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## DAKOTA ELECTION SETTLED.

### The Sioux Falls Constitution Adopted by a Nine-Tenths Vote.

### REPUBLICANS IN A MAJORITY.

### Casting Ballots Amid Rain and Snow—A Horrible Murder, the Murderer Caught, and Another Murderer Killed.

**The Result in South Dakota.**

HURON, Dak., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Returns from to-day's election are very meagre. From what has been received, it is safe to estimate that nine-tenths of the entire vote is in favor of the adoption of the Sioux Falls constitution, Fifty thousand will cover the vote in South Dakota. This, Beadle county, is among the largest, and polled less than 2,000 votes, nearly one-half cast in Huron. Scarcely one-half as many votes were polled in southren Dakota as were cast on the same proposition in 1885. The falling off is due to the heavy rains that prevailed throughout the entire state all day, keeping hundreds in remote localities from the polls.

**Sioux Falls District.**

SIOUX FALLS, Dak., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—William Van Eps, democrat, Carkley Coats, and E. W. Caldwell, republicans, were elected delegates to the constitutional convention. Van Eps and Coats organized a still hunt and defeated Wright and Tuthill. The vote on the ratification of the Sioux Falls constitution in the Nineteenth district was: For the constitution 1,476; against 34.

**Chamberlain Favors the Constitution.**

CHAMBERLAIN, Dak., May 14.—Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—At the constitutional election, to-day, the Sioux Falls constitution was carried almost unanimously in this city, there being only nine votes against it. For delegates to the convention, A. G. Kellam and J. W. Willis, the republican candidates, had a good majority. The constitution will carry by a large majority in this district.

**Fifty Repubs, Twenty-five Dems.**

BISMARCK, Dak., May 14.—[Special Telegramto THE BEE.]—As a result of to-day's election there are about twenty-five democrats and fifty republicans elected to the constitutional convention, which will convene in this city on July 4 to frame a constitution for the state of North Dakota. This is the full realization of the democratic hopes inspired by the Springer-Crabling act. In this section of the territory the vote was light on account of the heavy snow which fell during the entire day.

**Light Vote in Deadwood.**

DEADWOOD, Dak., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The election for delegates to the constitutional convention, today, was a very quiet affair, and only a light vote was brought out, a majority of which is in favor of readopting the Sioux Falls constitution, framed in 1885.

## A TREACHEROUS MURDER.

### William G. Duncan, of Oregon, Killed By His Drover.

PIERRE, Dak., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Sioux reservation yesterday brought to light the result of a horrible tragedy. An Indian found a man, since identified as W. G. Duncan, of Jacksonville, Ore., partially buried in a washout up a gulch, seven miles down the Missouri river from Fort Bennett, with two bullet holes through his head, and the skull mashed to pulp, as though pounded with an ax. He was wrapped in an old horse blanket, and the cayotes had made a feast on the body. The facts are nearly as follows:

Duncan, with a partner named Arthur Redmond, started some time ago from Butte, Mont., overland, with a considerable herd of horses, for Pierre, arriving at Fort Smith two weeks ago, where a part of the drove were sold, and the journey continued down the river to Pierre. About ten days ago Redmond came to Fort Pierre alone, disposed of the remainder of the herd and stayed around Pierre several days, going from here, no one knew where. Duncan, it is learned, was a well-known cattleman of Oregon and Montana, while Redmond was only a cowboy and in his employ, and undoubtedly killed him for his money and what was made from the sale of the herd, as Duncan had several thousand dollars about him while at Bennett.

A dispatch was had from Rapid City, this evening, that the sheriff had found and was holding Redmond, waiting for the authority of arrest from the officers at Pierre and United Strtes Marshal George Harris has started across the reservation to get the man and bring him back to Pierre. He is described as very youthful appearing, scarcely twenty-one years old, five feet eight inches high, slim, and prepossessing in appearance.

**Snow Storms in Dakota.**

MINNEAPOLIS, May 14.—The Journal's special from Hope, Dak., says snow fell to a depth of two inches to-day. It is considered beneficial to grain.

DICKINSON, Dak., May 14.—Three inches of snow fell here to-day.

ST. PAUL, May 14.—Specials from various points in Minnesota and Dakota, give accounts of a heavy rain and snowfall to-day. At Wadena it first rained, and then turned into a heavy snow storm.

Brainerd says snow fell this afternoon for several hours, but finally ended in rain. The grounds were parched and the streets and roads were like ashes and the crops have suffered, but the present rainfall will save the crops.

At Oniska, Dak., about four inches of snow fell during the morning and it rained the rest of the day. Water is standing in pools all over the fields.

Watertown, Dak., reports the heaviest rainfall of the season.

At Milbank, Dak., it has been raining hard for the past twelve hours and is still at it.

