

# THE NORFOLK WEEKLY NEWS-JOURNAL.

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## HIGH DIVIDEND DECLARED

### UNION PACIFIC DIRECTORS ANNOUNCE EARNINGS.

#### AT RATE OF TEN PER CENT

Quarterly Dividend of 2 1/2 Per Cent Maintains the High Rate Established a Year Ago—Good Effect Upon Financial Circles.

New York, Nov. 14.—Union Pacific directors today declared a quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, thus maintaining the high rate established a year ago.

The announcement had a particularly good effect upon financial circles.

## BRYAN BELIEVES IN BANKS

### Declares They Are Full of Good Paper Which May Be Realized On.

Lincoln, Nov. 14.—Mr. Bryan will say in this week's issue of the Commoner:

"In other editorials the Commoner has pointed out certain remedies that ought to be invoked for the relieving of the present panic and the protection of the public for the future, but it begs to urge patience and confidence upon its readers. The banks are as a rule perfectly sound. They are not loaded up with bad paper. Examination will show that prices have been rising. Nebraska are better able to pay than other states. They were ten or even five per cent but the depositors can precipitate a panic if they are unreasonable enough to do so. The withdrawal of a few dollars a day by each depositor, if he deposits none, will soon cripple the strongest institution, while an agreement among the depositors to exercise a little more faith will soon relieve the situation. While the local banks may find it impossible to withdraw the deposits which they have made in the eastern banks those deposits will ultimately be paid and there is practically no danger of loss to the various communities unless depositors are foolish enough to expect the impossible. When a depositor puts his money into a bank he knows that his ability to withdraw it on demand depends entirely upon the probability that but few will want to withdraw money at one time. He has no right to expect, therefore, that he can call for his money at once if all the other depositors do the same thing—still less should he expect it if his timidity makes others timid. This is a time when depositors should recognize the service of the bank to the community—for the bank would not exist but for the local demand for it—and the depositor should help to protect the community by giving such support as is within his power. The depositor who thinks only of himself at a time like this is as much to be criticized as the citizen who, thinking only of himself in time of war, refuses to bear any of the risks or dangers necessary for his country's protection."

Convicts Not to Set Poles.

Lincoln, Nov. 14.—In deference to the protest of union labor the state board of public properties will not require penitentiary convicts to set the poles for the electric light line between the state prison to the capitol and other state buildings. The state is completing a lighting plant at the prison which will furnish illumination for state institutions in and near Lincoln, but an intimation was given that linemen would not finish the work if convicts dug the postholes and set the poles.

Hardy Breaks Rifle Record.

Lincoln, Nov. 14.—What is claimed to be a new world's rifle record was established by Captain A. H. Hardy when he hit 993 marble targets out of a possible 1,000 shot at. The marbles were seven-eighths of an inch in diameter, and were thrown at the regulation distance. The previous best known record was made by Adolph Topperwein of San Antonio, who hit 968 marble targets out of a possible 1,000.

GLACIAL DEPOSIT OF GOLD.

Tripp County Settler Discovers Rich Deposit of Metal.

Burke, S. D., Nov. 14.—Nels Magee, one of the pioneers of Gregory county, is in Burke today and exhibiting to his many friends a nugget of pure native gold, weighing fifty-one grains, which he recently found on a gravel knoll in Tripp county. There is no question but there is much more of equal purity in the same locality, as this is undoubtedly a glacial deposit.

NO DOUBT IN THOMAS' CASE

### Former Confederate Says the General Applied to Davis for a Commission.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 14.—Considerable interest has been aroused in Richmond over the assertion that General Grant at one time offered his services to President Davis of the Confederacy. The Rev. Dr. J. William Jones, chaplain-historian of the Confederacy, said that he had no knowledge of either Grant or Farragut having made an application.

"There can be absolutely no doubt, however," continued Dr. Jones, "in the case of Thomas. I have published the matter time and again, and will state most emphatically that I have in my personal possession a letter from General George H. Thomas which admits that at the time of the secession he applied for a commission to enter Confederate service."

