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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

AROUND THE STATE

In the Hills—Electric Light and Power Consolidation at Belle Fourche

At Pierre—South Dakota Lawyers Meet—Presidential Electors

Twenty-three cyanide and stamp mills were in use during the last year by the different mining companies in the Black Hills. The year was one of the most successful in the history of the Black Hills. The cyaniding of the low grade ores received especial attention and great improvements were made. It is estimated that \$10,000,000 were invested in new mining enterprises, including the development of new and old mines, the purchasing of new properties and the erection of new mills. The foundation is now laid for an increase of almost double the output of gold in the Black Hills during the next twelve months.

To Buy Power Plants.

The proprietors of the Black Hills Electric Light company of Deadwood and the Belt Light and Power company of Lead are about to be purchased by a new company to be known as the Black Hills Consolidated Electric Light and Power company. Within a few days it is stated the title of both properties will pass to the new company. A quarter of a million dollars will be spent in enlarging the plant owned by the Belt Light and Power company. The plan will be made up to date in every respect so that electric power can be furnished mines and mills of the Northern Black Hills.

Build Belle Fourche Works.

Announcement is made at Washington that the secretary of the interior has decided to build the Belle Fourche irrigation works in this state as proposed by the engineers who made an examination of them. Plans and specifications for the purpose have been completed and advertisements will be authorized some time this month calling on contractors to submit bids for the work. It was originally estimated that the Belle Fourche project would cost about \$2,100,000, but Engineer Raymond has submitted an estimate for \$2,500,000 and this sum will be made available.

Want Deer Season Earlier.

Lead sportsmen have held a meeting for the purpose of presenting a bill before the legislature asking that the game law of the state be changed, especially respecting the hunting of deer. The opening of the season is to be made a month earlier, Oct. 15, and the number of deer to be killed is to be limited to two instead of three. A committee consisting of three men was appointed to draft the bill. It is declared that the deer hunting law is broken usually by the rural hunters instead of those residing in the city.

South Dakota Bar Meets.

The State bar association met in Pierre last week with about seventy-five members present from different points in the state. The principal address was by Judge Wakefield of Sioux City, Ia., and a paper prepared by George W. Case of Watertown was read. The officers selected for the coming year are: President, H. R. Horner, Pierre; first vice president, A. Frieberg, Vermillion; second vice president, George W. Case, Watertown; secretary, J. H. Voorhes, Sioux Falls; treasurer, I. W. Goodner, Pierre.

Dime Novels Lead to Pen.

Two and a half years in the penitentiary for Wilber Egbert at hard labor and two years for Ivan Godwin were the sentences imposed by Judge Gaffy at a special term of court at Miller after the young men had decided to plead guilty without trial to the charge of horse stealing. These are the Indianapolis dime novel youths who claimed they came to South Dakota last summer to work in the harvest fields, but finding the task too hard each stole a horse and saddle and went to North Dakota.

Extension of Time Favored.

The senate public land committee has reported favorably the Gamble bill extending the time for occupation on entries made last summer on lands embraced in the Rosebud reservation in South Dakota. The law opening the reservation required that settlements must be made six months from the date of entry. Complaint is made that this requirement would impose a hardship in many cases and an extension to May 1 is proposed in the bill just reported.

Nemo Man Attempts Suicide.

After telling his wife that he was going out to shoot squirrels R. E. Reppass, living near Nemo, passed out into the yard, placed the butt of his rifle on the ground with the muzzle aimed at his head and discharged the weapon, the bullet entering the jaw and passing out near the right eye. He was taken to Lead hospital, where he lies in a critical condition. No motive for the act is known.

Rapid City Reports a Boom.

A boom is on in Rapid City, according to the report of business men. This is owing to the resumption of

work on the railroad between that city and Mystic. Material has commenced to arrive and within the next few days work will be in full swing. The business men in all lines are laying in double their usual stock for the season.

Football Legislation.

Football legislation received its first attention in the senate Monday, coming in a bill by Lightner, who seeks to do away with the rougher plays in the game, providing a disqualification for any player of any school team who either accidentally or intentionally injured another player.

Presidential Electors Meet.

