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## MUST PAY SALARIES OF TAX COMMISSION

Is Handed Down to the State Auditor by the Supreme Court of This State

### AT BISMARCK LAST WEEK

This Means That The Tax Commission Will Not Be Hampered from Lack of Funds

George E. Wallace, member of the Tax Commission, has just won a notable victory in the proceedings brought to compel Auditor Jorgenson to issue warrants for the salaries of the Tax Commission. Not only does the court hold that Jorgenson must pay the salaries of the commission but it holds that the Tax Commission appropriation made in the budget bill was made in anticipation of the passage of the Heckle one man Tax Commissioner bill. Hence the Tax Commission have the appropriation made by the 1911 legislature, which gives them ample funds to carry on their work.

After the failure of the Hanna forces to pass the one man tax commission bill, they had hoped to cripple the activities of the commission by giving them an insufficient appropriation. If the court had not decided as they did, the commission would not have had sufficient funds to carry on their work and cases involving about \$500,000 in taxes could not have been pushed.

Wallace carried on all the legal work for the commission. In addition he has direct charge of the inheritance taxes. Through his activities the state has collected over \$125,000 in taxes from the estates of non-residents. Many of these taxes have only been collected after suit was started. At the present time there are estates involving about \$75,000 of taxes in process of settlement.

The week of October 5, Wallace assisted by States Attorney Langer of Morton County argued before Judge Neussle the matter of taxes on leased sites. The tax commission certified out in 1914 \$183,000 of taxes on this class of property. The Northern Pacific Railroad brought action to have these taxes set aside on the grounds that the elevators, warehouses, and other buildings on railroad leased sites were loading devices and as such were taxed by the state board of equalization in taxing the railroads.

The proceedings before Judge Neussle at Bismarck are in the nature of pro forma proceedings in order to get the matter before the Supreme Court and get a decision in time to have this property placed on the tax rolls for 1915.

Another important case to the tax payers of the state which will be argued shortly before the Supreme Court is that of the constitutionality of the Money and Credits law. This will be heard on appeal from Cass County. The last

legislature passed a law assessing this class of property at the rate of 2 mills on the dollar. Heretofore this class of property has not been assessed to any extent. The Tax Commission and local assessors together listed over one hundred million dollars of this class of property on which the taxes would have amounted to over \$200,000.

The Senate of the last legislature, being largely under the control of the stalwart faction of the Republican party so amended the bill as to provide no method for distributing the taxes collected under the money and credits law to the various taxing districts and tax funds. The law has been attacked as unconstitutional.

Wallace will appear on behalf of the tax commission and county officers who were restrained from proceeding with the assessment of moneys and credits by the Supreme Court. If successful in the case it means that non-resident owners of mortgages having an office in this state must pay something for the support of the state and schools, and will, add greatly to the revenue of the taxing districts.

### EDUCATIONAL SURVEY

The selection of experts to make the survey of the educational institutions of North Dakota as provided under the new law, the letting of fuel contracts for four of the state schools and conferences with the heads of many of the educational institutions in occupying the time of the State Board of Regents this week. The regular October session is in progress and it is the first to be held in the new office which was made ready for occupancy this week. These offices are located on the ground floor of the capitol building next door to those of the State Board of Control, which has charge of the penal and charitable institutions.

The former individual boards let the coal contracts for four of the educational institutions and the present board is making the contracts for the remaining four, the Agricultural College of Fargo, the State School of Science in

Members of the board have been in correspondence with Hon. J. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education, with both the Carnegie and the Rockefeller Foundations and with dozens of prominent educators and applicants for the survey work. It was impossible to secure the information upon which the appointments could be based earlier than for this meeting.

Wahpeton, the State Normal and Industrial at Ellendale and the State School of Forestry at Bolineau. The members of the board are strong in favor of the use of native lignite coal as soon as the plants at the different educational institutions can be equipped for handling it. Bids have been submitted for several forms of bituminous coal and from a number of lignite coal operators.

