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SCOTLAND, SOUTH DAKOTA

The dangers of wood alcohol are just now attracting much attention, not only on the part of the public, but also of legislative bodies. A note in public health reports records the progress of the campaign against this substance during the year of 1915. The National Association of Retail Druggists adopted a resolution opposing "the use of wood alcohol in medicinal preparations to be used by human beings," and in favor of such labeling as would protect the public against its harmful use. Two states, New Hampshire and South Dakota, each enacted a law restricting the sale of wood alcohol and prescribing a form of label to be used. The South Dakota law debars its use in any food, drink, medicine or toilet preparation intended for human use, internally or externall,. The cities of New York, Chicago, and Montclair, N. J., have adopted regulations or ordinances restricting its use.

Prizes aggregating $2,100 have been offered by the national Americanization committee in a contest for plans for the housing of immigrants in industrial towns. Two groups of prizes are offered. The first covers plans for the housing of workmen in industrial communities not exceeding a population of 5,000. Entries may include designs for single family houses, combined family and lodging houses, which will permit separation of the family from the lodgers or boarding houses, or community dwellings for numbers of single men or single women. The first prize in this group is $1,000, the second $500, and the third, fourth and fifth, $100 each. The second group of prizes is offered for a satisfactory substitute for the derailed freight and cattle cars now used to house construction gangs on railways. In this group the first prize is $200 and the second prize $100.

A phonograph, recently constructed by a high school boy and described in the Popular Science Monthly, has as its reproducing part nothing more pretentious than an ordinary shingle, with the point of a darning needle securely fastened in one corner. A steel knitting needle, clamped in a laboratory ring-stand, is thrust through a hole in the shingle to support it as it is carried over the record. The record is mounted on a wooden turntable, constructed as follows: A disk, made of three-quarter inch wood, with a groove in the edge, is mounted on the hub and axle of an old bicycle wheel, so that it can turn easily. This is connected with an ordinary battery motor by means of a cord belt. Pressure of the thumb and finger on the shaft of the motor regulates the speed of the disk. Records can be played backwards simply by twisting the belt.

Dr. Nagao Ariga, the Japanese constitutional adviser to the Chinese government, is practically a man without a country. Since Dr. Ariga addressed Yuan Shih-y'ai as "your majesty" in a document widely printed in the Chinese press supporting the monarchial movement. Dr. Ariga has been ostracised by his fellow countrymen residing in China, and mercilessly attacked by the press in Japan. This action of the adviser at a time when his country was opposing the Chinese monarchy has been regarded as little short of treason by his fellow countrymen. He was forced to resign from the Japanese club in Peking, and is no longer welcome in the homes of the leading Japanese in Tokio.

In the discussions about preparedness it has been prominently suggested that a belt line road be built around the United States, near the seacoast. Such a road would be of undoubted value; but enthusiasts in this direction apparently lose sight of the fundamental fact that, either for war or peace, we need good roads everywhere. Another lesson that can be drawn from the experience of Europe of late is so to build the roads that they will stand up in time of need. If our special war roads were built by the average county official they would probably not survive actual war conditions over a week.

Devout Roman Catholics often enjoy a whimsical joke on themselves, as this story from a good-humored ecclesiastic indicates: "Lay readers are sometimes employed to read aloud to an assembly of the religious in a monastery. In one such case the reader (not a learned man) was reading an account of missionary work. He came to this sentence: 'So the Jesuit returned from China with his Mss.' He rendered it thus: 'So the Jesuit returned from China with his missus.' The hearty roars of laughter from the brothers would have done credit to a group of the worldly minded."

Within easy walking distance of the old cathedral town of Chichester, England, is the Rising Sun, in North Bersted, a house of interest to all who collect stamps. This small inn contains a room every inch of which is covered with postage stamps. Ceiling, walls, doors, chairs, tables, picture frames, every part of the room, except the floor, is thickly covered, while from the ceiling hang long festoons and ropes, made of bundles of stamps for which there is no other place. Fully 2,000,000 stamps are pasted up, and 1,040,000 more hang in the festoons.

