PROMISED TO LEE HERDMAN

Holcomb Makes Ante-Election Agreement with Douglas County Heeler.

CLERKSHIP OF THE SUPREME COURT

Story is Circulated at Lincoln by Certain Populists, But Edmisten Continues to Make a Fight for the Place.

LINCOLN, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—In connection with the free-for-all race for the appointment of clerk of the supreme court to succeed D. A. Campbell it is said by prominent fusionists in this city that before election Silas A. Holcomb agreed with democratic leaders in Douglas county to give the office to Lee Herdman in the event of his own election. This assertion does not carry much weight in the face of the fight that is being made for the place, but it is said further that Edmisten was not advised of the deal and that consequently he is now unconsciously making a useless fight. Some of Edmisten's friends say he is not a candidate for the office, but from the demands that have already been made upon Holcomb in his behalf it would appear that they are either misinformed, or else that they are attempting to conceal and mislead. Lee Herdman was in the city today. He said he expected a big fight for the office, but that he was accustomed to such things and would be perfectly at home in the contest.

Insurance Controversy.

The legal controversy as to the liability to the state of the insurance companies that paid fees to Eugene Moore as auditor is becoming more complicated and the test case now pending before the supreme court promises to be hotly contested by both sides before a decision is allowed to stand. In the brief and argument of the defendant in the case of the State of Nebraska against the Home Insurance Company, filed today in the supreme court, three points are raised by which it is hoped to relieve the insurance companies of all further liability.

The argument opens with the assertion that the brief of the state contained no positive argument in support of its claim and that the attorney general proceeded upon the assumption that because Moore was not convicted under section 124 of the criminal code, as auditor of public accounts, of embezzlement of the insurance fees in question, and because the sureties upon his official bond are not liable to the state for his defalcation with regard to moneys which he, as auditor, had no right to receive.

The first of the three points raised by the Home Insurance company is that under the constitution of Nebraska the auditor had no right to perform services for the defendant and other insurance companies unless the fees therefor were paid in advance into the state treasury. The second point is that the state is estopped to claim from the defendant insurance company compensation for services of the auditor which he could not legally perform unless the fees therefor were paid in advance into the state treasury.

The last of the three points raised is that Moore did not receive payment of the fees in question as auditor of public accounts, but as agent of the state. That agency is established through the election of the state to claim from him the money thus received by him as the money of the state, whereby his assumption of agency was ratified by the state.

Bessey on Foot Ball.

The recent invasion in this city of the delegation of "rooters" from the Omaha High school has taught the people of Lincoln a lesson that will not be soon forgotten. On the day of the great foot ball contest between the elevens representing the Omaha and Lincoln High schools, over 200 gay young school students from the state metropolis, all wearing purple and white ribbons, paraded the streets of Lincoln and gave vent to their good-natured enthusiasm. In the afternoon all of them witnessed the defeat of their team on the university campus. They shouted encouragement to their players until time was called at the end of the game and they left the field, not blaming any one for the defeat, but still cheering the representatives of their own school. It was a good-natured crowd that came down to Lincoln that day and their conduct was and still is the subject of much comment.

Very different is the spirit manifested by the students of the university and the High school in this city. Lincoln never sent such a delegation to Omaha to attend a foot ball game, although both the High school and the State university teams have played there many times. The recent game between the Nebraska and Iowa university teams in Omaha was not witnessed by over ten people from Lincoln. When an excursion was proposed, the students were enthusiastic, but when the time came for purchasing the tickets their enthusiasm vanished.