The electors of South Dakota met Monday in the office of Governor Elrod, cast their votes for Roosevelt and Fairbanks and selected J. Q. Anderson of Lyman county as the messenger to carry the returns to Washington.

OLD FAMILIAR TALE

War in the Balkans Promised Once More When the Springtime Comes

London, Jan. 10.—The active preparations already reported to have been made both in Turkey and Bulgaria for a possible war this year are fully confirmed by a private letter received in London from a minister accredited to the Balkan courts. This minister, who has just completed a tour of the Balkan capitals, writes that the Turkish and Bulgarian governments are energetically preparing for eventualities. Large shipments of arms and ammunition have been made and recruits from Asia Minor are arriving at Salonica weekly for service in the Turkish army. The Bulgarian and Greek bands in Macedonia are increasing daily and are fighting each other and the Turks. This three-cornered guerrilla warfare threatens to assume the bloodiest phase in the spring.

"But," concludes the minister, "whether or not there will be real war between Turkey and Bulgaria in the spring I am not prophet enough to say. Unless certain powers think the time is opportune war may be postponed this year as last, but in any event we are a year nearer the inevitable conflict."

PRUSSIANS FREEZE

Europe Swept by Blizzard—Dozens Die in Alpine Passes

Berlin, Jan. 9.—More than fifty persons were frozen to death in the provinces of East Prussia, West Prussia and Posen during the recent cold period, including two letter carriers, the driver of a post wagon, a policeman and fifteen fishermen.

Nothing has been heard of the lightship stationed off Borkum reef, Hanover, which broke away from her anchorage Friday night during a terrific storm and went adrift. The government has sent out a steamer to search for the missing vessel.

Geneva, Jan. 9.—It is said that twenty-four persons lost their lives in the mountains during the recent blizzard, fourteen of the casualties being on the St. Bernard pass.

AFFAIRS IN BAD SHAPE.

President Orders Removal of Officials of Oregon Land Office.

Washington, Jan. 9.—As the result of the investigation and prosecution of the land frauds cases in Oregon the president has signed an order suspending from office James H. Booth and Joseph T. Bridges, respectively register and receiver of the United States land office at Roseburg, Ore.

The action is on the recommendation of Secretary Hitchcock and was based on a telegram from Assistant United States District Attorney Henev, who alleged that the affairs of the Roseburg office were in bad condition.

FOUR MEN INSTANTLY KILLED.

Two Others Injured in Mine Accident in Michigan.

Houghton, Mich., Jan. 11.—Four men were instantly killed and two others injured Tuesday at a shaft which is being sunk at Rockland, by the Victoria Mining company, for a hydraulic power. The dead are William Penrose, two Austrians and one Finlander, names unknown.

The accident was due to the breaking of a cable while six men were coming to the surface in a skip at the noon hour.

Assassinated by Natives.

Marseilles, Jan. 10.—A mail steamer which arrived here during the day from the Far East reported that Colonel Bogdanoff of the Russian army and three companions, sent by former Viceroy Alexieff on a mission to Mongolia, were assassinated by natives.

MURDEROUS MOROS

They Kill U. S. Officer and Private and Wound Six Others

Attempt to Secure Recruits on Jolo Island Stirs up Hornets Nest

Manila, Jan. 11.—In an engagement which took place on Jan. 8 with refractory Moros on the island of Jolo Lieutenant James J. Jewell and one private of the Fourteenth United States cavalry were killed and Second Lieutenant Roy W. Ashbrook of the Seventeenth United States infantry, Captain Halstead Dorey of the Fourth United States infantry, Second Lieutenant R. C. Richardson of the Fourteenth United States cavalry and three privates were wounded.

The action was an incident in connection with the capture of a fort held by the Moro outlaws, which Major Scott, governor of the island, had attempted to secure by peaceful means several months ago.

Recently while attempting to secure recruits on the island the kindly means taken by Major Scott were mistaken by the surrounding Moros and, trouble brewing, necessitated forcible action. The Moro leader has been killed and the fort has been destroyed. The American troops were assisted by the gunboat Queros, in command of Lieutenant Walker.

Lieutenant Jewell was born in Illinois in September, 1871, and during the Spanish war served as a private in Troop M of the First Illinois cavalry.

