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Perry A. Trude, son of Judge Samuel A. Trude, of the Chicago municipal court, and a member of Company N, Seventh Infantry, New York organized militia, is stationed at McAllen, Tex., near Brownsville. Judge Trude received a post card from his son asking for water. The judge shipped two 10-gallon tanks.

Two Lawrence, Mass., dealers traded in cash registers, one of them paying \$47 to boot. A few days later the one who had received the \$47 was surprised to receive another \$47 from his friend. The latter had taken the machine apart and had found that amount in the back of the register.

The wood utilization and preservation studies of the United States department of agriculture have been broadened to include tests of foreign woods of commercial importance to American industries.

By royal order the celebration of Arbor day has been made obligatory in every township and municipality in Spain and tree planting is to be carried on upon a more extensive scale than heretofore.

Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Steere, of Gloucester, R. I., near Providence, recently celebrated the fourth anniversary of their wedding in the house in which they have lived ever since they were married.

Four hundred pastoral calls in four weeks on new people, shut-ins, sick and those coming under the head of special cases is the record of the Rev. Frederick T. Keeney, pastor of a Syracuse, N. Y., church.

To provide restaurant tables with fresh linen quickly there has been invented a long tablecloth, mounted on rollers that a clean portion can be brought into use with a minimum of labor.

A Pittsfield, Mass., woman went fishing at Onota lake recently and tied the fish line to her leg. After she had gone a short distance in a boat she felt a jerk and pulled in a large pickerel.

James Sproule and Thomas Sproule, brothers, of Sparta, Ill., married sisters 65 and 68 years ago, respectively, and are now living in the town in which they started business in 1866.

In the early days of the American colonies, greased paper was used in the windows in the absence of glass, and candles were in use up to 1750, when lamps of whale oil were first used.

In an electric washing machine that is said to handle the most delicate fabrics safely the water is pumped through the articles to be cleaned as they are slowly revolved in a basket.

The French language is so much better than English for long distance telephoning that expert operators in Paris have transmitted messages to London at a rate of 190 words a minute.

A German medical authority maintains that 15 minutes exposure to the sun's rays during an aeroplane flight at high altitudes will kill all the tuberculosis germs in a man's system.

A German invention enables a person to take a steam or hot air bath at home, a hood fitting over one end of a bath tub confining the vapor from the regular hot water supply.

By pulling out a pin a new spring hinge for screen doors can be detached without losing the spring and with the parts left where they belong for easy erection of a door again.

British aviators have found that horsehair cushions provide enough elasticity to counteract the vibration of aeroplanes and make the use of magnetic compasses possible.

According to the geological survey Colorado alone has shale enough to yield 20,000,000,000 barrels of crude oil, from which 2,000,000,000 barrels of gasoline can be obtained.

A Kansas City electrician claims to have perfected electro-chemical apparatus for producing gasoline from kerosene and natural gas at a fraction of its present cost.

A machine has been perfected in Saxony that embroiders designs upon three dozen pairs of stockings at once, a battery of needles making 288 stitches simultaneously.

Bohemian brewers have perfected a process that matures beer and makes it ready for use in from eight to 12 days instead of the usual three months.

A golf ball to which it attached a small parachute to retard its flight has been invented to enable players to practice strokes where room is limited.

The motor of the automobile which carries it operates a new machine which bores four holes into the ground at once for posts or other purposes.

An anonymous Frenchman has offered a \$10,000 prize for the mechanical apparatus that will best supply the place of a missing human hand.

A concave motion picture screen has been invented by a Chicago man to prevent distortion no matter from what angle the pictures are viewed.

According to a Vienna physician insomnia can be cured if a person will grasp the head of his bed and pull backward until fatigue develops.

A recently patented combined typewriter table and chair fold together to form a cover for a machine and to economize floor space.

