

THE COURIER,

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By FRED K. H. ADAMS.

It is reported of Col. Plummer that he is about to go to Aberdeen as one of the proprietors and editor of a daily paper. With a field large enough the Colonel, as a journalist would bring any paper into prominence.

The North Dakota Democrat protests against the false economy that prevented the publication of the laws in the newspapers as soon as the legislature adjourned, and thinks relief could be had from such foolishness by admission.

Another disaster on the Northern Pacific, Sunday, in which one man was killed outright, several persons mortally wounded, and much property destroyed, ought to teach the N. P. people a lesson. Since "owing to the provision of the Inter-state Commerce law" the editorial fraternity have been forced to pay fare or walk the ties, such accidents have become alarmingly frequent. We do not pretend to say who the guilty parties are, but Major Edwards has been compelled to fork over fare lately, and he will get—even if it takes him—fifteen years.

It is reported that Alex McKenzie has been appointed general roadmaster of the Northern Pacific—from St. Paul to Portland—headquarters in the saddle.—Argus.

If the above report is true the Northern Pacific has certainly done a wise thing. It does not hurt a road to select for its local officers popular and influential men. Mr. McKenzie is certainly both popular and influential, with a trifling amendment. He is an able man. At Bismarck last winter the southern farmers expected to see Aleck appear with horns and cloven hoof. In two weeks time (although they could not always agree with him as to legislative measures), he was as popular a man with them as was to be met with in the city, and as often consulted concerning matters in which he had no interest.

Just before going to press we learn from Mr. Rolfe that a letter received by him from President Hill states, in effect, that the Hope branch will not be extended this year, the company having all the work on hand it can handle.—Dakota Siftings.

Buffalo Bill is cutting a big swath in England. Gladstone visited his show to-day, made speeches to the Indians and was dined by the managers. Tomorrow Bill is to be entertained by a member of parliament, and before he returns is likely to be invited to stay over night at Buckingham Palace and have breakfast with the queen.—Fargo Republican.

The BANNER has received a letter from a Fargo attorney asking our lowest rates on legal notices. He did not mean to evade the law, but wanted lowest rates for his clients, and to that end was willing to make affidavit to a lie, and wished us to do likewise. Of course Mr. Attorney was informed that reputable publishers had too much respect for themselves to commit perjury for the sake of obtaining business, however willing he might be to aid, procure and abet the same.—Hillsboro Banner.

THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE.

LANSING, April 29.—Late last night arguments were concluded in the Dakin bribery case, and the case submitted to the house. By a vote of 83 to 11 it was decided that Dakin had endeavored to procure money, ostensibly to corrupt members, but really with a view to appropriate it to his use. Of the specific charges that he had placed a price after the names of 15 members, he was unanimously found guilty. A resolution was then offered that Dakin be expelled from the house, and it was adopted by a large vote. The hall was crowded, and was very quiet as the speaker announced that, by the vote, he must announce Milo Dakin expelled from the floor of the house and its privileges.

SUICIDE.

The announcement in yesterday morning's Argus that the body of an unknown man had been found near Moorhead, was followed yesterday by an inquest upon the body, by Coroner Darrow, of Clay County, before a jury composed of H. Rasmussen, P. H. Lamb, Thomas O'Neill, A. G. Lewis, S. T. Simonson and S. Torgerson. The body was found Saturday morning by Joel Larson, a twelve year old boy, on the farm of his father ten miles south of Moorhead. It was brought to Moorhead yesterday and the inquest held at the undertaking rooms of Beck & Wright.

From letters and papers upon his person it was found to be the remains of Dr. Charles E. Sayles, late a member of the firm of Parkhouse & Sayles, of Valley City.

Death was caused by severing the carotid artery. Knowing the exact location of this important artery, Dr. Sayles, with a single incision of his pocket knife, ended his life—leaving a wound only the width of his knife blade.

Upon his person was found, various articles of little or no value, as well as twenty-three dollars in money and a gold watch.

The knife with which the life was taken, was found in his hand—with the blood of its victim still on the blade.

The verdict of the jury was in accordance with the above statements—suicide.

Dr. Sayles had been to Chicago, on personal business, and was on his way home. He reached Fargo at about half past eight Friday morning, and registered at the Headquarters hotel. He did not pay his bill, so it is not known when he left the hotel, but it can not be learned that he was there after breakfast. About ten o'clock Saturday morning the Larson boy found his body, evidently dead some time in the woods by the Red river on his father's farm. The supposition is that he wandered down Friday morning, and that the suicide was committed then.

Dr. Sayles leaves a wife and two children at Valley City, who will receive the sympathy of many friends there and elsewhere. Mrs. Sayles is a sister of Mrs. Colonel Yerkes, of Chicago, well known in Fargo.