BISMARCK, Dak., May 14.—Snow has been falling here all day. The storm seems to be general all over Dakota. At 6 o'clock six inches of snow lay on the ground. It is of great value to the crops.

**Supposed to Have Been Murdered**

PIERRE, Dak., May 14.—The body of W. G. Duncan, who left the Cheyenne agency two weeks ago in company with Arthur Redmond, en route for Fort Pierre with a herd of horses, was found by some Indians near the Cheyenne agency to-day. From the marks on the body it is suspected that Duncan was murdered. He had a large sum of money on his person when he left the agency. Redmond came to Fort Pierre with stock, which he sold. He said Duncan had received bad news from his home in Oregon, and had started for there. A large reward is offered for Redmond's arrest. Duncan was unknown here.

**Investors in Huron.**

HURON, Dak., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A party of thirty capitalists arrived here from Des Moines this evening looking for investments. They are being shown every attention by the Huron people.

**A Municipal Conference.**

YANKTON, So. Dak., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Commercial club of Sioux Falls has invited the officials of Yankton and Duluth to meet with them at Sioux Falls some time in June for a conference in regard to the interests of the three cities, and especially for the purpose of expediting the extension of the Manitoba road from Sioux Falls to Yankton and southward. Mayor Wynn has accepted the invitation for himself and the city council of Yankton, and the day will be fixed as soon as Duluth is heard from. The event will be an important one to the three cities named.

**A Murderer Shot Dead.**

DEADWOOD, Dak., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Deputy Sheriff Fisher, of Crook county, Wyoming, and E. B. Armstrong attempted to arrest Bob Minor, alias Buck Hanby, at 9 o'clock this morning, on Oil Creek, forty miles west of here. Minor was wanted in Greeley county, Kansas, for murder, and a reward was offered for his body. He was ordered to surrender, but instead of doing so made a gun play and was shot and instantly killed by Deputy Fisher.

**Yankton's Coming Tournament.**

YANKTON, So. Dak., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Robert Dixon, who is distributing bills and personally advertising the Yankton firemen's tournament in neighboring towns, reports to Chief Kingsbury great interest everywhere, and predicts that the largest crowd ever seen in Yankton will be here June 18 to 20. Meantime all arrangements are being perfected for the tournament.

**Dakota's Supreme Court.**

YANKTON, So. Dak., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The supreme court of the territory met here to-day, there being present Chief Justice Tripp, Associate Justices Spencer, Rose, Templeton and Crefoot. Thomas, Aiken and McConnell are expected to-morrow. The day being a legal holiday, no business was transacted. There are now fifty-six cases on the docket and the term will likely be a long one.

**Cattle Stealing Near Chamberlain.**

CHAMBERLAIN, Dak., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—John R. Lowe, residing near Bijou Hills, had thirty-seven head of three-year-old steers stolen from his pasture. As yet he has found no trace of them. A liberal reward is offered.

### NOT ON THE BILLS.

### A Jersey City Audience Treated to a Real Fire Scene.

JERSEY CITY, May 14.—The audience at the Academy of music showed marvelous pluck to-night. The woodwork underneath the gallery took fire through a leaky gas pipe during the performance of "The Still Alarm," and the people sat and watched the real fire scene unmoved. The fire truck was called immediately, and a squad of policemen, headed by Chief Murphy, were in the theater in an incredibly short space of time after the discovery of the blaze. When the firemen entered the building a few persons showed a disposition to rush out, but Fireman Coleman dealt one man a powerful blow with his fist. This had the desired effect of stopping the rush which might have resulted in a panic. The police did good service in allaying the fears of nervous women. The audience watched the firemen intently as they battled with and subdued the flames. The orchestra played with commendable vigor, which imparted confidence during the excitement.

### A SURPRISING SHOWING.

### Only About One-fifth of Oklahoma's Lands Filed On.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The clerks who were detailed from the general land office to go to Oklahoma to assist the land officials there, returned to Washington to-day. They state that at Kingfisher about eight hundred entries had been made up to last Friday, and at Guthrie about one thousand had been made. The total number of quarter sections in the territory open to settlement is 10,000, hence less than a fifth of the whole has been filed upon.

### CRONIN'S FRIENDS.

### They Propose to Dredge Lake Michigan For His Body.

CHICAGO, May 15.—The friends of Dr. Cronin who believe he has been murdered have decided to dredge Lake Michigan for his remains. The work is to extend over a distance of six miles along the shore, and a distance of a mile and a half in the lake. Divers will accompany the dredgers.

**Nebraska and Iowa Patents.**

WASHINGTON, May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—E. H. Geisler, Neb., and M. Simpson, Minden, Kan., calf weaner.