## CALDWELL RULES ON COUNTY COMMITTEES

### Says They Are Made Up of Precinct Members Elected at Primary in May.

Pierre, S. D., Sept. 25.—Some uncertainty over the state seems to exist as to who are the legal members of the county central committees, and also who has the authority to call a meeting of such committee. The attorney general has consequently made an official ruling on the subject, and says in part:

"In my opinion the precinct committees elected at the primary election held in May, 1916, constitute the county central committee. The statute does not specifically cover this point, nor is it specifically stated in the statute what constitutes the state central committee. But the practice has always been for the different political parties to have a county committee composed of one committeeman from each county. The statute provides for the election of these committeemen from the different precincts and from the different counties, and seems to leave it to inference that these committeemen so elected, make up the county and state committees. Section 85 of the primary law provides that the chairman of the county central committee shall be selected by the candidates, but that the treasurer shall be selected by the committee. This is a clear intimation that the candidates are not a part of the committee, and in my opinion this is the proper interpretation to be placed on the law."

There being no special provision in the law as to who shall call the meeting, the attorney general's opinion is that the county chairman shall call the meeting, when necessary.

## YANKTON COUNTY ORGANIZED FOR PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN

Yankton, S. D., Sept. 25.—This county got into line Friday afternoon for statewide prohibition by organizing a county Anti-Saloon league. Officers elected were: Julius Berkeley, Mission Hill, president; R. A. Steadman, Volin, first vice president; P. J. Conklin, Yankton, second vice president; H. M. Hammond, Yankton, secretary; R. J. Gordon, Yankton, treasurer. Committeemen from every precinct in the county were appointed to push the work of the campaign.

## NAME OF TOWN CHANGED, BUT OLD MEANING HELD

Rapid City, S. D., Sept. 25.—Congressman Harry L. Gandy has taken up for the people of Cut Meat, a town in Todd county, the petition signed by them asking for a new name for the town, and has received a notice from the postoffice department at Washington that in the future the town will be known as Wososo, the name the people had selected. They have objected to the name because outsiders have been prone to treat it as a joke and have had several indignation meetings to get action on getting a new name. With the new name they hope that the town will outlive its former suggestive appellation. Wososo is Sioux Indian for Cut Meat.

## CORONER'S JURY UNDECIDED ABOUT RANCHER'S DEATH

Rapid City, S. D., Sept. 25.—Prudent Sunysack, an old rancher, aged 70, was found dead in a field near his home 40 miles east of here. The coroner's jury left an open verdict in the case being undecided as to the manner of his death.

The testimony of Frank Pipal, the young man who found the body, was that the dead man's horses had strayed into the Pipal pasture and Sunysack had gone after them. The two men had an altercation over them, and finally, according to Pipal's story, he left the old man and started toward his home. Sunysack tried to round up the horses with his horse and cart, in which he was riding, and the horse ran away, throwing him out of the cart. Pipal said when he reached his side he found him dead. He then notified the coroner.

## STATE W. C. T. U. MEETING IN SESSION AT MADISON

Madison, S. D., Sept. 25.—The W. C. T. U. state convention is in session in Madison this week, with a large attendance from various parts of the state. The officers are: Mrs. Anna R. Simmons, Faulkton, president; Mrs. Alice M. Pickler, Faulkton, vice president; Mrs. Ruby Jackson, Ipswich, secretary. The state organization owns a large cottage at Lake Madison, which is used as summer headquarters, but the present meetings are being held in the Methodist Episcopal church in the city.

## TWO ELK POINT PRISONERS SENT TO PENITENTIARY

Elk Point, S. D., Sept. 25.—J. C. Hoover and John Miller, prisoners arrested by the Union county authorities, appeared before Judge Jones, of the state circuit court in Sioux Falls, and entered pleas of guilty to criminal charges against them, the former on a holdup charge and the latter for forgery. Hoover was arrested following an unsuccessful attempt to holdup and rob several trainmen in the Elk Point yards of the Milwaukee railway company. Judge Jones gave him a term of five years in the Sioux Falls penitentiary. Miller will have to serve a term of six months in the penitentiary. He had previously been sentenced and paroled on certain conditions, but broke the terms of his parole and now will have to serve his full sentence.

