

# DAKOTA DOINGS.

## News Gathered From The Most Reliable Sources.

### GOPHER POISON.

An Ellendale dispatch gives the details of a fatal mistake which occurred near causing the death of his sixteen-year-old son. Mr. Farley had a considerable quantity of land in McIntosh county, but has been residing on the farm of Robert Bruther, seven miles west of here, since coming to Dakota in April. Accompanied by his son he had been to his land near Hoskins for the purpose of moving some household goods and getting every thing in readiness for the reception of his family. While at Hoskins he purchased a package of arsenic with which to poison gophers, and after using the same at the farm threw the package upon the ground. When ready to leave for home, not having anything in which to put their lunch, Mr. Farley picked up the bag which had contained the arsenic and deposited their lunch therein, having forgotten what its former contents were. On the way home they stopped in the hills to eat their lunch.

The supply was not very bountiful, and Mr. Farley, being very hungry, turned the crumbs out of the sack, after the food was gone and ate them. The son remembers that they were covered with a white substance which he supposed was flour. In one hour's time both were taken violently ill, and they vomited continually from that time until they reached home. A messenger was dispatched for Dr. Endris, of this city, who drove out as quickly as possible, but Mr. Farley was in a dying condition when he arrived. The son was nearly past help, and it took some vigorous work on the part of the doctor to bring him through. He has, however, entirely recovered from the effects of the deadly mineral. The remains were taken to Elmer City, Mich., for interment. Deceased leaves a wife and five children, three sons and two daughters. Mrs. Farley and the children will remain in Dakota long enough to secure title to their land, when they will remove to Michigan, their former home.

### PUBLIC OPINION.

Fargo Argus. Gov. Church may have done some things he ought not to have done—may have left undone some things he ought to have done—but no North Dakotian has reason to complain of his treatment of North Dakota. As an executive he has certainly favored the North, and while individuals may think they have cause for complaint as a section of the territory North Dakota should be satisfied with the favors showered upon her by Gov. Church—even if the southern portion does kick a little. So long as Gov. Church will stand by Fargo and North Dakota, loyalty to section ought to impel citizens thereof to stand by him.

Sioux Falls Mail. Will some of the croakers be kind enough to rise and inform the anxious public wherein Gov. Church's administration is unpopular? Perhaps they will further enlighten the world by enumerating a few of his bad deeds. It is shameful for the anti-administration papers to crack their throats yelling at Gov. Church, when they cannot point to a single improper act he has performed since he became Governor; and it is outrageous for alleged Democratic newspapers to fling filth at him because the editors thereof did not get the fat offices they sought. Somebody had to get left, for the reason that there was not enough soft snaps to go around. The Governor made a few poor appointments to be sure, but it was not his fault. He depended upon the representations of others in some instances and was deceived into conferring trusts upon incompetent and unworthy men. All, in all, however, his administration has been very creditable indeed, and President Cleveland can feel assured that he has given this territory the best Governor it ever had.

### REMARKABLE STATEMENT.

Yankton Press and Dakotian: One of the most remarkable newspaper statements we have seen lately was telegraphed from Yankton to the Minneapolis Journal. It directly charges the theft of \$20,000 upon an ex-member of the board of trustees of the insane hospital. Evidence to sustain this allegation is rather scant. The same telegram says Trustees Brown and Lewis, democratic members of the board, have resigned. There has never been an intimation that it was necessary for them to resign.

### THE MIGHTY STRIDE.

Grafton Herald. "Lay'n' out another railroad!" "Surveying for one," was the reply. "Goin' threw my barn!" "Don't see how we can avoid it." "Wall, now, mister, I calkerlate I've got somethin' tew say 'bout that. I want you to understand that I've got suthin' else tew dew besides run-out tew open and

shut them doors every time a train wants tew go through."

### AMONG THE FARMERS.

Comparatively little flax was sown in Spink county this year.

Every acre in Kidder county is sown and the county is out of debt.

