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ABOVE: The very first issue of the Weekly Dakotian, published June 6, 1861. It is believed that no original hard-copy versions of that inaugural issue survive, but the full paper can be found on microfilm. BELOW: The Nov. 2, 1889, issue announcing the formation of the state of South Dakota. Typical of the newspaper design practices of the age, the headline you see basically represents a banner headline, with print that jumps out from the sea of gray text and sub-headlines that otherwise filled the paper. Of course, the item is dwarfed next to Jacob Max dry goods front-page advertisement on the right.

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WE ARE A STATE

The Proclamation Issued for South and North Dakota.

Two New Stars Shining from the Firmament of the Union.

Ring the Bells and Shoot the Cannon—E Pluribus Unum.

A Brief Announcement of the Glorious News, But it is Enough

Washington, November 2. — President Harrison has issued his proclamation admitting North Dakota and South Dakota into the union.

A Perceptible Shock.

St. Louis, Nov. 2 — A very perceptible shock of earthquake of two seconds' duration was felt in this city at 1:33 this morning. It had sufficient force to shake tall buildings and frightened the inmates of many.

Cairo, Ill., Nov. 2— A heavy shock earthquake, accompanied by low reports, was felt here at 1:50 this morning. It was about a minute in duration. No damage reports in this vicinity.

Chicago, Nov. 2— Jacksonville, Ill., special says at 1:50 this morning that city was visited by an earthquake which lasted several seconds. No damage was done, although houses were shaken and windows rattled.

The Weather Indications.

Washington, Nov. 2— For Wisconsin, rain, partly as snow, fair weather Sunday, no decided change in temperature, except colder weather in the central portion, northwesterly winds, for Iowa fair, slightly colder weather, northwesterly winds; for Nebraska, fair, warmer weather in the western portion, no decided change in temperature in the eastern portion, variable winds; for Illinois, rain partly as snow in the northern portion, clearing, colder weather tonight, northwesterly winds; for Minnesota fair, clearing weather in the southern portion, warmer except slightly colder in the eastern portion, variable winds, becoming westerly.

WEST VIRGINIA'S WAR

Hatfield and McCoy and their Adherents Still Busily Engage in Exterminating Each Other.

Milton, W. Va., Nov. 2.— Reports of another battle between the Hatfields and the McCoys have reached here. Friday night a party of about thirty McCoys came across Blumfield camp in the woods near Green Shoals. The McCoys crawled through the underbrush and fired into the camp, killing Ellison Mounts and wounding Wm. Mounts, Jr., Jim Vance and Bill Staples. The Hatfields returned the fire, killing Jim McCoy and wounding Wm. McCoy, Jr., Jim McCoy, Jr., and Bill McCoy. The Hatfields then fled, and the McCoys returned to their homes. Sheriff Hatfield, of Logan county, has gone to the scene of the battle with a posse of men to arrest the participants in the fight. Both factions are well armed and determined, and another battle is expected.

there were blood stains still visible. During all the time for which rent was paid the cottage remained unoccupied. Kunz was pointed out to the witness by the counsel for the state, but he could not identify the prisoner as any one he had ever seen before. The witness was subjected to a long cross examination, which did not seem to develop anything new.

The next witness was Johann Carlson, mother of Charles and Mrs. Carlson. She testified that on the Sunday following the fourth of May, when she first went out, she noticed spots on the steps and that both steps and walks showed that there had been tramping up and down and also that the footsteps showed that the persons who made them had been walking in sand. She thought Frank Williams and his sister had at last moved in and that the spots on the steps were only something that had been broken in moving. The remainder of the testimony corroborated with that given before by her family. When asked by the state's attorney to point out the man whom she knew as Frank Williams the witness pointed to Burke. Cross examination then followed.

The next witness was the express man, Martinsen, who identified Burke as the man who hired him to carry furniture and a trunk to the Carlson cottage. The bloody trunk which contained the body of Cronin was then brought into the court room and the witness said it was similar to the one he took to the cottage.

The court then adjourned until Monday morning.