In an address to the students of the State university Chancellor Bessey spoke of the delegation from Omaha and expressed the hope that Lincoln or the university might show as much enthusiasm. On this subject he said:

"When the great game between Nebraska and Kansas comes off next Saturday, I wish you students of the University of Nebraska would pattern after the students who came down from the High school at Omaha 200 strong, and from the High school of Lincoln 300 or 400 of them. They got up more enthusiasm to the square rod than the whole university has usually done. Now, young men and women, do not be afraid to cheer and yell when our boys make a good play. Do not forget to cultivate the feeling of loyalty and patriotism. You are fortunate, more fortunate, perhaps, than you deserve, that you are in this university. Think of it as the biggest thing you have been in and do not fail to express your patriotic feeling. Do not have any favorites on your own team. Shout for every man who makes a good point. Shout for him whether you know him or not. Put on your ribbons, your society ribbons, your class ribbons, your fraternity ribbons, but more than all of these, and greater than these, put on the university ribbons of scarlet and cream."

Advocates Out-Door Exercise.

Chancellor Bessey is an advocate of every outdoor exercise that is healthful and he places foot ball almost at the top of the list. He is able to find a great lesson in the game of foot ball, and along this line he said:

"You players are learning lessons of endurance. Some one has said that the battle of Waterloo was won on the field at Eton. It means that these qualities of endurance, pluck and grit were acquired on the foot ball field. Let us, who do not engage in foot ball for one reason or another, profit by their example. It is cultivating in us all a high regard for those qualities on which there is still a premium and will be a premium as long as man is on earth. You who are lookers-on should learn from this splendid exhibition of pluck a great lesson.

"A young man often starts out in life with the idea that if he could only stand on a stage high enough and prominent enough he would sway the world. You all have those feelings if you have any ambition and you feel that if the world would only wait until you were ready, things would be different. But the millennium does not come that way. It takes patience and endurance. It takes precisely those qualities which foot ball is showing."

Governor Poynter issued a requisition today on Governor Stone of Missouri for the return of William Probasco, charged with larceny. The offense was committed in Omaha last Thursday. Probasco is now under arrest at Kansas City.

It has been proposed by the republicans to change the system of nominating candidates in Lancaster county so that hereafter the selection of candidates will be made at primaries instead of at conventions. The plan proposed is a modification of the Lincoln system, which has been used by the republicans in Lincoln for several years for selecting the candidates for municipal positions.

TRY GRAIN-O! TRY GRAIN-O!

Ask your grocer today to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury, as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. ¼ the price of coffee. 15c and 25c per package. Sold by all grocers.

GOOD PROFIT FOR FARMERS

Test of Sugar Beets Raised Near Fremont Shows They Are Above the Average.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The Standard Beet Sugar company has made arrangements with the Norfolk company by which a considerable portion of the beets raised around here are to be sent to Norfolk, the Standard company paying the farmers the same price that they were to pay for delivery at Ames. The Standard Cattle company has shipped to Norfolk a good many beets and will ship the beets of one 400-acre tract. The larger part of the beets are being siloed, the sugar company paying for the siloing of those beets the time for the delivery of which has expired. Work on the factory is progressing as rapidly as possible, but it will not be finished before December. The yield of beets per acre is not as large as was expected, but there is a good profit on them for the farmers.

Kearney Militia to Give a Ball.

KEARNEY, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Company A, Nebraska National Guard, will give a ball at the armory Thanksgiving night. One of the pleasing features will be the music, furnished by an orchestra of fifteen pieces. The armory is to be repainted and decorated.

The fall term of district court will convene next Monday.

The walls of the new Burlington station are completed so far as the brick work is concerned and the work of getting the building inclosed is being pushed as rapidly as possible. The building is built on Central avenue and is of yellow brick. The roof will be of iron.

Musical Treat for Plattsmouth.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Misses Ethel and Alice Dovey, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dovey of this city, who recently returned from their musical studies in England, were the principal participants in a concert given at the Presbyterian church in this city last evening. The church was filled beyond its ordinary seating capacity and no more enjoyable function ever took place. The sweet singers were assisted by Franz Adelmann, Karl Smith and Oscar Gareissen, all of Omaha. The quality of the selections was such as to call forth great praise.

Sale of Old Fort Sidney.

