

A new record has been established by the United States bureau of fisheries up to March 1, 1916, in its fish cultural operations of the present fiscal year.

An interesting trainload of folks who passed through the United States recently, were the German women and children, also one paralytic man, removed some weeks earlier from the steamship China by a British cruiser and dispatched under surveillance to their homes, by way of the United States the men being held prisoners and taken to one of the British stations in the orient.

The chief justices of the United States beginning with the first and continuing to the present day, have been as follows: John Jay, 1789-1795; John Rutledge, 1795 for one term of the court, but was not confirmed by the Senate; Oliver Ellsworth, 1796-1799; John Marshall, 1801-1835; Roger B. Taney, 1836-1864; Salmon P. Chase, 1864-1873; Morrison R. Waite, 1874-1888; Melville W. Fuller, 1888-1910; Edward D. White, 1910.

One of the strangest animals known to zoologists is the tenrec, an insect-eating animal found only in the island of Madagascar. It is supposed to represent a very ancient type of animal which is now almost extinct.

Dion Boukault, when his first play, "London Assurance," was accepted by the manager of Covent Garden, London, refused to have the play produced in the original version because it gave no part to Mrs. Nesbit, an actress for whom he had conceived a high boyish infatuation, and rewrote the whole work in an incredibly short time so as to supply her with the role he wished.

The lines in the Dutch national hymn, "Preserve, O God, the dear old ground, thou our fathers gave," seem to indicate a considerable modesty on the part of the Netherlands, the supposedly correct fact being that they reclaimed the ground themselves. Providence actually being something of a hindrance, both to its acquisition and its "preservation" for which they pray.

Walt Mason, of repute as a prose poet, has bought a motor car and after learning to run it will make his initial trip through Nemaha county, Kansas, where he used to work for \$12 a month and failed to win when he struck for a raise of \$14. He hopes to create an impression that will make the one-time employers sorry they didn't hang on to him.

As a heavy passenger train near Colfax, Cal., was passing a curve a man leaned from the rear vestibule and waved at a young woman in one of the forward coaches. The engineer chanced to be looking back, caught the wave, and, thinking something had gone wrong, stopped the train.

The 554 people out of every 1,000 in Switzerland who save money must be compared with a meager 108 in this country, the difference accounting, according to a Chicago banker, for the fact that in our large cities one burial out of 10 is made in a potter's field.

Royalties on oil and mining developments, rents on state lands, leases and fees pour in so rapidly to the state of Wyoming that she may soon be in the position of not having to raise any taxes at all for support of the state government.

It seems that after all there is a knack to this long life business, Alec Parnoch, oldest member of the Mt. Carmel tribe of Indiana, submitting the suggestion that baths should be taken never less than once a year.

As an addition to the Bertillon system of identification an Omaha dentist has perfected a way to register the ridges of upper gums, which, he says, never change and are different in every individual.

Several carloads of Montana flax are being shipped to Belfast, Ireland. The flax will bring \$400 a ton in Ireland because of the war. The average price in peace times was \$180 a ton.

A fifth of the export trade of Tripoli is in sponges and a third in esparto grass, a wiry desert product which is sent in large quantities to England where it is used in papermaking.

Although there was a falling off of 14,000,000 gallons in the consumption of whisky and of 6,000,000 barrels of beer, the nation's drink bill for 1915 is computed at \$2,500,000,000.

Viggo and Aaga are the names that have been bestowed on two of Denmark's princelings, making one wonder whether Hamlet had such good reason to be melancholy after all.

Mars, the planet, has no rain or clouds, making a close analogy between it and the earthly Mars, the symbol, which also stands for some of the great heights of discomfort.

According to the geological survey an almost inexhaustible supply of oil can be obtained from the shales of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.

A Russian government bureau is organizing a scientific expedition to make a thorough investigation of the mineral resources of Siberia.

Water and fireproof barrels will be made in Hawaii from bagassee, a sugar mill byproduct, for exporting sugar and importing potash.

POLLEY EXONERATED OF KIRBY'S CHARGES

Not Shown That Accused Justice Even Received Money For Campaign Funds.