Advocating the increased use of paper appliances and utensils in the household, a writer in Good Health says that there are now about 30 household articles made from vegetable parchment paper—among them ice blankets, dishcloths, bed protectors, etc. The house keepers who have learned to use these articles, the writer avers, say that they could not possibly do their work comfortably without them.

The Germans are using at the present time a 104 millimeter anti-air craft Krupp gun, 45 calibers long, which sends a projectile weighing 15½ kilograms, with a muzzle velocity of 800 meters, to to a height of 4,000 meters. It can be fired at the rate of 15 rounds a minute. The shrapnel shell which it fires is said to burst into 625 fragments. Guns of this type, as well as those of 120 millimeters, are the ordnance which defends Ostend.

Motor driven street cleaning machines cleanse about 85,000 square yards of pavement a day as compared with 25,000 square yards by horse drawn machines and at about two-thirds the cost per square yard.

Yearly on February 2 and for 45 days after, a mysterious fire breaks out in Ariyake bay, on the west coast of Kyushu, Japan, burning both on land and sea, the origin of the conflagration being a complete mystery which a recently outfitted scientific exploration party will make a point of solving.

In line with experiments with arc lamps in which the expense of trimming and cleaning is reduced one has been invented in which tungsten electrodes are enclosed in a crystalline chemical.

MISSOURI RIVER CUTS FARMS NEAR WAKONDA

Found Necessary to Move Some Buildings Away From Banks to Places of Safety.

Wakonda, S. D., June 14.—The Missouri river yet is cutting the bottom land badly along the shore line of what is known as the Charrlin farm, some miles from here, and large sections of this and adjoining farms have been devoured by the river. On the Charrlin farm is was necessary to move the farm buildings to save them from being undermined and carried away by the river.

It is feared that when the June rise in the Missouri comes serious trouble will result, and already homesteaders along the river are preparing to move their buildings and stock to higher ground. The farm land thus far devoured by the river in this vicinity was among the most valuable in the state, and was famous for its immense crops of corn.

ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION OF EPISCOPAL WOMEN WORKERS

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 14.—The annual convention of the clergy and lay members of the Episcopal missionary diocese of South Dakota has opened in this city and will not conclude its work until Tuesday forenoon. More than 100 delegates are present and in addition about 75 women workers are in attendance.

During one of the early sessions Mrs. Edna Miller, widow of the late Bishop Miller, was presented with a chain and cross, "For South Dakota," as a gift from Bishop Daniel S. Tuttle, of Missouri, as an expression of appreciation for the work she has done in carrying to completion many of the tasks which her husband had been unable to complete at the time of his death.

The women workers' organization elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Miss Mary Peabody, Sioux Falls; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. I. Thompson, Madison; treasurer Bishop Biller memorial fund, Miss Edna Folds, Sioux Falls; treasurer united offering, Mrs. George W. Burnside, Sioux Falls; secretary for eastern deanery, Mrs. H. A. Reeves, Scotland; secretary for Niobrara deanery, Mrs. H. Burt, Crow Creek Indian agency; secretary for Black Hills deanery, Mrs. S. W. Russell, Deadwood; secretary, junior, eastern deanery, Mrs. E. C. Pigion, Huron; secretary, junior, Niobrara deanery, Miss Ella C. Deloria, Wakpala; secretary, junior, Black Hills deanery, Mrs. F. D. Evanson, Rapid City.

GENERAL CROP CONDITION GOOD IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 14.—Crops of all kinds in South Dakota made rapid progress during the week just closed, the weather having been favorable for rapid growth of corn, small grain and other crops. Pasturage is of the best and everything indicates that the hay crop will be one of the largest ever produced in South Dakota.

The ground is in the best possible condition from the eastern boundary westward to the Black Hills, and from the southern to the northern boundary, rains during the past two or three weeks having been distributed very evenly over the entire state. During May the average aggregate rainfall throughout South Dakota ranged from four to six inches, some of the heaviest rains having swept over western South Dakota, which comprises the newer agricultural portion of the state. That region produced a big crop last year, and conditions now are exceedingly favorable for western South Dakota to raise the greatest crop in its history this year.