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Michels: We Must Be 'Vigorous Stewards' Of Yankton's Future

BY MATTHEW MICHELS
Lt. Governor of South Dakota

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Yankton attorney Matt Michels (left) and Sen. John Thune hitch a ride across the Discovery Bridge during the structure's dedication ceremony on Oct, 11, 2008. Michels was elected lieutenant governor of South Dakota in 2010.

Thank you for this incredibly humbling honor to be asked about Yankton's 150 years as a city and a future perspective.

I ask that we pause, reflect and rejoice at the history of our community and the trajectory it has taken in these 150 years ...

One hundred fifty years ago on March 2, 1861, the Dakota Territory was established, and two days later Abraham Lincoln became president. Four years later ... he was assassinated. On April 27, 1865, Yankton citizens gathered to mourn President Lincoln's death with the Episcopalian Priest Rev. Hoyt performing the majority of the day's remembrance service.

President Lincoln had a significant impact on Yankton, as he made the first territorial appointments. During the month following his inauguration, President Lincoln chose his close friend and personal physician, Dr. William Jayne of Springfield, Illinois, for the governorship. Jayne arrived at Sioux City in the latter part of May, and set out by horse and buggy for Yankton, which was to be the seat of government until the Legislature could make an official selection.

According to the historian Herbert Schell, the first Territorial Legislature, dubbed the "Pony Congress" by one of its own members, convened on March 17, 1862, in Yankton. Important matters of policy had to wait until the question of where the territorial capital should be, as both Yankton and Vermillion were competing for the capital designation.

After some bargaining, the house finally accepted Yankton. On the same day that Yankton became the capital, a bill was introduced locating a territorial university at Vermillion and it was given final approval later in the session.

Dr. Schell reported that, aside from its favorable location on the Missouri, Yankton's selection as the capital soon enabled it to outstrip the other towns. The leading governmental offices were there, and it became the seat of residence for the leading officials. The meetings of the Legislature drew lobbyists and other visitors, and brought economic gain to the community. The bulk of the federal appropriations for territorial purposes was expended in Yankton. To the envy of other localities, the capital city seemed to be living off the fat of the land. Yankton businessmen and politicians dominated the Territory for two decades, and the "Yankton ring" became a popular target for attack in political circles.

It is so interesting to me that we are a community, a territory and a state that was so engulfed in the civil war of our nation. We have a Grant County, Union County, a Lincoln County and a Gettysburg.

Many hardworking Dakota settlers in Yankton came from a New England American Revolution history punctuated by the bloody civil war dedicated to the union of one country. Consequently, they rightfully despised the undemocratic territorial system and, as many came to this great area from a civil war experience and their heritage of self-governance, all were frustrated. Our Yankton founders fought for statehood, fought to self-govern.

In 1883, at a conclave called to debate the merits of our first constitutional convention, the Rev. Hoyt, who at the time was the oldest pioneer clergy of Dakota, blessed the work of the convention so that, "They may glorify thy Holy name and perpetuate the best interest of the citizens of this territory."

Our founders gave thanks to God for the opportunity of personal freedom, self-governance and free will in service to others — and what a legacy they left for us.

By the way, it is no coincidence that our state motto emanating from the Constitutional Convention is "Under God, the People Rule."

Our founders' vision was to have a life more abundant and with more opportunity not based on birthright, but work ethic. The early Yanktonians wanted us to be successful, especially as individuals in a self-governing democracy.

So I ask, what is the legacy of the past 150 years, and that we should leave? We, too, someday will be held in such reflection by others, as we will not be remembered by our names, but rather by our deeds.

I offer that our vision should be to embark on a ministry of such deeds, so that those 150 years from now will reflect on us, as successful vigorous stewards to perpetuate our great community for those to come and to do so always reflecting and living our faith through our church, community and our state. And to do so in service to others; for those less fortunate and for those in need.

Here is to the next 150 years!

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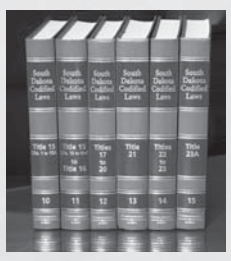

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