## RAPID CITY MERCHANT KILLED IN AUTO RACE

Sturgis, S. D., Sept. 25.—While leading the field in a five-mile auto race at the Meade county fair at Sturgis yesterday afternoon, Bernard J. Webster, a well known young merchant of Rapid City, received injuries which resulted in his death last night. He was rounding a curve when the car turned turtle and his chest was crushed. Webster formerly resided at Deadwood.

## LARGE PROFITS MADE BY MADISON MAN ON POTATOES

Madison, S. D., Sept. 25.—Charles Wingert, living near this city, raised 1,200 bushels of Early Ohio potatoes on 10 acres of land. He sold 1,000 bushels of them for \$1,000, reserving 200 bushels for his own use. The potato crop generally in this locality was poor this season, but Mr. Wingert was fortunate in getting a good crop at prevailing prices, a very profitable one.

## BURGLARS TRAPPED BY OFFICERS AT WALLACE

### Hiding in Store, Marshal and Deputies Nab Three Men Who Make Night Visit.

Wallace, S. D., Sept. 23.—Three bandits, giving their names as Foley, Gordon and Williams, fell into a trap laid by the town marshal of Wallace and were captured while in the act of burglarizing the Murkud general store here.

During the past few weeks the store has been entered several times and silks and other valuable goods have been carried away. The silks alone which have been carried away are estimated to be worth \$300. Since the last robbery, the town marshal and two deputies have each night slept in the store awaiting a return of the robbers, and their efforts, as stated, resulted in the capture of three men, believed to be expert store thieves. They may have been implicated in other robberies at different points in South Dakota during the past two or three months.

They had effected an entrance to the store and were stealing softly over the floor when suddenly they were confronted by the marshal and his two deputies and commanded to throw up their hands.

When taken into court all three defendants waived their preliminary hearing and were held for trial in the state circuit court.

## BACK TO OLD HAUNTS AFTER LONG TERM IN PRISON

Gann Valley, S. D., Sept. 23.—Frank Kotnick has been released from the Sioux Falls penitentiary, after serving 15 years for killing his wife at their farm home near Gann Valley. At the time of the murder Kotnick was one of the most prominent farmers of Buffalo county. Immediately following his release, he returned to Buffalo county. He was originally sentenced to life imprisonment, but a few years ago the sentence was commuted to 25 years. With credit marks and time allowed for good behavior, his release at this time was brought about. At intervals during the past 10 or 12 years friends and relatives endeavored to secure a pardon for him. He shot his wife during a fit of anger, and the evidence showed that he was driven to the deed by domestic difficulties.

## RAILROAD STILL BALKING ABOUT DEPOT AT EMERY

Pierre, S. D., Sept. 23.—The people of Emery were jubilant too soon over their supposed victory in the altercation with the Milwaukee Railroad company about the depot location. The town first desired a crossing, and the railroad commission ordered the railroad to put it in. Then the railroad company moved the depot down near the stock yards. The people complained, and the state commission ordered that the depot be moved back up town. At that point in the procedure the town expressed its jubilation, but now the company has taken the case to the circuit court. The depot will thus remain at the stock yards until a determination of the issues has been made in court.

CUSTER—During October Custer will entertain two important state conventions. On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 24 and 25, the Black Hills Association of Congregational churches and ministers will hold its annual convention in the local Congregational church. Following this convention, on Thursday and Friday, October 26 and 27, the annual convention of the Sunday School association of Custer and Fall River counties will be held in this city.

FLANDREAU—A large number of the leading women of this city held a meeting and organized a local branch of the Child Conservation League of America, with a good charter membership. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Thomas Kelley; vice president, Mrs. H. W. Adron; secretary, Mrs. E. W. Bailey; treasurer, Mrs. L. M. Hardin.