"TURTLE FARM" PROMOTER NOT KNOWN AT WHITE LAKE.

White Lake, S. D., June 14.—Nothing is known here of a person giving his name as Halvor Hansen, and White Lake as his home, who appeared at Kansas City, Mo., a few days ago and advertised for a wife with a "fortune" of $200.

According to the specifications of the advertisement, she must be pretty, blonde, and not too plump. Hansen advertised that he himself had wealth to the amount of $200, and insisted that his wife come across with a similar amount. With the $400, he stated in the advertisement, they would come back to White Lake and start a mud turtle farm. Hansen is said to have turned down eight applicants for his hand because they did not have the necessary $200.

BOY'S SKULL FRACTURED WHILE CLIMBING TREE

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 14.—Robert Buchholz, aged 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Buchholz, residing near Brandon, east of Sioux Falls, was killed as the result of his feet slipping while he was climbing a tree on his father's farm. In falling one of his feet caught in a crotch of the tree and he was suspended head downward, being in this position when found dead. In falling his head struck sharply against a projecting knot on the tree trunk, fracturing his skull. How long he hung suspended in the tree before his dead body was found is not known.

ELK POINT COUNCIL RULES AGAINST MUNICIPAL SALOON.

Elk Point, S. D., June 14.—A movement recently was inaugurated here to have a municipal saloon established in Elk Point, but the city council now has disagreed with the plan by voting to publish the notices of the three petitioners who conduct saloons in the city.

They will be granted licenses for another year commencing July 1. A number of citizens favored the municipal saloon project, but most of the business men were opposed to it and a petition was presented by them to the city council protesting against the proposed change.

STATE FIREMEN'S TOURNEY AT YANKTON THIS WEEK

Yankton, S. D., June 14.—The 34th annual tournament of the South Dakota Firemen's association commences in this city today and will last all week. There will be daily races, and other interesting events, and a very large attendance is expected. There are nearly 200 fire departments in as many cities in the state, and at least 1,000 firemen will be here if the weather is favorable.

JOSEPH NOVAK, 13 YEARS OLD, HANGS SELF IN GROVE.

Yankton, S. D., June 12.—Joseph Novak, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Svatos, of Lakeport, near this city, committed suicide Saturday by hanging himself in a grove of trees near the house. No cause has been ascertained for the act and the affair is now being investigated by the authorities.

The Australian government is planning the establishment of a laboratory for the application of scientific research to national industries.

DAKOTA STATE NEWS

WOMAN AND CHILD LUCKY WHEN AUTO TURNS OVER

Bruce, S. D., June 12.—Hurled from an automobile when she lost control, and being thrown into a ditch, together with her 3-year-old child, without either being fatally hurt was the experience of Mrs. Effie Maeck, living near Bruce. She was driving into town when she lost control of the machine and it toppled over and rolled into the ditch. By good fortune the machine in rolling over did not strike either the woman or the child. The only injury sustained by the child was a bruised face. The mother did not fare so well, for jagged pieces of glass from the windshield gashed one of her legs to the bone. Notwithstanding the injury, she grasped her child and was painfully making her way on foot to town when persons living nearby discovered her predicament and went to her assistance.

L. G. HASTINGS' DEATH IS CLASSED AS SUICIDE

Britton, S. D., June 12.—The death of L. G. Hastings, a well known Marshall county farmer, has been pronounced a case of suicide by Coroner W. R. Donald and the state's attorney, who officially investigated the death. Hastings hung himself in a granary while the other members of the family were attending a school entertainment in the vicinity. The body was discovered by his sons when they entered the granary to get some feed for their horses after returning from the entertainment. The cause of the suicide is believed to have been financial troubles. Members of the family noticed that Hastings was unusually irritable all day, but there was not an inkling that he contemplated ending his life.