Pierre, S. D., April 29.—The referees in the disbarment case against Justice S. C. Polley, of the South Dakota supreme court, closed the hearing last night and promptly decided that no cause of action had been presented. This report will be made to the supreme court, Mr. Polley not sitting, and undoubtedly will be promptly affirmed by that body.

The charges had been that Mr. Polley, when secretary of state, had received a gratuity of \$100 from Will Bailey, of Pierre, for an appointment given to the latter. When the case was heard yesterday, the prosecution tried to add three new charges, only one of which the referees considered in this proceeding. It also was refused consideration since the referees decided no evidence had been given showing the main charge was substantiated. This new charge was that in 1901 Polley, as state's attorney of Lawrence county, had dismissed a suit when the parties he had brought it against made him a present of a set of books.

R. O. Richards when called as witness made his discussion partly political. The case was brought by Joe Kirby, of Sioux Falls, based upon letters from Polley to Richards, and furnished to Kirby by Richards. Bailey testified that at the solicitation of O. S. Basford he paid a campaign assessment of \$20 to J. L. Wingfield, but never any amount to Polley. No other testimony as to payments was produced.

Attorney Kirby, complainant in this case, has been somewhat "crosswise," at the supreme court. Last fall he was cited for contempt and for disbarment. The disbarment charge was dropped, but he was assessed \$500 on the contempt charge. This grew out of criticisms made by him of the supreme court members in an interview given to a Pierre newspaper.

FORMER EGAN RESIDENT SURVIVES WAR SERVICES

Egan, S. D., April 29.—A letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Reif, of Egan, from Albert Bourne, a former South Dakotan, was the first definite information that he had lived to serve out his time with the British artillery on the western line in Belgium and northern France. He was one of the first to go to the front. A few months ago he wrote his friends in South Dakota that his term was about to expire, but failure to hear from him since caused fears that he had been killed during the closing days of his active service.

In his letter Bourne states that only 1 1/2 per cent of the men who accompanied him to the front yet are alive, having been killed during the 17 months that expired from the time Bourne and his comrades went to the battle line up to the time of his honorable discharge. He now has returned to his wife and children in England.

Early in the war Bourne was badly wounded and spent some time in a hospital at Paris, to which he was taken from the battlefield. He was compelled to remain in the hospital for several weeks, but, as soon as he was able, and without attempting to secure his discharge from the army, he returned to the front.

DANFORTH ACTION JUST DEMAND FOR EXONERATION

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 29.—It is seldom that an attorney demands an investigation of his professional acts, but such is the case with reference to George J. Danforth, an attorney of Sioux Falls. Last winter the son of a former client of Mr. Danforth, laboring under a misapprehension of the facts, filed a complaint with the state supreme court against Mr. Danforth. Subsequently the man who filed the complaint filed an affidavit withdrawing the charges and completely exonerating Mr. Danforth. However, not satisfied with this, Mr. Danforth recently demanded that the matter be fully investigated so he could be legally cleared from all reflections on him as an attorney, and the supreme court now has appointed Philo Hall, of Brookings, former congressman from South Dakota, to act as referee in the investigation demanded by Attorney Danforth.

PNEUMONIA RANKS HIGH IN SOUTH DAKOTA DEATHS

Pierre, S. D., April 29.—The vital statistical report for the state for 1915 has been completed. In comparison with the 1914 report the showings are:

Table with 2 columns: Category and 1915. Births 13,023; Deaths 4,488; Marriages 5,235; Divorces 462; Naturalizations 1,800.

Of the births, 7,064 were males and 6,586 females. The death list shows that there was not a single death from smallpox, but that measles, considered as a mild disease, took 23 in the state for the year. The causes of the greatest number of deaths were: Typhoid, 33; whooping cough, 21; diphtheria and croup, 28; influenza and grip, 72; pellagra, 1; tuberculosis, 320; pneumonia, 393; heart disease, 352; cancer, 254; infantile paralysis, 7. There were 55 suicides and 17 homicides for the year.

