

THE BUTTER MEN

THE BUTTER EXHIBITS AT THE MITCHELL CONVENTION THE FINEST EVER

DAIRY BUILDING AT FAIR

The Association Will Ask the Legislature to Provide for a Suitable Dairy Building at the State Fair

Mitchell—At the annual convention of the South Dakota Buttermakers' and Creamerymen's association the exhibit of butter in the contest for prizes was one of the largest ever shown at a convention, there being thirty-one exhibitors, with nearly every creamery in the state represented. The scores are announced as follows: First place being awarded to Gilbert Rogness of Trent, with a score of 95. The others follow: J. M. Hendrickson, Lennox, 94; Erick Zyda, Milbank, 94; Bernhard Hansen, Victor, 94; E. L. Gould, Hartford, 93; W. D. Christler, Harrisburg, 93; C. W. S. Mitchell, 93; Chris Rogers, Astoria, 93; J. M. Rasmussen, Letehar, 92; H. J. Hanon, White, 92; E. A. Paulsen, Webster, 92; Rasmus Andersen, Lake Preston, 92; Ch. Hansen, Stockholm, 92; Nels Swenson, Carthage, 92; C. H. Jennings, Ocheyedan, Iowa, 92; Peter Peterson, Sherman, 92; Carl Jensen, Kidder, 91; Albert Anderson, Woonsocket, 91; E. H. Baldwin, Belle Fourche, 91; Thomas Bang, Lynn, 91; O. L. Distad, De Smet, 91; M. S. Trautman, White, 91; K. M. Fossum, Baltic, 91; Belle Fouchre Creamery company, Belle Fourche, 91; Danish-American Creamery company, Whitewood, 91; O. C. Beck, Britton, 90; Theo. Adams, Dell Rapids, 90.

Among the resolutions adopted were two things important to the dairy interests of the state. One was urging the senators and representatives in Washington to defeat the legislation making oleomargarine cases sold to defeat the work of the creameries. The state legislature was memorialized to appropriate a sum of money sufficient for the erection of a dairy building at the state fair grounds, one that is adequate to the needs of the dairy interests of the state.

The Several State Funds

Pierre—The report of the condition of the state treasury, as shown by the state for the last month, indicates a total of \$217,401 in all funds, but of this the general fund has only \$11,623. The call of taxes for December will soon begin to come in, and that fund will be largely increased before the first of the year. The income fund for the schools of the state contains \$128,890, but this will be sent out to the schools about the middle of this month, and will not be idle long. The twin plant fund carries \$58,055. The game fund does not show any great increase on account of the game licenses of this year, having but \$11,637 at the present time, but as the county treasurers will likely remit the game fund this month at the time of remittances of other moneys that fund is likely to go to \$20,000 by the first of the year.

Sink Well and Save Fish

Plankinton—Through the efforts of T. W. Taubman and other sportsmen of this part of the state, an artesian well now is nearing completion at Fish Lake, a fine body of water some miles from here, and as a result millions of fish will be saved. During the past summer the water in the lake reached so low a stage that it was certain it would freeze to the bottom this winter if something was not done and that the countless fish which it contained would be killed. Mr. Taubman took the matter in hand and secured a sufficient fund by voluntary contributions to have the artesian well drilled. At a depth of 550 feet the drillers struck a flow of 200 gallons per minute. The immense flow from the well will raise the water in the lake to its former stage and make it an ideal place for fishing next summer.

Deeds and Mortgages

Huron—A meeting of South Dakota Register of Deeds elect, was held here last week, for the purpose of comparing notes and conferring relative to official matters. It is proposed to establish a uniform form of deeds and mortgages and to unify all business of the Register of Deeds office. A permanent organization was perfected by the election of J. M. Miles of Redfield, president and J. R. Cleland of Vermillion, secretary. An executive committee of which the two gentlemen named are members, was named, the others being J. W. Latta of Pierre, D. F. Stevens of Sisseton and J. W. McKillop of Ft. Pierre. The meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

Mitchell—Parties coming in from the western part of the state, on the Milwaukee road extension south and west from Mohrville, state that the company has commenced to lay steel from Eagle Butte out to Faith, which had been abandoned after the urgent request of a dozen business men who went to Chicago and laid their case before the company officials.

Pierre—There have been few hunting fatalities, but Paul Kemper of Capa thinks the state has some careless shooters just the same. While doing chores at his home a few days ago he heard the distant report of a rifle, and went down with a snash in his mouth. After he had time to take stock he found that a bullet had cut his lips and knocked out several of his teeth. The shot was evidently fired at a long distance from a high power rifle, and came a little bit closer to adding at least one to the record from this state, than Kemper liked.

