A Mob from Wilmot Demolishes the Court House at Traverse, Dak., and Captures the Roberts County Records.

Traverse, Dak., Special Telegram. Severa weeks ago an armed mob from Wilmot attacked the court house at Traverse, Dak., to forcibly remove the Roberts county records. The officers were well prepared, and the mob went home without the records. The officers fearing a second attack, removed all the records. Two cases were brought in the district court, in both of which Traverse had been victorious. The last decision was renewed recently at Milbank, which located the county seat at Traverse. In the action Wilmot sought to erse. In the action Wilmot sought to compel the Traverse canvassing board to recount the vote of the late election, which, it was claimed, would clearly show that Wilmot had been chosen for the county seat and its set of county officers elected. Two of the county commissioners favorable to Wilmot met with J. W. Bell of Milbank as their legal Advisor, and oversized by dealgring that upon adviser, and organized by declaring that upon the vote as cast they had been duly elected. Then they declared that Wilmot, having re-Then they declared that Wilmot, having received a majority of the votes, was the county seat of Roberts county, and instructed the county officers to establish their offices at the county officers to establish their offices at the county seat. The Wilmot ticket was declared elected and the officers duly sworn in. The decision of the court so enraged the citizens of Wilmot that they determined to take the public records by force. On the morning of the 20th at 7 o'clock an armed mob of more than one hundred men from Wilmot and the surrounding country atacked the court house. After breaking every door in the building they removed the county safe. Not satisfied with the public property, they seized all the private property they could find. Before attacking the court house a numsate. Not satisfied with the public property, they seized all the private property they could find. Before attacking the court house a number of men armed with Winchesters were stationed at the end of each street and no one permitted to enter or leave town. Few of the citizens were up when the mob entered town, and they were in the court house before anything could be done. The sheriff attempted to save the county, property, but was helted to thing could be done. The sherin attempted to save the county property, but was halted at the muzzles of half a dozen Winchesters. The Traverse men made no resistance, knowing that no valuable records were in the court

RESISTANCE WAS USELESS

as the mob had the advantage. They were well armed and ready for any emergency, and had the building in which the records were secreted been attacked someboly would certainly have been hurt. The United States mail carrier was waylaid and the mail over hauled. The in-ide of the court house is almost entirely demol shed. This, with several hundred chattel mort-gaps that had been thoughtle selviter in the office of the register of deeds in rier was wiviaid and the mail over haused. The in-file of the court house is almost entirely defined shell. This, with several hundred chatted mort ages that had been though leesly leet in the office of the register of deeds, is the principal damage to the county. All other mortgages and deeds are safe. County business is being transacted as usual. The mob was very drunk, and stole all the private property it could find. The mob was very drunk, and stole all the private property it could find. The mob will be terribly surprised when it finds the safe empty. The postoffice department has been notified, and the United States marshal is expected to-morrow. Upon arriving at Wilmot, the safe and records were deposited in a vault in the office of Justice Countryman, and are now strongly guarded. The machinery of the new county government was immediately set into motion, and all the necessary preliminary business transacted. The house at Traverse, which cost about \$4,000, was placed on runners, and will reach Wilmot to night. A runner from Wilmot has just arrived here and says that the mob is terribly suraged at not finding any records in the safe, and are again marching on Traverse to take the records, hang the county officers and burn the town; but the records have been removed to a safe place. Traverse is arrived here removed to a safe place. Traverse is arrived here removed to a safe place. Traverse is arrived here removed to a safe place. Traverse is arrived here removed to a safe place. Traverse is arrived here removed to a safe place. Traverse is arrived here removed to a safe place. Traverse is arrived here and says that the mob is terribly suraged at not finding any records in the safe, and are again marching on Traverse to take the records, hang the county officers and burn the town; but the records have been removed to a safe place. Traverse is arrived here removed to a safe place. Traverse is arrived here removed to a safe place. Traverse is arrived here removed to a safe place. Traverse is arrived here re

The Evan-Kleever Iowa Murder.

