MINING IN THE BLACK HILLS

New Owners of Union Hill Almost Ready to Open Up.

HAVE MUCH RICH ORE IN SIGHT

Homestake Belt Company, Organized to Develop Mines in Elk Creek District, Finds Rich Veins of Ore.

GALENA, S. D., May 17.—(Special.)—The eastern syndicate which has purchased the property of the old Union Hill will begin work upon the ground by the 10th of June, it being expected that by that date all the details of organization will have been perfected and the company ready for business. The first work will be devoted to opening up the Union Hill claim, in which has been exposed a forty-foot vertical of free mining and cyaniding ore. This ore body has been opened up at various levels to a depth of 300 feet from the top of the hill, and wherever struck has been found to carry good values. This work was done by former owners, but so poorly was it performed that a great part of it will have to be done over again. From this vein Bart Harris, who has had a lease on the claim, had up until the date of the sale, been shipping ore which went from $18 to $20 a ton gold. This ore was taken from the surface of the ground, almost, right off the top of the vein. The new company will make no attempt to treat the ore mined in the mill, which is on the ground, until the mine is thoroughly opened up. It will then give its attention to other claims upon which it is known there are good ore bodies, and they, too, will receive the development which they deserve.

In Elk Creek District.

LEAD, S. D., May 17.—(Special.)—Another new company has been organized to develop and make profitable the mines in the Elk creek district. The new company will be known as the "Homestake Belt" company, and has been organized by Black Hills and New York people, who have purchased the property known as the Peter McGuire ground, consisting of 200 acres and adjoining the ground of the Clover Leaf property on the south. Several strong veins of ore have been opened up on this property and there is every reason to believe that it will prove to be as rich as its famous neighbor on the north after the proper development has been given it. Assays from these ore bodies give returns ranging from $5.40 to $11.36 per ton.

The first shipment of ore from the mines of the Hidden Fortune company to its new mill on Whitewood creek was made on Wednesday and consisted of seventy-five tons. These shipments were increased before the week was out and by Saturday night the big reserve bins at the plant had been filled up, and it was the intention of the company to start stamps dropping on the ore on Monday. The mill has been tested and its machinery found to run smoothly, but under the company's contract with the Colorado Iron works that concern is to operate the mill for thirty days before its acceptance by the Hidden Fortune people, and to correct all errors of construction, so that it can be turned over in good working order. The test of the mill will be made on ore furnished by the company from its mines north of Lead, the Denver concern doing the rest and proving its workmanship. It will take 200 tons of ore a day to keep the mill supplied, and for several months past the Hidden Fortune people have been prepared to furnish that amount of excellent ore.

Iron Creek's New Officers.

The annual meeting of the Iron Creek concern was held at Terry the first of the week and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: W. H. Disney, president; W. W. Quillian, vice president; George Hendy, treasurer; B. A. Coleman, secretary and general manager. The company owns a group of claims on Iron creek west of the Spearfish canyon on which machinery will be placed and development prosecuted. There is on the ground a seventy-five-foot shaft, disclosing a large body of low grade ore, which is considered a good cyaniding proposition. The work of sinking has been carried on by the aid of a whim, but it has been found impossible to keep the water out of the shaft by bailing, so a pumping and hoisting plant will be installed. The shaft will be sunk to quartzite and when that formation is reached drifting upon it will begin.

It is said that a big deal is pending for ground on Iron creek. The ground included in the deal are the claims of the Magnet and American Mining companies, and 100 feet of the surface of the Eleventh Hour group. All of the ground in the deal has been explored on the upper contacts and large bodies of a low grade cyaniding ore disclosed. The ground is being purchased by a syndicate of eastern capitalists. The Deer Lick Mining company is making arrangements to sink to quartzite and work will begin shortly. A great deal of work has been done on this ground along the upper ore contact and several large shoots of ore disclosed, but it is a low grade proposition, so the company has decided to explore the lower contact, where the ore is known to be richer.

Horseshoe's Cyanide Plant.

It is announced that the new cyanide plant of the Horseshoe company at the Mogul shaft at Terry will be in running order and treating ore shortly after July 1. The plant will have a daily capacity of 500 tons, and will employ the wet crushing process in the treatment of ore. The company is still shipping ore from the Lucille and Ben Hur mines to a Denver smelter. E. M. Holbrook will assume the duties of general manager of the company on June 1, succeeding W. L. McLaughlin of Deadwood, who has held the position, his appointment being temporary, since April 1. It is very probable that the company's smelter at Rapid City will be started up some time during the summer on ore from the company's mines and the shipments to eastern smelters discontinued.

Water Bothers Victoria.

