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The dissatisfaction of the railroad companies in the United States with the payments made to them by the government for mail haulage, is as nothing compared to the attitude of the British railroad companies. The British postoffice department discovered that for short haulage, up to about 125 miles, the motor truck or tractor is far cheaper and better than the railway. For this reason the great bulk of British mail transfer over distances within 125 miles is now made with trucks. The railroads are allowed to handle only the "unprofitable end" of the mail haulage—the whole system resulting in a technical "profit" for the postoffice department. The contract between the British government and the railroad companies provides for a flat rate, for both long and short hauls, with profitable operation on short hauls only. As, however, no provision was made in it for the installation of motor trucks by the department, the railroads are powerless to prevent this practice, and must continue to haul mail at a loss for long distances.

Not every eminent violinist can be the recipient of a Stradivarius violin as a gift from his admirers, as has just been the good fortune of John Saunders. A very careful estimate fixes 1,200 as the number of string instruments of all kinds—violins, violas and cellos—made by Antonio Stradivari during the 75 years he labored in his workshop in Cremona; and only some 600 are now known to be still in existence. Probably a good proportion of the remainder are scattered over the world in the possession of owners quite ignorant of their value. About 20 years ago quite a number of genuine Strads were discovered in South Africa, in Boer farmsteads, where they had remained, in many cases, stored away in boxes in the possession of descendants of Huguenots who emigrated to the cape at the revocation of the edict of Nantes.

Rosalind, countess of Carlisle, has given notice to the ladies and gentlemen who have been accustomed to hunt on her estate at Castle Howard, in Yorkshire, that this will not be permitted during the war. It is a luxurious amusement she says, for which there can be little justification in times of great national stress and anxiety. Lady Carlisle is the daughter of the second Lord Stanley of Alderly, and is a brilliant, highly educated woman, not in the least afraid to take a position on public affairs which might be criticised by her friends.

When Thomas A. Edison sold papers on trains for the Detroit Free Press company, during the civil war, a printer showed him proofs of next morning's big story, that of the battle of Shiloh, and Edison telegraphed a bulletin to every newsdealer along his route, bought hundreds of copies of the edition and sold them at a good price, making what is known in modern parlance as a big "cleanup," probably his very first.

A recent court case in England calls attention to the inadequate requirements for obtaining a license to drive a car in that country. A blind man was summoned for driving a car, not because he was blind, but merely that he had no license. This case calls attention to the fact that a blind man, a cripple, or an imbecile can obtain a license there if he can produce the necessary five shillings for the license fee.

Miss Clayton Griff, of London, pioneer among women consulting engineers, who holds certificates from the board of education and the London city guilds, is often called upon to lecture to engineering students on motor-driven vehicles, the working of oil-driven plows and steam tractors and stationary power plants for farms, on all of which subjects her knowledge is recognizedly expert.

The grant from Turkey, under which the German kaiser began the Bagdad railway, "The Garden of Eden scenic route," as it would be called if an American handled its publicity, amounted to \$5,000,000 a year in guarantees, a strip six miles wide on each side of the road over its entire length and a license to build steamboats for navigating both the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

The lowest known temperature ever observed by any competent scientists was at Werchojansk, Siberia, January 15, 1885, when a minimum reading of minus 83.4 degrees Fahrenheit was registered. The monthly mean temperature for January at Yakutsk, Siberia, is minus 43.8 degrees.

In order to release for military service many of the men now engaged in the electrical industry, the Electric Contractors' association, of Liverpool, England, has decided to train a number of women in electrical work.

It is understood that the banks of searchlight projectors used at the Panama-Pacific international exposition for obtaining the "scintillator" effects have been bought for the use of the Russian army in the war.

All residents of Byers, Kan., have united in a pledge not to drink, smoke or chew for one year. It is suspected that this year's crop of cheerful liars in Byers is going to be a recordbreaker.

The Chinese are not isolated in their inability to pronounce the letter R. In nearly every case it is the last letter even the English-born child learns to pronounce.

They are agitating the question of digging a canal along the south shore of Long Island. Evidently there isn't water enough around Long Island to satisfy them.

