

## DAKOTA DOINGS.

### News Gathered From The Most Reliable Sources.

#### GROWING UP WITH THE COUNTRY.

A Dakota Correspondent thus sketches the career of two gentlemen, prominently and favorably known: The election of Gen. Harrison Allen, of Fargo, to be commander of the Grand Army of the Republic department of Dakota, is everywhere well received. Gen. Allen came to Dakota five years ago as United States marshal, and his courteous bearing, his affability and general good nature, together with his marked ability, made him a popular man from the start. As he was a brave and faithful officer throughout the entire war, and as he has always been known preeminently as a soldier politician, it is not surprising that he should have been chosen as the department commander for the next year.

The honor bestowed upon Gen. Allen is none the less deserved or less to be desired, because Judge C. S. Palmer, of Sioux Falls, was the first choice of the boys for the place. Judge Palmer is a younger man than Gen. Allen. In fact he was one of the boy-soldiers of the war. He, too, has been in Dakota five years, and like Gen. Allen he is guilty of that terrible crime—in the eyes of some old settlers—of having come to Dakota with a federal commission in his pocket. He came from Vermont, and his first appointment was that of assistant United States district attorney for Dakota at the munificent salary of \$1,500 a year. But Judge Palmer had decided to leave the Green Mountain state for the plains of Dakota, and when Senator Edmunds suggested to his young friend (who had frequently been a member of the Vermont legislature) that he could secure him this appointment, Palmer decided to take it and trust the future for something better. The something came a year and a half after when Palmer was appointed to succeed Kidder as Judge of the Fourth judicial district.

#### BURNED TO DEATH.

The home of John Manice, 12 miles south of Mitchell, was destroyed by fire last Saturday night and his wife, who was alone in the house at the time, cremated. Manice is traveling in the South for the benefit of his health and as there were no neighbors close by nothing was known of what had happened until the house was in ashes, when the charred remains of the woman were found in the ruins. Manice is considered quiet wealthy, and it was well known had been loaning money in the neighborhood for some time, and it is suspected the woman was murdered and robbed and the house afterwards fired, Coroner Talman, District Attorney Hannett and City Marshal Durrett visited the place next afternoon and returned quite convinced of foul play, and that the affair is a deep mystery.

#### SETTLING THE COTEAU REGION.

About twelve car loads of Russian immigrants have arrived in Ellendale by the Milwaukee line during the past week. All of them are locating in the Coteau region, some going to the northern extremity of McIntosh county and others to the headwaters of Beaver creek, in Logan county. Such an influx of immigration has never before been witnessed in that picturesque land. The Russian settlers of North Dakota have not been slow to perceive the advantages and intrinsic value of the Coteau region. They have induced their brethren who are this year coming to the territory to go in and possess what they can of that goodly heritage. As a consequence, the greater portion of the unoccupied counties will be taken up before the close of the present season.

#### SPRING BOOM AT WATERTOWN.

A correspondent writes that a boom has struck Watertown and that there is activity in real estate and general business, and an influx of strangers and investors hitherto unknown. The erection of many large commercial three-story buildings has been contracted for, and more will follow. The hotels are crowded to their utmost capacity, and daily turn away guests. The electric light and steam plant power and heating will soon be in use. A street railway and motor line will be in operation within sixty days. Work on the opera-house is progressing rapidly. A capitalist from Denver, named Starr, will at once build a three-story commercial brick building having 100 feet front and 150 feet depth on Maple street. A large club house is to be erected on the shore of Lake Kampeska early this season.

#### PRICKING A BOOM.

W. L. Dow, one of the architects at Sioux Falls, sizes up the boom there in this way, in one of the city papers: "There is every evidence that the present year will see very much of a building boom here. I must say, however, that I think we talk too much of our 'building boom,' with too little foundation. By blowing things up too high we attract in builders from other points who come in here for work and who

get disgusted with the disappointment they meet in coming here. I believe in lying a little—say doubling up about twice on the truth—but somehow I really think we ought to stop there. My conscience won't let me go much farther than a double. We don't lie near as much nor stick to it as strong as those fellows up there in North Dakota—at Fargo or Jamestown."