SWENSON GETS NEW TRIAL

Clay County Farmer Was Accused of Poisoning Daughter-in-Law

Pierre—By affirming the decision of the lower court in the case of the State vs. Nels P. Swenson, from Clay county, Swenson is given a new trial on the charge of murdering his daughter-in-law, Bertha Swenson, by the use of strychnine.

He was granted a new trial by Judge Tripp, but the prosecution appealed to the supreme court. Lack of the events that terminated in the death of Bertha Swenson there stood out in bold relief against her by her father-in-law of the theft from him of \$500. The old man had accused her to her face, had mentioned it to other members of the family, and even to neighbors. The loss of this money was uppermost in his mind from the day that he discovered that it was gone. He had brought \$2,000 in gold from Beresford and hid it in an old granary. He advanced the argument that some member of the family must have stolen it, that if a robber had found the money he would have taken the whole thing. From that day until the tragedy the miser had worried over the loss of his gold.

Conservation Commission Report

Pierre—The conservation commission, Senator Robert J. Gamble, Congressman Martin O. C. Dekker, commissioner of schools and public lands, Samuel H. Lea, state engineer, and Doane Robinson, has filed a report with Governor Vessey to cover the biennial period from the year 1908 to date. The attention of the commission has been directed principally to the dry farming problem, and the commission points with pride to the success which has attended its efforts to secure the interest of the farmers of the state, resulting in the production of a very good crop during the last season when but little rain fell in most parts of the state.

A large appropriation was recommended to be at the disposal of the regents of education to promote the teaching of dry farming in institutes and to secure more interest in this branch among the farmers. An annual conservation and development congress was thought advisable and an appropriation was recommended for the purpose of promoting the same.

Lumber From Old Landmark

Pierre—Robinson Brothers of western Stanley county have recently torn down one of the old log houses on the Deadwood trail, and are converting the logs into lumber with their mill. This structure was one of the first put up on the trail between Pierre and the Hills, having been built in 1876 by "Grizzly" Shown to be used as a road house on the trail, while he had to wait out for hostile Indians as well as care for travelers to the Hills. S. S. Shown, the builder, was a Tennessean who came north at the close of the war, and after wandering over the west came to the Black Hills with the first of them, and decided that a road house on the trail was exciting enough for him, and settled down at a point on the trail near Grindstone Butte, where he resided up to the time of his death. He was one of the well known characters of the western part of the state, as travelers on the old trail all passed his place.

Auto Stage Operating

Aberdeen—W. E. Lyman of Perkins county, west of here, has lately established an automobile stage line which makes daily trips between Hettinger, N. D., and Lemmon, South Dakota. At present but one large passenger automobile is used, but if the service meets with the patronage anticipated additional cars will be put on. Old timers who recall the big stage lines of the pioneers of other days pronounce the automobile stage an improvement in many ways.

Farmers' Phone Line

Lemmon—A farmers' co-operative telephone company is being organized to build a line south from Hettinger, N. D., through Bison, the county seat of Perkins county and other towns in that part of the state. Considerable interest is being taken in the project by the people of the different towns and it is likely the line will be built. Most of the towns affected are off the railroad, and the proposed direct communication with the outside world will be welcomed.

Authorities After Record

Huron—Frank Wells in jail here on charge of being implicated in the murder of Officer Hawley a year ago, declares that he was not in Huron at the time of the murder. The authorities, however, are of a different opinion and an investigation is being made, to ascertain how Wells spent the time from Sept. 1, 1909 until his arrest three weeks ago at Chippewa Falls, Wis. His examination will not be had until this is learned.

Wagner—Getting hold of carbolic acid instead of eye wash, and pouring a quantity of the burning liquid into one of his eyes, Dr. A. W. Patterson, of this place, may lose the sight of the eye. Not until he injected some of the acid into his eye did he discover his mistake. Treatments were administered to counteract the effects of the acid as quickly as possible, but it is not yet certain that the eye can be saved.

Rapid City—At a meeting of business men and others interested in a fair association for this county and the Black Hills, permanent organization was effected by the Western South Dakota Fair association which is to have its headquarters here. Officers for the new body were chosen as follows: President, Dr. J. J. Jackson; vice president, C. J. Juel; treasurer, Pete Sweeney; secretary, G. H. White. These with J. C. Clower, I. M. Humphrey, Tom Sweeney and G. F. Schneider, constitute the board of directors. The first fair will be held here some time this coming summer, the dates are not yet fixed.

