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PETITION FILED WITH GOVERNOR

To Remove County Commissioner W. J. Robinson from office

WORK OF TAX COMMISSION

It is Now Up to the Governor to Decide What Shall Be Done

(Bulletin No. 10) The North Dakota Tax Commission has filed a petition with Governor Hanna asking for the removal of W. J. Robinson, a member of the board of county commissioners of Richland county. The tax commission has been generally hampered in its work by the failure of county officials to comply with its requests or official orders.

Robinson is a member of the firm of McCulloch & Robinson, lumber dealers, who have lumber yards and coal businesses at Wahpeton and Colfax in Richland county. When the field agent of the tax commission visited Richland county in connection with the assessment of leased sites on the right of way of railroads, he found \$125,989 of such property had escaped taxation for the six years prior to 1914. The assessor in 1914 entered this property upon the assessment rolls at \$7,174. When the county board met in July to sit as a county board of equalization, they neglected and refused to review and equalize or to take any action upon this property which the plain provisions of the law of the state imposed upon them as a duty.

Criticism of this act was found in the fact that the lumber yards in which Robinson was interested were assessed for approximately \$35,000 on such escaped property. This is a tax in excess of \$2,000. As a result of the act of the board the county lost approximately \$8,000 in taxes. In brief, Mr. Robinson is charged with the use of his official position to escape payment of a legal tax of \$2,000 and in order to do this a loss to the county of Richland of a legal revenue of \$8,000 was sustained.

As soon as the tax commission learned of the action of the Richland county commissioners they at once intervened and ordered a re-assessment of this property in Richland county. Such an assessment was made and the property placed upon the assessment rolls. The tax has been spread against it and will become due December 1st, and delinquent March 1st, next.

Chapter 132 of the Session Laws of 1913 provides that the governor may remove from office any county commissioner whenever it appears to him by competent evidence and after a hearing as hereinafter provided that such officer has been guilty of misconduct, malfeasance, crime in office or for habitual drunkenness or gross incompetency.

Rather an interesting and unusual thing was unearthed by Commissioner Wallace, Mr. Wallace, who has charge of the administration of the inheritance tax law, discovered \$303,000 of credits belonging to the William Deering estate. William Deering died in Chicago, December 9th, 1913. He personally owned real estate mortgages to this amount in North Dakota. These have all been located and under the inheritance tax law will have to pay a tax into the treasury of North Dakota of approximately \$5,000.

N. D. TAX COMMISSION

CLEANSING THE STOCKYARDS
The Chicago union stock yards, for the first time since organization, 49 years ago, are closed because of the epidemic of the foot and mouth disease which is raging among cattle in thirteen states.

Placed under quarantine by the state and federal authorities for a period of nine days, the Chicago yards will go through a thorough process of cleansing and fumigation before slaughtering of animals will be permitted to be resumed.

A force of a thousand men is working day and night in three shifts spreading disinfectant over 540 acres of ground composing the yards, in addition to miles of chutes, pens, water troughs and packing buildings.

VILLA WILLING TO FIGHT
General Villa, in a telegram to the Associated Press from Aguas Calientes, said:

"General Eulialie Gutierrez, having taken the oath of office before the military convention assembled in this city, as provisional president of the republic, I want it made known to the Mexican people and the world in general that I am in accord with his designation and that I will sustain him with the force of arms because I consider him a revolutionist of views as near identical with that of the people, and I am disposed to respect and make respected the law and to procure the betterment and well-being of the people of my country."

BIG DAMAGE SUITS

The November term of court at Devils Lake, which opened Monday of this week, has two big damage suits for \$50,000 each to be tried. They are the suits brought against Hon. Siver Serungard, the Bull Moose Candidate for U. S. Senator and Col. J. H. Bloom of the Devils Lake Journal, by Senator Gronna.

That all parties concerned are ready for a "show down" is indicated by recent statements. From Lakota, the home of Senator Gronna comes the information that he is ready to push the cases to the limit, while the defendants confidently issue the invitation to act action, the sooner the better. The two cases grew out of charges made by Serungard during the campaign which closed Tuesday and which were published by Colonel Bloom.

"Every charge which I made during the recent campaign, I stand ready to prove," declares Mr. Serungard.