Among the institutional heads

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The possibility of another railroad into Wahpeton with the division point here, is yours. Are you going to let this chance slip by? The fact that it is going somewhere else near here, if we don't grab it, may be very injurious to Wahpeton. Are you a true blue citizen for Wahpeton at every turn. Every citizen should be interested, for it not only affects the business man, but every person in this city. Get out and boost this proposition and show the committee that is out soliciting funds that you stand behind your guns. It will make Wahpeton the greatest railroad center in the state. It has to be done by the 25th of this month.

At the meeting of the citizens Friday night at the commercial club the foregoing question was developed into. The committee that was appointed some time ago has hardly done anything. It was not their fault but in fact the breaks of getting knowledge was against them. They couldn't line up Hankinson or Great Bend, but it is learned later by unconfirmed reports that Great Bend is after the railroad. The chairman of this committee, Mr. D. D. Swank, was called upon and he told the citizens gathered there of their troubles and inability to do anything. Mr. Swank then pointedly asked Mr. Wolfe just how much money would be wanted as Wahpeton's share and Mr. Wolfe then took the floor. Mr. Wolfe said:

"After coming back to this city on Oct. 2nd I wrote the committee a letter stating the position that this new railroad stood in regard to Wahpeton. Mr. Wolfe further stated that up until after he wrote this letter he didn't know that Hankinson and Great Bend had refused to come into the deal. But since then, figuring on Wahpeton alone from the state line it would be necessary for this city to raise \$25,000. \$15,000 was the amount fixed to be necessary for all three towns. The letter in part is as follows:

"A line of railway will be built from Huron, South Dakota, to Duluth, Minnesota, immediately as soon and as fast as the work

can be done in an orderly and systematic manner.

Ample funds are secured with which to build and equip the entire line except that the railroad company must procure the right of way station grounds, yardage and terminals. The entire line—something over 400 miles—and will be built as one project and under one entire contract.

Unless the eastern financiers insist upon its being done otherwise, we expect to be able to arrange that the wrook of actual construction shall commence at Wahpeton, and go both ways at once. If proper shipping arrangements can be made, and terminal facilities in Wahpeton can be had so that proper connections with the other roads here, can be made for the handling of cars, etc., there seems to be no possible objection to be raised to this plan by the men whose money is to carry it out."

This goes to show that if Wahpeton wants the railroad they must get busy for the allotted time ends on the 25th of this month. But in fact the people here want it and the committee that is going to look after the raising of this money was appointed by the chair at the meeting Friday night.

### Why the Railroad

Because Wahpeton would be the greatest railroad center in the state, barring none. Fargo with all its ways out would be eclipsed and this city couldn't help but be

the mecca for jobbing houses, storage places and distributing centers for large implement manufacturers. It will help all professions of trade, by keeping the local people employed the whole year round and with new buildings going up and thus meaning many new residences and families, the whole town would be on the boom. Now when the committee composed of Mayor Fligelman, William Eekes, J. P. Reeder, R. T. Barber and Elmer Myhre come into your place of business or meet you otherwise, listen to their argument and earnest appeal and help them out, by helping yourself. You don't have to pay anything until the goods are delivered. That is where you protect yourself. The railroad company will have to spend more than \$25,000 in its investment here and the taxes there on from leased sites, etc. Be a booster and helper in all ways and then watch the old town go forward.

### SILVER WEDDING

Last Saturday evening, Oct. 9th Mr. and Mrs. G. A. R. Nickel and family with close friends observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. It was a silver wedding in every respect throughout. Many useful and costly presents were presented to this estimable couple. At eleven o'clock p. m., a feast of feasts was enjoyed by this gathering at the Nickel home. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. Meier, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holthusen, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Prewe, formerly of Casselton, but now of this city, Mrs. Hartwell, Mrs. Phil Goettleman, Mrs. Julius Manchester, Mrs. Grandma Meyer, Miss Maude Kelly, Alec Hay, and their daughters, Alice and Minnie Nickel of Breckenridge.

W. J. Robinson and son C. P., went to Minneapolis last Friday night where they will purchase a 7-passenger Franklin automobile.

## A. C. WINS IN EASY STYLES

From the Science School Team at Smith Field Last Saturday Afternoon

BY SCORE OF 34 TO 0

Which Signifies that This Fargo Wrecking Crew Was Some Team

Last Saturday afternoon the S. S. team under the tutelage of Coach Ward were taken into camp by the Agricultural College team from Fargo by the score of 34 to 0.

