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The Supreme Court Declares the Act of the Capital Commissioners Valid, but Grants a Stay of Proceedings, Which it Will Take Two Years to Settle.
 On the 23d, the supreme court at Yankton rendered a decision reversing the court below in the capital commission case. Justices Hudson, Church and Palmer assent and Justice Edgerton dissents. The decision declares the act of the commission valid and is in favor of the claims of Bismarck to the capital. The attorneys for the people immediately preferred an appeal to the United States supreme court, which operates as a supersedeas and prevents the removal of the capital to Bismarck, pending the decision of the United States court, which takes at least two years. The case has been argued on both sides, the chief point of the controversy being the power of the territorial legislature to delegate its power to a committee of men, outside of that body, who acted after the adjournment of the legislature. After hearing argument the supreme court decided to grant a stay of proceedings until the final adjournment is procured in the United States supreme court. The judgment of ouster against the commission from the lower court, therefore, stands pending final action. The supersedeas bond was fixed at \$1,000.

Fish Culture.
 "Of late years no fishery economy has excited more attention than the progress we have been making in what is called "pisciculture." Fish eggs are now a common article of commerce—the sales of which, and the prices for which they can be purchased, being as regularly advertised as any other kind of goods. This is a fact which, a century ago, might have been looked upon by our forefathers as something more than wonderful. In the opinion of Chinese fishermen hundreds of thousands of fish die annually of starvation; and if means could be adopted for the feeding of tender fry, fish of all kinds would become more plentiful than at present, and we would obtain them at a cheaper rate. In China, the yolks of hens' eggs are thrown into the rivers and ponds, that kind of food being greedily devoured by the young fish." The scheme of stocking Dakota waters and private ponds has been many times suggested, but nothing as yet has been done. An experiment in one of our deep, grassy, lakes would certainly be of interest to everybody, and might prove remunerative. The expense would be very trifling, as fish eggs and young fish are now as much in the market as timber cuttings.

A Pleasing Anecdote.
 An intoxicated man asked lodging of a Port Henry, N. Y., widow Saturday night. She said him "Nay." He backed his mule against the front door. The mule kicked away at it right cheerily until the air was filled with tooth picks and the patter of little feet. The man then entered, but the woman met him with a pistol and shot him dead.

SCISSORS.
 Her lips were like the leaves, he said;
 By Autumn crimson tinted;
 Some people Autumn leaves preserve
 By pressing them, she hinted.
 The meaning of this gentle hint
 The lover did discern;
 And so he clasped her round the neck,
 And glued his lips to her'n.
 —Mayville Tribune.

The COURIER, of Cooperstown, has lost none of its vim and interesting make up by its recent change of proprietorship. The new incumbent, Mr. F. H. Adams, shows himself a man of ability and makes a readable sheet.—Dawson Globe.

Miss Crowley, daughter of ex-Congressman Crowley, died at Lockport, N. Y., Monday of, it is said, a broken heart, having been jilted by President Arthur's kid, Allen. It was at this time that Crowley had his break with Arthur, leaving the White House in a rage.

In Goodhue county, Minnesota, a farmer named Kittleson killed his wife with a hatchet and then cut his own throat. Cause, incompatibility of temper. The next day a mechanic named Dunlap, of Belle Plaine, Iowa, attempted the same trick, but the wife will recover.

Touching her recent marriage, Mrs. Ella Wheeler-Wilcox writes to a Chicago friend as follows: "I have been exceedingly surprised and pained at the bad taste which the press at large has displayed with reference to this occurrence in my life. All the severe and often cruel criticisms relative to my book I looked upon as so many dollars and accepted them with a good grace. But in this event which concerned my private life and most sacred feelings, I have felt that I deserved greater courtesy from the newspapers, especially as all that has been written concerning me must be seen and read by the strangers who are to be my future associates and must naturally influence their impressions of me."

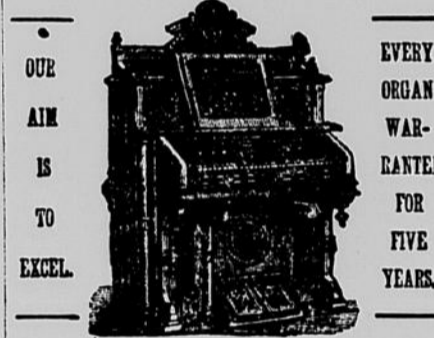
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