Elimination by the war of Belgian competition has brought unprecedented prosperity to Sweden's match-making industry.

Danish tests have shown that concrete is not affected by long immersion in the ocean, even for as long as half a century.

Loyalty to England does not prevent the richer classes of India from preferring automobiles of American make.

The annual mineral output of British Columbia aggregates about \$1,000,000.

## INJURY CLAIMS WILL OUTLAW IN 60 DAYS

### Old Section Applied In Ruling By Judge Jones In Action Against Beresford.

Beresford, S. D., April 22.—In a damage suit against the city of Beresford, Judge Jones, of the state circuit court, in ordering the case dismissed, made an important ruling in relation to the time for the commencement of actions for damages against cities for injuries received by falls on sidewalks alleged to be defective. The action was instituted by B. F. Davis to recover damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by a fall into a hole in a sidewalk on one of the Beresford streets during the construction of a bank building in proximity to the alleged defective walk.

Attorneys for the city discovered an old statute which provides that notice of the commencement of such damage suits must be given within 60 days after the alleged injury, in order to secure damages. It developed that the plaintiff had had a conference with the city attorney of Beresford within the 60 days, in reference to the contemplated damage suit, the plaintiff's attorneys claiming that this was sufficient notice, but Judge Jones, when the question was raised before him, held that the notice was insufficient and that the plaintiff had forfeited his right to commence the action through failure to institute it before the expiration of 60 days from the date of receiving the alleged injury. It is reported that Mr. Davis now will institute a damage suit against the contractor who erected the bank building, on the allegation that he was responsible for the defective condition of the sidewalk.

### SEEDING OPERATIONS IN ADVANCE OF LAST YEAR

Aberdeen, S. D., April 22.—Despite the wet weather conditions prevailing for the past two weeks, farmers are progressing with their seeding in this section of South Dakota in good shape. The work on plowed land is progressing nicely, inasmuch as in spite of the rains, the soil works up nicely and the seed gets into the ground in good shape. On corn land the seeding is not so easily done, but the work is considerably in advance of the same period last year.

Deadwood, S. D., April 21.—Copious rains and late snows throughout the Black Hills and adjacent regions have not only assured an abundant hay crop this year, but have put the farming sections in such shape that, with a reasonable amount of rain during the growing season, splendid crops are indicated again this year. The acreage planted now is said to be larger than for several years past, and the possibility of a best sugar factory in the Belle Fourche district has made the agricultural interests optimistic. Sheep and cattle men all predict a big season, with their stock in unusually good shape.

### JUDGE M. A. BUTTERFIELD DIES AT HOME IN MONTROSE

Salem, S. D., April 22.—Judge M. A. Butterfield, county judge of McCook county, died yesterday at his home in Montrose, after an illness extending over a number of weeks. Several weeks ago the doctors abandoned hope, finding that he was afflicted with cancer of the stomach. Business in the probate court was at a standstill until the latter part of last week, when Judge Butterfield had improved to such an extent that he was again able to sign papers. Yesterday morning, Irl M. Butterfield, his son, who is an attorney at Montrose, came to Salem to attend a special session of the circuit court, leaving his father feeling quite well. At 10 o'clock he was called to the telephone, to be informed that his father had died.

Judge Butterfield died on his 69th birthday. He was one of the early pioneers of the county and had held many important offices, starting in back in the early '80s as superintendent of schools, then as state's attorney and county judge, having held the last named office for the past eight years.

### ABERDEEN AMERICAN JOB PRINTING PLANT IS SOLD

Aberdeen, S. D., April 22.—Charles M. Cleveland and Fred A. Fellows have purchased the American Publishing company, which recently went into bankruptcy, and have taken charge. The American Publishing company is a distinct concern from the Aberdeen Daily American, which is published by the Aberdeen American company. The Aberdeen Publishing company is devoted exclusively to the job printing business and kindred lines. Mr. Cleveland, who will manage the concern, has been connected with various Aberdeen printing concerns for the past 10 years.

### COUNTY SEAT TOWN WAS ISOLATED FOR SIX DAYS

Bison, S. D., April 22.—Bison, the county seat of Perkins county, was shut off from the world for six days recently, by snow and rain which made roads impassable. Bison is 40 miles from a railroad, and for the six days no mail reached or left the town.

