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The state securities department has granted authority to the Yankton Brick & Tile company to offer its stock for sale in the state.

"At this time next year several new political graves will be made and in them will be a few old political warriors," says the Onawa Democrat.

About time to be thinking of a skating rink for the young folks this winter. This Indian summer is likely to take a turn for the worse any time.

The registration of voters has been a fairly complete success in most of the counties. Gov. Byrne's cold-water throwing on the effort to the contrary notwithstanding. —Dakota Republican.

The annual report of the commissioner of pensions showed a net loss in the pension rolls for the year of 40,094, leaving 820,200 pensioners of all classes, 462,379 being civil war veterans.

The tallest building in the state will be put up in Sioux Falls next season. It will be a nine-story skyscraper and a swell structure from foundation to the point where it rubs against the firmament.

Just now there is a good deal being said in favor of Justice Hughes being the next republican candidate for president. It would seem as if all shades of republicans could easily unite on one so excellent and eminent as Justice Hughes. —Dakota Republican.

Col. Roosevelt has laid himself open to the charge that he is not so much interested in child welfare as he was last year. He has gone off to South America leaving his progeny, the progressive party, to struggle along as best it may.

Since the decline of the late conflict in financial figures promoted by the governor on one side, there has been a painful silence in executive quarters. He appears to have accepted the latter alternative in the show up or shut up demand. —Huron Huronite.

It has been suggested in various quarters that the larger South American countries help us to take up the white man's burden in Mexico, but so far no clamor has come from south of the isthmus to be let in on the contract.

We notice in some counties joint majority and minority party mass meetings are called. This is evidence of a desire for harmony, but, unfortunately, under the law any action by such meetings will be null and void, and proposers chosen would have no standing in court or anywhere else.

The prediction that the award increasing the wages of the trainmen increases the probability that the railroads will be allowed to increase their freight rates is a simple matter of mathematics. Subtraction cannot go on indefinitely without occasional addition, for there must be something to subtract from.

President Wilson is determined that Huerta, the dictator president of Mexico, must get out and give the people a chance to elect an executive head. Huerta is just as determined to hold on and defies the United States to oust him. We are placing our bet on Uncle Sam to win out in this controversy.

The primary registration returns show that South Dakota is a republican state by an overwhelming majority. But, if dissenters and bullmoose continue to disrupt the party, a democratic plurality can easily capture the commonwealth at the next election, and present appearances indicate that this is just what is going to happen. —Dakota Republican.

Great fun to ride along about sunrise these days and listen to the music of the yellow ears of corn as they are flung into the waiting wagons by the huskers. The air is crisp and of the flavor of buckwheat cakes and molasses. You feel like jumping over all the fences in sight and then building more fences and higher fences. Great mornings, great country, great people and great corn crops.

THE GOVERNOR'S MIS-LEADING FIGURES

Huron Huronite: In his reply to a statement put forth by R. O. Richards, Governor Byrne said that, covering a period of ten years, an average per year of \$174,817 of the annual appropriations for state purposes reverted to the treasury, conveying the impression that in ten years, \$1,748,170 had been unused and covered back into the treasury.

It is shown by the auditor's books and attested by the auditor that during the last ten years \$288,692.97 have been returned to the treasury, while \$1,718,084.75 of unexpended appropriations were carried forward to the succeeding year and then expended.

The governor's mistake was in counting the total reversions as unexpended money, making no account of the major portion thereof that was forward to succeeding years and then expended.

There was in fact a total of \$1,999,777.72 not used for the purpose for which appropriations were made, but as \$1,718,084.75 was afterwards expended, that much must be deducted from the money saved column and added to the money spent column. This makes a different showing from the one presented by the governor.

SMITH OIL COMPANY

John I. Newell of Chicago, and John Stopperan of Minneapolis, formerly of Pierre, both of whom have of late become wealthy through the success of their oil well prepositions in Mexico, which last month begun flowing, making them thousands of dollars profit, have formed a corporation, the Smith's Oil company, with Alex Smith and Allison Smith of Tampico, Mexico; John I. Newell of Chicago, and John Stopperan of Minneapolis as incorporators; capital stock, \$1,000,000.

