

The return of the confederate flags captured in battle during the war of the rebellion is actually in progress at the war department, by direction of President Cleveland. There are 545 of these banners, 150 of which has a complete history recorded; 150 has but a partial history on file and the remainder are without identification that can be depended upon.—Ex.

All the laws against polygamy passed by congress with reference to Utah apply to all territories. For instance, a marriage to be legal must be registered in the office of the probate judge. According to this law no marriage performed in Dakota since the laws passed six months ago is legal.—Sioux Falls Press.

The Andrews Opera company travels in their own palace car. Don't fail to see them! Seats on sale to-morrow (Friday) morning.—Ex.

It is evident that our railway service is improving. When you can buy a seat in a palace car, and have an opera thrown in, all kicks against the monopolies, ought to be suppressed.

Rev. Mr. Simmons returned yesterday from the Cooperstown Congregational conference. He reports that Judge Francis made a splendid five minute speech to the conference that cheered but did not inebriate the listeners, after which the judge returned to the bench, sent for the grand jury and district attorney and told them if they did not hustle around and bring in a lot of indictments against "blind pigs" he'd suspend the outfit, whereupon they did it. After which the judge had the "blind pigs" brought in—suspended sentence and promised to come back and hold a special term for Fred Adams' benefit—if the "blind pigs" did not "look out."—Argus.

The Globe—It is as certain as anything can be that trains of cars may be beaten without the slightest danger of fire from the heating apparatus in case of accident, and it is equally certain that the use of coal oil lamps in cars is in its inexcusability little short of criminal. It would almost seem that the railroad managers meant to guard every avenue of escape for their passengers in case of accident, and to make sure that, if the wrecked cars were not set afire by unsafe stoves, petroleum from the lamps might be depended upon to inaugurate the lurid feast of flames.

The Fargo races under the efficient direction of Secretary Cole were successful in affording good sport to the admirers of speedy equines. The horses were there and the wind was there also. The "dark tunnel shaped cloud" sent a zephyr which recommetered until Thursday and then retired, discouraged at the perseverance of the Fargoites. Tuesday and Wednesday it seemed as if the horse with the broadest stern to the wind did the liveliest work on the home stretch. When you see crack trotter clear forty feet at each jump, and the tail end scrub horse clear 160 feet without touching the ground, and come in under the wire headfirst, winner, you may know the north wind is blowing. Treasurer Thompson, Sheriff Michaels and ye editor took in the races.

MONKEY BILL.

[A Dakota Romance.]

By GRIGGS COURIER.

CHAPTER CX.



After the little episode mentioned in our thrilling tale Mrs. Elliot Channing Bacon, our whilom Mustang Lize, became the rage in the higher circles of Boston society. The *Illustrated* patronized her because of her piquancy, naivete,

fine clothes and muscle. She became quite aesthetic and fond of champagne and high art, and infatuated with dress. Her doting husband emulated her example, and life passed in a delirium of trying on new clothes, champagne suppers, and maddening dissipation. One evening roused to frenzy by their potations they indulged in a little recrimination, during which words and the tea pot and the spoonholder passed rapidly between them to the great detriment of the tea service and Elliot Channing's left optic. In return he struck our heroine over the head with a quart bottle of champagne to which she instantly succumbed with a piteous moan.

"There," said our hero, a slight flush of excitement mounting his hardened cheek, "that is the first time that I have had the best of the argument. I shall know how to treat you in the futuuh."
A physician was instantly summoned who pronounced her extinct. "She has fainted, I think," said our hero, fixing his eye glass upon her. "Twy her with a smelling bottle."
"She is beyond smelling," said the physician gravely. The top of her head is smashed in.

"Well, Doctah," said our hero, extending a "five pun" note pleasantly, "fix her up as well as you can." "I will see you latak. I have an—aw—engagement."
"After the pawtahy is ovah I will look atfah heh—tah—tah!"
In making the post mortem the physician, who was delivering a course of lectures on anatomy to the medical faculty of Harvard college, surreptitiously extracted the brain of the subject. To conceal the crime the desperate villain sent the brains to the medical college, and filled up the cavity with all the shreds of cloth and ribbon which were convenient. Upon Elliot's return he was met by the sheriff and physician, who demanded sternly why he had smashed his wife's head.