SIDNEY, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The public sale of old Fort Sidney military reservation was held today. The Union Pacific railway purchased 260 acres near its right of way for $1,267.12. Butler A. Jones of this city bought the grounds containing the old barracks, officers' quarters and hospital, for $4,000. Owing to the fact that he did not produce the cash by noon the sale was declared off and will be held again tomorrow. The Burlington is also anxious to secure this valuable piece of land, which contains forty acres. The other 330 acres will be sold at the same time.

Dr. Frances Wood Talks.

HEBRON, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The second lecture of the Presbyterian ladies' course was given to a well filled house last night by Frances Wood, M. D. Her subject was "Red Cross Work in Manila." She gave an interesting descriptive discourse on the Philippines and the life and customs of the people. She used by way of illustration two young women who were dressed in Philippine costumes that the speaker had brought back with her.

Goes to Jail for Stealing Hay.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—David Etherton was arrested here this morning on a charge of stealing hay from P. H. Sweet, a farmer residing northwest of the city. He was found guilty by Police Judge Coman and sentenced to pay a fine of $100 and costs. He will go to jail. Etherton has served two terms in the penitentiary for grand larceny and is thought to have been implicated in a good many small thefts from farmers near the city.

Scheller and Brown to Wrestle.

HASTINGS, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Bert Scheller, the wrestler who has defeated Dan Baldwin of Omaha twice during the last two months, will wrestle Carl Brown of Deadwood, S. D., Friday night at the Kerr opera house, the winner to take the entire receipts for the evening. The contest will be catch-as-catch-can, best two out of three falls, and will be governed by Police Gazette rules. Scheller is in the pink of condition.

Because He Married in Iowa.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Warnie Taylor, charged with criminal assault, has been discharged, the district court holding that Taylor was lawfully married under the laws of a neighboring state. Taylor ran away with a 14-year-old girl named Averill, crossed the Missouri and was married in Iowa. When he returned he was arrested upon complaint of the girl's parents.

Association Banquet at St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The American Home association, a new beneficiary insurance order, gave a banquet to its members and friends at the Masonic hall last night. The organization has a membership of over 200, and with its friends as guests they filled the large hall. After a musical program and speeches by the central officers the guests repaired to the banquet hall, where a spread was enjoyed.

Bloodhounds Do Their Work Well.

KEARNEY, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The bloodhounds sent for by Lawrence Welch to trace the burglar who robbed his drug store in Elm Creek Monday night ran down their man in short order. As soon as they were brought upon the scene they took the scent and went direct to the house of a well known resident of that city, who was taken into custody.

Chrysanthemum Show at Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church gave its annual chrysanthemum show and fair last night in the church. Reese's Concert orchestra furnished the music. Chrysanthemums of all sizes, shapes and almost every color were in profusion and the show was quite a success.

Hog Cholera in Burt County.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Hog cholera is becoming quite prevalent in this part of Burt county. An insurance company that insures swine against disease has several herds in charge and is treating them and reports some success.

S. M. True is Burkett's Secretary.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman E. J. Burkett today appointed S. M. True of Tecumseh his private secretary and Mr. True will accompany the congressman to Washington next week. Mr. True is an attorney and an expert stenographer and accountant.

Acquitted of Horse Stealing.

SIDNEY, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Albert Verner, who was tried for horse stealing in the district court, was acquitted by a jury today.

No clew has yet been obtained to the perpetrators of the fire at Fort Sidney and the tract is being thoroughly guarded. Many believe it was done in a spirit of spite work. These grounds were formerly the attractive feature of this city.

New Steam Laundry at West Point.

WEST POINT, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Another new steam laundry is being erected in this place by Herman J. Lammers. This will be the second steam plant of this description in the city. A large brick basement is being built and the engine and machinery will be of the latest and most approved pattern.

