

THE CANTON LEADER

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From State Capital

Governor Crawford delivered his farewell address to the legislature at Pierre Tuesday and retires from the head of the state government to assume later on the responsibilities of a United States Senator in place of Senator Kittredge.

Gov. Vessey delivered his inaugural address and among other things he urged strict compliance with the party platform as to the passage of a two cent fare law, a law giving insurance to bank deposits and a law creating state depositories, and in addition he suggests the following:

Indeterminate sentence for the convicts.

Several restrictions upon the management of banks to insure their safety.

Minor amendments of the primary election law.

Enlargement of the office of immigration commissioner, to give the state more advertising.

A new road law, requiring the payment of road taxes in cash and the supervision of improvement by a county road overseer.

A law prohibiting the sale of a commodity in one part of the state at a lower price than in another, and a law prohibiting one corporation from holding stock in another.

Revision of the insurance code.

Severe penalty for procuring girls for immoral purposes.

Hospital for inebriates, created by half the license fees.

Addition of two judges to supreme court.

The Italian Horror.

The whole civilized world stands aghast at the terrible convulsion of nature in southern Italy which destroyed something like 200,000 people in 40 seconds. Nothing so dreadful has ever befallen the human race before. The earth's crust heaved and rolled for 40 seconds and beautiful cities and villages crumbled to dust and ruin as the earth split and tidal waves rolled in frenzy of destruction. Half of those who escaped were crazed with fright and reason blurred from the horrors which drove them speechless beggars from happy homes.

The contemplation of such a tragedy makes one shudder.

Two hundred thousand men, women and children crushed to death in 40 seconds brings one face to face with a tremendous power before which mountains crumble and split and oceans roll in tidal waves and man is but a speck of dust.

The ingenuity and work of man for a hundred years was but a breath of air in protection against the forces of nature, for we are told that the first shock, a few seconds, laid those beautiful cities in ruin and forced a tidal wave through the strait 30 feet high. In the face of a calamity like this springs the brotherhood of man. From every corner of the christian world comes sympathy deep and substantial.

European governments hurried their war ships to the scene to succor the living and bury the dead. The King and Queen of Italy were soon among the ruins of Messina, working, directing and saving. Nature in her rage had destroyed rank and station and all prayed for mercy and worked among the crumbling ruins. Soldiers came and sailors were landed and the work of rescue was pushed. Food, clothing, bedding and tents followed with the energy of desperation to find thousands hungry, naked, homeless, crazed, insane amid scenes that made them think the world was crumbling up.

Those who escaped know what happened—that's all.

The great big generous heart of the American people didn't wait for particulars. The telegraph told the horror and the quick beating heart of President Roosevelt understood. Congress was in vacation but thousands were suffering. Two great ships loaded with supplies for the battleship fleet were in New York ready to sail. Red tape was slashed with métry and those great ships sailed away for Italy, while the battleship fleet with its 15,000 men was ploughing its way up the Red Sea homeward bound in the joy of success.

Then a message was sent the fleet and another to the King of Italy tendering the services of the fleet and Yankee crews in the cause of humanity. This was christianity exemplified in a world of brotherhood.

Millions of dollars will follow the supply ships for the great American heart is always open to the world in time of distress.

Land marks that have been famous in Grecian history long before the christian era in that narrow Messina strait disappeared in that unmeasured convulsion and the far famed rock Charybdis close to Messina disappeared in the ocean and Scylla followed in a crumbling ruin. These two points have been famous since the days of Ulysses.

Who knows what is to follow? The world hopes never the like again.

Governor Vessey and the legislature start out in perfect harmony.

Governor Vessey's first proclamation was an appeal for aid for the wounded and starving Italians.

The Governor Crawford will be the unknown nominee for the senate.

Correspondence

Norway Notes.

Jan. 6, 1909.

Miss Nora Jacobson started her school again Monday in the Hegnes district.

Will Kenison visited with Asa Hall over New Year's.

Mrs. R. O. Tvedt's new house is completed and a number of young folks joined in a dance Saturday evening to properly celebrate the event.

Agnes and Hughey Sullivan are guests at Asa Hall's at present.

Will Anderson and wife and Miss Elsie Iseninger visited at Iver Anderson's Sunday.

Ollie Tvedt visited with her cousin Hattie Steensland last week.

Miss Hattie Hall returned Monday from Sioux Falls where she has been visiting for the past week.

