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Because such floods did occur not once but several times, we would like to record in some detail the flood of 1907 as told by one of the pioneers of the area. Such a hills-wide flood had occurred in 1883, again in 1890, and then in 1907 with minor damage to roads and bridges probably every spring. The gullies were steep, and the early roads were merely scratched along the narrow valleys in the path of whatever rising water might touch them. The possibility exists that better engineering of roads and damming of streams in the Black Hills have simply kept spring flood waters under better control in these later years.