile districts of the interior. Unfortunately the place is not adapted for residence in the present condition, as it is swampy. Representatives of foreign firms doing business through the new port will probably live in Nanking until Pukow is rendered more habitable by the filling in of the swampy tracts.

The total yield of mine gold in California in 1914 was \$20,653,496, an increase of \$246,538 over that of 1913. With the exception of one year, 1883, the mine gold output of the state in 1914 was higher than it has been since 1864, 50 years ago.

Long has it been known that more hayseeds reached New York city than any other "big town." The reason has come to light. New York state produces 5,500,000 tons of hay each year, leading the country in acreage, tonnage and value.

During the 10 years preceding the outbreak of war, while Great Britain was paying off its debt, Germany and Austria-Hungary, between them, increased their national debts by the enormous sum of about \$1,500,000,000.

Typical wheat farms in Australia extend from 600 to 1,000 acres and are usually worked single handed by the farmer and his family, labor saving machinery being used in every possible direction.

The French railroad in the Sahara has built locomotives and cars specially designed for passage through sand storms to offer a minimum of resistance to the metal cutting sand.

A process has been perfected in France for applying colors to glass by heat so that stained glass windows can be made without fastening many pieces of glass of different hues together.

Mrs. Mary Maloney, of Cleveland, no longer believes in rabbits' feet or horseshoes as omens of good luck. She carried one of each in her handbag, which was stolen or lost recently.

A Frenchman has perfected a horizontal windmill with the vanes so shaped that nine-tenths of them utilize the force of the wind no matter in what direction it is blowing.

To hasten the mending of badly fractured bones an English surgeon has invented a system of screws to pass through the pieces of bone and nuts to press them into position.

To save the use of collar buttons there has been patented a tape to be passed through the button holes in a collar and shirt, fastening with an ornamental clasp in front.

To enable his automobile to run over deserts and sandy roads a Californian has equipped it with canvas belts which revolve around the rear wheels, providing smooth tracks.

Sanitary advantages are claimed for a Pennsylvania inventor's wire handle for milk bottles which converts them into pitchers, a spring controlled cover fitting into their tops.

A lighthouse on an island in the British channel has been equipped with a telephone so that shipping men can land and converse with persons on the mainland.

Two English scientists have evolved the gas neon from supposedly pure hydrogen by passing electricity through the latter while at low temperatures.

The Fushun coal fields of Manchuria, operated by Japanese, are believed to be the richest in the world, containing more than 800,000,000 tons of bituminous fuel.

A patent has been granted a Michigan inventor for an umbrella with electric lights in the handle and at the tip and ends of the ribs, all fed by a dry battery.

A French bicycle rider is the inventor of a man power street sweeper consisting of a tricycle with a revolving brush mounted between the rear wheels.

For cleansing surfaces from sand and grit a fountain sponge has been invented, mounted on a metal base that is connected by tubing to a water supply.

To enable persons to take breathing exercises systematically and on a progressive scale is the purpose of simple apparatus invented by a French doctor.

A recently patented lens for helping persons to thread needles is mounted on a wire that may be thrust into a spool to hold it in position for use.

So serious was a recent invasion of Uruguay by locusts that an agricultural and live stock census of that country was postponed for three months.

For the construction of cylindrical concrete articles a form has been invented that can be expanded or contracted to various desired sizes.

Ice cream is frozen without ice in a new English freezer that is a miniature refrigerating plant, using compressed carbonic acid gas.

What is claimed to be an unbreakable watch crystal has been patented, made of celluloid and held in an undercut groove in a watch bezel.

Japan is planning to adopt an alphabet of 47 letters, including most of the Roman characters, some Russian and the rest original symbols.

A new muffler to lessen the noise of a motorboat exhaust permits the waste gases to expand considerably and cool before reaching the air.

Sometimes the world thinks a man wise simply because he doesn't make the mistake of talking when he has nothing to say.

CLAY COUNTY FARMER SEEKS EMPLOYEE WHO FLOATED BAD CHECKS

After Getting Confidence Established Employee Made Away With \$100.

Vermillion, S. D., March 27.—The Clay county authorities are looking for a forger who secured nearly \$100 on worthless checks and then disappeared. The name of the fugitive is James Mullen, and for about a month he had been employed by T. R. Walker, a Clay county farmer, in aiding in setting up a sawmill. On several occasions his employer had entrusted him with checks to get cashed and his dealing on these occasions were honest and straight. Then he suddenly appeared in Vermillion, and within a period of an hour or two succeeded in cashing four checks to which he had forged Walker's signature. The forged checks were passed at stores, Mullen making small purchases and giving the forged checks in payment therefor, receiving the difference between the amount of the purchase and the amount of the checks in cash. He has been trailed as far as Elk Point, where all trace of him was lost.