Everyone down in Norway is looking for a January thaw.

Canton Township

Jan. 6, 1909.

Bad time now for colds, even the weather caught an awful cold.

School opened Monday after a two weeks' vacation, and the children all seemed glad to be at work again.

A. Arnold and family ate New Year's dinner with Frank Nims and wife, and in the evening were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Arnold and Mrs. Sarah Arnold, at an oyster supper.

George Dixon was on the sick list several days last week, with a bad sore throat. He was some better Monday.

A letter from Dogtooth, N. D., informs us that Chris Sorum and family ate Christmas dinner in their new house built after they arrived there and were well and happy in that new country.

Mrs. F. Arnold, Percy and baby Lois left on the early train Monday for Vermillion, after spending the holidays in Canton.

Theo. Thompson and family left Saturday morning for their home in Minneapolis, after a two weeks' stay in Canton, with relatives and friends.

J. H. Hoffman is pulling in his spare time chopping down trees and making them into fire-wood for John Zimmer.

J. J. Richardson expects to ship a carload of porkers to Sioux City Thursday evening.

Mrs. Lee Richardson was out for a ride Sunday for the first time in two months. Her friends are anxious to see her entirely well again.

Fairview.

Jan. 6, 1909.

Mrs. Weddle and son Virnen, who live in Mitchell, are visiting friends in and around Fairview. They were former residents here and all are glad to see them back again.

Floyd Heider has returned home after spending his vacation in Delmont.

Miss Clara Trusty, a popular Hudson teacher, was a guest of her friend Mrs. Clyde King Sunday.

A large crowd of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Len Thursday evening as a surprise on Arthur and to watch the old year out and the new year in. The evening was spent in playing games and at a late hour refreshments were served. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Charley Frye was out to Scotland last week.

Miss Mammie Wheatley went down to Hawarden Thursday to visit relatives.

A number of Fairview people went up to Canton Saturday evening to attend the St. Olaf band concert.

Mrs. Dora Scott left Thursday for her home at Tabot after having visited relatives in Fairview.

Mat Lien has gone to Minneapolis to spend his two weeks' vacation.

There was a large attendance at the Fairview M. E. church Sunday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the Sunday school: Supt., Clyde H. King; Asst. Supt., E. Wilkinson; Sec. and Treas., Minnie Silvas; Organist, Marie Wilkinson; Asst. Organist Mrs. King.

Mrs. J. W. Jones and daughter Edith left Monday afternoon for Ireton where they will visit Mrs. Jones' daughter who lives at that place.

School began in Fairview Monday after a two weeks' vacation. A number of new pupils have now entered school. The enrollment in Miss Hanson's room is twenty-nine and in Miss Wilkinson's room the number of pupils is thirty-one.

Miss Minnie Silvas has been on the sick list.

A number of young people gathered at the Hanson home Wednesday evening to remind James Hanson that it was his twenty-third birthday. Despite the cold windy weather most all who were invited were present and a most pleasant evening was spent. Arie Grunibum presented Mr. Hanson with a watch fob purchased by the young men. The Hansons are royal entertainers and this party will long be remembered.

Miss Stella Van Houten of Canton was visiting in Fairview Friday afternoon.

Grant Township

Jan. 6th, 1909.

Knud Fodnes and Gilbert Fodnes have the satisfaction of knowing they will have a good crop of corn in

in 1909 as they have quite a little corn out yet.

Theodore Hill arrived home Tuesday to see the folks and spend some time visiting among the young people.

A wagon load of boys representing Happy Hooligan, a jolly outfit, were calling on some of the neighbors last Monday evening.

Ole Hegge formerly of Grant township but now of Day county, came down Monday to spend some time visiting among friends and relatives.

It is reported that a young lady came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Brandhagen Thursday morning. Let them come, girls are scarce in Grant.

Laura Stubstein was the guest of her sister Mrs. Henry Skie last week.

Mrs. S. Hanson had relatives and neighbors in for a New Year's dinner and those present had a very pleasant time.

Death of L. N. Christensen.

President Overeth of the Farmers State bank received a telegram Monday stating that the body of Lars N. Christensen would leave Grandview, Washington, Monday for Nevada, Iowa, for interment. The deceased had been a resident of Canton for many years previous to his departure for Washington last spring and when he left here none of his friends expected that he would live the year out. His ailment was Bright's disease. He had been a travelling salesman for the Shenberg Co. of Sioux City for many years but sickness compelled him to relinquish the work. In company with his wife and son Francis he left for Washington last spring hoping to regain his health or delay the ravages of the disease.

