

DAKOTA DOINGS.

News Gathered From The Most Reliable Sources.

DAKOTA LAWS.

Complete List of the Acts Passed at the Seventeenth Session.

Located and Titled.

- C. B. No. 52. To provide for the burial of soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Union army and who died in destitute circumstances.
- C. B. No. 81. To establish the offices of county justices of the peace and county constables.
- C. B. No. 41. To provide that private corporations, except insurance, can be formed by the association of three or more persons.
- C. B. No. 78. To provide that no judgments shall be rendered by any judge until after his decision has been filed with the clerk of the district court.
- C. B. No. 128. To amend the name of the Moravian society of township 138, north of range 52 west, Cass county, Dakota territory.
- C. B. No. 92. To extend the term of county auditors elected in 1885 one year.
- C. B. No. 98. To legalize the acts of Max Hoehn as notary public for the territory of Dakota.
- C. B. No. 46. To provide for the issuing of bonds or coupons lost or destroyed.
- C. B. No. 155. To place inmates of insane asylums under the protection of the laws by securing to them the right of communicating by letter with friends.
- C. B. No. 2. To provide for the maintenance, and encourage the organization of volunteer fire companies.
- C. B. No. 47. Making it the duty of county treasurers to certify to abstracts of title to real estate with references to taxes affecting property set forth in the abstract.
- C. B. No. 105. Providing the duties of town treasurers.
- C. B. No. 120. Providing the compensation of certain officers of house and council.
- C. B. No. 138. To provide for the purchase of session laws for use of members of the legislature.
- C. B. No. 173. To create a new subdivision of the second judicial district.
- C. B. No. 139. To enable the formation of county mutual insurance companies.
- C. B. No. 130. To increase the compensation of sheriffs in summoning jurors.
- C. B. No. 164. To protect large game and quail in Dakota territory.
- C. B. No. 91. An act to amend chapter 72 of laws of 1884, relating to selection of jurors.
- C. B. No. 74. An act creating the duties thereof.
- C. B. No. 109. An act to remove the political disability of Henry Muehler.
- C. B. No. 274. An act for maintenance of the public officers of the territory.
- C. B. 282. Joint resolution and memorial to congress, for the division of the Bismarck land office.
- C. B. No. 322. Amending act locating, establishing reform school at Plankinton, Aurora county.
- C. B. No. 236. Provides for refunding outstanding indebtedness which existed prior to July 30, 1885, of any incorporated board of education or school district in Dakota.
- C. B. No. 37. Amending section 613 of chapter 28 of code civil procedure. Relates to foreclosure of mortgages by advertisement.
- C. B. No. 267. Amending an act of the laws of 1883 providing for the appointment of a county clerk for Yankton county and defining his duties.
- C. B. No. 217. Amending a law entitled liability for damages occasioned by vicious dogs.
- C. B. No. 40. An act to provide for the registration and payment of warrants drawn by the secretary and president of boards of education in this territory, and to prescribe the rate of interest thereon.
- C. B. No. 53. To provide fuel for the capitol.
- C. B. No. 82. To provide for the printing of 500 copies of the act of congress prohibiting special legislation in the territories of the United States.
- C. B. 27. To provide that all surplus in mortgage shall be paid to the mortgagee instead of the mortgagor.
- C. B. No. 25. To attach the counties of Stanley, Sterling and Nowlin to Burleigh county for judicial purposes.
- C. B. No. 97. To authorize the appointment of a legislative committee to confer with like committee from Montana in regard to pleuro-pneumonia among cattle.
- C. B. No. 21. To legalize the acts of Henry Crow as notary public of the territory of Dakota.
- C. B. No. 24. To allow legitimate mining interests to use Rapid creek for drainage purposes.
- C. B. No. 5. To appropriate money for public printing.
- C. B. No. 111. An act to prevent the spread of noxious weeds in the territory of Dakota.
- C. B. No. 188. An act providing for the refunding of premiums on bonds to certain institutions.
- C. B. No. 239. An act to provide funds for the purpose of building a shop and barn and purchasing land for the school of deaf mutes at Sioux Falls.
- C. B. No. 135. An act to amend chapter 44, session laws 1883, relating to education.
- C. B. No. 125. An act providing for certain legal printing and fixing the compensation therefor.
- C. B. No. 213. An act respecting the expenditure of road and bridge funds.
- C. B. No. 219. An act to define the sixth judicial district, and to fix the terms of court therein.
- C. B. No. 174. An act to reimburse and pay George Lilly for moneys advanced by him to pay for furnishing and completing portions of public buildings.
- C. B. No. 121. An act to provide for the incorporation of cities.
- C. B. No. 24. A joint resolution relative to a division of the territory and the admission of each part into the Union.
- C. B. No. 195. A joint resolution to reimburse legislative officers or expenses incurred in the organization of the legislative assembly.
- C. B. No. 220. An act to amend subdivision 3 of section 412 of the civil code.
- C. B. No. 124. An act to lessen the dangers from stampedes in case of fires in buildings used for public purposes.
- C. B. No. 113. An act entitled "an act to submit to the legal voters of the territory the question of division."
- C. B. No. 170. Providing for paying John P. Hoagland for repairing hall of house.
- C. B. No. 336. Providing funds for Dakota penitentiary at Sioux Falls.
- C. B. No. 335. Appropriating funds to pay deficiency in expense account of railroad commission.
- C. B. No. 345. Appropriating funds to pay for back hire at call of house.
- C. B. No. 252. Providing for issuing bonds for additional buildings and improvements for North Dakota hospital for insane near Jamestown and appropriating money therefor.
- C. B. No. 163. Amending section 3, chapter 24, general laws of 1879, increasing amount of license for sale of intoxicating liquors.
- C. B. No. 238. Appropriating funds for