Miller, S. D., March 27.—Plans are being made for a new building at the First National bank, S. F. Hoffman, cashier of the First National bank, of Hudson, Frank Adams, who is wanted in Hudson for forgery, has been placed under arrest at Mineral Point, Wis., and will be brought back to South Dakota for trial. He is accused of having forged the signature of Melvin Solberg, a well known farmer, to a check for \$35, which he had cashed at the First National bank. The alleged forger then disappeared. Cashier Hoffman had ascertained that the fugitive had relatives both at Mineral Point and O'Neill, Neb., and telegrams offering a reward for the capture of Adams and containing a description of the fugitive were sent to both those points, with the result that Adams has been captured.

HAND COUNTY WILL HAVE NEW \$100,000 COURT HOUSE

Rapid City, S. D., March 27.—Resting arranged here to build a new \$100,000 court house. A similar fund was started two years ago, and \$40,000 has already been accumulated toward the building, so that it will not be necessary to bond the county for the new structure. A site will be secured in the business part of town for the building, the present court house being about three blocks from the business center.

PENNINGTON COUNTY HOPES FOR BIG IRRIGATION PROJECT

Brookings, S. D., March 27.—The sixth district of the eastern section of Pennington county are very hopeful that a big irrigation project, which will prove a great benefit to that section of the county, can be pushed to a successful conclusion this spring and summer. It is hoped that the irrigation system will be adequate for furnishing water for not less than 40,000 acres of land in the Rapid Creek valley and the adjacent divide lands. Some weeks ago permission was secured from the state engineering department to store surplus and unappropriated flood waters in a reservoir at Pactola. From there the water is to be conducted down the channel of Rapid creek out of the Black Hills, carried out to the divide in canals and stored in secondary reservoirs and from these reservoirs carried to the lands to be irrigated. It is estimated that the flood waters which at present run out of the country, if controlled and stored, would be sufficient to irrigate the 40,000 acres during the months when the rainfall is at the lowest stage of the year.

SECONDARY GRADUATES AT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Rapid City, S. D., March 27.—After class in secondary agriculture was graduated at State college on Thursday, with a special program in the auditorium. Judge C. G. Sherwood, third circuit, Brookings, delivered the commencement address. Certificates were presented by Regent J. W. Campbell, of Huron. This is the first time that four years' study has been required of secondary agriculture students, therefore there were only three graduates: Earl E. Berry, Delmont; Gar Griffith, Cresbard, and Arden Jencks, Bancroft. Eleven three months' seamstress students received certificates from Prof. C. Larsen at this time, as follows: Holger Anderson, Huron; A. M. Bradley, Milo, Mo.; W. F. Dickerson, Perry, Ia.; Victor Erickson, Clayton, Wis.; Harry Lindner, Richardson, Wis.; H. S. Pederson, Cedar Falls, Ia.; L. A. Peterson, Virgil, S. D.; Peter Peterson, Tyler, Minn.; Svend Rathcke, Minneapolis, Minn.; E. E. Stone, Geddes, S. D.; and Erling Jordahl, Mt. Vernon, S. D.

DEBT LIMIT BARS CITY IN BUYING GAS PLANT

Timber Lake, S. D., March 27.—Carrying on a convincing campaign, the faction wishing the city to purchase the local gas plant came up against a blank wall and can find no way to get around it. The state constitution provides that the debt of any city shall not exceed 5 per cent of the assessed valuation of the taxable property therein. The last assessment shows Rapid City's valuation to be \$4,637,092 and, as the present debt is \$229,387.57, it is within \$2,000 of the limit. The petition to the city commissioners, asking that the matter of purchasing the gas plant be put to a vote of the people at the coming city election, asked for the authorization of a bond issue of \$30,000 for the purchase. The commissioners were unable to accept the petition on account of the financial handicap.

AUTO BEAT TRAIN IN RACE FOR LAND FILING

When his rival for a piece of South Dakota land made a Milwaukee train at Isabel, while he missed it, Lyle Kyle, of Arlington, S. D., was discouraged, but not disheartened. He chartered an automobile and started overland, arriving in Timber Lake five minutes ahead of the train, filing on the quarter section of South Dakota land which was the object of the race, just before his competitor got to the land office.

EASTERN CAPITALISTS PLAN TO EXPLORE FOR OIL NEAR WATERTOWN

Leases to Be Taken on 10,000 Acres of Land—Field Man Now Negotiating.