Not a line has yet been found, indicating the formation of a purpose to commit suicide, and not even a farewell message to his family has been discovered. By those who know him, this is taken as an indication that the act was done under the impulse of a mind suddenly and uncontrollably unbalanced.—Argus.

DELUDED.

Happy is he who hears, with brow elate,
Above the tumult of the unheeding throng,
The plaudits of the Future, clear and strong,
Down the long centuries reverberate.
Though unremembered be his common fate;
Content to leave a heritage of song;
To after ages who can do no wrong;
Content, though never gained, Fame's crown to wait.
Dups of his dreams, what matter if not his,
Dim in the crimson gold and purple glow
Of some cathedral vast, that honored tomb
Whose stones the pilgrim nations kneeling kiss?
Slumbers he not less sound though overhead
On a forgotten mound the grasses spread.
—Cornhill Magazine.

A Death at Sea.

"Do invalids usually dread making a sea voyage, doctor?"
"They have no fear of the voyage, but the dread which surrounds the thought of a possible death at sea completely unnerves them. Suggest a trip abroad and they will gladly attempt it, for they have the satisfaction of knowing that in case they die the remains will be returned to their friends for decent burial. A burial at sea, however, haunts them from the time a voyage is suggested until it is over. Now that the matter of speed and comfort is the question of the hour with steamship companies, they should give some thought to the subject of burials at sea. It is an important question. Originating when the only means of transatlantic travel were sailing vessels, there is no doubt but that it was necessary to consign a corpse to the deep, but in these days of rapid transit and floating palaces it would be an easy matter to preserve a body for several days. In the olden time lack of facilities for properly caring for and preserving a body, coupled with the superstitious dread of the sailors, rendered it necessary to heave it over the rail, but now these reasons do not exist. Every steamer should have a surgeon capable of embalming a corpse and a refrigerating compartment to preserve a body for an entire trip. The terrible dread of being buried at sea has deterred many from seeking relief in a warmer climate than this, and they have remained here and died rather than risk such an end. What we need are facilities and apparatus which will tend to dispel this dread, and which will tend to add to the peace of mind of persons taking a sea voyage in the hope of restoring health."—New York Mail and Express.

The Trade With Greenland.

But the days of the noble old clippers are gone, and I went to see this veteran of the sea about the ships that trade with Greenland. He and a business associate own seven vessels engaged in this strange trade. No other American commercial vessels go to the far off land of Kane, Sir John Franklin and so many other gallant men who have braved the rigors of its highest latitudes. The vessels go out in ballast, for although Greenland imports wheat, brandy, coffee, sugar, tobacco and firewood, it is not from this country. They bring back a metal termed cryolite, which they obtain at a port called Ivigtut, on the southwest coast of Greenland.

It is a bleak country, even in the short summer, during two months of which, in June and July, the sun is always above the horizon. Mosses, stunted shrubs, dwarfish trees and huckleberry bushes are about the only vegetation, and the bare mountains, in the grip of great glaciers, and the generally dead and desolate aspect of the country make it appear as strange and unreal as that gray corpse of a world, the moon. Cryolite looks like ice, and hence the name signifies ice stone. It is all taken to Philadelphia, and is used in manufacturing soda, alum, lye, porcelain, piano keys, door knobs, clock dials and other articles. The seven barks in this trade each carry about 500 tons of this strange mineral, and make fourteen voyages in a year. Last year they brought 2,400 tons to this country.—Ocean Wily-loughby Regis.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1886, of the Condition and Affairs of the

PHENIX

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Of Brooklyn, organized under the laws of the State of New York, made to the Auditor of the Territory of Dakota, in pursuance of the laws of said Territory.

President, Stephen Crowell. Vice-President, Wm. R. Crowell. Secretary, Philander Shaw. Principal Office, Court St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Organized or incorporated Sept. 10, 1853. Commenced Business, Sept. 10, 1853.

Amount of Capital Stock actually paid in cash. \$1,000,000 00

PROPERTY OR ASSETS OF THE COMPANY.

The value of its Real Estate is. \$1,003,787 53

The cash on hand in its office. 335 00

The cash on deposit in bank is. 494,870 18

The cash in hands of agents and in course of transmission. 470,108 77

Loans on bond and mortgage, being the first liens on real estate worth double the amount of the sums loaned, here- on. 241,500 00

Stocks owned by the com- pany. 251,000 00

As per schedule C filed in this office, the value of the same is. 2,007,108 00

Stocks held as collateral security for loans. 1,000,000 00

As per schedule D filed in this office, amount of losses paid during the year 1886, on collateral security, par value, \$57,325 00; market value, \$109,109 00.