The Victoria Mining company is working a large force of men on its property on the divide between Spearfish and Squaw creeks and the development has opened up one of the finest shoots of silicious ore in the district. Prospecting has proved that the shoot extends entirely through the company's property, and it has been crosscut for a distance of 200 feet and its width remains undetermined. This ore shoot is on the upper contact, and where opened is from eight to twelve feet thick and carries values ranging from $5.50 to $12 a ton. This shoot is on the upper contact, but work is being done to reach the lower quartzite contact and a shaft is being sunk on the south end of the ground. Work in this shaft has had to be abandoned temporarily on account of the large amount of water coming into it, and which cannot be handled with the appliances now on the ground, but will be resumed as soon as drier weather comes. The company, which is composed of Omaha people, owns thirteen patented claims in one group, and its property is looked on as one of the best propositions in the district. Work on the Cleopatra, which adjoins the Victoria on Squaw creek, will be resumed on the 300-foot level, and drifting continued with the assistance of power drills. It is said that the company has struck a good body of cyaniding ore on the quartzite and will push its development. The Cleopatra is equipped with one of the best cyaniding plants in the Hills, and will be ready to treat ore just as soon as the work will warrant it. The Little Bud is another group of claims in this district which has good ore on it, and on which development work is progressing to good advantage. They have struck some very high grade ore on the property and have shipped a little from the ground at a good profit.

Holy Terror Mill Starts Up.

KEYSTONE, S. D., May 17.—(Special.)—The mill of the Holy Terror Mining company has again been placed in commission after an idleness of five months. The plant was started last Saturday and the entire twenty stamps of the mill are dropping on ore taken from the 1,000-foot level of the mine. During the time the mill has been idle the company has done a great deal of exploration on the lower levels. A drift has been driven into the Keystone vein, revealing a body of ore fifty feet wide at that depth, carrying fair values in gold and, handled economically, will give a good profit to treat. Explorations are being continued in both the Holy Terror and Keystone mines with gratifying results. There is a great deal of water coming into the workings, the pumps lifting 700 gallons a minute. President Hughes, under whose direction the work on the property is being done, says that the concentrates at the Keystone mill are worth $100 a ton. These are being dried and sacked and will be shipped to a smelting plant for treatment. The last shipment of these concentrates was treated at the Horseshoe smelter at Rapid City, which gave the best satisfaction in treatment of any plant shipped to.

Clara Belle's New Machinery.

CUSTER CITY, S. D., May 17.—(Special.)—The new machinery at the Clara Belle has all been placed in position and some rich ore is being taken from the workings. The mill will be started in a few days, when it is expected that the property will become one of the best producers in the southern Hills.

Development work on the Gold Standard group continues under the direction of Superintendent Phillips, with good results. The main working shaft has reached a depth of eighty-five feet on the ledge, and at that depth the ore carries good values, while the vein promises to grow stronger and better with more work.

The London and Dakota company, which owns a large acreage of mineral land in the Penobscot district, eight miles northwest of Custer City, has about completed arrangements to put a large force of miners at work opening up the property. Included in the group owned by the company the several claims of known richness, and development work on them has proven that they are good propositions. Considerable work is being done in the Penobscot district this spring, and some of the properties upon which it is being done are showing up fine. This is true with regard to the Blue Bird and adjoining mines, on which several new discoveries have been made.

Will Put on Large Force.

The Interstate Mining company will shortly begin work on the new strike made upon its property. Work on this ground had been suspended for a few months, but when it is resumed it will be with a larger force of miners than was before engaged. The new strike on the property is said to be very rich, the ore carrying values going up into the hundreds of dollars. The vein is an east and west ledge, and cuts the formation at right angles; it is a vertical and from three to four and a half feet in width. The large north and south veins which have been opened by the former work on the ground are known to carry good values, but it is to the new discovery that the company will pay its first attention, and should it prove to be permanent and its values hold out the company will have one of the best things in the southern hills.

The Black Hills and Duluth Copper Mining company will resume work on its ground next week with a large force of miners. The mines of the company are located twelve miles north of Custer City, consisting of twenty-six claims, all of which have been opened up by shafts, but to no great depth. A number of good ore bodies have been struck in the work already done, and it is believed that the work which will be put on the ground this summer will show them to be permanent and the ore rich. The new machinery of the Central Black Hills Copper company is being installed at a rapid rate and General Manager Barnes expects to have the plant running by June 1. This company owns a large acreage of land near Custer City and has exposed in its workings an immense body of low grade copper ore, but it occurs in such vast quantities and is so easy to mine, treat and handle that the company cannot help but make it a paying proposition.

BANDIT SLAYS CONSTABLE

Arrested as Suspicious Character, Pulls Pistol, Shoots and Flees in Darkness.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., May 17.—Deputy Constable Tom Vaughn was instantly killed and Constable Dan Graham seriously injured last night by an outlaw named Smith, who escaped and is being pursued by a posse. The officers had arrested Smith as a suspicious character. As they were about to search him he drew a pistol and began shooting. Before the officers could pull their pistols both were senseless on the sidewalk. There were no witnesses and Smith made his escape into the darkness.