Sanborn county never had finer prospects for large crops. Rain has fallen in abundance and farmers are cheerful.

Crops in Hand county are above the average, both in quality and quantity. Rye and barley is nearly all headed out and some fields of oats are in head.

The farmer's shipping association of Arlington have received their charter and will soon open the books for stock subscriptions. They will be ready to buy grain as soon as the crop begins to move.

Reports from all parts of Brookings county indicate that at no time during its history have the crops been in better condition at this season of the year than now, and the farmers are correspondingly happy.

Much more corn has been planted this year in Miner county than ever before, but little flax has been sown, the acreage of wheat and oats will be largely increased. Not as much breaking has been done yet this spring as is customary as the sod has been dry and tough.

Secretary Bushnell, of the board of agricultural, was in Mitchell Friday on business connected with the territorial fair. He has extended an invitation to President Cleveland to be present if he comes west, and will try to secure Senator Harrison as orator of the occasion.

The farmer's shipping association of DeSmet has made 125 per cent on their investment in nine months. A dividend of 50 per cent was declared Friday, also a rebate of two cents per bushel on all grain bought of stockholders. The warehouse will be enlarged before fall, and business done on a larger scale next year.

### SPORTS.

The base ball craze has just struck Canton and bids fair to outlive the season of 1885.

The second regiment band, of Canton, sent in an order last week for a new set of triple silver-plated Higham instruments, the outfit to cost \$600.

An enterprising Huronian is building a 40-foot stern wheel steamboat to navigate the James river from there to Columbia, 100 miles.

The executive committee of the soldiers' and sailors' association of Dakota met at Mitchell Friday, and fixed the time for their reunion August 30th, 31st and September 1st. Bids for the location will be advertised for.

The Huron running team of the fire department which has won the banner at the last two tournaments in Dakota, has made arrangements to attend the tournament in Sioux City, and go from there to the tournament at Mitchell.

H. S. Brown, of Columbia, and R. C. Huntley, of Huron, ran a seventy-five yard foot race at the fair grounds at Huron Saturday afternoon for a purse of \$400. Huntley won by three feet. A large crowd was in attendance. Considerable money changed hands.

The business men of Woonsocket have raised a fund of \$500 to be tendered as a bonus to the Dakota soldiers' and sailors' association if it will select that town as the place for its next reunion.

### RAILROAD SCHEMES.

The Milwaukee is supposed to be surveying a line to Watertown.

At Grafton the vote to bond the city for the right of way of the Duluth & Manitoba was practically unanimous, there being only two negatives.

Huron reports grading to begin soon on the Duluth, Huron and Denver railroad. Also from Howard that that place on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad.

Fully 300 people attended the sale of lots at the new town of Spencer, on the Omaha extension from Sioux Falls, Wednesday, a third of whom went from Mitchell.

The Duluth, Pierre and Black Hills railroad company, a Pierre organization with J. J. Kleiner as president, will make a survey of the road to Aberdeen at a very early date.

Deadwood has held a railroad meeting and a committee—D. A. McPherson, G. H. Hickok, John R. Wilson, Sol. Star and J. P. K. Miller—was appointed to confer with the Elk Horn valley company. The people are willing to give right of way and \$50,000 for the railroad.

Property at Watertown recently sold for \$16,000 has been purchased by a syndicate of which J. J. Hill, of the Manitoba, is a member. Several surveying parties have appeared in the vicinity of Watertown within two days. Nothing can be learned of their business, but their direction seems to be southwest.

### ACCIDENTS AND FIRES.

Tuesday, at Elk Point, the house of Ed Newgard burned. Pete Springfield and Mahias Carlson lost all their personal effects. Defective flue. Loss over \$1,000.

James W. Ask, a prominent Volga

merchant, having imbibed pretty freely, fell down stairs and was severely injured.

During the thunder storm of Saturday, Johnnie, a step-son of Ole Larson, was killed by lightning while herding cattle near Valley City.

