

News of the State

FIRE DESTROYS PICTURE THEATRE

BIJOU THEATRE AT GRAND FORKS DESTROYED AND THE BUILDING IS A TOTAL LOSS.

Grand Forks, N. D., March 13.—Fire destroyed the Bijou theatre here. It appears that an airtight stove in a dressing room exploded and soon the place was in a sheet of flames. The efforts of the fire department were of no avail. The place was a fire trap and the fact that the fire occurred before an evening performance was most fortunate.

On account of the location and construction of the building, fire insurance was refused and the loss, about \$5,000, is total.

RAILROAD MAN BADLY INJURED

FORMER DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT WEST OF THE RIVER IS SEVERELY HURT.

Dickinson, N. D., March 13.—J. M. Rapelje, formerly superintendent of the Yellowstone division, and later transferred to the Rocky Mountain division of the N. P., was seriously injured while superintending a crew that was picking up a derailment in the Rocky mountain territory.

It appears that a chain, that was used in pulling a derailed freight car, broke and several links struck him with serious effect. Four ribs and his shoulder blade were broken. Also one of his lungs was lacerated by the breaking of a rib.

It is reported that he is in a very serious condition.

GOOD RECORD FOR GROWTH

According to the February issue of the State Board of Health Bulletin, births in North Dakota exceed the deaths by nearly 4,000 the exact figures being 6,132 of the latter.

TRANSCRIBING THE RECORDS

WORK OF TRANSCRIBING RECORDS FOR SHERIDAN COUNTY TO BE DONE INSIDE OF \$10,000.

McClusky, N. D., March 13.—The contracts for transcribing the records for the new county of Sheridan have been let. The work is to be done piecemeal. Mr. Raugust has secured \$6,000 worth of the contracts and will transcribe the records for three of the offices. For the remaining four arrangements have been made to let the officials of the respective offices do the work. The whole work of transcribing can be accomplished for \$10,000 and leave a wide margin for profit.

RAIL ADVENT OF WHITE MAN

INDIANS ON STANDING ROCK RESERVATION PREPARING FOR WHITE INVASION

EVENT LOOKED FORWARD TO WITH COMPLACENCY BY RED MEN.

Standing Rock Agency, N. D. March 13.—The 5,000 Sioux who get their mail and magazines at this agency—where they were wont to draw rations—are spending their last winter, as segregated people, in making plans for the reception of the white invasion of the reservation next summer or fall when the immense tract—nearly 3,000,000 acres, including the Cheyenne river reservation—will be thrown open for settlement.

Nearly all the Indians here have relatives on the lower Missouri river reservations which have already been opened and they are quite wise to what is coming of the whites means to them. They now subsist themselves by freighting for the government and for private parties, by chopping wood and by doing such other chores as they can get paid for, but they are not without information as to the possibilities of the immediate future when the greater part of their inheritance will be given to whites. They expect and will probably get their share of the money that will be brought in by the whites.

They have developed a good deal of business sense they are sons of the men who fought the best soldiers in the United States up to the last quarter of the last century. With the passing of Sitting Bull, Gall, Rain-in-the-Face and the other chiefs who gained national fame on the battle field or about the council fires there passed the last vestige of savagery from these people and they came to know they must live on terms with the white man and get their share of the fruits of the earth by the sweat of their brows. They did not take to sweating rapidly, but the rising generation retains a good share of the high order of intelligence which for so long distinguished the Teton Sioux.

after the other plains Indians had laid down before the tide of white progress and the intelligence is being applied to questions of ways and means.

Here at the agency they gather in groups and discuss the prospects. Over yonder, just outside the abandoned post of Fort Yates, Sitting Bull lies at rest, but he is not more dead than the spirit he strove to keep alive. These Indians at the agency talk of where the towns will be and what they may get out of the rush for claims in the ceded portions of the reservations.