- maintenance of university of North Dakota at Grand Forks.
- C. B. No. 123. Appropriating funds for maintenance of normal school at Madison for ensuing two years.
- C. B. No. 248. Protecting game.
- C. B. No. 235. Providing for meetings of township boards of supervisors.
- C. B. No. 183. Appropriation for penitentiary at Sioux Falls.
- C. B. No. 81. An act amending the laws relating to the organization and government of the school of deaf mutes at Sioux Falls.
- C. B. No. 277. Appropriating funds for maintenance of the Dakota Agricultural college for 1887 and 1888, and for other purposes.
- C. B. No. 230. Appropriating money for support and maintenance of the school for deaf mutes at Sioux Falls for the ensuing two years.
- C. B. No. 235. Appropriating money for maintenance for the North Dakota hospital for the insane at Jamestown, Dakota.
- C. B. 243. Making appropriation for maintaining the Dakota hospital for the insane 1887 and 1888.
- C. B. No. 815. Authorizing boards of county commissioners to transfer unexpended special funds.
- C. B. No. 296. Appropriating funds for the current and contingent expenses of the penitentiary at Bismarck.
- C. B. No. 330. To amend section 31 of the code of civil procedure in regard to motions in civil proceedings.
- H. B. No. 5. To purchase seventy-two copies of Levesque's Code for use of members of the Seventeenth legislative assembly.
- H. B. No. 13. To divide the fifth subdivision of the sixth judicial district into two subdivisions, and to provide for terms of court therein.
- H. B. No. 15. To fix time of holding court in Lincoln and Turner counties.
- H. B. No. 78. To establish the boundaries of Morton county.
- H. B. No. 22. To repeal the act authorizing the board of county commissioners of Nelson county to fund outstanding indebtedness.
- H. B. No. 36. To prohibit the wholesaling of liquor in counties where the county commissioners refuse to grant licenses.
- H. B. No. 56. To amend the revenue laws so that two members of a school board may authorize the levying of a school tax.
- H. B. No. 33. To provide for subordinate officers of territorial council and house of representatives and their compensation.
- H. B. No. 50. Joint resolution against removal of Fort Abraham Lincoln.
- H. B. No. 31. To repeal the law exempting the counties of Custer, Lawrence, Pennington, Mandan and Forsyth from the working of the usury law.
- H. B. No. 66. To provide mode of procedure to compel assignees to make reports to the court when so demanded by creditors.
- H. B. No. 23. Defining the duties of county treasurers in making tax receipts and increasing the same.
- H. B. No. 74. To increase the age of consent to 14 years.
- H. B. No. 90. To provide for the printing of bills introduced in the Seventeenth legislative assembly.
- H. B. No. 117. To provide for the printing of a "Blue book."
- H. B. No. 94. To repeal the usury laws.
- H. B. No. 41. To prevent fraudulent voting by registration.
- H. B. No. 171. To legalize an election held in the city of Sioux Falls, at which bonds to the amount of \$50,000 were voted to a railroad company as a bonus.
- H. B. No. 7. Providing that road overseers shall make their reports before the 15th day of September instead of the 1st day of October, and the clerk shall prepare their delinquent road tax list before the first day of October.
- H. B. No. 60. To provide for the taxation of telegraph companies.
- H. B. No. 123. An act to repeal an act entitled an act to enable the school districts of the counties of Barnes and Griggs to fund their indebtedness. Approved March 12, 1885.
- H. B. No. 141. An act to provide for the maintenance of the Spearfish normal school and other purposes.
- H. B. No. 126. An act in relation to the vacation of town plats.
- H. B. No. 72. A joint resolution to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in any buildings used or occupied by territorial officers or the legislative assembly of the territory of Dakota.
- H. B. No. 218. An act legalizing the acts of A. L. Bain as notary public of the territory of Dakota.
- H. B. No. 251. An act to punish false pretenses in obtaining registration of cattle, and other animals, and to punish giving false pedigrees.
- H. B. No. 107. An act to provide funds for the purchase of experimental farm and building improvements for the agricultural college at Brookings, and for other purposes.
- H. B. No. 173. An act to define the boundaries of Ward and Henville counties.
- H. B. No. 239. An act to provide for the relocating of county seats in counties where county seats have been located by a vote less than a majority of all the electors voting thereon.
- H. B. No. 226. An act to amend section 2, chapter 26, political code, entitled "town and city plats."
- H. B. No. 227. An act to amend section 70, chapter 23, political code, entitled "revenue."
- H. B. No. 201. An act for the establishment of free libraries and reading rooms in cities, villages or townships.
- H. B. No. 254. An act to provide for the compilation, publication and distribution of the laws of Dakota.
- H. B. No. 86. An act to define the boundaries of Stark and Billings counties.
- H. B. No. 295. An act entitled "an act to amend chapter 3 of the political code relating to the territorial courts."
- H. B. No. 241. An act to provide funds to pay for the construction, heating and furnishing of the normal school building and dormitory at Madison.
- H. B. No. 245. An act to enable cities and municipal corporations to purchase, erect, lease, manage and maintain systems or parts of systems of water works, telegraphic fire signals and fire apparatus.
- H. B. No. 48. An act to provide for the evils of intemperance by local option in any county by submitting the question of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to the qualified voters of such county, to provide penalties for its violation.
- H. B. No. 211. An act legalizing a certain election held in the city of Spearfish.
- H. B. No. 299. An act authorizing municipal corporations to lay out, open, improve and vacate streets and alleys.
- H. B. No. 302. For prevention and spread of contagious diseases among sheep.
- H. B. No. 279. Authorizing cities, towns and villages to levy and collect taxes for municipal purposes.
- H. B. No. 157. Joint resolution to pay for chairs for ladies visiting the assembly.
- H. B. No. 13. Prohibiting the destruction of beavers in Dakota.
- H. B. No. 224. Amending subdivisions one and two, section 5, chapter 24 of the general laws of 1881, re-establishing a judicial subdivision in Pennington, Custer and Fall River counties.
- H. B. No. 150. To amend act creating territorial department of agriculture, relating to agricultural societies and agricultural fairs, providing for reports of same.
- H. B. No. 142. Providing for location of