A few feet from the scene of the shooting he fell and dropped an old slouch hat, this being the only clew the officers have to his identity, but it is believed he is wanted for several murders and other serious crimes. Only a short time ago he was arrested for attempted murder, but was discharged.

MUTILATED BODY IS FOUND

Fishermen Discover Dismembered Corpse Floating in Tippecanoe River.

WARSAW, Ind., May 17.—While fishing in the Tippecanoe river today Clyde Kyle and Frank Miller found the mutilated and partly naked body of a man. The trunk and legs, clothed, were in a wooden box, from which part of the cover had been washed away. The head and the arms, naked, were found in the water near the box. The box and the body were in shallow water near the shore at a secluded place along the river north of Warsaw.

No one thus far has been able to identify the body, which is fairly well preserved. No one has been reported missing from Warsaw and the authorities are inclined to think the body was shipped to Warsaw from some other city and hastily placed in the river.

ARKANSAS MAY PROCEED AGAIN

Mississippi Rises Three Feet, or Sufficient to Let Monitor Sail.

ST. LOUIS, May 17.—Since Saturday night the Mississippi has risen nearly three feet and tonight there are indications of a continued rise.

In the opinion of several pilots the monitor Arkansas should be able to resume its delayed journey to the sea.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

City Official Talks of Need of Increasing Fire Department.

SAYS CITY'S GROWTH NECESITATES IT

Majority of Business Men Appear to Be Favorable, but It Involves a Larger Appropriation Than is Now Made.

"South Omaha needs an increase in its fire department," said a city official in talking to a Bee reporter last night. "For years the city managed to get along with two hose companies. Now it has three and another company is badly needed. The rapid growth of the city and the way additions are being platted and small homes erected makes it imperative that at least one more hose company be placed in service."

The majority of business men appear to favor an increase in the fire fighting apparatus, but this cannot be made on the allotment of $13,000 a year for maintenance. It is thought that the fire department should be allowed fully as much as the police department, which is $18,000 a year, less of course the usual 10 per cent reserve. With an income of $18,000 the Fire and Police Board could install another hose company to be placed where it would be of the most service. There is also a demand for a hook and ladder truck and a steam fire engine. A good truck can be bought for about $2,000, while a first-class steamer costs about $5,500. There is no money in the fire fund now to pay salaries, let alone buying new apparatus and hose.

"It is too bad," said an N street property owner last night, "that when the bond proposition was submitted that provision was not made for an increase in the fire department. The sum of $10,000 can be well expended in increasing the efficiency of the department. Then the chances are that insurance rates would be lowered. Of course the packers want to see the service improved and have signified a willingness to assist when the city shows an inclination to get busy and do something. The entire system of alarm boxes need overhauling and additional boxes are needed, but nothing can be done as long as there is an overlap in the fire fund each year."

Good Police Discipline.

The police force appears to be working nicely under Chief Briggs. Good order is being maintained in all parts of the city. Last Saturday night only one arrest was made and that was a case of plain drunk. As a general thing Saturday nights are pretty lively in South Omaha, but now the streets are quiet at night. All saloons close promptly at midnight and public dances also are required to stop at that hour. It is understood that on Tuesday evening the Fire and Police Board will direct the chief to cause all slot machines to be removed. All the gambling houses are closed and some of the proprietors of places are figuring on taking an extended summer vacation. No arrests were made Sunday.

Mayor's Proclamation.

Mayor Koutsky has his proclamation prepared for the calling of a special election on June 23 for the purpose of voting on the question of increasing the bonded debt of the city. This proclamation will be issued today. In most instances the voting places will be the same as last fall. The high school bonds will be voted on by the people at the same time as the city bond issue, and the school district will bear its portion of the expense of the election. As a general thing the people seem to favor the bonds, but there is some opposition from persons who wanted to include a sum for the purchase of parks in the general proposition. City officials feel that the taking up of the overlap and the extension of the sewer system and the building of a suitable city hall are more important just now than the purchase of grounds for parks.

Reviving Commercial Club.

An effort is to be made to revive the South Omaha Commercial club. For a number of years the club was quite prominent in local affairs, but interest laxed and a meeting has not been held for about a year. The coming of the Ancient Order of United Workmen state convention has caused the sending of letters to the president and secretary of the club and it is understood that an effort will be made to hold a meeting some evening this week. Notices will be sent out and every member will be urged to attend in order that interest in the welfare of the city may be revived.

Will Watch Proceedings.

Employes of the packing houses in South Omaha are considerably interested in the outcome of the conference between President M. Donnelly of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters' association and representatives of the packing houses, to be held in Chicago today at the office of Nelson Morris at the Union stock yards. It is thought that only preliminary arrangements will be made today, but those interested here expect that the revised schedule of wages will be officially taken up on Tuesday and some agreement reached not later than Wednesday. All the packing houses in South Omaha will be represented at this conference.

Magic City Gossip.

There will be a meeting of the city council tonight.

The Q street viaduct is to be closed to traffic today.