Perhaps it is fortunate for South Dakota that Thanksgiving comes before those county mass meetings. —Sioux City Journal.

GENERAL INTEREST SHOWN

General attendance for both factions of the republican and democratic parties at the state proposal meetings in January is indicated by the published calls in the different counties of the state for meetings of both factions. In many cases the democrats have issued but one call, which is presumed to include both the majority and minority factions, while the republicans are issuing two calls, one for each faction. The socialists and prohibitionists are calling majority meetings in a few of the counties of the state, and their representation in the state meetings will probably be merely sufficient to hold their party organization and party places on the ballot, as that is the only method by which they can secure a party place.

PUTTING ON THE BRAKES

Sioux City Journal: If George W. Egan continues to challenge South Dakota newspaper report he is likely to be considerably dealt with by the press of the state believing in safe and sane administration. Mr Egan's latest verdict calls for \$10,000 on the score of damages to Mr. Egan's reputation and feelings. No doubt he thinks he is performing a public service in behalf of men weaker than he and more sensitive. The newspapers in South Dakota, as well as the newspapers elsewhere, should be parliamentary in their use of language, and they should be just as careful not to traduce personal character as if they were conveniently subject to execution.

THE POOREST OF MEN

Country Gentleman: The poorest of men is he whose labor leaves him no time for thinking and dreaming, whose every hour is filled with the tasks that earn bread. When a holiday comes he is unable to enjoy simple pleasures. His recreation is boisterous and his satisfaction shortlived.

NATIVE COAL

Cheaper coal for the northern part of the state is promised through a settlement of the coal rate controversy raised by the miners in the vicinity of Isabel.

The operators of that section were being discriminated against in the matter of rates, in competition with the North Dakota mines at Scranton and Haynes and filed their complaint with the state railway commission.

ALFALFA MILL BUSY

The Alfalfa Products Co., of Belle Fourche, is rapidly becoming quite a factor in the farming industry of northern South Dakota. At the present time the company is grinding twenty-five tons of alfalfa every day. The entire product of the mill, excepting the hay is taken by one Chicago firm. The seed and meal is shipped out, but the hay is used by local ranchers. The manager, M. C. Rich, states that the acreage of alfalfa will be much increased next year.

POWERS AGAINST HUERTA

Washington, D. C., Nov. 24.—Affairs in connection with Mexico are progressing satisfactorily, according to President Wilson.

He told callers today that the diplomatic boycott policy had been unqualifiedly endorsed by all the allied powers, and while it will take time, the elimination of Huerta is an absolute certainty.

FARMERS HAVE CASH

At the public sales of live stock held recently in this section of the state, one of the features was that all payments were cash with no time asked. The totals of the sale at the Olmstead ranch near Okobojo being over \$17,000, while the totals of the sale at the Nick Durkin ranch in northern Hyde county footed up to more than \$28,000, which on a cash basis shows that there is a demand for livestock and cash to pay for the demand.

DIED FROM BURNS

Rushing about the house a flaming torch, Miss May Dunlevy, a 20-year-old school teacher of Philip, was so badly burned before assistance could reach her that death followed Saturday morning after a number of hours of suffering in great agony.

The young woman was cleaning a coat with gasoline when it ignited from a stove in an adjoining room and was instantly ablaze, rushing into the open, but the fire caused her death and the destruction of her home.

AUTO BURNED; DRIVER HURT

Lying unconscious beside the road near his burned automobile, Deputy Sheriff Giddings of Stanley county, was found near Fort Pierre. After he had partly recovered consciousness in a hospital, he explained that an accident to the steering wheel had caused the wreck last Thursday.

ARE ROAD BUILDERS

Antelope township in Stanley county, is doing its part in the good roads movement, the people of that township voting \$400 for a main north and south highway across the township, and the work has just been completed, providing a well graded road all the way from Fort Pierre to the Lyman county line, a distance of twelve miles on a north and south road.

THE TOOTHsome ALFALFA

The raising of alfalfa in this part of the state has evidently also brought with it a large increase in the crop of rabbits, not only on the cotton-tail variety which breed in the brush of the valley where the greatest acreage is devoted to alfalfa, but also has increased the crop of big jackrabbits which come to the valleys to feed and do their ranging over the prairies. The hunter who cannot bring in all he can carry is looked upon as a failure as a rabbit hunter. The vicinity of the alfalfa fields appear to be the favorite feeding place of the rabbits.

