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In Hawaii grows the world's rarest plant called the silver sword. Its very name is odd and appropriate to the cactus like growth and the long, silky gray leaves which give it its peculiar name. The reason for its rarity is that it is found only on the most inaccessible slopes of the volcanoes of this group of islands. From the earliest times it has been greatly admired by the natives, who call it "shinaha," gray haired, because they had never before the coming of the white man seen silver and therefore could not apply to the plant a name which would describe it. Climbers who have found specimens prize them more highly than do Alpine climbers the Edelweiss, since it is far more beautiful and difficult to obtain than the famous flower of the Swiss.

A Canadian soldier in a hospital near Bromley, Kent, has a thin metal splinter from an explosive bullet lodged in his heart. Its presence was disclosed by X-rays, and, for the time being no operation is contemplated. Whether the metal splinter works in or out means the difference between life and death for the patient. The patient, who gets about as freely as any convalescent, feels the splinter much in the way that a nail in a boot irritates the foot. He can not sleep on his left side, and finds that practically sitting up in bed all night is the easiest way of getting rest.

"New York, New Jersey and several other states," according to Rider and Driver, "have started a movement that is rapidly becoming general for the provision of strips on the sides of the motor highways suitable for horse drawn vehicles." The idea is to have a roadway in the center not less than 15 feet wide for automobiles, and a section on each side of not less than six feet in width for horses. The motor cars can then spin along their part of the road and give a fair chance to the slower horse-drawn vehicles on the side.

Among economic questions brought to the fore as a result of the present world conditions is that of fuel. Sweden's fuel supply is insufficient, hence the import of coal and oil is considerable, amounting to more than 100,000,000 crowns (\$26,800,000) annually. The annual consumption of coal amounts to 4,900,000 tons, of which Sweden produces less than 10 per cent and this ratio can not be increased enough to have any perceptible effect on the import as a whole.

The Victoria Falls and Transvaal Power company, Ltd., of Johannesburg, is by far the largest power and lighting company in South Africa, and it supplies from its four large stations nearly all the gold mines and reef towns with both power and light, transmission being by three-phase long distance, 40,000 volts overhead. Distribution is by 20,000 volts underground and 10,000 overhead.

Referring to the German East African campaign the London weekly Times prints this curious dispatch: "Owing to transport difficulties rations were at one time reduced to a cup of rice and a piece of sugar cane. Our cattle have now been successfully protected, and a campaign is being waged against giraffes which have been destroying our telegraphs by scratching their necks on the wire."

"It is wrong to go into the water for a short time and come out and rest on the warm sand in the hot sun," says J. H. P. Brown in Modern Swimming. "If you desire a sun bath, take it either before or after your swim." The alternate chilling and roasting practice of the seabeach bather is declared by this swimming instructor to be enervating and productive of diseases of the heart, circulation, etc.

Tables of tidal currents for the Pacific coast in the vicinity of San Francisco and Puget sound have been published in order to make immediately available information relative to currents derived from observations by the United States coast and geodetic survey. Further information is to be added as rapidly as observations are available.

Commercial Attache Philip B. Kennedy, at Melbourne, Australia, has received a letter from Commander J. M. Poyer, U. S. N., governor of American Samoa, stating that the highest bidder for the copra crop of the islands was Jean Rothschild & Co., of San Francisco, who bid \$108.60. This is the highest price in the history of the government.

Among the Chinese a particular species of dog is said to be reared for the table. It is a small dog of a greyhound shape, with a muzzle much more elongated than in terriers. The flesh of black dogs is preferred to that of animals of any other color on account of the greater amount of nutriment the black dogs are supposed to possess.

When seals are born they are snow white, which makes them invisible on the ice. Their eyes and noses are, however, black, and when the little ones are suddenly alarmed they close their eyes, bury their noses and lie quite still. It is only when they begin to seek their own food that they become dark and sleek.

Lighting dangerous waters in which abound reefs, rocks and shoals has progressed from wood fires and candles to oil vapor and electric lamps. The early lighthouses were lighted by wood or coal fires burned in open braziers and later by candles inclosed in lanterns.