Work on the Carnegie library building has not commenced.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Education is to be held this evening.

A. A. M. Kitchen of Chicago is in the city, the guest of Captain and Mrs. Bruce McCulloch.

C. E. Davis has gone to Denver to look after business matters. He will be gone about a week.

Harry Timmell, formerly of South Omaha but now located in Sioux City, is here for a couple of days visiting friends.

The cavalry troop meets for drill tonight. An inspection is to be made shortly by the adjutant general of the state.

Allen chapel was filled to overflowing last night, the occasion being the visit of Bishop C. T. Shaffer of the African M. E. church.

CARNEGIE TO OUST LONDON

Wishes Washington Selected as Capital of Entire English-Speaking World.

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LONDON, May 18.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Daily News publishes an interview with Andrew Carnegie, in which he elaborates the idea that Washington is the proper capital of the English-speaking world.

"See," he said, "it is nearer to Canada and Australia; it is quicker now in a German liner to go to Washington from London than from San Francisco. It is the real center of the English-speaking race, not London."

CHILI FETES BRAZILIANS

Hoists Flag and Salutes Embryonic South American Triple Alliance.

SANTIAGO DE CHILI, May 17.—The members of the Brazilian commission arrived here today and were enthusiastically received. Fully 80,000 people witnessed the arrival of the visitors and the manifestations of friendship were unbounded.

The city was decorated in honor of the delegates. In the large procession that passed through the streets were a number of allegorical cars. The Brazilian anthem was played by a band numbering 500 men. The Chilean and the Argentine flags were flown together and were saluted as symbolic of the formation of a "South American triple alliance." The Chilean authorities are preparing to entertain the Brazilian visitors.

The strike excitement at Valparaiso has subsided and that city is perfectly tranquil.

PRISONERS SLAY GUARDS

Philippine Insurgents Rush Sentry, Seize Bolos and Kill Soldiers.

MANILA, May 17.—Captain Clough Overton of the Fifteenth cavalry and Private Harry Noyes, who were killed on May 15 at Sucatlan, Mindanao, met their deaths at the hands of insurgent prisoners whom they were guarding. Their companion in this duty, Private Hartlow, was wounded at the same time.

Captain Overton's troops of the Fifteenth had been scouting in the Department of Misamis, Mindanao, on the trail of the insurgent leader Flores. The cavalrymen captured fifty of Flores' followers and confined them in a house at Sucatlan. Captain Overton and three men remained to guard the prisoners while Lieutenant Cameron continued in pursuit of Flores.

The prisoners suddenly broke out of the house where they were confined, secured their bolos and rushed the four Americans on guard. Captain Overton was slashed with a bolo and bled to death. After escaping the insurgents gathered and renewed the attack on the Americans. The cavalryman who was not injured repulsed the enemy and defended his dead and wounded companions until the return of Lieutenant Cameron.

Captain Overton is criticised for having kept only three men for a guard and for not having destroyed the insurgents' bolos. Flores is a Visayan, and the majority of his followers are Paganos, living in the Misamis mountains. No Moros were concerned in the affair.

PLAYS HOSTESS TO THE KING

King Edward Entertained by the Duchess of Buccleuch at Dalkeith.

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LONDON, May 17.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—King Edward's hostess this week at Dalkeith house, the duchess of Buccleuch, is generally regarded as the grandest of "grandes dames" in British society. She is a Hamilton, an aunt of the duke of Marlborough, an exceedingly handsome, stately woman. It was through her patronage—since then seemingly to a large extent withdrawn—that William Waldorf Astor was launched in London society. He was the only American millionaire whom the duchess of Buccleuch ever took up and society would not receive him.

The loss of her valuable ruby bracelet at the coronation service in Westminster abbey, where she acted as train bearer to the queen in her capacity of mistress of the robes, is one of the mysteries of that celebration. Every effort was made to regain possession of this valuable. It was gossip that, knowing it to be in the possession of another peeress, the duchess advertised for it in a daily paper. Whether that expedient succeeded is not known, but the advertisement disappeared after one insertion.

SAY OFFICER KEPT MONEY

Porto Rican Police Lieutenant is Charged with Stealing Man's Pay.

SAN JUAN, May 17.—The War department has ordered District Attorney Pettingill to prosecute Lieutenant Arthur Myer of the insular police, who was at one time quartermaster of the Forty-seventh United States volunteers, for an alleged shortage of $6,000 in the regimental pay accounts.

Lieutenant Myer says the recipients of the pay failed to receipt for it. Secretary Hartsell has revoked Lieutenant Myer's permission to visit Washington pending a settlement. Many policemen and merchants are lodging complaints against the lieutenant. He is still serving with his regiment, awaiting Governor Hunt's decision.

PENNSYLVANIA TO GET SITE

Commission Promised Suitable Plot for State's World's Fair Building.

