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Two true types of near accidents are mentioned in a recent issue of the National Safety Council. One can be made harmless by proper safeguards; the other type is seemingly unpreventable and unpreventable. The first is the bursting grinding wheel, which injures no one because of the use of safety flanges. The second was an actual incident in a manufacturing plant, in which the head of sledge hammer, long in use, broke in two lengthwise and flew off violently, narrowly missing a man's head. In this instance there was no flaw visible on the outside of the hammer head, and although the surface of the break showed the rust of time, all along its edges was a narrow margin of clean gray metal.

One of the most notable of the many memorial performances in honor of Shakespeare took place June 24 at the historic castle of Kronborg, at Elsinore, in Denmark. "Hamlet" was presented by a cast of 200 performers in the presence of the king of Denmark and other distinguished auditors. The scenes of the play were thus laid on the very spot where Shakespeare placed them.

There is promise of important developments as a result of long continued efforts to find petroleum in South Australia. One of the local companies has driven down a pipe to a depth of 1,400 feet near Robe, and it is now showing strongly, with little gas. Petroleum, as distinct from shale oil, has not previously been found in Australia.

Every inch of rainfall above four inches in the Dakotas, California, Washington, Kansas and Nebraska in May and June means an increase of \$15,000,000 in the wheat crop. Every inch of rainfall above three inches in July in Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Iowa, Ohio, and Nebraska increases the value of the corn crop by \$160,000,000, so it is said.

It has been estimated by statisticians that more than 200,000,000 small clay marbles are used by the boys of the United States every spring. It is a known fact that 125,000,000 marbles are made every year by one clay marble manufacturer, whose plant is in Summit county, Ohio. These marbles are made or rolled by girls.

A patent has been granted a Philadelphia inventor for an observation car to be suspended by cables from two aeroplanes, the idea being that it would be more steady than an aeroplane.

An automatically operated trap door that bridges the gaps between passenger cars and station platforms on the same level has been adopted by an eastern railroad to prevent accidents.

From two-thirds to three-fourths of women workers in American factories, stores, laundries and in industrial occupations generally work at wages of less than \$8 a week.

Government investigators found health standards low among New York garment workers. Only 2 per cent were free from physical defects or diseases.

French farmers have been experimenting with a prolific potato from Uruguay, which perpetuates itself with broken roots that are left in the soil.

Harvard university, having observed that 117 of its 175 instructors wear mustaches, concludes that the mustachio betrays brains in the wearer.

Celluloid wings for aeroplanes, said to be so transparent that they are invisible 300 feet in the air, have been invented by a German engineer.

A micrometer screw operates a movable shank at the end of a new rule for adjusting callipers to small fractions of an inch quickly and accurately.

A New York tailor is the inventor of a device that prevents trousers bagging at the knees by pulling them up slightly as a wearer sits down.

Both the stepped legs and the bracing legs of an Oregon inventor's step ladder telescope so that it will stand evenly on uneven surfaces.

German tests have shown that a scarcity of good cattle fodder does not decrease the fat content but only the quantity of milk produced.

A Californian has invented a tough glass hood for automobiles that permits the owner to watch the engine while the car is running.

One of Brazil's most important railroads is being equipped with oil burning locomotives and expects eventually to dispense with coal.

The marquis of Bute has subscribed \$5,000 to a plan for establishing in the west of Scotland a hospital for limbless soldiers and sailors.

Electric smelting at Welsh tin mines causes a loss of metal of about 1 per cent as compared with 8 or 9 per cent by older methods.

American canned salmon is favorably known throughout the entire world. The exports of it amount to \$7,000,000 a year.

Georgia convict camps are being consolidated because of a shortage of convicts. Sixty deputy wardens have been discharged.

The University of London, England, in experimenting with building materials, has built one wall of soft soap and mud.

Deafness is more common in cold countries than in warm climates, the ear being very sensitive to atmospheric changes.

A Vermont inventor has patented blankets for cattle that cannot be dislodged by animals rolling.

Experiments have indicated to Honduras that it may become an important cotton raising nation.