FLANDREAU—Amos High sustained a heavy loss as the result of a disastrous farm fire near here. A spark from a gasoline engine set fire to his large hay barn, and the barn, together with 100 tons of hay, the cattle barn, silo, hog house and a corn crib, were completely destroyed. By hard work the horse barn and the dwelling houses were saved.

RAPID CITY—Judge W. W. Soule, a well known orator of this city, has been invited by the democratic national committee to join the list of speakers and make addresses for the democratic national ticket in such parts of the United States as he himself selects.

RAPID CITY—W. R. Millham, one of the best known traveling men in western South Dakota, was adjudged insane and taken to the asylum at Yankton by Deputy Sheriff Cessna, of this city. It is not definitely known just what caused Mr. Millham's mental collapse.

SIoux FALLS—Dr. George L. Page, for many years one of the leading dentists of Sioux Falls, is dead after a long illness. He had accumulated a large property.

PIEDMONT—The bank of Piedmont has been reorganized and has received its charter from the state. The reorganized bank has a capital of \$15,000.

## QUEEN OF RUMANIA ENGLISH BY BIRTH

London.—One of the many reasons for rejoicing here at the entrance of Rumania into the war on the side of the Allies is the fact that the Rumanian queen is an Englishwoman of great popularity. Before her marriage to the Hohenzollern prince who is now King Ferdinand, Queen Marie was the beautiful and popular daughter of the late King Edward's eldest brother, the late Duke of Edinburgh. She is still regarded as beautiful, and indeed with her husband and two boys and four girls is frequently spoken of as constituting the best looking royal family in Europe, as well as the most photographed.

Queen Marie is beloved throughout her country for her generosity and constant efforts in behalf of the poor. She is the leading spirit of the Society of Goddesses of Rumania, each goddess acting as a fairy godmother to at least one poor child. The queen has an odd hobby in the collection of scent bottles, of which she has more than 8,000.

## DAKOTA STATE NEWS

### BURNS PROVE FATAL TO FRANK HULL, SOUTH SHORE

South Shore, S. D., Sept. 23.—As the result of burns received in an explosion of kerosene oil, Frank Hull, a stone mason of South Shore, died in a hospital. When the explosion took place the burning oil was dashed over him, setting his clothing on fire. For a time he was a human torch. The flaming clothing finally was torn from him by his own efforts and those of his companions, but too late to prevent him being fatally burned. His arms, legs, face and body were terribly burned, and he suffered greatly up to the time of his death. Little was known of his relatives, and thus far they have not been located.

### BUFFALO COUNTY CITIZENS WORK FOR RAILROAD LINE

Gann Valley, S. D., Sept. 23.—The business men of Gann Valley and other residents of Buffalo county are diligently working for the construction of a railroad from Gann Valley southward to Kimball and possibly to Pierre. Buffalo county has no railroad line. The residents of the county now have enlisted the support of the business men of Kimball, who have appointed a committee to do whatever can be done toward securing the construction of the proposed railroad. At Kimball the east and west line of the Milwaukee railroad company, if the proposed line is extended to Pierre it would connect there with another line of the Milwaukee railroad, which now has its terminus at Pierre. The proposed line would prove a valuable feeder for the through lines of railroad.

### REPUBLICAN STATE CHAIRMAN NAMES CAMPAIGN AIDES

Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept. 23.—Charles B. Pover, chairman of the republican state committee, in charge of campaign headquarters in Sioux Falls, announces the appointment of Maj. John H. Scriven, of Winner, as director of the speakers' bureau in the state headquarters. Mr. Scriven served as United States Indian agent at Rosebud agency for a number of years, and was a former secretary of the republican state committee.

C. G. Holmberg, cashier of the Security National bank in Sioux Falls, has been appointed treasurer of the republican state committee.

Chairman Powers also announces the appointment of the following as members of the executive committee of the state committee: First district, A. O. Ringsrud, Elk Point; R. J. Harrison, Mitchell; Lee Wyman, Yankton; second district, C. N. Herred, Aberdeen; S. X. Way, Watertown; E. M. Zimjers, Bowdle; third district, P. J. Tscharner, Lemmon; William G. Rice, Deadwood; G. G. Warner, Gregory.