LIST OF NEW OFFICERS FOR MASONIC AUXILIARY ORDERS.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 12.—It is estimated that at least 2,000 persons attended the annual meeting of the South Dakota Masonic order and auxiliary organizations, which has just been concluded in Sioux Falls. The meeting was one of the largest gatherings of Masons in the history of the state. The new officers of the Masonic grand lodge for the coming year were reported yesterday, but several auxiliary organizations also elected officers for the coming year before a final adjournment was taken:

The new officers of the grand chapter Eastern Star for the coming year are: Grand matron, Myrtle Ayres, Deadwood; grant patron, Dr. Bertrand M. Hart, Blunt; associate grand matron, Florence Hoon, Mitchell; associate grand patron, C. C. Cone, Sioux Falls; grand secretary, Angie L. Williamson, Madison; grand treasurer, Jessie W. Wendell, Aberdeen; grand conductress, Florence Howell, Frederick; associate grand conductress, Bessie Anderson, Canton.

The Masonic Veterans' association elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Venerable president, Edmund Cook, Wilmot; first vice president, George W. Snow, Springfield; second vice president, John A. Cleaver, Sioux Falls; treasurer, H. J. Rice, Huron; secretary, George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls; grand marshal, W. H. McKeel, Mitchell; committee on correspondence, Rev. E. Ashley, Aberdeen.

The new officers of the Order of High Priesthood are: President, Louis G. Levoy, Webster; vice president, Benjamin F. Ives, Huron; secretary, Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls; treasurer, W. J. McMakin, Terraville; master of ceremonies, H. J. Rice, Huron; herald, George V. Ayres, Deadwood; conductor, Frank A. Brown, Aberdeen; steward, C. B. Wilt, Mitchell; sentinel, L. V. Schneider, Salem.

SOUTH DAKOTANS MOVE FOR ILLUMINATED HIGHWAY

Mitchell, S. D., June 12.—An illuminated highway, the first in South Dakota, has been projected by the business interests of Mitchell for the road between Letcher and Mitchell, as a link in the highway to Huron, Redfield and Aberdeen on the north and Yankton and Sioux City on the south.

The Mitchell-Letcher road follows a system of electric wiring being constructed north of this city, and it is believed that the current can be used for illuminating the highway, as well as supplying farmers along the route. The destination of the current is Letcher, which will be supplied by the Mitchell plant.

It also has been suggested that the electric lighting scheme be extended to Huron and be advertised as one of the features in the fall, during the week of the state fair at Huron and the corn palace festival in Mitchell.

POPULAR SPEARFISH CHILD DROWNS IN IRRIGATING DITCH

Spearfish, S. D., June 12.—Stopping to pick a flower, 3-year-old Cozette Brower, of this place, fell into the irrigating ditch. She was not missed for some hours and yesterday evening her body was found further down stream. The child was one of the most popular in town.

YANKTON—For seven years Yankton college has been presenting Shakespeare plays with student actors, and on outdoor stages. Tuesday evening, June 13, will be presented the comedy, "As You Like It," this time, however, in the Garden Terrace theater, the only one of its kind in the world. The grassy carpet of the auditorium, seating 3,000 people, has become firm rooted and permanent. Vines and shrubs cover the concrete rubbled walls, and the stage is in good shape for the Forest of Arden, and other appropriate outdoor scenes of the play. The play has always drawn larger crowds than anything else of its kind in this city, and this eighth presentation will be of particular interest in that it will be the center of the Yankton observance of the Shakespeare tercentenary anniversary.

MITCHELL—Members of the South Dakota Holiness association will assemble in the grounds of the organization near Mitchell on June 30, for the 24th annual camp meeting, which will continue until July 9. Rev. J. L. Brasher, of Attica, Ia., and Rev. A. C. Zepps, of Upland, Ind., will be the evangelists in charge. The association owns a camping site on Rock creek, near here.

BRADLEY—Prof. Van Voorhis, who for four years has been superintendent of the Bradley schools, having accepted the position of superintendent of schools at Portal, N. D.

FREEMAN—Recently Elias Wipf, of Freeman, enlisted in the United States army, and was assigned to duty at San Francisco. Now information is received that he has become the victim of quick consumption and that his end is very near. He is a son of John Z. Wipf, a prominent resident of Freeman.