Sacramento business men have formed a barefoot league for health and amusement objects.

DAKOTA STATE NEWS

MAN WANTED IN OREGON ARRESTED IN SIOUX FALLS

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 2.—Through investigation by Deputy United States Marshal Anderson, of this city, E. R. Rivers, under indictment in Oregon on the charge of using the mails to defraud, was taken into custody in this city. He had been in Sioux Falls some little time, and had accepted a place as traveling representative of a Sioux Falls concern. A hearing will be held Monday afternoon to determine whether or not he is the right man and whether he will be transferred to the federal authorities for Oregon and taken back to that state for trial in the federal court there.

IMPROVED SHOWING IN TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Pierre, S. D., Oct. 2.—State Superintendent Lugg states that the recent examinations for state and first grade certificates were above the average. There were 651 applicants, 29 being for state certificates and the remainder for first grade. The board granted out of this number 19 state certificates and 96 first grades. Of those remaining the board gave second grade standing to 123, and third grade to 69, making a total of 307 certificates granted.

CHESTER ASKS STATE BOARD TO STOP PROPOSED TOWN

Pierre, S. D., Oct. 2.—In Minnehaha county the little towns of Chester, on the South Dakota Central railroad, and Saranac, on the Milwaukee, were rivals, only a mile apart. Finally Saranac lost its population and Chester was satisfied. Now a community, four miles further north on the Milwaukee desires to have the Saranac depot moved to it, offering new rivalry for Chester. The Chester citizens object, and the question now is before the railroad commission for adjudication.

MRS. ROYAL C. JOHNSON IS ROBBED AT POINT OF GUN

Aberdeen, S. D., Oct. 2.—Just as Mrs. Royal C. Johnson, wife of the congressman from this district, entered her home, after attending the movies, a masked man entered the front door, pointed a revolver at her and took her purse from her lap. He looked nonchalantly around and left the place. The purse contained \$10 or \$11. No trace of the man was found. Mr. Johnson was at the Elks' club. Mrs. Johnson had just removed her wraps and was talking to Mrs. J. Ford Zietlow, a next door neighbor, when the robber entered.

SIOUX FALLS FIRM FILES PROTEST ON LIVE HOG RATE

Washington, D. C., Oct. 2.—The 30-cent fare on live hogs from Sioux Falls to Chicago was attacked today in a complaint filed with the Interstate Commerce commission by Wilson & Company, successors to Sulzberger & Sons company. Undue preference is alleged in favor of Sioux City, Omaha, and St. Paul. It is urged the rate from Sioux Falls should not exceed 24¢ per 100 pounds.

NEW MASONIC LODGE IS INSTALLED AT WHITE RIVER

White River, S. D., Oct. 2.—A new Masonic lodge has been instituted here, with the following officers: D. L. McLane, worshipful master; S. P. Brown, senior warden; A. R. Dendy, junior warden; Richard Jones, treasurer; F. J. Cummings, secretary; Roy E. Cotton, senior deacon; C. E. Kell, junior deacon; Robt. R. Jones, senior steward; C. F. Manson, junior steward; C. P. Anders, Tyler.

COYOTES HAVE STRANGEST SCHEDULE IN HISTORY

Vermillion, S. D., Oct. 2.—One of the hardest campaigns ever mapped out for a football team is that framed by the schedule makers for the eleven that will represent South Dakota this fall. The severity of the card has forced Coach Blaine McKusick to plan two complete line ups, and he expects to find good material among last year's scrubs. A squad small in numbers but long in weight will form the nucleus for the eleven. It includes Harold Sprague and Frank McCormick, half and full, respectively, the stars; "Dip" Homer, tackle; Paul Carroll, tackle, punter, and dropkicker; Ferdinand Duncan, full; Harold Hanson, end, and Don McKinnon, guard. Johnson, of the 1912 Coyotes, is assistant coach. The schedule:

- October 7—Montana at Aberdeen, S. D.
- October 14—Dakota Westeyan at Vermillion.
- October 21—Minnesota at Minneapolis.
- October 28—North Dakota at Grand Forks.
- November 4—Michigan Aggies at Vermillion.
- November 11—Notre Dame at Sioux Falls.
- November 18—Morningside at Sioux City.
- November 30—Creighton at Omaha.

