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Central Bank, opposite Wells House.

**BOTH SIDES STATED**

White Settlers' and Indians' Claims  
Clash in Allotting Land to the  
Latter.

Special Agent McKean is Blamed for  
Showing Undue Favor to the  
Red Warriors.

He Replies by Stating Clearly and Con-  
cisely What His Duties are in  
the Premises.

It is Question that Involves the Right  
to Valuable Land Around the  
Mile Square.

Special Agent McKean is receiving a  
great deal of criticism and censure from  
settlers who have taken land across the  
river, for what, it is alleged, is unjust  
discrimination in favor of the Indians.  
The two morning papers yesterday con-  
tained rather lengthy accounts of the  
matter, the substance of which, as ex-  
tracted from the Capital, reads like this:

In allotting Indians to select lands he  
is permitting them to locate anywhere  
they desire, without any regard to claims  
taken up by white settlers. For in-  
stance, the whole of the Allison addi-  
tions, which were taken up for townsite  
purposes, have been allotted out to the  
children of Joe Rivers. The Phillips  
claim, upon which over \$1,000 worth of  
improvements have been made, has been  
allotted to the Narcelle and Traverser  
children. T. H. Martin's claim, adjoining  
the mile square, goes to LaPlant's  
children. Fred Pettigrew's claim will be  
also taken, and thus it goes. By the  
work now being prosecuted by the allot-  
ting agent, no white settler has any  
claim to any lands he may have taken  
over a year ago, when the president de-  
clared the reservation open to settlement.  
Of course it is not believed for a minute  
that these Indian children can hold the  
lands, but they compel white settlers who  
went upon the lands in good faith to  
bring a contest before the land office. If  
they win their case before the land office  
the Indian department could appeal to  
the general land office, and thus run up  
additional bills of cost. The law by  
which the Sioux ceded their lands very  
plainly stated that an Indian would have  
to be living upon the land he desired to  
take when the president's proclamation  
was issued. This being the case, it don't  
stand to reason that they can now go to  
work and select lands anywhere they see  
fit to do for their children. Another  
point in allotting the lands is that they  
can be classed either as agricultural or  
grazing lands. If grazing lands, they are  
permitted to take up just double the  
amount they would for agricultural pur-  
poses. It is understood that the agent is  
claiming most of the lands up Bad River  
as grazing lands. This is altogether  
wrong. Mr. McKean, of course, is sent  
here by the Indian department to virtu-  
ally act as their attorney, but in permit-  
ting them to take white settlers' lands he  
is doing them an injury. If they are  
beaten in the contest—which they surely  
will be—they will not have a chance to  
take up lands in any other section.

Special Agent McKean was met in the  
Locke last evening by a FREE PRESS re-  
porter, and requested to make some state-  
ment that would show under what order  
of duty he was guided in the matter, that  
now bids fair to become a red-hot contro-  
versy. At first he demurred, stating that  
he was acting under instructions and did  
not care to enter into a newspaper wran-  
gle. Finally, however, he volunteered the  
following:

"I am endeavoring to follow my in-  
structions and the law as construed by  
the secretary of the Interior, and I have  
not intentionally or arbitrarily trampled  
upon any man's rights. Neither have I,  
without regard to the rights of others  
allowed Indians to select land wherever  
they chose. Indians have a right, under  
the law, to have the land upon which  
they were living on Feb. 10, 1880, allotted  
to them, and the law fixes the quantity  
each head of a family and minor child  
shall have. I must allot that quantity to  
them, and I have not in any case given  
any one more than he or she was en-  
titled to."

"What about grazing lands?" was  
asked.

"The law says where the land is 'mainly  
valuable for grazing purposes' each In-  
dian shall be entitled to double the quan-  
tity he would be otherwise entitled to—or  
in other words he is entitled to 320 acres,  
as the head of a family, if the land is all  
good for agricultural purposes, but if  
mainly good for grazing he shall have 640  
acres. The department rules that if the  
land can be made more valuable as graz-  
ing land than as agricultural it shall be  
graded as grazing land, and the allotting  
agent and Indian agent jointly must de-  
cide as to the general character of the  
lands allotted. In some instances I have  
decided the land as good agricultural  
land, and made my allotment accord-  
ingly, but where most or a large proportion  
of the land lies in the hills I think the  
whole tract allotted could not fairly be  
called agricultural land."