A well known American writer thinks that the signing of peace will lead to an emigration movement that will amaze the world. After the Franco-German war in 1870, 200,000 Germans settled in three American states—Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa.

Under the rule of the United States more than 3,000,000 natives of the Philippines have had some instruction in the English language and more of them speak and write it than any other tongue.

The ratio of color blind people to those of normal sight is about 65 to 1. This does not mean that all of the 65 are absolutely color blind, but it is the ratio of those who are more affected.

CIRCUS MEN BATTLE WITH DAKOTA CROWD; DISTURB POOL GAME

Frederick the Scene of "Hey Rube" Rally—Prisoner Attacks Marshal.

Frederick, S. D., Aug. 14.—With a cry of "Hey Rube!" the workers at a circus showing here yesterday grabbed tent stakes and prepared for a battle with some townsmen who attempted to get by the ticket taker without the paying. In the melee one of the home guards was severely hurt with a club. Many heads were bumped on both sides.

Later in the day a local officer had the surprise of his life when he was attacked by a semi-intoxicated man he had locked safely in jail a while before. The man had crawled out the chimney hole and hunted up the officer for revenge. The officer, caught unawares playing a game of pool, saved himself from serious injury only by using his cue to best advantage. The prisoner was this time locked up in a tigher place, and the game resumed.

SEEKING BEAUTIES.

Mitchell, S. D., Aug. 14.—In an attempt to secure 50 of the prettiest girls in this section of the state for attendants upon "Queen Maize," when she is crowned during the opening day of the corn palace, the local committee is using a novel plan this year. An invitation is sent to the various papers in the towns within a radius of 60 miles from Mitchell, asking them to nominate the fairest girl in town for "Queen Maize." All the young women receiving a nomination will be brought to Mitchell on the opening day and one of their number will be selected as the queen. All the others will comprise a bevy of beauties to attend her. Arrangements are being made with motion picture companies in Chicago and Minneapolis to have a battery of cameras on hand to film the event. It is expected that the film will then be sent to surrounding towns and be exhibited there to show the local beauty, surrounded by the fairest maidens of this section of the state.

WOULD APPOINT WIDOW.

Mitchell, S. D., Aug. 14.—A movement is under way to secure the appointment of the widow of Thomas J. Ball, the Mitchell pioneer who expired in the midst of his official duties last Wednesday morning, as postmistress for the 16 months which remain of his term. As a reason for the movement, it is pointed out that the former postmaster made many sacrifices, which might have gone toward the accumulation of a personal fortune, in order that the city he loved and the friends he cherished might advance. It is thought that some slight reparation for this may be made by allowing his widow to enjoy the returns of his office for the remainder of his term.

ARREST BALL PLAYER.

Brookings, S. D., Aug. 14.—Because he sold one of his employer's horses in order to collect the sum alleged to be due him in wages, a young man named Ed Doyle, employed on a farm near Brookings, was arrested on the charge of horse stealing. His wife, who was employed on the farm with him, did not accompany her husband and the officer who arrested him, deciding to remain on the farm where both secured employment several weeks ago. Doyle is quite a baseball player, and during a recent game was tried out in the position of shortstop on the Brookings league team in a game against the Toronto, S. D. team. In connection with the horse stealing charge he expressed confidence that he would be able to prove his innocence of intentional wrong doing.

SHOT BY HUSBAND.

Kimball, S. D., Aug. 14.—Last evening Mrs. Ambrose Westendorf, was accidentally shot by her husband in the abdomen with a revolver, and it is said a corset worn by the young woman impeded the ball, which was later extracted. Mrs. Westendorf is in a serious condition. The Westendorfs live about 4 1/2 miles southeast of Kimball.

RIVER HIGH.

Pierre, S. D., Aug. 14.—The Missouri river has remained so high this fall in the summer, which is unusual, that boating parties have been very frequent. A three days' cruise is under way to Chamberlain and return, with stops along the way. Judge Gates, Judge McCoy and families, Doane Robinson and Miss Robinson, S. A. Travis and family, and other friends will compose the party.