### POLLEY DISBARMENT CASE WILL COMMENCE ON APRIL 27

Pierre, S. D., April 22.—The referees appointed to hear testimony in the Polley disbarment complaint of Joe Kirby have set April 27 as the date of opening their hearings in this city.

### LOCKHART CALLS MEETING OF REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Pierre, S. D., April 22.—Chairman Lockhart, of the republican state committee, has issued a call for a meeting of the committee at Pierre on the 25th of this month.

DUPREE—A recent change in the ownership of the Farmers State bank, of Dupree, by which Michael Dunn, president, sold his holdings, has resulted in the election of a new set of officials, as follows: President, G. A. McGarrugh; vice president, E. N. Anderson; cashier, W. H. Scott. All are well known Ziebach county business men.

LEMMON—J. R. Dodge, of Washington, D. C., has arrived in Perkins county to assist in carrying out the county system of highways inaugurated by the county commissioners. Dodge is a road engineer who is sent out by the good roads bureau of the department of agriculture.

## JUDGE SHERWOOD HAS WOOD SAWING ADDED FOR JAIL EXERCISES

### Exercises Legal Authority In Prescribing New Rules For Handling Prisoners.

Clear Lake, S. D., April 22.—That prisoners in the jails of Deuel county and other counties of this district be provided, among other things, with piles of four-foot wood and sawbucks and bucksaws, is the rule made by Judge C. G. Sherwood, of the state circuit court of the third circuit. The idea of Judge Sherwood is that the prisoners, when not otherwise employed at manual labor, shall be required to saw wood as one of the best forms of useful exercise. This and other recommendations for the rules to be applied to the jails of his circuit are made in accordance with a state statute, which makes it the duty of circuit judges to provide rules for the regulation of the jails in their several counties. Other recommendations made by Judge Sherwood for the regulation of the jails of his circuit are:

All persons under 21 years of age must be kept separate and apart from older offenders, this being done to prevent the jails becoming school of vice; prohibiting the use of cigars in any form by prisoners; prohibiting all games of every kind; providing the prisoners with useful and wholesome books, papers and magazines when they request them; requiring prisoners to do their own laundry work and to keep the cells and jail clean; useful employment shall be furnished the prisoners; no person shall communicate with a prisoner except by permission of the jailer, under such regulations as the jailer shall prescribe; prisoners violating the rules shall be kept on bread and water until they comply therewith, but not any one time longer than permitted by law.

Judge Sherwood further recommends that all jail sentences, where health and age of the prisoner will permit, shall be at hard labor, and that whenever possible and practical such labor sentence shall be enforced. He suggests that all county justices and municipal judges of his circuit in future attach hard labor to jail sentences, in order that habitual criminals, to whom a sentence under present conditions is a luxury, shall be discouraged from committing crimes and shall be brought to look upon jail sentences as a hardship instead of a luxury.

### DETAILED REPORT MADE ON SALES OF SCHOOL LANDS

Pierre, S. D., April 22.—The sales made by the land commissioner the last few weeks of common school and endowment lands resulted in the disposal of 28,877.98 acres at a total price of \$1,259,918.85. The average paid for the common school lands was \$51.71 per acre. However, the average price paid in some counties considerably exceeded this figure. McCook county received the highest price, with an average of \$82.73 per acre. Kingsbury and Brookings received an average of about \$60 per acre. In Day county the largest amount of common school land was sold, totaling 6,256.22 acres. In Kingsbury, Brookings, Grant and Roberts more than 2,000 acres were sold in each.

CAVOUR—Members of the Milford colony of Mennonites, near here, have purchased a large gas tractor engine which will be utilized for plowing and other field work on the 3,000 acre farm which the colony owns and operates. The tractor will do the work of about eight four-horse teams.

YALE—The citizens of Yale have organized a commercial club, which starts out with a good charter membership. The following officers were elected: President, H. T. Gifford; vice president, Wm. Musolf; secretary, Lot W. Armin; treasurer, J. J. Kaufman.