"What about giving Scotty Phillips  
1,900 acres?"

"That is not correct. I did not allot  
him that quantity, but I did give him what  
he was entitled to under the law. If a man  
is fortunate enough to have a dozen chil-  
dren it is none of my business and I am  
not responsible for that."

"Have you made any allotments within  
or adjoining the mile square?"

"No sir, none at all! I have been urged

to do so, but have said I could not until  
the survey of the mile square was com-  
pleted. I have not made an allotment to  
any one of the LaPlants. Please say this  
for me: that I am trying to do my duty  
and the work I am sent here to do, fairly  
and honestly, with due respect to the  
rights of all, but as I am sent to allot the  
lands to the Indians I must make them as  
I find them, but no Indian who failed to  
file his declaration prior to or on Feb. 28  
has been allotted land by me. My in-  
structions are plain and I shall follow them,  
but any man—white or Indian—who feels  
that I have not properly regarded his  
claims has the right to contest before the  
register of the land office. It is no part  
of my duty or right to decide the question  
of prior claim."

**A Big Scheme.**

The following document was recently  
filed with the register of deeds of Hughes  
county, and explains itself, in the nature  
of an enterprise to irrigate a vast section  
of country west of the river, and render  
it valuable for every purpose:

Know all men by these presents: That  
we, Fred M. Brown, Levi McGee, Samuel  
Smith and Edwin Smith, citizens of the  
United States and residents of the State  
of South Dakota, over the age of 21 years,  
and all of whose postoffice address is  
Rapid City, South Dakota, have this day,  
under and by virtue of the laws of the  
United States and of the State of South  
Dakota, located and appropriated 30,000  
miner's inches of the water of the Big  
Cheyenne river, commencing at a point on  
said river, where this notice is posted,  
about one-fourth of a mile below the con-  
fluence of the said Cheyenne river and  
the Belle Fourche river and extending in  
a northeasterly direction on the east side  
of said Cheyenne river and parallel with  
said Cheyenne river through the un-  
organized counties of Ziebach, Nowlin,  
Sterling and Stanley. In the said state of  
South Dakota; the said water so  
appropriated to be conveyed by ditch,  
canal and flume over and across the said  
counties of Ziebach, Nowlin, Sterling and  
Stanley, on the most feasible and prac-  
ticable route, as may be determined by  
said appropriators; said water so appropri-  
ated to be used for milling, manufacturing,  
irrigating, agricultural and domestic  
purposes, and shall be known as the  
"Reservation Irrigating Ditch," and we  
intend to develop and work the same in  
accordance with the laws of the United  
States and of the State of South Dakota  
and utilize the waters so appropriated  
as aforesaid for milling, manufacturing,  
irrigating and agricultural purposes.  
Located and dated on the ground this 31st  
day of March, 1891.

FREDERICK BROWN,  
LEVI MCGEE,  
SAM SMITH,  
EDMUND SMITH,

In presence of J. M. HINGSON.

**Not a Bed of Roses.**

Lead Herald: The Pierre FREE PRESS  
chronicles "a few of the experiences that  
fell to the lot of a reporter in search for  
news." His path was not a bed of roses,  
and yet he did not tackle a Hawatha  
Park, either. The honest faber-pushers,  
who live and labor for the good of the  
people and the glory of the country, are  
subject to much unjust criticism and get  
many hard knocks, but their hearts are  
brave, their hides tough and they press  
manfully on.

**An Old-timer.**

Bismarck Tribune, 10: Tom Gotham,  
well known in Bismarck back in the  
eighties, has just come up from Pierre  
where he has been in business the past  
year. Mr. Gotham was one of the leading  
mariners of the Missouri river at the  
time when river traffic was large and  
Bismarck had her boom.

**A Floating Paragraph.**

The proposed railway from Aberdeen to  
Pierre and thence to the Black Hills  
is exciting the best efforts of the people  
of Pierre who feel sanguine that the  
project will be carried through. It would  
give St. Paul control of the Black Hills  
trade as one result.

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gray and faded hair, and renders it soft,  
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and pliant, and prevents baldness. While it  
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say it will stimulate the roots and color-  
glands of faded, gray, light, and red hair,  
changing the color to

**A Rich Brown**

or even black. It will not soil the pillow  
case nor a pocket-handkerchief, and is al-  
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around with heads looking like 'the trefal  
porcupine' should hurry to the nearest drug  
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