Iowa: John H. Arch, Jackson, Ia., motor; Albert E. Beason, Audubon, Ia., end gate for wagons; Martha Denis, Burlington, Ia., clothes line attachment; John C. Ford, Beverly, Ia., assignor to W. Reese & Co., Keokuk, Ia., form cylinder for printing machine; John L. Harkinson, Mason City, Ia., hay elevator; Robert E. Hurley, Des Moines, Ia., conveyor; Norman C. Moffett, Clinton, Ia., pillow sham holder; William E. Plumer, Sioux City, Ia., draft equalizer; Truman M. Samson, Burlington, Ia., barbed wire fence gate; Archibald Stewart, Keota, Ia., grain meter; Osborne, E. Sully, Spencer, Ia., ribbon holder; Charles M. Young and P. L. Gibbs, Clinton, Ia., oil burning stove or furnace.

**The Baptist Convention Adjourns.**

MEMPHIS, May 14.—The Southern Baptist convention concluded its labors and adjourned sine die this afternoon. Fort Worth, Tex., was selected as the place for holding the convention, and the Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1890, as the time. Dr. Hatcher, of Georgia, introduced the following resolution, which, after debate, was adopted:

"Resolved, That we fully sympathize with the American Sabbath Union in laboring to secure national legislation, as well as to allow to all employes of the national government one day in seven as a day of rest, and request our brethren to promote its work so far as may be practicable."

**Valuable Horses for Nebraska.**

CLEVELAND, May 14—At the horse sale here, to-day, Church Howe & Son, of Nebraska, bought the following: Fannie Belden, blk. m., by Belden's Hambletonian, dam by General Harris, $400; Swanson, blk. f., by Prophet Wilkes, dam by Belden's Hambletonian, $350; Pearl, br. f., by Middleton Chief, dam Genna, $320; Dynamite, b. m., by Hylas, dam a Morgan mare, $200; Geraldine, b. m., by Jay Gould, dam Nancy Clagget, $190.

**The United Brethren Disagreement.**

YORK, Pa., May 14.—At to-day's session a majority of the convention of the United Brethren church unanimously agreed that the "bolters" be declared no longer ministers or members of the church of the United Brethren of Christ. The minority convention was addressed by Rev. G. W. Stonny, of Illinois, who said: "Rum and secret societies go together."

**Catholic Knights' Supreme Council.**

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 14.—The supreme council of the Catholic Knights of America met in this city to-day, every state and territory in which the order exists being represented, except Montana. The day was spent in receiving and auditing the reports of officers, and in a general discussion of matters to come before the council.

**Business Troubles.**

BOSTON, May 14.—John R. Langley, doing business under the name of Langley & Smith, has assigned for the benefit of his creditors. His indebtedness is probably less than $100,000, and it is said his assets are sufficient to pay a large dividend.

**Land Slide in Switzerland.**

BERNE, Switzerland, May 14.—An enormous land slide has occurred at Speissbach, destroying villages, forests and cattle.

## CORPORAL TANNER PROTESTS

### He Does Not Make Removals Without Cause.

### LOVE'S LABOR VICTORIOUS.

### A Persistent Young Apollo Gets an Office Because He Is Engaged—Ex-Governor Saunders Appointed.

WASHINGTON BUREAU, THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14.

"Every appointment I make and every discharge I make is for reason," said Pension Commissioner Tanner, to-day. He was talking about the charges that he was a political spoilsman and was sacrificing good men in the service that partisan republicans might be given places. The commissioner continued:

"Heavens and earth! I can almost count on the fingers of one hand the discharges I have made on account of the change of administration. For those fifty special examiners discharged I have not appointed a single soul to take their places. I simply cut down the force to get within the appropriation. There is lots of work to do if we only had the money to pay them. I suppose a great many changes will be made in the medical boards throughout the country. The boys want it done and have a right to have it done. That is to be expected. Changes are being made and will be made more or less everywhere, but there is nothing unusual about that. It is always to be expected, but as to the changes in the office, you see, I can't do anything. All the clerks have to come from the civil service commission. I can't appoint any one, except those who pass the examination, to a clerkship. You have three or four names sent you to select from, I know, but I don't know anything about any of them. I have the appointment of twelve chiefs of divisions and some medical experts, and a lot of messengers and boys, and to these positions I can appoint whoever I choose, but they don't amount to much, yet they go right on abusing me just the same.

"Now, when I came here I found three old soldiers who were democrats at the head of divisions. Instead of putting them out entirely, I went to Secretary Noble and got him to have a special examination for these three men, as he has a right to, and I gave them positions—subordinate positions, of course—but better than nothing. They couldn't expect to retain their places as chiefs, and I gave them these positions for no other reason in the world than because they were old soldiers, but for those discharged they abused me all over the country."

LOVE'S LABOR WINS.