HIGHMORE—The local board of education has arranged for the more careful inspection of the physical condition of the students of the public schools. The teachers will examine them for defective teeth and other ailments at stated periods, and will report to the proper authorities all children who are in need of medical or other professional care.

CLARK—Local baseball fans have organized an association and arranged to have a team in the field during the season. The following officers were elected: President, George Bise; vice president, G. C. Johnson; secretary-treasurer, F. S. Bockoven; manager, C. E. Thoreson; property manager, J. E. Smith.

FAIRFAX—The annual meeting of the bankers of the Rosebud country, organized as group 11 of the South Dakota Bankers' association, will be held in Fairfax on May 30.

CLARK—The board of education has awarded the contract for a new high school building which is to be erected in Clark this summer. The contract price for the structure was about \$26,000. The heating and ventilating systems will cost an additional \$9,500. The contract requires that the structure be completed ready for occupancy by October 1.

CLEAR LAKE—Members of the local volunteer fire department at their annual business meeting have elected the following officers: Chief, George E. Eichinger; assistants, Roy Dunn and George Taylor; secretary-treasurer, Fred Seager.

## NEW YORK LEGISLATURE TO BUILD UP MILITIA

Albany, N. Y., April 20.—Passage of preparedness legislation and a financial reform measure have marked the session of the legislature, which closes today. The preparedness measures provide for the adoption of plan of physical and military training in the public schools and the appropriation of \$500,000 for emergency purposes of the National Guard or for the mobilization of the entire militia for field exercises this summer. Included in the financial legislation was a new legislation amending the law approved in 1911, which provides for woman suffrage. The measure must again be passed by the legislature before it can be brought to the voters in a general election.

## SOUTH DAKOTA TOWNS SHOW BIG GAINS FOR PROHIBITION FORCES

### About 15 Former Saloon Towns Vote Against License—Two Make Other Shift.

Jefferson, Humboldt, Yankton, Herrell, Winner, Hoven, Huron, Henry, Deadwood, Hetland, Lead, Java, Dallas, Lennox, Parkston, Menno, Belle Fourche, Moberidge, Edgemont, \*Ward, Wasta, \*Davis, Sturgis, \*Corsica, Central City, Castletown, Chamberlain, DeSmet, Madison, Emery, Elk Point, South Shore, Watertown, Tripp, Sioux Falls, Tabor, Tyndall, Utica.

"WET." Spearfish, Estelline, Rapid City, Faulkton, Custer, Flandreau, Hill City, Sisseton, \*Hot Springs, Valley Springs, \*Whitewood, Webster, Mitchell, Woonsocket, Aberdeen, \*Firth, Armour, \*Roscoe, Phillip, \*Salem, Miller, \*Selby, \*Fort Pierre, Gettysburg, Kimball, Howard, Egan, Murdo, Eureka, Rockham, \*Stickney, \*Vienna, \*Wessington, \*Waubay, \*White, Canistota, \*Bowdle, Elkton.

\*Denotes change.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 21.—Pronounced gains were registered for prohibition in the city elections held in South Dakota Tuesday. Among the towns changing from "wet" to "dry" are: White, Bowdle, Egan, Eureka, Fort Pierre, Faith, Hot Springs, Hill, Hosmer, Pierre, Roscoe, Salem, Selby, Stickney, Vienna, Whitewood, Waubay and Wessington. Selby and Vienna both went "dry" on the votes.

The former "dry" towns remaining "dry" are: Aberdeen, Avon, Bristol, Canistota, Elkton, Estelline, Faulkton, Flandreau, Gettysburg, Howard, Kimball, Madison, Mitchell, Milbank, Miller, Murdo, Phillip, Rockham, Spearfish, Sisseton, Valley Springs, Webster and Woonsocket.

"Wet" towns remaining "wet" are: Bonesteel, Chamberlain, Corsica, Castletown, DeSmet, Emery, Freeman, Huron, Humboldt, Herrell, Hoven, Henry, Hetland, Java, Lennox, Menno, Moberidge, Parkston, Sioux Falls, South Shore, Tyndall, Tripp, Tabor, Utica, Watertown, Yankton.