SECTION WEST OF RIVER SEES FINE CROP PROSPECT

Rapid City, S. D., April 29.—Crop conditions in the prairie country east and south of Rapid City are more promising even than one year ago when the biggest crop ever raised in this country was harvested and marketed. Copious rains and snows since the middle of February have put the ground in fine condition and there is every assurance that another bumper crop will be harvested next fall.

There is but little spring wheat in this section, so that the section reports that line does not affect this section, reports from the government survey, telling that it is below average over all of the country this year. Practically all of the spring seeding is in and up and is looking exceedingly good. Alfalfa, of which there is a very extensive acreage in this section, is looking much better than usual.

DAKOTA STATE NEWS

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION FOR STATE CONVENTION

Pierre, S. D., April 29.—At the republican state convention, to be held at Pierre on July 5, the various counties will be entitled to the following representation, according to the schedule prepared by the members of the state committee:

- Aurora six, Beadle seven, Bennett one, Bon Homme 11, Brookings 10, Brown 21, Brule eight, Buffalo one, Butte five, Campbell four, Charles Mix 14, Clark seven, Clay 10, Codington 10, Corson four, Custer four, Davison 15, Day nine, Deuel six, Dewey three, Douglas six, Edmunds, Fall River, Faulk and Grant each seven, Gregory seven, Hamlin nine, Hand six, Hanson six, Harding five, Hughes six, Hutchinson seven, Hyde four, Jackson two, Jerauld five, Kingsbury 10, Lawrence 24, Lincoln nine, Lyman nine, McCook eight, McPherson seven, Marshall six, Meade seven, Mellette three, Miner seven, Minnehaha 26, Moody seven, Pennington 10, Perkins six, Potter five, Roberts nine, Sanborn six, Spink 11, Stanley three, Sully three, Teton five, Turner 12, Union 10, Walworth five, Yankton 13, Ziebach two.

These delegates will prepare the party platform, and the law also provides, in section 82, that this convention select the presidential electors, although another section says they shall be nominated at the spring primary.

SOUTH DAKOTANS ONLY ON MERCHANTS' PROGRAM

Pierre, S. D., April 29.—The 19th annual convention of the South Dakota Retail Merchants' association, which will be held at Pierre on May 16, 17 and 18, will be the next big gathering of business men to be held in South Dakota. A novel feature of the coming convention is the fact that the program is made up largely of speakers who are successful retail merchants of this state, and the subjects to be covered are vital problems which confront county retailers.

Those who thus far have been assigned places on the program and have consented to make addresses are: Governor Byrne, W. L. Ware, Clark; Oscar Schutt, Minneapolis; A. F. Moore, Pierre; L. E. Welles, Plankinton; Gus Meyer, Parker; J. E. Kelly, Pierre; J. F. Thomas, Pierre; J. T. Hanson, Canton; Krist Gilbertson, Florence; J. Ray Cole, Redfield; A. J. Keith, Sioux Falls; Chas. E. Hall, Brookings; Guy C. Frary, Vermilion; Otto Baarsch, Clark; E. O. McEwen, Mt. Vernon; G. F. Buche, Lake Andes; P. C. Byrne, Montrose; D. H. Loftus, DeSmet; Chas. J. Crockett, Cleveland, Ohio; G. A. Starring, Brookings; A. F. Allison, Sioux Falls; Frank Kramer, Chamberlain; A. F. H. Boaland, Waubay; John M. Schneck, Clark; E. U. Berdahl, Garretson; Lars J. Fiksdal, Webster.

ELK POINT.—One of the real old timers of South Dakota is James Gary, who resides in Civil Bend township, near this city. He came to this vicinity 47 years ago from Illinois, and has resided here continuously since that time. He yet makes his home on the same 190-acre farm which he occupied at that time, but he leaves the farming operations to his sons. He is 75 years of age. His wife is 74. They are the parents of 12 children, all of whom are living near them. Both are enjoying good health and are as hale and hearty as many persons of 50. Halvor Lewison, of Spink township, is another old timer of this vicinity. He has been a resident of this territory for a period of 45 years.

