

# DEMAND GENERAL FOR GRAND JURY ON ELECTION CASE

## Public Opinion Seems to Favor Investigation.

# MUCH INTEREST

## Shown In Text of Decision by Judge F. B. Smith— Facts Should be Found.

That the fullest possible investigation should be made of the circumstances surrounding the charges of tampering with the Second ward ballot box in the Althen-Powder election contest case, as brought out in the decision of Judge Frank B. Smith and published Monday in The Republican, seems to be the consensus of opinion of representative citizens of Mitchell.

Although no charges have been made against any individual or group the probe of a grand jury is declared to be the remedy that would sift out the facts and the circumstances, relieve all unjustly accused of any suspicion and center the blame upon the offenders. That the situation is deemed serious and worthy of immediate and official action, is the general view.

### Grand Jury Procedure.

Lauritz Miller, state's attorney, stated that he had nothing for publication on the matter at present, although he intimated that an investigation of any unlawful acts was not improbable. He had not considered the advisability of asking for a grand jury.

Under the laws of South Dakota, a grand jury, consisting of not less than six nor more than eight members, can be impaneled upon the written order of the judge of the circuit court, when deemed necessary or advisable and the fact that the jury or public offenses or misconduct in office. It has been many years since a grand jury has been called in Davison county.

### Opinion of Citizens.

Opinions gathered upon the question by The Republican at random today were practically unanimous on the proposition that a grand jury would aid in the matter. A number of these opinions are herewith given:

Mayor A. E. Hitchcock—"On the face of it, a serious crime has been committed. It should be ferreted out and the guilt placed where it belongs. O. T. Littlefield—"I should think that this is a case for the grand jury. Anything that appears as disgraceful as this ought to be investigated. Any innocent man has nothing to fear. The reputations of some men under suspicion should be cleared of any possible stain."

George A. Silby—"If the law has been trifled with regarding electioneering drastic methods should be used to punish the offenders."

Rev. Robert Lincoln Kelley—"I have not been in Mitchell and heard the facts, but if the statements of the court are true, it would seem to demand an investigation which only a grand jury would give. I don't know the merits of the case nor am I acquainted with the individuals concerned, but the issue is so large that it should not be lost sight of for a moment."

T. C. Burns—"It would seem to me that a grand jury investigation would be wise. Reflection has been cast on some people and their skirts should be cleaned. The city would be better for it and politics would be cleaner. If anyone is as guilty as the court intimates, he ought to be ferreted out."

Dr. G. T. Notson—"A grand jury should be impaneled; I think. I know that if I were connected with the case in any way, I would welcome an investigation that would sift out the real facts."

A. C. Miles—"This matter should be sifted to the bottom. If there has been any crooked work, we want to know about it."

### DAY TRAIN WEST OF PIERRE ON NORTHWESTERN

Huron, S. D.—A change in time on the Dakota and several other divisions of the C. & N. W. railway became effective Sunday. The time of the arrival and departure of a number of passenger trains here was slightly changed.

The most important change was that on the passenger leaving here in the evening for Sioux Falls, Sioux City and Omaha, which now departs at 9:45 instead of 9:25. This makes a direct connection with the Great Watertown at 9:40 p. m. daily, except Sunday.

A change on the Pierre and Rapid City division is also of importance here to Black Hills passengers. Heretofore the evening train west from Huron has gone directly through Pierre to Rapid City, while the morning train has gone only as far as Pierre. Now it is the morning train that goes through and the evening train from here only as far as Pierre.

### CRIME TO GIVE RUM TO "CURED" DRUNKARD

Pierre, S. D.—It is not generally known that under the provisions of an act of the last legislative session a specific penalty has been provided for any person who sells or gives intoxicating liquors to any person who has taken a cure for intoxicants. This act which goes into effect the first of next month fixes a penalty of ten to fifty dollars or jail until such fine and costs have been met; with a fine of

# 30,000 AUTOS IN S. D. THIS YEAR

## THIS MEANS APPROXIMATELY ONE CAR TO EVERY FOURTH FAMILY IN THE STATE.

Pierre, S. D.—Twenty-one thousand and seven hundred automobiles have been registered in South Dakota so far in 1915, and there are a number of machines not yet carrying the black and yellow numbers of the year. It is estimated that the registration will go to fully thirty thousand before the close of this year. Fourteen hundred motorcycles have been registered to date for the year.

