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CIRCUIT COURT CONVENED MONDAY

NUMBER OF IMPORTANT CASES
TO BE TRIED.

TIERNAN PLEAD GUILTY

DEE BILLUPS ALSO PLEAD GUILTY
IN CONNECTION WITH WOLF
BOUNTY CASES.

The adjourned November term of the circuit court convened in this city Monday with Judge Levi McGee of the seventh judicial circuit on the bench. The first day of court was given over to assigning cases and arranging a number of those who had been bound over. Before starting any of the regular court business the following named persons appeared before the judge with their witnesses for the purpose of obtaining their final naturalization papers. They were granted: Mrs. Marion Sutherland, of Hot Springs; Richard Fawell, of Hot Springs; Victor Nelson, of Smithwick; Christiansen Bussman, of Oelrichs; Albert J. Nilson, of Oelrichs; Chas. W. Smith, of Smithwick; George B. Evans, of Oral; and Mrs. Helen Olson, of Oral.

After the preliminary call of the calendar States Attorney Hedrick moved the criminal calendar and the following cases were taken up with the results shown below:

State vs David B Means, a Standing Rock Indian, charged with burglary. Defendant plead guilty and will be sentenced to the penitentiary.

State vs John H. Konrath, grand larceny (horse stealing) defendant was granted a continuance over the term, Eastman & Dudley, defending.

State vs George Wasson, selling liquor without a license. Defendant plead guilty, sentenced to pay a fine of \$250.00, P. F. Ward, defending.

State vs Arthur Wilson, selling liquor without a license, first offense, defendant plead guilty, fined \$50.00 Adams defending.

State vs D. Billups, perjury, defendant plead guilty, sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

State vs Harry Wilcott, manslaughter, defendant granted a continuance over the term, P. F. Ward, defending.

State vs Fred L. Shenks, malicious mischief, (shooting a horse), defendant granted a continuance over the term, P. F. Ward, defending.

State vs J. B. LaPage, perjury. Defendant jumped bond. Bond ordered forfeited with extension of time until adjourned term in February to produce defendant.

State vs Frank Moore and Harry Vaughn, burglary. Defendants plead not guilty. The case tried on Tuesday with States Attorney Hedrick prosecuting and P. F. Ward defending. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the defendants will be sentenced to a term in the penitentiary.

State vs Joseph P. Tiernan, violation of wolf bounty statute, sentenced to ninety days in jail, with sentence suspended on condition that Tiernan appear as a witness against J. B. LaPage when LaPage is apprehended and placed on trial.

States Attorney Hedrick wound up the criminal calendar on Wednesday at 9 a. m., and is certainly to be congratulated upon the rapidity with which he ran the cases off, and also upon the results obtained. Four men go to the penitentiary, two pay fines, and one sentenced to county jail, and all accomplished in the short time of less than two days. As he did not start the criminal calendar until Monday afternoon. The criminal part of the term has been a record breaker in the matter of being the least expensive term to the county by far, of any term for years past and still the results he accomplished is also a record breaker. The tax payers should feel gratified over his re-election.

At the time of going to press the case of Jackson v. Walker was on trial, having commenced on Wednesday morning. This is a suit for \$20,000.00 brought against Dr. Walker for alleged malpractice, and from the evidence introduced on behalf of the plaintiff the case is an extremely weak one against the doctor. Juckett & Adams appear for the plaintiff, while Eastman & Dudley are defending.

A matter which is perhaps but little understood by the people, and for that reason may be criticised by some, is

the disposition made of the cases of Billups and Tiernan. The criticism raised is caused by the fact that Billups received a year in the penitentiary while Tiernan was given a suspended sentence of ninety days in jail. The facts in the case are as follows:

At the time the wolf bounty defalcations were discovered the Attorney General and Deputy State Auditor came here and fully investigated the matter with the assistance of States Attorney Hedrick. In order to get an entering wedge toward clearing up the matter and punishing the guilty parties it became necessary to get someone to turn states evidence. The first wedge was obtained in the person of George Bell, who after a grilling examination confessed, under a promise of immunity. However he could implicate no one but Tiernan, as he knew nothing about the other defalcations. A promise of immunity was then given to D. Billups and J. B. LaPage if they would confess and turn states evidence against Tiernan. It was impossible to shake them, however, and they held out. This left the matter in this condition, Tiernan could be prosecuted with Bell's testimony, but the other guilty parties would escape as Tiernan was the only witness against them, and he could not be made to testify. After full consideration, the Attorney General, State Auditor, States Attorney and other officers who were investigating, decided that the best course to pursue was to make some concession to Tiernan to get him to turn states evidence against the other guilty parties, viz. D. Billups and LaPage. However, these officials were not willing to make Tiernan the same offer that was made to Billups and LaPage, that of immunity from prosecution. After considerable work and negotiation the following proposition was agreed upon: Tiernan should turn states evidence and make a full confession; he was to resign as auditor at once. Being the only one financially responsible by reason of his surety bond he was given to understand that he would have to make good all the defalcations; he was to plead guilty to a violation of the wolf bounty statute and take whatever sentence was given him by the judge; he was to appear and give his testimony against Billups and LaPage at his trials. This is what Tiernan has done: he has turned states evidence and made a full confession; he resigned as auditor at once; he purchased all the questionable wolf bounty vouchers at a cost to him of \$2700.00 which is generally believed to be a sum considerably in excess of the amount of the defalcations; he appeared at this term of court as a witness against Billups, but was not needed since Billups plead guilty; he plead guilty to a violation of the wolf bounty statute, and took the sentence imposed by the judge; he has yet to appear as a witness against LaPage.

CONVENTION DECEMBER 20TH.

Secretary Ben M. Wood Calls for Good Roads Convention at Huron.

Secretary Wood, of Rapid City, of the South Dakota Good Roads Association, has called a meeting to be held at Huron Friday, December 20. At this gathering plans will be formulated for the conduct of a legislative campaign in the interest of good roads. Laws modeled after those in other states will be drawn and the members asked to enact them.

Besides asking for state aid and the appointment of a good roads commission the bill will contain a clause recommending that convict labor be employed in the construction of highways across the state. At Pierre about the middle of January there will be held a state conservation congress and at this it is proposed to make the improvement of highways one of the prominent features.

Two of the counties in the southeastern part of the state have filed petitions with Secretary Wood asking that the convicts be compelled to build proposed highways and that legislation providing for this be enacted.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the People's National Bank of Hot Springs, South Dakota, will be held at its office in the city of Hot Springs, County of Fall River and State of South Dakota, on the 14th day of January, 1913, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of nine directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

3412 HENRY MARTY, Cashier

Highley's Drug Store will be glad to take orders for cut flowers for Christmas. Leave your orders early. We appreciate the ladies trade—adv. 341f

A SUPERB MUSICAL TREAT

SANITARIUM GLEE CLUB DELIGHT
AUDIENCE WITH CONCERT.

SOME EXTRA FINE TALENT

A METROPOLITAN MUSICAL PROGRAM
OFFERED HOT SPRINGS AUDIENCE
LAST FRIDAY EVENING.

A musical program that could hardly be surpassed by a metropolitan company was given by the Sanitarium Glee Club at the New Opera House last Friday evening under the direction of Col. W. H. Kinross, late director of the famous Ellery Royal Italian Orchestra, and—at different times, connected with other famous musical organizations both voice and instrumental.

The Glee Club is composed of about twenty male voices and aside from the numerous selections rendered by the Club, Dr. Williams, Miss Queena Stewart, W. F. Proffitt and Miss Belle Stewart favored the audience with several solos, duets and quartette numbers. Dr. Williams' work on the stage was simply a surprise to everyone in the audience. Comparatively a new comer he took the audience by storm by his perfect rendition of some of the most difficult tenor selections. His voice is well trained, strong and his tones clear and sweet. Miss Queena Stewart as is known is one of the best soprano singers in the Black Hills, and altho hardly doing herself justice on account of a severe cold, she was indeed fine. One of the best numbers on the program as evidenced by the applause accorded it was a duet by the two people just named.

On account of the illness of Mrs. Hedrick who was on the program for a couple of vocal solos, Professor Mæge gave two very fine violin selections. Deserving of special mention was the closing selection of the entire Glee Club chorus and the soloists, that of the "Sextette from Lucia."

At the conclusion of the musical program, the floor was cleared and the full Sanitarium Orchestra furnished music for a select ball. The organization cleared a neat sum from the receipts of their concert and dance for the benefit of the Sanitarium Athletic Association.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE

By H. H. Stoner, Superintendent in South Dakota.