ST. LOUIS, May 17.—The Pennsylvania World's fair commission, headed by Senator John C. Brady of Philadelphia, chairman, and accompanied by Philip C. Johnson, architect, arrived in St. Louis this evening to make final arrangements for the site and erection of the building to represent the Keystone state at the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

Colonel George D. Reynolds, president of the Pennsylvania society, with a committee from that organization and a number of prominent World's fair officials, met the commission at the station and accompanied it to the hotel. Tomorrow the commission will select the site for the Pennsylvania building. Chairman Brady, who expressed himself as much pleased with the reception and entertainment tendered the commission, said he was assured by the representatives of the World's fair that a site commensurate with the importance of the building to be erected by Pennsylvania would be assigned that state.

WILL MAKE TOBACCO AT FAIR

Cigar Dealers' Association Aids Novel Exhibit at St. Louis Exposition.

CHICAGO, May 17.—The National Cigar Dealers' Association of America has sent a representative from Chicago to Cuba to join Thomas K. Bruner of the Department of Agriculture and take part in the tobacco exhibit to be made at the St. Louis exposition.

The tobacco industry will be shown in all departments. There will be a typical tobacco farm, showing beds of living plants, Sumatra, Cuban and American types. There will also be a curing barn and warehouses. Machinery for manufacturing the leaf into its commercial forms of plug tobacco will be in operation and cigar and cigarette makers from Cuba and the Philippines will be industriously at work.

BOLT STRIKES WORSHIPERS

Spares Church, but Tears Clothing Off Three Members of Congregation.

BELOIT, Wis., May 17.—Lightning struck the Methodist church at Rocklin, Ill., while services were in progress today and three persons were seriously burned, though all will recover.

Their clothing was literally torn off. The bolt followed a chandelier and did not damage the church.

CONDITION OF CORN CROPS

Weare Grain Company Investigates the Situation in Two States

SUPPLY FOR MARKET RUNS SHORT

Iowa Farmers Are Buying from Neighbors and Elevators Are Empty, but Nebraska is Better Fixed.

The Weare Grain company of Omaha Saturday gathered in the answers to questions in regard to the corn crop for 1903 and the present condition of the crop of 1902, submitted to its correspondents in Iowa and Nebraska during the week. In the following condensation of telegrams will be found the present condition of the crop and the amount of last year's crop in the elevators and the hands of the farmers:

Lincoln—Amount of corn in elevators none; in farmers' hands, 33 per cent. Condition growing crop good, but backward, account rains. Over half planted and will be all planted in one week more if weather continues favorable, as it now is.

Hastings, Neb.—There is no corn in elevators throughout county, but from 40 to 50 per cent in farmers' hands yet. They claim farmers are willing to sell as soon as roads get in condition to haul, and they have time to bring it in. Conditions never more favorable than at present time; planting about half through; should finish the next week. Wheat looked more promising throughout Nebraska.

Grand Island, Neb.—No corn in elevators; 15 per cent in farmers' hands. Corn acreage will be 5 or 10 per cent short of last year account of wet weather. No corn up yet. About 5,000 bushels oats in elevators here; 10 per cent in farmers' hands. Oat acreage about same as last year. Condition of oats fairly good.

Omaha—Very little corn in elevators here and no increase movement expected for two or three weeks. Then only a moderate increase. Corn planting only well started when rains delayed. On high ground now some fields being worked, but larger portion corn area still too wet. Talks with outside elevator men all along the lines of Union Pacific and B. & M. in Nebraska confirm above regarding stocks on hand and movement.

Shenandoah, Ia.—No corn in elevators; 30 per cent of last year's crop in farmers' hands. Field work progressing under favorable conditions; 75 per cent planted.

Clarinda, Ia.—Corn elevators empty; about 10 per cent in farmers' hands. Field work in good shape, with an increased acreage of 10@15 per cent.

Sidney, Ia.—No corn in elevators; about 40 per cent in farmers' hands; condition of growing crop good, from 60 to 70 per cent planted.

Woodburn, Ia.—Prospects look well; 20 per cent planted in good condition; quite a bit for sale after awhile, but can't buy it for less than 40 cents.

Chariton, Ia.—No corn in cribs or elevators, but enough corn in farmers' hands to last until new crop; of a poor quality. Feeders shipping in corn from any place they can get it. About two-thirds corn planted; weather been cold and rainy; ground cloddy, but corn seems to be sprouting all right, but not up as yet.

Osceola, Ia.—No corn to speak of in elevators; only about 10 per cent in farmers' hands, which in many cases is insufficient for their own requirements. The few farmers having corn for sale will not sell it for less than 10 cents per bushel premium over Osceola market; feeds assuming supply. Field work rather backward owing to the weather. Ground being cold, wet and lumpy; however, a few more warm days will bring about more favorable conditions. Planting is now well under way in some cases 20 per cent being planted; acreage about the same as last year.

Fontanelle, Ia.—No corn in elevators or cribs. Ten per cent in farmers' hands; half corn planted; 30 per cent plowing done; weather and ground good, but season late.

