

Drought in Deccan and floods in Bengal have combined to destroy the crops of the present season...

Georgia has just been provided with a local option law which leaves the matter of permitting or forbidding the sale of liquors...

The papers print a correspondence between an Israelite and Mr. Howells' the novelist. The Israelite, who professes admiration for Mr. Howells' works...

Senator Plumb of Kansas predicts that within the next decade "immigration, instead of coming from the East to the West, will be returning from the West to the East..."

The Pacific railroads owe the Government about \$64,600,000 as principal of the bonds issued to aid in their construction...

Bishop William Taylor's missionary band is pushing into the interior of Africa, and the enterprise seems likely to be successful. Some of them are now 400 miles from the west coast.

"I write seventeen columns a week of this infernal stuff," said the editor of a society paper, who was much too good for his position...

SIoux FALLS CONVENTION.

The South Dakota Constitutional Convention Opens and Emphatically Votes Down a Resolution to Adjourn.

Judge Edgerton President—The Work of Organizing—Representatives of All the Issues on Hand.

Sioux Falls, Dak., Special Telegram, Sept. 10.—The constitutional convention held a short session to-day, no business of importance being transacted except to arrange for the hours for meeting of the standing committees.

Sioux Falls, Dak., Special Telegram, Sept. 11.—To-day has been devoted almost entirely to committee work, only a short session being held this morning. Five of the standing committees were ordered enlarged by two members each...

Committees have all been hard at work during the afternoon and evening, but it is not probable that any except that on militia will report to-morrow. In their deliberations the constitution adopted by the convention of 1883 is used as a guide...

The maximum duration of the legislative session to be sixty days; maximum number in the house, 125 members; minimum 55 members...

Sioux Falls, Dak., Special Telegram, Sept. 12.—To-day's session of the constitutional convention was characterized by a greater air of business than any that has preceded it. The organization having been fully completed and the machinery of committee work set in motion...

WOMAN SUFFRAGE came to the front in the form of a resolution instructing the committee on elections and the right of suffrage to insert a clause in the constitution...

The prohibition question was referred to only indirectly by Kanouse, a strong prohibitionist, who desires a plank in the platform. All resolutions introduced were referred to their proper committees.

Sioux Falls, Dak., Special Telegram, Sept. 14.—As the days pass by it becomes more and more evident that the delegates assembled in convention here are in earnest in the matter of framing a constitution...

Resolved, That a committee of five members be appointed by the chair whose duty it shall be to draft a memorial to the president and congress of the United States, setting forth the action of this convention...

Refusal to take the above oath is to work forfeiture of office. The outlines of the reports have been given in previous dispatches. SOME OF THE RESOLUTIONS.

Numerous resolutions relating to the constitution were introduced, and referred to the proper committees. Among the more important were the following: That compulsory attendance at the public schools be enforced in the cases of all children between the ages of six and twelve years...

Until otherwise provided for, the member of congress to be elected from the state senatorial districts are as follows, each district being entitled to one senator, except the Ninth, Twentieth and Twenty-Ninth, which are entitled to two senators each.

- 1—Union county, 326—Hughes, 2
2—Clay, 227—Sully, 1
3—Yankton, 428—Denel, 2
4—Bonhomme, 329—Grant, 2
5—Lincoln, 330—Roberts, 1
6—Turner, 331—Hanson, 1
7—Hutchinson, 332—Coddington, 2
8—Douglas, 133—Clark, 3
9—Charlesmix, 433—Spink, 5
10—Wichita, 434—Berk, 1
11—McCook, 236—Puffer, 2
12—Hanson, 237—Roberts, 1
13—Davison, 138—Marshall, 1
14—Aurora, 239—Day, 2
15—Walworth, 340—Brown, 1
16—Moody, 241—Edmunds, 2
17—Lake, 242—Walworth, 1
18—Sanborn, 243—Walworth, 1
19—Thompson, 344—Campbell, 1
20—Brookings, 245—Fall River & Custer, 1
21—Kingsbury, 246—Pennington, 1
22—Boadle, 347—Lawrence, 4
23—Hand and Buffalo, 348—Butte, 1
24—Lichtenwaller & Hughes will probably submit a minority report...

Sioux Falls, Dak., Special Telegram, Sept. 16.—The convention spent the greater part of the day in committee of the whole considering the report of the legislative committee. At 5 p. m. the committee rose, having finished the work with the exception of some half-dozen amendments...

Minimum number in house, 75; maximum, 135. Minimum in senate, 25; maximum, 45. Eligible age to either house, 25 years. The legislature to make an enumeration of the state in 1895, and thereafter at intervals of five years.

When the question of per diem and mileage were taken up, the resolutions proposed to reduce the former to \$3 and the latter to five cents, but they were voted down by an overwhelming majority.

Prohibiting members of the present convention from holding state offices until the close of the session of the legislature; fixing the minimum price of school bonds at \$5 per acre; prohibiting the legislature from changing the seat of government; recommending the sale of one-fourth of the school bonds of the state for \$10 per acre...

The committee on rules, to whom was referred the resolution introduced on Saturday by Kanouse, relative to the force of separate constitutional clauses adopted by the people, reported that in their opinion such a clause would, under the law calling the convention, become a part of the constitution...