Total carried out at market value. 109,109 00

All other sums due the Company: Bills Receivable, \$140,234 55; Interest, \$1,718 48; Rent, \$124 71; Office Ex- penses, \$211,578 28.

Total assets. \$5,307,625 30

LIABILITIES.

Amount of losses yet unpaid. \$ 324,348 83

Amount of claims for losses pending in the Company. 29,411 00

Whole amount of unearned premiums on outstanding risks. 3,466,336 97

Amount of all other existing claims: Commissions, \$14,433 71; Ret. Prem., First Year Insurance, \$1,028 44; Here- on. \$3,098 08.

Total liabilities. \$5,440,536 61

INCOME DURING THE YEAR 1886.

Whole amount of cash premiums re- ceived. \$5,533,378 79

Whole amount of cash pre- miums received on poli- cies written in the Ter- ritory of Dakota. 79,325 57

Whole amount of interest money re- ceived. 130,531 48

Whole amount of income received from all other sources. 72,091 13

Total income. \$5,795,999 97

EXPENSES DURING THE YEAR 1886.

Whole amount of losses paid during the year 1886. \$5,542,501 96

Amount accrued prior to preceding statement. 344,473 03

Amount accrued subse- quent to preceding state- ment. 8,197,828 33

Amount of losses paid up- on to preceding state- ment. 25,976 00

Amount of losses accrued prior to preceding state- ment. 674 43

Amount of losses accrued subsequent to the pre- ceding statement. 25,201 65

Amount of dividends paid during the year 1886. 100,000 00

Amount of commissions and fees paid to officers and agents during the year 1886. 974,921 21

Amount of taxes paid during the year 1886. 69,106 88

Amount of taxes paid the Territory of Dakota during the year 1886. 1,585 01

Amount of fees paid the Auditor of the Territory of Dakota during the year 1886 (not including taxes). 500 00

Whole amount paid for salaries of of- ficers and agents during the year 1886. 320,236 67

Whole amount of all other ex- penses during the year 1886. 395,850 79

Total expenditures. \$6,402,500 54

RISKS.

Gross amount of risks taken during the year 1886. \$675,528,338 00

Gross amount of risks taken in the Territory of Dakota during the year 1886. 3,438,641 00

Whole amount of risks outstanding at the close of the year 1886. 540,215,681 00

Whole amount of losses incurred during the year 1886, including those claimed and not yet due. 3,568,588 18

Whole amount of losses incurred dur- ing the year 1886, including those claimed and not yet due, in the Ter- ritory of Dakota. 28,951 00

Number of agents in the Territory of Dakota, 144

STATE OF NEW YORK, I, es. Stephen Crowell, President, Philander Shaw, Secretary of the Phenix Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, New York, being duly sworn, depose and say that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the affairs of said company; that the said insurance company is the bona fide owner of at least ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOL- LARS of actual cash capital, invested in the State and United States Stocks and Bonds, or in Bond and Mortgage of Real Estate unincumbered, and worth double the amount for which the same is mortgaged, and they are the above described of- ficers of said insurance company.

STEPHEN CROWELL, President.

PHILANDER SHAW, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of January, 1887.

[SEAL] FRANCIS P. BURKE, Notary Public (750), New York Co.

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA.)

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, Insurance Department.

I, E. W. Caldwell, Auditor of the Territory of Dak- ota, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the affairs of the said com- pany, as shown by the original statement now on file in this office.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, this 7th day of March, 1887.

E. W. CALDWELL, Auditor.

F. B. MORSE, Deputy.

THE TERRITORY OF DAKOTA, Office Territorial Auditor, Department of Insurance, Company's Certificate of Authority.

Whereas, the Phenix Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of New York, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31st, 1886, from which it appears that the capital, the character of the securities, and the financial standing of said company, conform to the requirements of the laws of this Territory regulating the business of insur- ance; and

Whereas, the said company has filed in this Office a duly certified copy of its charter, with certificate of organization, and has fully complied with the requirements of the insurance laws aforesaid;

Now, therefore, I, E. W. Caldwell, Auditor of the Territory of Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its author- ized officers to transact its appropriate business of Fire Insurance, in this Territory, according to the laws thereof, until the 31st day of December, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck, this 7th day of March, A. D. 1887.

[SEAL] E. W. CALDWELL, Auditor.

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All persons having claims against said Frank Hunter, deceased, are hereby notified and requir- ed to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned administrator of said estate, at his office in Cooperstown, in the county of Griggs, Territory of Dakota, and that four months have been limited as the time for crediting or proving their claims against said estate.

Dated the 1st day of March, 1887.

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