STEAL RECORDS.

Milbank, S. D., Aug. 14.—The editorial office of Chain Lightning Magazine, located in the Landier block in this city, were entered by unknown parties recently and robbed of three evidence files. The motive of the robbery seems to have been to secure important data and evidence gathered by Mr. Lockhart during the past few months. However, the loss of the files has not affected him for he had taken the precaution to keep nothing but carbon copies of manuscript in his office. The originals are all quartered in a more substantial and secure place.

GETTYSBURG—Mrs. Nina P. Hoover, wife of Ben P. Hoover, died Wednesday afternoon, August 9, at her home in this city. Mrs. Hoover was born in Maine and moved to South Dakota about 30 years ago with other members of her family. From 1896 until 1910 she served as county superintendent of schools for Potter county, and in 1900 was the democratic nominee for state superintendent of public instruction.

PLANKINTON—John Cafaro, a Plankinton man, has been advised that his brother was killed on the Italian front, where he was serving in the Italian army. His death was caused from the effects of a gas bomb. Since joining the Italian army eight months ago, the young man had seen almost continuous fighting and was wounded twice, recovering each time.

ABERDEEN—With the hunting season just one month away and prairie chickens reported plentiful the increase in the price of shells is being brought home to local hunters. An increase of over 15 per cent in the price of shells during the last month will make hunting an expensive sport this fall.

DELL RAPIDS CLAIMS NEW WALKING CHAMP; FIDDLES IN EVENING

After Walking 16 Miles to Visit Son, He Decides to Visit Sioux Falls.

Dell Rapids, S. D., Aug. 12.—Frank Randall, aged 68, for 14 years a resident of the Dell Rapids territory, has just made a record which entitles him to the distinction of being the champion long distance walker of his age in South Dakota.

After visiting his son eight miles west of Humboldt he decided on his return journey to walk the eight miles to Humboldt. Upon arriving at Humboldt he took the notion that he had better continue his journey on foot to Sioux Falls, making the 18 miles without being greatly fatigued. He made an average of three miles an hour during the long walk, reaching Sioux Falls about 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Then, desiring a little relaxation, he played a fiddle until 11 o'clock at night, when he decided he would take a little rest.

DAKOTAN PROMOTED.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Aug. 12.—H. S. Stebbins, formerly receiver and general manager of the South Dakota Central Railway company, according to information received in Sioux Falls, now is vice president and general manager of the Midland Continental railway in North Dakota. The road is about 78 miles long and extends from Ederley to Wimbledon, through Jamestown, where the headquarters of the company are located. The line has extensive improvements mapped out for the year, among them being the expenditure of \$100,000 in Jamestown. As soon as Mr. Stebbins secures a suitable dwelling house in Jamestown the members of his family will leave Sioux Falls to make their home there.

WAKONDA LAND, \$150.

Wakonda, S. D., Aug. 12.—A deal was closed by the Bank of Wakonda of this place whereby J. A. Withers has disposed of his quarter section, three miles south of town, to William Collins for the fancy price of \$150 per acre. The land has fair improvements on it, but is not considered as one of the best in this section. This is the highest price per acre that has been paid to date for a quarter section farm. A portion of an 80-acre farm east of Wakonda, valued \$200 per acre for his farm the same day.

SLASHES THROAT.

Aberdeen, S. D., Aug. 12.—Slashing his throat, arms and feet with a butcher knife, Christ Lorenzen, a baggage man of this city, attempted to commit suicide at his home early this morning and lies at the hospital in a critical condition today. His windpipe was severed and ugly gashes cut in both forearms and just above the toes of both feet. Temporary insanity brought about by excessive drinking led to the act.

WALKS 90 MILES.

Madison, S. D., Aug. 12.—Miss Iva Patterson, an inmate of the insane hospital at Yankton, became obsessed of the idea that her father, living near Wentworth, in this county, was sick and needed her. She accordingly disappeared from the hospital and walked the entire distance of 90 miles to her home. She is believed to have followed the Meridian road, but how she obtained food and where she stopped is not known. She was quite exhausted physically when she reached home, but seemed very rational, and she may be permitted by the authorities to remain at home. She spent a week on the road.

