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**Not Wisely.**  
 DETROIT, Mich., July 9.—A mysterious murder has just been unearthed in Ionia county. Two or three years since, a man named Vanderburg, aged 45, married a girl half his age, stepdaughter of a man named Scott, with whom he lived and for whom he worked. The couple continued to live with Scott. After a while trouble was engendered by the undue intimacy of Vanderburg's wife and Oscar Scott, a young man, son of Vanderburg's employer. In January last Oscar and Vanderburg left home to search employment in lumber camps in the north woods. Oscar returned and reported that Vanderburg had left him, but had no knowledge where he had gone. Mrs. Vanderburg about the same time gave out that her husband had deserted her, and she then moved to Edmore, Montcalm county. Nothing special was thought of the matter, when it was accidentally discovered that Oscar Scott and Vanderburg's wife were living together, and had been since the latter's removal. Suspicion was excited. Officers began to push enquiries as to Vanderburg's whereabouts. They traced him to Edmore, where he disappeared from view. Yesterday a half-filled well was discovered on the premises occupied by Scott, and the officers began digging in it. Scott, who up to that time pretended to know nothing whatever about Vanderburg after he left him last winter, quickly drew a revolver and shot himself. Further excavation brought the body of the murdered man to light, with unmistakable evidence of murder. Scott lived but a short time. Mrs. Vanderburg confessed to the fact of the murder, but there is no probability that she had a hand in it other than consenting to it beforehand, being cognizant of its consummation afterward. She is in custody.

Tilden, July 5th, absolutely declined the Democratic nomination.  
 Brigham Young offered to make Patti his head wife—chairman, as it were—but she said him nay.  
 The Fitz John Porter bill failed to pass the senate by a two-thirds vote, the vote standing 27 to 27. Fitz John is a stayer if he wasn't much of a fighter and believer in obeying orders. He has his work to do over again.

The following is given out by Hon. E. P. Wells, chairman of the territorial republican central committee:  
 ROOMS OF REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF DAKOTA.  
 JAMESTOWN, Dakota, July 5, 1884.  
 It having been urged by several members of the central committee that a meeting be had to determine the time and place of convening our territorial convention, and in order to divide in part the tedious journey between north and south Dakota by dividing the same equally, you are hereby advised that the republican central committee will meet at 1:30 p. m. Saturday, July 12, 1884, at the Lake Park hotel, Lake Minnetonka, Minnesota, for the above purpose and for any other business that may properly come before said committee.  
 (Signed.) E. P. WELLS,  
 Chairman Rep. Central Com.

Mr. Sperry, who sensibly declined a seat on the Dakota bench is thus described in a Pioneer Press telegram: In the long list of appointments sent to the senate to-day there is one that creates considerable amusement, that of Frank Sperry, to be associate justice of Dakota. Sperry is a young man of about 25 years, but his youthful face and diminutive stature make him appear as a mere boy. He has delicate little mutton chop side whiskers, which look as though they were the first attempts at sprouting a beard. He is altogether a very insignificant looking youth. He was admitted to practice at the New York bar two or three years ago, but through the influence of George Bliss was appointed private secretary to Secretary Folger. Consequently he has had no experience in the practice of the law. It is said that he has been very faithful to the wishes of George Bliss, and that he has regularly reported to Bliss the private movements of Folger. There does not appear to be any objection to the young gentleman aside from his youth and inexperience. It is evident Arthur does not have a very exalted idea of the requirements for the Dakota bench.

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