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Writing in the Rock Island Employers' Magazine recently, D. B. Sebastian discloses a number of interesting facts regarding the huge coal consumption of this representative American railroad, as well as the vast opportunities for economy and careful methods of handling in this branch of railroading. He says that the Rock Island railroad annually requires approximately 100,000 cars of coal to operate its trains. The fuel bill for the year 1915 was \$51,531,592. One shovelful of coal saved out of each 10 shovelfuls, which is not a difficult or impossible achievement in view of the existing wasteful method of firing locomotives, would effect an annual saving of \$553,159.20 without impairing in any way the efficiency of the railroad.

There exists a dry cleaning establishment in Cincinnati, Ohio, that gives its employees music at frequent intervals, with the object of speeding up the workers. There are some 300 workers in the plant, and the firm has bought a sufficient number of phonographs to provide music for them all. It is reported that in the pressing room the girls swing their irons over the work to the tune of popular marches and songs, and that much of the monotony of the work is eliminated by the music. The manager of the plant says his novel idea in industrial efficiency originated in South America.

In India the coolies are recruited by licensed agents throughout Bengal, the United Provinces, the central provinces, the southern Punjab and Ajmir. The supply varies greatly, depending in large degree on agricultural conditions in India, but it is estimated that 10,000 a year is an average figure. Of these, only about 5,000 return to India at the end of the contract period, the rest settling in the countries to which they are sent. Thus there were in Natal in 1910 more than 60,000 "free" Indians, while in Mauritius 70 per cent of the total population is Indian born or of Indian descent.

A remarkable collection of old pianos, European and American, including a number of examples dating from the latter part of the Eighteenth century, has been presented to the United States National museum by Hugo Worch, of Washington, D. C. Seventy instruments have been thus far turned over to the museum, and to this collection will be added several hundred photographs, showing every phase of the pianoforte industry prior to 1850, making a unique assemblage of material on this subject.

It is stated that four new Canadian cables have recently been laid in Pagsamaquoddy bay and the Bay of Fundy. These cables start from Eastport, Me., and connect with Deer Island, Grand Manan and Campobello, all belonging to Canada. Some points on these islands have telephonic connection with Eastport and thence to points in Canada and the United States, and one of the new cables is for the telephone service.

A leading American automobile manufacturer has found it advantageous to install a compressed air device for driving wood screws and machine screws and nuts. The compressed air engine can be fitted with any attachment best suited for the work at hand. It is reported that a saving of 75 per cent in labor cost over the usual manual operation has been effected by the device.

Sir William and Lady Crookes, who recently celebrated their diamond wedding, have lived at 7 Kensington Gardens for 45 years. Sir William, who was born in 1832—before Queen Victoria came to the throne—still edits the Chemical News. Their grandson, Capt. W. S. Cowland, was wounded at Gallipoli.

Miss Mary Barbara Richter, of Boonton, N. J., who was born in an open boat off the coast of Norway and was rescued from drowning in Lake Champlain, N. Y., last summer by George C. Schmittberger, is to marry him soon in a boat in the middle of a lake on the estate of her parents.

Robert Guggenheim, New York millionaire and copper magnate, is also a fancier of fine rabbits, and has a pen of 26 varieties, some worth as much as \$100 each, which have won a wide variety of prizes at displays all over the United States.

Carlisle (Pa.) police spent a night searching for an automobile owned by Prof. W. A. Robinson, of Dickinson college, which was left standing near the campus. In the morning the machine was found dismantled in the instructor's room.

Robert Dodenhoff, of Frieburg-on-the-Elbe, oldest rifleman of Germany, has just celebrated his 104th birthday. He received a letter and a gold watch from the Kaiser. Until two years ago he regularly took part in target practice.

Metal shingles intended for Johannesburg, South Africa, have to be thicker than those ordinarily sent from the United States, in order to be proof against the severe hailstorms that are frequently experienced in that district.

Because Canada's western provinces have adopted prohibition, it is seriously proposed there that the distilleries and breweries be equipped for the manufacture of commercial alcohol, to take the place of gasoline as fuel.