Nebraska City Wants an Armory.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—A fair and sale of fancy articles is being held at the armory this week under the direction of the members of Company C, Nebraska National Guard. The proceeds are for a fund which is being raised to build a new armory

Court Opens at Plattsmouth.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The November term of the district court of Cass county of the Second judicial district convened in this city this afternoon with Judge B. S. Ramsey on the bench. There are fifty civil, ninety-one equity and thirty-three criminal cases on the docket.

Equal Suffragists to Meet at York.

YORK, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—A women's equal suffrage convention is advertised to be held at the courthouse Friday and Saturday. There will be two sessions each day and prominent speakers will address each meeting.

Union Revival at Blue Hill.

BLUE HILL, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The churches of Blue Hill have begun a series of union gospel meetings, conducted by Evangelist J. C. Redding. He has been drawing crowded houses.

FOR GOOD CITY GOVERNMENT

National Municipal League Convenes at Columbus with Two Hundred Delegates Present.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 15.—The fifth annual meeting of the National Municipal league and the seventh national conference for good city government opened here today. Over 200 delegates are present, including city officials and municipal authorities from all over the country. When the meeting was called to order this afternoon there was a gratifying number present.

The meeting is for the purpose of discussing questions of vital importance to municipalities. The dominant feature of the discussion will be the "Municipal Program," the report on which, however, will not be presented until Friday afternoon. The "program" will be offered as the report of a special committee appointed at the Louisville meeting two years ago.

The opening session of the league convened at 2:30 o'clock, when Samuel L. Black, former mayor of Columbus, welcomed the delegates. The reports of Secretaries Woodruff and Burnham were read.

Dr. Delos F. Wilcox of Michigan read a paper on "An Examination of the Proposed Municipal Program."

The following officers were elected: President, James C. Carter, New York; first vice president, Charles Richardson, Philadelphia; second vice president, Samuel B. Capen, Boston; third vice president, Thomas M. Strong, Portland, Ore.; fourth vice president, H. Dickson Burns, New Orleans; fifth vice president, Edmund J. James, Chicago; secretary, Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Philadelphia; treasurer, George Burnham, jr., Philadelphia.

PACKING HOUSE STATISTICS

Western Slaughterings the Past Week Show an Increase Over the Preceding Week.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Price Current says: The western slaughtering for the week has been 485,000 head of hogs, compared with 440,000 head the preceding week and 520,000 head last year. From November 1 the total is 1,010,000 head, against 1,080,000 head a year ago. Prominent places compare as follows:

Cities.	1899.	1898.
Chicago	345,000	400,000
Kansas City	130,000	150,000
Omaha	85,000	80,000
St. Louis	70,000	75,000
Indianapolis	53,000	61,000
Milwaukee	42,000	35,000
Cincinnati	36,000	37,000
St. Joseph	53,000	62,000
Ottumwa	32,000	28,000
Cedar Rapids	11,000	8,000
Sioux City	21,000	17,000
St. Paul	20,000	15,000

Implement and Vehicle Men Meet.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 15.—About 200 delegates were present today at the opening of the sixth annual convention of the National Association of Agricultural Implement and Vehicle Manufacturers. After the addresses of welcome by Mayor Tafel and Daniel B. Meacham, President Stoddard of Dayton, O., delivered his annual address. The annual reports of secretary, treasurer and chairman of the executive committee were also read.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Generally Fair Thursday and Friday with Southerly Winds Shifting to Westerly in Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday:

For Nebraska—Generally fair Thursday and Friday; southerly, shifting to westerly winds.

For Iowa, Missouri and Kansas—Fair Thursday and Friday; southerly winds.