Adam Marshall, living eight miles north of Mitchell, accidentally ran a knife into his thigh while at work Tuesday, and nearly bled to death before aid reached him.

Hans Peterson, a farmer living about five miles north of Iroquois, lost his house by fire recently. The cause of the fire was flax straw which was used for fuel and lying near the stove.

At Canton a railroad laborer by the name of Thomas Daly fell from the second floor in the Tompson house last Saturday and sustained injuries from which he died Thursday. Too much beer was the cause of the accident.

### IN THE COURTS.

Court opened Tuesday in Pierre Judge Spencer presiding. There are 135 cases on the calendar, 110 of which are ready for trial. The term will last only two weeks, so that it will be impossible to clear the calendar. Judge Spencer will probably make Pierre his permanent residence.

At Pierre a jury returned a verdict of \$1 for defendant in the case of the First National bank of Sioux City vs. V. E. Prentice. The bank brought suit to recover payment of a note amounting to \$1,500 but on the ground of usury the jury rendered a verdict for defendant as above. Burr W. Jones, of Madison, Wis., was counsel for defense.

### CRIMINAL.

Charles Harrison has been arrested for stealing a diamond in a Fargo bagnio.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bonchir's sentence for manslaughter has been suspended for sixty days.

Ted and Jack Donovan's saloon at Elkton were robbed last week. Ted loses considerable and Jack some \$70.

Burglars at Fargo robbed the house of Deputy Sheriff McCarty of \$17 and a watch, first chloroforming Mr. McCarty.

Robert Reed, clerk of the Commercial house at Bridgewater, McCook county, was stabbed by Mike Maloney because the clerk objected to Mike's walking out with one of the chambermaids.

Four of the most prominent residences in Fargo were entered by burglars Wednesday evening and ransacked. At the residence of Col. Morton the burglars ate oranges in the dining room. The colonel was awakened when they were at work in the second story and chased them out of the house. The residences of Sam Mairs, Thomas Baker, jr., and E. E. Cole were entered but very little of value secured. Six arrests have been made.

### THE GLORIOUS FORTH.

The fourth will be observed at St. Lawrence.

Kimball contemplates a blowout on the fourth.

Grand Forks has raised \$700 with which to celebrate.

Brookings has raised \$500 for a fourth of July celebration.

Several men and teams with plows and scrapers are at work on the Salem driving park, getting it ready for the 4th of July.

Cathage sporting men are laying out a half-mile trotting track east of town. Some good races are on the bill for the fourth of July.

De Smet will celebrate the glorious fourth in all the splendor possible. Considerable money has been raised and the people are interested.

At Redfield, arrangements are being made for a grand Fourth of July celebration. One of the exercises will be the laying of the corner stone of the new Congregational college. Prominent speakers, interested in the college movement, are expected from the East.

A Webster telegram says all arrangements are completed for a grand celebration July 4. Negotiations have been made with the Indians and about 800 will be present and give exhibitions in Indian war dances, old Indian games, and a barbecue. Militia Company G will give a ball in the evening. The Webster Cornet band will furnish music.

### ETCHINGS.

Flowerfield is a new Hamlin county postoffice.

The Lennox oatmeal mill has shut down for the season.

Thirteen women hold the office of county superintendent in Dakota.

The capacity of the Watertown flouring mill is to be increased from fifty to 100 barrels per day.

The contract for a \$5,500 three story brick veneered hotel at De Smet has been let. The building will be completed about the first of September.

The old soldiers who marched in line at St. Lawrence on decoration day represented over sixty different organizations and nearly every state in the union.

## FUNNY SYMPOSIUM.

### SWEET AND SOUR.

There's nothing like a pretty lass  
With charming golden hair;  
There's nothing worse than her when mad  
And crosser than a bear.

### OF COURSE NOT.

If a body kiss a body  
Need a body cry!  
Well, hardly, if some other body  
Isn't standing by.

