

### EDITORIAL COMMENT

The republican state convention meets in Pierre today. The railroad companies and the Pierre hotels will be the chief beneficiaries. Bon Homme county elected no delegates.

The South Dakota Central railroad, that was sold recently on foreclosure proceedings, has been turned over to the Great Northern system, and the name changed to the "Sioux Falls and Watertown."

From the reports on file in the auto department of the state it is figured that citizens of South Dakota have invested \$30,000,000 in automobiles, based upon an average valuation of \$300 a car. The licenses paid this year amount to \$118,500.

The Ravinia Register is a new paper just started with Frank A. Shepherd, formerly of Frankfort as editor. Ravinia formerly had a paper called the Booster, but the town boosters didn't boost the Booster and it died. We hope a better fate awaits the Register.

Henry Ford denies that he ever said he would discharge any employee who enlisted in the national guard, and charges the Chicago Tribune with starting the report. We are glad to note the denial and would be glad to note the denial of some other un-American remarks attributed to Mr. Ford.

The New York Times thinks Mr. Hughes should not be elected because he was chosen from the supreme court bench. The Times does not charge that he was not worthy of the bench, and are we then to conclude that he is too good for the presidency? When some delegates to the democratic convention proposed making this charge an issue in their platform President Wilson objected on the ground that it would be "petty politics."

It is difficult to get a line on what President Wilson wants to do in the Mexican troubles. We must assume that he has endorsed the demands and ultimatums that have been sent by Secretary Lansing to Carranza. In one of these ultimatums Mr. Wilson informed Carranza that the troops would not be withdrawn from Mexico and that any attempt on the part of Carranza to expel them would lead to the "gravest consequences." Carranza ignored this ultimatum and by his orders our troops were attacked and many of them killed. This act was exactly what the president said would be followed by "gravest consequences."

On June 30th, the president addressed the New York Press Club at a banquet, and in this address he said that he would not countenance a war with Mexico until there is no other alternative, and asked, "Do you think that it is our duty to carry self defense to the point of dictation in the affairs of another people?" If Mr. Wilson is in doubt about these things why did he send this ultimatum only to make himself appear ridiculous in an inglorious retreat? Why did he order the brave American troops into Mexico in pursuit of his orders, get some of them slain and then intimate that their lives had been sacrificed in an unjustifiable cause? Is it strange that men hesitate to enlist and offer their lives under the direction of such a leader? The trouble with the president seems to be that he is feeling his way with no fixed policies.

### EXCHANGE NOTES

Freeman Courier—J. M. Wollmann left for Montana Tuesday on business connected with the Sam Walter estate. Mr. Walter owned several acres of land out there and Mr. Wollmann is administrator of the Walter estate.

From the Hutchinson Herald.

Albert Jungmann went as far as Artas with his wife and intended to travel around in the north part of the state, but says the roads were too muddy to use an auto so he returned Saturday morning.

J. B. Gundert traded the Handel store and a Minnesota farm of 120 acres to Adolph Frasch for 480 acres in Faulk county and 320 acres in Hyde county and the Oakland auto which O. G. Schamber formerly owned.

From the Olivet Leader

Mrs. Harve Bardell and children, accompanied by her sister, arrived here Thursday after spending several weeks visiting with her parents at North McGregor, Iowa.

Alex Brown and wife, of Scotland, were looking after their property in town Saturday.

In county court Thursday afternoon Zach Varnell and Earl Myers were each fined \$60.00 and costs for giving intoxicating liquor to one Earl Myers, all of the above parties are from Tripp.

From the Tyndall Tribune.

Mrs. J. L. Meighen, of Scotland, was the guest of Mrs. F. M. Scoblic last Friday.

A marriage license was issued last Tuesday to Mr. Phillip Serr and Miss Anna Neth, of Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zolnowsky, of Scotland were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Jos. Hoch, last Sunday.