Although this was cabinet day, and there are not many visitors in Washington, President Harrison's private room was almost crowded full at noon. They began to pour in shortly after 10 o'clock, and kept up the inflow until the doorkeeper announced that the president could no more than get through with those already in before the cabinet would assemble. During the time the president was taking his visitors by rotation, receiving their verbal and written statements and sending them away more or less happy, he observed a bright-eyed, fair-haired young man who kept moving nervously about in the crowd and pushing himself to the front. He ever and anon looked with great eagerness at the president, and was trying to catch his eye. Almost an hour elapsed after the president first discovered this young man, and his nervousness and eagerness to get an audience began to wear upon the president's nerves. Finally the visitor boldly walked out from the crowd. When the president was released he presented his card and began to address himself to the chief executive. He said:

"Sometime ago I made application for an appointment. I want it awfully bad. I don't care for it myself, but the fact is, Mr. President," and here the young man blushed to the tips of his hair, "I am engaged to be married, and unless I get this appointment the engagement won't stand. There you have it, and now you know why I am so anxious." The president was taken aback, and although amused for the instant, the statement went to his heart. He at first was a little out of patience, but the evident painfulness of the situation elicited his sympathy, and the card with the name of the office desired was laid in a prominent position on the desk.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST AGENT WARNER.

Complaints are filed with Secretary Noble against the alleged arbitrary action of Agent Warner, of the Winnebago and Omaha tribes, toward the white men, leasing lands of the Indians on that reservation, and an investigation is likely to follow. The lands embraced in the strip ceded to Nebraska in 1882 by the government, north of and on the Niobrara river, are rich and much coveted, but if the Nebraska legislature has accepted the cession, the president's proclamation must issue ere these lands can be thrown open, and the Indians have the first right to select lands in severalty.

TURN OVER THE ARCHIVES.

The abolition of the office of surveyor-general of Nebraska and Iowa, during the last congress, gave the commissioner of the general land office power under the revised statutes, to control the surveys, ets., of the public domain in those states, subject to the power of the legislatures of those states to pass an act turning over the maps, plats, etc., to such state officers as the legislatures might designate, whereupon the power of the commissioner classed under the law. The Nebraska legislature passed an act last winter turning over the aforesaid archives to the commissioner of public lands, and Senator Manderson has asked Commissioner Stockslager to issue the necessary order.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS.

The president made the following appointments to-day:

John F. Plummer, of New York; George E. Leighton, of St. Louis; Jesse Spalding, of Chicago, and Rufus B. Bullock, of Atlanta, Ga., government directors of the Union Pacific Railway company.

Alvin Saunders, of Nebraska, member of the board of registration and election in Utah.

William H. Lyon, of New York, member of the board of Indian commissioners.

Bennett Gillespie, of Nebraska, register of the land office at O'Neill, Neb.

Samuel S. Wright, of Nevada, superintendent of the United States mint at Carson City, Nev.

PETERS' WAY NOW CLEAR.

It is conceded, to-night, that the appointment of ex-Senator Saunders, on the Utah commission, clears the way of the early appointment of Peters, of Albion, for internal revenue collector. He was recommended several weeks ago by the Nebraska delegation, for that office. PERRY S. HEATH.

**A Wyoming Failure.**

LARAMIE, Wyo., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Wallace & Alley, dealers in furniture, made a voluntary assignment to George W. Fox, this afternoon, for the benefit of their creditors. They place their assets at $6,000 and liabilities at $4,000. The failure was due to poor business and consequent inability to meet obligations.

**Another Big Brewery Sale.**

NEW YORK, May 14.—An afternoon paper reports the sale to an English syndicate of the brewery of Ringler & Co., in this city, for $9,500,000. George Ringler is to remain as director of the establishment at a salary of $10,000 per annum.

**The Montana Election.**

HELENA, Mont., May 14.—Advices from many parts of Montana indicate a close election for the constitutional convention. Neither party has a majority of more than five. Helena elects five republicans and four democrats.

### FIVE MEN KILLED.

### Terrible Accident at Tacoma Caused by a Wind Storm.

TACOMA, W. T., May 14.—About 6 o'clock last evening a wind storm struck a building which was being erected for a hotel. The structure collapsed, burying about twenty workmen in the debris. Hundreds of citizens and laborers just returning from their day's work, were soon at work endeavoring to rescue the imprisoned men. In a few minutes debris enough to enable the removal of one body was taken out. The body was that of Walter Bates, who was building the hotel. A workman named McConnell and the bodies of three other men, unknown, were taken out dead, and W. H. Snell, city attorney, who received fatal injuries, was also removed. Several of the workmen rescued were severely injured, as was Rev. W. A. Mackey, who had taken shelter in the building from the storm. At last accounts the debris was still being removed and occasionally men heard stifled groans proceeding from underneath.