If there are 30,000 cars in South Dakota, that would mean one automobile to every four families in the state. It also will mean that the number of cars in the state has almost doubled in a year.

# VAN BENTHUYSEN WINS AT CHICAGO

## MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL STAR CAPTURES MILE RUN IN INTERSCHOOL MEET IN 4:34.

Harry van Benthuyesen, captain of the Mitchell high school track and its individual star, won first place in the mile run at the fourteenth interscholastic track and field meet at the University of Chicago on Saturday afternoon. His time was 4 minutes and 34 seconds.

In the meet a year ago the Mitchell youngster took second place in the mile event, which was run in 4 minutes and 36 seconds, two seconds slower than this year. He has the distinction of winning every event he has entered in track meets this spring. He was a member of the all-star team of eight track men sent from South Dakota high schools to the Chicago meet.

While proud of the slowing of young van Benthuyesen at Chicago Saturday, his friends and the athletic fans of Mitchell regret that his graduation from the high school this month and the fact that his father, Prof. S. D. van Benthuyesen, will be a member of the faculty at the State college at Brookings next year, will mean he will run under Brookings colors the next four years. He had been looked upon as a future Wesleyan star.

The Chicago meet was won by the La Grange high school, of Chicago, with 26 points. In the pole vault, a new interscholastic world's record of 12 feet, 7 1/2 inches was set by Graham, of University high school, of Chicago. The half-mile was run in 1:58 and the quarter mile in 1:15 seconds. Of the 125 schools entered in the meet, 52 scored a place.

# TOURNEY HONORS GO TO PIERRE

## FIREMEN OF CAPITOL TAKE LOVING CUP AT BELLE FOURCHE—YANKTON GETS NEXT TOURNAMENT.

Belle Fourche, S. D.—The South Dakota State Firemen's Association Thirty Second Annual Tournament closed here Friday night. It had been in continuous session since Monday and with the exception of Saturday the weather was ideal. Old time tournament attendants pronounce it one of the most successful associations ever held and the hospitality extended the visitors by the Belle Fourche people was a source of satisfaction to them and voted to be of the highest ever accorded such a gathering.

From the time of the big parade Tuesday morning, when six hundred and twelve firemen and eight bands were lined up, until the very close, the program was filled off as per schedule. The Miller band was undoubtedly the universal favorite of all the delegation present, their music being up-to-date and snappy and they played almost constantly. The Pierre team was awarded the silver loving cup given by the association to the team winning the most points throughout the tournament that team receiving fifty-three of the possible one hundred. The combination Hook and Ladder race was won by Lead and Hot Springs and the two teams unanimously voted that the one hundred and fifty dollar purse which this event carried be given to Rhorer and Hill, the two members of the Pierre team who were hurt in Wednesday's races.

The association adopted a new constitution and by-laws and elected the following officers: President, C. B. Freaney, Yankton; vice president, P. J. Hooper, Rapid City; Secretary, A. J. Oolding, Redfield; W. S. O'Brien, Pierre; Directors P. H. Coquillette, Miller, three years; John Mueller, two years; Hot Springs, Matt Behrens, Parkston, one year. Yankton was selected for the 1915 tournament.

### SNOW FALLS IN THE HILLS

Deadwood, S. D.—For the first time in years for so late in the summer, a heavy snow fell all day Saturday through the northern hills, followed by a severe freeze and ice. This morning the snow lay from four inches to a foot in depth at the higher points. It was confined to the mountainous sections and put telegraph wires out of commission yesterday.

# S. D. WHEAT CROP HALF GREATER IN 1915, IS FORECAST

## Govt. Report Indicates Production 45,000,000 Bushels

### CEREALS DO WELL

#### Oats and Barley are Fully Up to Their Condition of Last Year

An increase of 50 per cent in the wheat crop of South Dakota is indicated by the government crop report for June.