LOUISE MICHEL DEAD.

Famous French Communist Passes Away at Marseilles.

Paris, Jan. 10.—Louise Michel, aged seventy-five, prominent as a communist and revolutionary agitator for the last thirty-five years, is dead in Marseilles.

Louise Michel first came into prominence during the Franco-Prussian war, when she joined an ambulance corps and took part in the defense of Paris, later siding with the commune and advocating the burning of Paris to prevent the entry of the Versailles troops.

SETTLEMENT EFFECTED.

Millionaire Breitung Will Not Prosecute James Wallace.

Marquette, Mich., Jan. 11.—James Wallace, who after a long search was finally captured in London, England, will not be prosecuted for the alleged taking of funds belonging to his employer, Millionaire E. N. Breitung of this city.

A final settlement was effected Tuesday by the relatives of Wallace with Mr. Breitung and the county.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Prominent Indiana Politician Fatally Wounded.

Marion, Ind., Jan. 10.—Wilson Addington, a prominent politician and well known horseman, was shot while he was seated in his office and he is believed to be dying from a gaping wound in his abdomen. Addington was chatting with friends when a man appeared at the window, hastily glanced inside to seek out his victim and then deliberately fired through the glass.

Aged Couple Burned to Death.

Monmouth, Ill., Jan. 10.—Peter Danielson and wife have been burned to death in a fire that consumed their home at New Windsor. They were both about seventy years old.

AMATEURISH TO A DEGREE.

Attempt to Blow Up Statue of Frederick the Great.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Somewhat of a sensation was caused in this city Tuesday by the discovery of what appeared to be a definite and serious attempt to blow up or deface the statue of Frederick the Great given to the United States by Emperor William of Germany and erected in the arsenal grounds near the army war college on the Potomac river water front in the southern part of the city. It was believed at first that a crank had made a serious effort at destruction of the statue, but after a careful investigation the police officials say the material used was incapable of producing damaging results. All the evidence secured so far, the police announce, tend to show that the attempted effort to injure the statue was puny and amateurish to a degree. It is regarded as an attempt to work up a sensation. A hole in the soft mud about six inches deep by six inches wide and twelve inches long, shattered window panes in nearby buildings and five or six splashes of yellow clay on as many granite steps summed up

damage done by the bomb, which had been placed on a high picket fence bounding the statue. An analysis examination of the bomb shows substance used had not sufficient strength to wreck the fence.

KILLS GIRL AND HIMSELF.

Shocking Double Tragedy Occurs at Virginia, Minn.

Virginia, Minn., Jan. 10.—A shocking tragedy, with jealousy as the motive, was committed here during the morning. John Phillips, a woodman, shot and killed Miss Ruth Phillips and then turned the weapon on himself with fatal effect. The murderer and his victim were of distant relationship. Mr. Phillips sought to court the girl, but she declined to receive his attentions seriously. He was thirty-three and she sixteen years of age.

THEY PREFER JAPAN

Russian Officers Refuse Parole Fifty Per Cent Remain With the Men

St. Petersburg, Jan. 6.—Although orders to that effect have not yet been sent to Admiral Rojestvensky the Associated Press is able to announce positively that the decision has been reached that the Russian second Pacific squadron, now at Madagascar en route to the Far East, will return to European waters.

AS PRISONERS OF WAR.

Three Russian Generals and an Admiral Will Go to Japan.

Headquarters Japanese Army at Port Arthur, via Fusan, Jan. 9.—Lieutenant Generals Fock, Smirnov and Gorbatowsky and Rear Admiral Wren have decided to go to Japan as prisoners of war. General Smirnov was in command of the forts at Port Arthur and General Fock commanded the Fourth division of the army there. General Fock says he will drill his men in Japan.

Fifty per cent of the Russian officers will go to Japan and share with their men the fate of prisoners of war.

There are five Russian admirals at Port Arthur, one of whom will go to Japan. Among the admirals is a prince.

Twelve foreign naval attaches have visited Port Arthur and inspected the remains of the Russian fleet.

The transfer of prisoners at Port Arthur was completed at 4:30 p. m. Saturday. The total number of officers transferred was 878, men 23,491. General Nogi reports that the officers paroled to date number 441 and orderlies 229.