GREENWOOD.—At the family home on the Yankton Indian reservation near here occurred the death of Rev. Louis DeCoteau, one of the best known of the Sioux Indian clergymen of South Dakota. The immediate cause of his death was hemorrhage of the lungs. He had been pastor of a reservation church for a period of two or three years, and was greatly esteemed by the Indians of this vicinity. He was a member of the Sisseton tribe of Sioux.

YANKTON.—The annual tournament of the South Dakota Firemen's association will be held in Yankton June 12 to 16. The sum of \$2,000 has been set aside for prizes, and other prizes to be offered will bring this amount close to \$2,500. More than 100 of the volunteer fire departments of the state have notified the local officers that they will be represented at the tournament. It is estimated that about 1,000 firemen will be in attendance.

MADISON.—Plans are being made for a good roads bee in Lake county at an early date in June. The plan is to have every able bodied man in the county donate a day's work to the roads. A superintendent for the mile will be appointed. Teams, as well as men, will be asked for. The women of the county will be asked to provide a picnic dinner for the workers on each mile stretch of the road.

PIERRE.—The fire marshal bulletin, lately issued, shows that the fire loss in South Dakota for the first three months of 1916 was over 50 per cent less than for the same comparative months in 1915. The loss for last year was \$287,555.50, and for this year, \$136,561.01, a reduction of \$150,994.50. There has been no reduction in insurance rates, however.

YANKTON.—The Milwaukee has had another wreck in this county. This time it was an eastbound freight, which went into the ditch Wednesday morning near Utica, toppling over nine cars of rice. There were no casualties, but the Yankton-Scotland branch was tied up all day. Trains went round by Tyndall.

YANKTON.—The "Book of the Pageant of Yankton," by Joseph Mills Hanson, has been issued here. The work tells the stirring history of Yankton in prose and poem. It will be staged here by 200 performers the week of June 14.

MITCHELL.—Stewart F. Goodkoopitz, who erected the first building in Mitchell 37 years ago, died at his home in this city. He was 90 years old. He was the first president of the First National bank, of Mitchell.

NEW TRADING CONCERN BUYS MERCHANT FLEET

New York, April 27.—Control of the International Mercantile Marine company, commonly known at the time of its formation by J. P. Morgan & Co., almost 15 years ago, as the "shipping trust," and now in the hands of a receiver, has been acquired by the American International corporation, a \$50,000,000 organization, it was learned today.

DAKOTA GUARDS WILL MEET AT FORT MEADE

Regular Army Post Assigned For Maneuvers, July 7 to 18—Rifle Competition.

Redfield, S. D., April 28.—The annual encampment of the Fourth regiment, South Dakota national guard, will be held this year at Fort Meade, near Sturgis, S. D., instead of at Redfield, the state encampment place, according to an announcement made yesterday by Adjutant General W. A. Morris in general orders No. 1. The time set for the encampment is from July 7 to 18, inclusive, subject, however, to legislative law now pending in congress.

The general orders state that a rifle competition will be held at Fort Meade between teams consisting of five enlisted men selected by each company, any men who have attended 10 drills since January 1 being eligible. A suitable trophy will be presented to the company winning the competition. The competition course consists of five shots, slow fire at 600 yards, two sightless shots, and five shots rapid fire at 300 yards.

Another portion of the general orders instructs all company commanders and officers commanding separate battalions to tender the services of themselves and men to the local G. A. R. or other citizens for assistance in the observance of Memorial day on May 30.

An officers' school of instruction is set for Redfield on May 24 to 28, both dates inclusive. Officers attending the school will be allowed per diem for five days, as provided by the United States army regulations. Attendance at the school for at least four days is obligatory upon all officers who have not previously obtained leave of absence.

The adjutant general also announces the winner of the rifle competition which has been conducted among the various companies of the state for some time past. Company F of Mitchell carried off the honors, including a handsome cup, standing 133.4; the Brookings company is second, Sioux Falls third, Yankton fourth, Aberdeen fifth, Ipswich (mounted orderlies) sixth, Webster seventh, Parker eighth, Redfield ninth, Pierre tenth, Lemmon 11th and Lead 12th.