#### GOT CAUGHT.

Every winter since the settlement of Williamsport, in Emmons county, a colony of the people have gone down into the timber along the Missouri river, about eighteen miles from there, erected good log cabins and lived there in comfort, protected from the winds and with plenty of fuel at hand. The settlement has been named Camp Shields. They have usually returned before the river broke up, but were caught this year. They were awakened one night by the water pouring into their houses. They rushed out to a sand bank and were surrounded by water, keeping men, women and children out in one of the worst blizzards of the season, but not very cold fortunately, two days, when they were rescued.

#### MARY ANDERSON'S ENTRY.

Secretary Lamar has ordered a hearing in the case of Mary Nelson Anderson's entry of the northwest quarter, section 6, town 151, range 57, Grand Forks land district. Mary made a pre-emption entry of land and before she proved up married Anderson. Under an established rule the general land office held the entry for cancellation. Mary appealed and the hearing is ordered to enable the Secretary to get at the facts. A special agent of the general land office reported the case, but the Secretary of the Interior will decree the claim to Mary if the law permits.

#### I. O. O. F.

The order of Odd Fellows is one of the strongest of secret societies in Dakota, and extensive preparations are making for celebrating the anniversary of the order April 26. There is an organization connected with it called the Dakota Central Anniversary association. This body met at Woonsocket last year, and will meet this month at Miller. It is expected to be the greatest occasion of the kind the town has ever known, with visitors from all over the territory. Hon. W. A. Bentley, of Bismarck, is to be the orator, and there will be many bands and people.

#### P. M. HASTINGS.

Last week C. W. Hastings was appointed Postmaster at Brookings, succeeding George W. Hopp. Mr. Hopp has held the position ever since the commencement of the town, except about one year. Mr. Hastings is a prominent Democrat and will give as good satisfaction as any candidate for the position. He is a good business man and will keep an office that will be a credit to the town. It is understood that he cast the only ballot voted at Brookings for John R. Wilson for congress two years ago.

#### AN AGGRAVATION.

It is an aggravation to Dakota people to see in every Minnesota paper a copy of the new laws of that state while in the territory there is no opportunity to learn the provisions of the various statutes for many months, and then only by purchasing an expensive volume. It was a great blunder on the part of the legislature not to have adopted the Minnesota plan. The expense could easily have been taken from some of the munificent appropriations.

#### ARBOR DAY.

The selection of May 1 for Arbor day meets general approval, and there is a disposition prevalent to give the occasion a good deal more attention than heretofore. In his last bulletin Commissioner Dunlap puts the number of trees set out on Arbor day in 1886 at 25,620. It is believed there will be several times that number this year. Mr. Dunlap also estimates the number of acres of trees planted and now doing well in the territory at 41,375. That would not indicate that tree planting had been extensive as yet.

#### VERMILLION HAPPINESS.

The people of all parties at Vermillion turned out with a band and presented Hon. D. M. Inman with an elegant ebony, gold-headed cane as a mark of their appreciation of his arduous services as a member of the Third house at Bismarck, which culminated in generous, robust figures for the university, which is the pride of the Clay county metropolis. Mr. Inman responded pleasantly, but did not explain his method of operations at the capital to secure an appropriation so much beyond local expectations.

#### A SANGUINE MAN.

Judge West, the secretary of the railroad commission, has always been popular personally, and now adds to his popularity by giving as the results of his travels in and out of the territory, the opinion that the boom in North Dakota really this spring and summer will

exceed all precedent, taking the towns and country as a whole. He says there will be an influx of the best class of settlers that will surpass the most sanguine expectations.

