

# In and About the State

## NORTH DAKOTA NUBBINS.

A brickyard will be established at Dunseith.

Tower City is to have another lumber yard.

The people of Leeds are proud of the orchestra.

The McHenry creamery makes a good showing.

There were a number of fires in the Palermo country.

Dr. Stinson of Walsulla has removed to St. Thomas.

A Cooperstown man has received a patent on a home top.

There is an effort at Flaxton to revive the flour mill project.

A lot of telephone construction is being done around Sharon.

Damages are asked for drains in some sections of the state.

The city council at Minot turned down the railway ordinance.

There is a renewed agitation for street lamps at Wheatland.

Mayville people are interested in the erection of a new hotel.

Work is in progress on the new telephone exchange at Kenmare.

There is a general sentiment in favor of making jail prisoners work.

The Union national Bank of Minot has been authorized to do business.

At Larimore people have been stealing dirt from lots owned by the city.

The people of Underwood rejoice over the location of a physician there.

There is a roar at Denhoff because some gardens were rooted up by hogs.

Banker Casey of Litchville was in Fargo to have his appendix chopped out.

Work is to be started on the Kenmare waterworks system early in May.

A lot of men are coming into the state for work on the railway extensions.

A prairie fire destroyed Nathan Honer's barn at Hawk's Nest, Foster county.

William McLeod of Lakota was arrested and held on a bootlegging charge.

Preparations are being made in many towns for proper Memorial day services.

Homesteaders are to get a new set of instructions from the general land department.

J. H. Cooper of Courtenay is the new deputy collector of revenue at Jamestown.

Nineteen cars of immigrants' movables have been unloaded at Shevone this spring.

The condition of the banking institutions of the state is a matter of congratulation.

The Soo is to make improvements in its yards and other improvements at Haskinson.

The Minot high school band may play at the Devils Lake Chautauqua this summer.

Valley City has a healthy building boom and a lot of new residences are being erected.

A nice vein of coal was struck at Tagus and the fuel problem is solved for that locality.

Soren Sorenson, who thought he was married to a Buffalo girl, does not improve in the asylum.

Charles Burgess and family of Cavalier will spend the summer in England, Scotland and Ireland.

The dog tax collector got busy at Willow City and a lot of canines found themselves ownerless.

G. M. Hogue sold his drug store at Steele to G. F. Campbell, formerly of Park River and later of Fargo.

A young doctor at Williston looked on booze too frequently and was ordered out of town in disgrace.

La Moure baseball fans are arranging for a fast team this season. Oakes and Lisbon will now get busy.

Some farmers report that wheat just sprouted, but not entirely up, was killed by the recent cold snap.

Some petty thieves in Richland county made restitution and agreed to leave the state to avoid prosecution.

Goose hunters report the birds killed this spring were poor and scrawny and had not fared well down South.

The efforts to close the Willow City stores early in the evenings during the summer season have not succeeded.

The new artesian well at La Moure has been completed and the people hope better luck than with the first one.

It is the general opinion that North Dakota's exhibit at Portland will be a creditable one, even with the small amount of money at the command of the management.

Mayville has a nine-year-old boy who weighs 175 pounds. He fell down stairs the other day and broke—the stairs.

Edgeley will be a busy center this summer, with the railway extension and the building that is being done there.

In some counties where there is no official gopher bounty farmers are paying the kids a penny each for dead gophers.

A dope fiend has been hanging out at Bowbells and several farmers are said to be sore over machine oil deals.

Omemee is to purchase more land for a cemetery.

Two runaways furnished excitement at Grafton.

Nearly all the claims around Crosby have been taken.

The court house yard at Fessenden has been plowed.

A Stutsman county doctor is to locate at Lamoine.

Grades are to be established for the streets in Lakota.

The Mandan fire department is sore over a false alarm.

There are said to be too many blind pigs in Ramsey county.

A farmer in the Turtle mountains will raise Angora goats.

Wells county has had some fun with an old-time horse trader.

Rev. Quam of Cheyenne declined a call to a church at Minot.

A former laundryman at Williston is said to have left suddenly.

Dr. Young, a veterinarian of Grand Forks, may locate at Kindred.

Sanborn wants a graded school and a school house to cost \$3,000.

A Grand Forks lady was bitten just above the knee by a fierce dog.

The militia organization at Jamestown feels the lack of an armory.

Some settlers in McLean county still use oxen for breaking the land.

There is a protest at Hannah against bike riding on the sidewalks.

A new hose station to be established by the fire department at Mandan.

The North Dakota Chautauqua will only continue eighteen days this year.

The movement to establish a creamery at Napoleon is progressing favorably.