Mrs. Will Dollman, who has been living in the north part of town, was adjudged insane last Saturday and taken to the hospital in Yankton.

Relatives in Tyndall have received word that Dr. Frank Bouza has joined the ambulance corps and is now with the Iowa Guard and expects soon to be on his way to Mexico.

Rapid City Journal—Attorney A. R. Denu leaves for Huron this evening, where he will appear for the defendant in the matter of the state of South Dakota vs. Schamber, ex-state treasurer, and bondsmen.

This is an action started last year by the attorney general and E. E. Wagner of Sioux Falls, against the defendant as ex-treasurer and ninety-two of his bondsmen for the recovery of interest collected on state funds by the defendant while state treasurer.

The interest, it is asserted, will amount to anywhere from \$25,000 to \$100,000. This matter stirred up considerable feeling and bids fair to be a hard fought case. The case will be tried at Huron because several of the bondsmen live there.

The supreme court, with two judges dissenting, holds that a common law marriage is valid in this state. In giving his opinion Judge Whiting quotes from the statute which says, "Marriage must be solemnized, authenticated and recorded as provided in this article, but non-compliance with its provisions does not invalidate any lawful marriage." The Judge therefore concludes that a license is not essential to a valid marriage in this state.

Notice to Destroy Noxious Weeds in the Public Highway.

To all Land Owners, Tenants and Parties Occupying Land in Bon Homme County, South Dakota:

You are hereby notified to destroy all weeds and grasses upon the one half of the public highway immediately abutting the land so owned, occupied or leased by you, and have such weeds and obstructing grass mowed, cut down removed or destroyed by or before July 15th, 1916, under penalty of the special tax as provided by law for failure to comply with this notice.

Dated June 22nd, 1916.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners.  
J. J. MAUS,  
County Auditor.

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### WEEDS CONSUME WATER NEEDED BY CROPS.

There is plenty of water now in most localities, but before the summer is over the crops will be crying for it. The early summer in Dakota is usually moist while the latter summer months have a lighter rainfall. Much of the water used by the crops in late summer must be saved over from the spring of the year.

It is almost a safe guess that more water goes to waste in South Dakota than is used. The weeds waste more water than does anything else. Corn fields are the battle grounds where "Old Weeds" may be defeated. After the harrow the cultivator is the deadly machine. It is a regular 42 centimeter gun as far as its efficiency is concerned.

Cultivate the corn to kill the weeds and the corn will pay the expenses. The longer a weed grows the more water it uses and the more liable it is to make seed. A clean corn field is something of which to be proud. A dirty corn field is a shame to a community. It pays to kill a weed. It pays more to kill many of them.—J. G. Hutton, Associate Agronomist, S. D. State College.

### ARTESIAN PONDS AND HOT WINDS

It has been estimated that the artesian wells of South Dakota waste about a hundred billion gallons of water each year, which forms useless ponds. It has been suggested that so much water should modify the climate of the state, especially the hot winds which were common years ago, but now almost forgotten. This is a vain hope, suggests Dr. E. C. Perisho, president of the state college. He says: "A little investigation will show how futile this very desirable result really is. The humidity of a hot wind is generally twenty per cent or less. If it were thirty per cent or more, it would cease to be a destructive, hot wind. In order to add ten per cent or more humidity to the wind, it would require in every one hundred feet of air 7000 gallons of water to the square mile. At the rate of forty inches of evaporation per year which is rather high for South Dakota, a wind to increase its humidity ten per cent would have to blow over 1500 miles of water.

"As our hot winds come mostly from the south and southwest, the maximum distance for such winds to travel over our state would not exceed 1500 square miles which would be only one-fifth of the distance necessary for such a wind to travel over an uninterrupted body of water if its humidity were to increase ten per cent. So we are forced to conclude that this enormous waste of water can be little or no value as a modifier of our climate."