- alleys in cities, incorporated towns, villages.
- H. B. No. 215. Regulating procurement of chattel mortgages in connection with application for insurance, providing penalty for violation.
- H. B. No. 104. An act to cancel certain county warrants.
- H. B. No. 373. A memorial to congress for the construction of a dam for the improvement of navigation of the Red river.
- H. B. No. 327. Providing for furnishing, equipment and improvement of the grounds of the Vermillion university.
- H. B. No. 329. A joint resolution for the appointment of a joint committee on apportionment.
- H. B. No. 294. Making an appropriation for current and contingent expenses of the Spearfish normal school.
- H. B. No. 255. Enabling cities and towns to change the name, number and boundaries of wards.
- H. B. No. 303. Regulating the salaries of registers of deeds and county treasurers.
- H. B. No. 281. Legalizing the act of Allen M. Chaney as notary public.
- H. B. No. 274. Providing funds for the maintenance of the University of Dakota, at Vermillion, and for other purposes.
- H. B. No. 297. Amending section 45, chapter 21, of the political code, relating to the manner of letting contract by county boards.
- H. B. No. 251. To provide for issuing bonds and for additional buildings and improvements for the Dakota Hospital of the Insane, near Yankton, and to appropriate funds therefor.
- H. B. No. 216. An act providing funds for the construction of a dormitory and wing of main building of the university of Dakota.
- H. B. No. 108. An act relating to the office of notaries public.
- H. B. No. 337. An act making appropriations for certain public printing.
- H. B. No. 301. An act to suppress and prevent the spread of contagious and infectious diseases among domestic animals.