Watertown, S. D., March 25.—A company in which 30 Pennsylvania capitalists are interested has taken steps to carry out a project this spring and summer which they feel certain will result in locating rich oil fields north of Watertown. Their undertaking is the result of efforts made eight years ago to locate oil which is in evidence on the surface, but then abandoned because of lack of equipment to drill wells as deep as necessary to reach the supply. Nearly 3,000 acres of land has been leased and over 10,000 acres more will be secured before work is started. The company has sent a representative to Watertown to secure leases and supervise operations this spring, in the person of F. C. Weaver, of Meadville, Pa. Outlining the plans of the company, he stated that at least four wells will be bored this season, and that machinery will be brought here capable of going to any depth desired. He said drilling will be started about the first of June.

The presence of oil in the area north of Watertown was first discovered about 10 years ago. During a wet season the oil could readily be detected on the surface, and these discoveries led to the first attempt to develop oil fields. Samples taken at that time are still kept by several Watertown men.

SCHOOL LAND SALES FOR 14 COUNTIES DURING APRIL.

Pierre, S. D., March 25.—The state and department will offer for sale over 100,000 acres of school lands during April. The established terms require one-fourth of the purchase price in cash, which must be paid to the county treasurer on the date of sale, and the remaining three-fourths as follows: One-fourth in five years, one-fourth in 10 years and one-fourth in 15 years, with interest at 5 per cent per annum, payable annually. The contract for these sales is issued when the governor approves the same, and he has 60 days' time in which to do so. The sales are by public auction at the county seat. The counties, dates of sale, approximate acreage and appraised prices are: April 3, Union, 480 acres, \$15 to \$65; April 4, Hutchinson, 4,800 acres, \$45 to \$75; April 5, Charles Mix, 8,000 acres, \$12.50 to \$65; April 6, Douglas, 3,200 acres, \$45 to \$67.50; April 7, McCook, 3,360 acres, \$70 to \$100; April 8, Lake, 2,900 acres, \$40 to \$70; April 10, Kingsbury, 11,400 acres, \$35 to \$65; April 11, Brookings, 4,480 acres, \$40 to \$80; April 12, Deuel, 7,600 acres, \$25 to \$75; April 13, Spink, 13,200 acres, \$45 to \$70; April 14, Grand, 6,400 acres, \$20 to \$70; April 15, Roberts, 8,000 acres, \$20 to \$70; April 17, Day county, 27,400 acres, \$20 to \$50; April 18, McPherson, 12,000 acres, \$15 to \$40.

MUNICIPAL STORM CLOUDS CLEARING AT RAPID CITY

Rapid City, S. D., March 25.—Rapid City the home of recall elections and investigations, has been threatened with recall elections and change of government several times within the past two weeks, but the time for filing such petitions to be voted upon at the regular election has now passed and a special election will be necessary if such a vote is to be taken. First, a petition asking the voters to give a chance to vote on the question of changing the city back to the aldermanic plan for the present form of the three-commissioner plan, was circulated but this failed to get enough signers. The next petition circulated asked for a recall of the mayor and the two commissioners and this was signed by about 50 taxpayers. The required number is 70 and so this could not be filed. But one member of the city commissioners comes up for election this year and in state and two petitions have been filed. These are John Newcomer, present incumbent, and James Brennan.

VERDICT HELD EXCESSIVE - ON MALICIOUS PROSECUTION.

Mitchell, S. D., March 25.—That \$3,300 was an excessive amount of damage to allow for malicious prosecution, when a man is arrested on the charge, in this one case, at least, was the opinion of the South Dakota supreme court, which reversed the Davison county circuit court verdict in the case of G. Van Linden against Anton Oster and ordered a retrial. The case originated when Mr. Oster had Mr. Van Linden arrested on the charge of the abduction of his daughter. The case was tried before a justice of the peace and Van Linden was cleared, the evidence showing that Oster's daughter had spent the night after a dance with a neighboring girl, instead of with the defendant, as charged. Van Linden then started suit for malicious prosecution and won an award for \$3,300. The court inference is that there is reason to question the claim that the father was actuated by malice.

NEGRO GOES TO PRISON FOR STEALING FACE CREAMS.

Watertown, S. D., March 25.—Because of his fondness for perfumes, facial powder, rouge and cold creams, Mike Wedd, colored, must serve a prison sentence of a year and six months in the state penitentiary. Webb pleaded guilty to the charge of third degree burglary in circuit court and was sentenced by Judge C. G. Sherwood. He was arrested several weeks ago after purloining toilet accessories to the value of over \$30 from Watertown drug stores.