Des Moines, Iowa, Special.—A German named Claus H. Kleever, who lived five miles from Brayton, with his only nephew, John Kleever, sixteen years old, for a companion, having been divorced from his wife, was murdered in cold blood by his own hearth recently. Peter Ryan, twenty-two years old, who lives two miles from Kleever, has been arrested for the crime. The preliminary examination at Audubon developed the fact that Ryan entered Kleever's residence, seven miles west of Brayton, and after Kleever refused to drink with him, said he would scare him. Kleever replied that he couldn't be frightened. Ryan stepped to the door, and pretended to call to some one in his carriage outside. On his return to the house Kleever remarked that he did not believe that there was any one outside. They then had Kleever remarked that he did not believe that there was any one outside. They then had some words about a German paper Kleever was reading. Ryan finally left, leaving his mittens marked with his name on the table. John, a nephew of Kleever, who was lying on a bed in the room where his uncle was shot, positively identifies the mittens, coat and cap worn by Ryan. He says that after Ryan left the house the second time he returned with a revolver in his hand and holding it a couple of feet away from his uncle's mouth said: "There, you—" and fired as Kleever threw up his arm. The ball, a 38-calibre, took effect in Kleever's mouth and lodged at the back of the brain. Kleever fell back in his chair. The brain. Kleever fell back in his chair. The light went out, and in about two seconds Ryan fired another shot, which struck him just above the right nipple, passed through the spine and made an almost complete circle to the point of entry. Kleever fell to the floor and Ryan remarked: "There, you—of a—stay there and die" Ho fell to the floor and Ryan remarked: "There, you— of a—, stay there and die." He stood a little while by the stove, then went out. As soon as he left the boy crawled from under the bed where he had taken refuge upon his uncle's falling; and stimulated by the dying groans of his uncle, fled to the nearest house and gave the alarm. Ryan's team was tracked in the freshly fallen snow nearly home. Ryan's friends, representing nearly \$500,000 are an's friends, representing nearly \$500,000 are here doing all they can to release him. The evidence is clear against him. He is defended by the ablest counsel there, Judge Nichols of Audobon. The preliminary examination will last twenty-four hours longer. Ryan has given contradictory answers, but denies positively all connection with the murder.

The Wilmot Side of the Story.

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The county commissioners elected Nov, 4, 1884, met here and were sworn in. Mr. J. Webb and Mr. G. A. Moody were present. Mr. W. H. Pelham, the other commissioner residing in the extreme northern end of the county, on account of the storm was unable to get there. Mr. J. Webb was elected chairman of the board. The bonds of C. E. Cummings, sheriff-elect; of J. S, Frater, register of deeds, and county clerk-elect; of J. H. Lange, treasurer-elect; of H. Hougey, judge of probate-elect; of E. S. Ireland, county superintendent-elect; of A. H. Ingersol, county attorney-elect; and of Dr. H. W. Downing, coroner-elect, were approved H. W. Downing, coroner-elect, were approved by the commissioners, and the respective persons took the oath of office and at once en-tered upon their duties. The commissioners ordered a 1 the officers whom the law required to have offices in the county seat to move to Wilmot, Wilmot having received the largest number of votes at the recent election, with all their books, papers, etc. The officers ordered at once started for a building on Becker be obtained.

township, where the books, papers and other requisites have been kept, pending the electron. Needing assistance, the sheriff called upon some of our prominent business mrn and farmers to furnish men and teams. The application was promptly met, and a sufficient number responded to load everything, including a very large safe, into wagous and sleds and bring them to Wilmot, the county seat of Roberts county, Dak. There was some little remonstrance from the ex-sheriff, who was appointed by Gov. Ordway, but otherwise every one seemed pleased at the prompt action of the newly-elected county officials.

Demands of the Minnesota Farmers.

The convention of farmers at Wilmar to consider measures for protecting themselves in regard to freight and transit rates, adopted a bill to present to the legislature, of which the following is a syllabus.

