

It will never be known whether North Dakota or South Dakota became a state first, says an exchange. When the two proclamations were presented for the president's signature, somebody raised the question of priority, and the president, finding it hard to decide which to sign first, ordered the documents, which were exactly alike, to be covered down to the blank left for his name. They were turned down and rapidly changed about until nobody could tell which was which. After this they were turned over and the president wrote his name on each. The ink was allowed to dry without the use of blotting paper, and the documents were again turned down and again shuffled about. They were then taken up and the coverings removed.