### THAT'LL DO, SIR!

"Mother, why do they call a girl a 'bride' when she gets married?" "Because that's the right name for her then I suppose?" "I'll bet I know." Well, why?" "'Cause 'bride' is took from 'bride,' and they call her that 'cause then is when she begins to put the bridle on her husband—or 'halter,' I dunno which. Mebby she ought to be called a 'halt,' 'cause she puts a halter on him. Was it a bridle or halter you put on pap?" "That'll do, sir."

### HEATHEN IN INDIA.

Up in a neighboring town a few years ago a good deacon on his way to church one Sunday morning crossed the culvert over a well-known trout brook just as a young man emerged from the alders, fishpole in hand, and with a goodly string of beauties. He was not over and above intelligent, so the deacon drew rein on his horse and said solemnly:

"Charles, do you know who saw you catch those trout this holy Sabbath morning?"

"No, deacon, 'twan't Henry Ferris, was it?"

"Charles, the Lord saw you."

"Wall, wall, deacon, you kinder scart me when you first spoke. I don't care about the Lord, but 'twouldn't do for Henry to see me, cause I've hired out to him for hayin', and he'd git somebody else if he knew I go troutin' Sunday."

The deacon drove on, and made a powerful plea in the missionary concert of the Sunday-school for the poor heathen in India.—*Concord Monitor*

### MONOPOLY.

"I say, pa, what is a monopoly?" inquired a young hopeful. "A monopoly, my son, is a sort of a scheme whereby a man has all there is and nobody else has anything." "Then you are the biggest monopolist in these parts. You took the last piece of pie there was on the table."

### BETTER THAN DYING.

She was coxily intrenched upon his shoulder, and they were very, very happy. "George," she whispered, and he bent his head to listen, "do you know what I would do if your love for me should cool?" "Would you die, dear?" he asked passionately. "No, George; I would bring suit for breach of promise."

### THEY HAVE TO HAVE 'EM.

A countryman stopped in front of a store, attracted by a line of baby carriages. "How much might one of them be?" he said to a clerk. "The cheapest is fifteen dollars, sir." "Fifteen dollars!" he exclaimed. "Why, Great Scott, mister, it only cost me two dollars to git married."

### TOO TRUE.

"Why haven't I a 600-acre farm as well as that man riding by in his carriage?" yelled a red-nosed Anarchist orator, as he glared at the crowd.

"Because he saved \$600 and bought his farm when it cost him \$1 an acre, and you poured your \$600 down your throat!" responded a man on the back seat, and the orator asked no more conundrums.

### FULL TOO.

She—How glorious the fresh breeze fills the sails, Mr. de Salt. He—Ya-a-the sails are full. She—And how resplendent the moon is, Mr. de Salt? He—Ya-a—the moon's full. She (getting tired)—Ah, do you know where the Captain is, Mr. de Salt? He—Er-ya-a, below. He's full, too.

### ATTENTIVE LISTENERS.

"Why is it," said a husband to his wife, "that married women, as a rule, are such terrible gossipers?" "Because they find such attentive listeners in their husbands," replied the lady easily.

### A TERRIBLE REVENGE.

Gray—"Smith insulted me so terribly today that I feel mad enough to kill him."

Green—"What's the matter?" Gray—"Nothing. A mere matter of \$10 I have owed him for a couple of years or so. The mean fellow that he is has called me a swindler and a scoundrel and a great many other names."

Green—"And you feel mad enough to kill him?"

Gray—"I do."

Green—"Then do it. Pay him his \$10, and the surprise will kill him."—*Boston Courier*.

### THE EVER GREEN SHORE.

Preston (Minn.) Republican: Those who ate dinner at the Tibbets House Sunday will never forget the delicious strawberry shortcake served by Miss Nellie Ward. Her friends ask nothing more than to meet her on that ever

green shore with a cake equally as good.

### HER WAS EQUAL TO HIM.

Hostetter McGinnis—Miss Esmeralda I love you—"

Miss Esmeralda—But it's all a mistake about my being rich. I am a poor girl, Mr. McGinnis.