## PASTOR'S BARN BURNS

### Rev. Mr. Klapp of Stanton Suffers Loss by Fire.

Stanton, Neb., Nov. 14.—Special to The News: At 1 o'clock the barn belonging to and in the rear of the Congregational parsonage was discovered to be in flames. The alarm was given and the volunteer fire department responded promptly. The fire had gained such headway that while the company saved all that remained at the time they got on the scene the barn and contents were, with the exception of about three tons of hard coal, a total loss. Rev. J. J. Klapp lost his carriage, harness, a quantity of corn and hay. Fortunately the fire company arrived in time to prevent the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings. It seemed at one time that a number of these were in danger but prompt work prevented what might have been a serious conflagration. The loss will amount to about \$275.00. No insurance.

## RESUME BUYING GRAIN

### NORMAL CONDITIONS RESTORED ALL OVER NEBRASKA.

#### INTERRUPTION FOR TWO WEEKS

### Grain Purchases Were Stopped Two Weeks Ago by the Financial Flurry in the East, During Which Time Farmers Have Been Holding.

Omaha, Nov. 14.—The order was given yesterday for resuming the buying of grain, which was interrupted by the financial flurry two weeks ago. Arrangements were made by the Omaha banks to provide the funds for the houses centered here by which the grain could be bought from all who are willing to sell on conditions of payment with bank paper.

For two weeks the farmers have been holding onto their grain and in that time wheat has declined from 84 to 80 cents on the average, corn from 47 1/2 to 44 cents, and oats from 29 to 35 cents per bushel. A few grain men started in Monday to buy a little grain on a small scale, but now all the grain firms of Omaha with elevators throughout the state are buying grain in the usual way.

"During the last two weeks the farmers have been holding their grain because they did not like the form of money offered in payment," said N. B. Urdike, president of the Urdike Grain company, which owns a large number of elevators in the state. "In my opinion these farmers will not suffer in the least by their delay in selling their grain, but will, in the long run, get just as much and probably more than if they had continued to bring it to market two weeks ago. We are buying grain at all our elevators today and paying for it in the usual way."

About the only grain which is now being loaded from Omaha is that consigned for export, as all other shipments have been reduced to nil. One road which ships to the south loaded 300 cars three weeks ago, two weeks ago thirty-two were loaded in this territory by the same road, and last week but twenty-two cars.

## OUTPUT OF GOLD REDUCED

### FIRE IN HOMESTAKE MINE CHIEF FACTOR.

#### \$600,000 LESS THAN IN 1906

### Strike in the Black Hills Also Served to Reduce the Output of Yellow Metal in the Black Hills During the Present Year.

Pierre, S. D., Nov. 14.—The annual report of State Mine Inspector Treweek, which has just been filed with the governor, fails to show a detailed statement of the gold production of the state for the past year, but places it at "considerably less than for last year," and that the production of the Homestake mine at \$600,000 less, which he ascribes to the mine fire, which practically stopped operations in that mine for a long time. While he does not give the strike in other mines as a cause of the reduced output, that factor had a great deal to do with it, as the strike practically stopped operations in many of them for the first half of the summer. The total production of last year as shown by the report was \$6,986,000, of which \$5,250,000 was the output of the Homestake mine. He says the mines are generally in a good condition, and greater care and precaution against accidents have been taken than ever before in the history of Black Hills mining. As an evidence he cites the number of accidents as smaller than for previous years, with six fatal accidents this year.

## J. C. WILSON IN THE TOILS

### Head of Fiscal Agency Charged With Using Mails to Defraud.

Kansas City, Nov. 14.—J. C. Wilson, president of the Interstate Fiscal Agency company, agents for the Kansas City Life Insurance company in Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska, was arrested on a United States warrant sworn out by a postoffice inspector, charging Wilson with using the mails to defraud. The government officials allege that over \$200,000 had been collected by the Kansas City Life Insurance company's Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska agents since last January. The formal charge against Wilson, as president of the Interstate Fiscal Agency company, is that he misrepresented facts to get business. Forty per cent per annum profits were asserted to be earned.

Wilson was taken before a United States commissioner, pleaded not guilty and was released on \$5,000 bail.

## TOTAL OVER SIXTY MILLIONS

### American Banks Still Continue to Engage Gold for Use from Abroad.

New York, Nov. 14.—More than \$60,000,000 in gold has been engaged abroad for import to the United States since the present movement began. Announcements of engagements of \$500,000 by the First National bank of Chicago, \$500,000 by the Illinois Trust and Savings bank, and \$1,000,000 by banks in New Orleans brought the grand total to \$60,330,000.

Gold to the amount of \$8,000,000 arrived here on the steamer Oceanic from Liverpool.