PASTE THIS IN HAT

CANVASSING BOARD ANNOUNCES THE FIGURES OF THE OFFICIAL COUNT

TICKET HEAD BY COUNTIES

Vote on Governor is Given by Counties and Approximately Represents Party Distribution and Poll

Pierre—The official canvass of votes cast in the recent election resulted in the following count for state officials:

For Governor—Vessey, republican, 61,744; Wood, democratic, 37,933; Butterfield prohibition, 4,506; Oswald socialist, 1,579.

For Lieutenant Governor—Byrne, republican, 58,897; Davenport, democrat, 31,857; Gramstrom, prohibition, 4,258; Goodfellow, socialist, 1,599.

For Secretary of State—Polley, republican, 64,483; Coxan, democrat, 30,927; Angus, prohibition, 4,127; J. F. Anderson, socialist, 1,675.

For Auditor—Anderson, H. B., republican, 65,632; Pinnagan, democrat, 30,438; Newcomb, prohibition, 4,075; Hixson, socialist, 1,557.

For Treasurer—Johnson, Geo. C., republican, 65,807; Boynton, democrat, 30,160; Wilson, prohibition, 4,929; Ringsdorf, socialist, 1,592.

For Attorney General—Pohnson, Royal C., republican, 66,085; Lynch, democrat, 30,533; Cochran, prohibition, 4,656.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction—Lawrence, republican, 64,814; Nolan, democrat, 30,416; Jolley, prohibition, 4,027; Pietila, socialist, 1,538.

For Commissioner of School and Public Lands—Brinker, republican, 64,761; Raymond, democrat, 30,549; Hinsvark, prohibition, 4,044; Roush, socialist, 1,577.

For Railroad Commissioner, First District—Smith, republican, 64,125; Young, democrat, 31,511; Bowden, prohibition, 4,030; Skutt, socialist, 1,607.

The vote on the four gubernatorial candidates by counties is as follows:

	Rep.	Dem.	P. O. So.
Aurora	570	813	37
Beadle	1,570	1,152	133
Ben Homme	1,000	122	59
Brookings	1,463	312	270
Brown	2,746	1,706	202
Brule	665	794	35
Buffalo	97	77	3
Butte	659	501	19
Campbell	456	69	40
Charles Mix	1,448	1,326	36
Clark	903	471	85
Grant	940	381	61
Clay	956	755	72
Codington	1,461	762	68
Corson	499	127	11
Custer	445	394	14
Davison	1,276	1,090	110
Day	1,436	622	244
Deuel	821	189	136
Douglas	630	610	9
Edmunds	718	734	61
Fall River	744	645	...
Faulk	933	383	88
Grant	940	381	61
Gregory	1,345	895	37
Hamlin	1,357	290	65
Hand	829	627	280
Hanson	414	610	42
Harding	682	237	26
Hughes	765	309	28
Hutchinson	623	727	40
Hyde	468	299	35
Jerauld	622	357	81
Kingsbury	1,325	635	174
Lake	1,123	519	36
Lawrence	2,663	1,455	42
Lincoln	1,377	431	91
Lyman	1,215	940	60
Marshall	729	194	118
McCook	1,933	841	79
McPherson	728	123	30
Meade	1,246	1,090	78
Miner	775	776	41
Mitchell	2,734	2,347	193
Moody	820	415	67
Pennington	1,218	1,265	80
Perkins	529	653	130
Potter	532	271	32
Roberts	1,341	594	99
Sanborn	714	331	106
Sink	1,604	563	147
Stanley	1,998	1,338	118
Sully	412	73	25
Tripp	418	876	43
Turner	1,059	750	106
Union	1,207	821	65
Walworth	799	262	41
Yankton	1,173	1,090	26
Totals	61,744	37,975	4,506

Mail Pouch Causes Injury

Watertown—A peculiar accident happened at Onida one day last week when the mail clerk on the passenger train running between Pierre and Watertown threw out the mail pouch. The clerk had such a pile of mail sacks in front of him that he could not see over it and the first sack he threw out of the car door struck a man who was passing and knocked him down. The man's mother, an old lady of about 70, was closely following him and when he fell she tripped over him and fell heavily, breaking her arm. The couple boarded the train, but the old lady's injuries caused her so much pain that she had to be removed when they had made but two or three stations and taken to an hotel, where she has since been cared for by the railroad physician. It is said the son will sue the road in his mother's name for \$5,000 damages.

Pierre—State Land Commissioner Dikken is taking up the matter of indemnity lands for school sections with the congressional representatives of the state. He desires a more equitable manner of securing the indemnity lands than is provided in the general terms of opening different Indian reservations. The present plan is not considered as exactly fair to the state and suggestions are being made as to plans which will give the state a better opportunity to secure lands at least as good as those they lose through the Indian allotment selections.