TWELVE MEN ON THE ICE.

A Bismarck special of the 24th gives a thrilling narrative regarding twelve men who attempted to cross between Mandan and Bismarck in a yawl had a most painful experience, and consider their salvation a miracle. They had come about three-quarters of the distance without trouble, the air being calm and the water smooth. When they were about a mile from shore a terrific wind storm struck them and they were unable to control the boat. The craft was driven into a thicket of willows, and the oarsmen were helpless. All of the party gave up hope of being saved, and prepared for the worst—some praying, some weeping and others cursing. The ice floated freely, and with the wind blowing against them they expected to be crushed at any moment. In this way they spent the night, which was chilly. At 7 o'clock the next morning, after ten hours of horrible suspense, the party was enabled, by cessation of the wind, to come to shore, but were so benumbed by cold that some of them were almost delirious.

Among the party was a Northern Pacific Pullman conductor and three operators, H. M. Boughman, C. H. Snyder and J. H. Owens of Herson, Mont. Among the passengers delayed was Mrs. Wright, wife of a sea captain who was to sail from Portland, Ore., to the Indies on the 25th. In answer to a telegram from her husband, she left England several weeks ago to meet him in Portland. She started by way of the Canadian Pacific, but for two weeks was snowed in and was compelled to return and take the Northern Pacific route. She reached Bismarck the first day of the gorge and was held six days, making it impossible to communicate with her husband or to reach Portland before he sailed. Her money became exhausted while at Bismarck and she was aided by the Northern Pacific. This is but an illustration of the experience of many who were caught by the flood.

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

The two days session of the Dakota G. A. R. encampment at Jamestown, was largely attended, and in addition to its social features a large amount of business, valuable and important to the organization was transacted. A peculiar incident at one of the camp fires was the participation of P. W. Alley, ex-member of the Louisiana legislature and officer of the Confederate army, who spoke of the disappearance of all sectional feeling and regard for the common flag, and made a dramatic picture by standing under the American flag and shaking hands with Comrade Cressey of the Huron Huronite, while the audience rose and cheered. At the meetings everything relating to the support of the order and its protection from the government was received with the strongest marks of approbation.

Judge Palmer of Sioux Falls, W. A. Selby of Grand Forks, Gen. Dennis of Yankton and Gen. Harrison Allen of Fargo were nominated for post commander for the ensuing year. An impression had prevailed in some quarters that the office was only desired for political purposes. That notion was swept away entirely in the convention. On the first ballot the votes were nearly evenly divided among the candidates. Judge Palmer, who is extremely popular with South Dakota soldiers, positively declined to accept, pleading his judicial duties as an excuse. The choice then fell upon Gen. Harrison Allen, whose election was made unanimous. Gen. Allen is an eloquent speaker and largely acquainted and will make an

efficient officer. The retiring commander, Lucas, has made a model officer, also, and won deserved encomiums for his conduct of the office. The remaining officers selected are as follows: B. F. Campbell, Sioux Falls, senior vice commander; S. N. Booth, Custer City, junior vice commander. Rev. J. H. Hartman, Jamestown chaplain; Dr. W. A. Bentley, Bismarck, medical director; Judge C. S. Palmer, Sioux Falls, delegate at large to the next national encampment. John B. Dennis, Yankton, alternate; Eugene Huntington, Webster E. Smith, Grand Forks; Jesse Elston, Huron delegates to next national encampment; N. C. Nash, Canton; E. A. Young, Bee Heights; C. T. Clement, Fargo; J. C. Huffman, Huron and C. H. Lockwood, Chamberlain, council of administration.