### Chicago to Use Checks.

Chicago, Nov. 14.—At a meeting of the Chicago Clearing House association it was decided on the recommendation of the clearing house committee, to issue clearing house checks for the purpose of meeting payrolls in Chicago and the surrounding districts as soon as they can be prepared. It is expected that they will be out tomorrow.

### Increase in Courts-Martial.

Washington, Nov. 14.—An increase of general courts-martial and of summary courts-martial for the year is shown in the annual report of the judge advocate general of the navy, Captain S. W. B. Diehl. There were 1,813 general courts-martial, an increase of 108, and 6,992 summary courts-martial, an increase of 734 over the preceding year.

### Nebraskans Friendly to Carrie Nation.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 14.—At the session of the Woman's Christian Temperance union national convention, the Nebraska delegation formally constituted Mrs. Carrie Nation a life member of the union.

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## DECRIES INHERITANCE TAX

### Speaker at National Conference in Columbus Opposes Federal Plan.

Columbus, O., Nov. 14.—A spirited discussion of income and inheritance taxes enlivened the sessions of the national tax conference. The leading papers in this connection were read by Professor Charles Lee Raper of the University of North Carolina, who urged that the state abandon the general property tax for a tax on net incomes, and by Professor Charles J. Bullock of Harvard university, who opposed the inheritance tax as a federal instrument for reducing swollen fortunes, and declared that it should be left to the states as a source of revenue.

Professor Bullock's paper excited more than ordinary interest, and his views were shared by a large number of the delegates.

Speakers at last night's session were C. B. Pillsbury, president of the Massachusetts Single Tax league; Professor H. J. Davenport of the University of Chicago, Professor Lindley M. Keasby of the University of Texas, W. G. Langworthy Taylor of the University of Nebraska, Frank G. Pierce, secretary of the Iowa League of Municipalities, and Professor James Edward Le Rossig of the University of Denver.

Frank G. Pierce, secretary of the League of Iowa Municipalities, spoke of "Taxation of Monies and Credits."

### Kaiser Speaks at Guild Hall.

London, Nov. 14.—Emperor William of Germany, the guest of King Edward, made a speech at Guild hall, where he was entertained by the city of London. He urged the strengthening of the Anglo-German relations and emphasized his unalterable decision to foster the peace of the world. The day passed off without the expected socialist demonstration, much less any disorder or rioting.

### Bell's Airship is Launched.

Baddeck, N. S., Nov. 14.—After many years of experimental work, the machine with which Alexander Graham Bell hopes to solve the problem of aerial navigation, was successfully launched in the presence of a large number of the close friends of the inventor. Owing to adverse weather conditions, however, a flight was not attempted.

## MINING CONGRESS ELECTS

### Colonel Dorsey of Fremont Chosen Director for Three-Year Term.

John, Mo., Nov. 14.—The American Mining congress devoted a short morning session to technical papers. Edward W. Parker of Washington discussed the subject of "How Long Our Coal Supply Will Meet the Increased Demand of Our Commerce." Dr. Waldemar Lindgren, also of Washington, read a paper entitled "How Long Will Our Gold Supply Last?" There was much discussion among the delegates after the reading of the papers, both men foreseeing in the future a time when commerce would overtake the supply of both.

Members of the board of directors were elected as follows: Dr. E. R. Buckley of Rolla, Mo., three years; Colonel George W. E. Dorsey of Fremont, Neb., three years; John Deern of Salt Lake, three years; A. L. White of Colorado, three years.

## LEADING RANCHMAN MARRIED.

### Squire Jones Living Near Ainsworth is Wedded.

Ainsworth, Neb., Nov. 14.—Special to The News: Word was received here today of the marriage of Squire Jones, the leading ranchman of this county, at Council Bluffs, to Miss Edith Grosse, a young lady who has been governess to his children for a couple of years. The bride is a very worthy young lady and there will be general congratulations when they return. Mrs. Bertha Eveland left Wednesday morning with her little daughter for New York to consult a specialist for her ailments.

## TAFT WILL HURRY HOME

### WIRELESS DISPATCH REPORTS PARTY NEARING VLADIVOSTOK.

#### ALL ARE IN BEST OF HEALTH

### Secretary Expresses Satisfaction Over Reports of Political Situation at Home as Received by Him—Berlin Functions Declared Off.