Corinna, Brooks, Dexter, Cherryfield, Guilford, Weld, Greenwood, Wales, Kingsfield, Moscow and Ripley, towns of Maine, are each 100 years old this year, and Georgetown will celebrate her 200th anniversary.

Tests of the air in crowded sleeping quarters on modern warships have shown it purer than the atmosphere of barracks or average residences on shore.

A Russian inventor's swimming suit has compartments for food, a weighted keel to keep a wearer upright in water, and fins on the legs to help him swim.

The French government has appointed a commission to study the general education pictures in the different parts of public education.

## DAKOTA MEN CONTROL OUTBREAK OF I. W. W. BY USING SHOTGUNS

### Armed Forces in Mitchell and Redfield Succeed in Keeping Order.

Mitchell, S. D., July 31.—Mitchell's determined efforts to keep the I. W. W. element from gaining the upper hand seem to have met with success. Today the headquarters of the lawless element are deserted and there are few of the I. W. W.'s in town.

Five hundred Mitchell men, armed with shot guns, rifles, revolvers, knives, clubs and baseball bats, patrolled the city all last night. They were organized according to wards with a captain and lieutenant for each ward. They were instructed to shoot if the occasion demanded.

Late yesterday afternoon four organizers of the Industrial Workers of the World, who have maintained office in Mitchell for the purpose of recruiting harvest hands into the order as they passed through the city, were taken in automobiles several miles out of the city, thrown out and told never to return.

#### Expect More.

Rumors that the men engaged in the rioting last night were returning heavily armed added somewhat to the apprehension that there might be further trouble before morning. This and the expected arrival of several hundred men on freight trains caused the organization of the vigilance committees to aid the police. The organization will remain intact until the trouble is quelled and the possibility removed.

One special detachment of the city fire department was armed and placed on watch at the corn palace, where it was feared that incendiary attempts might be made. Threats that the big auditorium would be burned were heard among some of the transients. At 9 o'clock less than a dozen harvest hands were rounded up, indicating that the city has been practically cleared of them.

#### Quiet at Redfield.

At Redfield, the situation seems to be well in hand. Citizens are armed and are not hesitating to meet all trains and compel the floaters to continue through the town, instead of stopping off. Furthermore, the Fourth regiment of the South Dakota national guard is in camp at Redfield. The soldiers are available in case they are needed.

That the I. W. W.'s are impressed with the situation in Redfield is shown by the fact that four organizers came to town yesterday and asked permission for 500 men to go through Redfield. They conferred with the mayor and the sheriff and insisted that the permission be given in writing. This was done and when the train arrived in town one of the men was standing on the first car, displaying the written permission. The leaders admitted that the men were afraid to take a chance on the treatment they might receive in Redfield.

#### INVESTIGATE SITES.

Pierre, S. D., July 31.—Word has been received here from Congressman Gandy saying that the president will appoint a commission to be composed of the heads of the various departments and of which the chief of the bureau of standards will be chairman, to investigate the various sites for the location of the government nitrate plant. The delegation will soon have another interview with the president. This has been delayed by the pressure of public business and the presidential campaign. Mr. Gandy thinks the conference committee will agree upon a compromise water power measure before the close of the present session.

#### NEW CORPORATIONS.

Pierre, S. D., July 31.—The secretary of state has chartered the incorporation of the Roscoe Grain company, \$10,000 capital stock, S. L. Potter, E. O. Potter and Eugene Licht incorporators; the Aurora Grain company, \$10,000, J. C. Gavin, E. B. Potter and C. L. Callaghan incorporators; Canova Elevator company, \$15,000, stock J. E. Johnson, J. H. Schwartz and M. J. Duxberry incorporators; Farmers Elevator & Implement company, Barbara, \$10,000, J. H. Wishek, Phil June and Mat Hater incorporators.