The storm passed through between the houses to the street, where it struck a new store being erected between Eleventh and Thirteenth streets, and severely injured the workmen there. Another building in the southern portion of the city was also demoralized. All over Puget Sound the storm was very severe. No other casualties, however, on land or among the shipping have been reported as yet.

**The Gold in the Big Horn Mountains.**

BUFFALO, Wyo., May 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The interest in mining affairs here has been greatly intensified by the discovery of rich gold-bearing quartz in the Big Horn mountains, twenty-five miles west of town. The fortunate prospector, R. Keays, has staked off a claim where the gold was found, and great activity at that point is expected to ensue. Sixteen prospectors have just arrived here from the Black Hills, en route to the promising mineral districts of the Big Horn range.

**No More Quotations Furnished.**

CHICAGO, May 15.—The directors of the Chicago board of trade to-day voted to discontinue furnishing quotations to all persons except members of the board. This action was taken, the directors say, because the Illinois supreme court has decided that if the board furnished quotations to outsiders at all there must be no discrimination. The bucket shopmen have already begun applying to the courts to prevent the proposed discontinuance.

**Refused to Arbitrate.**

BRAZIL, Ind., May 14.—To-day's conference between the coal operators, the state executive board and the minerss' delegation ended by the refusal of the operators to submit the scale difference to arbitration. The operators demand a reduction from 90 to 70 cents on block and 75 to 60 cents on bituminous, one of the largest cuts ever made in the west. As the case stands now, there seems to be no alternative for the miners but to accept the reduction or remain idle.

**Twins in Two Colors.**

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Margret Hendrick, a colored woman residing in the Garrettsburg precinct of this county, gave birth yesterday to twins, both of them girls, and one white and one colored. The white one is perfectly white and the other in African of the deepest dye. The woman herself is a full-blooded negro, and these twins are one of the most wonderful freaks of nature on record.

**A Shortage of $35.**

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The recent count of the money at the New York sub-treasury revealed a discrepancy of $35 out of a total of $184,000,000. The shortage resulted from the acceptance of a few counterfeit notes in the hurry of business and by the loss of a few pieces of silver. The loss was promptly made good and a receipt in full given to ex-Treasurer Hyatt, who was responsible, under his bond, for the entire amount.

**A Writ Against Lord Salisbury.**

LONDON, May 15.—William O'Brien, M. P., has obtained a writ against Lord Salisbury on the charge of libel. In a speech at Watford the premier accused O'Brien of advocating murder and robbery, and of taking farms from which tenants had been evicted. It is for this speech that the action is brought.

Lord Salisbury's solicitors have accepted the libel writ, and the trial will take place at Liverpool.

**Examining Board for Oklahoma.**

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The pension office has decided to establish a board of examining surgeons at Guthrie, Oklahoma, it having been represented by Congressman Perkins, of Kansas, that a medical board to examine pensioners was necessary there. It is said there are 500 old soldiers in the city of Guthrie.

**To Die by Electricity.**

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 14.—William Kemmler, convicted of the murder of his mistress, Lillie Ziegler, was to-day sentenced to die by the application of electricity within the week commencing Monday, June 24. This is the first death sentence under the new law.

**The Hotel Men's Association.**

CHICAGO, May 15.—The Hotel Men's National Benefit association held their annual meeting here to-day. The following officers were elected: President, M. S. Gibson, Portland, Ore.; first vice president, W. A. Jackues, New York; secretary and treasurer, W. C. Snow, Chicago.

**Dr. Cronin's Whereabouts.**

CHICAGO, May 14.—The chief of police today received a dispatch from Toronto, signed by the chief constable, saying the man who saw Dr. Cronin states that the latter has been there since Friday last, but that he had not seen him since 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

**The Land Reclamation Committee.**

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The committee appointed at the last session of the senate to investigate the question of irrigation and reclamation of arid lands, will commence work on the 1st of August, next, and will spend three weeks in the field.

**The Canadian Relations Committee.**

LOS ANGELOS, Cal., May 14.—The senate commission, on trade relations with Canada, arrived here this afternoon. Senator Hale had his right leg badly injured in a collision near San Jose, yesterday.

**Steamship Arrivals.**

At New York—The City of Richmond, from Liverpool, and the Werra, from Bremen.

At Copenhagen—The Thingvalla, from New York.

**Valuable Horses Burned.**

FORT DODGE, Ia., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—James Nelson's large fancy stock barn, north of this city, was totally destroyed by fire this morning, and four valuable stallions roasted. The loss was $15,000; insurance about $6,000.

**Lord Lonsdale in Montreal.**

MONTREAL, May 15.—Lord Lonsdale arrived here to-day. He still adheres to his statement that he was within the Arctic circle, and says he will prove it when he gets to London.