LUNDQUIST MOVES HIS VARIETY STORE

Into Larger and More Commodious Quarters Across the Street

TO ACCOMMODATE HIS TRADE

A Man Who Treats Everybody Courteously and Wins Lots of Customers

Mr. H. Lundquist is this week busy moving the Variety Store across the street into the larger room just vacated by Keen's drug store, where he will have much more room than he had in his former quarters, for the proper display of his ever growing stock.

He has not been long in the city, but during the time he has been here he has built up a business that any new citizen might feel proud of. While most of the articles he sells are small and comparatively inexpensive yet he sells so many of them every week that in the aggregate it amounts to a large sum.

It is a business, too, that Wahpeton needs, for there is no one to the little things that every family needs about the house and home that can be found nowhere else, and all those things Mr. Lundquist, by making a specialty of them can, and does, sell much cheaper than the average store sells them.

As soon as he gets comfortably located in his new quarters he will have a display of five and ten cent articles, and many other useful little articles of a still less and greater price that will make it one of the most attractive places to visit in the city.

Mr. Lundquist is a man who believes in publicity, and he has been one of the most faithful advertisers of his goods in the city. Whenever he has any especially attractive articles or prices to offer he never fails to let the people know of them through the use of printer's ink, and he never fails to do what he says he will do in every instance. His friends are legion and he has made them all by courteous and generous treatment.

CARL JOHNSON PASSES

Carl J. Johnson, who resided for many years on the Wild Rice, near Dwight, was stricken with hemorrhages last Saturday evening, and passed away at about 10 o'clock the same night. He was about 40 years of age, and had been married only since last spring.

His funeral will take place from his late residence at 1 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon and later in the afternoon from St. John's church, near Dwight, of which organization he was an honored member.

VOTE ON SUFFRAGE

Semi-official returns from 39 counties give a total of 64,651 votes cast upon the suffrage question. Only the yes and no votes were figured in this total. Of that number, suffrage received 30,152, giving the anti-suffragists a majority of 4,347 votes. A trifling less than 48 per cent of the whole was "pro," with 11 counties yet to be heard from.

Of the 39 counties, 15 carried the question, others lost by small majorities. The counties which went most strongly against the granting of suffrage were McIntosh, Logan and Emmons counties, which are Wishek territory. McIntosh lost the question by almost 40 to 1. Stark county, in which the population is largely Russian German, went also strongly against the question.

Ramsey county which was declared to have snowed under suffrage voted 950 for and 1,111 against. Barnes county reported to have lost by incomplete returns 3 to 1, in reality lost by only 62 votes, there being 1,010 for and 1,172 against. Nelson and Ward counties carried by 14 and 566 majorities respectively. Pembina reported to be a strong anti-suffrage gave a strong anti-suffrage 1,284, the returns short three precincts.

In Fargo the question lost out by 243, 976 votes for and 1,219 against.

JOHN J. KEEN MOVES HIS STORE

Into the Big Room Vacated by the Stern Clothing Company, Where

HE NOW HAS LOTS OF ROOM

For His Growing Stock of Drugs, Toilet Articles and Sundries

A successful business is always a growing one and requires more and more room. For this reason Druggist J. J. Keen has for some time past felt the need of a larger room for his business, and the removal of the Stern Clothing Company to a new building of their own gave Mr. Keen the opportunity to secure the larger room that his business required and he quickly availed himself of the opportunity that presented itself.

Mr. Keen and his assistant have been extremely busy this week getting his large stock of drugs, soda fountain, toilet articles and sundries of all kinds moved into the new quarters, and the job of arranging it all is a big one. It will probably be several days yet before everything is as convenient as Mr. Keen intends it to be, but is never too busy to stop the work of moving long enough to wait on customers, and he cordially invites all his friends to call and see him in his new store room.

The building he now occupies is 120 feet deep, extending from Dakota avenue to the alley in the rear, and is easily the longest business room in the city. It is also wide enough to accommodate much more conveniently the shelving, counters and tables required in his business, and still leave more room for his customers to occupy.

Wahpeton now has one of the largest and most complete drug stores in the northwest, and a store that is a credit to the city and county. Its proprietor, has been a respected citizen of the city for many years, and he is always progressive, and a man whom everybody respects. His quiet, unassuming manner only adds to the respect with which he is held by everybody who knows him, and his enlarged quarters will no doubt add correspondingly to the volume of his business.