CLARK—For some time it has been planned to have a special election held here so the voters could vote upon the question of issuing bonds for the construction of a municipal electric light system. A petition asking that such an election be called had been submitted to the city council. Now, however, owing to the damage to the small grain crop of the Clark territory by the excessively hot weather of the past month, it has been decided to defer action on the proposed special election until early in the new year.

BIG STONE—One of the criminal cases to be tried at the next term of state circuit court in this (Grant) county will be that of the state vs. C. Frahm, who is charged with having broken into the teachers' dormitory in a park near here and stealing a quantity of bedding and supplies. It is charged he brought the stolen goods to his home in town, and later took them to a house in the country, where they were found by the officers.

MITCHELL—The business session of the 31st annual convention of the South Dakota State Pharmaceutical association came to a close here this afternoon. Watertown was selected as the meeting place for 1917. The following officers were chosen: President, J. A. Pool, of Redfield; first vice president, W. P. Loesch, of Bruce; second vice president, Otto Ross, of Conde; secretary, E. C. Bent, of Dell Rapids; treasurer, A. A. Woodward, of Aberdeen.

WENTWORTH—Walter Pfeiffer, of this city, had a narrow escape from instant death and was badly hurt when he was thrown headlong from his motorcycle near Wentworth while traveling at the rate of 15 miles an hour. The motorcycle skidded on a rough spot and tipped over, Pfeiffer being hurled through the air for a distance of fully 15 feet. His clothing was torn to shreds and he was badly bruised and cut. Fortunately no bones were broken.

GROTON—One of the most valuable crops in this part of the state is a field of hemp on the experimenter farm of the International Harvester company, near Groton. The hemp in the field at present stands three feet high. It is estimated that the hemp product of the field will bring a return of from \$130 to \$150 an acre. The experiment with the raising of hemp will demonstrate whether or not the crop is practical one for this part of the northwest.

LEAD—A party of Austrians with a new automobile and an inexperienced driver went over a 100-foot embankment just outside the city limits last night. Tony Karanatchik was broken back and is dying and two others were seriously hurt. The car was only slightly damaged and came into town on its own power.

INDIAN SEEKS COURT IN JUDGMENT SUIT; FIRST FILED IN U. S.

Frank Good Lance, After Serving 30 Days, Files Just Like White Man.

Hot Springs, S. D., Aug. 12.—The contention that the state legislature of South Dakota had no authority to attach any part of the Pine Ridge Indian reservation to any organized county of the state for judicial purposes has just been upheld in an important test case by Judge McGee, of the state circuit court for the Fall River-Pennington county circuit.

This decision was rendered in a case of an unusual character arising on the Pine Ridge reservation. Recently Frank Good Lance, a Pine Ridge agency Sioux Indian, was arrested by the chief of the Indian police on the charge of wife beating, and when taken before Judge Thunder Bear, of the Indian court, was found guilty and sentenced to serve 30 days in the agency jail. Good Lance served the term, and upon his release instituted in the state circuit court of Fall River county a damage suit against the chief of the Indian police, the judge of the Indian court and the United States Indian agent in charge of the reservation, by which he sought to recover \$2,000 for unlawful arrest and imprisonment. This was the first damage suit of the kind ever instituted by an Indian in the United States.

The federal government, through United States Attorney Robert P. Stewart, demurred to the complaint of Good Lance, the contention of the United States attorney being that the action could not lawfully be instituted in the state circuit court, and that the state legislature had no authority to attach the Pine Ridge reservation to Fall River or any other organized county for judicial purposes.

Judge McGee, after a hearing in the case, sustained the contention of the federal attorney, thus leaving Good Lance without any standing in court so far as his damage suit was concerned.

There are rumors that an appeal will be taken from the decision of Judge McGee, but as to this nothing definite has yet been announced.

FARMER—Efforts to capture a supposed wild man who is said to have recently been seen on several occasions in remote portions of Hanson county have thus far been unsuccessful. It is believed he is a lunatic who made his escape from the state hospital for the insane at Yankton, or from the insane asylum of some adjoining state. Women and children in the region where he is said to be making his headquarters have been greatly alarmed.