### Kills Crow; \$1 in Its Beak.

The crow has long been notorious for its kleptomaniac tendencies and known to steal anything, without regard to its value, but from the construction camp of the Chico Construction company, near Shippee, south of this city, comes a story of a crow that was discriminating enough to steal something of value.

John Schonlow, foreman for the company, went hunting. He fired into a flock of crows, killing one. When Schonlow picked up the bird he found tightly clasped in its beak a one dollar bill.—Chico Dispatch Sacramento Bee.

### Immune to Cold.

Gouverneur Morris, the New York litterateur, said at a luncheon in Brooklyn:

"American society is the most exclusive in the world. Useless, quite useless, for a litterateur to try and force his way into it.

"I know a litterateur who, on the strength of a best seller, managed to get himself invited to a dinner at Mrs. Van Astor's."

"Well, did Mrs. Van Astor's cordiality stagger you?" I asked him the next day.

"Oh, no, not at all," he answered. "You see, before I took up writing I worked in an ice-making plant."

### Plate to Remove Tarnish.

There has just been put upon the market a metal plate that removes tarnish from silver in a few seconds. It is a thin sheet made of a combination of metals; this is put into a dish of hot water in which two tablespoonfuls of washing soda have been dissolved; the silver is immersed in such a way that at least one piece of it touches the plate, then is taken out, rinsed and wiped dry. The dish in which the operation is performed must be of glass, porcelain or enameled metal; if the latter, the enamel must not have been broken.

### SAILING TO WIN

"What was the matter with you fellows in the race?" asked the man at the clubhouse who made it his business to hold down the big armchair reserved for the rocking-chair fleet.

The young man who had just jerked a big dinghy out of the water and landed it high up on the dock dropped wearily into the bow seat and looked at the speaker.

"Say, this yachting business isn't what it's cracked up to be, especially when you take everyone's advice," he declared, bitterly. "When I bought the Nancy all the wise fellows dropped around one at a time and in bunches and suggested that I'd better get Dudley to sail my boat for me the first season. They pointed out that I was new to the game and it wouldn't look well for me to lose all the big silver cups, especially when I had a fast boat."

"So you got Dudley to do the stick work, eh?"

"Well, I admit I was easy. I had never sailed a big boat before, and I didn't want to make any bad breaks. Dudley is a fine sailor. He would let me come down and get everything ready for him—just so many reefs in the mainsail, all the big kites put in stops, so they would break out at the right time—and when he came aboard all he had to do was to make suggestions and kicks.

"Today we were to sail for the Johnson cup. It's a beauty and I wanted to take it out to Austin and show it to my landlubber friends. So I got Dudley to sail the boat for me. It was blowing pretty hard and we had in two reefs and the staysail. The way we tore down the harbor toward the line made me wish I was ashore, so I could telephone to my friends that the cup was a cinch for my yacht. Before the starting gun was fired we nearly ran clear through another yacht that was jockeying near the line. I didn't like the way the boat was being sailed, but thought it was because I didn't understand the fine points of the game. I thought that perhaps the stunt was to disable as many of the boats in our class as possible—then it would be easier for us to win. It looked that way, for we luffed into another yacht and nearly lost our own bowsprit. When we crossed the line I could almost see that cup sitting on my dresser, for we were first and we kept first—in fact, we went so fast that the other yachts seemed to be anchored."

"So you won the race?"

"Won nothing! When we got out to the four-mile crib, which was the first buoy we were to round, we passed it to port and went sailing north. Then we looked back to give the other fellows the happy smile, and what do you think! Every blamed boat went sailing gracefully around that crib, passing it to starboard, and was off on the southern course. We had the balloon up and my expert sailor, instead of giving the boys up forward time to get it in, as I would have done, luffed. The next minute I saw myself paying out \$25 for a new sail."

"Caught on the spreader?"

"I should say it did—it ripped from head to foot. We all talked at once. I insisted that the course was the way the other boats went and Dudley finally admitted that he didn't really know what the race was—just kind of supposed that the course was the way we started to sail it.