According to this report, the condition of spring wheat in South Dakota is the best of any of the three great spring wheat states of the middle west. The condition in Minnesota and North Dakota is given at 94 per cent of normal, while that in South Dakota is 96 per cent. This is almost a perfect record up to date.

The acreage in South Dakota sown to spring wheat is given as 3,672,000. The condition is 2 per cent better than it was last year. The prospective yield of approximately 13 bushels per acre would produce a total of 45,000,000 bushels, as compared with 30,000,000 produced in this state in 1914. If this harvest is realized, it will mean more than \$15,000,000 additional income to the state from its wheat crop than for the 1914 output of this grain, because the present outlook is for a considerably higher price than was received on the average last year. The acreage sown to wheat in this state this year is 8 per cent larger than that of last year.

### Oats and Barley Good.

The indications are of a repetition of the big oats crop harvested in this state last year. The final figure for 1914 was 44,165,000 bushels, and this year the outlook is for a total of 45,700,000 bushels. The acreage in oats increased one per cent this year in South Dakota, the area being 1,622,000 acres.

The condition of the oats crop in South Dakota is given as 94 per cent of normal, which is the 10-year average. The acreage sown to barley decreased 5 per cent in South Dakota this year, undoubtedly because of the high price of wheat. The condition of barley in the June report is 92 per cent of normal, as compared with a ten-year average of 93 per cent. With an acreage of 808,000 acres, the prospect is for a production of 17,100,000 bushels, as compared with 15,500,000 bushels in 1914.

The June report contains no reference to the corn crop. The conditions over the state, however, have been generally favorable for corn, notwithstanding some delay in planting on account of wet weather. The ground is so thoroughly worked that it is expected the corn will come up by fast growth for the last time in planting.

Altogether the prospect is splendid for the whole state.

# NOTRE DAME HAS ITS GRADUATION

## LAST DAY OF COMMENCEMENT HAS PLEASING FEATURES—LARGE CLASS IS GRADUATED.

Thursday was commencement day at Notre Dame academy and it was a continuous performance from 10 o'clock in the morning until 10:30 o'clock at night. A large number of the friends of the school were in attendance from various points in the state.

First came the class day exercises, which were held in the academy hall at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Miss Mary Glennon, who graduated from the academy course, delivered an excellent oration on "Darkness and Dawn." She was followed by Miss Louise Smith, who was elected to deliver the valedictory address to the 17 graduates of the grammar department.

Promotion cards were then distributed to pupils of the various grades by the superintendent, Rev. C. E. O'Flaherty and an address given by Rev. T. J. McNaboe, of Kadoka, S. D. The faculty luncheon was served in the academy refectory at 1:30 o'clock. The alumni graduates, with their friends to the number of 108, sat down to a four-course luncheon served by the sisters. The officials of the church and committee members were present as special guests. Short addresses were made by Wm. Koch, Dr. W. A. Delaney, Henry Swindler, John Deternman, Prof. H. E. Zillsch and T. C. Burns.

The final recital in instrumental music was held by students of the senior department and began at 8 o'clock under the direction of Miss Bernice Frost. The unusual proficiency of the pupils brought forth many rounds of applause from the enthusiastic audience.

The graduation exercises were held at the city hall auditorium at 8 o'clock in the evening, with the audience filling all of the seats on the main floor. After a short musical program by the academy glee club, Rev. M. J. Breen, president of Columbian college, delivered a masterly address on the intimate connection between faith and education.

In presenting the diplomas, Rev. Fr. O'Flaherty paid an especial tribute to the Eighth grade graduates, as each of the 17 members of the class had passed the state examination. Miss Mary Glennon was given a diploma of graduation from the

academy department, and also was awarded the gold medal of honor. The gold medal for politeness was awarded to Miss Nellie Hayward, of Garretson, S. D. Miss Marie Mylan, of Mitchell, received the history medal, and the medal for Christian doctrine went to Miss Marguerite Fitzgerald, of Mitchell.