**Railway Conductors Convene.**

DENVER, May 14.—The twenty-first annual convention of the railway conductors began here to-day.

## YESTERDAY IN NEBRASKA.

### Continuation of the Kelley Shooting Trial at Madison.

### AN ACCIDENT AT PLATTSMOUTH.

### Willis on Trial at Wahoo for the Killing of Grover—The Ancient Order of United Workmen—Crops and Crimes.

**The Kelley Shooting Trial.**

MADISON, Neb., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Interest in the Soulier and Born trial continues with unabated earnestness. As was anticipated, the state rested without putting Kelley on the stand. The evidence of the state was all in by about 11 o'clock this morning. The defense are making a strong showing by the evidence that the defendants are not the parties who did the shooting. About six or eight witnesses have already testified as to the defendants being in the city of Norfolk at the time of the alleged shooting of Kelley. One witness swears positively that he was present at the time of the assault upon Kelley, saw the parties who did the shooting, and declares that the defendants are not the men. His evidence remained unshaken, though subjected to a rigid cross-examination. Another witness testifies to having seen a team answering to the description of the team driven by the parties who assaulted Dr. Kelley, and men answering the description of the men who did the shooting driving rapidly past his place a short time after the crime was committed, and driving rapidly in an eastern direction. The defense have finally succeeded in placing before the jury the death of the sister of Soulier, one of the defendants, through a so-called surgical operation. This evidence was introduced in connection with threats made against the life of Dr. Kelley by some of the people of Norfolk who were present at the time of the inquest held over the body of Caroline Soulier. A strong effort was made by the state to exclude this evidence, but the court held it to be relevant, as tending to show that there were persons, other than the defendants, who had threatened violence against Kelley. It is believed that the case will go to the jury some time to-morrow afternoon. One of the most important witnesses examined to-day was George Oliver, the colored cook formerly employed at the asylum. The excitement increases as the trial continues.

**The Willis Murder Trial.**

WAHOO, Neb., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—At the convening of the district court this morning the case of the State vs Isaac Willis, indicted for murder in first degree was called, and a ripple of excitement ensued when it was found that the defendant was not in court. In about an hour he put in an appearance and explained that a break-down on the way had occasioned the delay. The tedious work of selecting a jury took up the time till noon, when eleven men had been empanelled, and the twelfth was secured about 3 o'clock. The opening statements to the jury were made by the attorneys, and the examination of witnesses began. The second witness was on the stand when court adjourned. The testimony so far has been very damaging to the defendant. The crime for which Willis is on trial is the shooting of Jake Grover, near Valparaiso, last October. Grover and Willis were having trouble on account of Willis' cattle trespassing on Grover's lands. Referees had been selected and a time set for fixing the damage due Grover. At that time Grover and Willis and the referees met to settle the difficulty, and Grover and Willis, who were both armed, began quarreling and words grew into a war, resulting in Willis shooting Grover, who died in four or five days. The defense will be that of self-defense, Willis claiming that Grover pulled his revolver first. The state is represented by County Attorney Simpson, Hon. J. R. Gilkison and Hon. George I. Wright, while L. C. Barr, of Lincoln, ex-Senator Vandemark and S. H. Sornborger conduct the defense. The case will probably occupy the court's time all this week.

**The A. O. U. W. in Session.**

HASTINGS, Neb., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The third session of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska A. O. U. W. convened in Hastings this morning, with nearly 200 delegates. Grand Master Workman J. G. Tate presided. Other grand lodge officers present were S. R. Patton, P. G.; M. E. Highland, G. F.; L. H. M. Waring, grand recorder; W. R. McAllister, grand receiver; S. Kaufman, G. W.; R. W. Laflin, G. O. The report of the credentials committee showed but five lodges in the state unrepresented at the meeting. The past master workman's degree was conferred on those who had not previously received it. Much of the time was taken up to-day by reports of the grand officers. Several changes in the constitution and by-laws were adopted, the nature of which was not given to the press. Grand Master Workman Tate stated in his report that he had traveled 25,000 miles during the year, and a large addition had been made to the membership. Grand Recording Secretary Waring stated that over $120,000 had been collected and paid to beneficiaries. Hastings Lodge No. 143 and Select Knights Legion No. 10 entertained the visitors at the opera house to-night and a fine audience assembled. Mayor Yocum gave an address of welcome, which was responded to by Grand Master Tate. A fine programme of vocal and instrumental music was carried out and the evening's entertainment was one of great pleasure. The lodge will reconvene at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

**"They Do Loan Money."**

WACO, Neb., May 14.—To the Editor of THE BEE: "Becoming Money Loaners," in yesterday's BEE, attracted my attention. Please say for me to the Hon. Van that he can easily, if he wishes, have the names and residences of numbers of York county homesteaders who do loan money—not a few hundred, but from $1,000 to $3,000. I have in mind now, and near us, three, in particular, who have each loaned $2,000 to other poor but hard working men to buy them farms; others to feed cattle, or to go in business. Yes, it is no fable. I have lived here since the organization of this county, and, while I know of many eastern farm loans at 7 per cent, I know of none foreclosed, and do know of many farmers who loan money. THOMAS MAY.