Four South Dakota—Generally fair Thursday; probably cooler Friday; southerly, shifting to westerly winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Nov. 15.—Omaha record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the past three years:

	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.
Maximum temperature	66	56	43	68
Minimum temperature	34	29	25	43
Average temperature	55	42	34	66
Precipitation	.00	.00	T	.00

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March, 1, 1899:

Normal for the day	38
Excess for the day	17
Accumulated excess since March 1	128
Normal rainfall for the day	.01 inch
Deficiency for the day	.01 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	23.29 inches
Deficiency since March 1	5.46 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1898	3.70 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1897	10.85 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum temperature	Precipitation
Omaha, partly cloudy	58	66	.00
North Platte, cloudy	52	66	.00
Salt Lake, raining	44	60	.22
Cheyenne, cloudy	48	56	.00
Rapid City, cloudy	46	60	.00
Huron, partly cloudy	48	64	.00
Williston, clear	42	52	.00
Chicago, clear	48	50	.00
St. Louis, clear	64	66	.00
St. Paul, clear	48	54	.00
Davenport, clear	50	58	.00
Helena, clear	42	48	.00
Kansas City, cloudy	66	74	.00
Havre, cloudy	44	52	.00
Bismarck, clear	40	50	.00
Galveston, clear	70	76	.00

T indicates trace of precipitation.

LUCIUS A. WELSH,
Local Forecast Official.

LEGISLATION FOR FARMERS

National Grange Discusses State and National Agricultural Laws.

THREE GREAT CANALS ARE NECESSARY

Nicaragua, Great Lakes-Mississippi and Great Lakes-Atlantic Waterways—Rural Delivery, Anti-Trust and Other Laws.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Nov. 15.—At 10 o'clock today the thirty-third annual session of the National Grange convened in this city, with Master Aaron Jones of South Bend, Ind., in the chair. Twenty-six states are represented, the delegates from which, together with those remaining from the State Grange meeting and other visitors, places the total attendance at 2,500 in the city. The Grange began business at once and after the roll call a committee on credentials was appointed. The committee on order of business has announced there will be three sessions daily, morning, afternoon and evening.

While the committees were engaged in their deliberations Master Jones called on James Robinson, master of the Dominion Grange of Canada, for remarks, and Mr. Robinson took up the most of the morning session, bringing greetings and reviewing the work of the year in the Dominion. The event of the afternoon session was the annual address of Master Aaron Jones, which, together with reports of the committees, occupied the time.

Legislation that is Wanted.

Grand Master Jones began his annual address by congratulating the Grange on the prosperous condition of the order. He said the Grange favored national and state laws controlling trusts and state inspection. In closing his address he said:

"I recommend that the National Grange continue to press their demands for appropriate legislation on the following important matters:

"1. Free delivery of mail in the rural districts; and that the service be placed on the same permanent footing as the delivery of mail in the cities and that the appropriation therefor be commensurate with the benefits and demands for the service.

"2. Providing for postal savings banks.

"3. Submit an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

"4. Enlarging the powers and duties of the interstate commerce commissioners, giving them and charging them with the duty of fixing maximum rates of fare and freight on all interstate railways.

"5. Enact a pure food law.

"6. Providing for the extension of the market for farm products, making it the duty of the United States consuls to aid in the extending of markets for farm products as for manufactured articles.

"7. The enactment of an anti-trust law clearly defining what acts on the part of any corporation would be against public policy.

"8. The speedy construction of the Nicaragua canal by the United States.

"9. The speedy construction of a ship canal connecting the Mississippi river with the great lakes and the great lakes with the Atlantic ocean.

"10. Revising the fees and salaries of all federal officers and placing them on a basis of similar service in private business."

This evening the State Grange, which closes its annual session here today, will welcome the national body.

FOR KILLING AN AMERICAN

Italian Tried in Italy Gets Six Years for Murder Committed in Boston.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The State department has received a cablegram from Mr. Iddings, the charge of the United States embassy at Rome, stating that Diblasi, the murderer of Ellis, had been sentenced to six years in prison. Diblasi killed Ellis, who was a health officer in Boston, owing to Ellis' attempt to enforce sanitary regulations. He fled to Italy and the Italian government refused to surrender him on extradition proceedings because he was an Italian subject. They did agree, however, to try the man in Italy for murder, and the conviction has just been obtained on evidence supplied by the Massachusetts authorities, making a case almost without precedent in international law.