The dinner and supper served to the Catholic ladies at Foster's hall yesterday was a sumptuous affair, as all their dinners and suppers are, and was well patronized.

GENERAL FUND \$270,000 SHORT

In the Startling Testimony before the State Supreme Court

AUDITOR'S FIGURES WRONG

Indications that Institutions Seeking Relief Will Lose Out

(Special to the Courier News) Bismarck, Nov. 9.—That under present conditions the state's general fund will be short \$270,000 Jan. 1 next, was the testimony of Governor L. B. Hanna, before the supreme court today. He was called as a witness in the rehearing of the mandamus proceedings instituted against the state board of equalization by the heads of the educational institutions of the state. By similar computations, the governor stated, the same fund will be \$580,000 short a year from that date. Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor Gilbreath was also a witness and he corroborated the testimony of Governor Hanna.

Another sensation sprung by witnesses at the hearing today was the testimony of Deputy Auditor Edward that State Auditor Jorgenson's figures presented at the first hearing before the court a few days ago were in error approximately \$300,000. Auditor Jorgenson did not appear in court today.

Has New Evidence

The rehearing of this case was granted upon a petition by Attorney General Miller, based upon a plea of this being misinformed at the time of institution of suit and that he had new evidence on which to base the state's case. If the testimony of the governor and the other witnesses for the state is uncontradicted the institutions seeking a relief will lose out, it is stated here today, as it would be impossible to include their special levy after the deficit in the general fund is taken care of, it is said.

Upon motion of Attorney C. L. Young for the plaintiff, the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, when he will present his argument to the court.

CARD OF THANKS

C. J. Kachelhoffer desires through the Times to thank the 1,650 voters of the county who kindly remembered him on election day.

SIX AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

Six amendments that were submitted to the electorate at the election last week were adopted, as indicated by the scattering returns available. Only one amendment—woman suffrage—failed. The most important of the new laws are the initiative and referendum acts. One applies to the constitution and the other to legislative enactments. The one made applicable to statutes only seems to have the heaviest vote, as there was some opposition from the prohibition forces to the referendum applicable to the constitution.

State aid for highways is provided in another of the constitutional amendments adopted. The establishment of terminal elevators within the state is provided in still another.

The classification of property for taxation purposes, and the changing of the name of the asylum for the blind at Bathgate, are provided in the other amendments.

HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE FOUND

At Mandan, and the N. P. Yards There Were Ordered Closed Up

WAS BROUGHT FROM CHICAGO

Infection Originated in Michigan And Has Spread Into Many States

The much dreaded livestock contagious disease known as "foot and mouth" disease, causing the Union stock yards at Chicago to close, has been brought into North Dakota by cattle shipped to Mandan from the Chicago yards, en route to Rosebud, Mont. A local veterinarian discovered symptoms of the disease among the cattle while they were in the N. P. yards at Mandan, this state, and the yards there are now under quarantine.

What the Disease Is
Definition by the department of agriculture:

"This plague among domestic animals, especially cattle, sheep, swine and goats, is characterized by sensitive sores on the tongue, palate and hoof of the animals. The sores become red and raw within a very short time and cause the disease to spread very rapidly to other cattle. Lameness appears and milk ducts dry up. It takes two years to cure an animal. The only way to stamp out the disease is to destroy all animals afflicted."

Foot and Mouth Epidemic
States quarantined—New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Massachusetts. Suspected cases—Coma, Miss., and Mandan, N. D.

Cattle destroyed to date—About 2,500.
Last epidemic—1908.
Cost at that time to stamp out—\$300,000.

Officials of the bureau of animal industry at Washington, have enlisted the cooperation of state officials in the fight to stamp out the epidemic of foot and mouth disease which resulted in the cattle quarantine covering ten states. With strict maintenance of quarantine as at present established immediate destruction of all infected herds, and close inspection of all suspected centers, the bureau believes it now has the situation under control. Practically every shipment of cattle which passed through Chicago stock yards during the last 60 days is being traced by inspectors and infected herds are being destroyed.

