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## U. S. LAND OFFICE TROUBLE.

Officers of the Rapid City Department Resign During an Investigation.

A Rapid City dispatch says: The act of congress approved June 4, 1897 setting apart the Black Hills forest reserve, provided that settlers could relinquish their lands and take in lieu thereof like acreage elsewhere in the public domain. Competition in the purchase of these lands became so active that dishonest methods were said to be resorted to in the entering of homesteads.

Numerous reports reached the general land office of these frauds and the Rapid City land office was placed in a very unfavorable light. Commissioner Herman sent Albert R. Green, the general land office inspector, and two associates to make a thorough overhauling of the land office business. They had not proceeded far into the investigation when Register A. K. Gardner and Clark N. I. Garrison tendered their resignations to take effect at once. After considerable telegraph correspondence with Commissioner Herman Mr. Gardner's resignation was accepted to take effect January 31 or as soon as his successor qualifies. The commissioner declined to accept Mr. Garrison's resignation, holding that he must stand trial. The receiver of the land office, W. S. Warner, who succeeded his father, Porter Warner, deceased, was entirely exonerated by the investigation. Several candidates for the office of register have been mentioned, among them Myron Willis and state senator George P. Bennett of Rapid City.

## HURRYING CONGRESSMEN.

A Large Lobby Jostling and Worrying Congressmen Every Day.

Washington has not in a generation been overrun so with persons interested in pushing or preventing legislation as now, reports the New York Herald. This is the short session of congress preceding the beginning of President McKinley's second term. All of the plans have been laid for great schemes in connection with the expansion of the American nation following the war with Spain are beginning to sprout.

It is no new thing to see promoters of legislation coming here by the carload, but it is a new thing to see them coming literally by the trainload. A trainload of brewers arrived here the first week in December. At the same time a dozen trainloads of members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union arrived. The brewers came to have the war tax taken off beer. They constitute what is known as the beer lobby. The ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union came to keep the tax on the beer and abolish the army canteen. They were known as the anti-lobby.

A trainload of bankers came on December 8, headed by A. B. Hapburn of New York, Myron T. Herrick of Cleveland and J. H. Eckels of Chicago. They desired the tax on bankers and brokers remitted. Mr. Herrick representing steamship lines are here in sufficient force to make high priced suits in the hotels hard to obtain.

Representatives of the oleomargarine manufacturers of the west, all of them looking fat, sleek and oily, are holding forth in the corridors of the hotels and besieging the room of the agriculture committee of the senate. Hearty looking citizens with weather beaten faces and heavy tread indicating cowhide boots at home are watching the same oily gentlemen. They of the weatherbeaten features are the representatives of the National Dairyman's association, and might be known as the anti-oleomargarine lobby.

These are a few of the interests represented here. Clustering around the one subject of an interoceanic canal on which the government will spend \$200,000,000 are able and versatile agents of a half a dozen different "vested rights." Some of them represent the Pacific railroads, others are looking after the Maritime Canal company that once had a concession from Nicaragua; still others, if they were to divulge their paymaster, would be found representing the Panama Canal company. There are agents of the French government and the Russian government on hand and interests are so interwoven that frequently three or four of these influences are found working toward one end. These collectively speaking make up the anti-canal lobby.

There is an army and navy lobby, and that, like the poor, "is always with us." The secretary of war wants one bill, the general commanding the army wants another; the line pulls in one

direction, and staff in another. Makers of patent guns and patent shells, manufacturer of armour plate and builders of battleships, promoters of private claims, seekers of increase in salary, commercial points that want their home creek deepened and delegations from interior towns that demand a new postoffice—all of these elements contrive to make the short congressional session a continual round of dodging and yielding to the lobby.

Thus may be seen how much effort it must be to secure the passage of a public building bill, for which it is hard to convince other congressmen than our own that more than the local public is interested.

## Increased the Hospital Fund.

Evangeline was very nicely presented at the opera house last Friday night the dramatic features of the beautiful piece being splendidly carried by local talent, while C. B. Kendall did the reading. It was a rather novel feature to witness a pantomime performance of that nature but the audience seemed to appreciate it very much. The singing and some special features were also excellent. The Hospital Union netted about \$15.