A wife and two married daughters, Mrs. Farley and Mrs. Hawn, and a son, Francis, survive him.

Fine Basket Ball Game.

One of the hottest basket ball games ever played in Canton took place in the Armory last Friday evening between the Canton High School team and the Akron athletic association team.

Both teams were determined to win and they showed their metal from the first throw of the ball. It was nip and tuck all the way although the Akron team was larger and heavier individually than the home team, but weight and size cut no figure when the Canton boys got their victory point on.

The game was a tie at the end of the first half 6 to 6 and second half 16 to 16, and it took an extra ten minutes play to give Canton the victory the score being Canton 18, Akron 16.

In the language of the game it was a red hot hummer, and the Canton boys won by pure grit and superior playing. The line up for Canton was as follows:

Asher Anderson center and captain, Arthur Goetz and Kenneth Fobes, forwards, Ernest Rudolph and Joe Olson guards. Mr. Montague of Akron was umpire and Floyd Cooper of Canton referee.

It will be a long time before a better game will be played in Canton or anywhere else for that matter.

Game of Chance.

Good negatives are very largely a matter of accident, writes Giles Edger-ton, in the Craftsman. Given the utmost care and wisdom in the selection of subjects and time, it is nevertheless true that the novice may secure with his kodak a more artistic negative than the trained veteran, and that the veteran himself will get the most artistic negatives largely as a result of chance.

Cleanliness.

Habits of cleanliness are not as expensive as they are hard to form; but when once formed it is believed that they pay for themselves in one's increased standing, reputation, improved physical health, mental power and moral worth; all of which contribute not only to the happiness, but to increased earning power as well.—From Report Massachusetts Board of Agriculture.

Russian Yellow Journalism.

Since the appearance of the cholera in Russia the Russkoye Znamia, the organ of the union of Russian men, has daily been publishing articles accusing the Jews and the constitutional democrats of preparing poisonous syringes for inoculating the people with cholera virus, "according to the method of the anarchist Krapotkin."

Wise and Wiser.

He is a wise man who knows when to stop. That you have heard before, says the Business Arena. He is a wiser man, though, who knows when not to stop—who pushes a good thing through until the vines hang heavy with the golden dollars that are his just reward for efforts hard, untiring.

French Writers and Sports.

The present literary generation gives itself on its good health, and prizes itself freely up to sport. Among those of our writers who are under 35 years of age, one can scarcely be found who does not practise, in the most assiduous manner, one or more sports.—Paris La Vie Heureuse.

Sea Trout Fattened.

A sea trout was caught at Aberdeen recently, which swam 120 miles in 49 days, and doubled its weight on the way. It was marked and put into the Cooper in Northumberland, and when recaptured at Aberdeen, its length was not increased, its rapid gain in weight being due to corpulence.

Typhoid Preventive.

It has been estimated that typhoid fever costs the United States \$200,000,000 a year. It is within the power of every family to do something toward cutting down the grand total of expense, and toward avoiding bearing a proportion of it.

First Steam Coaches in Scotland.

According to a publication of 60 years ago: "Steam coaches ran for a short time on some of the roads in Scotland in 1843, but a great explosion put an end to the scheme." A more sandy generation has since come upon the stage.

The Sexes in Medicine.

University statistics of Europe seem to indicate that men are deserting the practice of medicine and women are taking it up.

Wooden Soldiers Found in Egypt.

Among the objects found in recent excavations in Egypt was a whole company of wooden soldiers fifteen inches high.

Real Test of Knowledge.

It is not a question how much a man knows, but what use he can make of what he knows.

County and State Institute.

It has been definitely decided that the state and county institute will be held in Canton on Friday and Saturday February 19 and 20. The county institute officers were anxious to cooperate with the state institute managers and to this end dates have been so arranged.

Let all the corn growers prepare for the contest. The boys and the men will stand side by side this year, and the LEADER will not be sorry to see some of the many hustling school boys capture the LEADER prize cup. Get ready for the big corn contest.

Family New Year Dinner.

Mrs. E. J. Straw and Mrs. E. L. Wendt with their husbands entertained a company of twenty-eight at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Straw, on New Year's day, and it was one of the happiest New Year parties ever given in town. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wendt, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Straw, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kehm, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Wendt, Miss Zoe Wendt, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kehm and family and Mr. L. T. Meizer of Harrisburg and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Straw of Hartford.