AS TO SILVERWARE COMBINE

Industrial Commission Hears the Testimony of Two of Its Representatives.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Samuel Dodd of Meriden, Conn., president, and W. H. Watrous of Hartford, a director of the International Silver company, testified before the Industrial commission today. This company is engaged largely in the manufacture of plated silverware. The witnesses claimed that it was organized principally for the purpose of economy in management, but also admitted that it had in view the lessening of competition.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS.

Awards Made to Disabled Survivors of the Civil War.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The following western pensions have been granted:

Issue of October 31:

Nebraska: Original—John Pitts, Sidney, $8. Original widows, etc.—Minor of James Henderson, Table Rock, $10.

Iowa: Original—Benjamin J. Switzer, Anamosa, $6; Jacob Butler, Clarinda, $20; Myron Chambers, Waverly, $8. Additional—Tyra Lines, Clarinda, $6 to $12. Restoration and increase—Widow of Ernst Hoppe, Cresco, $12 to $24; William W. Westfall, Clarinda, $4 to $10. Increase—Iver Tvedt, Huxley, $8 to $12; Frederick Miller, Maquoketa, $16 to $17; William H. H. Brown, Des Moines, $16 to $17. Reissue—Phillip E. Bird, Oakland, $6. Original widows, etc.—Katharina Hoppe, Cresco, $12; (special accrued November 2) minors of Charles Dillon, Marshalltown, $12.

Colorado: Original—Caleb Maher, Hotchkiss, $6; Henry Ritter, Cortez, $12.

South Dakota: Original—Lloyd Thorn, Duncan, $10; Samuel Miles, Burch, $8. Increase—Joseph E. Hawkes, Sioux Falls, $8 to $12; Leroy J. Ferris, Gettysburg, $10 to $12.

Expense of Methodist Missions.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The general missionary committee of the Methodist church met at Foundry church today. All the bishops were present except Foss, Cranston and Foster. Bishop Vincent presided. The report of Dr. Homer Easton, treasurer, showed receipts for the past year, $1,236,544, an increase of $54,754 over the previous year. The morning was devoted to the discussion of appropriations for the coming year, $1,175,000 being voted with $50,000 for the contingent fund. The distribution of this assessment is not yet fixed. President and Mrs. McKinley will hold a special reception to the delegates tomorrow evening.

Decrease in Postal Deficiency.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—A postal deficiency of $6,610,777 for the fiscal year just closed, almost a 27 per cent decrease from last year's deficiency, is shown in the annual report of Third Assistant Postmaster General E. C. Madder. The total receipts from all sources were over $91,000,000. Over 4,700,000 stamps have been supplied to the Philippines, 4,080,000 to Porto Rico, 18,420,000 to Cuba and 45,000 to Guam during the fiscal year. New York and Chicago mail 35 per cent of the entire second-class matter.

Postmasters Consider a New Plan.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The National Association of Postmasters at their meeting today considered the substitution of postoffice script for stamps or postal orders in the transmission of small sums by mail.

FORT MEADE IS INSPECTED

Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn is Pleased with the Appearance of the Buildings.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Assistant Secretary of War George D. Meiklejohn, accompanied by Captain Grote Hutcheson and Major D. B. Slaughter of the regular army and a friend, B. J. Witherald of Hebron, Neb., spent a few hours in the city, being brought here by General Manager Bidwell of the Elkhorn railway in his special car. They had been at Fort Meade inspecting the new stone buildings now in course of construction there, in compliance with an appropriation made by the last congress, when Fort Meade was designated as a permanent military post. They were very much pleased with the structures that are being built.