Red Oak, Ia.—There is practically no growing corn around here. Corn planted previous to now has rotted in ground and will all have to be planted over again. With this exception field work is right up to date. Elevators at Red Oak, Hawthorne and Elliot are entirely empty, some corn in farmers' hands which will not move until after planting. The opinion around here is that this run of corn will not be excessive. There are two cattle men this morning trying to buy corn for feeding, which seems hard to get.

Creston, Ia.—No corn in elevators, 20 per cent still in farmers' hands. Only 30 per cent of corn planted. Progress made in field work about the average. Stand of small grains first-class. General condition very favorable.

Bedford, Ia.—No corn in store, have to buy all corn for feed; ten days to two weeks behind in farming; not one-half planted. No corn in farmers' hands; three cars shipped in to sell to feeders.

Prescott, Ia.—No corn in store; think very little in farmers' hands; farmers about five days behind in planting. Ground in fine condition and farmers all at work. No oats in store and scarcely any in hands of farmers. Growing crop looking fine and good acreage.

Orient, Ia.—Nothing in elevators; not 10 per cent of last crop in farmers' hands; ground fine shape, plenty early; about one third or corn planted; another week will see completion of corn planting. Oats looking fine; seed corn better than expected.

Gravity, Ia.—No corn in elevators; some corn in cribs, but won't move at present prices. Corn three-fourths planted; few days next week will finish; ground in good condition.

Lenox, Ia.—No corn in elevators at all; 30 per cent corn in farmers' hands, rest having been fed; 20 per cent marketed; small grains running nicely; oats principal crop; corn planting about two weeks behind; probably one-half ground to plow yet; ground in good condition now.

Corning, Ia.—No corn in elevators, very little here to go to market, in farmers' hands practically none; take all next week to finish; condition very fair; ground pretty fair condition; better at present time than for a week.

Webster City, Ia.—No corn in elevators; if any in farmers' hands his neighbor wants it at from 45c to 50c. Wet weather delayed planting; not one-tenth of area planted; ground in poor condition; be week of dry weather before can resume planting in same localities.

Iowa Falls, Ia.—No corn in elevators; none in farmers' hands; have shipped in 140,000 bushels since last fall. About one-fifth planting done; about two-thirds plowing done; ground wet.

Stanhope, Ia.—About 31,000 good old corn in farmers' hands. Prospects fairly good; about half corn planted.

Stratford, Ia.—No corn in elevators; none in farmers' hands; ground wet, little plowing and about two-fifths planting to do yet.

Story City, Ia.—Ten thousand bushels in farmers' hands and 100,000 in elevators; one-half corn planted; most of pounding done; ground somewhat wet; prospects fair.

Sioux City, Ia.—Conditions of small grain crop in South Dakota and northwestern Iowa are perfect; farmers are putting in corn; low lands are being retarded by wet weather; northwestern Nebraska same.

Newton, Ia.—Santiago—No corn in store here; what corn is used by feeders is being shipped in. Farmers report good progress in spring work; plowing all done except in very low places; 75 per cent corn planted, expect to finish by May 20; about same acreage as planted last year.

Colfax, Ia.—No corn in elevators; shipping in three to six cars a week; planting about three-fourths finished; some stirring to be done on the low lines yet; general outlook favorable; not a large acreage by about one-fifth.

Stuart, Ia.—No corn in elevators; 10 to 15 per cent in farmers' hands. Planting about half done, plowing all done.

Atlantic, Ia.—No corn in elevators; 10 to 15 per cent in farmers' hands. Planting about half done, plowing all done.

Knoxville, Ia.—No corn on hand; feeders shipping corn in from Missouri. Corn about half to three-fourths planted, but five days late; ground in fair condition now; oats looking fairly well; perhaps 10 per cent decrease in oats acreage.

New Sharon and Vicinity (Ia.)—Corn planting being rushed about a week late; ground now in better condition; acreage about same as last year. No corn for shipment. Oats acreage about same as last year and looking better than last week.

Wright and Vicinity (Ia.)—Corn half planted, fully week late; acreage about the same as last year. Oats acreage about 20 per cent less than last year; some very poor stands, but generally look well. Will be some corn to ship, but not for two to four weeks yet.

Highland Center, Ia., has 7,000 bushels corn and Hedrick has 6,000 bushels corn left on hand, being about one-fifteenth of crops.

Ottumwa, Ia., has shipped nine-tenths of its corn. About one-fifth planting of corn done and half land plowed for corn; a week or ten days late in planting. Oats acreage will be three-eighths to three-fourths of last year's; some very light stands account poor seed; mostly looking well.

Oskaloosa and Vicinity (Ia.)—No corn for shipment; possibly small increase in acreage. Decrease in acreage of oats 10 to 15 per cent; corn about ½ to ¾ per cent; plant about a week late.