#### HURT IN COLLISION.

Bridgewater, S. D., July 31.—Colonel C. P. Hanson, of this city, the well known good roads apostle, miraculously escaped serious injury today in a head on auto collision with a car driven by Cornelius Lowen. The impact took place at a corner, one side of which was lined with a hedge, obscuring the view, until the cars were right together. The occupants of both cars, which were running at high speed, and badly wrecked, were thrown to the ground and escaped with minor bruises. A whistling post and turn to the right sign, might have avoided the accident, since which the colonel is more determined than ever to preach the gospel of good roads and greater safety in travel.

#### FELL BETWEEN CARS.

Yankton, S. D., July 31.—Benn Bullis, 26 years old, harvest hand, fell between cars on a midnight freight, and was taken to a hospital with a compound fracture of the left thigh. Thirty harvesters, the victims of the Tripp wreck, are already in the hospital here. The Yankton County Record is a new weekly that has made its appearance here, with E. A. Kaech as editor. Political reasons are given for the advent of the new paper. Mr. Kaech has been county superintendent of schools.

PIERRE—The "hopper-dozer" of the old days in Nebraska and the southern part of this state was put into use on the alfalfa fields of E. J. Perry, on the island opposite this city, and 28 pounds of grasshoppers were gathered in a drive of 500 feet, and about a ton was collected for the first day's work. The destroyer is a long trough on low wheels to carry it over the alfalfa, the trough being partly filled with water, and a small amount of kerosene on the top of the water. A high canvas screen is put back of the trough, and as the disturbed hoppers jump into the air as the device is hauled across the field, they strike the screen and fall into the trough below, and stay there.

## DAKOTA OUT OF DEBT SHOWS GOOD BALANCE; \$310,000 ON HAND

### Receipts and Interest on Money Surpasses Obligations of the State.

Pierre, S. D., July 29.—For the first time in many years, or perhaps the first time in its history, South Dakota is out of debt. The statement of business for the state treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, shows that there are \$300,000 worth of revenue warrants outstanding in indebtedness, and that there is \$310,618.15 in cash in the general fund, consequently the state is more than \$10,000 out of debt, on an actual cash basis.

In addition to that statement, it is also constructively about \$70,000 ahead of debt this year—because recently a transfer of \$25,000 was made from the state treasury to the county supervision fund, and this could have been added to the cash on hand, if it had not been for the transfer. Also the yearly statement shows that for the past fiscal year the placing of funds of the state left a bank balance of interest of \$20,798.24, while the state only paid out \$11,900.96 as interest, consequently leaving the state the gainer of about \$9,000 on this item. Consequently the state is about \$70,000 ahead of debt this year—for the first time in its history.

The cash on hand in the treasury a year ago for close of business was \$241,299.53, while this year it was \$310,618.75.

#### 30-YEAR COURTSHIP.

Centerville, S. D., July 29.—A 30-year courtship culminated in the marriage of August Scotvold, an attaché of a Centerville hardware store, and Miss Anna Peterson, who recently arrived in the city from Norway, the money for her passage having been provided by Scotvold in order that they might be married. They were childhood sweethearts in Norway, their courtship having had its inception nearly a third of a century ago. Thirteen years ago Scotvold came to the United States to seek his fortune, the plan being that he would send for his sweetheart as soon as he would accumulate sufficient money for both of them. The accumulation of the necessary money required much longer than was originally planned, and not until a few weeks ago was Scotvold able to send his bride to be the money for her passage to America and have sufficient left to support them in the fine little home he had fitted up prior to the marriage.

#### ORGANIZE NEW REGIMENT.

Watertown, S. D., July 29.—Gen. Charles H. Englesby, former adjutant general of the state and for over 25 years connected with the military establishment of the state, has received orders from Gov. Frank M. Byrne to at once proceed with the organizing of the Fifth South Dakota infantry. This order would indicate that the Fourth regiment, encamped at Redfield, would move to the border within a short time. The governor some time ago issued to Mr. Englesby a commission as colonel of the proposed regiment. It is understood that the majors, regimental adjutant and a few other officers, in addition to a number of company commanders, have been tacitly agreed upon between Colonel Englesby, Governor Byrne and Adjutant General Morris, but have not as yet been announced.