THE OLD AND THE NEW

There is not going to be any mileage quarrel this time. The two sessions will be merged into one, with only an hour intervening in which to sweep out and dust up. It is in fact about the same as a continuous performance.

FOREIGNERS HEAVILY TAXED

Huerta has made a levy on foreign interests in Mexico to supply his army with money. This is the martial word for a hold-up. The interests in question pay their regular taxes but the additional levy is made under threat of destruction by the federals, which is blackmail. The interests in question are likely to refuse to pay, and any attempt at the destruction of their property will be likely to bring things to a head. If the property is actually destroyed, the Mexican taxpayers, in the end, will have to make the loss good.

RESTORED TO PUBLIC DOMAIN

Last month recommendations were made to the president by Secretary Lane of the Interior department, that have resulted in a net decrease of 200,510 acres in the outstanding withdrawals in public land states. Nearly 205,000 acres of land previously withdrawn were restored to the public domain, and additional withdrawals of about 65,000 acres were made. The largest restoration was one involving nearly 242,500 acres of coal land in Montana. In Utah 14,500 acres of withdrawn lands were likewise classified as to their coal value and restored. The withdrawals made during the month were all for the reservation of the water-power rights, the largest being nearly 62,000 acres in Oregon and a little over 1,000 acres each in Idaho and Washington, but in the latter two states the withdrawals were more than counterbalanced by restorations of over 2,000 acres of lands which investigation by the geological survey proves to have no value for power.

As a result of this work the withdrawals now outstanding include somewhat less than 68,000,000 acres, all but about 10,000,000 acres of which are lands that are awaiting examination as to their coal character. The progress that has been made in classification of supposed coal land is well illustrated by the fact that although about 68,000,000 acres await classification, nearly 84,000,000 acres have already been classified as to their coal value and restored to entry. Of this total 18,500,000 acres have been classified as coal lands and valued at nearly \$761,000,000.

Great progress has likewise been made in the classification of lands as to their irrigability as required in the administration of the enlarged homestead act. More than 208,000,000 acres in the arid and semiarid states have so far been classified as non-irrigable and thus rendered available for entry in homesteads of 320 acres each.

MAKING A PARTY PURE

One way to beat a bad boss is to find a good boss who knows how to organize.

That seems to be the way to beat Murphy and Tammany in New York state and President Wilson is playing the good boss until he can delegate authority to McCoombs or some other man who stands for clean politics.

The democratic party has repudiated Tammany. The whole vicious organization is to be thrown out bodily and a new organization along clean, radical and progressive lines is to be built up. President Wilson is the mover, but it is likely that McCoombs will be the local manager to perfect the new organization.

The democratic party under Wilson is the leader in the movement for clean politics. It is setting a rare example in New York state to the republicans still encumbered by barnacles and to the progressive party tied down by Bill Sulzer and Munsey.

LATE MELON CROP

Home grown watermelons the last of November is what was furnished to his friends by Fred Baade, a farmer near Rousseau. Baade is an extensive grower of watermelons, and when frost approached he "buried" a number of melons in a large haystack, and is now dealing them out to those who care for melons at this season of the year.

Boston Traveler: The "1,500 Indians on Warpath" headlines over a dispatch from Santa Fe, N. M., is a reminder of the days when the Indians made the story books seem real.

THE EXCHANGE OF NEWS

The editor of the Potter County News-Courier gracefully acknowledges receipt of Oklahoma papers containing marked notices of new wells in that state from which oil is flowing fast and free with great force. Ere this we presume Br'er J. B. T. has returned the compliment by sending south marked copies of last summer's editions of The News-Courier in which were pictured the great gushers which were flooding the area around Gettysburg with fluid of a petroleum flavor—in the figurative or future tense, of course—and these may yet prove to have not been overdrawn, for we note that an abandoned well near his town is being straightened by a crew of new drillers who are daily going deeper down to where the oil lake is located, serenely awaiting an opportunity to surge to the surface.