The law makers of South Dakota probably never passed a measure of more far reaching importance than when they provided means by which Farmers' Institutes might be conducted throughout the state. Farming is as much of an art, if not a science, as many of the other learned professions but it is only within recent years that this fact has been recognized to the extent of the establishment of Agricultural Colleges wherein the art and science of farming is taught. Within the memory of middle aged men such

a thing as an agricultural college was not known, and such men never had the opportunity of an agricultural education. Even today only a very small percent of the young men of our state can avail themselves of its advantage. Recognizing these facts, the South Dakota Legislature a few years ago determined that if the average farmer could not go to school that it would provide the means by which the school could go to him. Thus the Farmers' Institutes were organized.

From the meagre beginning of an appropriation of 5000. per annum and an attendance of something like ten thousand farmers the first year, the work has gradually grown to an attendance last year of sixty thousand. Nor has the interest one whit abated. Wherever Farmers' Institutes have been held farmers tell us that the agricultural output has increased from 30 to 50. Better stock is being raised, rational systems of crop rotation are being practiced, the fertility and moisture of the soil are being conserved, crops adapted to soil conditions are being planted, better methods of tillage are being done with the result that materially increased yields are being harvested. Nor does the matter stop here. The farmers successes have dignified his profession and caused him to realize, in a measure, his own great economic importance.

A new innovation is being tried out this year in the way of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Farmers' Institutes. A lady lecturer is provided, the women meet in a separate hall where matters concerning household economics are discussed. So far it is meeting with great success. The interest and attendance are phenomenal.

One hundred seventy-four Institutes were conducted last year. Two hundred and five Institutes are scheduled for the present year, and many towns not scheduled, are clamoring for an Institute. The present appropriation will barely suffice to cover those already scheduled.

The Institutes have reached a point where a one week "Short Course" is demanded. There should be twenty or twenty five of these short courses conducted in various parts of the state when more detail of advanced methods of farming could be given. Means should be provided at the coming session of the Legislature by which the short courses may be inaugurated and the regular two day Farmers' Institutes extended so that every town, hamlet and neighborhood in the State of South Dakota may avail themselves of instruction in more profitable methods of agriculture.

"BUSTER BROWN"

"Buster Brown" is Coming to Town. And Will Be at The Morris Grand Soon.

His arrival will be just as big an event in childhood as the coming of Santa Clause at Christmas. There is the same rejoicing and their happiness knows no bounds when Buster, Tike and Mary Jane are showing them new tricks in the brand new version of the popular "Buster Brown" show. Novelties galore are offered this season and the chorus is one of the big hits of the production.

Johnny McCabe will be seen as the ubiquitous and irresistible Buster, and he is an adept in fun-making. Babo Hudson is the Mary Jane with Buster every minute, and the dog bears watching this year, as D. J. Murphy, considered one of the foremost animal impersonators, will play Buster's right hand bower. At the Morris Grand December 23rd.

THE TIPPING NUISANCE.



TWO FRANCHISES BEFORE COUNCIL

WATER AND LIGHT FRANCHISE
MATTERS DISCUSSED.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

MATTER WILL PROBABLY BE PUT TO
VOTE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY
IN THE NEAR FUTURE

The city council met in regular session at the city hall Monday evening and after transacting the regular routine business listened to the reading of two franchises, one for the water right and the other for light, submitted by President Wattels of the Water Light & Power Company. Both the present franchises expire soon, one of them today and the other in February.

This same company is the one which has had the franchises in this city for the past twenty years. The new articles offered by the company failed at this time to meet with the approval of the council and they met again informally in the council rooms Wednesday evening to discuss the matter thoroughly. No action has been taken as yet and the city attorney has been requested to draw up another set of franchises setting forth what the council will expect of the Water, Light & Power Company in case they decide to grant them a franchise in either case. That phase of the question whereby the city might buy the property of this company has not been gone into and probably will not be on account of the financial condition of the corporate city of Hot Springs. Before being settled definitely the entire matter will no doubt be submitted to the voters.

A DANDY COMPANY

The Frank Players One of The Best Shows Here This Season. - Two More Nights.

The John E. Frank Players opened a four nights engagement at the Morris Grand in this city Wednesday evening with that laughable comedy "The Love Pirate." The piece was a good one, in fact one of the best comedies ever seen here by reason of the fact that the make up of each actor was perfect and the parts well taken. Mr. Frank in the leading role is a star on the stage and Miss Wattels, his leading lady, a superb little actress. The supporting company are all good. We can gladly recommend this company and if you miss any of the remaining two plays or matinee you will be the loser. This (Friday) evening they put on the feature bill of their engagement, "St. Elmo," the original version. Tomorrow afternoon they will give a candy matinee for the children. Tomorrow night they will play "The Texas Ranger." Packed houses have been greeting this company and it is a certainty that from their performances they are deserving of this treatment.