MAYOR HALL DEFEATED IN ABERDEEN ELECTION

Aberdeen, S. D., April 28.—In a most hotly and bitterly contested secondary election for mayor, Aldrich, former mayor under the aldermanic plan, was elected yesterday over the incumbent, Ed M. Hall, for a five-year term under the commission form by a majority of 129. Hall carried two of six wards. All wards ran very close with the exception of the Third, which gave Aldrich 121 majority. The total vote was: Aldrich, 1,430; Hall, 1,301.

Rapid City, S. D., April 26.—In a secondary election here John D. Newcomer, incumbent, was chosen the commissioner for the five-year term over L. T. Crittenden by a majority of 95. A week ago Newcomer ran second, led by Crittenden by 81 votes.

Yankton, S. D., April 28.—In a secondary election to elect a city commissioner, the election of a week ago not deciding the election, M. P. Ohlman, Jr., won over Norman Rapalee by a majority of 182.

JURY DENIES VERDICT TO BOY INJURED BY TRAIN

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 28.—After less than three hours' deliberation, a jury in the United States court returned a verdict in favor of the Great Northern Railway company in the suit of Jay Billings, the 12-year-old son of a Sioux Falls man, who sought to recover \$50,000 damages for a broken leg, alleged to have been sustained when he was struck by the pilot of a Great Northern engine while taking a short cut through the railway company's yards on his way home from school in February, 1915.

C. O. LISTMAN, PRINTER AT LEAD, HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Lead, S. D., April 28.—Whirled around on a pulley attached to the main power shaft in the press room of the Lead Daily Call, his clothes torn completely from him, C. O. Listman, a printer of Rapid City, had a narrow escape from death while other employees stood paralyzed with fear. Listman was picked up for dead, but an examination showed no bones broken and beyond bruises and scratches he is none the worse for his experience, although he had been squeezed between an 18-inch space between the ceiling and the shaft.

ACCUSED EMPLOYEE HAD \$1,500 SEWED IN SHIRT

Lead, S. D., April 28.—Arrested in his room at a hotel here with \$1,200 in bills sewed inside his shirt, Felix Orocona, of Butte, Mont., will be taken back there to face an embezzlement charge. Butte authorities wired the local police that Orocona had skipped with \$2,000 belonging to his employers there. When arrested he had the money found he denied. He had taken that much and that domestic troubles at home were partly responsible for his action.

WAGNER.—A number of Indians on the Yankton reservation near here are securing their deeds to lands from the Indian bureau at Washington, and are becoming citizens instead of wards of the government. Many of them are greatly interested in automobiles, and a large number of machines will be sold to the redskins as soon as they are in position to purchase them, after receiving deeds to their lands. Many of the Indians on the reservation are progressive farmers.

STURGIS.—At the annual convention of the Black Hills Presbyterian Missionary society, held in this city, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. Glatly, Hot Springs; vice president, Mrs. A. L. Ozmun, Lead; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. D. Erskine, Sturgis; recording secretary, Mrs. O. L. Black, Whitewood; young people's secretary, Mrs. Rex Joyce, Hot Springs; treasurer, Mrs. A. H. Spayde, Rapid City.

In early Italian playing cards cups the place of hearts, swords of spades, and coins of diamonds.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET AT HURON MAY 2-3-4

Leaders Expect to Have 1,000 Men in Line For Parade on "Prohibition Day."

Huron, S. D., April 27.—The annual South Dakota state Sunday school convention will convene in this city next week, May 2, 3 and 4, and the state executive committee, and the local committee are looking for the most largely attended convention in the history of the state association. There were over 600 delegates at the Parkersburg convention last year, and Secretary Miller believes that the 1,000 mark will be reached at Huron, with 1,999 men in the street parade on the last day, which is state wide prohibition day. Chief among the out of state talent for the convention will be the following men of nation wide reputation:

Dr. W. A. Brown, of Chicago, member of the international board; Prof. Walter S. Atheran, of Des Moines, an expert in teacher training work and modern organization; Prof. George L. Robinson, of McCormick seminary, Chicago; E. O. Sellers, of Chicago, director of chorus choirs; Prof. Vernor P. Squires, of Grand Forks, N. D., originator of the "North Dakota Plan" of high school credit for systematic bible study outside the school room.