INSTITUTES' PROGRAM

Program For Meetings From December 20th to 31st.

Brookings—Farmers' Institutes will be held on following dates and places as announced by Superintendent Chamberlain:

Woonsocket, Dec. 20-21; Wessington Springs, Dec. 21-22; Grand Valley, Dec. 23-24; Onida, Dec. 27-28; Gettysburg, Dec. 29-30; Faulkton, Dec. 30-31.

The meetings the first day will be at 1:30 and at 7:30 in the evening.

The afternoon program will be addressed by Hon. Andrew Elliott of Ontario, one of the leading Institute Workers of America, a Scotchman of much experience and a splendid speaker. His subject in the afternoon will be "Horses and Corn," and in the evening he will deliver an address upon "Home-making."

Mr. John Robertson will speak in the afternoon upon "Wind Brakes" and "Orcharding," and in the evening on "Small Fruits." Mr. Robertson is one of the most successful fruit growers in the state, and he is doing his work in one of the driest sections of the state.

The second day the meetings will be held at 10:30 in the forenoon and 1:30 in the afternoon and the speaker will be Hon. W. D. McKee of Missouri, an excellent Institute man and very successful live stock breeder whose subject will be "Live Stock" in the forenoon and "Farmers' Literature" in the afternoon.

I wish these Live Stock sessions might be well attended and made very interesting. I will have with me Mr. W. F. Gardner of Meade county, one of the most successful "Dry Farmers" in the state who will speak upon the "Conservation of Moisture." These men are assigned to these meetings because of the fact that they have been successful along the lines which they speak.

Supt. Chamberlain will be present at one session, if it is possible for him to do so.

Body Found in Snow

Aberdeen—A farmer driving into the town of Hecla, saw a snow-covered mound near the roadside, and stopping to investigate found the body of a man. He hurried to town and notified the authorities, who returned to the spot and discovered the dead body to be that of Nels Olsen, a Danish farm hand, 45 years of age, who had left his place of employment three weeks ago, armed with an old musket, to go hunting. There was an ugly wound extending to the knee, in the left leg, indicating that the old weapon had been accidentally discharged. The marks on the ground showed that Olsen, after receiving the hurt, had tried to use the musket as a crutch, to enable him to reach a farm house some distance away, but that he had finally become exhausted from loss of blood and had lain down and frozen to death. He had no known relatives in this country, and will be buried in the Hecla cemetery.

Cigar Afloat in Pocket

Bowdle—James W. Brown, of the little town of Loyaltown, near here, after suffering terribly for three and one-half days, died of burns sustained while driving from Roscoe to his home. It is supposed that he was intoxicated when he left Roscoe. He had been smoking and placed a lighted cigar in his overcoat pocket and fell asleep while driving along the road. His overcoat caught fire and when he awakened he was in flames. He must have lost consciousness for he was in this condition when found by other travelers along the road, and when more than a day later he received consciousness he could remember nothing between the time he awoke on his wagon to discover himself to be on fire and the next afternoon.

Postal Savings at Deadwood

Deadwood—Postmaster R. E. Grimshaw of this city, has been summoned to Washington to attend a meeting of postmasters from the different cities and towns where the new postal bank has been established. Deadwood has been selected as the first point in this state where such a bank will be located for the present and Postmaster Grimshaw is informed that the government wishes its postmasters who are to become bankers, to receive first hand information and to discuss together the various phases of the new business venture.

Saloon License Revoked

Mitchell—For the first time in the history of this county the license of a saloonkeeper was revoked by the circuit judge, Frank B. Smith. Gunner Carlson was arrested a month ago on the charge of selling liquor to a person who was on the blacklist. He pleaded not guilty at first but when brought before the court for his trial, decided to plead guilty. The court imposed a fine of \$150 and added to the penalty by revoking his license and forbidding him to engage in the saloon business in the state.

More Money For Counties

Deadwood—An effort will be made by local sportsmen to have the next legislature amend the law on hunting licenses so that counties may reap more benefit. Under the present law of \$1 licenses for residents of the state, the state gets half the amount taken in by the county treasurers and this leaves the counties not enough to pay the game wardens their salaries. It is proposed to have the state take one-third of the fees collected, the county getting the rest.