FULTON—Upon the complaint of Fulton residents, Irene Wilson, the 15-year-old niece of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Creek, was taken from their custody and sent to her mother in Montana. Investigation by local authorities convinced them that the couple had been guilty of cruelty toward the girl.

OFFICIAL RULING ON SCHOOL TREASURERS

These Officials, When Appointed, Hold For Full Period of Unexpired Term.

Pierre, S. D., June 10.—The treasurer of an independent school district, when appointed by the board to fill a vacancy, holds office not merely until the next election, but for the unexpired term, is the ruling of the attorney general to the superintendent of public instruction.

Absence of any statute proviso specifically concerning the treasurer, while the law does say that any vacancy occurring more than 30 days previous to the annual election shall be filled at the first annual election thereafter, in relation to members of the board, causes the attorney general to conclude that as the proviso refers expressly to members of the board only, evidently indicates a legislative intent that the general rule of law will apply as to filling other vacancies, such as that of the treasurer, the general rule of law being that in absence of statutory provisions to the contrary one appointed to fill a vacancy holds not merely until the next election, but for the unexpired term.

MASONIC SESSION FOR 1917 TO BE HELD AT HOT SPRINGS

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 10.—Hot Springs was the unanimous choice of the delegates to the grand lodge of Masons of South Dakota, now holding its annual session Sioux Falls, as the place for the next annual meeting. At a business session the grand lodge elected the following officers for the coming year: Grand master, James Roane, Yankton; deputy grand master, Fred H. Rugg, Rapid City; senior grand warden, W. B. Burr, Selby; junior grand warden, J. H. McCord, Pierre.

The Past Grand Matrons and Patrons' association elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. Lennie P. Ketcham, Montrose; vice president, Mrs. Belle Stanley Prentis, Vermillion; secretary, Mrs. Eudora Z. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls; treasurer, George W. Snow, Springfield.

CITY MARSHAL OF CANTON RECOVERS STOLEN AUTO

Canton, S. D., June 10.—Coming upon five automobile thieves from Kansas, who did not suspect that an officer was near, City Marshal Bean, of Canton, captured two of them, but the other three managed to make their escape. The five men, who stole an automobile in Kansas and made their way to South Dakota, were peacefully sleeping beside the stolen machine when the city marshal appeared on the scene and covered them with a gun. Three of them made a run for it in the darkness. An extended search was made for them, but without success. City Marshal Bean has possession of the stolen automobile and is holding it and the two prisoners for the arrival of officers from Kansas who will take the captives back to that state for trial.

UNIQUE EXERCISES HELD AT STATE SCHOOL FOR MUTES

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 10.—Graduating exercises of a unique character were held in this city last evening, when 17 pupils of the state deaf mute school in Sioux Falls were given their diplomas. Nine graduated from the advanced course and eight from the elementary course. The exercises were open to the general public. Features of the exercises were piano solos, little girls' drill, ball drill by the sixth grade girls and a pantomime, "Rock of Ages," by pupils of the primary grade. The homes of the 17 graduates are in different parts of the state.

SMALL GRAIN THRIVING; CORN NEEDS SUNSHINE

Madison, S. D., June 10.—The abundance of moisture and cool weather this spring have been exceedingly favorable to the large acreage of small grain in Lake county, and reports indicate that it never looked finer at this time of year. Corn, on the other hand, is backward, but as the corn acreage is smaller than usual, the slowness of that crop is not of as much consequence as usual. Much ground that would have been put into corn this spring, has been planted to barley or millet, owing to the conditions for corn being unfavorable.

RICHARDS SPENT $3,391.17 IN GOVERNORSHIP CAMPAIGN

Pierre, S. D., June 10.—The expense statements of the candidates in the recent primary are being received by the secretary of state. The law requires that the expenditure of over $100 for campaigning must be itemized and filed with that officer by each candidate. R. O. Richards files a statement showing expenses of $3,391.17, and Julius H. Johnson, candidate for congress in the Third district, files a statement showing expenses of $1,382.85, in which the biggest items are for printing.