#### WANTS A WIFE.

Thos. Dring, aged 72, who has a nice farm of 160 acres in Grant county, advertises in the local paper for a wife—says he is as lively as a spring colt, and wants a wife not over 50 or under 30, and is confident he can make her happy. It is said that quiet a number of applicants are already puzzling the old man to make a selection. He thinks of asking them to give the situation a trial.

#### AN EXPLANATION.

A paper in the Grand Forks neighborhood last week contained fifty-six mortgage sales and other papers of that section nearly as many. People abroad are apt to draw mistaken and unfavorable impressions from such sales. They are due to the fact that farmers, in their eagerness to spread out, have borrowed money far beyond the dictates of prudence. The country is all right, but some of its occupants have been in too great haste to get rich.

#### FEMALE ENTERPRISE.

A young widow lately came from Missouri to Potter county entirely alone and in charge of a large number of horses and cattle and farming implements and household goods. She has secured land and will open up a farm, and, no doubt, do well. Her chief annoyance will be from persistent offers of matrimony—but such plucky women don't need husbands, and only rustlers have any show.

#### FUEL OF THE FUTURE.

Robert Burns, of Spink county, couldn't write a line of poetry, but he has just taken out a patent for a contrivance that it is claimed will be more popular in Dakota than any of the productions of his namesake. It is a contrivance for burning straw for fuel, and is said to be an entire success.

#### NOT THE DAKOTA WAY.

Rev. J. W. Bounce, a Free Methodist preacher, has been suing the streets of Armour for his pulpit, but not with results worth imitating. He claims to have made it a common practice in the states, but Dakota takes its religion in a little more decorous manner.

#### JAMESTOWN ELECTION.

At the Jamestown City election on the 2nd, J. M. Graham was elected mayor by 64 majority; aldermen, D. E. Hughes, John Watson, Dr. Close, Mr. Ingraham, Sr.; city treasurer, Joseph Mills; public magistrate, L. T. Hamilton.

#### \$5,000 FOR A LIFE.

Cornelius Wedell, of Turner county, was killed by the cars of the Milwaukee railroad in October, 1885, and the administrator brought suit for \$15,000, but the jury have just awarded \$5,000. The seems to be the full value of a man in Dakota as well as the states.

#### DIME NOVEL INSPIRATION.

A couple of boys at Miller recently took their fathers' horses and vehicle, with a small arsenal, and started for the frontier to become cowboys, high waymen, or something dreadful they had read of in dime novels. One night on the prairie chilled their enthusiasm, and they returned.

#### TOOK THE PLEDGE.

The city authorities at Brookings heard reports that the saloons were selling liquor to minors and others not entitled to bibulous privileges, and all the saloonkeepers were convened and advised in a friendly way to turn over a new leaf in this matter. They all pledged themselves to do so.

#### QUINCES.

There is no secret about growing quinces. With proper care they will thrive in almost any good soil, but a strong, moist loam, naturally or artificially drained, is best. They should have thorough culture at all times, but especially when young. The roots of quince trees or bushes grow near the surface; therefore cultivation should not be very deep. Yard manure, wood ashes and potash salts are the best fertilizers.—N. E. Farmer.

#### RAILROAD SEED WHEAT.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad company has distributed the last of 9,000 bushels of choice seed wheat, which it has shipped to Ellendale to loan to the farmers. Considerable quantities have also been put out by the company at Monango and Edgeley. A bushel and a half is to be given the company next fall for every bushel which it now loans. Seeding will not become general here before April 15. It is not safe to put the wheat in the ground before that time.

#### MRS. BOUCHE CONVICTED.

In the district court at Desmet, before Judge Spencer, Mrs. Bouchie, convicted of manslaughter in the second degree, was fined \$200. Clarence Bouchie was sentenced to six months in jail, with execution suspended on good behavior.