"When we got the balloon in and staysail up the other boats were so far ahead that I said we might as well go in. What was the use of racing, anyhow, if you couldn't win? But I'll sail my own boat after this.

"Someone wants me at the telephone? Wants to know whether I won? Say, steward, just tell her there wasn't any race—that the lake was too rough."

### Burns Manuscript Sold.

A Burns manuscript was the feature sale at a recent auction, for the benefit of the Red Cross, held in Edinburgh. The manuscript "To the Unco Guid," set in a glazed case shows some variations in the poem as printed. It is in good preservation, and is an excellent specimen of the national poet's bold handwriting. Tacked on to it are two separate lines, also in the same hand—"Farewell old Colla's hills and dales, Her heathly moors and winding vales." Bidding for the manuscript opened at sixty guineas. Eventually, however, it was knocked down at 124 guineas. The manuscript was gifted by two ladies whose grandfather acquired it in 1824.

### Drill Struck Wood at 1,900 Feet.

One of the first deep wells drilled in the West was put down near Huxley, Nev., by the Central Pacific Railway in 1881, in a search for good water. The boring reached a depth of 2,750 feet, but the water obtained was of very unsatisfactory quality. At 1,700 feet the drill encountered a bed of "petrified clams" and the record states that at 1,900 feet well-preserved "redwood timber" was found.

### County School Letter

(By Sup. G. G. Fites)

We are still short in election returns from about twenty districts.

We are in the midst of the seventh grade manuscripts this week, and hope to have the markings ready to send out to the boys and girls within the next few days.

The Mitchell High School will begin its program at 8:30 A. M. the coming year. The object in the change is to give the pupils more time for relations and work.

School district officers should bear in mind that the publication law concerning financial conditions of the district is still in force. The notice should be published in the paper nearest to the center of the district.

The school board at Lead is offering to pay the tuition of its teachers at Columbia University this summer. Miss Rachel Stephens, of Springfield, is among the number who have taken advantage of this offer.

Stephen J. Hieb, of Lake Point District No. 65, was in the office Saturday last, and had us examine his accounts. We are glad to say that we found his books kept in a first-class condition in every respect. If more of the district treasurers would have their books inspected annually, there would not be the trouble that often occurs in some places.

The question often arises as to which board should sign up a contract with the teacher for the following year. If there is to be but one new member on the board, it does not matter. If there are to be two or more members elected, it is best to have the new board act. This is especially true where there is a likelihood that the action of the old board is not in harmony with the patrons of the district.

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PROB ANNUAL STATEMENT  
Year Ending December 31st, 1915  
Northwestern Mutual Life  
Insurance Company of  
Wisconsin  
Home Office, Milwaukee

I. CAPITAL STOCK  
Ledger Assets Dec. 31, '14 \$327,446,239.19

II. INCOME  
Total premium income \$ 49,461,752.51  
Interest and Rents ..... 16,443,555.22  
From all other sources ..... 984,772.73  
Total Income ..... \$ 66,890,080.46

III. DISBURSEMENTS  
Paid losses and endowments ..... \$ 18,345,861.33  
Dividends and other benefits to policy holders ..... 24,113,154.33  
Commissions and agency expenses ..... 4,979,310.43  
Salaries and office expenses ..... 1,684,557.86  
Loss on ledger assets ..... 5,354.04  
Decrease, value ledger assets ..... 1,115,998.85  
All other disbursements ..... 2,138,777.54  
Total Disbursements ..... \$ 52,333,044.37  
Balance ..... \$345,113,295.14

IV. LEDGER ASSETS  
Real Estate ..... \$ 4,972,068.06  
Loans on Real Estate ..... 181,861,021.75  
Policy Loans ..... 55,985,173.44  
Bonds and stocks ..... \$3,893,592.42  
Cash in office and banks ..... 4,380,382.87  
All other ledger assets ..... 1,761,046.69  
Total Ledger Assets ..... \$343,953,255.14