Elections and right of suffrage; amendments and revision of the constitution; currency and banking; compensation of public officers; revenue and finance; state seal and coat of arms. Following is the report of the committee on state seal and coat of arms:

The design of the great seal shall be as follows: A circle, within which shall appear in the left foreground a smelting furnace and other features of mining work; in the left background a range of hills; in the right foreground a farmer at his plow; in the right background a herd of cattle and a field of corn. Between the parts thus described shall appear a river bearing the name of statehood. Property divided between the upper and the lower edges of the circle shall appear the legend, "Under God the people rule," which shall be the motto of the state of Dakota. Encircling the circle and within a circumscribed circle shall appear in the upper part the words, "State of Dakota." In the lower part the words "Great Seal," and the date in Arabic numerals of the year in which the state shall be admitted to the Union.

enumerated; makes prompt directly or indirectly out of public funds a felony. The committee on elections and the right of suffrage report as follows: Male citizens twenty-one years of age electors; suffrage may be extended to other classes of citizens by a law ratified by a majority of the voters at a general election...

The legislature may extend the right of suffrage by general law to any class or classes of citizens of this state not enumerated in section one of this article, provided they shall have the same qualifications as to age, residence and citizenship as the electors named in section one of this article.

Section 1 of the report of the committee on the compensation of public officers fixes the salaries of the state officers as follows: Governor, \$2,500; judges of the supreme court, \$2,500; judges of the circuit court, \$2,000; these salaries may be increased \$500 after 1890...

Section 1 of a general law shall be enacted, it shall provide for the registry and countersigning by an officer of this state of all bills or paper credit designed to circulate as money, and require security to the full amount thereof to be deposited with the state treasurer. Section 2 limits the existence of banks to twenty years.

Section 3 holds stockholders indefinitely responsible for all contracts, debts and engagements of corporations to the extent of their stock. The committee on amendment and revision of the constitution recommended that when an act for amendment passes the legislature it shall be submitted for ratification of a majority of the electors...

Sioux Falls, Dak., Special Telegram, Sept. 17.—More business was transacted by the convention to-day than at any previous time since its assembling. There is a growing feeling among the delegates that they must complete the work before them and adjourn at an early date.

The supreme court is to consist of three judges, with power to increase the number to five, on occasion and request; the term of office to be six years; judges to be elected from districts by popular vote; the state to be divided into three districts, as follows: First District—All that portion of the state lying west of the Missouri river...

As to the location of the seat of government, the report reads as follows: Section 3. The question of the location of a temporary seat of government shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the proposed state of Dakota, in the same manner and at the same election at which this constitution shall be submitted...

The right of the debtor to enjoy the comforts and necessities of life shall be recognized by wholesome laws exempting persons, families, and a homestead from the value which shall be limited and defined by law, to all heads of families, and a reasonable amount of property of the kind and value of which shall be fixed by general laws; but no exemption or exempted laws shall be effective in the collection of any debt contracted prior to the adoption of this constitution.

A minority report provides that the amount of real estate exempted shall in no case exceed \$2,000, nor the amount of personal property \$1,000, and that real property shall not be exempted from executions for labor performed thereon, or for the purchase price thereof. The chairman of the standing committee on bill of rights reported two additional provisions, one that no person shall be required to perform any service for the public on any day set apart by his religion as a day of rest...

We, the people of Dakota south of the forty-sixth parallel of north latitude, having the right of admission into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and having complied with all the conditions made necessary to the exercise of such right by the cessation from France of the province of Louisiana...

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Sioux Falls, Dak., Special Telegram, Sept. 18.—The question of how far the constitutional convention should go in the matter of setting up a state government for the proposed State of South Dakota, which has all along threatened to bring a heated discussion on the floor of the convention, precipitated a crisis this afternoon.

When consideration of the report was nearly completed, Hugh J. Campbell of Yankton introduced the following additional section, which he stated was a verbatim copy from the Pennsylvania constitution of 1870: All political power is inherent in the people and all free government is founded on their authority and is instituted for their equal protection and benefits, and they have the right at all times to alter, reform, or abolish their form of government in such manner as they may think proper.

This brought Neil, of Grant county, to his feet, with the statement: "I don't like the word abolish. I object to the revolutionary scheme of abolishing any form of government."

"I introduce the section because I think it peculiarly adapted to the present state of affairs in Dakota," replied Campbell. At this President Edgerton, who had been sitting quietly on the floor of the convention, rose, and in a calm, determined voice, spoke as follows:

"I don't know that I should say a word on this occasion, but it has been intimated by the mover that the propriety and necessity for this declaration rests upon the peculiar relations that we have to-day occupy. In other words, while Dakota is a territory and knocking at the doors of the general government for admission, we declare to that government that we have a right to abolish that form of government, and to appeal to them, not declare that we shall have an absolute right to establish a different form of government; and I think with such sentiments expressed, we will find to accomplish what we desire. We should appeal to congress, and show congress that we have conferred to all that is required at our hands; that we have sufficient population and sufficient territory; that we have intelligence; that we are law-abiding; that we have fulfilled its requirements, and therefore we ask, as law-abiding citizens, that it shall emanate from a territorial form of government; but that we don't care before it as rebels, with the statement that we have the absolute right to abolish our territorial form of government. While the judge was speaking, the hall