On Board Admiral Hemphill's Flagship Rainbow, via wireless to United States Cruiser Chattanooga, acting as dispatch boat to Nagasaki, Nov. 13.—Secretary of War William H. Taft and his party are in the best of health and enjoying a pleasant voyage. The Rainbow is due at Vladivostok at 11 o'clock on the morning of Nov. 17. Secretary Taft will not know his route through Europe or his plans there until he arrives at Vladivostok. It is very probable, however, that he will sail for New York on Dec. 7 from Cherbourg on the steamer Majestic or from Hamburg on the Hamburg-American liner President Grant. Mrs. Taft will remain in Europe two weeks longer, but the secretary of war is anxious to get home, and all official entertainments at Berlin have been declared off by him. He may also eliminate the official entertainments which have been planned for him at St. Petersburg. Secretary Taft expressed his satisfaction over the reports of the political situation at home as received by him.

## JOHN R. WALSH ON TRIAL

### ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAKES OPENING STATEMENT.

#### DOBYNS TELLS OF DUMMY NOTES

### Declares Defendant Obtained Ownership of Various Large Properties Without Cost to Himself by Using Funds of the Bank.

Chicago, Nov. 14.—The jury to try John R. Walsh, ex-president of the Chicago National bank, on a charge of misuse of the funds of that institution, was completed and Assistant District Attorney Fletcher Dobyns commenced the preliminary statement in behalf of the government.

The government will attempt to show that Walsh took from the Chicago National bank, the Equitable Trust company and the Home Savings bank \$14,000,000.

In his opening statement Walsh declared that he obtained the ownership of various large properties without cost to himself by using the funds of the banks. He said:

"Watered stock to the probable amount of \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000 was issued. Walsh, through his employees, voted the stock to himself. He then sold this stock to the banks, taking the money to build his private enterprises. All of the stock so sold by Walsh was practically valueless. It was the practice of Walsh to make loans to one of his companies and sell the bonds to one of his banks. The bonds were practically worthless."

"The assistant district attorney then stated to the jury how Walsh had induced various people to accept 'accommodation notes' for the bank. 'Then,' said Dobyns, 'he signed the names of people to notes. Checks were made payable to bearer and credited to the personal account of Walsh. Bonds were made out to the same 'dummies' whose names were on the notes, and the credits were made to Walsh's account. In 1903 Walsh was told by the bank examiner that the Chicago National bank was being loaded down with the securities of Walsh's personal enterprises. The examiner ordered him to take these securities out and Walsh promised to do so. In 1904 the bank was found in the same condition, the warning was repeated, and Walsh again promised to remove the securities. Another examination showed that the bank was in a worse condition than ever and it was then ordered closed. The government will show that Walsh's method was to buy from himself, fix his own price and put the money in his pocket."

### Louisville Faces Another Strike.

Louisville, Nov. 14.—Union employees of the Louisville Street Railway company voted to strike. The men, who number 850 out of 1,100 employed, will quit work tomorrow. The men won a partial victory in a strike last April, which lasted a week, and was attended by scenes of great friction, but there has been constant friction since, due to assertions that the company has not lived up to the terms of the agreement.

### Father of Banjo Passes Away.

Warren, Pa., Nov. 14.—John S. Wheeler died from pneumonia at the home of his daughter here. He is said to have been the first man to play a banjo on the American continent.

## HARRIMAN AS RAIL CZAR

### ATTORNEY KELLOGG SAYS WEST IS AT MERCY OF ONE MAN.

#### JUDGE HOUGH HEARS ARGUMENT

### Decision on Railroad Magnate's Refusal to Answer Questions Propounded by Interstate Commerce Commission is Deferred Until Dec. 1.

New York, Nov. 14.—After seven hours and a half of argument on both sides of the question, Judge Hough, in the United States circuit court, announced that he would not be ready to render a decision on the petition of the interstate commerce commission to compel E. H. Harriman to answer certain questions propounded to him last spring, in the course of the commission's investigation into the so-called Harriman lines, until Dec. 1. The opposing counsel were given the privilege of filing additional briefs during the next two weeks.

The arguments took a wide range and the privileges and powers of the interstate commerce commission were thoroughly gone into. Former Senator John C. Spooner of Wisconsin appeared for the first time in the case and argued in defense of the position maintained by Mr. Harriman—that he is not required to tell the commission what individual profit he made in selling the stocks of other railroads held by him to the Union Pacific company or detail the manner in which the famous 10 per cent Union Pacific dividend was declared in August, 1906, and its announcement deferred for two days.