PIERRE—The state engineer has received a copy of its annual report which had been sent to a person in Russia in January. The report is the usual printed report of any state department, and it was received now at Pierre, much marked in French by the censor, and evidently refused admission to Russia. Examination of such a volume of official report of South Dakota, U. S. A., must have revealed very "dangerous" information to the country abroad.

CENTREVILLE—Rev. J. O. Parrott, who during the past three years has been pastor of the Baptist church in this city, has tendered his resignation, to take effect September 1. He has planned to attend a theological school during the coming year. The local church has prospered greatly under his direction and his coming departure from Centerville will be regretted by the residents of the town in general. Who his successor will be in the pastorate here has not yet been announced.

LEAD—Lieut. L. O. Shirley, of Hot Springs, is here recruiting for a cavalry troop under orders of Adjutant General Morris. Two troops are being recruited in this state, one at Pierre by C. E. Coyne, of Fort Pierre, and the other here. They are expected to accompany the infantry to the border when the latter leave their present camp at Redfield, which it is expected in state military circles will be soon. Lieut. Shirley is gathering men from all over the Black Hills.

PHILIP—With almost the entire neighborhood participating in the search, little 7-year-old Bertha Weiss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Weiss, about two miles south of here, was found about 25 miles from her home after a continuous search lasting several hours. According to her story she started out to go to the pasture, but lost her bearings and continued walking. When found she was nearly exhausted.

MARTIN—August 30 and 31 and September 1 and 2 have been fixed as the time for the annual Bennett county fair, to be held at this place. The fair will be held under the auspices of the recently organized Bennett County Fair association, whose members are among the best boosters in the county. Although Bennett county is one of the newest counties in the state, the exhibit of farm products at the annual fair is expected to be a fine one.

VIBORG—At the family home on a farm 18 miles north of Viborg occurred the death of C. E. Lund, one of the best known of the pioneer settlers of this part of the state. He was nearly 80 years of age and took up his residence in South Dakota in 1877. He is survived by a widow and one son and three daughters.

ALCESTER—Arrangements finally have been made with the manager of the electric light and power plant at Beresford to have wires extended from the plant to Alcester, so this place can be provided with electric lights. The work of extending the line and installing the necessary wires in Alcester will commence at once.

## INHERITANCE TAXES PAY \$50,000 TOTAL TO DAKOTA TREASURY

### Edmunds and Minnehaha County Take the Lead—Good Increase Over 1915.

Pierre, S. D., July 29.—The tax commission report that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, a total of \$50,271.28 has been collected in South Dakota as inheritance tax, and paid into the state treasury. This is about \$12,000 increase over the year previous which showed a total collection of inheritance tax amounting to \$38,243.90.

For the fiscal year just ended, Edmunds and Minnehaha counties show the largest returns of inheritance tax, each being over \$4,000. Brown, Hamlin and Walworth each contributed something over \$3,000; Clay, Davison, Lincoln, Spink and Yankton each over \$2,000; Bon Homme, Butte, Day, Hand, Kingsbury, Lawrence each over \$1,000 and the remaining counties less than \$1,000. Commissioner Preston collected two items, of \$742 from the W. G. Davison estate, and \$75 from the Northern Trust company, of Chicago.

#### TO AID "SUFFS."

Pierre, S. D., July 29.—Minnesota suffragists are to assist the South Dakota suffrage campaign by sending workers into the eastern part of the state. A conference will soon be held at Pipestone, Minn., at which Flandreau, S. D., women will explain the suffrage needs in this state. Mrs. C. A. Perley, of Flandreau, will speak at this conference, where speakers of statewide national fame will be gathered. Mrs. Rene E. H. Stevens, of Minneapolis, is now engaged in suffrage work in the eastern part of South Dakota. Suffragists here consider that the prospects for a large majority in favor of the suffrage amendment this fall are growing brighter every day.