TWENTY JAPANESE KILLED.

Russian Contact Mines Explode at Port Arthur.

London, Jan. 11.—The correspondent at Port Arthur of the Daily Mail says that on Jan. 8 twenty Japanese were killed by the explosion of a contact mine inside one of the forts, and that two mines in the town also exploded.

COMPETE WITH OCTOPUS

Independent Oil Company Ready for Business in S. D.

Last week it was stated editorially in the American that the Penn Oil Company would not establish a branch in Sioux Falls, owing to inability to obtain side track facilities. Chas. W. Ralph, local manager of this company at Minneapolis, writes that the fact is that the branch will be established at Sioux Falls, although much difficulty has been experienced in securing side tracks, although the company has stood ready to pay all expenses of construction. After several months delay an appeal was made to the State Railroad Commission and it is now settled that the railway company, the Illinois Central, will complete the siding immediately.

It is quite apparent the sinister influence of the big monopoly, that dumps its vilest kerosene into this state, will obstruct as far as possible the establishment of a rival in the state. It is said the Penn company may in time give Brown county people the benefit of competition in the sale of oil, and that land for siding facilities has already been secured.

A man can get sick now almost as easy as he can sin, and you all know how easy that is.

If a man can get into a bank after banking hours he considers himself a prominent citizen.

There is something fine in the bravery of a new father who carries a baby through the streets in his arms.

The first thing a girl does to a man after they are married is to get out his middle name, dust it off and use it as common as his first name.—Atchison Globe.

EVIDENCE STARTLING

A Farmer Swears Dr. Koch Suggested the Murder of Dr. Gebhardt

New Ulm, Minn., Jan. 11.—Startling testimony was introduced during the morning in the trial of Dr. George R. Koch, charged with the murder of Dr. L. A. Gebhardt. Ole Ulen, a farmer of Hanska, testified that in June or July, 1903, he went to Dr. Koch to have a tooth pulled. He said:

"I told Dr. Koch that Dr. Gebhardt had pulled one tooth for me. He asked why I had gone to Dr. Gebhardt and I told him that Holdale's clerk had advised me to go there.

"Koch said, 'Gebhardt is no better than the rest of us. Anyway he won't be with us very long. Some one will kill him.'

"He then asked if I would or could kill Dr. Gebhardt. I don't remember whether he used the word 'would' or 'could.'

"I said I wouldn't do it if I would get the whole of New Ulm or the whole United States. He said it wasn't worth that much. I said the man who would do that would be punished. He said, 'Nobody could find that out.'

The prosecution Tuesday argued against it being compelled to call to the stand Asa P. Brooks, the only man who is said to have distinctly seen the slayer of Gebhardt. Judge Weber will decide the point Wednesday. If he rules the state must call Brooks it will be a victory for the defense, as the state cannot cross-examine its own witness.

IN FIT OF BLIND RAGE

TRACY (MINN.) YOUNG MAN SERIOUSLY WOUNDS TWO WOMEN AND SUICIDES.

Tracy, Minn., Jan. 10.—In a fit of blind rage after a quarrel with his sweetheart James Hueston, aged twenty-one, drew a revolver, seriously wounded the woman of his affections, Eva Lindsley, aged twenty, fatally shot her mother and then, turning the weapon upon himself, sent a bullet through his heart.

Eva Lindsley's wound is serious, though not necessarily fatal. Mrs. Lindsley had already lost considerable blood and the doctor could hold out little hope of her recovery.

FINNS AND ITALIANS CLASH.

Three Killed and Several Others Hurt in Canada.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 11.—In a fierce fight between Finns and Italians constructing the Soo line extension thirty miles west of Sudbury three were killed and several injured.

The men were employed by Moore & Northrup and the quarrel was of long standing, culminating in the use of knives and revolvers.

THE SELFISH COUPLE.

Husbands and Wives Who Refuse to Mingle in Society.

Selfishness is the bane of all life. It cannot enter into life—individual, family or social—without cursing it. Therefore if any married pair find themselves inclined to confine themselves to one another's society, indisposed to go abroad and mingle with the life around them, disturbed and irritated by the collection of friends in their own dwelling or in any way moved to regard their social duties as disagreeable, let them be alarmed at once.