HARRISBURG—Passengers on that branch of the Milwaukee railway line which passes through Harrisburg have during the past few days witnessed the unusual specacle of threshing operations being carried on in the center of growing crops. The threshing is being done on the homestead of County Commissioner Rowe, of Lincoln county. The wet season last year and the frequent rains during the fall months, prevented him having his threshing done at that time.

CHAMBERLAIN—After continuing in general merchandise business in this town for 35 years, N. W. Egleston has sold his business to Bert G. Wattson. In May, 1881, Mr. Egleston came to Chamberlain from Northwood, Ia. When he reached Mitchell, he accidentally met a young man who was bound for Chamberlain and together they walked to Kimball in two days. From that place they secured a ride to Chamberlain. Mr. Egleston states that there are not more than four people in the town at the present time who were here when he came.

WALTHILL—J. A. Rossiter, 60 years old, a veterinary surgeon, died suddenly at his home at Walthill, Neb., last night, following a brain hemorrhage. Mr. Rossiter had lived in Walthill for eight years. Many years prior to his removal to Walthall he was a resident of Bancroft, Neb. Mr. Rossiter is survived by his widow, two sons, E. W. Rossiter, of Winnebago, Neb., and J. B. Rossiter, of Walthill, and by two daughters, Myrtle and Rose Rossiter, of Walthill.

WATERTOWN—Percy Simming, a local business man, had an experience with a large tarantula, which he discovered in a bunch of bananas in his store. The tarantula was confined in a shipment of bananas and was not discovered until the fruit was delivered to the store. In cutting bananas from the bunch, Simming struck the tarantula with his knife, severing one of its legs. This angered the big spider, which is capable of jumping a surprising distance, and it caused considerable flurry before it could be cornered and killed.

THREE OF MILWAUKEE TRAIN CREW INJURED

Engine Topples Near Selby Because of Broken Rail—No Fatalities Likely.

Aberdeen, S. D., June 10.—Engineer Perry L. Gray is seriously scalded and Fireman Levi Crull has a badly scalded leg and Brakeman Ed Johnson is suffering from serious injuries to his back and shoulder as a result of an accident on the Milwaukee railroad near Selby, S. D., when the locomotive, driven by Gray, struck a broken rail and toppled over.

The locomotive was drawing a heavy freight train. Nine cars of lumber left the tracks and traffic was delayed for several hours.

Gray's injuries are not expected to prove fatal.

SOUTH DAKOTA MASONS HOLDING SESSIONS AT SIOUX FALLS.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 10—Hundreds of Masons and members of the Eastern Star order are in the city attending the annual meeting of the Masonic grand lodge of South Dakota, grand chapter of the order of Eastern Star and other Masonic bodies, which opened in Sioux Falls yesterday forenoon. The sessions will extend over three days, ending June 9. One of the opening features of the three-day meeting was a reception and ball tendered to the delegates and other visitors by the local Blue lodges and the chapter of the Eastern Star. The business sessions of the Masonic grand lodge and auxiliary organizations are being held in the Masonic temple. The local Masons and members of the order of the Eastern Star have provided banquets and other forms of entertainment for the visitors during such times as business sessions are not being held. The present meeting is believed to be the largest gathering of Masons and members of auxiliary organizations ever held in South Dakota.

PETERSON FOR SPEAKER AT ANNUAL G. A. R. MEETING.

Watertown, S. D., June 10.—The local Sons of Veterans committee, having in charge the arrangements of the state G. A. R. encampment and state meeting of the W. R. corps of this state, secured Dr. Frank Peterson, of Minneapolis, as the principal speaker of the occasion. He is an old soldier, having come to this country from Sweden shortly after the outbreak of the civil war; he enlisted soon after and served during the war. Dr. Peterson's address will be given Wednesday evening, June 14. One of the events of the encampment is the parade to be held on Thursday, June 8.

NO BOOTLEGGING PROOF; SOME PERJURY PROSPECTS

Milbank, S. D., June 10—A. E. Hawes and Dan Flemming were arrested at Milbank on a bootlegging charge, but both men were acquitted, although it was proved that various persons had secured liquor from them. The state was unable to prove, however, that the men securing the liquor had paid for it, and thus a chain in the evidence was lacking.