All elevators or warehouses where grain is stored for a compensation are declared public warehouses, and no person shall operate one without obtaining a license. The proprietor, lessee or manager of every public warehouse shall make written application for a license on or after Sept. 1, 1885, to the secretary of the state board of trade, the application to be accompanied by a bond in the sum of \$5,000 where the capacity of the warehouse exceeds 50,000 bushels, the bond to be for the faithful delivery of all grain and compliance with all laws relating thereto; and if one person operates more than one elevator, one bond shall be given for all elevators in the sum of \$100,000. Any person acting as a public warehouseman with-out obtaining such license shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000 for every day such business is carried on. Inspectors and owners shall have full liberty to examine all grain and warehouse books during business hours. No grain shall be mixed with that of another owner until inspected by an inspector another owner until inspected by an inspector and declared to be of the same grade. A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 is the of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 is the punishment for the violation of any grain law, suit to be brought by the state and damagee paid to the injured party from the bond of the defendant, the latter's license to be revoked unless he files a new bond within thirty days. County attorneys failing to commence such action shall be liable to a similar fine. Every warehouse man must keep two separate bins for the use of owners wishing to snip their grain through the warehouse without mixing with another's; provided that no person shall use a bin longer than forty-eight hours; that person shall be allowed use of the bins in the order of their application; that a receipt shall be given for

himself or by deputies shall examine and grade all grain received at warehouses and inspect and seal all grain scales in warehouses. The inspector must take oath of office and give bond in the sum of \$20,000. He shall appoint a many deputies as are necessary, who shall appoint a many deputies as are necessary. se many deputies as are necessary, who shall appoint as many deputies as are necessary, who shall give \$5,000 bonds. The board of trade shall have power to fix the rate of charges for inspection and the manner of collection, such charges to be sufficient to meet the necessary inspection expenses and not to exceed 25 cents per car load of 20 (40 pounds or less and exceed as a contract of the cont necessary inspection expenses and not to exceed 25 cents per car load of 20,000 pounds or less, and one cent per 1,000 pounds for larger loads. The salaries are to be paid by the board, a deputy not to receive more than the sum collected for inspection in his district. The board shall assign a deputy inspector to every grain market it deems necessary; the board shall establish the grade of essary; the board shall establish the grade of grains, to be known as the Minnesota grades. No inspector can in any way be directly or indirectly interested in the purchase of grain. The chief inspector shall furnish samples of all grades on application, at a charge not to exceed \$2. Inspectors receiving bribes or being derelist or any person attempting to bribe an insec. An spector's receiving bribes or being dere-lict, or any person attempting to bribe an in-spector shall be liable to a fine of \$100 to \$1,000 or imprisonment of one month, or both. The charge for inspection shall be a lien on the grain inspected. An inspector's grading shall be final, but an appeal may be sold by sample without recard to the Minisoper grades.

executive committee. Grain may be sold by sample without regard to the Minnesota grades Chapters 95 and 99, General Laws 1879, are repealed. Chapter 80, General Laws 1879, shall apply to all public warehouses. The sum of 000310, is appropriated to carry out the act. This bill is almost identical with House File No. 35, which was prepared by a committee of the Farmers' alliance two years ago, offered to the legislature of 1883 by Representative Peterson, read the third time and lost on final passage. The changes are very slight. final passage. The changes are very slight. This bill meets with the approval of the state grange, which convened at Minneapolis this week. It embodies many of the features of the Illinois law, though there are many differences.

Conspiracy Against a Young Wife.

Des Moines, Ia., Special: Private advices just received here from Devil's Lake, Dak., confirm a remarkable story which has been going the rounds there for the past few days. The story is to the effect that the sheriff and a son of a commissioner of the county were conspiring to kill the young wife of the commissioner during his absence at New Orleans. The son is her step son. She claims that she has over-heard the persons in question planning to as-sassinate her, and when she heard them com-ing to her room she fled to the house of a neighbor, leaving her five-months old babe at home. Arriving at the place above named, she related the strange experience, named, she related the strange experience, and explained as a reason for the conduct of the two men the fact that they had recently stolen a calf. She also charged her husband with participation in the calf killing, and in proof of her story she told where the hide of the animal was buried. The next day her neighbors visited the spot indicated by her, and there found the hide. While the existence was a title height, the complisions her, and there found the hide. While the excitement was at its height the commissioner returned home, and ascertaining the extent of the social explosion, it is said, he at once resigned his position as commissioner and to-gether with his son and the sheriff quit the country, leaving his young wife alone. She clams that the sheriff and her stepson had prepared a grave in the stable in which they intended to bury her. The story has some remarkable features and may develop into a great sensation. The names of the parties are withheld until more light on the subject can be obtained.