### SALEM AROUSED BY FATALITY FROM INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Salem, S. D., Sept. 23.—Loren Gladstone, 8-year-old son of S. M. Gladstone, who recently returned from Missouri, died Wednesday. The case was classed as infantile paralysis. Salem so far has been free from any attack of the dread disease, and the residents pre on their mettle. The school board met at once and voted to close the schools for the next week. Other public gatherings will also be put under the ban.

### FARM LAD NEAR CARTHAGE IS KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Carthage, S. D., Sept. 23.—During a severe electrical storm the 11-year-old son of Edward Legg, a farmer living near Carthage, was struck by a bolt of lightning and instantly killed. The boy was out after cattle at the time, and the horse he was riding was killed by the same bolt that killed him.

### REV. FATHER FELDMAIER DIES AT BRIDGEWATER

Bridgewater, S. D., Sept. 23.—Rev. F. X. Feldmaier, aged 38 years, pastor of St. Stephen's Catholic church of this city, died at his home today, following a three days' illness from peritonitis and complications. He underwent an operation on Monday. He conducted services as usual last Sunday, preaching three sermons. The interment will take place here Tuesday.

KIMBALL—In one day recently horses to the value of \$9,000 were shipped from the Kimball station. This is one of the heaviest shipments of horses ever made from a point in this part of the state in one day. The shipment consisted of 93 head, and it is supposed they are for the allies in the European war.

PLANKINTON—Police officers in several cities have been asked to keep a lookout for a Ford car which was stolen from Charles and Albert Gramblier, living on a farm some miles from here. The car was stolen during their temporary absence from home. It is suspected that George Johnson, a harvest hand who had been employed on the farm during the summer, is the person who stole the car, as he has disappeared, having been paid off a few days before the car was stolen. The car carries the number 14,429, and the engine is number 952,711.

COTTONWOOD—In one day recently 38 carloads of cattle were shipped from Cottonwood to eastern markets. The cattle came from ranches and farms along the Cheyenne river. The shipment went on a special train hauled by two engines.

CONDE—Jerry Severa, a Conde man, was arrested on the charge of selling liquor in Conde, which is a "dry" town. As the result of his preliminary hearing he was held for trial in the circuit court.

DEADWOOD—Capt. Seth Bullock returned from Denver and announced that he had closed a deal with the Great Western Sugar company here for his 1,100-acre tract at Belle Fourche, where the company will erect in 1918 a beet sugar factory larger than any it now has. The company will plant there next spring 2,000 acres of beets. The sale of the Bullock ranch is said to involve a price close to \$90,000.

PIERRE—Governor Byrne has, upon the recommendation of the state pardon board, granted a pardon to Harry Wilson, sent from Davison county on a conviction of third degree burglary.

The Russian government has decided to reconstruct the waterway system between Petrograd and An-hangel so as to enable vessels of large size to navigate it.

## MOTION TO DISSOLVE STATE COURT ORDER

### Notice Served to Show Cause in Federal Court For Delaying New Express Rates.

Pierre, S. D., Sept. 22.—A new move in the South Dakota express rate case is the filing of an order by United States Marshal Villas, to show cause before Judge Elliot, of the United States court at Sioux Falls, on September 25 why the recent injunction of the South Dakota court should not be dissolved. This injunction was secured by the railroad commission to restrain the express companies from putting into effect their new schedule of rates before December. The companies had filed a schedule to go into effect on September 15.

The case began when Sioux City filed complain with the Interstate Commerce commission that express rates to eastern South Dakota towns were lower than rates to Sioux City, for like distance, and consequently Sioux City was the victim of discrimination. The Interstate Commerce commission held that there was discrimination existing against Sioux City, and that rates would have to be readjusted.

The express companies filed new schedules, but the South Dakota railroad commission last week secured from the state supreme court an order postponing these rates until the December hearing.