SEVEN LIVES LOST

A prairie fire started by the engine of a threshing crew about 17 miles southwest of Belfield, this state, fanned by a 30-mile wind, spread over the country for miles, carrying destruction of life and property in its path. Among the dead are a teacher and six of her school children, who were caught by the flames while trying to escape from the schoolhouse to a tract of plowed land. They were overtaken just before they reached the plowed ground.

FOUR MORE STATES DRY

Thirteen states now have laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages. The thirteen include four states added to the "dry" list as the result of last week's election. On the face of the returns prohibition has just been adopted by Arizona, Washington, Oregon and Colorado.

The states which prohibit the sale of liquor are: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Washington, West Virginia, North Dakota.

Alabama at one time adopted a prohibition amendment but later rescinded it. The part of Oklahoma that was formerly Indian Territory is also prohibition, and South Carolina is largely so under various acts. In addition a score of states have local option laws.

SHORTHORN DAIRY AND BEEF CATTLE

Imported by Mr. J. J. Hill for Breeding Purposes in the Northwest

FORD FARM GETS FINE ONE

Fifty Bulls From Northern England Distributed in This Section

Mr. J. J. Hill, the great empire builder of the northwest, recently bought fifty fine dual purpose shorthorn bulls in northern England which he is now distributing to the farmers of this section of our country for breeding purposes, giving one each to such farmers as he selects in as many different parts of the country. The Ford farm was designated by him as the place one should be left in southeastern North Dakota, and it was brought here Tuesday afternoon.

Forty or more of these fine animals occupied the express cars that composed a special train over the G. N., and Mr. Ford was given his choice of the entire lot. He selected a magnificent dark red animal, which he took to his farm, and the rest were taken further on to be distributed as follows: One each at New Rockford, Williston, Wheelock, Ray, Stanley, Minot, Bottineau, Leeds, Devils Lake, Niagara, Grafton, Grand Forks, and Hillsboro.

Mr. Crane, who accompanied the special train with three professors of animal husbandry, informed the Times that these animals cost \$1,150 apiece in England and Mr. Hill's gift is, therefore a most generous one, as they are absolutely given away by him, the only stipulation being that the neighbors are to have the benefit of the animal's services, and that nobody shall be charged in a larger sum than \$2.

These animals are dual purpose cattle, being excellent for both the dairy and for beef. Some idea of their milk giving qualities may be had from the fact that the dam of some of these young bulls has a record of 14,000 pounds of milk in 11 months and 3 days. They also stand very high as beef cattle. Among the lot are a few Ayrshires, which Mr. Hill is giving away in this manner he does the shorthorns.

The following story is told of the way the Ford farm came to be selected as one of the farms that should have one of these fine imported cattle. Mr. Ford called on Mr. Hill when in St. Paul, not long since, to show him some samples of corn raised on this farm. Mr. Hill was so delighted with the corn that he immediately said that a farm that could produce such corn as that in North Dakota should have one of his imported cattle to feed it to, and he remembered his promise.

LATEST NEWS FROM SEAT OF WAR

Germans Still Maintain the Offensive in Vicinity of Ypres

FALL BACK IN THE EAST

Australian Warship Destroys the Terrible Emden in Indian Ocean

The German offensive in the vicinity of Ypres is declared to have lost none of its violence, but the armies in France and Belgium remain practically as they were a week ago. At other points along the line, the Allies claim to have taken the offensive. The German and Austrian army in the eastern seat of war have fallen back to a new and it is thought stronger position.

But little fighting between the Allies and the Turks has yet taken place. The Russian fleet is reported to have bombarded the forts of the Bosphorus. The Germans threaten to stop the distribution of supplies from the United States to Belgium, unless the Belgians return to work. Great Britain is doing its utmost to shut off Germany's copper supply.

An Australian warship is reported to have destroyed the German cruiser, Emden, which has been so effective against British shipping in the south of Asia. The German ship was sighted last Monday morning, and the Australian ship immediately gave chase. Being a faster ship than the German cruiser, the latter was soon overtaken and destroyed. The German vessel Koenigsberg is said to have been bottled up in the Ruffiji river in east Africa.

TSING-TAU FALLS

It was officially announced last Saturday that the German fortress at Tsing-Tau, China, has surrendered to the Japanese and British forces. The Japanese navy cooperated from the sea with the allied land forces.

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