ALEXANDRIA—R. L. Cummings, a farmer living near here, made a neat profit by holding over to this time 1,300 bushels of wheat which he raised last year. The high market price this year compared with the comparatively low price last year, gave him a profit of \$75 on the 1,300 bushels by the increased price alone, after deducting the amount of interest the money would have earned had the wheat been sold last year.

LEAD—A bronze statue of the late Thomas J. Grier, for 30 years superintendent of the Homestake Mining company, was unveiled here with appropriate exercises. The address was made by the present superintendent, Richard Blackstone, the occasion being made a city holiday and largely attended. Mrs. Grier came on from Los Angeles to be present. Funds for the statue were raised by public subscription.

VIBORG—The annual convention of the Turner County Sunday School association opened here today and will continue in session until Sunday evening. A number of prominent Sunday school workers from different parts of the state are scheduled to make addresses during the convention. The closing address Sunday evening will be in support of statewide prohibition.

HILLS ICE CAVE ONE OF NATURAL WONDERS

Ice Forms in Cave in Summer, But Disappears in Winter —Chemical Action.

Edgemont, S. D., Sept. 30.—A natural wonder of the Black Hills, in the form of an ice cave, is to be developed and made an attraction for tourists. The ice cave is situated at Englewood and is one of the few natural wonders of its kind in the world. As a unique feature among the natural attractions of the Black Hills it ranks with Wind cave and with Crystal cave, and in some respects is even more wonderful than either of these. The cave has developed peculiar features, which make it a most mystifying proposition. Some 10 or 11 years ago, what now is the ice cave was run as a tunnel by the late Harvey Sheffer, and has been abandoned about 90 feet when work was showing very encouraging. The fact that it had the power of producing ice even during the hottest summer weather was not discovered until later. In the hottest months of the year ice forms in the face of the tunnel, sometimes to a depth of three feet, and a remarkable feature is that during cold weather the ice disappears. On the surface of the ground above the face of the tunnel is a spot from which the heaviest snow is melted in winter and green grass is always found there, in all seasons of the year. The formation of the ice is believed to be due to the presence of certain chemicals in the solutions which trickle through the rocks, which, coming in contact with currents of air, cause a lowering of temperature. Why the ice should disappear in winter is not so easily explained, unless it is that the production of a low temperature, under the circumstances, requires the presence of warm air currents, in conjunction with the chemicals contained in the solutions.

SOUTH DAKOTA METHODIST MEETING AT WATERTOWN

Watertown, S. D., Sept. 30.—The 32d annual meeting of the South Dakota conference of the Methodist Episcopal church is in session here under the leadership of Bishop C. B. Mitchell, who was elected to the episcopacy at Fargo last spring. Several hundred ministers and delegates are present.

District Superintendents P. O. Hunt, Aberdeen; W. S. Shepherd, Mitchell; C. E. Matteson, Rapid City, and O. E. Boyce, Watertown, reported the year's work on their districts.

Progress has been the note of the conference. The Dakota university, Methodist hospitals, church improvements and evangelism are being pushed in the state.

The laymen are taking a larger interest in church affairs and the saloon is being hard pressed with the expectancy of state prohibition this fall.

Rev. W. S. Shepherd, of Mitchell, and O. E. Boyce, of Watertown, each complete their respective six-year terms as district superintendents this fall.

MEN TRAPPED BY MARSHAL LODGED IN PENITENTIARY

Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept. 30.—Three men who recently were caught in the act of burglarizing a general store at Wallace, have been brought to the station here. They are Charles Foley, Ray Gordon and Frank Williams. Foley will serve a term of two years, Gordon one year and eight months, and Williams one year and six months. The three men entered pleas of guilty. The Wallace store had been entered and robbed on several prior occasions, and the town marshal concluded that the bandits would make further attempts to rob the place. Accordingly the marshal and two deputies remained in the store at night and after a week or 10 days their patience was rewarded by the appearance of the three bandits who now have been lodged in the penitentiary. They entered the store by means of a key to the front door and were confronted by the marshal and his deputies and placed under arrest.