While here Mr. Meiklejohn expressed himself as favorable to Hot Springs as a location for the proposed national sanitarium, which is likely to be located during the coming session of congress. Mr. Meiklejohn believes that there will be need of just such an institution as is proposed here and he sees nothing to prevent its location at this place. He was much pleased over the general election results and thinks nothing can prevent the renomination and election of McKinley. In the evening the entire party, together with Colonel and Mrs. Steele of Deadwood, were given a dinner at the Evans hotel. They left later in the evening for the east.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—When George D. Meiklejohn, assistant secretary of war, passed through Deadwood on his way to Washington after examining Fort Meade, he was accompanied by Major Brad Slaughter, United States paymaster; Captain Hutcheson of the Ninth cavalry and several assistants. George F. Bidwell, general manager of the Elkhorn railway, brought the party to this city in a special car. Secretary Meiklejohn was struck with the natural location and surroundings of Fort Meade. The government is making so many expensive improvements about the fort, such as the stone barracks, sewers and artesian well, that it is hardly expected that the fort will ever be abandoned. Secretary Meiklejohn promised to see that the members of Troop A, South Dakota National guard, had guns and he will try to get a carriage for the Spanish cannon, presented to this city by the government.

AFTER GAMBLERS AND SALOONS.

Yankton Grand Jury is Called to Investigate Them This Week.

YANKTON, S. D., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The November term of the circuit court for Yankton convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The grand jury, which was summoned at the request of State's Attorney Orvis, was impaneled and charged by Judge Smith. Their chief deliberations will be upon gambling and saloons. Fifty subpoenas have been issued. It is expected that a thorough investigation will be made and that several cases will be brought to trial.

The case of the United States & Colonial Mortgage Co. against A. L. Toogood, in which the mortgage company sues Mr. Toogood as one of the bondsmen of J. T. M. Pierce, was on trial during the afternoon.

Doane Robinson of the Daily Gazette has withdrawn from the paper and will in the future devote all of his time to the interests of the monthly South Dakotan, a magazine.

Dr. C. A. Warwick of Irene has left for Seattle, preparatory to sailing for the Philippines, having recently been appointed to the position of government surgeon on one of the transports.

General John B. Gordon, the first lecturer on the Young Men's Christian association lecture course, delivered his famous lecture on "The Last Days of the Confederacy" to a large and appreciative audience in Turner hall last night.

INDIANS FORM A STUDENT CLUB.

Cheyennes Back from College Organize "Returned Students' Society."

PIERRE, S. D., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The young Indians of the Cheyenne agency have formed an organization for mutual improvement, which is to be known as "The Returned Students' society," and is to be composed of the young people who have been away from the reservation in attendance at different educational institutions.

CHEYENNES SLAUGHTERING GAME.

Get Permission to Hunt Horses and Take Advantage of It.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The attention of the Indian department has been called to the slaughter of deer and antelope by the Indians of the Cheyenne agency north of the Black Hills. The Indians get permission to go out on the range to hunt their horses and they hunt game instead.

Happenings at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Attorney E. T. Taubman is in Pierre, where he will argue before the supreme court for a new trial in the case of J. E. Levers, convicted of being accessory to the crime of burglary, now serving sentence in the Sioux Falls penitentiary. Mr. Taubman is confident of securing a new trial for Levers.

It is reported that the money orders bought by William Taylor, recently killed by the cars at Mitchell, have been found in an inside pocket of his clothes cut in two and covered with blood. The orders have been turned over to his wife, who lives in Sioux City.

The new gas engine for the electric light plant has arrived and is being placed in position as rapidly as possible. It now looks as though an amicable settlement of the trouble between the city counsel and the lighting company would be reached.

"Jack the Slasher" in Moody County.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—A "Jack the Slasher" is operating in Alliance township, Moody county. The hobby of the individual appears to be to cut to pieces everything in the nature of leather or cloth. Not only during the blackness of night, but even in midday he has appeared and wrought damage to harnesses, buggies and other articles. Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to capture him. A few nights ago a party of threshers watched for him. He appeared, but when they gave chase he darted into a cornfield, set fire to the dry corn and while his pursuers were extinguishing the fire made his escape. The principal sufferer from his depredations is John Haugeberg, a prominent farmer. The identity of the "Slasher" is a mystery to the farmers in the region where he operates and they are puzzled to account for the reasons of his strange and malicious actions.