NEW PENSION BILL

Pension Bill Cares For Widows, Orphans of War With Spain.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Nearly five thousand widows and children of veterans of the Spanish American war, or Philippine insurrection would receive pensions under the Craig bill, which was passed in the house without debate.

Twelve dollars for the widow and two dollars for each child per month is provided.

Senator Bristow introduced a resolution for the initiative and recall of judicial decisions in senate.

Among nominations received from President Taft by the senate for approval was that of Walter F. Frear, as governor of Hawaii.

The house spent much of its time listening to the reading of the annual report of the secretary of the treasury.

STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE

Prominent Pittsburg Actress Missing—Rumors Current That She Has Been in Hot Springs.

The strange and mysterious disappearance of Miss Jennie Brice, the beautiful actress of Pittsburg has stirred the whole community. Rumors are current that Miss Brice has been seen by Hot Springs resident—that a prominent citizen was seen talking with the actress while bathing in the Evans plunge.

A well known ranchman living among the foothills of the Catholic

range reports having seen a strange woman hitting the trail in the direction of the "Lost Wells." Another ranchman just as well known and just as reliable reports having seen a tall blond in a black and white striped dress, with a red feather in her hat and carrying a brown case enter the mouth of Wind Cave without a guide.

It is believed that Miss Brice came to Hot Springs seeking rest in the clear and exhilarating atmosphere of the National Health Resort and whether she has been taken ill while roaming among the pines and is somewhere in this region needing assistance or whether she has become a victim of foul play is the mystery.

It is feared the latter is the case. Anyone learning of the whereabouts of Miss Jennie Brice kindly notify the Mayor or Chris Jensen at once.

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DENMANS TO BOISE

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Denman Departed Tuesday Evening for Boise, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Denman, who have been residents of this city for a number of years departed Wednesday evening for their new home at Boise, Idaho. The following communication handed us by Mr. Denman expresses their sentiment with regard to their numerous friends here and as will be noted it was with much reluctance that they leave this city to take up their new home in the west. We can say in truth with the community that the people of Hot Springs were as loth to lose this worthy couple as they were to leave but all will join in wishing them happiness and prosperity in their new home. Following is the letter referred to above:

December 10th, 1912.

Publishers of the Hot Springs Star: Gentlemen:—As it has been impossible for us to say good bye personally to all of our friends in Hot Springs, we would like to say thru the columns of the Star that it gives our hearts no little sadness to leave the many good people of Hot Springs for naturally during the past ten years we have found some of the most loyal and delightful friends we have ever known. And we can truthfully say that as neighbors living near us in lower town on 8th street are second to none that we have ever had. In all the time we have lived there we have never been refused the loan of a drawing of tea, a mess of flour, sugar, saleratus, pickles or canned goods, from one end of the street to the other. We have not even found it necessary to grow a kitchen garden as we could always procure all the fresh fruit and garden truck we needed, from these good neighbors, same has been true as to fresh meat, and game—as on eighth street and near it live most of the successful sportsmen of this part of the state and we have never been allowed to want for anything in the line of ducks, chickens, fresh trout and cotton tail rabbits etc., since moving onto this street.

Incidentally allow me to say that I have a few choice residence lots for sale at a reasonable price, on eighth street.

To those persons holding claims against me of any nature I will explain that my postoffice address will be Boise, Idaho, and for the present all such may be mailed there and when we move again I will furnish you with a new address. We may not move again however as there is seventy-five retail grocery stores in Boise and all extend a liberal line of credits.

In saying good bye we will say that it makes us more sad perhaps to part with the editors and publishers of the Star and Times-Herald than of any other attachment we have formed here. For in the case of these other dear friends we have a hope of meeting them again in a brighter, better land, where there will be no more parting but its different with editors.

Most Sincerely,
J. L. DENMAN and WIFE.

BROKEN OFF SHORT.

When a woman finds herself the head of the house the first thing she does is to invest in a new hat for the head.

It is a popular belief among chorus girls that if you give a bald headed man a good show he is bound to get to the front.

Probably there is method in a lazy man's madness. He may not care to take chances of injuring his health by working between meals.

C. G. Reynolds, of New York City, representative of the American Press Association, was in Hot Springs yesterday calling on the trade and while here he visited quite a number of the places of interest in "The National Health Resort" and also Wind Cave. He expressed himself as highly pleased with what he saw both in the city and at the Cave.