After the March term of circuit court had been postponed twice, cases set for trial at this time were finally continued over until next November. Circuit court was adjourned in Codrington county until next fall. This action was necessary, owing to the ill health of Judge Sherwood, who will leave on a vacation trip in the east.

YANKTON.—The Josie L. K. ferryboat, operating between the South Dakota and Nebraska shores on the Missouri river, made one trip yesterday. Captain Giesler, however, expects to have his regular schedule in force within a few days.

CHARLES MIX PEOPLE URGING ELIMINATION FOR OLD COUNTY ROW

Want Railroad Towns to Decide Which Shall Have Right to Oppose Wheeler.

Geddes, S. D., March 25.—A new turn has been taken in the impending county seat fight in Charles Mix county which may have important developments bearing on the selection of a town to make the race against Wheeler, which has been the county seat since pioneer days. Many of the farmers of the county now have taken a hand in the matter, and are circulating petitions asking that the towns which aspire to wrest the county seat from Wheeler shall submit their claims to the voters of the county at the primary election to be held May 23. The farmers will agree to support at the November election the rival town which at the May primary election secures the greatest number of votes, the demand of the farmers being that the other towns shall then withdraw from the race for county seat honors and support the railroad town which secures the highest number of votes at the May primary. Wheeler is many miles off a railroad, and jealousy between the several railroad towns which aspire to county seat honors has prevented Wheeler being dispossessed of the county seat at elections in the past.

GREGORY COUNTY PRINTER HAS STREAK OF GOOD LUCK

Gregory, S. D., March 25.—Glen Miller, employe on the Dallas News, picked up a "covered" homestead of 80 acres in northern Gregory county recently, although the supposition has been that all of the homestead land in this county was gone. This case grew out of the death of the original entryman, after he had completed his legal residence. His relatives, living in the east, were notified of their right to make proof, but they failed to make use of it. People in the vicinity assumed that title had been secured, as the original entryman lived on the place about six years. The entry was cancelled in 1914, thus making it subject to homestead. In some manner, not explained, Mr. Miller came in touch with the opportunity and made a filing. The land will cost him \$4 an acre, regular opening price, and would sell readily today at \$40 an acre.

BISHOP BUSCH PROPERTY SOLD TO RETIRED FARMER

Rapid City, S. D., March 25.—The Bishop Busch property, west of Rapid City, has been sold by the bishop to F. D. Earl, of Fedora, S. D., for \$8,500, just about half what it cost to build the magnificent home that is located on the place. The property is about a mile west of Rapid City proper, although the land on which it stands has been platted and is known as Providence addition. When Bishop Busch was in charge of the diocese, with headquarters at Lead, he got into a controversy with the Homestake Mining company over Sunday labor. He then moved to Rapid City, purchased the present home site, containing about 20 acres, and built his home. He is now located at St. Cloud, Minn. The new owner is a retired farmer.

JAKOTA COFFEE COMPANY STOCK SOLD BY RECEIVER

Mitchell, S. D., March 25.—At a receiver's sale the entire stock of merchandise and fixtures of the Dakota coffee company, a wholesale and retail grocery house with headquarters in Mitchell, have been sold for about 50 cents on the dollar, according to the receiver's appraisal. Martin Althaus was the purchaser of the stock. From present indication, it is stated, he creditors will receive about 20 cents on the dollar in the final settlement. Some of the larger creditors protected themselves with security, either encumbrances collateral, and may lose nothing. There may be a great deal of litigation before the business of the company is wound up.

TURNING OUT EXPERTS NOT CHIEF AIM OF COLLEGE

Brookings, S. D., March 25.—"The principal business of agricultural institutions is to furnish collegiate education to farmers," said Agronomist A. N. Hume, of state college, on Wednesday before the annual meeting of the South Dakota experiment association. "If it can be proved to me that the only mission of institutions such as ours is to prepare teachers and experiment station conductors and county agents and civil service employes I will lose faith in them utterly. I believe in collegiate training for farm people, because the people of the farm need and ought to have and are going to have just as high grade training as any other kind of people."

Dr. Hume suggested that while the young people of the farm should have the advantage of collegiate training, they should be able to secure it at their convenience—for instance, during the winter months when they are able to leave the farm work. Such an arrangement, he said, "would make possible the acquirement of some collegiate training by some farm citizens who cannot now secure it; and what is more important it would virtually give collegiate training to the people of the farm while on the farm."