Large Mortgage on Dakota Land.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The largest mortgage ever placed on record in Charles Mix county, and perhaps in the state, was filed the other day with the register of deeds at Wheeler. It was given by J. Q. Adams and wife of Cook county, Illinois, to the Iowa Land company and covers a fraction over 25,488 acres of land. The indebtedness secured by the mortgage is $134,000. The instrument required the sum of $66.50 in revenue stamps. Mr. Adams represented the Milwaukee Railroad company, which purchased the entire Charles Mix county holdings of the Iowa Land company. The land lies along the route of the proposed extension of the Milwaukee railroad into Charles Mix county.

One Vote in a Precinct.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The banner republican town of the Black Hills in the recent election is Nemo, Lawrence county, which cast 106 votes, ninety-nine of which were republican. In Riebah county, which is attached to Pennington county for judicial purposes, the Deep Creek precinct had an election and the result was one vote. Shelby Reed acted as judge and clerk of the election and he also brought the returns of the election to Rapid City and turned it over to the county auditor. This ballot and election cost the county about $20, and it was a populist vote at that.

Deadwood Fire Department Election.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Deadwood fire department last night, the old officers were re-elected again. They are: Trustees, E. A. Hornberger, W. I. McLaughlin, E. E. Carr, W. S. Harding and Joseph Schwing; chief engineer, James Frawley; secretary, George Damon; treasurer, John Treber. The fire chief's report for the past year showed that there were five companies in the department with a total membership of about 175. There were twenty-one fire alarms.

Bishop Hare Relieves Potter.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Nov. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Bishop W. H. Hare left this afternoon over the Illinois Central for New York City, where for three weeks he will have charge of the work of Bishop Potter, who is a member of the committee on work of the Episcopal church in countries which have recently passed under control of the United States. Bishop Potter has gone on a tour of observation to Hawaii and the Philippine islands.

Burglars Rob a Deadwood Jeweler.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Nov. 15.—Special Telegram.)—Robbers broke a large plate glass window this morning in the Deadwood Loan company's jewelry store and got away with all the valuables in sight. No arrests have been made.

Neck Broken by a Fall.

LEAD, S. D., Nov. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Hugh McBride, one of the oldest residents of this city, fell off an embankment early this morning and broke his neck, dying instantly. He leaves a widow and three children.

South Dakota News Notes.

Alexandria is enjoying more of a boom at the present time than it has known for years.

During the last thirty days over 100 carloads of grain have been shipped from Parkston.

Hecla and several other places report a shortage of cars in which to ship grain and bring in coal and other freight.

Bradley is suffering from the operations of a "blind pig," and if the identity of the operator can be discovered the people promise to administer a severe lesson.

The growing importance of Forestberg, Sanborn county, as a stock shipping point has rendered it necessary for the railroad company to largely increase its facilities for handling stock at that place.

Frank Reed of Castlewood has been bound over to the next term of the circuit court, which convenes on November 28, to answer to a charge of stealing thirty-two bushels of flax and twenty bushels of wheat from Charles M. Wolf, a farmer.

N. P. Oakes has recently completed the largest dam in the state on his ranch, located on Water Lily creek, west of the Missouri river. The dam is thirty-six feet high, 190 feet wide on the bottom and 400 feet long. It is intended for the storage of water from the spring rains for use during the dry season.

Hobart Grieved at Logan's Death.

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 15.—Vice President Hobart passed a comfortable day and tonight is resting easily. He has eaten solid food for some days now. He was very much grieved to learn of the death of Major Logan in battle. They were personal friends and at Washington the major was at many of the social functions given by the Hobarts.

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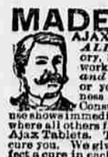

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