

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

Industrial, Political, Domestic and Foreign Happenings of Minor Importance Told in Paragraphs.

The National Steel and Wire corporation has decided to increase its capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

William Beals, an aeronaut, was almost instantly killed at San Francisco while making a descent, falling from a parachute when within forty feet of the ground.

William Smith, the millionaire nurseryman and Spiritualist, who was preparing to build a college for women in Geneva, N. Y., has countermanded the building contract, by order of the spirits, as he says.

Gov. Peabody has announced the appointment of a general courtmartial to convene in Denver Oct. 19 for the trial of the militia officers against whom charges of irregularities have been made.

The Anti-Irish Emigration society will make a strong effort to stop the coming of people from the emerald isle to America. It is said that at present there are better opportunities in Ireland than here.

Rev. Dr. Granville Lowther, who was reinstated by a New York conference of the Methodist church recently after having been expelled for heresy by the southwestern Kansas conference, was arrested in Great Bend, Kan., as he was talking on socialism to a crowd in the street.

Representatives of the French and Italian governments at Rome are holding four parlers with a view to the making of a treaty of arbitration similar to that agreed upon between France and Great Britain.

James Clacie, the doorkeeper at the White House, who struggled in a cab with Peter Elliot, the madman from Minneapolis, in front of the White House a few days ago, is suffering from blood poisoning. His arm is in bad shape and he may lose his life.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was presented in the United States District Court at St. Louis by Julius Myer, Sons & Co., a large department store firm. The indebtedness is \$160,029, and a list of over 300 creditors is enumerated.

The Worcester and Southbridge Street Railway Company of Worcester, Mass., has been victimized to the extent of \$1,000,000 by forged indorsements.

Dr. Hugh T. Patrick of Chicago was elected president of the Mississippi Valley Medical association.

A Russian police official has arrived at Rome and is conferring with the police for the protection of the czar during his visit to King Victor Emmanuel, which is expected to begin October 26.

The notice of the termination of the trans-Atlantic passenger agreement, announced in England in no wise affects the German companies' agreements with the International Mercantile Marine Company.

Mayor James M. Head of Nashville, Tenn., was elected president, and Mayor Crolius of Joliet, Ill., vice president of the League of American Municipalities.

At Camp Young, in Kentucky, the two armies, the blues and the browns, engaged in two hours of hot fighting, which ended in a draw.

Albert Mudge & Son, Boston, Mass., printers, have failed with assets of \$100,000 and liabilities of \$50,000. Insufficient capital is said to be the cause of the failure.

The physicians and surgeons of St. Agnes' Sanitarium in Baltimore who are in attendance upon Archbishop Kain of St. Louis state that the condition of the patient is unchanged.

At Laredo, Tex., the official yellow fever bulletin gives the number of new cases as 25; deaths, 1; total cases to date, 143; total deaths to date, 7. Twelve suspicious cases were found at Minera; two additional cases and three suspicious cases in Monterey.

Orrville B. Smith, who has cheated hotel-keepers in every city in the union, has been sent to the Cleveland workhouse for three months.

A monument to commemorate the deeds of Maryland soldiers who participated in the battle around Chattanooga, Tenn., was dedicated at Orchard Knob.

The Pittsburg Glass company has ordered another reduction in prices, applicable to glass used in making mirrors.

The grand jury of Moore county, Tennessee, has returned twenty-two indictments for murder against the members of a mob who lynched a negro in Nashville.

The eighteenth annual convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew began at Denver with a "quiet hour" in the afternoon and a reception to the visiting members in the evening.

Rhode Island prohibitionists nominated Frederick T. Jenkins of Barrington for governor.

Seventy-five white men in Alabama have been disfranchised because they did not pay the \$2 tax.

Circuit judges of South Dakota deny that a decree of divorce has been granted to Mr. Roland B. Mollinoux of New York.

TWO QUIT THE POSTAL SERVICE

G. A. C. Christlancy, Assistant to Attorney General Resigns His Place.

PAYNE PROBES THE CHARGES

States That No Evidence Has Been Adduced Impugning the Honesty of the Official—Auditor Castle Has Urgent Private Business on Hand.

Washington special: Two more vacancies have been created in the post-office department. G. A. C. Christlancy's resignation as assistant attorney in the office of the assistant attorney general for the postoffice department, was accepted, and H. A. Castle, auditor for the postoffice department, placed his resignation in the hands of the postmaster general. Neither is implicated in the postoffice scandal.

Christlancy has been on leave of absence since last April without pay and his resignation has been held by Postmaster General Payne since July 14.

Action is Delayed. The postmaster general, when he received Mr. Christlancy's letter of July 14, took no action upon it beyond re-

Washington and Brooklyn, came up before Judge Holt in the United States District court.