KIMBALL—Wm. Koenig, who lives about seven miles northeast of Kimball, threshed out 30 acres of barley which averaged 30 bushels to the acre. Fifty acres of speltz and oats mixed for feed went 25 bushels to the acre. Ben Thompson, one mile east of Gann Valley, Buffalo county, threshed his oats which went 37 bushels to the acre. Ashley Dunham threshed out his oats 3 1/2 miles northeast of Gann Valley. They went 37 1/2 bushels to the acre.

WITTENBERG—At the annual convention of the Hutchinson County Sunday School association held at this place, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, John C. Unruh; vice presidents, R. E. Boegler, J. F. Morgan; secretary-treasurer, Bertha Welsh; assistant secretary, Mrs. J. T. Wilson. The place for holding the next annual convention has not yet been selected.

FLANDREA—Arrangements are being completed for the annual Moody county fair, which will be held in this city, commencing August 23, and continuing until the night of August 31. Much attention will be given the poultry department, and the exhibits in this department are expected to be fine. There will be other exhibits, including farm products of all kinds and live stock.

YANKTON—Robberies are almost of daily occurrence here among the returning harvest hands. Four I. W. W.'s held up two independents and robbed them of \$35 cash and a gold watch, just east of the city, Wednesday, where a similar robbery took place the night before. An I. W. W. also robbed, was handed back his property on his red card being found.

WATERTOWN—An unusual case before Judge Myers, of the municipal court in this city, was the trial of a 13-year-old girl on the charge of using profane language on a public street. She was found guilty, and Judge Myers imposed a fine of \$5. The girl was charged with using the profane language while playing with other children on the streets.

PIERRE—The weather bureau report shows that July was the warmest since 1901. The average for the month just past was 80, and for July, 1901, it was 82. The average this year was five degrees above normal for the month at this place. The precipitation for the month was 2.50 inches, which was just a shade under the normal at 2.55 inches.

BRUCE—A local automobile dealer is erecting what will be the largest garage in Brookings county. It will be 75x100 feet in size. In addition to the garage, a number of other new buildings are in course of construction in Bruce, and the farmers of the surrounding territory also are making extensive building improvements.

YANKTON—Dr. J. A. Seapy, of Geddes, is in a hospital here, where he submitted to a very serious operation. He is reported as doing satisfactorily. Dr. Seapy is a well known practitioner along the Platte line.

KIMBALL—Will McKee, was struck and killed by lightning about four miles south-east of this city. He was plucking off grain from a wagon to his father on the stack. The lightning set McKee's clothes on fire, burning up the wagon, grain and also the stack. He was 27 years old.

BRIDGEWATER—L. M. Dettmerman, of this place threshed 5,000 bushels of oats from a 106-acre field. Corn is suffering for want of rain and at the best will not yield to exceed one-half a crop. Scarcely any rain has fallen since June 27.

IRENE—Extensive public improvements are being made here. Among the things the streets are being placed in first class condition. A number of new street crossings have been put in.

DAKOTA STATE NEWS

BEER STOLEN.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Aug. 11.—Because they entered a freight car in the local yards of a railway company and carried away a case of beer, two transients giving their names as Frank Meyers and George Conway, face terms in the United States penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan. They were arrested by the federal officers on a charge of interfering with an interstate commerce shipment and are being held for action by a federal grand jury.

ORGANIZE TRAIL.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Aug. 11.—The Spirit Lake, Sioux Falls, Chamberlain and Deadwood division of the Diagonal automobile trail will be organized at a meeting of trail boosters to be held in Sioux Falls on Friday of this week. The Diagonal trail is described as the longest in the world, extending from Seattle, Wash., to Miami, Fla. One of the prominent men to be at the meeting in this city will be A. E. Nissen, of Iowa City, Ia., of the "Good Roads Now" movement and originator of the trail.

THRESHING RETURNS.