"You didn't let me finish my sentence. I was going to say that I love you not—"

"That's all right, Mr. McGinnis. I was only testing your affections. I have a fortune of \$100,000 in my own name."

"Why do you interrupt me? I was saying I love you not on account of your money, but for yourself alone."

"I'm glad to hear it. That was all a joke about the \$100,000," replied Esmeralda.

McGinnis looked as if he was not feeling well.

### NO GOOD ON EARTH.

"Don't talk ter me 'bout base-ball!" said a disgusted small boy in Harlem. "De fellers on our street has got et club, an' dey haint won er game yet. Dey's no good on earth!"

"What's the name of the club, Johnny?"

"De mugwumps."

### HE WAS AN ARTIST.

"Speaking about the artist who painted fruit so naturally that the birds came and pecked at it," said the fat reporter, "I drew a hen that was so true to life that after the sage threw it into the waste basket it laid there."

### SUNDAY LAW IN NEW YORK.

First Chicago man—"Why, my dear boy, you look like a sick man. Have you got the toothache?"

Second Chicago man—"No."

"Are you wearing tight boots?"

"No tight boots."

"Wife come home?"

"No, thank heaven!"

"Breaking in a new set of store teeth?"

"No store teeth."

"You seem to be as full of pains as a window. What's the matter with you?"

"I spent last Sunday in a New York hotel."

### SMITH'S SORE THROAT.

Smith, who is afflicted with a sore throat, has asked his friend Brown to examine it.

Brown (peering down Smith's throat)—On which side is the sore spot?

Smith (speaking with difficulty)—On the left side.

Brown—Coming up or going down?

### POOR STUFF.

"Well, Father Brown, how did you like the sermon yesterday?" asked a young preacher. "Ye see, parson," was the reply, "I haven't a fair chance at them sermons of yours. I'm an old man now, and have to set pretty well back by the stove; and there's old Miss Smithie, Widder Taff, 'n Rylan's darters, 'n Nabby Birt, 'n all the rest settin' in front of me with their mouths wide open a swallerin' down all the best of the sermon, 'n what gets down to me is putty poor stuff, parson, putty poor stuff."

### A GOOD DEACON'S CONFESSION.

An old deacon was asked the other day: "How do you like your pastor?" "First-rate," he replied, "except in one thing." "What's that?" "It is this," continued the deacon, "the Lord never made him to tell jokes, and yet he insists on telling them. I never like to laugh when I don't want to laugh, and yet I have to do it constantly, just to save the pastor's feeling."

### ONE COMPANY SATISFIED.

"Does this road desire to be exempt from the long and short haul provisions of the Inter-State bill?" asked the reporter as he entered the President's office.

"Well, not quite yet. We are now engaged in stealing three miles of street and four acres of ground of the city, and have fifty-two suits for injuries to passengers to defend, and we are not exactly prepared to meet the commissioners yet."

### Religion of Rulers.

There are at present thirty-six reigning sovereigns in Christendom, from the Queen of England, to whom 237,000,000 of human beings owe allegiance, to the Prince of Monaco, whom 5,741 subjects acknowledge as their liege lord. Of these princes ten are nominally Roman Catholic, namely the Emperors of Austria and Brazil, the Kings of Italy, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Bavaria, Saxony, and the Prince of Lichtenstein and Monaco. At least three of these monarchs, however, are very far from being on friendly terms with the Pope, the King of Italy actually lying under sentence of excommunication, while the King of Saxony, himself a Catholic, rules over a population almost exclusively Protestant. Of the remaining twenty-six princes two belong to the Greek Church, though the Czar and the King of the Hellenes belong to different branches of it. The other twenty-four are Protestant, sixteen being called Lutherans, four (including the German Emperor) belonging to the "Evangelical" Confession, three to the "Reformed" Church, and one being the "supreme head on earth" of the Church of England.