Down on the Grand river, where Sitting Bull danced the Ghost dance, and died in avowing his independence of control, his surviving relatives and fellows of the Hunkapapas hold meetings in the log houses which have taken the place of the tepees. Those meetings bring out quite as much oratory was exhibited when, twenty-five years ago, the elders were protesting against making any treaty with the government for the cession of their lands. John Grass, the chief justice of the Sioux Indians, now an old man, is much sought for advice, but he is content to let things go; he has long foreseen the coming of the white man and he is not disturbed. He has his farm and he wants nothing more.

There is every evidence that the white invasion will be welcomed with a great deal of cordiality. The Indians come in anxious for some scrap of information that comes from Washington regarding the opening of the reservations and between them and the great number of enquirers who write Post Trader P. B. Wickham or J. M. Carrigan—both of whom have been on the reservation for many years—these two reservation magistrates have their hands full.

The Indians have come to understand that the number of whites who will come to the opening exceeds their imagination to estimate, it takes rather a highly educated Indian to conceive of what a couple of hundred thousand means. But this friendly invasion is being looked forward to with right good will by the red men and the more shrewd of the Indians have made elaborate plans for providing food and shelter for the invaders. It is not improbable that when the settlers come in for the drawing in the fall of the year they will be privileged to buy hot wieners from dusky persons whose fathers were much handier with the scalping knives than with the toasting fork.

STACY, HEAD OF FRUIT HOUSE, DEAD

MINNEAPOLIS MAN INVESTED IN MANY WHOLESALES HOUSES IN NORTH DAKOTA.

The death of E. P. Stacy occurred at his residence in Minneapolis Thursday morning. He was the senior member of the firm of E. P. Stacy & Sons, and one of the pioneer wholesale fruit dealers in the northwest, having houses in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Albert Lea, in Minnesota; Des Moines, Mason City, Fort Dodge, in Iowa; Watertown, S. D., and Fargo, Valley City, Carrington and Bismarck in North Dakota.

He was a man of a very loveable and endearing disposition, and his demise will be greatly regretted by all those who were connected with him in a business or social way.

WILL INSPECT COAL CLAIMS

SPECIAL AGENT OF THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTING CLAIM NEAR DICKINSON.

Dickinson, N. D., March 13.—A special government coal inspector, G. B. Morgan, arrived from Duluth recently. In accordance with the requests of President Roosevelt, he has been sent to this district to examine the 120 or more claims on which patents are held up because of coal deposits. He will inspect these claims and in those where the land is chiefly valuable for agricultural purposes he will recommend that the patents be granted. The work will take him some time.

FARMERS BUILD NEW LINE

OLIVER COUNTY FARMERS WILL BUILD TELEPHONE LINE ACROSS RIVER.

Washburn, N. D., March 13.—Wilcox Bros., of Hensler, have formed a company and will build a long distance and farmers' telephone line along the river in Oliver county. Sanger, Center, Hensler, Deapolis and Stanton will be connected with Washburn through this line, and about 30 farmers living across the river will have telephone connection with that town.

MRS. DIESEM DIES AT LA MOURE

WIDOW OF FORMER STATE SENATOR FOLLOWS HER HUSBAND TO GRAVE.

LaMoure, N. D., March 13.—The funeral services of Mrs. H. S. Diesem occurred last Saturday afternoon from the Diesem home in this city. The funeral services were read by Rev. C. A. Lewis of Mandan. The remains were laid to rest in the LaMouche cemetery. Mrs. Diesem's name was Miss Sadie A. Snyder and she was married to H. S. Diesem at New Portage, O., October, 1871. She is survived by four sisters and three brothers, also two daughters and the son, Miss Della Diesem, Mrs. W. C. Taylor and Russell S. Diesem, who all reside in this city.

CANDIDATES FOR STATES ATTORNEY.

Mandan, March 13.—Among those whom are mentioned for the vacancy in the office of the states attorney are: John F. Sullivan, James E. Campbell, James M. Hanley, and H. R. Bitzing. All of these attorneys have more or less following among the voters and one of them will undoubtedly be named on next Monday morning as states attorney.