# TAKES POISON AND THEN HANGS

## JERAULD COUNTY FARMER MAKES DOUBLY SURE OF HIS SUICIDE.

Lane, S. D.—Worry, it is believed, over the fact that the spring had been backward and that his crops are not as far advanced as they should be, caused E. A. Willman, a prosperous Jerauld county farmer, to take his life by poison and hanging. His body was found hanging in an auto shed on his farm. An empty one-ounce bottle which had contained formaldehyde was found nearby, and it is presumed the poison was taken before completing the terrible deed by hanging. Willman was about fifty years of age and survived by a widow, four sons and one daughter. He owned the farm, free from encumbrances, and was considered in excellent financial condition.

# LIES 16 HOURS IN OPEN FIELD

## BRYANT FARMER, ALONE WHEN SUFFERING STROKE, IS NOT FOUND UNTIL NEXT DAY

Bryant, S. D.—Lying helpless in a field for a period of sixteen hours after being stricken with paralysis before being found, was the distressing experience of Andrew Horsted, a pioneer farmer of this vicinity, who died some time later. He was 55 years of age and had resided in the Bryant territory since the early days. He had lived alone on his farm for years. He was operating a cultivator when he suffered the stroke of paralysis. He fell from the cultivator to the ground, where he lay the remainder of the day and all night before being found by neighbors. His team had gone to the barn, and after standing outside for hours they were noticed by the neighbors, who instituted a search for Horsted, he attracted the attention of the searchers by raising himself a little from the ground and feebly waving his hands.

# ROBERT WARREN SAFE IN ENGLAND

## SON OF YANKTON COLLEGE PRESIDENT HELD AS SPY BY GERMAN SECURE RELEASE.

Yankton, S. D.—After a long period of anxiety President Warren of Yankton college, has received word that his son, Robert, again is safe in England.

When the war broke out Robert Warren was attending school at Oxford having won a Rhodes scholarship. He volunteered for Red Cross work, under the American branch and fell into the hands of the Germans. They charged him with being a spy and held him in solitary confinement for some time.

Finally the young man was located through the efforts of American consular agents, and his release was secured. It is probable that he will return to America in a short time, entirely content with his brief war experience.

# FRISCO FAIR'S GRAND PRIZE WON BY IOWA

San Francisco, Calif.—Iowa was awarded today the grand prize for the state agricultural exhibit at the Panama Pacific exposition and all but four of the 289 individual exhibitors of Iowa received prizes of honorable mention for agricultural exhibits. Individual exhibitors were awarded two medals of honor, 13 gold medals, 85 silver medals, 161 bronze medals and 24 honorable mentions.

New York city was awarded three grand prizes for its municipal health and illustrative photography exhibits and nine medals of honor, six gold medals, one silver medal, two bronze medals and six honorable mentions for other exhibits.

# SUBMARINE BLOCKADE IS HARD ON NORWAY

Trent, S. D.—Stringent lines in Norway because of the German submarine blockade are set forth in a letter received here today from Ole S. Brakke, a former resident of this vicinity, who for some time has been in Ornevik, Sogn, Bergen, Norway. He writes that times are rather hard in Norway and that price of food-stuffs is advancing owing to the dearth of so many vessels loaded with various articles of food which were enroute from England to Norway.

# PETRIFIED TREE IS FOUND NEAR RAPID

Rapid City, S. D.—While driving in the rough country northwest of the city yesterday, H. S. Daniels made an interesting find, in the form of a petrified section of an oak tree weighing about 1,000 pounds. An interesting feature of the find is that in the original log there is a hole drilled by a woodpecker, which retains its original form, showing the bill marks of the bird which must have made its home in the hole, a century or more ago. Near where this interesting petrified specimen was found there is a rock in which the date "1852" has been carved, with the indistinct letters of a name near the figures.

### LYMAN COUNTY MAN PARDONED BY BYRNE

Pierre, S. D.—Governor Byrne has granted a pardon to Bert K. Gravelle, class had passed the state examination. Miss Mary Glennon was given a diploma of graduation from the



# BRIDE-TO-BE HONORED

Miss Olive Hitchcock, whose marriage to Mr. John Matzigkeit will be an event of next Tuesday, was the guest of honor at a surprise shower given her on Thursday evening at the home of Miss Nora Keen. The affair was a complete surprise to Miss Hitchcock.