Work has been stopped on the Great Northern survey on the Aneta extension.

Some one has been setting fires on the Chautauqua grounds at Devils Lake.

The territory in which prairie fires flourish is gradually growing less each year.

Mandan has engaged an expert to prepare plans for a water system there.

Nearly every town in the state is arranging for a fast ball team this summer.

Drake blind piggers are up against it. One is in jail and another is still running.

Farmers around Flasher furnished trees to be set around the school grounds.

Corn growing by the pupils of the schools is the rage this year in several counties.

The members of the Rugby band presented the leader with a gold-headed cane.

Rev. Taylor of Williston lost an eye as the result of being struck with a piece of steel.

Donnybrook wants a baseball team that will make the other aggregations take to the woods.

It is claimed more corn will be grown in North Dakota this summer than ever before.

The snowfall over some sections of the state recently is regarded as assuring good crops.

William Wright, who was sentenced to the pen from Lakota, had filed on a claim near Tioga.

Mandan people have been rubbering at a five-legged sheep which has been on exhibition there.

There is talk of a new town along the Great Northern branch between Lansford and Glenburn.

A suit for an accounting has been brought in the firm of Wishek & Wiles down in McIntosh county.

It's rather odd how the coal trusts are so easily controlled in summer and the ice trusts in winter.

In the case of the state vs. McHenry, charged with doing a holdup at Granville, a dismissal was secured.

The selection of the steward of the asylum caused a lot more fun in the political mixup at Jamestown.

Recent thefts at Haskinson lead some people to doubt whether the gang has been entirely run out.

A teacher weighing 195 pounds and only five feet three inches tall endeavored to get a job at Souris.

Carrington may secure a Norwegian hospital. Its railway facilities make that point especially convenient.

A colony of South Dakotans are investigating the conditions around Dickinson and may locate there.

Jamestown will give the firemen the best tournament in years if all the plans are successfully carried out.

A Lutheran hospital is assured for Fargo. Another will be established in the northwestern part of the state.

Rev. E. Larke, a Congregational minister, at Berthold, is reported to have filed an application for divorce.

A Granville barber had pressing business in Winnipeg about the time some of his creditors became insistent.

Kenmare is a busy center as a result of the railroad contractors starting from that point on the Soo extension.

C. B. Wade, deputy inspector of weights and measures, has been doing an official stunt up the Cooperstown branch.

## FIGHT PISTOL DUEL TO DEATH.

Fatal Quarrel of North Dakota Farmers.

A fatal duel was fought at a farmhouse midway between Willow City and Calmer postoffice, Rolette county, between William Clark and John Coldmeyer.

The men, both farmers, were at a store at Calmer. In the afternoon they started to drive to Willow City and stopped at a farmhouse for supper. While there they became involved in a quarrel and decided to adjourn to the open and fight it out, followed by several companions.

The men had barely reached the yard when both pulled revolvers and the fusillade started. Several shots were exchanged and the witnesses to the unexpected shooting sought cover in all directions.

Clark was killed after the third shot had been fired and Coldmeyer was injured, one bullet imbedding itself in his scalp, while another landed in his leg. The scalp wound is not regarded as serious, but the one in the leg is dangerous. A doctor was summoned, and the same messenger notified Sheriff Douglas of the fatal shooting.

A deputy from Willow City arrested Coldmeyer, who was too badly injured to make resistance, and he was taken to Willow City, where he is under the care of a physician.

There were half a dozen men in the party drinking at Calmer, but so far it has been impossible to determine just what was the trouble. There was no objection on the part of their companions when Clark and Coldmeyer adjourned to the yard to fight it out, but none of the others had the remotest idea that pistols were to be the weapons.

## BUFORD-TRENTON PROJECT.

\$550,000 Set Aside by the Government for This Irrigation Work.

A new irrigation project which promises much for the Northwest is the Buford-Trenton reclamation project. The United States government has set aside \$550,000 for this work, and the active operations will begin inside of sixty days. When this work is completed some 18,000 acres of now arid land will be reclaimed and the western part of North Dakota will be as attractive as the great valley of the Red river and the productive lands of the Mouse river loop. It is asserted that the proposed dam and reservoir will hold between 20,000 and 25,000 acre feet of water, and the proposed canals will run north and south of the line of the Great Northern railway to a point about three miles east of Trenton, N. D., from near Buford, N. D., on the extreme western border of North Dakota. This is but the beginning of the extensive irrigation projects which have been planned by the government and individuals in western Dakota and northwestern Montana, which, together with the Milk river irrigation project, will reclaim thousands of acres for settlement for agricultural purposes which have laid barren for years, an offer and opportunity for the homeless of the East to secure homes of their own. The fact that good agricultural government land is becoming scarcer and scarcer makes these irrigation projects of great interest to the homeseeker and investor.