BARNES COUNTY LAND SELLS HIGH.

Valley City, N. D., March 13.—Wm. J. Westergaard has disposed of his 1,120 acre farm, which was located east of Rogers and known as the Stearns farm. The farm was purchased by A. J. Passmell and Frank Heimes, and the consideration was \$33,000.

Horticultural Notes

By Frank Simons

Who Succeeds.
Our native fruit trees and bushes and some hardy cultivated sorts may be found loaded with fruit every year all over the Dakotas, in most every conceivable location and under a variety of conditions.

The owners of the farms on which these trees are growing are what I call well sexed, well mated men and women. Their children please our sense of seeing and hearing, as their fruit pleases our sense of taste. When you see their homes you begin to love and honor the owners before you meet them. Not the loaded fruit tree, but everything about the place is in repair and shows thrift and success. No one is rushing about. They seem to be accomplishing their work with ease and have plenty of leisure mixed in with their work. Nowhere can you find where a moment's labor has been wasted.

How have they accomplished all this with this small expenditure of money, time and labor? By thought and study; thoroughly studying their business, and laying their plans to the most minute details before beginning action. There could be only success. In their plans all adverse conditions were met and overcome.



FRANK HITCHCOCK, POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Frank H. Hitchcock, who will act as Mr. Taft's first postmaster general, is the individual who headed the Republicans in the last national campaign, and who also handled Mr. Taft's run for the nomination as the Republican standard bearer. Mr. Hitchcock is consequently one of the best known men in the United States. He has entered on his future duties as well prepared as possible, since he held the position of first assistant postmaster general under Roosevelt, only resigning to conduct the Taft campaigns. He was born in Amherst, O., on October 5, 1867, and is therefore unusually young for so prominent a national figure. He received his early education in Boston and then graduated from the Columbia university of law and began practicing in Washington before the United States supreme court. He entered the government service in 1891. He is fond of athletics and of science, and has written a number of interesting papers on varied subjects. He is a member of the Union League club of New York, and his specialties are foreign trade and the tariff duties.

They started at the right time and in the right place, and used the right material. All their labor was done at the right time, which insures success. They were not like the blacksmith who put so many irons in the fire he burned some of them before he could successfully shape them.

On adjoining farms in the same location and where the same conditions are to be met and overcome, may be found trees and bushes that have been there for years, and never borne any fruit, owned by men and women who have expended anywhere between twenty and one hundred dollars to find out they could not raise fruit in the Dakotas.

These people, although they have reached the physical maturity of men and women, are still children in intellect, and have not yet reached the point of mental development and maturity where ambition to accomplish something and excel takes the place of play. They are simply waiting hoping to become men and women some day. They may, but for the present they have no ambition only to get something to eat and the absolute necessities of life. These people are out of their sphere. They should dwell in the lazy tropics where they need neither clothes nor shelter. Where fruit grows without the assistance and labor of man.

F. R. SIMONS.

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CUTS STEEL WITH GAS
GREAT NORTHERN INSTALLS A NEW SYSTEM IN ITS REPAIR SHOPS IN THE STATE.
Devils Lake, N. D., March 13.—The Great Northern is installing in its locomotive shops along the line the latest and newest method of cutting hard or carbon steel and cast iron. This is known as the acetylene-oxygen process and as its name denotes is a combination of acetylene and oxygen gases, which in a remarkable short time melts, or disintegrates the iron or steel molecules after the flame which is but one half inch in width, is applied to steel or iron on which work is being done. A job which formerly required two or three days work, such as the cutting out of side sheets in a locomotive fire box, can be done in almost that many hours. The process has been in use on all big eastern roads, where it has passed the experimental stage, and is an assured success. The gas is stored in a heavy steel reservoir which can be taken to the engine or engines to be repaired, the devices in connection being portable. All large western roads are adding the process as it is convenient, cheap and powerful.

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