WILL AID FARMERS IN FIGURING ANNUAL PROFITS

Brookings, S. D., Sept. 30.—Wanted—Rural communities where at least 10 farmers will agree to keep account of their farm business for one year. Ward A. Ostrander, farm management specialist of the State college extension division, announces that at the end of the year: "We will assist all farmers who have kept such accounts in summarizing their business and finding the strong and weak points; also will help on any readjustments that may point toward larger incomes. Account books will be furnished free, and the farm management demonstrator will be glad to be present at a meeting of these men to explain the work as it is being done in the state, and to help each man to get started with his account book. Communities up to 20 may get this assistance." Farmers interested are invited to write to Mr. Ostrander at Brookings.

KADOKA—The grand lodge of South Dakota, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, laid the corner stone of a new temple here which is being built by Mount Shorish lodge, No. 155, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Kadoka. Charles L. Brockway, of Sioux Falls, was in charge of the ceremony as acting grand master, assisted by Deputy Grand Master Fred Rugg, George Philip as acting senior warden and John H. McCord as junior warden, assisted by the local and visiting lodgesmen.

WHITE LAKE—At the home of his son-in-law in this city occurred the death of Joseph Schumaker, one of the pioneer settlers of this part of South Dakota. Death was caused by blood poisoning, which resulted from a bruise on one of his ankles. The injury was received only a few days before his death. Mr. Schumaker had been a resident of the state since 1890. His wife died about eight months ago. He is survived by nine children, four sons and five daughters.

SIOUX FALLS—Donald Arnold, of Perkins county, has been lodged in the Sioux Falls penitentiary to serve a term of six months, on his plea of guilty to the charge of receiving goods which he knew had been stolen. He was sentenced in the Perkins county circuit court.

AUDITORS TO HUSTLE FOR LIST OF VOTERS

New Law Failed to Provide Way to Get Mailing Lists For Sample Ballots.

Pierre, S. D., Sept. 30.—The enactment of Chapter 181 of the laws of 1915, relating to elections, has caused a conflict in a previous statute on the subject of county auditors mailing out a sample ballot to each elector before the fall election. The old statute provided that a list of the registered voters be sent to the county auditor at least three days prior to the election. The new statute, among other details, provides that the county auditor shall mail to each elector of his county a sample ballot at least 10 days before the election, but the new statute does not provide a way for the auditor to obtain such list of voters.

In consequence of this conflict, the attorney general rules that as the new statute does not specify from what source the county auditor shall get the names of electors, and as there is no reference in the registration list provided for in the old statute, that the county auditors shall do as the new law orders, namely: Send out the sample ballots at least 10 days before the election, and that they shall secure the names and addresses of electors "from any source that might be available" to them.

The opinion suggests that the returns of the previous general election, assessors' returns, registration lists of cities, towns and townships, supplemented by such other information as the auditor can obtain, will be undoubtedly sufficient for this purpose.

When another legislature convenes it is likely the old statute will be changed so that it will read without conflict to the new one, and make provision for the proper lists to be supplied county auditors in plenty of time to comply with the new law.

CORONER FINDS ALCOHOLISM CAUSED DEATH OF PETER DIRKS

Chamberlain, S. D., Sept. 30.—Acute alcoholism with involvement of the central nervous system and pulmonary ataxia caused the death of Peter B. Dirks, was the finding of the coroner after a postmortem examination of the body yesterday. Dirks died suddenly Tuesday afternoon in convulsions. Mrs. Dirks demanded that an autopsy be held on the body. The verdict of the coroner clears any suspicion growing out of his sudden demise.

Dirks had attended to his business as usual during the forenoon. Shortly after dinner he complained of not feeling well and died in convulsions late in the afternoon.