One of the Star's friends has kindly contributed the following since the foregoing was in type:

The presentation of "Evangeline" in pantomime, on last Friday evening, was an artistic treat. The assignment of characters in the cast was made with great discrimination, and each person taking part completely filled the place allotted. Of course, as the "whole world loves a lover," the interest centered in "Gabriel" and "Evangeline." It is hardly possible to imagine more perfect beauty, purity, grace, manly strength and good looks than were presented in the "Harvest" and "Betrothal" scenes. One of the most beautiful scenes, we understand, "The Mission in the Forest," was lost to the audience because the reader was unable to sustain his voice so long above the disorder in the audience. The waits between the tableaux were long (and the disorder made them seem worse) but the perfection of detail attained thereby made ample compensation. It is impossible, in brief space, to single out for praise those who participated—all were so good. Perhaps no part gave greater general pleasure than the street scenes—and the march through the forest—with the terrified, anguished backward glancing at the burning village. The drill was beautiful, rhythm, symmetry and grace combined and showed what Hot Springs ladies can do in a few short days.

## Dissolution of the Miner-McLennon Co.

On Monday the partnership formed a few months ago between G. N. Miner and A. N. McLennon was dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Miner retaining the new plunger and the Mammoth spring, while Mr. McLennon keeps the hotel property which adjoins the plunger. Mr. Miner expects to complete the plunger for this seasons business. It has been named the Mammoth plunger.

Mr. McLennon and family will continue to reside in the hotel building and will be prepared to rent rooms after awhile. He will remain here as his wife's health is very much better here than in Kansas, and it is hoped he may find something into which he may profitably invest his energy and capital.

## Senator Bennett the Favorite.

Senator George P. Bennett will secure the appointment as register of the land office at Rapid City. He has been the favorite with the republicans of Pennington county all the way through and has now received the endorsements that will secure the appointment. Mr. Bennett is at present in Pierre, representing Pennington county in the upper house of the legislature. He will probably resign his seat in the state senate, in order to assume the position in the land office.

There have been three candidates for office, Senator Bennett, Myron Willis and J. B. Henry. The appointment of Senator Bennett will be satisfactory to a great majority in the Black Hills.—Pioneer Times.

## A Sad Return.

Senator H. T. Cooper arrived yesterday morning from Pierre, accompanied by his sons, Harry and Elwood. Mr. Cooper found his wife slightly improved but the improvement was not permanent as she failed rapidly yesterday afternoon and grave fears were entertained that she would not live through the night.—Rapid City Journal.

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## GOSSIP FROM THE CAPITAL.

Comments Concerning Legislative Work and Appointments.

The Star appreciates the very excellent Pierre reports made of the legislative doings, and other newsy matter, by correspondents of the Sioux City Times, the Argus Leader and the Minneapolis Journal from which we acknowledge liberal clippings in these columns.

A bill to place express, telegraph and telephone companies under the supervision of the railroad commissioners will be introduced in a few days.

Lieutenant Governor Shaw makes an excellent presiding officer and dispatches the business of the senate with vigor and promptness. In the house Speaker Sommers gives equally good satisfaction and pleases everybody by his impartiality. Both ends of the legislature are to be congratulated upon their officers.

## A REMOVAL BILL.

The bills to give the governor power to remove for cause after due hearing, constitutional officers who are not subject to impeachment, are identical with the bill of two years ago, that was advocated by Governor Lee, and is practically the same measure favored six years ago by Governor Sheldon. There seems to be a general sentiment that the measure is just and proper, and it will receive the approval of both houses unless sentiment undergoes a change.

## GOV. HERREID'S APPOINTMENTS.

Gov. Herreid sent in the nominations of John D. Lavin, of Aberdeen; W. G. Rice, of Deadwood, and H. M. Finrud of Watertown, as members of the board of charities and corrections, and were promptly confirmed. The appointment Finrud to take the place of Representative Davis, who has served six years on the board and whose term has expired. The appointment of Rice and Lavin is in place of the recent appointments of Gov. Lee, which are not recognized. These three with F. M. Steere, all republicans, and George W. Kingsbury, populist, of Yankton, will be the board which will be recognized by the legislature. Gov. Herreid and Attorney General Pyle, and they will be called together in a few days to act as a board. It is not considered likely that Kingsbury will act with the board, but it will have a majority regardless of anything which he may do. This move will force it upon the Lee board to make the move in court in case it is not satisfied with the action of the new board appointed by Gov. Herreid.

## MEMBERS ARE SOBER.

Two years ago the small amount of drinking in which members and others indulged was a matter of general and favorable comment. This session abstemiousness in this direction is even more marked. The bar in the Locke hotel is scarcely paying the wages of the gentlemanly attendants, to say nothing of the first cost of the material in which they deal. It also true that the number of out and out prohibitionists among the members is small. By way of contrast, and without even throwing out the hint that prohibition and drinking go hand in hand, it may be mentioned that the legislature which enacted the stringent prohibition law of 1890, consumed more liquor in a day than the present members at the rate at which they are going will consume in a month. A member of that legislature said, when jollied about drinking so much said "We will take good care that our constituents will not have a chance to get as full as we are." The men of that time however, while they were hard drinkers, were carrying out a provision of the constitution which had been adopted at the previous election. There is no doubt that liquor drinking has become unfashionable in business circles.