## BRIDGE IS CONDEMNED.

South Crossing at Fargo and Moorhead Closed to Farm Traffic.

The condition of the south bridge between Fargo and Moorhead is such that it has been condemned and will be closed to all farm traffic. The Fargo approach is a long wooden trestle, which has been used many years and efforts will be made to have it replaced with a steel structure. The bridges are under control of the Cass county commissioners, and the next meeting of that body will be held the first of the month.

With an inheritance of \$2,000 from her father's estate awaiting her recovery, Mrs. Euphemia Tietgens of Fargo is in the state asylum for treatment. She was sent to the institution some months ago. She had a large family of children and complaint was made that the father was neglecting them, but it could not be proven in court.

Boys about fifteen years old are playing hooky from school at Fargo to such an extent since the warm weather that there is a demand for a truant ordinance and a proper officer to round them up. Several cases of petty thievery have been charged to the youngsters.

A party of young boys were hunting gophers near Cavalier when a small rifle was accidentally discharged. The bullet entered the heart of Lewis Voght, aged 13, and he died instantly.

The citizens of Sanborn held a mass meeting and have forwarded a petition to Washington to have the name of that town changed to McLeod.

Some of the business men of Granville refused to chip in on a proposition to build a watering trough for the teams of the farmers.

Some settlers who own land in Ward county and went to Idaho and other Western states are reported anxious to get back to North Dakota.

Two Killed by Cave-In.

Milwaukee, May 3.—Two men were instantly killed yesterday by the caving in of a brick kiln in the brickyards of Burnham Brothers in the southern part of the city. Both were married and leave families.

## DR. KOCH AGAIN ON TRIAL

### Charged With the Murder of Dr. Gebhardt at New Ulm.

## HAMMER STILL IS IN DISPUTE

### STATE'S WITNESSES MAY FAIL TO SHOW JURY THAT WEAPON WAS KOCH'S.

## TYPEWRITER IS BROUGHT UP

### EXPERT TESTIFIES REGARDING WRITING ON THE POISON PACKAGE.

Mankato, Minn., April 28.—Will the memorandum book of Dr. Louis Gebhardt reveal an engagement with a woman who could throw light upon the mystery of the murder? This question will be answered by the state, which will introduce the book at this trial.

When the pockets of the murdered man were searched a small memorandum book was discovered by the coroner. The contents of the book were not at that time thoroughly examined, and the book was given into the care of the state. Ever since its contents were kept a profound secret.

Many Rumors Afloat.

Naturally a great deal of speculation has arisen as to the subject, and rumors promising startling sensations have been set afloat. One of these rumors, which was particularly emphasized by the friends of the defendant, was that the book would reveal an engagement with a young woman of New Ulm who could explain much of the mystery surrounding the motive for the murder and which might also lead to the conviction of the perpetrator.

The most important fact brought out in the testimony is that three witnesses testified positively that the murder occurred at about 9:30. This fact was not positively sworn to in the first trial.

Mankato, Minn., April 29.—With pale, worn face, which has begun to reveal its possessor's terrific mental strain, Dr. George R. Koch, handsome and youthful, the alleged murderer of Dr. Louis A. Gebhardt, sat stolidly in court yesterday afternoon and heard the accusation that he had attempted to employ a hireling to murder Dr. Gebhardt.

Ole Ulen, a farmer living near Hanska, was the witness who made the allegation. The significance of the words, "He asked me if I would kill Dr. Gebhardt," did not appear to agitate the defendant, who sat as if in meditation and only half-conscious of the proceedings.

Handkerchief Is Koch's.

Chief of Police Adolph Klausen, on the witness stand just before noon, declared that Miss Ida Koch, sister of George R. Koch, had told him that the handkerchief found in Dr. Gebhardt's office on the night of the murder was "one of George's," and that "it was one she had marked with the initials 'G. R. K.'"

The testimony of the chief was a surprise and a sensation. At the first trial he did not quote Ida Koch as making any such statement. Counsel for the defense was dumbfounded.

Mankato, Minn., April 30.—Dr. G. R. Koch, the alleged murderer of Dr. Gebhardt, left the Blue Earth county court house last evening a jubilant man, his face wreathed in smiles. Mrs. Katherine Kaes, a state witness, who was sworn to testify that the hammer found near the murdered dentist's body was one used about the office of Dr. Koch provoked the smiles.