**Killed By a Cave-In.**

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A fatal accident occurred this afternoon in this city. A large gang of men were at work excavating on the site of the new Riley hotel, preparatory to the removal of the Presbyterian brick church. The earth on the east side became loose and slid out, which caused the wall on that side, together with the roof, to fall with a crash without a moment's warning, burying several men. They were rescued at once, and all escaped with a few bruises except Joseph Peysal or Paison, whose body was completely crushed and his scalp deeply gashed. The victim was about fifty years of age, and had no family. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of accidental death.

**Nebraska Dentists' Convention.**

WAHOO, Neb., May 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The Nebraska State Dental society will meet in this place on Tuesday, May 21, and continue in session until Friday morning, May 24. Drs. L. C. Haskell, C. N. Johnson, and G. S. Solomon, of Chicago, and Dr. F. M. Shairee and F. W. Hill, of Iowa, will be in attendance, each giving special clinics. The programme is well filled with essays and clinics by Nebraska dentists, and this promises to be the largest and most interesting meeting in the history of the society. The citizens of Wahoo have subscribed a liberal fund for the purpose of entertaining those in attendance. During one evening of their stay a banquet will be provided for 200. A large attendance of dentists is expected.

**The Sioux Reservation Boom.**

O'NEILL, Neb., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Owing to the bright prospects for a speedy opening of the Sioux reservation a large number of homesteaders have already taken up their abode at this point, the United States land office being here, and this being the nearest town on the south side of the reservation. Extensive preparations are being made to accommodate the large crowds which will undoubtedly gather at this point, awaiting the president's proclamation.

**Indian Village Burned.**

KEYA PAHA, May 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Word has been received here that the prairie on the reservation near the mouth of the Keya Paha river caught fire and destroyed everything in the Indian village near there. Chief "Yellow Horse" had two children burned to death. The whole population took refuge in the river until the fire had passed over.

**Crops In Holt County.**

O'NEILL, Neb., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—It has been raining heavily here to-day. The farmers are jubilant, as the rain was all that was necessary to assure Holt county of one of the largest crops ever raised in the state of Nebraska. The acreage sown is large, far beyond that of former years, and a rich harvest will be reaped.

**Welcome to a Townsman.**

MAUVILLE, Neb., May 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The return of Mr. J. A. Sheffer to his home was made the occasion of a hearty welcome and enthusiastic reception on the part of his fellow townsmen. Bonfires were built in the streets and at an improvised meeting in Sheffer's hall several speeches were made, to which Mr. Sheffer responded feelingly. A supper and social hop followed.

**A Teacher Promoted.**

COLUMBUS, Neb., May 14.—[Special to THE BEE.]—H. D. Shaff, principal of the First ward school, at this place, has been tendered a position as teacher in the Kearney Reform school, which he will probably accept. Mr. Shaff is a native of Pennsylvania, and has resided in Columbus and vicinity for the past six years.

### RAILWAY NEWS.

**The Wabash Squabble.**

CHICAGO, May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Messrs. Kopper, Johnson, Purdy and Parsons, Attorney Patterson and Governor Chamberlain, representing the minority bondholders of the Wabash railway, are here to bid on the property at the sale to-morrow. Said Mr. Popper: "We are here to uphold the principle that a mortgage should dictate and not be dictated to. The Wabash Western people want us to accept 5 per cent bonds, dollar for dollar, for our present 7 per cents. We don't propose to accept it and are in position to dictate terms. Under the receivership of Gen. McNulta, the road has been earning 14 per cent and has shown itself to be an exceedingly valuable property. We have plenty of money back of us and will bid all we think the road is worth. The Wabash Western syndicate will have the advantage of us in bidding as they represent the majority of the bondholders, but we can guarantee the road will sell for what it is worth."

**Arranging for Excursions.**

CHICAGO, May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Excursion rates have been authorized to the following events: United States Brewing association, Niagara Falls, June 4 to 6; American Seed Trade association, Washington, D. C., June 11 to 15; National Christian Science association, Cleveland, June 12 to 14; International Hahnamaenial association, Toronto, June 18 to 20; National Association of Deaf Mutes, Washington, D. C., June 26 to 28.