NON-LEDGER ASSETS  
Interest and rents ..... \$ 5,687,807.89  
Uncollected premiums ..... 4,258,638.19  
Gross assets ..... \$351,899,731.22  
Deduct assets not admitted ..... 8,268,621.17  
Total Admitted Assets \$343,631,110.05

V. LIABILITIES  
Net reserve ..... \$312,136,886.00  
Accounts not yet due on supplementary contracts ..... 4,890,607.60  
Total policy claims ..... 1,224,107.07  
Commissions due agents ..... 69,274.34  
Dividends or profits due policyholders ..... 15,923,472.44  
Other liabilities ..... 1,144,389.02  
Unassigned funds (surplus) ..... 8,243,373.58  
Total Liabilities ..... \$343,631,110.05

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA, 1915  
Policies issued ..... \$ 1,880,500.00  
Losses paid ..... 188,235.00  
Premiums collected ..... 378,229.06  
Expenses during the year ..... 78,515.61  
Amount of Real Estate Mortgages ..... 5,779,321.81

Company's Certificate of Authority  
Whereas, The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Wisconsin has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 1915, conformable to the requirements of the laws of this state regulating the business of insurance; and  
Whereas, The said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of the insurance law aforesaid;  
Now, Therefore, I, M. Harry O'Brien, Commissioner of Insurance of the state of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents, to transact its appropriate business of Life Insurance in this state according to the laws thereof, until the last day of February, A. D. 1917.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, this first day of March, A. D. 1916.  
M. HARRY O'BRIEN,  
Commissioner of Insurance.  
(Seal) By F. C. MUELLER,  
Chief Clerk

### County School Letter

Paul M. Petrik, of District No. 20, is the first treasurer to submit his Annual Report for the year ending June 30, 1916.

We are working with the advance enrollment committee for the S. D. E. A., which meets at Watertown this year. The first signer we have received thus far is H. J. Kaufmann, of Springfield. We would like to get at least 125 signers before September first.

Some of the answers found in the Seventh Grade MSS cause us to stop and consider the qualifications of the respective teachers of these pupils. One seventh grade pupil claims that a "Poll Tax is a tax on bachelors," while another says "A Poll Tax is a tax on poultry."

Marion Duguid, of the Springfield Public Schools, offers the following interesting essay upon the subject of Bird Protection:

"I think that birds should be protected because they help the farmers in destroying insects and other bugs that might injure the crops. The birds are nice to have around our homes, because they make everybody happy with their beautiful songs. If people like birds, they do not kill them, nor keep dogs and cats around that are likely to frighten the birds away; but instead they build bird-houses and put them up in trees so the birds will be encouraged to stay near where people live. If people are interested in having birds near them, they study about their habits, find out what their nests look like, learn how birds build their nests, and try in every possible way to induce them to stay near their homes."

### PROFESSIONAL CARDS

F. D. WICKS  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
WILL PRACTICE IN ALL COURTS  
SCOTLAND S. DAK.

ROBERT JASMANN  
DENTIST  
OFFICE OVER GERMAN BANK  
SCOTLAND S. DAK.

I. W. LEIGHTON  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON  
OFFICE IN BECKER BLOCK  
SCOTLAND, S. DAK.

JAMES L. MEIGHEN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
OFFICE IN BECKER BLOCK  
SCOTLAND S. DAK.

T. T. CHURCH,  
DENTIST  
OFFICE IN BROWN BLOCK  
SCOTLAND S. DAK.

L. C. COLGAN  
VEETERINARIAN  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON  
OFFICE IN LIVERY BARN  
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O. H. DIXON  
(successor to J. L. Coy)  
VETERINARY SURGEON  
OFFICE AT  
SCOTLAND HOSPITAL—PHONE NO. 6  
SCOTLAND S. DAK.