Mr. Dirks was one of the most prominent land and cattle men in South Dakota. He owned the Dirks Trust & Title company, of Oacoma; the Farmers State bank of Reliance; the Peter B. Dirks company, of which he was vice president and treasurer; Brown Valley Bend Land & Cattle company; People's Gas, Light & Power company, and the Marion Light & Water company.

BISHOP O'GORMAN MAKES CHANGES IN PASTORATES

Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept. 30.—Rev. Thomas O'Gorman, of this city, Catholic bishop of the eastern diocese of South Dakota, announces the assignment of several Catholic priests in the diocese, the assignments being made necessary by the recent death of Father Pelletier, of Bridgewater. Father Berkle, who had the charge at Ethan, has been assigned to Bridgewater. Father James Goggin, who has been in Sioux Falls the last year with Father Fitzgerald, will go to Ethan. Father Patrick Lyon, who for some time has been stationed at Columbia, will come to Sioux Falls to take the place made vacant by the departure of Father Goggin. His place at Columbia will be filled by Father E. J. Keefe, who for five years has aided in the work of the Catholic church in Sioux Falls.

MRS. H. H. LUBECK SECURES DIVORCE IN CROSS PETITION

Howard, S. D., Sept. 30.—In the Miner county circuit court, judgment was rendered in the divorce suit instituted by Mrs. Anna Lubeck against her husband, H. H. Lubeck, a Howard photographer. The defendant is one of the wealthy men of Miner county. After the hearing in the case Judge Taylor granted Mrs. Lubeck a decree on a cross bill. Lubeck was awarded the family home, which Mrs. Lubeck is occupying, and she will have to give him possession by October 15. Mrs. Lubeck was given a money consideration and awarded the custody of her son, whom Lubeck had adopted.

BRYANT LAD CAN CLAIM RECORD AS SOUND SLEEPER

Bryant, S. D., Sept. 30.—A peculiar incident in connection with a collision between two automobiles is reported from the Lyons district of Hamilton county. The two autos collided with such force that the occupants of both cars, with the exception of a 12-year-old boy, were thrown from the cars to the ground. The boy at the time of the collision was asleep in the back seat of the smaller of the two cars. After the collision those thrown from the car looked around for him, finding him in the front seat of the car. The boy was yet asleep and on being awakened could not explain how he had made the flying leap from the back to the front seat.

FORMER SIOUX CITY MAN SUICIDES AT SIOUX FALLS

Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept. 30.—J. C. Sloan, aged about 68, was killed this afternoon when he threw himself under the wheels of an Illinois Central passenger train as it was leaving the local depot. He plunged forward just far enough for his head to cross one of the rails, the wheels crossing his neck and beheading him. In his pockets was a card indicating that he was a piano tuner. Little is known of him here except that he came from Sioux City some months ago. Within a few weeks after reaching Sioux Falls he made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide by plunging from a bridge into the Big Sioux river, being rescued in an unconscious condition. A score or more people saw him killed.

OFFICIALS PROBING PETER DIRKS' DEATH

Wealthy Chamberlain Banker Expires Suddenly as Result of Convulsions.

Chamberlain, S. D., Sept. 27.—An official inquest is being held today in regard to the death of Peter B. Dirks, wealthy Chamberlain banker, who died suddenly at his home here yesterday afternoon from convulsions. Those in charge of the investigation decline to make any statement.

In November, 1915, Mr. Dirks acquired considerable newspaper publicity through his marriage to Miss Susanne Curschaw, of Chicago. She was a city woman, and the Chicago papers quoted her as longing for the simple life. This particular longing did not prevent her from engaging in an extensive shopping tour before leaving for the west, during which she laid in a large supply of expensive finery.

Mr. Dirks had holdings in a string of South Dakota banks and was a large land owner.

It is said that Mr. Dirks was ill only half an hour before his death Tuesday afternoon. He died while Mrs. Dirks and her colored maid were out in town on a shopping tour.

Relatives claim that Mr. Dirks had grown weary of his new wife's passion for spending money and that he made protests to her about these tendencies, causing occasional matrimonial jars.