DAKOTA TERBITORIAL NEWS.

Peter Malloy, an old time resident of Bismarck, died at Medora.

Spink county, Dak., must pay the piper to the tune of at least \$3,000.

Okoboji will soon have a first-class flouring mill, the first in Sully county,

The town of Fountain, in Brookings county, had two deaths from small-pox

During the past year Devil's Lake has invested \$85,165 in buildings and

Building improvements in Madison the past year totaled forty-three new buildings, costing \$160,000.

Petitions are circulating at Huron, and vicinity asking the legislature to grant woman suffrage.

Capt. Isaac Stockwell, an old and prominent citizen of Yankton, died in They pulled out from the depot at a that city from the effects of a cancer.

Hank Lewis, charged with the murder of City Marshal Pierce of Mitchell has been granted a change of venue to Aurora county.

Stahl's hotel, Neche, burned and several railroad men who were staying there over night had a narrow escape from being burned to death. A recent fire in Jamestown destroyed

not \$18,000, as at first reported-which was largely covered by insurance. Among the prominent candidates for

for speaker of the next house are Mark Ward, of Mitchell, Williams of Bismarck, and Martin of the Black Hills. Ex-Vice President Colfax will deliver

an oration at the sixty-sixth anniversary celebration to be held by the Odd Fellows of South Dakota, in Huron, on first curve and darted upon the Monday, April 27.

the Northwestern, and Porterville, Wis., on the Chippeway Valley division of the its eager tread. The cold night air vion the Chippeway Valley division of the Milwaukee & St. Paul, have been made regular stations.

K. Thompson, E. Estenson, J. J. Gunderson, S. O. Henjum and J. W. Walters were arrested for removing were caught in a trap. The rear train stone from a school section at Dell Rapids, and taken to Yankton.

Capt. Rockwell of Fort Lincoln has been appointed chief ordnance officer of the department of Dakota, vice Captain Bennett who goes to Washington as inspector of rifle practice.

A deputy United States marshal attempted to arrest Lean Elk, Red Shirt and other Indians at Cheyenne agency, for horse stealing, but Agent Swan refused to give up the redskins.

The well known Towner farm, near Mapes, comprising 2,240 acres, 1,000 of which is broken, and upon which there are some first-class buildings, was purchased by John S. Sinclair, a Scotch capitalist.

Claus Slegiman, formerly agent of the St. Paul harvester works at Andov-sengers realized that they were saved. George Humphrey of \$103, the money being found under the floor of Slegiman's claim shanty.

E. J. Travis, formerly agent of the Gilmer & Salisbury stages, of the Fort Benton steamer line, while suffering from mania potu at Deadwood, attempted to kill himself with a knife. Travis had been sheriff of Lincoln county, Nev., but lost friends and standing through gambling.

drau have established a guild on the sewing society plan. They not only manufacture fancy articles with the needle, but make pipes, ornaments of pipestone and retail the latest gossip, no smoke. In the furnaces is a lurid, seconding to the most approved fashion according to the most approved fashion of their white sisters.

A board of officers has been appointed at each of the posts of Fort Maginnis, A. Lincoln, Meade, Totten, Randall, Ellis, Bennet and Pembina to examine and report upon the qualifications of enlisted men for appointment as post quartermaster sergeants. The pay and allowances which attach to the position of post quartermaster sergeant | temperature to absolute perfection. make it a very desirable one, and the appointment is much sought after by those who consider themselves eligible.

Edmund Hackett, the husband of the her throat with a butcher knife at Minnewauken, is a former mayor of Bismark and at present a commissioner of McHenry county. The following note was found concealed in the woman's sleeve: "Edmund, I do not know the secret. I am innocent. That child is yours. I swear it. I die easy. See what your oldest son has done for both of us. I want Mrs. Welch to take the baby. I would like to see my husband. Don't tall mother."