"It was—aw—because she was too blamed lippy and vulgah," said Mr. Bacon. "Can I see the pooh girl?"
He was allowed the privilege.
He returned in great excitement.
"Why, Doctah, I have discovered—aw—the most wemawkable thing. I find the pooh girl's head is all full of wag's—no wondah she expiahed. There was ovah two yawds of cwushed stawebwy silk in heh head, and enough lace and wibbons to stock a millinewy stoah. Youah go wight to the cohoner and tell the law person this and have the case dismissed. I will pay the costs." Elliot had lived in Dakota.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

Convened May 21st, 1887, at 8 o'clock p. m., according to the notice of county clerk for a special meeting for the purpose of furnishing the clerk of the district court with names of 95 qualified persons to draw jurors from for the first term of district court for this subdivision.
Present Commissioners Cooper, Mosely, Hogen-son and Hemmingson.
A list of 95 names were drawn to be delivered to the clerk of the district court J. N. Jorgenson.
Motion made and seconded to adjourn.
R. C. COOPER, Chairman.
ROLLEF BERG, county clerk.

Met at 2 p. m., according to adjournment.
Full board present.
On motion the following bills were allowed:
J. W. Christie, for fixing court room, etc., \$208.48, was allowed in two orders viz: \$145.48 and \$65.00.
G. W. Barnard, 1 road scraper..... \$8 00
Anton Enger, 2 road scrapers..... 26 50
W. S. Hyde, making and hanging curtains in court room, \$22.50, was allowed at..... 15 00
John N. Jorgenson, cash paid for express and telegrams..... 2 80
Clark & Smart, for carpet, etc., for courthouse..... 126.74
Clark & Smart, sundries for courthouse 14 87
H. A. Wasser, burying dead animals.. 8 00
Anton Enger, hardware, etc.,..... 110 65
M. L. Michaels, boarding prisoners, washing, etc.,..... 111 06
M. L. Michaels, summoning jurors, attending court, etc.,..... 123 15
M. L. Michaels, cleaning courthouse, etc. 60 50
J. J. Howe & Co., lime, lumber, etc.,..... 50 50
Martin A. Ueland, surveying road..... 4 50
Geo. D. Barnard & Co., blanks, books, etc., for clerk of court..... 184 00
John N. Jorgenson, cash paid for express, \$4.25, discount \$0.87; total..... 6 82
John Syverson & Co., Merchandise, etc. 22 79
On motion the following clerk of court's certificates for jurors and witnesses were allowed:
John Syverson..... 5 10
Ole Anderson..... 9 40
Alex. Glass..... 6 30
Allen N. Adams..... 6 10
Andrew Johnson..... 3 10
Marion L. Ruggles..... 3 10
Anton Enger..... 1 10
Harrold Simington..... 6 10
Rollef Berg, having certificates endorsed to him..... 4 90
An application of ex-soldiers and sailors who served in the late war for use of room in courthouse for Grand Army post room was presented.
On motion the commissioners' room was granted to applicants until commissioners deem said room needed for other purposes, and said room be kept clean and in good order.
On motion bill of Frank LaWall for \$75 was allowed.
On motion bill of Peter Stewart was ordered returned to have it certified to.
On motion overseers receipts of C. H. From viz: \$1.10 and \$3.40 was returned, not describing real estate number of section, township or range, and taxes having not been paid.
On motion adjourned to 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.
ROLLIN C. COOPER, chairman.
ROLLEF BERG, clerk.