Salem, S. D., Aug. 11.—Threshing returns are coming in, indicating that the yield of wheat is very light; oats running from 30 to 60 bushels, with barley and speltz making a fairly good yield. The average for wheat will be around seven or eight bushels. One 10-acre piece on the farm of Gus Blankartz, made an exceptional yield, the one-third share of Mr. Blankartz netting him \$68.50. Corn seems to be holding its own, but is badly in need of rain, in order to make any crop of corn.

TOM BALL DIES.

Mitchell, S. D., Aug. 11.—Postmaster Tom Ball, more than 30 years a resident of Mitchell, and the first civil service employe in the city, dropped dead at 9 o'clock this morning of heart failure while at work in the office. Mr. Ball is the builder of more than 140 residences in the city of Mitchell, and is known as the foremost friend of the home maker. He was 65 years old.

BIJOU HILLS—The farmers of this territory are year by year devoting more attention to the dairy branch of farming, with the result that they now are numbered among the most prosperous of the farmers of South Dakota. In a period of 12 months an aggregate of 1,512 cans of cream, each containing 10 gallons, have been sold to local buyers by the farmers of this vicinity. The aggregate weight of the cream was 16,600 pounds. The average price paid during the year was about 32 cents per pound, so that during the year the farmers of the surrounding region received an aggregate of \$12,550 for their cream product. The bulk of this money was received by them during periods of the year when they had no regular income from other sources.

PHILIP—To realize an average of \$60 per acre from an alfalfa crop is a new record which has been set by Jesse Baker, a homesteader of this vicinity. Baker has seven acres of alfalfa which will give him a return per acre of the amount stated. The profits will come from the sale of the seed, and the seven acres, it has been estimated, will give him a return of about double the value of the land. Baker also has just completed the harvesting of 120 acres of winter wheat, which yielded unusually well.

ABERDEEN—Mistaken for a housebreaker Clifford Melcher, a baker of this city, was accidentally shot and wounded by a plain clothes man early this morning. Melcher mistook the officer for a hold-up artist and upon being ordered to stop broke into a run. The officer pursuing fired three shots to stop him, one taking effect in the fleshy part of the thigh. Melcher will recover.

VOLIN—An interesting feature in connection with the installing of an electric light system here is the placing of a huge light at a central point, the light being of sufficient power to be seen for many miles around the town. The new electric light system is first class in every respect, giving excellent service for the business houses and the residences.

ABERDEEN—With bullet wounds in his head and shoulder O. W. Scott, of Conde, who was shot in an altercation with an officer at that town early Sunday morning, lies at St. Luke's hospital in this city in a serious condition. The officer was placed under arrest and is being held at Redfield pending developments in the wounded man's condition.

PIERRE—A new form of "hopper-dogger" is being used with good effect on the alfalfa fields near this city, which are badly infested with the pest. The new trap is a box about 16 feet long and three feet in height and width, with a wooden floor, and the top and back covered with common wire screen.

DEADWOOD—As the result of being thrown from a horse, William Whalen, a well known rancher of western South Dakota, living 10 miles north of the Belle Fourche river, is in a critical condition. He sustained a severe fracture at the base of the skull and was otherwise injured.

CUSTER—Rapid progress is being made in the work of erecting a fine new public school building in this city, and it now is assured it will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the fall term of school in September.

CONDE—No trace has yet been found of an unknown person who burglarized the safe in the office of the Atlas Lumber company and escaped with the cash which it contained. It is believed the robbery was committed by some local party.

ABERDEEN—Eddy Harris, a youth serving a term in the county jail for assault and battery, escaped from the poor farm here today. Harris, who has been helping harvest at the farm escaped two weeks ago but was recaptured by the sheriff.

The increased demand for American flags has led some of the New York flag manufacturers to curtail the length and breadth of the star spangled banner under standard size, and substitute mercerized cotton for silk and cotton for wool, says the commissioner of weights and measures. Twenty-five manufacturers were summoned before the commissioner and warned that, they must stop giving short measure or substituting cheaper materials.

More than \$12,000,000 has been expended by the Cigar-makers' National union in caring for its unemployed and destitute members and families during the last 36 years.