This score does not tell the exact truth of the game, because it has a misleading significance in its huge score. The game was interesting just the same, and the local boys made them play ball all the way through.

The weak line for the Science was the chief fault. The boys were all playing too high and the tackles didn't watch the opposing end on close formations as they were boxed in pretty nearly all the time while on the defense. Had the tackles been onto their job and pulled out and then in again keeping the ends for Fargo on the jump and never letting them know which side they were going through on, the score would undoubtedly have been quite a good deal smaller. The rest of the line itself played a way too high and when the ball would be put into play the A. C. linemen would get the Science boys on their shoulders and cart them about the field. Just to show an illustration of this a few times some one on the line would throw himself in front of the hole through which the man with the ball was coming and spill two men each one on both sides and the backfield would crumble up when hitting this pile.

### BIG CROP OF 1891 NOT ALL THRESHED BEFORE THE SPRING

North Dakotans are beginning to wonder if history always repeats itself. Whenever crop conditions have been good in North Dakota, that is, when the rains have come with such frequency during the growing season as to produce bountiful crops it has usually been the case that the moisture continued in the fall and handicapped either the harvest or thrashing or both. This necessarily caused delays in getting the grain saved, entailed greater cost and caused a deterioration of the grain from the exposure to the elements. It has rained almost daily in North Dakota since the equinox. The excessive precipitation has practically stopped thrashing during that period though in a few sections of the state the machines ran between showers. One of the unflinching results has been the exodus of thousands of transient laborers despite the fact there will be work from twenty to forty days for every available man before the work is completed, after the weather does clear up. Many sections are sending out appeals for more men while hundreds of young huskies are daily leaving the state. The exodus has incurred despite the fact that promises of higher wages have been made.

In 1891, recalled by pioneers as one of the greatest crops ever raised in this state, rains continued practically the entire fall and thrashing was not completed until the next spring. Similar conditions have prevailed in one or two other years when the crops have been of the bumper variety and the recent downpours have caused considerable speculation among the old timers who are familiar with the conditions that have prevailed in the past.

No real serious damage has yet been done to the grain other than the delay, but if the rains continue steadily for a much longer period there will be a loss in the lowering of the grades.

### ELECTED OFFICERS

At the meeting of the M. E. Ladies' Aid held at the home of Mrs. Trebil last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. Miner.  
Vice Pres.—Mrs. Lundy.  
Secretary—Mrs. Spencer.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Oliver, Sr.  
Men of Ex-Com.—Mrs. Rife.

Arthur Snyder, formerly of this city, is now again located among his old friends here.

## SPECIAL LOW PRICE

Extraordinary Club Sale of the

## Famous McDougal Kitchen Cabinet

Here is what \$1.00 will do for this week and this week ONLY

By a special arrangement with the manufacturers, we are able to make this unusual offer. For the first 5 women who come into our store and pay us \$1.00 down for a McDougal Kitchen Cabinet we will give a beautiful O Cedar Mop and 1-4 Gallon of O Cedar Oil.

But we have only enough of "McDougal" Kitchen Cabinets to last this week.

### Some of the 57 New Devices

Dovetailed corner construction. Rounded Dust Proof Corners inside. Heavy Rounded Top, Time and Efficiency Chart. Sanitary and Ventilated All Metal Pastry Safe. Receipt File Indexed. Automatic Cook Book Holder. "McDougal" Daily Reminder and Want List. Change and Ticket Box. Heavy Metal Top Supports. Elastic Waterproof White Enamel and Cupboards.



This Coupon is good for one O Cedar Mop and 1-4 Gallon Bottle of O Cedar Oil

This Special Offer is Good for THIS WEEK ONLY

To every woman who orders a McDougal this week, we will present the Beautiful Mop FREE.

Tear Out the Coupon and Bring it in

This Coupon when presented at our store during the McDougal Kitchen Cabinet sale will entitle the purchaser of a McDougal one O Cedar Mop and 1-4 Gal. Bottle of O Cedar Oil ABSOLUTELY FREE

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