EXCESSIVE RAINS DELAY SOUTH DAKOTA FARMERS

Mitchell, S. D., April 27.—Excessive rains during the past week in southern South Dakota have seriously delayed the sowing of small grain crops and in many places farmers are as much as three weeks behind last season.

Reports received in Mitchell from a large per cent of the towns in the southern part of the state indicate that generally the ground is in excellent condition, but continual rain has prevented it being worked. Crop conditions in the eastern part of the state appear to be more retarded than elsewhere. A report from the vicinity of Canton states that work there is three weeks behind. From Bon Homme county comes the only report that seeding is all done and that plowing for corn has commenced.

The small grain in acreage over this territory is larger than last year in most localities, the per cent averaging nearly 10 per cent. The acreage of the various small grains appears to have increased in about the same proportion.

FULTON AND MITCHELL DIVIDE ORATORICAL HONORS

Mitchell, S. D., April 27.—At the district high school oratorical and declamatory contests held here William Benson, of Fulton, with the oration entitled "The Boy Orator of Zapata City," was awarded first place in the committed oration division, and Ruth Hoffman, of Mitchell, with the declamation "The Bill of the Great Doctor," received first in the declamatory division. Arthur Anderson, of Mitchell, was given second place in the oratorical, and Alice Lockwood, of Chamberlain received second place in the declamatory.

The following schools were represented in the contests: Mitchell, Fulton, Ethan, Alexandria, Chamberlain, Kimball and Plankinton. The judges were E. L. Brown, Parker; Walter McDonald, Mt. Vernon, and S. A. Barney, Woonsocket.

LARGE MILL AT PARKSTON IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Parkston, S. D., April 27.—Fire practically destroyed the entire three-story building, machinery and contents of the flour mill owned by the Greenwood Milling company, of this city. The origin of the fire is unknown. The firemen turned their efforts to the adjoining oil sheds of the Standard Oil company, a residence and several barns a block away, and kept them well soaked with water. Several carloads of wheat, flour and other feed were burned, but about 100 sacks of flour were saved.

The fire could be seen many miles from here. There was no wind blowing which aided in keeping the flames from spreading, perhaps, over half the city. The fire burned for three hours. The building, machinery and contents were valued at about \$30,000.

WOMEN TO SAVE EGGS FOR AID OF PROHIBITION

Pierre, S. D., April 27.—In the interest of prohibition, a statewide campaign is to be made shortly on the suggestion that each farmer's wife save the proceeds from her sale of eggs for one week, beginning May 25, and send the amount to the Anti-Saloon league headquarters at Mitchell. The funds thus derived will be used in the anti-liquor campaign this fall in South Dakota. Miss E. Adelaide Ayers, a Pierre girl leaves Pierre this week to visit each of the towns between Pierre and Huron to organize the movement in those towns. She will interview the farmers' wives and secure the cooperation of several women in each of these villages and these women will in turn take charge in the country surrounding their towns.

WILLOW LAKES.—Potato growers of this vicinity have organized an association, capitalized at \$20,000, for the purpose of increasing the potato raising acreage of this territory this year. The officers of the association will have charge of the shipment of potatoes after they are harvested and will protect the growers in distant ways.

PIERRE.—The state game warden has sent a man to Ohio for a setting of eggs. The setting will consist of 25,000 pike eggs from the government fish hatchery at Put-in-Bay, Ohio. These will be placed in various lakes, ponds and water courses of the state as soon as they reach South Dakota.

PIERRE.—The railroad commission has granted permission to the South Dakota & Western Railroad Co., a corporation formed of Yankton county citizens, to build a line from Mitchell to Platte. Another rival company, called the Dakota & Southwestern, was also formed, but no action has yet been taken on their application for a permit to build a line along the same route.

Secretary of Labor Wilson began his career in the coal mines of Pennsylvania.