Some peculiar testimony was given. One man swore that he and a friend had sent off for the liquor for their own use, having it shipped from another town. The man's friend was excluded from the court room at the time and did not hear the man's testimony. Then he was placed on the stand and swore that neither he nor his partner had ever had any liquor shipped to them.

PREPAREDNESS PARADE AT SIOUX FALLS ON JULY 4.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 10.—A committee of 100 business men and other residents of Sioux Falls, who held a meeting at the Commercial club rooms, adopted a resolution declaring themselves in favor of a preparedness parade being held in Sioux Falls, and July 4 has been selected as the time. U. S. G. Cherry, a local attorney, is chairman of the committee of 100. The residents of surrounding towns will be invited to march in the parade.

LAURA BIRD DIES FROM EFFECTS OF MERCURY TABLET.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 10.—At the Ark of Refuge in this city occurred the death of Laura Bird, a young girl, from the effects of swallowing three tablets of bichloride of mercury with suicidal intent. A man about town is under arrest for his alleged part in the downfall and death of the girl, it being charged that he procured the poison for her.

JOHNSON-COFFEY FACTION LANDS ONLY NINE DELEGATES.

Pierre, S. D., June 10.—In the official count on delegates to the democratic national convention it is found that the Johnson-Coffey faction lost one delegate, Edelstein, who was defeated by Fellows, on the Rock-Lee slate. The vote on delegates and on national committeeman was so close as to show a well balanced factional division. On national committeeman Dana, the Rock-Lee candidate, received 5,129 votes to 5,179 for Mee, the Johnson-Coffey candidate. The vote on democratic delegate was:

Rock-Lee Faction—Hale, 6,250, Gunderson, 5,334; Rowe, 5,569; Fellows, 7,068; McNamee, 5,652; Herrington, 5,045; Walsh, 5,424; Fenzel, 4,892; Wadleigh, 4,440; Donnelly, 5,421.

Johnson-Grandy Faction—Heffron, 7,174; Kelly, 7,306; Morgan, 7,141; Wadsworth, 6,731; Treon, 6,445; Edelstein, 6,297; Bicknell, 6,732; Crill, 6,350; Lewis, 6,840; Harte, 6,433.

TWIN BROOKS—At a meeting held by the rural mail carriers of Grant county, the Grant County Rural Letter Carriers' association was organized. The following officers were elected: President, Henry R. Kampen, Twin Brooks; vice president, Frank McKernan, Milbank; secretary, L. R. Ford, Troy; treasurer, F. E. D. Caldwell, Albee. Delegates were elected to represent the association at the state convention of rural mail carriers, to be held at Canton on July 11 and 12. The annual conventions of the new county association will be held in Milbank each year on Labor day.

DEADWOOD—In a fit of despondency, Angie McCormick, at Newell, saturated her clothes with two gallons of gasoline and applied a match. She was so horribly burned that death ensued in a few hours. She was 50 years old and unmarried.

BROOKINGS—Five counties in this part of the state will this year unite in holding their annual teachers' institutes, and in addition to proving satisfactory in every way as is expected, there will be a very material reduction in the expense to each county. The counties which will unite and hold one big institute are Brookings, Codington, Kingsbury, Miner and Moody. The joint institute will be held in this city, beginning June 12. It is believed that not less than 800 teachers will be in attendance.

SIOUX FALLS—The annual meeting of the Seventh District Medical society will be held at the Carpenter hotel, in this city, on Tuesday, June 13.

G. O. P. POLITICS SHIFTS TO EAST; HUGHES AT WORK

Main Efforts to Elect Ex-Justice of Supreme Bench Will Be Conducted From New York.

EXPECT T. R. TO DECLINE

Roosevelt's Tentative Statement May Be Followed By One In Which He Indorses Candidate.

New York, June 13.—Interest in republican political circles today shifted to New York, where the fight for the election of Charles Evans Hughes as president of the United States will be conducted.

It is generally believed that Hughes will have the support of Theodore Roosevelt. Although no word has come from the Oyster Bay statesman, it is taken as a certainty that he will not accept the progresive nomination.