Met June 14th, 1887, at 10 a. m.
Present, Commissioners Cooper, Conant and Hemmingson.
Adjourned to 3 p. m.
ROLLIN C. COOPER, chairman.
ROLLEF BERG, clerk.
Met June 14th, 1887, at 2 p. m.
Full board present.
On motion adjourned to 5 p. m.
ROLLIN C. COOPER, chairman.
ROLLEF BERG, clerk.
Met at 5 p. m.
Full board present.
Adjourned to 10 a. m., tomorrow.
ROLLIN C. COOPER, chairman.
ROLLEF BERG, clerk.
Met at 10 a. m. June 15th, 1887, according to adjournment.
Full board present.
Adjourned to 2 p. m.
ROLLIN C. COOPER, chairman.
ROLLEF BERG, clerk.
Met at 2 p. m., according to adjournment.
Full board present.
Adjourned to 6 p. m.
ROLLIN C. COOPER, chairman.
ROLLEF BERG, clerk.
Met at 6 p. m. June 15, 1887.
Full board present.
Adjourned to 10 a. m., June 16, 1887.
ROLLIN C. COOPER, chairman.
ROLLEF BERG, clerk.
Met June 16, 1887, at 10 a. m.
Full board present.
On motion bill of Iver Jacobson, cash paid for board for Mrs. Bradley and child \$8.63 was allowed.
On motion Olef Ostlund was appointed road overseer district No. 12.
On motion adjourned to 2 p. m.
ROLLIN C. COOPER, chairman.
ROLLEF BERG, clerk.
Met at 2 p. m.
Full board present.
Adjourned to 4 p. m.
ROLLIN C. COOPER, chairman.
ROLLEF BERG, clerk.
Met at 4 p. m.
Full board present.
Adjourned to 9:30 a. m., June 17, 1887.
ROLLIN C. COOPER, chairman.
ROLLEF BERG, clerk.
Met at 9:30 June 17th, 1887.
Full board present.
On motion the gopher bounty was extended 16 days ending Saturday, July 16th, 1887.
On motion gopher bounties were allowed to the following parties having certificates indorsed to them in amounts as follows, viz:
John Syverson & Co..... 100 74
Anton Enger..... 99 78
Clark & Smart..... 62 61
Lawrence Bros..... 79 74
John Berg..... 19 41
F. D. Fennel..... 7 88
C. Platt..... 7 50
H. P. Kins..... 4 65
Robert Martin..... 4 11
John Houghton..... 24 00
John Houghton..... 18 06
Hans Lund..... 4 92
J. G. White..... 4 80
Mable Simpkins..... 7 08
E. C. Ward..... 54 84
Olef Johnson..... 6 80
F. D. Fennel..... 3 48
John N. Glass..... 28 15
R. C. Brophy..... 27 08
C. A. Lia..... 5 10
P. J. Skandee..... 6 24
Mable Simpkins..... 3 42
W. C. Jameson & Co..... 26 46
Frank Haskell..... 3 00
Carl E. Skarrie..... 13 77
W. H. Percy..... 2 00
F. A. Haschell..... 5 25
Ole F. Ford..... 8 10
John N. Glass..... 9 75
Andrew Fennel..... 3 00
C. C. Platt..... 5 25
Lawrence Bros..... 30 30
On motion the following certificates issued by clerk of court for grand jurors were allowed, viz:
Andrew Torfin..... 7 50
Egebert B. Bloom..... 7 50
Andrew Husel..... 6 70
Edward W. Williams..... 4 80
John J. Berklund..... 4 40
Thomas J. Baldwin, petit juror..... 4 80
Homer A. Northrop..... 4 20
Peter C. Nelson..... 7 70
Charles Nelson..... 7 50
On motion clerk of court's certificates to the amount of \$82.70 having been indorsed to Clark & Smart was allowed and order issued for same.
On motion the following bills were allowed:
Henry Pinkerton, fixing courthouse ground..... 2 30
Iver Jacobson, cash paid George Seeler a witness, and mileage \$17.65 to error in former bill \$2.25, telegrams 50c, total..... 20 50
Wm. Gale, road work..... 1 50
On motion road poll of Andrew Benson for 1886 was abated, he being over age.
On motion the county clerk was requested to instruct all road overseers to brand their scrapers shovels, etc., Griggs county.
Adjourned to 2 p. m.
ROLLIN C. COOPER, chairman.
ROLLEF BERG, clerk.
Met June 18th, 1887, at 9:30 a. m., according to adjournment.
Full board present.
Minutes of last meetings read and approved.
On motion the following gopher bounties were allowed:
Andrew Benson..... 4 90
Rollin C. Cooper..... 77 10
Lawrence Bros..... 101 01
Also the following clerk of court's certificates:
William McGuire, witness fees..... 1 10
Bliss Black, witness fees..... 3 10
Peter F. Duncan, juror fees..... 9 80
John Syverson & Co., having certificate No. 28 endorsed \$7.60.
On motion bill of Chas. Mosely, service as commissioner and mileage \$41.80 was allowed, and a refunding order was issued S. A. Markwood for road poll for 1886 having paid same, he being over age.
Head petition of Nels Austad and others was ordered returned with instructions that notices be posted according to law.
On motion adjourned.
ROLLIN C. COOPER, chairman.
ROLLEF BERG, clerk.