Ward and Davis are the only towns reported as changing from "dry" to "wet."

A. N. Holsapple, of Mitchell, superintendent of the South Dakota Anti-Saloon league, gave out the following statement:

"It was the greatest victory the temperance forces ever won in South Dakota. According to reports, we have held every 'dry' town and gained at least 15 'wet' ones. In the towns remaining 'wet' we have reduced the majorities about 50 per cent.

"The fact that Aberdeen, Mitchell and Rapid City remained 'dry' this year is significant. I believe it to be conclusive evidence of the vote this fall on the constitutional prohibitory amendment."

### ADDITIONAL ELECTIONS IN DAKOTA CITIES.

Sturgis—In the city election held here Harry P. Atwater was reelected mayor by 73 majority. The town went "wet" by 52 majority, which means the municipal saloon will continue business. J. D. Brooks and Theo. Haas were reelected aldermen. A tie exists between George Staiger for reelection as alderman and his opponent, Edward Gartick.

Madison—Madison went "dry" yesterday by a majority of 26, a substantial increase over last year. The commission form of government was sustained by a majority of 115. Street paving carried by 405. Ex-Senator J. A. Johnson defeated Jacob Cundert, the incumbent, for commissioner by a majority of 69.

Tyndall—Tyndall remains in the "wet" column by only eight votes. The question of levying a tax for municipal concerts carried 245 to 52. Wm. Thompson was reelected mayor. Other officers are: F. F. Chladek, treasurer; Ed Krause, police justice; C. J. Ribble, J. L. Barber and R. J. Colgan, aldermen.

Rapid City—The "drys" kept control of Rapid City at yesterday's election by 516 to 383, the largest vote ever polled in a city election. L. Crittenden and John D. Newcomer lead for commissioner, it requiring a second election to settle the office. Newcomer is the incumbent.

Redfield—The councilmen and Mayor A. M. Randolph were reelected without opposition. The proposition to bond the city for rebuilding a municipal light plant for \$60,000 was carried by 472 to 21. There was no fight on the saloon petition, as the council declared the petition insufficient and it did not come up for action.

Dallas—A police justice and four councilmen were elected by a full vote of the three wards, with a contest in only two wards. There was a hard fight on the "wet" and "dry" issue, and the town continues in the "wet" column by a majority of 40.

Brookings—The city election aroused little interest. Five aldermen and one police justice were elected without a contest. There was no vote on the saloon question. The whole of Brookings county still is "dry."

Miller—License was defeated by a majority of 115 out of a total vote of 269. This is twice the majority since the question was last submitted, two years ago.

Chamberlain—Chamberlain went "wet" by 37 majority. Harry Potter was elected street commissioner by 23 majority.

## ALLEGED NAMES FORGED ON CHAUNCEY WOOD WILLS

Rapid City, S. D., April 21.—Another chapter has been added to the fight for the estate of the late Chauncey L. Wood, pioneer attorney and politician of this city, who died in Seattle several years ago.

When Wood died his widow produced three wills, two typewritten and one in her own handwriting, which she alleged were drawn at Wood's request and signed by him and witnessed by her son of a previous marriage, Roy Frank. The will purported to leave her his real property in Rapid City. Ben and Buell Wood, sons by a former marriage of Wood, contested the wills on the ground that they were improperly drawn, and the supreme court held that the widow was entitled to only the rents from the properties while the leases were existent, and remanded the case to the lower courts for another hearing.

Now a new angle has been added by charges that the three wills are forgeries of Wood's signature, a handwriting expert testifying that the alleged signature appears to be in Frank's handwriting. Arguments were made before Circuit Judge McGee here and he has taken the matter under advisement.

## SECONDARY ELECTION WILL BE NECESSARY AT ABERDEEN

Aberdeen, S. D., April 21.—In the most hotly contested election in its history, Aberdeen remains "dry" by 66 majority. Last year it went "dry" on a tie vote. There were 3,107 votes cast out of 3,352 registered, breaking all records.

In the mayoralty election A. N. Aldrich secured a plurality of 204 votes over the incumbent, E. M. Hall, but the vote of 436 for McLaughlin, socialist, makes a secondary election necessary. It will be held next Tuesday.