The express companies now seek to have that restraining order set aside. This phase will be heard before Judge Elliot in Sioux Falls on September 25.

## BOY "PUNCHER" ON BIG RANCH HAS COWBOY METTLE

Pierre, S. D., Sept. 22.—Perhaps the youngest "real cowboy" in the northwest is Maurice Paul Gowdy, son of Chester Gowdy, who with Bert Waite, of Sioux City, is the owner of the Fort Sully Cattle company, the biggest cattle ranch in the central portion of the state, located along the Missouri river 26 miles northwest of Pierre. Maurice is 10 years old this month. He and an older cowpuncher took a trainload of cattle from Pierre to the ranch, over the river buttes. The boy did his fall share of the work of driving the cattle the long distance on Saturday, so as to miss no school day. It required riding from about 3:30 o'clock in the morning until nearly sundown.

This ranch grazes thousands of head of cattle, both on the lowland and the highlands along the Missouri. It is probably the last of the really big ranches in this section of the northwest. The ranch was owned formerly by Tom Steele, Bert Waite, of Sioux City, and Chester Gowdy, of Tarkio, Mo., but at present is owned by Waite and Gowdy only.

## C. S. WELLER, OF MITCHELL, SUGGESTED BRITISH "TANKS"

Mitchell, S. D., Sept. 22.—Great Britain's latest war coup, the use of armored caterpillar tractors in tearing down wire entanglements and crossing trenches, spring from the suggestions offered David Lloyd George, former minister of munitions, by Charles S. Weller, a farmer on an extensive scale near Mitchell. Mr. Weller exhibited letters received from the British war office acknowledging the receipt of his suggestions that armored tractors on caterpillar treads be used in trench warfare.

According to the design submitted by Mr. Weller to Mr. Lloyd George, tractors could be equipped with caterpillar treads, which would enable them to cross trenches, moats or shell craters, push through walls, tear down wire defenses and open a wedge through which infantry could be employed for successful attacks. These tractors, he declared, could be armored sufficiently heavy to withstand small gun fire and could carry machine guns for offensive purposes.

From the cabled descriptions of Great Britain's latest engines of warfare, Mr. Weller declares that the blueprint sketches he mailed to England more than a year ago have been followed. Mr. Weller contemplates offering the designs to the war department at Washington for further testing.

## GUARDSMEN ON BORDER GETTING HARD TRAINING

Lennox, S. D., Sept. 22.—That the hard training under the regulations of the regulars to which the national guardsmen on the Texas border are being subjected seems rather hard on some of the militiamen is indicated by a letter which has just been received by Lennox relatives from Joseph Q. Miller, a Lennox boy, who is a member of the South Dakota national guard, now in Texas.

"We had some march this morning," he writes. "Started out at five minutes to 8 and didn't get a rest until 10 minutes after 9, and I fell out. I was all in, but feel O. K. now. We took about 120 steps to the minute with our packs on our backs, so you see what we had to do. When our company ended up it was about five miles from camp, and I was the only one that fell out. There sure was a bunch of them; some of the strongest men in our company and other companies were unable to stand the severe march."

## WORK NOW UNDER WAY ON NEW MITCHELL HOSPITAL

Mitchell, S. D., Sept. 22.—Sod is being broken today, attended by impressive ceremonies, as a preliminary to the erection of the new State Methodist hospital to be located at Mitchell. At a recent meeting Dr. G. T. Notson reported that over \$51,000 had already been raised to meet the cost of construction. The campaign has been under the supervision of the South Dakota conference and is to be the greatest single institution maintained by the Methodists of the state outside of Dakota Wesleyan university.

## DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS OPENED AT MITCHELL

Mitchell, S. D., Sept. 20.—The democratic state central committee has settled on Mitchell as headquarters, and is opening offices here under the direction of Chairman J. Jorgenson.

BRADLEY—C. L. Bates, for the past three and one-half years editor and publisher of the Bradley Globe, a local weekly newspaper, has retired and has been succeeded by W. H. Dudley, experienced in the newspaper business.