Counsel for Beavers claimed that Beavers' apprehension under the second warrant, on the Washington indictment, was null and void because he was on bail at the time and asked that the proceedings in Washington be held in abeyance until the conclusion of the proceedings in Brooklyn.

In opposition it was argued that the apprehension on the second warrant was justifiable because Beavers was not under physical restraint at the time.

MJNERS HOLD STORMY SESSION

Washhouse Controversy Is Left to Illinois Executive Board.

Springfield, Ill., dispatch: After a lengthy and stormy session the delegate convention of the Springfield district, United Mine Workers of America, which was called to consider the washhouse controversy, decided to reconsider the action taken at its former meeting. The convention then agreed to leave the entire matter to the state executive board. During the afternoon the members of the state executive board were called in, and for two hours they were under the fire of the Springfield district delegates, who have been opposed to their position.

DOGS AS COMPETENT WITNESSES

Supreme Court of Nebraska Declares Bloodhounds' Evidence Good.

Lincoln, Neb., special: The competency of bloodhounds as witnesses in criminal prosecutions has been decided

HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



Find the Elephant's Keeper.

PROSPERITY IN NORTHWEST.

Mitchell, South Dakota, Sept. 30.—The South Dakota idea this year is to emphasize the riches of this state. When it is confidently stated that this year for the sixth consecutive year South Dakota will lead all other states in the greatest per capita wealth, it can readily be understood why South Dakota is ambitious to advertise its crops and resources.

The report of a fortnight ago regarding the heavy fall of snow and damage done to the crops by frost, now appears to have been a false alarm. This is the judgment of a party of newspaper men and representatives of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. who have made a trip of more than 1,200 miles through the state during the last ten days. The greatest estimate of damage that is now made by those in a position to know is, three per cent damage to corn crop of the state. In the rich agricultural section, in the valley of the Missouri River, crops appear to splendid advantage. Occasionally one finds fields where there has been perhaps too much water and the crops are somewhat late, but this is the exception.

The following is a conservative estimate of the products of the state and their value for 1903:

Table with 3 columns: Product, Bushels, Value. Includes Wheat, Corn, Cattle, Hogs, etc.

While corn is the second product in total value, the 1903 crop shows an increase of about thirteen and a half million bushels over the crop of 1902. At the rate corn is being increased in acreage, the prediction that corn will be king in South Dakota within a few years, seems to be reasonable.

Perhaps a stronger argument in favor of the state is shown in an examination of the bank deposits. In July, 1901, South Dakota banks had deposits amounting to \$14,000,000; on July 1, 1902, these amounted to \$20,000,000, and on July 1, 1903, to \$32,000,000.

In addition to the money in corn, wheat and the gold of the Black Hills, which has been termed the richest one hundred square miles in the world, there is good money in South Dakota cattle. Men who have come to South Dakota without money, and who now count their dollars with five figures, say that raising cattle is the only business in the world for which a man can borrow his entire capital. It is a fact that South Dakota banks are glad to help any honest, industrious young man, who comes well recommended for his commercial integrity, in cattle business and accept his cattle as collateral.

A visit to the cattle ranch of Lee & Prentiss near Vermillion, S. D., was one of the interesting features of the above mentioned trip. Lee & Prentiss are the largest cattle breeders in south Dakota. They exhibit with some pride, among their valuable short-horns, a two-year-old heifer which recently took sweepstakes over the winner of the sweepstakes at 1902 International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago. Other short-horns have just returned from a very victorious tour among inter-state and county fairs, winning eight first prizes at Sioux City, eight at Yankton and six at Huron. There are other stock farms in the state that show blooded cattle not far behind these prize winners.

A large number of the farmers and stockmen, as well as a majority of the South Dakota citizens have been in attendance at the Corn Palace at Mitchell during the last week. The South Dakota Commission to the St. Louis Exposition has just decided to reproduce the Mitchell Corn Palace as the South Dakota exhibit, and visitors to St. Louis will have an opportunity to see a building 140 by 100 feet, the exterior of which will be entirely constructed of corn.

Like other South Dakota towns, Mitchell is showing considerable prosperity and enterprise this year. The cornerstone of the \$40,000 city hall was laid last week; the walls of a \$50,000 hotel to be built of stone and steel are up above the first floor; a Carnegie library has been built; a coat of \$15,000, and a score of smaller buildings are under construction, and improvements and pavement of streets are under way. As an especial reason for such a fine showing at this time, the last legislature of South Dakota agreed to submit to voters of the state in November, 1904, the question of moving the state capitol from Pierre to Mitchell. The people of the latter town, backed by a goodly number of those in the most thickly populated portions of the state east of the Missouri River, and in the Black Hills, who will find Mitchell more accessible than Pierre, have already under way a lively campaign by which they expect to secure the capital in November, 1904. The reproduction of the Mitchell Corn Palace at the St. Louis Exposition is regarded as a big card in their favor.