One of the pretty features of the affair was the miscellaneous shower given the guest of honor, many handsome and useful gifts being received. One of the features of entertainment was a mock wedding, in which Miss Merle Grace impersonated the bride, Miss Flora Vermilyea, the bridegroom and Miss Emelia Thompson, the minister. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

The ceremony will occur at 8 o'clock next Tuesday evening at the home of the bride-to-be's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hitchcock, 619 South Minnesota street. Rev. A. E. Carhart will officiate.

### YEAR END PARTY.

The Today club gave its year-end party on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Merton Boyden, Mrs. John Tuckey and Mrs. J. E. Williams assisting. A picnic supper was served.

One of the delightful features of the evening was music by Mrs. William Sealin, Miss Elizabeth Vermilyea and Mrs. John Colvin. The evening was devoted to music and a review of the year's work. The evening was one enjoyed by all of the club members.

### THE NEW EDUCATION.

The Political Economy club held a very pleasant meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the city hall. The program was interesting throughout. Mrs. H. I. Jones had an excellent paper on "The New Education" and Mrs. Myra P. Waller talked on the work the club should be doing. Mrs. Flora Wilson gave a short talk on "Peace," urging mothers to their share in educating the children along this line. The club meets in the municipal court room in the city hall on the second Tuesday of each month.

# HAD BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. John Rohan, 416 East Third avenue, entertained a party of little folks in honor of the birthday of her little daughter, Margaret Mary Rohan, one year old, and Josephine Brummer, six years old, a granddaughter of Mrs. W. G. Brackett, on Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock.

The little ones present were Josephine Kremer, Mary Louise Fritz, Wilfred Welch, Odessa Conrad, Betty Elm and Marcell Murphy. At 6 o'clock Mrs. Rohan and Mrs. Brackett served a very delicious three-course luncheon.

# HANSON-HULL NUPTIALS.

Storla Journal: Miss Mary Hull and Mr. Gustav Hanson, both of Blenden township, were married at the M. E. parsonage at Mt. Vernon, Wednesday evening, June 2, at 5 o'clock. Rev. W. T. Ferguson officiating. The bride couple was attended by Miss Ida Hull, a sister of the bride, and Mr. Alfred Hanson, a brother of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson left the same evening on a honeymoon trip to South Haven, Minn., where they will visit the groom's sister, Mrs. Bierce.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hull. She was born and reared to womanhood in Blenden township where through her sunny disposition and fine traits of character, she has gained hosts of friends.

The groom was born in Blenden and has lived in that neighborhood all his life. He is a young farmer of good character and industrial habits and is highly respected.

Their many friends wish them much happiness in their journey through life together.

They will make their home on the Hanson farm in Blenden.

# MRS. CONYVES HOSTESS.

There was a very enjoyable meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the home of Mrs. W. H. Conyves on Wednesday afternoon. The usual time was given to devotionals and business matters, after which Mrs. Fred Donaldson, superintendent of the flower mission, had charge of the program. Miss Alma Dahl gave a piano solo, which was much enjoyed. Little Margaret Mitchell spoke "At the Crossroads" very nicely. Miss Beth James gave a reading which was of thrilling interest and given with fine expression. She responded with a brief comic selection as an encore.

Mrs. W. H. King sang two numbers especially appropriate to flower mission day, in her usual charming way. There were flowers in profusion and Mrs. L. R. Erskine was the surprised recipient of a beautiful bouquet of carnations and ferns. Mrs. Donaldson conducted a flower contest the prize of the winner being awarded to Mrs. O. E. Casson. Mrs. Conyves, assisted by Mrs. King served delicious ice cream and cake.