Mrs. Kaes stated positively upon the witness stand that the hammer or exhibition was not the one she had seen in the parlors of Dr. Koch. Mrs. Kaes was to have been the star witness for the state yesterday, but the strange and unexpected tenor of her testimony startled even the staid and immovable Mr. Childs, who is in charge of the prosecution.

Rhinehold Dahms, a twenty-three-year-old man who lives on the road over which Dr. Koch was accustomed to go to and from his dental office, was on the witness stand a greater part of the day. Dahms testified that he was employed every winter to work at the Koch home. He testified that he saw the hammer exhibited in court as the one found near the body of Dr. Gebhardt, as the Koch home-stand every winter until two years ago.

Mankato, Minn., May 2.—"More than one of the witnesses for the state

have told on the stand what's not true. I know this to be a fact, and my attorneys will prove it. Mark my word; before the close of this trial there will be a sensational exposure of the testimony of certain witnesses for the state, and this exposure will be of sufficient importance to arouse sudden respect, I tell you that."

Says He's Angry.

"Listen!" he said heatedly, leaning forward, his face aglow with earnestness. "I know it were much better for me if I did not speak too freely about this case, but I am angry, I am provoked, and I can't help it."

"A certain witness for the state swore, after he had raised his hand toward heaven and called God to bear witness to the truth of his words, he swore that my sister identified the handkerchief found near the body of the murdered dentist as one belonging to me. This is false. We will prove it. It is false—listen! This witness did not tell of that identification at the first trial. He is an officer of the law; why did he not tell it then? This witness was on the stand at that time. Why was his testimony on that point not brought out at the last trial? Tell me that will you?"

Said It Wasn't His.

"What I tell you in this regard is true—as true as truth. That witness who swore that my sister identified the handkerchief came to our house as he said, but my sister told him then that the handkerchief in question was not mine. She told him this, and another who was present at that time will swear to it. This other witness is no relative of mine, and his evidence will be accepted anywhere as against the testimony of the witness of whom I speak."

At this Dr. Koch reassumed his wonted silence. Urge him as you might he would say no more.

Defense's Claim.

"Sheriff Julius will testify that the sister of the defendant did not identify the handkerchief as one of George's," said one of the attorneys for the defense yesterday.

Two Star Witnesses.

Saturday the state placed on the stand two of its star witnesses, Miss Lena Weldermann, who testified that she had seen Dr. Koch in his office one half-hour before the murder of Dr. Gebhardt was committed, wearing a slouch hat and apparently taking something from the wall and placing it in his pocket; and Mrs. Wilhelmina Dahms, who testified to hearing the sound of running feet, after she had gone to bed, and of finding blood-stains on her gate post the next morning.

Mr. Abbott put Mrs. Dahms through a severe cross-examination, but failed to weaken her testimony.

Mankato, Minn., May 3.—In view of the evidence presented in the Koch trial yesterday it is doubtful if the state will be able to prove conclusively that the hammer found near the murdered body of Dr. Louis A. Gebhardt was the one owned by the young dentist who is charged with the crime.

Heretofore, the evidence, with the exception of that of Mrs. Kaes, has tended to prove that the hammer was one owned by the Koch family, but Dr. G. F. Rennie, whose office joined Dr. Gebhardt's admitted on the stand yesterday that he identified the hammer at the coroner's inquest as one belonging to Dr. Gebhardt. He said:

First Said It Was Gebhardt's.

"In my own mind I had connected the hammer found near the murdered man with one I had heard Dr. Gebhardt speak of long before this. As Asa Brooks said that the hammer found near the murdered man belonged to Dr. Gebhardt's office, I at last came to the conclusion that he was right and that it was Gebhardt's hammer. Because of this conclusion I told the coroner's jury the next morning that the hammer, which was then shown me, was a fixture of Dr. Gebhardt's office; that I had seen it there before."

Changes His Mind.

"But," Dr. Rennie said, "upon closer consideration, I now say that the hammer did not belong about the office of Dr. Gebhardt, so far as I know."

In the cross-examination of Dr. Rennie the defense labored long and hard, apparently attempting to make the witness admit positively that he did not know whether the hammer belonged to the Gebhardt office. But while no testimony of this nature was elicited from the witness, a foundation for his impeachment was brought in an admission that he had plenty of time to think over the identification of the hammer before the coroner's inquest, and also that he had a good opportunity to make a minute inspection of the hammer before that time.

ALLEGED SHORTAGE IS GROWING

\$71,000 Missing in Treasury of Athens County, Ohio.