**New East-Bound Freight Rates.**

CHICAGO, May 14.—[Specal Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Central Traffic association to-day allowed the Grand Trunk a 45-cent dressed beef rate to New York, and then all the roads gave notice they would meet the rate. This is a reduction of 5 cents a hundred, the rates now in effect being on a 50-cent basis, and goes into effect May 18. The request of the Baltimore & Ohio to put in a 20-cent through rate on corn was refused. The Western Freight association agreed today that their lines would demand that their regular proportions be applied on all through business. The recent removal of the basing line to east of the Missouri river has caused different proportions to be allowed by the trunk line roads.

**An Association Smash-Up.**

CHICAGO, May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Northern Pacific has given notice, that it will withdraw from the Transcontinental association, July 21. The notice is the result of the Puget Sound ticketing difficulty with the Union Pacific. It is the general opinion that the withdrawal of the Northern Pacific will break up the Transcontinental association. It was said, to-day, that Chairman Leeds' resignation and acceptance of the office of freight traffic manager, of the Missouri Pacific, was owing to an intimation of what the Northern Pacific would do.

**The Storrs Case.**

NEW YORK, May 14.—George M. Storrs, son of the late Emory Storrs, of Chicago, who yesterday was arrested and locked up on a charge of blackmail preferred by his wife, Eileen, was to-day released on his own recognizance. He was immediately re-arrested on the strength of his wife's divorce proceedings. The district attorney regards the question, whether a man can blackmail his wife, as a very fine point of law.

**The Weather Indications.**

For Nebraska and Iowa: Increasing cloudiness and rain, colder, with severe local storms, variable winds.

For Dakota: Threatening weather and rain or snow, colder in extreme southern portion, slightly warmer in central and northern portions, northerly winds, becoming variable.

Special Prediction—Probabilities are that the cold weather which now extends over Minnesota and Dakota will extend southward over the central valleys by Thursday, attended by threatening rain and severe local storms in Missouri and adjoining states.

**Postmasters Appointed.**

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Among the postmasters appointed by the president, to-day, were the following: George H. Rottler, Galena, Ill.; Henry C. Robinson, Grand Crossing, Ill.; Delis Hull, Oak Park, Ill.; John McQuillin, Laporte City Ia.; John A. Riggen, What Cheer, Ia.; Albert C. Hotchkiss, Adel, Ia.; Reuben Heffelfinger, Denison, Ia.; Henry Elbert, Davenport, Ia.

**Charged With Corruption.**

MINNEAPOLIS, May 14.—A Winnipeg special says the Free Press repeats its charges of corruption against Premier Greenway. It now accuses him with receiving money from the promoters of the Manitoba Central railway enterprise. Greenway will probably procure an appointment of the royal commission to investigate the charge.

**The Woman's Unitarian Conference.**

CHICAGO, May 14.—The Woman's Western Unitarian conference was held here to-day. Mrs. Victoria Richardson, of Princeton, Ill., was elected president for the ensuing year.

## MARSHAL JONES EXPLAINS.

### Some Deputies Sinned, But Their Sins Were Venial.

### BUT HE NEVER WAVERED, NOT HE,

### And Came Through the Tempting Ordeal Unpolluted and Unspotted—A Complete Vindication of Himself.

**The Report Unsatisfactory.**

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Attorney-General Miller has received a report from United States Marshal Jones, of Kansas, in regard to the conduct of himself and deputies upon the opening of Oklahoma.

Marshal Jones says: "I ordered, from my old experienced deputies, four to Guthrie together with three new appointees, to protect homeseekers against lawlessness. The full number of deputy marshals in Oklahoma appointed by me is nineteen, besides eight appointed at the request of the railroad company. I believe that a few of my deputies attempted to file on as many sections of land in the territory, but I know many of them have not, and while I instructed them not to do so, when they saw themselves surrounded by from five hundred to seven hundred persons at Guthrie and at least one half that number at Oklahoma waiting for the hour of 12 to come, I do not wonder that some of the deputies who were serving without pay and who were only there in the interests of good order, took the fever and attempted to get a home. As to myself, I never attempted to homestead a foot of land, either in Oklahoma or any other territory or state."

In a postscript, Marshal Jones says:

"The country is absolutely quiet. I am astonished at the false reports of bloodshed circulated by the papers. There has not been a single person killed by violence in that territory since April 22."

The report is dated May 9. It is understood the attorney-general is not satisfied with it and will call upon the marshal for a supplemental report, giving the name of each officer who filed a claim and the description of the land secured by him, together with an account of the attending circumstances.

### GREAT TELEPHONE SCHEME.

### All the Bell Companies in the West to Consolidate.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 14.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—If negotiations which are now in progress are consummated, the republicans of Wisconsin will lose their greatest leader and campaign manager, Henry C. Payne, chairman of the republican state central committ