The following counties in Iowa have no corn for shipment from last year's crop: Linn, Sioux, Plymouth, Osceola, Greene, Cherokee, Buena Vista, Dickinson, Pocohontas, Kossuth, Humboldt, Wright, Winnebago, Worth, Mitchell, Butler, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Bremen, Black Hawk, Fayette, Buchanan, Delaware, Dubuque, Clayton, Webster, Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Cedar, Jackson, Howard. Quality in farmers' hands very poor. Feeders in places buying corn from Nebraska and points in southern Iowa to finish cattle. Season two to three weeks late in Webster county. About 20 per cent of corn planted and 20 per cent of plowing for corn yet to be done. Some few oats in country elevators. Some towns reporting 10,000 to 50,000 bushels oats, but no corn. This is from Fort Dodge.

Indianola and Winterset, Ia.—Corn 40 per cent planted; no planting on bottom lands; ground only in fair condition; no corn in elevators; small per cent in farmers' hands; corn being shipped in from Missouri; corn selling on the street for 42 cents; farmers want 40 cents per bushel for corn in the crib; planting about ten days late.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERNERS

Survivors of the Wars Generously Remembered by the General Government.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(Special.)—The following pensions have been granted:

Issue of April 30.

Nebraska: Increase—Jesse W. Place, Grand Island, $55; Harmon F. Grayson, Decatur, $46; Freeman E. Chapman, Grand Island, $10; Ira R. Adams, Newport, $46; Michael Hopkins, Hartwell, $40; George Stratndee, Lee Park, $55.

Iowa: Increase—Philander V. Carpenter, St. Charles, $55; Willard Cory, Altoona, $55; Jance McNeal, Vinton, $10; James Roe, Seymour, $40; Cornelius Scott, Manchester, $40; Jacob McAfee, Stennett, $8; James H. Welch, Winterset, $10; Sterns D. Platt, Algona, $12; Daniel Bruner, Estherville, $55; Horace Walrad, Jefferson, $55; William Hough, Mallard, $40; Allyn D. Clark, Dewar, $10; Door Barber, Grinnell, $46; James M. Reed, Pleasantville, $40; Nichol Strite, Dubuque, $40; Cordillus R. Pomroy, Aurelia, $55; Gideon P. Long, Perry, $40; Andrew J. Hyde, Blanco, $40; William Dunlap, Montezuma, $12; William H. Conner, Derby, $46; Martin Smith, Audubon, $8; Thomas B. Snook, Cedar Rapids, $8; Samuel C. Blunk, Boonsboro, $40; James S. Minnot, Mount Vernon, $40; William A. Bascom, Guthrie Center, $8; Jasper N. Rickey, Indianola, $17; Charles Berniger, Preston, $55; Andrew J. Ripley, Williams, $40; Andrew J. Brunt, Dubuque, $40; Phillip Smith, Belle Plaine, $40; Hippolit Graaff, Bellevue, $40; Albertus Somers, Ottumwa, $24; Dennis W. Hagerty, Keokuk, $6; Benjamin S. Parker, Seymour, $12; William H. Sperry, Des Moines, $12. Widows—Phoebe E. Miller, Countyline, $8.

South Dakota: Increase—Henry P. Green, Ocoma, $55; Jacob Fenner, White Lake, $40.

Issue of May 1:

Nebraska: Original—Walter C. Henry, Geneva, $8; Frank A. Peterson, Madison, $6. Increase—Albert W. Coleman, Grand Island, $46; Daniel W. Crouse, Staplehurst, $46; William Foshender, Rising City, $24; David Bailey, Elkhorn, $40; Joseph B. Smith, Merna, $10; Oscar Schaifer, Omaha, $8.

Iowa: Original—Henry C. Merriam, Coggon, $6; Earnest B. Ziegler, Gilman, $6. Increase—Isaac M. Hughes, Paris, $40; Jonas Hunt, Osceola, $10; Martin M. Gilleman, Cumming, $12; James H. McKinley, New Market, $40; Smith Heaton, New Virginia, $55; Gilbert H. Pulver, Villisca, $46; Otis Stafford, McGregor, $40; Alonzo J. Barkley, Boone, $46; Abram Vosburgh, Belle Plaine, $55; Jacob A. Rupert, Marshalltown, $46; John Defenbaugh, Chester, $46; John S. Willard, Marion, $55; Benjamin F. Crail, Fairfield, $46; William W. Ellis, Villisca, $46; John R. McCloskey, Toledo, $46; William W. McAllister, Clinton, $12; Angelo A. Myers, Red Oak, $72. Widows—Elizabeth Riggle, Corning, $12; Mary C. Hunter, Columbus Junction, $8; minors of Abraham Dispennet, Cedar Rapids, $12.

South Dakota: Widows—Mattie Van Houten, Sioux Falls, $20.