RESTAURANT MAN ACCUSED OF ILLEGAL LIQUOR SALES

Watertown, S. D., March 25.—Charged with selling liquor without a license, George DeGraff, a local restaurant proprietor, and Frank Livingston, his waiter, were arraigned in municipal court, waived examination and will be tried at circuit court. State's Attorney Alfred Haughan and a policeman raided the DeGraff restaurant Tuesday night and found a quantity of bottled beer. A Minneapolis man, whose name is withheld at this time, is held as a witness. After securing drinks at the cafe he went to the Goss block with friends and indulged in a game of poker, losing \$30. Henry Sarkis and a man by the name of Olson are held in connection with the poker game.

VILLA FLEES TRAP SET BY HIS ENEMIES

Silence of General Pershing About Operations In Casas Grandes Region Is Profound Mystery.

CENSORSHIP IS RIGOROUS

Mexican Sources Declare That Outlaws Are at Bay, But Contain No Mention of U. S. Troops.

Queretaro, Mex., (via Mexico City), March 25.—General Carranza's reply to the latest note of the Washington government was handed today to James L. Rodgers, the American special representative here for transmission to Washington. The reply agrees in the main to the American proposals but a few unimportant changes are suggested.

El Paso Tex., March 27.—Panche Villa was reported today to be fleeing west in the San Miguel country, having successfully eluded the encircling ring that was being drawn around him by American and Carranza troops. News of the outlaw's retreat westward was brought here from El Valle, but could not be confirmed at Fort Bliss, or at Mexican official circles.

Several thousand American soldiers are known to be ranging the country south of Casas Grandes in every direction trying to locate the bandits, but have not come into contact with him.

Bandits Cut Wires.

Wire communication out of El Paso into Mexico, is still interrupted, and it is believed that roving bands of Villistas are responsible for the wire cutting, having been detached from the main Villa command for that purpose. Mexican Consul Garcia, was still without further word of the reported fight that the Carranzalistas soldiers had with Villa at El Oso south of Namiquipa. Dispatches received at Mexico City and Douglas, Ariz., apparently confirm reports to El Paso from General Bertrani in the field, that the troops of the defacto government had come into contact with Villa in the Santa Clara canyon. General Pershing had made no mention of this battle and army officers here incline to the belief that it was probably little more than an out post engagement.

Report Border Raid.

Major Sample in command of the United States army base at Columbus, has been asked to verify the report brought into Douglas, Ariz., that Villa bandits had crossed the border eight miles west of Columbus and murdered three Americans, two women and one man. The bandits, numbering 100 or more are said to have recrossed into Mexico after the killing. The presence of such a body of Villistas in the upper Galena district would be a threat to the line of communication to the base of the American expedition at Casas Grandes. Transportation over this line from Columbus southward is troublesome, the trails being badly cut and the heaviest motor trucks negotiating the desert with difficulty.

Taking No Chances.

Juarez was quiet today and there was no surface indications that any trouble was impending. United States troops constantly guard the international bridges, power houses at El Paso and railroad tunnels, while General Bell had a reserve in readiness to quell any uprising in Mexican quarters.

Sheriff Edwards, of El Paso, was on duty at his office all night, but no trouble was reported in the city.

San Antonio, Tex., March 25.—With the wireless working satisfactorily for almost the first time since the American troops have been in Mexico, General Funston is today awaiting dispatches from General Pershing to confirm persistent reports that United States troops have engaged Villa forces near Namiquipa. In the messages received yesterday from field headquarters at Casas Grandes, two of the advanced columns were reported to be in the district of Namiquipa, but no mention was made of an engagement.

The reported killing of three Americans near Gibson's ranch, 15 miles west of Columbus, presumably by Mexican bandits, was received with deep concern at department headquarters early today.

No explanation was offered of the report from El Paso that two companies of the Seventh Infantry were on duty at police headquarters last night. It was pointed out by officers that Brigadier General Bell, in command of troops at El Paso, has authority to employ his troops for the best protection of the border town.

SHIPMENT OF CARRANZA MUNITIONS IS HELD UP

Washington, March 25.—Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador, protested to Secretary Lansing today that ammunition for General Carranza, consigned on a ship leaving New York, yesterday, was held up by the custom authorities.

Secretary Lansing told the ambassador there was no intention to hold ammunition for General Carranza and that the delay was caused by a preliminary examination to assure the government that the shipment would not reach his enemies. It will be allowed to go forward.

NOT MASSING TROOPS.

San Antonio, Tex., March 25.—Colonel Foltz, commanding the troops at Douglas, today disposed of the rumor that Carranza troops were being massed along the border. He reported that the Garrison at Agua Prieta, opposite Douglas, comprised only 200 officers and men, and that there was only one battery of artillery.