Columbus, Ohio, May 2.—According to Prosecuting Attorney I. M. Foster of Athens county, the alleged shortage in the county treasury here has grown from \$20,000 to \$71,000 within a few days. Mr. Foster said the shortage occurred in the administrations of Treasurers Hickman and Biddison. He said the money was taken by persons other than the county officers themselves.

## Protesting Against Rate Reduction.

Atlanta, Ga.—The recent proposition of J. Pope Brown, Chairman of the Georgia Railroad commission, to reduce the passenger rate in Georgia from three to two cents per mile was protested against by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors, and unions of the blacksmiths, machinists and telegraphers, boiler-makers, railway trainmen, carpenters and joiners, clerks and car men. These organizations employed an attorney especially to represent them, who urged that such a reduction would work against the prosperity of the state and lead to a reduction in the number of railroad employes, as well as of their wages. The Travelers' Protective Association also protested that a reduction, as proposed, would result in fewer trains and poorer service.

Bristles Not Included.

One of the ablest lawyers and advocates New England ever produced was Roger Minott Sherman, who was also famous for the quickness of his wit.

A story which fully illustrates Sherman's powers of repartee is quoted by the late Senator Hoar in his book entitled "An Autobiography of Seventy Years."

On one occasion Sherman was arguing a case against Nathan Smith, a very able but rather coarse lawyer. Mr. Smith had discussed the question of law with the subtlety for which he was distinguished. Mr. Sherman said to the court that he thought his brother Smith's metaphysics were out of place in that discussion; that he was not averse to such refinement at a proper time, and would be willing, on a fit occasion, to chop logic and split hairs with him.

Smith immediately pulled a hair out of his own head, and holding it up, said:

"Split that."

Sherman replied, quick as lightning: "May I please your honor, I didn't say bristles."

A Great Discovery.

Clayton, Tex., May 1st.—(Special)—That a genuine cure for Diabetes has been discovered is the opinion of Mr. J. H. Bailey of this place. Speaking of the matter, Mr. Bailey says: "I believe Dodd's Kidney Pills is the best remedy for Diabetes and the only one that has ever been discovered that will cure Diabetes."

"I have a genuine case of Diabetes. I have taken seven boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and am still taking them. They have helped me so much that I am now up and able to work some. I believe that if I had conformed strictly to a Diabetes diet I would now have been completely cured."

Dodd's Kidney Pills have cured hundreds of cases of Diabetes and never once failed. It is an old saying that what will cure Diabetes will cure any form of Kidney Disease and that's just exactly what Dodd's Kidney Pills do. They cure all kidney diseases from Bacchache to Bright's Disease.

Nearly a Lie.

"Good boardig," said a boarder with a bad cold.

"What!" cried the other boarders in surprise and also in union, as they descended from their burned oatmeal.

Clearing his throat and blowing his nose vigorously, the boarder with the bad cold explained, somewhat wearily, that he had merely attempted to pass the time of day.

Whereupon the other boarders apologized, saying:

"We thought you said 'good boardig.'"

ECZEMA FOR TWO YEARS.

Little Girl's Awful Suffering With Terrible Skin Humor—Sleepless Nights for Mother—Speedy Cure by Cuticura.

"My little girl had been suffering for two years from eczema, and during that time I could not get a night's sleep, as her ailment was very severe. I had tried so many remedies, deriving no benefit, I had given up all hope. But as a last resort I was persuaded to try Cuticura, and one box of the Ointment and two bottles of the Resolvent, together with the Soap, effected a permanent cure.—Mrs. I. B. Jones, Addington, Ind. T. C."

A Dissembler.

"Leonidas," said Mr. Meekton's wife, "look me in the eye and answer me one question. Have you ever deceived me about anything?"

"Well, Henrietta," he answered after much hesitation, "I must confess that I have not been altogether frank. On numerous occasions I have dissembled to the extent of trying to appear far more amiable than I really felt."

PATENTS.

List of Patents Issued Last Week to Northwestern Inventors.

Reported by Lothrop & Johnson patent lawyers, 911-912 Pioneer Press building, St. Paul, Minn.: Morris Fuller, Tagus, N. D., rotary engine; Frederick Nash, Minneapolis, Minn., outing hat; Knud Overland, Fertile, Minn., wrench; Anton Rokusek, Tabor, S. D., corn husker; William Smith, St. Paul, Minn., can opener; Halvor Torgerson, Kelvin, N. D., fishhook; George Walter, Prescott, Wis., tuxedo iron.

Ready to Welcome Them.

Mrs. Jellers was peeping out through her lace curtains.

"These people that are moving in next door can't fool me by covering up their furniture with burlaps as if it was something fine," she said. "I've looked them up in the commercial directories."