It is a bad symptom—an essentially morbid symptom. They should institute means at once for removing this feeling, and they can only remove it by persistently going into society, persistently gathering it into their own dwelling and persistently endeavoring to learn to love and feel an interest in all with whom they meet. The process of regeneration will not be a tedious one, for the rewards of social life are immediate.

The heart enlarges quickly with the practice of hospitality. The sympathies run and take root from point to point, each root throwing up leaves and bearing flowers and fruit like strawberry vines if they are only allowed to do so.

It is only sympathies and strawberries that are cultivated in hills which do otherwise. The human face is a thing which should be able to bring the heart into blossom with a moment's shining, and will be such with you if you will meet it properly.

The penalties of family isolation will not, unhappily, fall entirely upon yourselves. They will be visited with double force upon your children. Children reared in the home with few or no associations will grow up either boorish or sensitively timid.

It is a cruel wrong to children to rear

them without bringing them into continued contact with polite social life. The ordeal through which children thus reared are obliged to pass in gaining the ease and assurance which will make them at home elsewhere than under the paternal roof is one of the severest, while those who are constantly accustomed to a social life from their youth are educated in all its forms and graces without knowing it.

Great multitudes of men and women all over the country are now living secluded from social contact simply from their sensitive consciousness of ignorance of the forms of graceful intercourse.

They feel that they cannot break through their reserve. There is, doubtless, much that is morbid in this feeling, and yet it is mainly natural. From all this mortification and this deprivation every soul might have been saved by education in a home where social life was properly lived. It is cruel to deny to children the opportunity not only to become accustomed from their first consciousness to the forms of society, but to enjoy its influence upon their developing life.

Society is food to children. Contact with other minds is the means by which they are educated, and the difference in families of children will show at once to the accustomed eye the different social character of their parents. But I have no space to follow this subject further, and I leave it with you, with the earnest wish that you will consider it and profit by the suggestions I have given you.—"Timothy Titcomb's Letters" in Boston Globe.

Too many people have a habit of going with their bristles up.

It is seldom one hears an interesting Me, though the people surely get enough practice.

The first question asked in every home by every member of the family returning from an absence on the streets is "Where's mother?"

There are two complaints which can usually be made of every woman: She has too much patience with her sins and not enough with their father.

Talk about a man fussing about the family bills! You should hear a countrywoman who makes butter talk to her folks when they dip into her cream.

To cut a hot loaf of brown bread try the "string cut." Put a piece of string around the loaf, cross the ends, pull, and a nice clean cut results.

FEDERAL GRAND JURY

Land Frauds in Oregon are Now Being Thoroughly Investigated

Portland, Ore., Jan. 11.—The federal grand jury, which adjourned over the holidays, resumed its investigation of the land fraud conspiracy cases Tuesday. Several witnesses were examined. A large number of witnesses have been summoned from Linn county. It is said that three of the witnesses summoned have at various times located more than 50,000 acres of timber lands for a local timber land dealer, who is said to have been the agent in these matters of a Minneapolis lumberman.

It is generally understood that the testimony of the Linn county witnesses will be used to connect certain large lumber corporations, Eastern and Western, with the land fraud conspiracy in this state.

Colonel R. A. Green, special inspector of the interior department, has returned from a secret mission to Wisconsin, the home of Horace G. McKinley, and one of the biggest timber syndicates in the United States, whose deals in Oregon and Washington timber lands are said to have reached enormous proportions.

GET THEIR HEADS TOGETHER

S. D. Sheriffs Meet at Pierre for Mutual Benefit

Sheriff Cole leaves Monday for Pierre where he will attend the meeting of the State Sheriff's Association of which he is secretary and treasurer.

A number of proposed measures will be discussed by the association and if agreed to by the association the legislature will be asked to enact them. One of them provides for a jailer in each county to care for the jail, another for a \$200 reward for the arrest and conviction of a horse thief and the third has to do with requiring any one accused of horse stealing to prove conclusively how he came by the horses. In other words, it is a proposed measure which would, if enacted, put the burden of proof on the alleged horse thief, rather than on the state.