Mr. Harriman has also declined to say how much stock of the Union Pacific, if any, he bought just prior to the announcement of the dividend.

Milburn for Harriman.

John G. Milburn was also heard in defense of Mr. Harriman and in opposition to the petition filed by the commission.

On behalf of the government, represented by the interstate commerce commission, the arguments were conducted by District Attorney Henry L. Timmon and Frank B. Kellogg, special counsel to the commission.

Counsel for Mr. Harriman stated to Judge Hough that the stock purchases of the Union Pacific railroad, amounting to \$150,000,000 during one period and about \$182,000,000 in the aggregate, were made on the recommendation of the executive committee, approved by the board of directors and ratified by the stockholders. He further stated that allowing for losses sustained in the recent heavy slump of prices, the Union Pacific company had profited no less than \$32,000,000 by its stock purchases. Mr. Milburn said this fact should silence the claim of the commission that the stock purchases tended to impair the effectiveness of the railroads engaged in interstate business.

### Kellogg Makes Reply.

Mr. Kellogg, in reply to this, stated that the so-called market value of the stocks sold to the Union Pacific was nothing more or less than a Wall street quotation, probably fixed by the very pool of men, who, it is claimed, were behind the stock deals. As to the impairment of the usefulness of the railroads, Mr. Kellogg asserted that the roads of inflated values were today unable to borrow money to build the cars needed by them to carry out their obligations to the public.

"The same thing is true of the roads without inflated values," retorted Mr. Milburn.

Mr. Spooner declared that the stock deals between Mr. Harriman and the Union Pacific were matters of concern only between the individual and the stockholders and had nothing to do with interstate commerce.

Mr. Kellogg declared the commission had a right to inquire into the uses to which the moneys of a railroad were put. It was a necessary inquiry, he maintained, in the fixing and adjustment of rates to be charged by common carriers.

### Court Asks Pointed Questions.

Judge Hough interrupted the attorneys on both sides with many pointed questions. He said among other things, that he did not exactly see what the deferred announcement of the Union Pacific dividend had to do with interstate traffic. He asked, after all, the commission was not only seeking by unanswered questions to prove from whom Harriman, the individual, purchased the stocks subsequently sold to the company of which he is president and what profit he individually made by the transaction.

Mr. Kellogg said the commission sought to get at the facts of the stock deal. In general, he declared, the commission was making an inquiry which involved the question of whether or not the great western territory of the United States shall be dependent upon one man for its development—whether or not there shall be railroad competition between the Missouri river and the south Pacific coast.

### Catholic Trustees Oppose Modernism.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The board of trustees of the Catholic university of America at a meeting here placed the seal of disapproval on so-called "modernism" as a serious danger to the church.

### Indiana Girl Kidnaped.

Greensburg, Ind., Nov. 14.—Posses of excited citizens are scouring the country for Flossie Mitchell, eight year-old daughter of James Mitchell, who was kidnaped by a stranger in a buggy while on her way home from school.

### Staubenville, O., Nov. 14.—A rear-end collision between extra freight trains on the Wabash railroad at New Alexandria, O., seriously injured five of the crew. Engineer John Boop of Pittsburg will die. Twenty-five freight cars were wrecked.

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## THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

### Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today:

Maximum	38
Minimum	9
Average	23
Barometer	30.12

Chicago, Nov. 14.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Generally fair tonight and Friday. Warmer tonight.

### Santos-Dumont Has New Aeroplane.

Paris, Nov. 14.—M. Santos-Dumont has just completed the construction of a new aeroplane on a principle different from that previously employed by him. The new machine is shaped like a butterfly. The trials already held, when it was towed by an automobile, have been successful.

## YANKTON DOCTORS FIGHT

### BITTER CONTROVERSY OVER DIAGNOSIS OF CASE.

#### SMALL POX OR CHICKEN POX

### Bitterness Terminates at the City Council Meeting in a One-Round Knock Down, One Doctor Swatting Another in the Jaw.

Yankton, S. D., Nov. 14.—When the spots began to appear on the face of J. M. Smith, a humble cobbler, a few days ago he little realized that they were of enough importance to stir the entire community within a few days.