#### JAMESTOWN COLLEGE.

Bids for the erection of the left wing

of the Jamestown college were opened Saturday night. The bid of H. C. Hotchkins of Jamestown was the lowest, being \$19,765.57. The building is to be 100x40 and three stories high. It is expected to be ready for occupancy next fall.

#### VARIOUS NOTES.

The melting of the snow brought to light the body of a soldier named Phillips, who while intoxicated wandered away from Fort Sisseton about two months ago.

The sheriff of Edmunds county, has been traveling in the eastern section of late looking for a couple of fellows who have been 'doing' the people with furniture varnish.

The militia company at Watertown proposes to invest some \$5,000 in an armory building. Nearly all the old companies are reorganizing under the new law.

The Clay County bank at Vermillion is being changed to a national bank, with L. T. Sweezy as president, and C. H. Barrett as cashier.

A young child of Robert Nicholson, of Rosedale, in Hanson, tipped over a kettle of hot water and scalded itself to death.

The mail carrier between Hamilton and Dayton, in Pembina county, used a dog team which made good time on the snow.

The editor of the Harrison Globe claims to have a tool chest brought over in the Mayflower in 1620, and which had then been in the family several generations. The number of ancient relics that turn up in Dakota is surprising.

It will take 12,000 head of cattle to fill the contract let to meat the men building the extension of the Manitoba to Montana.

The general assembly of the Presbyterian ministers of South Dakota met in Alexandria on April 3.

A joint stock company has been organized at Tyndall, in Bon Homme county, to bore for an artesian well. The great need of the town is water, and if this is secured sufficiently a creamery and other institutions will follow.

Brookings has five and a half miles of sidewalk, and another mile has been ordered. It is claimed that no other town of 2,000 people in Dakota can equal it in such improvement.

The division of the 5,500 acres of the Dalrymple farm near Casselton, between Dalrymple and Cheney, it is hoped in that section will be eventually followed by the cutting up of all the bonanza farms. The small farms build up the country much better.

#### BOOMLETS.

Some of the most expert guessers put the immigration to Dakota in 1887 at 75,000, and suppose this means the occupancy of 5,000,000 more acres. At that rate there will soon be little land not taken up.

During the past three weeks 280 acres of land at Yankton have been bought by outside parties to lay off in lots for sale, and several hundred more acres are being negotiated for. The boom is believed to be rising there.

Quite a number of parties from South Dakota went to Washington territory some time since, and send back word to their friends not to come there unless they have more money than they need. They say Dakota is the best country, especially for men of small means.

Three colonies of from ten to twenty families each, have reached Tower county the past week—one from Lincoln and Calloway counties, of Missouri, and two from Canada. They are said to be but the prelude to a heavy migration.

More real estate has changed hands in Sioux Falls in one week this season than in all of 1886. It looks like a boom coming.

B. T. Weygint, who was the first man to establish a cheese factory in the now great cheese county of Oswego, New York, seven years ago, the past week moved out to Turner county with quite a colony of kindred, and will go into the same business in Dakota if there is encouragement.

Comstock and White, the town site agents on the line of the Manitoba extension, report that Minot is the liveliest town in Dakota at present. There are 4,000 people there and the big bridge beyond there is completed and work commencing on the railroad extension. It is to make a good town after the road goes by—but the big town is to be Great Falls, which will boom as soon as the railroad settles upon the exact point on the river that it will strike. There will be several nice towns along the line of the road.

The building boom at Brookings, it is claimed, will greatly exceed any former year. It is one of the best towns in the section.

Hon. J. J. Kleiner, the late Indiana congressman, is now a resident of Dakota and has his family there. He finds a most cordial welcome. Aside from real estate interest, he is largely interested in the Western Loan & Trust company and the South Dakota Live Stock association.

A Western lecturer has selected for his subject "A Bad Egg." This subject often strikes a lecturer unfavorably.

## NEWS AND NOTES

The Boston stone masons demand 10 hours' pay for 9 hours' work.