Two arrests were made for illegal voting. Sam Heller, formerly in the saloon business here, who moved away last summer shortly after the city went "dry" returned a few days ago, registered at the Sherman hotel and it is alleged to have voted, although his residence has been in Minnesota. It is said, during the past year, Henry McMillan, who moved to North Dakota a couple of years ago, returned and voted at the February special election. He was arrested yesterday by the "drys" before he had a chance to vote.

## WELLS DEFEATS HILL FOR MAYOR OF MITCHELL

Mitchell, S. D., April 21.—In one of the hottest municipal elections in recent years James E. Wells was elected mayor of Mitchell by a majority of 262 votes over W. S. Hill, and saloons were banned for another year by a majority of 234. The protest against saloons is twice the majority of a year ago.

The fight for the mayoralty winner was conducted by an organized league of the younger business men of Mitchell, on a platform of strict law enforcement. The liquor question and the telephone controversy, which were injected into the campaign, proved to be of minor importance in the final vote. Mitchell's new mayor has been a resident of the city for the past third of a century.

## "DRYS" MAKE GAINS IN BLACK HILLS DISTRICT

Deadwood, S. D., April 21.—The "drys" made pronounced gains in the Black Hills region by holding Spearfish, Rapid City and Custer, and also gaining Hot Springs, Hill City and Whitehead, and reducing the "wet" majority in Lead by nearly 500 votes. Deadwood "wets" cast a 191 majority against their 83 last year. Belle Fourche, Edgemont, Wasta, Central City and Sturgis remain "wet," the latter retaining its municipal saloon.

Lead and Deadwood staged a hard municipal campaign. In the former, seven men contested for commissioner without a majority, eliminating five. In Deadwood Mayor Franklin was reelected and nearly his whole ticket.

## LICENSE MAJORITY CUT DOWN AT WATERTOWN

Watertown, S. D., April 21.—The saloons were retained here by a majority of 142. The "wet" vote was 918, the "dry" 776, a substantial gain for the antisaloon forces.

In the fight over the municipal judgeship, Irvin H. Myers was reelected over P. F. Gault by a vote of 919 to 762. A proposition to levy not to exceed 1 mill for bond purposes carried by a 3 to 1 majority.

A 10-year franchise of the Dakota Central Telephone company was submitted and approved by the voters, 1,103 to 548.

## GAS PLANT BONDS FAIL TO CARRY AT SIOUX FALLS

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 21.—Sioux Falls went "wet" by a majority of 381. Bonds of \$125,000 were voted for the erection of a city auditorium. The voters declared against bonds of \$350,000 for a municipal gas plant, and an equal amount for a proposed municipal electric light plant. John Mundt was reelected a member of the board of commissioners.

## YANKTON WILL RETAIN COMMISSION SYSTEM

Yankton, S. D., April 21.—Yankton went "wet," 611 to 413. The aldermanic form of government was defeated by the commission form, 645 to 372. For commissioner, five-year term, Henry Tammen, 548; Finnegan, 415. For commissioner, two-year unexpired term of E. M. Doyle, Ohlman, 392; Rapalee, 250.

## STATE CAPITAL IN LIST OF CITIES MAKING CHANGE

Pierre, S. D., April 21.—Pierre went "dry" yesterday by 84 and Fort Pierre by 35, putting both sides of the river in the "dry" column. This city voted a special tax for the support of a band. J. R. McKnight was elected a member of the city commission, and A. D. Hengle of the school board.

## WOMAN AWARDED \$8,000 IN ARMO-JR SEDUCTION CASE

Armour, S. D., April 19.—In the case of Gertrude Peters vs. William Weland, a damage suit arising out of a seduction case, plaintiff was awarded damages in the sum of \$8,000.

## H. O. WEBB, OF DOLAND, IS CITED IN DISBARMENT CASE

Pierre, S. D., April 19.—The supreme court has issued an order calling upon H. O. Webb, of Doland, to come into the court, May 3, and show cause why an order of the court should not issue disbarring him from practice in the courts of the state.