You never hear any one complain about "Defiance Starch." There is none to equal it in quality and quantity, 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now and save your money.

Statistics gathered at Princeton Theological seminary show that forty-one members of the association died last year at an average age of 68 years.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25c.

The Southern states raise 75 per cent of the world's cotton.

Have you looked at Mrs. Austin's New Dress? Have quick ears and slow tongues.

FIERCE BATTLE IN UTAH PRISON

Two Convicts Under Sentence of Death Secure Their Freedom.

ONE PRISONER IS SHOT DEAD

Three Others Receive Wounds From Guns in Hands of the Sentinels, One Guard is Injured and Another is Badly Beaten.

Salt Lake City, Utah, special: Convicts in the Utah state penitentiary made a well planned and partly successful attempt to escape. As a result one convict was killed by a shot from a guard, three other convicts were wounded, a guard was wounded by a shot, another man was beaten into insensibility, and two convicts under death sentence escaped.

The dead convict is Frank Dayton, who was serving a twelve year term for attempted highway robbery. Those who escaped are Nick Haworth and James Lynch, both murderers under death sentences.

Attack the Guards. The outbreak took place about 6:30 p. m. just as the prisoners were being placed in their cells for the night by Guards Wilkins and Jacobs. Two of the prisoners suddenly sprang on Wilkins and Jacobs and overpowered them.

Wilkins was shot and Jacobs frightfully beaten. The convicts took the prison keys from the guards and released five other prisoners. The seven then compelled Guard Wilkins, notwithstanding his injuries, to march at their head, and with the assistance of ladders found near the workshop, they proceeded to scale the wall. Wilkins was made to ascend first.

Sounds General Alarm. As the first convict reached the top, Guard Naylor, who was on the south wall, opened fire. This gave the general alarm and several guards seized their guns and hastened to the scene.

Guard Driggs reached the wall just as Convict Dayton and Ed Mullan were descending on the outside. He ordered them to halt, and then fired, killing Dayton. A second shot struck Mullan in the leg and he dropped to the ground, his body falling over the body of Dayton.

Posses in Pursuit. The other five convicts succeeded in getting outside the wall when they were fired upon. Abe Mayors, a life term murderer, was shot in the arm. Nick Haworth also was shot, but he continued his flight. Harry Waddell was shot in the leg, but Lynch escaped.

At the foot of the wall were found several cartridges which the convicts dropped as they came over. Two of the prisoners were armed with revolvers, but where they secured the weapons is not known.

A posse of guards with bloodhounds was promptly started after the escaped convicts, but owing to darkness and the wild nature of the country in the immediate vicinity of the prison no results are looked for.

Ruin From Rain in England. London cable: The heaviest rainfall of the year is causing enormous damage in the north of England. The roads are impassable, railroads are being interrupted, bridges are down, and the valleys of the Dee and of the Tweed are like inland seas.

STORM WRECKS BREAKWATER

Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Damage at Manitowoc. Manitowoc, Wis., special: Thousands of dollars' worth of damage has resulted from the storm which raged here. It was one of the most severe of the season. The high seas completely wrecked the 600-foot breakwater under construction on the lake shore north of the city. At Tony, Wis., there was a cloudburst. Business is tied up. Some cattle were drowned and much damage to crops has been done.

BIG PAPER COMBINE IS FORMED

Details of Merger of Trust and Independent Companies is Settled. New York special: As a result of a final conference of the committee from the independent mills and the United Boxboard and Paper Company it has been decided to call the new selling company the Paper Products Company. The capitalization of the new concern will be apportioned among the independent companies and the United Boxboard and Paper company according to the output of each mill.

COWBOYS CROWN GIRL QUEEN OF THE RANGE

Indian Territory Lassie Ropes Three Steers in Record Time, Defeating all Competitors.

South McAlester, I. T., special: Lucille Mulhall, 17 years old, and a friend of President Roosevelt, won the \$1,000 steer roping contest here, defeating the best-known cowboys in the Southwest.

The conditions were that three steers were to be roped and tied in the fastest time, and the contest was open to all. Miss Mulhall threw her first steer and tied it up in 43 seconds. The second required 1 minute and 11 seconds, while the third was roped, thrown, and tied in the remarkably fast time of 40 seconds.

The strenuous young woman was enthusiastically cheered by an army of ranchmen, cowboys, Indians and others who witnessed the performance, while the vanquished ropers acknowledged their defeat by proclaiming her the "Queen of the Range."

Miss Mulhall's home is at Mulhall, I. T., where her father, who is the live stock agent for the Frisco railroad, has a mammoth ranch. She is as much at home in the saddle and on the range as the average American girl is in the drawing room.