Sioux Falls—Two young men of this city, while on an expedition after skunks, visited the old Raymond farm west of town. In digging into what they thought was a skunk's nest they ran across a complete corn-feeding outfit, including a considerable quantity of spurious corn. They told some friends of their find and when informed that they were subject to a \$500 fine for even having the money in coin in their possession, they immediately proceeded to destroy the outfit. The outfit was found near the hut occupied by Levi Clark, now serving time at Leavenworth for

WATCH US GROW

POPULATION INCREASE IS OVER FORTY-FIVE PER CENT IN LAST TEN YEARS

POPULATION BY COUNTIES

Under Present Ratio of Government South Dakota is Entitled to Three Representatives in Congress

Washington—The population of South Dakota according to the official figures, made public today by the statistical bureau is 583,888, an increase of 182,318 or 45.4 per cent. The increase for the period from 1890 to 1900 was 72,762 or 22.1 per cent.

With a total population of 583,888, a net gain of 182,318 and a per cent gain of 45.4 South Dakota gets in under the wire in the national census race with the requisite number of inhabitants to entitle her to one more representative in the national house under the present ratio of government.

Minnehaha county heads the list of South Dakota counties as before, having increased her population of 23,926 in 1900 to 29,631 in 1910, a gain of 25 per cent.

Brown county goes from third to second place in the list of South Dakota counties with a gain of 15,286 or 69 per cent.

The reports on population of the cities and towns of the state have not yet been given out by the census department but some idea of the gain in the principal towns may be obtained from comparing the gain in the counties. The population of Sioux Falls according to the census of 1910 was 10,266. Minnehaha county gained 5,705 in the ten years. If Sioux Falls shows a population of 15,000 this year it will leave only 971 gain in all the balances of the county.

It is by the narrow margin of 1,342 that South Dakota gains her third representative in congress. Had the population of the state been that much there could have been but two representatives from this state in the next ten years.

The population of South Dakota in 1900 was 401,570 while that of North Dakota was 319,148, a difference in favor of South Dakota of 82,424 in favor of South Dakota.

North Dakota has gained on this state during the past ten years until the difference in population is now but 6,832. These twin states of the northwest are now of very nearly the same population.

The population by counties as shown by the recent and the last census, is as follows:

Counties	1910	1900
Armstrong	617	8
Aurora	613	101
Beadle	15,776	8,037
Ben Homme	11,051	10,371
Brookings	14,178	12,561
Brule	6,451	5,401
Buffalo	2,539	1,790
Butte	4,409	2,607
Campbell	5,244	4,597
Charles Mix	14,999	4,798
Clark	10,901	6,942
Clay	8,711	9,216
Codington	14,092	8,770
Corson	2,929	2,728
Custer	4,458	7,483
Davison	11,625	12,544
Day	14,372	1,658
Deuel	7,768	9,012
Dewey	1,145	4,916
Douglas	6,400	3,541
Edmunds	7,659	3,547
Fall River	7,763	9,102
Faulk	6,716	3,211
Grant	10,303	5,945
Gregory	13,061	4,725
Hamlin	7,475	4,947
Hand	7,679	3,648
Hanson	6,237	11,897
Harding	4,298	1,492
Hughes	6,270	9,866
Hutchinson	12,319	15,296
Hyde	3,207	15,296
Jerauld	5,179	17,897
Kingsbury	12,560	23,926
Brown	25,867	5,610
Lawrence	19,694	9,127
Minnehaha	29,631	12,161
Pennington	12,453	2,652
Lake	10,711	8,689
Lincoln	12,712	6,327
Lyman	10,848	5,964
McCook	9,589	8,326
McPherson	6,791	2,988
Marshall	8,021	12,216
Meade	12,640	4,464
Miner	7,661	2,798
Moody	8,395	1,947
Perkins	11,348	1,341
Potter	4,466	1,716
Roberts	14,597	12,175
Sanborn	6,607	1,444
Schlesinger	292	1,457
Spink	15,981	1,341
Stanley	14,975	1,341
Sterling	1,972	1,341
Sully	2,462	1,716
Tripp	8,333	12,175
Turner	12,846	12,175
Union	10,676	3,531
Walworth	6,488	12,649
Yankton	13,125	6,607
Pine Ridge reservation	6,607	2,960
Rosebud Indian reservation	2,960	

North Dakota—577,056, an increase of 257,919 or 80.3 per cent. The increase from 1890 to 1900, was 136,427, or 74.7 per cent.

Texas—2,896,542; an increase of 847,822 or 27.8 per cent in increase from 1890 to 1900 was 813,197 or 36 or 4 per cent.

Mitchell—Kate and Virgil Boyes of this city have just issued their third novel of Western life, entitled, "The Spirit Trail," the story of which is laid on the reservation west of Chamberlain. One of the leading characters in the book is a portrayal of the life of the late Bishop Hare, showing his early work among the Indians, and the great influence for good that