## THE SWEARING TRAIN.

The number of positions filled by the legislature has been pitifully inadequate to the pressure for place, although this is probably not greater than usual but is noticeable because the very large republican membership brings new applicants from new counties. For this reason there has been a great deal of dissatisfaction among applicants and many have gone home swearing mad. The legislators, however, should be given credit for not yielding to the pressure. They created only the usual number of positions and apportioned them as could be expected.

Red is a danger signal on the railroad, on a fellow's nose and on a woman's face. Men and women use Rocky Mountain Tea and get genuine rosy cheeks; 35c. Ask your druggist.

## Decision on Registration Law.

In the contest case tried last week in Custer county over the office of clerk of courts, F. J. Rutkowski, republican contesting the election of William Palmer, jr., fusionist, Judge Joseph B. Moore made a far-reaching ruling on the state registration law of South Dakota. Judge Moore held that the law was made for the year 1899 only and was therefore inoperative and unconstitutional for 1900. The case will be carried to the supreme court.

## "It's Awful!"

When Henry Marty takes possession of the office of county auditor, he will find all the county officers stocked with stationery enough to last during his term of office. That may be all right so far as the Star printers is concerned, but it is hard on the taxpayers of our county.—Times-Herald.

Well now that is bad. It is really a shame that the county officers should have used up the stationery that was printed for them over a year ago, and that it is again necessary for them to be stocked up—and by the Star printers. "Hard on the taxpayers," of course. But why didn't the Times-Herald make it easy for them by offering to do the work cheaper than the Star bid for it? Why did the Times-Herald make its price higher than the Star's price for such work if it had such a tender, sacrificing spirit in the interest of the taxpayers. The fact is the Star bid on the county's job printing just as cheaply as it can be done—cheaper than it can be bought at Sioux City or elsewhere, and cheaper than the Times-Herald wanted to do it.

Now why cry about it and try to make the taxpayers think they are being worked?

## Resolutions.

Leaves have their time to fall, And flowers to wither at the North wind's breath, And stars to set—but Thou Hast all seasons for thine own, O Death. Never have these beautiful words of the poet come more forcibly to us than now. When we, as members of 190, stand shrouded in sorrow for our beloved brother. As we stand in the lodge room today and glance back, it seems as only yesterday that we were called upon to mourn the loss of a brother, and now again for the second time in so short a time has the avenging sword of death come into our midst and taken from us our brother, R. B. Anderson.

We sympathize deeply with the bereaved brother and aunt in this hour of sadness and would direct them to Jesus in whose arms we hope their loved one has found eternal rest.

Resolved, That as a token of loving respect and appreciation of our brother's upright life and work among us that our Charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days. Also, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to his brother and aunt, and that the resolutions be spread on the minutes of this Lodge.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the newspapers of Chadron and Hot Springs for publication.

WILLIS SCHEUCK  
C. P. RICHARDS  
JOHN DAVIS.

Committee of Resolution

## Hospital Union Meeting.

The Hospital Union is requested to meet on next Saturday (19) at 3 p. m., at the hospital, and it is cordially hoped that all who have already lent their aid, will then be present, and that some, who hitherto, have appeared uninterested in this important work, will attend this meeting. Let all come and hear what has been, and will be done in regard to the building and its work—that in this matter, at least, there may be no misunderstanding.

By order of the president,  
MRS. HOWLAND DAILEY,  
Secretary H. U.

## Athletic Meeting.

On Monday evening next there will be a meeting of the Athletic Association at their hall in lower town. All members are urgently requested to be present. Business of vital importance to the Club. By Order of,  
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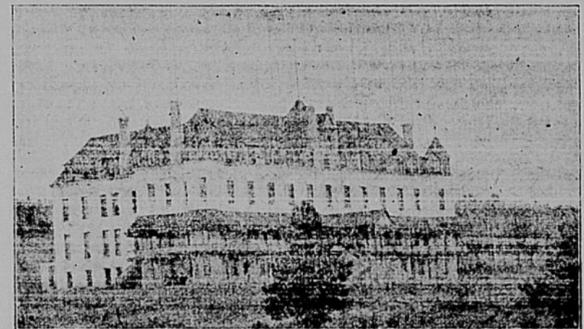
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