A resolution regretting the demise of Gen. Thomas Free and condoling his widow and family was adopted also resolutions lamenting the death of Gen. Logan. The committee on soldiers' home reported. The matter was left with a committee of three to be appointed by Gen. Allen, which will prepare a bill to submit to the next legislature. The matter of a territorial G. A. R. pension bureau for the assistance of veterans applying for pensions was discussed, and a resolution asking the approval of Gov. Church was adopted.

A joint installation of officers elected by the G. A. R. and Womans' Relief Corps occurred at the court house, at the conclusion of which both organizations adjourned to meet at Redfield one year hence. The new officers of the Womans' Relief corps are:

President, Sarah B. Smith, Fargo; senior vice president, B. A. Carter, Canton; junior vice president, M. R. Patch, Huron; secretary, Mary Winship, Grand Forks; treasurer, Adelia M. Selby, Grand Forks; chaplain, Emma Walton, Huron; counselor, Lelia P. Smith, Huron; inspector and installing officer, Alma S. Bennett, Sioux Falls; inspector, Ruth H. Thomas, chairman of the relief committee, Hattie H. Tuthill, Watertown; delegates to the national encampment, Lizzie J. Dennis, Yankton, and Mary B. Hoffman, Huron; alternate, Johanna H. Melton, Fargo, and Mrs. Church, Watertown.

The encampment closed with a banquet Thursday evening. Gov. Church made response to "The President of the United States." Ex-Gov. Pierce, Judge Palmer and others of territorial prominence were among the speakers. The audience was large and the entertainment a fitting close of the successful and enjoyable encampment.

AN INTERVIEW.

Gov. Church submitted to an interview while at the Jamestown encampment for publication in the Fargo Argus, from which some points are taken. The Governor said he appointed Patnand as veterinary surgeon because under the bill some one must be named and confirmed. I knew he would resign when I wished him to, and then I could appoint some one qualified. If Dr. Alloway of Grand Forks is a graduate of a veterinary college I will appoint him. I do not intend to approve of the militia going to Washington at the expense of the territory to drill. I have done nothing about militia appointments and shall not until I return from the East, where I shall go next week. I have not tendered Gen. Harris of Aberdeen the position of brigadier general, commanding the National Guard, as rumored. I never thought of such a thing. Gen. Harris is a friend of mine. He was a Confederate brigadier general and a gallant fellow. I like him, but I would not think of offering him the command of the militia, nor would he for a moment consider such a proposition. He is too much of a gentleman; but no such officers has been made.

It is not true, either, that I have appointed Jim Ringrose of Aberdeen-quarter-master general, and I do not contemplate doing so at present. I have not thought of superseding Adjutant General Tyler, who seems to be doing efficient service. Col. Goodner, my private secretary, has been appointed stenographer for Judge Spencer, whom I knew in New York state. I shall not decide about moving my family to Bismarck until I return from New York state. Dr. King, of Mandan who was appointed superintendent of the territorial board of health, resigned, and I have not decided on his successor. I would like to appoint Dr. Darron, of Fargo, but cannot because that city has too many officers. It is reported that I intended to appoint Lodewick, who was my clerk of court at Aberdeen, territorial treasurer. I never thought of it. I have Treasurer Raymond's resignation as well as Colonel Benton's so I can change at any time; but I will take time. I have made some mistakes in haste and do not intend to repeat them.