Issue of May 4:

Nebraska: Original—Joseph Ellis, Marquette, $6. Increase—Daniel Sweeney, Chester, $55; John H. Stickney, Holdrege, $8; Hugo Theinnardt, Omaha, $10; Jonathan S. Hutzell, Hampton, $8; Benjamin F. Ayres, Amherst, $46; Charles N. Phillips, Exeter, $40; William C. Bates, Riverton, $40; Charles Crommitt, Beaver City, $55; Jacob Morgan, Roseland, $40; Henry Rosswick, Grand Island, $40; Swen A. Isaac, Burchard, $55; Frederick Miller, Nebraska City, $10; David Dowd, Lancaster, $6; Peter Greeley, Phoenix, $40; William T. Parker, Tilden, $55; Henry H. Miller, Alliance, $40; Alexander Y. Hayes, Craig, $40; Simeon G. Rockwell, Arapahoe, $40; Joseph Parkinson, Lincoln, $40; William H. Lorance, Auburn, $12; William J. A. Raum, Harrington, $40; John W. Foreman, Creighton, $55. Widows—Elizabeth V. Blackburn, Dorchester, $8; Hannah E. Manley, Beaver City, $8; Amanda Hall, Lexington, $12.

Iowa: Original—Joseph B. Sullivan, Keeley, $6; Horace M. Smith, Burlington, $12; Henry O. Pratt, Manchester, $6; Nelson Wright, Odebolt, $8; Elvin Pratt, Brushy, $8. Increase—Patrick Burke, Marshalltown, $10; Ebenezer T. Kimball, Knowlton, $17; Edwin H. Kinyon, Fayette, $40; Schuyler M. Beebe, Creston, $55; Gerhardt A. Hebing, Cumberland, $46; Jessie Fisk, Bloomfield, $40; Jesse L. Adkins, Des Moines, $55; Hiram A. Embrie, Grant, $55; Wade Kirkpatrick, Hedrick, $40; Thomas Davis, Mediapolis, $55; Cornelius McKinley, St. Ansgar, $40; Frank Clupatch, Manly, $40; Eugene C. Haynes, Centerville, $55; Gilman L. Johnson, Maquoketa, $55; Oliver E. Symons, Webster City, $55; Daniel Campbell, Burlington, $12; William C. Graves, Plymouth, $40; Henry H. Pratt, Maynard, $55; Elihu B. Criley, Ottumwa, $55; Marcellus Demo, Mason City, $46; Jared R. King, Norwich, $40; Rollin P. Mead, Aplington, $55; Greenbury Owen, Ottumwa, $40; Daniel W. Foote, Waterloo, $40; Francis Hubbard, Perria, $12; Isaac Newton, Davenport, $40; David Myers, Davenport, $55; John V. Kearns, Webster City, $40; John K. Fordyce, Shirleyville, $55; Leonidas M. Godley, Ottumwa, $55; John Kelley, Oskaloosa, $46; David Harner, West Mitchell, $46; William Ross, Toledo, $12; Joseph B. Tiara, Polk City, $12; Aaron R. Young, Waucoma, $12; John Moe, Lake Mills, $10; John Gretzer, jr., Council Bluffs, $24; Edward W. Scull, New London, $30; Henry A. Nichols, Marshalltown, $55; Isaac M. Barnes, Churdan, $40; Joseph Ivers, Des Moines, $55; Orin C. Crandall, Grant City, $40; Samuel D. Fulver, Adel, $40; Solon T. Benson, Pierson, $55; Leeson Smith, Millville, $12; Thomas H. Varley, Dubuque, $12; Ezra Hurd, Stone Lake, $12; Samuel Nelson, Duncombe, $12; John G. Barthell, Decorah, $12. Widows—Lucinda A. Lyman, Wapello, $12; Sarah A. Hibbs, De Witt, $8.

South Dakota: Original—Riley Moore, Iswich, $8; Francis La Clair, Rockford, $6. Increase—Lorenzo Sweetland, Miller, $40; Henry H. Myers, Huron, $12; Henry P. Larson, Lake Andes, $55; Franklin A. Munson, Huron, $55; Lowell W. Valentine, Spearfish, $40; Samuel S. Brink, Frankfort, $40; Walter Pierce, Livingston Springs, $40; Andrew Pflaum, Glenn, $46. Widows—Delphine W. Converse, Sioux Falls, $8.

Issue of May 6:

Nebraska: Original—James Connelly, Omaha, $6; David Bliss, Minden, $6. Increases—James T. Woodward, Decatur, $8; Joseph H. Reeves, Lexington, $40; McLain P. Wilson, Seward, $12. Widow—Jane A. Warner, Shelton, $8.

Iowa: Original—Madison B. Davis, Sioux City, $6; Marion J. Young, Logan, $6; James D. Baker, Villisca, $8.50. Increases—Emanuel B. Husted, Albia, $10; John Connell, Royden, $30; Lucius Davenport, Maquoketa, $17; Henry S. Morgan, Fredericksburg, $40; John B. Young, Winterset, $40; Reuben S. Palmer, Bedford, $12; Clarence C. Vanderpool,