After a sumptuous dinner had been disposed of and the future of the new year discussed, a very unusual proceeding took place much to the enjoyment of all present, including the victim of the surprise.

It had been learned that Ed. L. Wendt, one of the happiest and most genial gentlemen in Canton, and one of the best, was somewhat disappointed because good old Santa Claus had forgotten him at Christmas. By some sort of underground wire the gentlemen invited to the New Year's dinner, had been previously informed of Mr. Wendt's sorrow, and they decided to give him a "shower," and they showered and showered.

First came a pair of elegant white-silk hose, then another pair of handsome marked silk foot wear came, and the shower continued until ten pair of the finest silk hose that money could buy was on the table and the recipient of the shower blushed and reddened and smiled and wondered.

Then father Wendt laid down a pair "such as mother used to make" and the shower ceased amid general congratulations.

Mr. Wendt wouldn't make a speech, but he remarked that he was mighty glad old Santa Claus forgot him at Christmas.

New Dump Ground.

Superintendent Gunderson of the Orphan Home wants every man to dump every load of refuse, including rock, sand or manure, anything that will help fill up the cut in the river bank opposite the Assembly ground. Pile it in thick and fast and it will help him and help Canton.

John Brenner's Auction.

Mr. Brenner having sold his farm and is getting ready to move to town, will have a big auction sale at his place, one mile southwest of Canton, on Tuesday, January 19, 1909. Sale begins at 10 o'clock, a. m., with a rare lunch at noon. He will sell seven horses, fifty-eight head of cattle, fourteen shoats, a large amount of farm machinery and other things used on a farm. Don't forget the date.

The Lincoln County Farmers Mutual Insurance Co.

The secretary and treasurer's report of the business of this company for 1908 is published in this issue of the LEADER, and a perusal of the same discloses the excellent condition of its affairs.

There is ample proof that the farmers of this county have one of the best, if not the best local insurance company in the state. Its affairs are managed by careful and competent officials, men who labor for the welfare of the members with a pride born of a desire to protect, aid and assist them.

Secretary Hanson's books are models of neatness and correctness, and every detail is given in full. The company is managed with strictest economy and every postage stamp is accounted for.

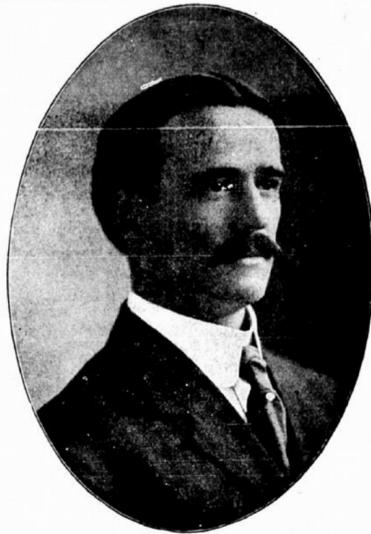
The total number of policies in force on December 31, were 1542 and the membership is 1323, with insurance amounting to \$2,595,038.

The losses for the year were \$3,589,36, and for 1907 the losses were \$3,428,97. The heaviest single loss for 1907 was Mount Zion church, \$1000, and the heaviest for 1908 was Mrs. Asper's big barn in Norway township, \$1,255.00.

The treasurer's report shows cash on hand January 1st, \$3,312.52, almost enough to pay the anticipated losses for 1909. The amount of insurance and membership shows an increase over 1907.

The LEADER is pleased to note that the company in annual session Tuesday increased President Dean's salary to \$50, and Secretary Hanson's salary was increased from \$100 to \$300. This is a hopeful sign. If the 1323 members could fully realize the amount of work required of Mr. Hanson to look after the entire details of the business, they would have increased his salary to \$500 long ago. The \$50 paid the President is only a compliment, it is not pay, but the company will soon begin to appreciate the worth of their officers.

The following directors were elected at the annual meeting last Tuesday: H. L. Fitch, A. J. Romerlein, A. J. Wimple, H. A. Skie, Herman Koch, Joseph Shebal, Perry Juel, Edgar Dean and Math Hanson, and re-elected Edgar Dean president, Perry Juel vice president, and Math Hanson secretary and treasurer.



