



SIXTEENTH YEAR

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, FRIDAY, JULY 5, 1899.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

THE NEWS.

General.

MARIA MITCHELL, the noted astronomer, died Friday morning at Lyne, Mass.

CORLOTTA PATTI, the well-known singer, and a sister of Adeline Patti, died in Paris Friday.

GEO. W. HOWLAND, treasurer of the town of Arthur, Minn., has been arrested for embezzling \$1,760.

HON. EDMUND RICE, a leading St. Paul citizen and ex-congressman, lies in a very critical condition in Duluth.

COLONEL MCCLOSKEY, proprietor of the Ryan hotel, St. Paul, died last night of organic heart trouble, aged 60.

A FEARFUL wind and rain storm struck Dubuque Tuesday. Two boys named Corbett and Bennett were killed by lightning.

WM. H. LYON, aged 78 years, the oldest iron manufacturer in the country and one of Pittsburg's most prominent business men, died suddenly of apoplexy.

The Missouri legislature struck a new line of action—that of reform—and a bill has been passed prohibiting music, cards, dice, billiard tables, bowling alleys or boxing gloves in saloons.

The Rochester Herald says: The official arrangement of the forty-two stars of the union on naval flags after July 4, as ordered by the bureau of navigation, is as follows:

Women have been working on the new flags necessary to equip the 225 vessels belonging to the government for two months past, and the appropriation has been used up. No more labor can be done until next year's appropriation becomes available after June 30.

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COL. PLUMMER orates at Mayville on the Fourth. BISHOP WALKER was received with distinguished honors in Iowa.

THE South Dakota state convention has been called for the 26th of August and the apportionment gives 448 members.

GOVERNOR MELLETTE has issued his proclamation giving the names of the delegates to the constitutional convention for North and South Dakota.

THE selection of 100,000 acres of Northern Pacific lands in North Dakota, by Mr. E. V. Smalley of St. Paul, for the Minnesota & Dakota Land & Investment company, will be completed in a few days.

FARGO REPUBLICAN: The idea is beginning to permeate the atmosphere of North Dakota that it is better to send senators from the new state who will be able to do something immediately, rather than a delegation of "freshmen" who will have outlived their terms of office ere they enter the "Sophomore" years.

It is learned that the contract for building the Leeds extension of the Jamestown & Northern has been let to Edward McCormack of St. Paul. His bid includes the grading, ironing, buildings, bridges and culverts, and everything complete.

At Lower Brule. LOWER BRULE AGENCY, Dak., July 2.—The Sioux commission arrived here yesterday evening, and soon afterwards Iron Nation, Big Mane and Medicine Bull called.

DEATH ON THE RAIL.

A Passenger Train Wrecked on the Norfolk & Western Railroad Near Flaxton, Va.

The Catastrophe Was Caused by the Heavy Rains Washing Away the Roadbed.

The Boiler Explodes, Sets Fire to the Train, and Adds to the Horror of the Scene.

The Most Reliable Estimates Place the Loss of Life at Between 25 and 30.

The Sioux Commission Have a Council With the Indians at Lower Brule.

The Arrangements for the Sullivan-Kilrain Fight Have Been Entirely Changed.

But Nothing Can Be Learned, as Only the Most Interested Know the Changes.

A Frightful Wreck. LYNCHBURG, Va., July 2.—A fearful accident by which many lives were lost, and a large number of people injured, on the Norfolk and Western railroad, at 2:30 this morning, one mile above Flaxton's switch and thirty-one miles above the city.

The rain had been falling almost continuously and at times very heavily for twenty-four hours, swelling the mountain streams greatly beyond their normal state.

Several trains had passed over the road during the night and it was thought the line was safe for traffic, notwithstanding the rain, and that no damage need be apprehended.

At the place of the accident, however, the water had undermined the road bed and caused a washout about eighty feet long by 800 feet wide. The water at this point was eight to ten feet deep.

Into this watery gulf the engine made a frightful leap while running at the rate of thirty miles an hour, carrying with it the tender and eight cars. As the engine struck bottom a rushing of water into the locomotive exploded the boiler.

The debris was thrown in every direction by the force of the explosion, injuring some of those on the train by flying fragments, and scattering fire brands, which ignited the wood work of the coaches.

The flames spread and destroyed a large amount of mail and express matter, besides spreading panic among the already terror-stricken passengers.

It is supposed that some of the passengers were consumed in the flames but it is difficult to get accurate information, as the employees of the Norfolk & Western railroad refuse to give any information to the public.

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TRUMPANT AT LAST.

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LOWER BRULE AGENCY, Dak., July 3.—In the council this morning Iron Nation arose and stated that he was head chief, and would sign the bill, and his people would follow.

Medicine Bull said they were willing to follow Iron Nation, but wanted more explanation. Governor Foster then went carefully over the bill again, and General Crook told the Indians as they were all waiting they had better sign this afternoon.

That to-morrow would be the Fourth day of July, and the fact that the Indians at Lower Brule had signed would be telegraphed all over the country, and their friends would be pleased.

Several of the chiefs objected to the Santees participating in the benefits, but commissioners talked them out of this. Iron Nation then said to General Crook: "I have stars, I am going to sign because you tell me this is a good bill; but before I do so I want you to promise to be a good friend to the Indians here."

We want to remain on White river, and wish you to tell the great father. Left Hand Thunder endeavored to stem the tide which was setting so strongly in favor of the bill, but his efforts were unavailing.

Iron Nation signed first, and was followed in the order of their rank by the other chiefs. The conversion of Iron Nation, Little Pheasant, Dead Band and the other leaders of last year's opposition was a triumph hardly equalled in the record of Indian negotiations.

and for which the commissioners deserve great credit. Yesterday afternoon General Crook, at the request of the chief, had a private talk with them, and at this conference the programme that has been successfully carried out to-day was agreed upon.

The Indians are signing as rapidly as possible, and the result will be a perfectly unanimous vote in favor of the bill.

Storm in Ohio. SANDUSKY, O., July 2.—A tremendous storm swept over this section of country yesterday, doing great damage to growing crops.

UPPER SANDUSKY, O., July 2.—A violent rain and hail storm in this vicinity Sunday night seriously damaged hundreds of acres of wheat and corn.

TRAVEL STOPPED. BALTIMORE, July 1.—Travel on the Baltimore & Potomac railroad to Washington this morning was cut off.

The Currans Acquitted. WAITACA, Wis., July 3.—The Currans are once more free men. The jury went out at 10:15 this morning and at 2:15, after having been out four hours, returned with a verdict of acquittal.

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