### IS GIVEN RECEPTION.

A public reception was given Mrs. E. G. Lindsay, of Minneapolis, Friday evening in the parlors of the First Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Lindsay is the guest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society. She is the corresponding secretary of the Minneapolis branch of this worldwide organization and has recently

# 25,000 AUSTRIANS SENT FROM TRENT AGAINST ITALIANS

## Dynamite Used in the Passes to Check Invaders.

### RUSSIANS ADMIT

#### Part of Great Victory in Galicia Announced by Teutons.—Turks Gain,

Innsbruck, Austria.—Twenty-five thousand Austro-Hungarian troops left Trent yesterday and are advancing against the Italians on the Riva Kouvert front. In the vicinity of Gorz and Gradisca, heavy fighting occurred recently. The Austrian casualties are reported to have amounted to 1,500 while the number of Italians killed totalled nearly as many. A new ammunition depot at Tolmino was destroyed by the Italians. The Austro-Hungarian troops are employing dynamite in Alpine passes, blowing up rocks and loosening avalanches on the advancing Italians. The heights dominating Caporetto, on the Isonzo front, have been occupied by invading Italians.

### No More Progress Toward Trieste.

London, England.—Although recent press dispatches stated that the Italians who crossed the lower Isonzo pushing forward toward Trieste, and skirting the head of the gulf of Trieste, the official announcement from Rome gives no indication of a further advance in this direction. The situation along the front Italian victory is a reference to minor engagements and the statement that that Austrian losses have been serious. Elsewhere along the front Italian victories are claimed. The Italian war office charges Austria with the encouragement of brigandage in the territory occupied by Italy.

### Russians Admit Part of Defeat.

The extent of the new Austro-German victory in Galicia is still in doubt. Although Berlin and Vienna assert the whole Russian line for over forty-three miles on the front north and east of Przemyśl was broken down. It is said officially at Petrograd that the Russians recaptured on Sunday almost all the advanced trenches north of Przemyśl that were lost on Saturday. Further south, in the region of the Wiszenia river, successes for the Teutonic forces are acknowledged.

An announcement from the Turkish war office claims a victory over the Russians in the Trans-Caucasus. The Turks, it is said, have occupied Russian positions in the direction of Olti, near the Russian border.

The report that the British battleship Agamemnon had been sunk by a German submarine at the Dardanelles is denied in London.

### Airmen Kill at Karlsruhe.

Karlsruhe, Baden.—Five hostile airmen bombarded Karlsruhe for forty-five minutes today. A number of persons were killed and property was damaged.

### 13,000 Lost in British Navy.

London, England.—Thirteen thousand, five hundred and forty-seven officers and men of the British navy, including marines and members of the naval division, have been killed, wounded or reported missing from the beginning of the war up to May 31, according to an announcement made here. Of this total in the navy, 8,245 were killed.

### VICTORY ON EAST FRONT GOES TO TEUTON ARMIES.

London, England.—Germany has won another decided success along the eastern line. Northwest of Mosaic in the region of Sienawa, the German report said that along a line extending over 43 miles the entire positions of the Russians were taken and that 16,000 prisoners fell into their hands. The Russian official report, however, only mentioned the locality where this action is said to have occurred and a paragraph which declared that the Austro-Germans, after heavy losses in the region of Mosaic, Friday and Saturday, did not resume the offensive.

According to Petrograd the Austro-Germans have made another crossing of the Dneister, where a brilliant cavalry charge at Zale Czozyky resulted in a local Russian success, but no claim is made that the invaders were pushed back across the river. A crossing of the river at this place may not be a serious affair for the Russians as it is remote from Lemberg and an advance from it might expose the Austro-Germans' flank.

### French Batter Away.

On the eastern front the French continue their battering tactics against formidable German positions with some assistance from the Belgians, who have thrown a battalion across the Yser to the east bank, where south of the Dixmude railway bridge they destroyed a German blockhouse. They claim that they have retained this position, despite German counter attacks.

### War Party in Greece Wins.

The full returns of the Greek elections are not yet available, but the triumph of M. Venizeros, former premier, seems certain. The continued illness of the Greek king may prevent the victory of the war party from having an immediate result.

Great Britain, which had braced itself for the shock of the announcement of the issue of another \$1,250,000 war budget, must wait another day, as the house of commons rose last evening without Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, having made the expected announcement.

Miss Elizabeth Brown has returned from her duties as teacher in the Minneapolis public schools to spend the summer at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown.

The high water in the Missouri river was reported to be receding today, with the probability that the Milwaukee railroad bridge would be replaced in three or four days.