Mr. Hughes' Statement.

The following is the text of the telegram sent to Chairman Harding, of the republican national convention:

"Mr. Chairman and Delegates: I have not desired the nomination. I have wished to remain on the bench. But in this critical period of our national history I recognize that it is your right to summon and it is my duty to respond. You speak at a time of national exigency, transcending merely partisan considerations. You voice the demand for a dominant, thoroughgoing Americanism, with firm protective upbuilding policies essential to our peace and security; and to that call in this crisis I cannot fail to answer with the pledge of all that is in me to the service of the country. Therefore, I accept the nomination.

"I stand for the firm and unflinching maintenance of all the rights of American citizens on land and on sea. I neither impugn motives nor underestimate difficulties. But it is most regretably true that in our foreign relations we have suffered incalculably from the weak and vacillating course which has been taken with regard to Mexico—a course lamentably wrong with regard to both our rights and our duties. We interfered without consistency, and while seeking to dictate when we were not concerned, we utterly failed to appreciate and discharge our plain duty to our own citizens.

"At the outset of the administration the high responsibilities of our diplomatic intercourse with foreign nations were subordinated to a conception of partisan requirements and we presented to the world a humiliating spectacle of ineptitude. Belated efforts have not availed to recover the influence and prestige so unfortunately sacrificed and brave words have been stripped of their force by indecision.

Foreign Relations.

"I desire to see our diplomacy restored to its best standards and to have these advanced; to have no sacrifices of the national interest to partisan expediency; to have the first ability of the country always at its command here and abroad in diplomatic intercourse; to maintain firmly our rights under international laws; insisting steadfastly upon all our rights as mutual and fully performing our international obligations, and by the clear correctness and justness of our position and our manifest ability and disposition to sustain them to dignify our place among the nations.

"I stand for an Americanism that knows no ulterior purpose, for a patriotism that is single and complete. Whether native or naturalized of whatever race or creed, we have but one country and we do not for an instant tolerate any division of allegiance. I believe in making prompt provision to secure adequately our national security. I believe in preparedness, not only entirely adequate for our defense with respect to numbers and equipment in both army and navy, but with all thoroughness to the end that in each branch of the service there may be the utmost efficiency under the most competent administrative heads. But we are devoted to the ideals of honorable peace. We wish to promote all wise and practical measures for the just settlement of international disputes.

Must Prepare Industry.

"In view of our abiding ideals, there is no danger of militarism in this country. We have no policy of aggression; no lust for territory; no zeal for strife. It is in this speech that we demand adequate provision for national defense, and we condemn the inexcusable neglect that has been shown in this matter of first national importance. We must have the strength which self respect demands; the strength of an efficient nation ready for every emergency.

"Our preparation must be industrial and economic, as well as military. Our severest tests will come when the war is over. We must make a fair and wise readjustment of the tariff, in accordance with sound protective principles, to insure our economic independence and to maintain American standards of living. We must conserve the just interests of labor, realizing that democracy, patriotism and national strength must be rooted in even handed justice. In preventing, as we must, unjust discriminations and monopolistic practices, we must still be zealous to assure the foundation of honest business. Particularly should we seek the expansion of foreign trade. We must not throttle American enterprise here, nor abroad, but rather promote it and take pride in honorable achievements. We must take up the serious problems of transportation of interstate and foreign commerce in a sensible and candid manner, and provide an enduring basis for prosperity by the intelligent use of the constitutional powers of congress, so as adequately to protect the public on the one hand and on the other conserve the essential instrumentalities of progress.

"I cannot within the limits of this statement speak upon all the subjects that will require attention. I can only say that I fully indorse the platform you have adopted.

"I deeply appreciate the responsibility you impose. I should have been glad to have that responsibility placed upon another. But I shall undertake to meet it, grateful for the confidence you express. I sincerely trust that all former differences may be forgotten and that we may have united effort in a patriotic realization of our national need and opportunity.

"I have resigned my judiciary office and am ready to devote myself unreservedly to the campaign.

"Charles E. Hughes."