The climax of numerous carterstone arguments as to the nature of Mr. Smith's ailment came in the council chamber when Dr. E. M. Doyle placed a right hook on the left jaw of Dr. D. W. Rudge, flooring him, whereupon Dr. Doyle quietly submitted to arrest at the hands of Marshal W. F. Jenks, who happened to be on the spot.

The cobbler lives at the Commercial hotel. His case first was called to the attention of City Physician D. V. Moore, who pronounced it chicken-pox, and said there was no cause for alarm. This diagnosis did not satisfy some of the nervous guests, who appealed to Mayor Thomas, chairman of the board of health. The mayor consulted with Alderman Binder, a member of the board, and they sent Dr. C. C. Gross and Dr. James Roscoe to investigate the case. Both doctors pronounced it smallpox.

The law gives the city health physician power to call in three physicians to pass on a case in dispute, and Dr. Moore acted upon this provision. He called in physicians from Lesterville, Utica and Tabor, and they declared unanimously that Smith had chicken-pox. In the meantime nearly every physician in Yankton had expressed himself on one side or the other, and some of the arguments rose to fever heat. Poor Smith's physical ailments were discussed with an abandon that might have caused the cobbler embarrassment had he known about it. But in the meantime he had been moved to the pest house as a precautionary measure, and he missed most of the hullabaloo that was being raised over him.

It was finally decided to put the matter up to Dr. R. E. Coniff, of Sioux City, formerly president of the Iowa state board of health, and Dr. Coniff arrived this afternoon on a delayed train. He immediately pronounced the case smallpox.

Then a special meeting of the town council was called for this evening, and aldermen, doctors and citizens were gathered when the clash occurred between Dr. Doyle and Dr. Rudge. Dr. Doyle had been roundly criticizing the youthful city health physician, and Dr. Rudge had taken his part. Dr. Rudge accused Dr. Doyle of being unprofessional in stirring up strife and meddling. Then it was that Dr. Doyle used his fist.

The council session was held in spite of the encounter between the physicians, and both Dr. Doyle and Dr. Rudge addressed the council. Addresses were made by others. Some of the doctors took exception to the ordinance which empowers the city health physician to call in three physicians of his own choosing in a case of this sort. The matter was referred to the ordinance committee with the understanding that the committee should submit such action advisable.

The council then adjourned.

Dr. Doyle was allowed to go home with the understanding that he would appear in court in the morning to answer for his assault on Dr. Rudge.

In the meantime Mr. Smith, the innocent cause of all the trouble, whiles away his time in the pest house.

### Parsons Has \$200,000 Fire.

Parsons, Kan., Nov. 14.—Fire that threatened the entire business district of the city destroyed \$200,000 worth of property. The biggest losers are Kress & Co., \$40,000; J. B. Ham, livestock barn, \$15,000; Cooper Lumber company, \$30,000 each; First Baptist church, a complete loss, \$15,000; Adler Joyce, \$18,000. The fire originated in a barn, where small boys were smoking cigarettes.

### Board of Foreign Missions Adjourns.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 14.—After a strenuous four days' session, the board of foreign missions of the M. E. church concluded its meetings. The board appropriated \$1,032,000 for the support of foreign missions and made supplemental appropriations of \$16,000 to meet additional emergencies.

### Ransdell Urges Harmony.

Lake Providence, La., Nov. 14.—An address urging harmony of all sections of the United States to the end of securing \$50,000,000 annually from congress for river and harbor improvement was issued by Congressman J. E. Ransdell, president of the National Rivers and Harbors congress.

### National Grange Meeting.

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 14.—Members of the National Grange from all sections of the country assembled here for the forty-first annual gathering of the national body. The attendance is considered larger and includes more prominent strangers than any

## TO KEEP BLACK HILLS TRAIL

### NOTHING BUT LEGISLATIVE ACTION WILL DO IT.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA IS INTERESTED

### Unless Something is Done New Settlers in the Reservation Country West of Pierre Will Fence the Old Historic Roadway.

Pierre, S. D., Nov. 14.—It appears that nothing but legislative action will preserve the old Black Hills trail with its traditions and historic past, even if it is not too late for such action by the time the session meets next winter.

The old-time resident of the state, who traveled over the trail either by stage as a first-class passenger, or acted as valet to a long string of patient oxen, or reached the aristocracy of the fast freight as a "mule skinner" with a train of nimble-heeled, long-eared Missouri products as his special care, feels that the trail should be