It has also been charged that I had acted unfairly in the matter of the notary public bill, which has become a law, making the fee \$5 instead of \$2, as heretofore—\$3 of which goes to the governor, as reported. Now the bill was drawn by Secretary McCormack and when submitted to me I objected and had the bill altered to pay the \$3 to the auditor instead of the governor. This money will go to pay for clerk hire in my office, or as much as is necessary. Heretofore the clerk hire was paid by the auditor and the governor's clerk was carried upon his pay rolls, but I prefer to do things openly and above board. I don't want any subter-

fuges, and it is a saving to the people. In regard to appropriations the Governor said: I see some attacks upon me but you may say that in many instances these appropriations were for deficiencies which were handed over by my predecessor, Gov. Pierce. Now in Jamestown there was some \$29,000 deficiency, at Grand Forks, I am not certain, but perhaps \$12,000, and other institutions were overdrawn. Deduct the items and contingent appropriations only to be expended by my approval, and they are not so much greater than the last ones. My idea was to build up all the institutions now in operation and put them on solid foundations before we charter any new ones. I have no enmity for Day, in spite of what has been said. I don't think there are over two or three bills which in my hurry were left in my office. I had the appropriation for the library changed so that I had the selection of books, at the suggestion of Judge Francis.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION.

To the People of the Territory of Dakota: In conformity with custom, I hereby designate Thursday, the fifth day of May, as Arbor day for the year 1887, and declare the same to be a legal holiday. I earnestly recommend that the people observe and spend the day in planting trees, shrubs and vines, adorning the public and private grounds and ways, thereby conferring a benefit on the community and adding wealth and beauty to our homes and territory. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the Territory of Dakota. Done at Bismarck, the 26th day of March, 1887.

LOUIS K. CHURCH, Governor.
M. L. McCORMACK, Secretary of State.

STANDARD OIL SITE.

Fargo Special: At the meeting of the board of trade Mr. Von Neida, chairman of the committee to secure a location for a bulk station for the Standard Oil company, reported that a site had been secured in Beardsley's addition to the city. The station is to include cooper shops and tankage, and the shippage, both in and out, to be from fifty to one hundred car loads per week. This will make Fargo a general distributing point for Dakote, Montana, Idaho and the Pacific states, with the exception of California.

CUT IN TWO.

The Cheeny farm near Casselton was divided on the 24th, Oliver Dalrymple taking his half and the other half was sold by Mr. Cheeny for \$30 per acre to Joseph Bond of Boston. The dividing line was drawn between the two buildings, about one-half to each. There has 5,500 acres in the farm. The personal property will be divided April 1.

Mr. Martin's Grave Mi take.

Some time ago Mr. G. Martin was called over to Philadelphina to attend the funeral of a young man whom he had known very well. Mr. Martin reached the city somewhat late, and taking a carriage he hurried away. When he reached the street where the young man had lived a funeral procession was just turning out of it, and thanking his stars that he had not reached the place too late, he told the driver to fall into the line of carriages and follow. At the cemetery he got out, and although he did not see any one he knew he felt it to be his duty to talk to some one about the deceased, so he approached a nice-looking old gentleman.

"He was a good fellow," he said sadly, with a slight nod toward the grave.
"Yes," replied the old gentleman, wiping away a tear.
"I loved him like a brother and many's the time we've had together," continued Mr. M.
The old gentleman looked at him indignantly.

"O," apologized Mr. M., "I don't mean painting the town red, or anything like that; but just nice little chats and long walks, don't you know."
The old man's face grew redder.
"What do you mean, sir?" he said angrily.
"I mean what I say, sir. He was a rattling good fellow," and Mr. M began to look surprised.
"Who, sir!"
"The man in the grave there, of course."
"There's no man there, sir. It's a young lady. She's my niece, sir, and you—"

But Mr. Martin didn't wait for particulars; he saw that he had struck the wrong funeral, and he made a break for his carriage and escaped, but not soon enough to attend the funeral of his friend.—Washington Critic.

Mrs. Kretchner of Bridgeport, Conn., gave birth recently to a male infant which has an elephant's head, and in place of a nose a short trunk, while the mouth and lips protrude like those of an elephant. The child weighs about nine pounds and can be fed only with a spoon. The mother visited the circus winter quarters here during the winter and was terribly frightened by the elephants. The parents succeeded in keeping the matter to themselves until now, and very few have been permitted to see the child.