Blows Up!

Grand Forks loses \$100,000 by a wind storm. I can protect your property to its full value in the best eastern insurance companies at the following rates per \$100. For one year 50 cents; for three years \$1; for five years \$1.50. The cyclone season is upon us. Don't delay, but call at once.
H. G. PICKETT.

BLIND PIG COLUMN.

The Fourth.



Visitor: Can any one tell me of a retired spot where I can open my grip and get at my medicine?
It has always been a standing joke on the Irish that they keep the pig in the house. As near as we can learn our Celtic population is rapidly increasing. We were informed last week by a gentleman who had been out calling that Gen. Hightoh, Col. Brokenbone, Judge Sainbrious and several others here have nice pigs. It has heretofore been thought that to keep a porker in the house indicated a swinish disposition; now it indicates true hops-pitality.
The Griggs Courier, to properly describe events keeps a blind pig column. Such is not necessary in Barnee; but who knows what may be necessary here next year.—Ex.
Parties who appear on the Fourth carrying a beer keg by a shawl strap will be looked upon with suspicion and anticipation.
Our contemporary having, sensibly, quieted down, the pigs being dead beyond resurrection, this column will be correspondingly modified. Our Willow letter, under threat of annihilation for Chris X, is a little fiercer than usual, and very "worrysome," but the anxious public will see *
The North Dakota Baptist Sunday School convention held with the Cooperstown Baptist church, June 23, was represented by the following delegates:
1. Bismarck—Rev. Geo. Klune.
2. Cooperstown—Rev. O. D. Purinton, W. R. Whidden, C. T. Whidden, F. M. Thompson.
3. Fargo—Rev. G. W. Huntley.
4. Jamestown—Rev. J. H. Hartman, Mrs. Hartman, Deacon and Mrs. Wright, Deacon and Mrs. Nichols.
5. Lisbon—Rev. E. F. Jordan. E. S. Ellis.
6. Tower City—Rev. A. M. Allen.
7. Page—C. F. Henry, Mrs. C. F. Henry, Miss Henry and W. S. Henry.
8. Richland—Rev. Travis.
9. Mandan Rev. J. R. Deckard.
There were present 21 delegates and 7 visitors.

Greendale School Township.
SUB-DISTRICT No. 1. VOTES CAST, 92.
Director: Henry Retzlaff..... 50
Treas: W. R. Whidden..... 41
S. B. Langford..... 48
SUB-DISTRICT No. 2. VOTES CAST, 10.
Director: Simon J. Ouren..... 10
Treas: S. B. Langford..... 8
M. W. Lawrence..... 1
SUB-DISTRICT No. 3. VOTES CAST, 9.
Director: A. Benson..... 8
Treas: E. Kroeggard..... 1
S. B. Langford..... 8
M. W. Lawrence..... 1
SUB-DISTRICT No. 4. VOTES CAST, 9.
Director: Geo. B. Clark..... 9
Treas: S. B. Langford..... 9
SUB-DISTRICT No. 5. VOTES CAST, 16.
Director: Will Carlton..... 10
Treas: Ole Johnson..... 6
S. B. Langford..... 10
M. W. Lawrence..... 5
Langford's majority, 21.

The Fourth.

Northern Pacific Railroad Company, Office of Division Superintendent.
Jamestown, Dak., June 16, 1887.
Dear Sir: It has been arranged to run a special train from Sanborn to Cooperstown on the morning of July 4th. The enclosed time card will show about how this train will run. The returning train will leave Cooperstown in the evening after the dance and return to Sanborn. Regular trains on that day will be abandoned; but a train which will carry the mail to Sanborn and a train leaving Sanborn at 8 a. m., will carry the mail north.
Give this as much publicity as possible and see that the mails are handled as indicated.
J. M. GRAMM, Supt.

Time card for special train on the S. C. & T. M. railway July 4, 1887:
Will leave Sanborn..... 8.00 a. m.
" Odell..... 8.40 a. m.
" Dasey..... 9.00 a. m.
" Hannaford..... 9.30 a. m.
Will arrive at Cooperstown..... 10.00 a. m.

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