#### LEAVES UNIQUE WILL.

Salem, S. D., July 29.—The last will and testament of the late Judge M. A. Butterfield, of Montrose, was admitted to probate yesterday. It is an oligraphic will, and is unique in its manner of disposing of the earthly goods and possessions of the testator. It is longer than the usual will, covering about nine pages of legal cap, and is signed at the end of each page as well as at the end of the will. It disposes of everything, even to the old keepsakes, many of which have no value other than that of keepsakes. Irl M. Butterfield, older son, is named as executor of the will.

#### SUES THE MAYOR.

Geddes, S. D., July 29.—The personal damage case of Harry Gartner, of Platte, vs. Mayor Mohan, of this city, which attracted widespread interest when tried at the last term of circuit court in this county, is to be retried at the September term of the same court. In the first trial Mohan was found guilty of having kicked and injured Gartner, and was assessed a nominal fine of \$1.00. Not satisfied with the verdict a new trial has been asked for by the prosecution, and it is reported has been granted by Judge Tripp. Some new evidence will be forthcoming at the second trial, and the outcome of the case will be watched with much interest.

#### DECREASE IN FIRES.

Pierre, S. D., July 29.—There has been a decided decrease in the number of fires in the state the past year as compared with the previous year, and a large decrease in loss by fire. The number of fires in the 1915 fiscal year was 568, with a loss of \$570,000 on buildings and \$620,000 on contents. For the 1916 fiscal year there were 474 fires with a loss of \$316,000 on buildings. Of the fire losses, over \$50,000 is credited to defective flues and careless dumping of ashes, both preventable to a large degree. About the same amount is charged to lightning losses, and about \$20,000 to incendiary fires.

#### AUTOISTS ESCAPE.

Irene, S. D., July 29.—To have their automobile turn two complete somersaults without either of them being seriously injured was the experience of Lars Aggergaard and Leonard Larsen while autoing near Irene. They were on a narrow grade and had turned out to pass a team when the car shot off the grade and turned over twice. Both men were thrown clear of the car.

#### ABERDEEN WANTS BANK.

Aberdeen, S. D., July 29.—The Aberdeen Commercial club will exercise every fair effort to induce the United States government to locate the government loan bank for this district in Aberdeen. Fargo and Bismarck, both in North Dakota, are the other aggressive candidates for the location.

#### WIFE INDICTED.

McIntosh, S. D., July 29.—As the result of her preliminary hearing on the charge of slaying her husband, Mrs. John Clanton was held for trial at the next term of state circuit court in this city, her bonds being fixed at \$2,000.

#### BACK IN JAIL.

Aberdeen, S. D., July 29.—Ed Harris and Victor Davis do not enjoy confinement in the county jail, but there are some things they like worse, so when the county authorities, trying to be kind, placed them in the harvest field to work out part of their 80-day sentence, the twain grasped the first opportunity to escape. They were recaptured and taken back to their cells in the county jail, and although the weather is torrid, being around 98 in the shade, and the food furnished prisoners with a disinclination to work is not plentiful, they smile peacefully and are quite content.

PIERRE—The banking department will pay another dividend, this time of 10 per cent, on August 1, to depositors of the Meade County bank, the failure of which occurred several years ago, attracting much attention. Including this 10 per cent payment, the depositors will then have been paid 40 per cent of deposits, and still further payments will undoubtedly be made. By having an officer in charge, fixing up loans reducing to cash the land holdings, etc., through the past two years these payments have gradually been made. It will take \$42,000 to pay this 10 per cent payment.

## COUNTY SEAT FIGHT WILL BE CONDUCTED BY DAKOTA CITIES

### Gregory County to Be Scene of Struggle—Herrick and Burke in Lead.

Wheeler, S. D., July 28.—Gregory county during the fall months will be the scene of one of the hottest county seat fights ever staged in South Dakota.

Residents of the county who are opposed to the county capital remaining at Fairfax, its location for many years, have taken steps to procure the necessary petitions requiring the county commissioners to submit to the voters at the November election the question of the removal of the county seat, and it is anticipated that they will have no difficulty in securing the necessary number of signatures.