Mrs. Dirks testified that Mr. Dirks was a heavy user of whisky, and this claim is substantiated by his acquaintances about town.

The intimation in some of the evidence presented at the inquest is that Mr. Dirks' death was due to acute alcoholism. It is claimed that he had been drinking more than usual because of despondency about personal affairs.

ENTIRE COUNTY REPRESENTED AT LATTA BAILEY'S FUNERAL

Fairfax, S. D., Sept. 27.—Funeral services for Miss Latta Bailey, who died at a Sioux City hospital, were held here yesterday in the Z. C. B. J. opera house, there not being room enough in any church to accommodate the large crowd. People were present from all sections of the county.

Miss Bailey was about 45 years of age. She served eight years as county superintendent of schools.

During the interval between her two periods of service as superintendent of schools she homesteaded and made proof on a fine quarter of land near Gregory and after retiring from office purchased and managed a large ranch a few miles north of Herrick.

TWO PORCUPINES KILLED NEAR WITTEN, TRIPP COUNTY

Witten, S. D., Sept. 27.—Burnis Simans was called outside by the barking and howling of his dog and found that the dog had stirred up a porcupine. After considerable difficulty, both to Simans and the dog, the animal was killed. The dog was pretty well filled with needles and Mr. Siman also received a share of the porcupine's natural weapons. These animals are very rare in this part of the state. They must have been more numerous years ago, as the Indians used the quills, colored with pigment, in forming some of the designs in their dresses on gala occasions.

A few days later A. L. Lindahl killed the supposed mate to the porcupine killed by Mr. Simans.

YOUNG MAN SMOTHERED TO DEATH UNDER SAWDUST

Rapid City, S. D., Sept. 27.—When Lawrence Robinson, aged 25, failed to return from the fuel room of the sawmill, the fireman went to the room, which was full of sawdust, and found that the only evidence of the young man was his shovel. Robinson had gone to the room to see why the sawdust was not feeding into furnace. It is thought he was caught in a cavern. He was found, smothered to death, below a six-foot bank of sawdust. He had no relatives here, but had a uncle at Fenimore, Wis., and another at Valentin, Neb.

VERMILION—Four hundred and eighty-five students enrolled in the University of South Dakota during the first week of registration. This is an increase of 16.6 per cent over the first week of registration last year, and an increase of 2 per cent over the enrollment of the first week two years ago. It is 15 per cent more than the total enrollment of the school two years ago, when 421 students were listed in all departments of the university.

PIERRE—The railroad commission has granted permits to the Mitchell & Northwestern Railroad company to build a line from Mitchell to Highmore, via Gann Valley. This is the latest railroad along this strip of country to be proposed. It was incorporated several weeks ago. Several others have been incorporated for the same territory, but it is thought there are indications of getting this one under way soon.

BRIDGEWATER—The funeral services for Rev. P. X. Felt, late pastor of St. Stephen's Catholic church, drew a large attendance. Delegations of the Catholic Order of Foresters and Knights of Columbus took part in the services. Rev. Bishop Thomas O'Gorman, of Sioux Falls, conducted the services, assisted by 40 visiting priests. Interment took place here.

YANKTON—Yankton county Democrats have organized for the campaign with the following officers: J. V. Langdon, Mission Hill, chairman; C. B. Frenson, secretary; Dave Finnegan, treasurer; Lawrence Anderson, Turkey Valley, was placed on the ticket for the legislature, vice Norman Davis, who declined to run.

PIERRE—The supreme court is now engaged in hearing the case of the state vs. Ed M. Bell. This case involves the murder of Claude Herron of Cedar Springs. Bell is charged with committing the crime months ago. Herron's relatives live in Pierre.

SALEM—Ben Jennehan, local undertaker, laying away hundreds of persons at their last rest, observed the call today morning, after a lingering illness of two months, caused by cancer of the stomach.

PIERRE—Charles I. Brady, of this state, was appointed county judge of Burdick county to succeed Judge Whitney, deceased. The appointment was by the governor.