A Boy With Presence of Mind.

From the Louisville Courier Journal.

In conversation with a prominent physician the other day the subject of railroad accidents and escapes came up. One of the most remarkable instances of presence of mine of which I have ever heard," said he, "was related to ne by Colonel John D. Wickliffe not long ago. It was on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, near the Muldraugh's Hill tunnel. At that time the science of running trains was in a very elementary state. The practice was to run them all one way at a time. In the morning the trains would be started from Nashville to Louisville and in the evening they would be run back. went in sections. Colonel Wickliffe one evening was one of a party of officers and others who made up a train to Nashville. They were preceded by another train at a distance of about a mile a third one followed. late hour and made as good time as possible when fairly on the road. Everything went smoothly enough till the tunnel was reached, when the first train was halted by a signal just before entering. Upon investigation it was found that a freight train had broken down in the passage. "Every one who has been over the

gineers put on every ounce of steam and take off the brakes till the friction is reproperty to the amount of \$7,000, and duced to a minimum. The summit is but a short distance from the tunnel and a deep curve in the track hides an approaching train till within a few hun dred yards. Up this incline, but hidden by the curve, was heard the puffing of the third train. The ponderous engine was laboring gallantly and drawing the long string of cars behind her as easily as a trotter the light sulky of his driver. The summit was reached and, with a wild shriek of delight, the train sprang around trestlework. The momentum gained in the upward struggle carried it Holabird, on the Dakota division of across with race-horse speed and the brated with the puffing of the engine and the hills echoed and re-echoed the shrieks of the whistle. The train was not two minutes' distance from the second section when first heard. horror-stricken passengers in front had been totally forgotten and it was now bearing down upon them, bringing leath and torture nearer and nearer.

"At that awful moment a newsboy with a great bundle of papers, dashed like mad through the car to the rear. The men yielded an instant passage and he was but a moment in reaching the rear platform. How he managed it no one knew, but he had whipped out a match and had a bundle of papers in flames just as the headlight of the advancing engine appeared around the surve. His entire stock flamed up, and he waved and shouted, his face and form lit up as perhaps was Casabianca's on that fatal day at Trafalgar. The engineer saw him just in time. He reversed his engine and put on breaks so rapidly that his train simply bumped against the one in front. The pluck and presence of mind of the boy had

saved scores of lives. "About five minutes after the pashas been convicted of robbing scollection was taken up among the as made cicher by \$500. I wish I could remember his name, but it is doubtful if it will ever be known."

Coal and Wood Superseded.

From the Buffalo Express.

Not a pound of wood or coal is con sumed at Creighton, twenty miles from Pittsburgh, where the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company have their plant. Glass factory and residences are heated and lighted by natural gas. Gas was struck at 1,200 feet, in a five-inch bore. A The Episcopal Indian women of Flan- torrent of what the owners describe as 'pure nitrogen gas" bursts out with a force of 250 pounds to the square inch, and after three years is flowing with as much energy as ever. The visitor sees No grimy stoker sweats his life away at furnace doors, but instead a calm person with a stained glass shield invites you to look at the glass through the open furnace doors, where glares a heat sufficient to deter a modern Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Overhead gas-burners are ablaze in broad day, because it is not worth while to take time to turn the burners off and on, as there is plenty of gas and to spare. In the residences a thumb-screw regulates the

A correspondent has written with emphasis of the unsatisfactory condition of the cuisine on ocean steamships He says: "The provisions are poor, but woman who attempted suicide by cutting the cooking is execrable. If I may particularize, I came on board with an excellent digestion, and I enjoy complete immunity from seasickness, but I am reduced to eating mainly eggs and bacon, and the eggs have a taste of moldy hay, as if they had been packed in it, and the bacon is cooked to a crisp half the time. The roasts are generally too tough for me, and the entrees remind me of their flavor all day long; the fruit is uneatable, though nothing is more essential to people at sea than full supplies of good fruit." The correspondent suggests a resturant at sea.

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