COUNTY JUDGE, HARRISON J. BROWN.

New County Officers

With the advent of the new year comes the usual bi-annual mixup among the county officials under the four year term recognized by the unwritten law of county politics.

Six new faces will be added to the official gallery, and seven enter upon their second term including our lawmakers now at Pierre.

The new members of the official family are Harrison J. Brown, county judge; Steve Ovre, register of deeds; John Quilen, sheriff; W. J. Byrnes, coroner; Charles Whitmore, surveyor and A. O. Tuntland, county commissioner for the first district. The holdovers are County Treasurer Hokendstad, Auditor Kundert, Clerk Olson and States Attorney Carlson.

County Judge Brown succeeds Judge Forrest, Register Ovre succeeds Geo. G. Johnson who has been promoted to the state treasury, Coroner Byrnes succeeds Dr. Noid, Surveyor Whitmore succeeds Henry Cooper and Commissioner Tuntland succeeds Gilbert Schlager.

The new officials are all well known and competent gentlemen and succeed men who have rendered faithful service and retire full of honor. Lincoln county has been fortunate in selecting officers for the transaction of public business and of this fact none are better pleased than the LEADER.

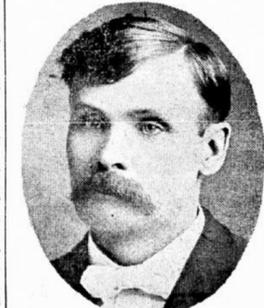
Harrison J. Brown is a young lawyer who has studied hard and is considered one of the best office lawyers in the city. He is thoroughly qualified for the handling of probate matters, because of his close attention to this line of work for several years as the junior member of the firm of Brown & Brown. Judge Brown will make a record his friends will be proud of.

Register of Deeds Ovre has been a faithful and reliable deputy in the office of Register Johnson for the past four years, and is better qualified to

undertaker and thoroughly versed in matters that are liable to come before him for solution, and the coroner has often serious problems to consider and dispose of. Mr. Byrnes is well qualified and will discharge his duties with great care and discretion.

County Surveyor Whitmore succeeds Henry Cooper who has filed the office for eight or ten years. Mr. Whitmore is especially well qualified for the work, being a graduate of the State School of Mines and is a civil engineer by profession.

County Commissioner A. O. Tuntland of Lincoln township succeeds Gilbert P. Schlager of Norway township, who has served his district and the people of the county with marked ability for the past eight years. Mr. Tuntland, the new commissioner, is a prominent young farmer in Lincoln township, and is thoroughly posted in



SHERIFF, JOHN QUILEN.

county matters. He will discharge his duties with ability and discretion and render valuable service in an office that comes so close to the tax payers.

The LEADER extends congratulations to the new officers and hopes that the retiring officials may find pleasant paths and plenty of business.

Miss Alice Ringheim returned to her college studies at Rock Island this week.

Miss Elizabeth Cummins of Kearney, Nebraska, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. L. Kundert.

E. J. Rusten, a prominent farmer over in Lincoln township, was visitor Thursday and a new subscriber.

A machine which makes buttons of any size, covered with any kind of material, has been installed in Berry Bros.' Dry Goods department. 29.

He is All Of It.

Hudsonite: Hon. Sander Brynjulson came down from Canton Friday and visited with his many Hudson friends between trains. He is one of our popular legislators, who was re-elected to office by a very flattering majority, and he will do good work in the legislature this winter, for he is a man of the people and for them, and knows what is needed and wanted by his constituents. He is one of the most successful farmers in Highland township, in private life, a man highly respected by his neighbors, and an influential man in the community where he has spent most of his life. Lincoln county can congratulate herself upon the material she selected to make legislative timber of, for our legislators without exception possess that rugged honesty and earnestness of purpose which insures their constituents a square deal every time.

take up the work than any new man that could have been selected. Steve is one of the best officials in the court house.

Sheriff Quilen puts on the official badge laid down by Sheriff Opsal, and Sheriff Quilen is thoroughly competent for the work, having been Sheriff Opsal's chief deputy for the past five years. He has plenty of nerve and good judgment and knows all about the inside and outside duties of the office and will make one of the most popular sheriffs in the history of the county.

County Coroner Byrnes succeeds Dr. Noid who has filled the office for eight years. The new coroner is an



REGISTER OF DEEDS, STEVE OVRE.



COUNTY CORNER, W. J. BYRNES.