But this will be only the starter of the fight, and will by no means indicate that rival towns can capture the county seat from Fairfax. Thus far two opposing towns have been mentioned in connection with the effort to dispossess Fairfax of the county seat and secure it for themselves. These towns are Herrick and Burke, important business points in the county, with a thickly settled region surrounding them. There has been some talk that the city of Gregory also would enter the county seat fight, but the leading business men and other interests in that city are opposed to their town becoming a candidate and thus antagonize hundreds of farmers and ranchers who transact their business at Gregory, but favor Burke as the proper place for the county capital.

It is expected the supporters of Herrick and Burke will form strong organizations to aid them in the coming county seat fight. The fact that there will be at least two opposing candidates against Fairfax, thus dividing the anti-Fairfax vote, is regarded by the residents of Fairfax and supporters of that town as a favorable omen indicating that Fairfax will be able to retain the county capital.

Nevertheless, the Herrick and Burke people will enter the fight in the expectation that they will win a victory at the election in November.

#### MONEY REFORMERS.

Sturgis, S. D., July 28.—Money reformers of the United States are called to meet in national convention at Chicago, August 4, the call being issued by All Reed, of this city. Mr. Reed has been conferring with H. L. Loucks, of Watertown; former Senator R. F. Pettigrew, of Sioux Falls, and men and women prominent in the movement over the country, and expects a large number of delegates from the many different money reform leagues.

Reed is editor of a money reform paper here and also president of the South Dakota branch of the People's Money League of the United States. He declares that an invitation to members of the progressive party to join the money reformers will be made, and is confident of converts.

Jo A. Parker, of Fermo, Mo., one time chairman of the populist national committee; James Ferriss, of Joliet, Ill.; J. F. Robinson, of Indiana; James A. Fulton, of McKeesport, Pa.; and Mrs. Anna Burges, of Chicago, are active in the movement, which looks for some sort of coalition with the progressives.

#### TOO LATE!

Pierre, S. D., July 28.—J. F. Edelstein, of Dallas, should have attended the democratic convention as delegate from South Dakota instead of H. F. Fellows, of Sioux Falls, who did go. The reason has now developed. When counting the votes at Beadle county, the clerk made an error and credited him with 1,191 votes—thus giving Fellows a higher vote—and consequently he was given the proper certificate of election.

The only consolation now left Mr. Edelstein, who should have gone, is that he stayed at home from the convention and is that much ahead in expense money, as the delegates to this convention had to bear their own expenses entirely.

#### HEARSE FOR CARRIAGE.

Pierre, S. D., July 28.—An old Indian, driving a hearse drawn by a pair of weary looking mules drawing the sun blistered vehicle along the street, was not an evidence of death nor a trip to the cemetery. It was only an old Indian from the Crow creek reservation who uses an old hearse for a family carriage, and finds it very convenient for carrying the camp equipment inside while his family rides in state on top of the vehicle. The hearse has been used as a family carriage for many years, since the Indian had only the hearse left to pick from in a stock of "carriages" which were offered them when the reds got a government payment, and took the first opportunity to spend it.

VEBLEN—Charles Anderson, who for the past 20 years has been connected with the local postoffice, has tendered his resignation and will retire as soon as his successor qualifies and assumes the duties of the place. In point of service Mr. Anderson is one of the oldest postmasters in South Dakota. He has a remarkable record, for during his score of years' service he missed only three or four days of active duty. He has been a resident of Veblen and vicinity since 1889, being one of the early settlers of this region.

LENNOX—A fire of unknown origin caused a heavy loss to Henry Wheelhouse, a prominent farmer of this vicinity. His fine barn burned to the ground, together with much property, grain and hay which it contained, and in addition four valuable horses and a colt were burned to death. The fire broke out while the owner was absent. The fire came at a very inopportune time, leaving Mr. Wheelhouse without a barn or horses just at the time when small grain harvest is commencing.

PIERRE—Mrs. William Anderson, living near Faith, was surprised to see the new barn just completed on their farm go sailing through space and after flight of over 80 feet, turn turtle on the prairie. She was looking out of a window of the house in the direction of the barn during a light rainstorm, and there was no evidence of wind at the house, which was a few hundred feet from the barn.