Gen. Louis Teran, Governor of Oaxaca, is regarded as the most promising Presidential candidate in Mexico. He is an old and intimate friend of President Diaz.

Lord Lonsdale is reported in financial hot water in consequence of his ill-advised dramatic venture in bringing the Cameron and her company to this country.

Lord Randolph Churchill says that his resignation resulted in the direct saving of £5,400,000 while exposing the scandalous waste of public money in the War and Admiralty Department.

The latest report from the City of Peking, which arrived from Hong Kong with smallpox, states that only one case of mild varioloid exists aboard, and that there is no danger of the disease spreading.

The new narrow-gauge incline railroad up Lookout Mountain, just completed, has cost about \$200,000. It runs from the foot of the mountain to the spot where Gen. Joe Hooker planted his flag.

The Ameer of Afghanistan is seriously alarmed over the discovery that a number of native tribes are combining against him, and has appealed to the Indian authorities for help and advice.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue is considering a proposition for the establishment of a special bonded warehouse for grape brandy in New York City to meet the convenience of the trade.

Dr. John M. Hutchings, a highly respected and prominent citizen, and proprietor of the Star warehouse at Danville, Va., accidentally shot and killed himself with a pistol. He was 61 years of age.

The President and Mrs. Cleveland during the last week have inaugurated the custom of walking about the streets of Washington. Their walks are chiefly confined to the vicinity of the Washington Monument.

In the New Jersey house a resolution protesting against the coercion attempted England against Ireland expressing sympathy with Messrs. Gladstone and Parnell and their followers in their struggles and efforts against such an act was adopted.

John Van Syckle of Peapack, N. J., claims to be 107 years old. The other day he walked over to Schooley's Mountain, a distance of three or four miles, and in the tavern, enlivened by two or three horns of applejack, danced a jig in good style.

The Duke of Norfolk, Earl-Marshal of England, subscribes £5,000 towards the local jubilee fund, £750 for the general fund, \$250 for the Imperial Institute, and grants land valued at £4,000 for recreation grounds to the working-classes on the occasion.

The President has reappointed the following Government Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad Company: Franklin MacVeagh of Chicago; Alexander Haskell of Columbia, S. C.; Marcus A. Hanna of Cleveland, O.; and James W. Savage of Omaha, Neb.

Deacon V. S. White, the Wall street millionaire Congressman, who is to deliver an address at the Knox (Ill.) College commencement in June, is an alumnus of that college. He went to Galesburg early in the '50s and by teaching school and turning a penny in other ways worked his way through.

The Nebraska House of the Legislature has passed a law making education in that State compulsory. In the debate on the bill before the House some interesting facts were brought to light, one of which was, that the State of Nebraska ranks third in the ratio of intelligence in the United States.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden played the hero and heroine in a drama produced at the Royal Theatre in Stockholm April 1. The Prince is said to be a capital actor. The proceeds were given to the Asylum for Magdalenes and the audience was a very exclusive one, only the rich and noble being admitted.

The Inter-State Commission has promulgated a rule of procedure to the effect that applications made for the official action of the commission shall be made by petition, which shall set forth the facts on which they are founded and be verified on oath by the applicant or an authorized agent or attorney.

Henry C. Kelsey, Secretary of State, is the Pooh-Bah of New Jersey. He is a member of the Board of Bank Commissioners, Clerk of the Court of Errors and Appeals, Clerk of the Court of Impeachment, Clerk of the Court of Pardons, Clerk of the Prerogative Court, Commissioner of the State Library, Scientific School Commissioner, and State Commissioner of Insurance.

A Bill has passed the Massachusetts House by a vote of two to one, limiting the number of licenses which may be granted in any one place to one for every 500 people. As Boston now has one saloon to every 158 people it will reduce the number of saloons in that city by over two-thirds. There are now about 2,300 saloons there. Under the new law, which it is said, will pass the Senate, there will be about 700.