Miss Mulhall is young to have achieved such distinction, having only recently passed her seventeenth birthday.

COURT BALKS UNION BOYCOTT

Injunction to Restrain Stogie Makers in Dispute With Firm.

Clarksburg, W. Va., special: Judge Jackson, in the United States court granted an injunction restraining Garfield union, No. 1, of the Wheeling National Stogie Makers' League of America, from in any way interfering with the business of the complainants, Hannon Bros., manufacturers of stogies in Wheeling and Pittsburg. The union and this firm disagreed some time ago over matters regarding the union label, and the bill filed alleges that the union declared a boycott and greatly injured the firm's business. The injunction will be served on all the members of the union at once.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK JAIL FAILS

Daring Convict at San Quentin Caught Puncturing Iron.

San Quentin, Cal., special: The plan of one of the most daring prisoners confined at San Quentin to cut his way out of the incorrigible cells and escape has come to light. The floors of the cells are covered with three-quarter-inch boiler iron and the convict had almost completed cutting a hole through it. This would have given him entrance to a storeroom below, where he could have procured rope and a hook to aid him in his attempt to scale the walls. Harry Hammeil, serving a sentence of twenty-four years for burglary, is the prisoner concerned.

BURIES THE TREASURE CAVE

Landslide in Cocos Island Hides \$6,000,000 in Coin.

San Francisco, Cal., dispatch: The British ship Lytton has returned and explained its fruitless expedition to Cocos island, off Costa Rica, in search of \$6,000,000 in coin, asserted to have been buried in a cave by Peruvians when Peru was struggling for independence. When the Lytton reached the island it was found that a great landslide had buried the alleged treasure cave.



News paper dispatch: "It is rumored in London that King Edward has determined not only to reign, but rule."

fering it to Assistant Attorney General Robb with request for advice as to the proper course to pursue. Mr. Robb's reply was not made until the investigation into the conduct of the assistant attorney general's office under Mr. Tyrer had been completed. In reply he says:

"The investigation being completed, I now have the honor to advise you that, in my judgment, no evidence has been adduced impugning the honesty of Mr. Christlancy, and that, therefore, there is no good reason why his resignation should not be accepted."

REASONS FOR RESIGNING.

In his letter of resignation Mr. Christlancy gave poor health as his reason for wishing to retire from public office. He says that for many months before obtaining his leave of absence he continued at his desk against the protests of his physicians.

Mr. Castle gave the urgency of private business matters as his reasons for giving up his office. In reply to a question as to whether his resignation had been induced by any charges connected with the investigation into the affairs of the postoffice department, he replied in the negative.

"I know of no charges," he said. "If there were any, I would not, of course, be allowed to resign. The only criticism of myself of which I am aware was made by Mr. Tulloch, and I made reply to his statement last May."

FIGHTS INDICTMENT.

Beavers Contends That Government Exceeds its Powers.

New York special: The habeas corpus proceedings in the case of George W. Beavers to determine whether the government exceeds its authority in causing indictments to be returned against him in two federal districts, continued in the United States District court at New York.

TRAIN EXPLODES TANKS OF OIL

Accident at Beardstown, Ill., Causes a Large Property Loss.

Beardstown, Ill., special: A Burlington passenger train left the main track through an open switch here and dashed into a string of six loaded oil tanks on the side track. Two of the oil tanks exploded, setting fire to the cars and sheds near by. The mail car of the passenger train was consumed and the train is a wreck. All the train crew and passengers escaped with but slight bruises.

IS NEARLY PIERCED BY A SPAR

Woman on Lake Steamer Narrowly Escapes Death.

Racine, Wis., special: A collision occurred in the harbor here between the Barry line steamer Fremont and the schooner J. B. Nowland. One of the passengers, a woman, was nearly killed. The jibboom of the schooner crashed into her stateroom and struck a few inches above her head. Her screams and the crashing timbers caused much excitement among the passengers.

TRAVELS 8,000 MILES TO WED

Janesville (Wis.) Girl Starts to Manila to Marry Missionary.

Janesville, Wis., dispatch: Preferring to make the trip alone to the Philippines and marry the man of her choice, Miss Gertrude Granger has surprised the school board by resigning her position as kindergarten teacher and leaving for Manila. She will wed William Black, a missionary, and a former resident of New York city.

NEGROES THREATEN TROUBLE

Murder at Vincennes, Ind., May Lead to an Outbreak.

Vincennes, Ind., dispatch: George McAndrew, white, shot Roy Beard, colored, killing him instantly. Beard, who was a barber, went into Mario's saloon, where McAndrew is bartender, began a quarrel and started toward McAndrew with a razor. The bartender drew a revolver and fired. The negroes are greatly excited and trouble is feared. McAndrew was immediately placed in jail.

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