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FOR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS IN MORTON

An interesting and well attended meeting of school officials of the northern part of Morton county was held in Mandan Tuesday, the principal object of which was to consider the proposition of consolidation of schools.

the subject. His address was well received and he proved a highly popular guest with all at the meeting. Two pleasing features of the entertainment portion of the day's program were two vocal solos by Miss Archibald of the Dakota conservatory of music of Bismarck, and instrumental solos by Miss Hazel Creighton. There was much favorable spirit for consolidation wherever it is practicable, and it is thought that the meeting will prove of great benefit. Next fall a meeting will be held for the schools in the southern part of the county, when similar questions will be taken up and discussed. Today there will be a meeting for the purpose of taking up other matters of interest to the schools.

REBELS ARE PLANNING AN INDEPENDENT MEXICAN NATION

Five Northern States Would Separate and Organize New Republic

Chihuahua, Mexico, Feb. 24.—Sentiment is growing among certain rebel leaders that if the attack on Torreon is delayed much longer, or if the federal army succeeds in holding that city, northern Mexico will detach itself from the rest of the country and become an independent republic.

While General Carranza, the civil head of the revolution, and General Villa, the military head, disclaim any intention to be satisfied with anything less than the overthrow of Huerta, it is known that the plan to establish a northern republic has been seriously considered by them and others.

General Villa's delay in the attack on Torreon and reports emanating from the City of Mexico that the federal garrison has been strengthened to a point where it can put up a formidable resistance have given renewed impetus to the idea of a separation of the north from the south and General Carranza's coming to the state of Chihuahua from the Pacific coast is looked upon as possible shortening the time before the adoption of the plan.

Many rebel leaders profess to believe that whatever the outcome of the present revolution, the north and south will not soon be amalgamated. **North Now Independent.** The north, they assert, already is politically independent and has adopted a progressive attitude wholly at variance in conditions in the south where two factions—the indifferent and the adherents of the old Diaz regime—predominate.

The territory which it is said might be formed into a separate republic embraces the five states along the United States border—Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, with probably the inclusion of Sinaloa. From practically all this territory the Huerta army has been driven out, the chief remaining strongholds of the federales being at Tampico on the south, Guaymas on the west and Nuevo Laredo and Piedras Negras on the north. That by delaying his attack on Torreon General Villa has lost some of the prestige which he gained in the quick victory at Ojinaga is conceded here.

Railroad Board Should Regulate Grain Trade

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man to keep books which can be checked up by the directors or an examiner quickly and at small expense to the company. A great many elevator companies are using the commissioner's system and express satisfaction with it, while on the other hand others, apparently not yet realizing the importance of knowing at all times just where they are in a business way, nor the duty they owe their stockholders and their customers as a public utility, insist upon the right to keep or not keep real books as they choose.

"There is no disposition on the part of the commission to entail hardship upon the grain trader on the contrary, it believes this business, which probably handles more money annually than all the banks in the state put together—to be the most intimately important to the grain growers, for upon the integrity of dealing and solvency of the elevators largely depends the welfare of our greatest state industry. Happily most of these small houses are ably managed and their owners have expressed pleasure at the idea of state supervision in all the term implies, but on the other hand, the experience of the commission has shown a great many instances of most lamentable deficiency in management or reasonable care in conserving the interests of customers, or even protecting the company's own investment; and the experience of the commission has also shown that from this latter class comes the greatest opposition to any supervision whatever.

"A law which will require the directors of every elevator or company to have some kind of intelligible bookkeeping done and to make report to the commission every so often and for a proper examination of the books by the commissioner's examiner at least once a year, can certainly not be construed as a hardship. At any rate, it seems to us, this new condition is bound to come. The railroads, telegraphs, telephone companies and banks, and other public utilities have been placed under the control of the state and nation. For years the farmers have been endeavoring to secure from congress a grain grading law, which would practically place the grain trade under national supervision, this on the theory that a grain warehouse is a public utility as much as certain other lines of business serving the people. Modes of conducting business have been prescribed for the other utilities, so it seems to us, in the light of modern thought, that the grain rules and regulations prescribed by the state.

"Full state supervision would strengthen the elevators in the eyes of their customers; it would not affect particularly the efficiently managed houses, but would make efficient the inefficient. It would probably stop the wasteful declaring of dividends to the detriment of the

business; it would compel the setting aside each year of a sum for depreciation and another for a surplus fund upon which to do business, thus stopping the large annual outlay for interest on borrowed capital. Handling its own money, the company would not be tied body and soul to any particular commission house at the terminal. It would be independent in fact as well as in name.

"The commission will be glad if, during the coming year, this subject is given publicity and full discussion, to the end that when the next legislature meets a hearing of all interest may be had before the commission or the legislative committees, and a law enacted that will fully cover the end aimed at and at the same time have the endorsement of the larger part of the grain trade of the state."

CONFESSES HE EXPLODED BOMB INJURING EIGHT

Chicago, Feb. 24.—One of the most unusual confessions in police annals, and one of the hardest to get, was made yesterday afternoon at the Maxwell street police station to Captain James O'Donnell Storen. Salvatore Seriono, 25 years old, 618 West Taylor street, confessed in writing that he placed and lighted the bomb which partially destroyed the building at 602 West Taylor street Thursday night and injured eight persons. He also confessed he had written several letters to Leonardo Melone, banker and grocer, who owns the building and occupies part of it, demanding money and threatening to blow up his place if the demands were not heeded.

During the past 10 years there have been hundreds of alleged "Black Hand" bomb explosions in Chicago, following close after blackmailing letters.

100 Feet of Fuse Found. According to the police this is the first time on record that within less than 24 hours the culprit has been caught and has confessed. It has been considered virtually impossible to get either a confession from the guilty persons or active assistance from the innocent.

Shortly before noon yesterday Sergeant Cornelius Cullen and Detectives Longobardi, Welshum and Roth raided the home of Frank Caprilli, 1024 South Morgan street, and arrested 11 men, including Caprilli. Ten of them were playing cards. Upstairs in the attic Seriono, in full street attire, but under covers and wearing a sleep. About 100 feet of fuse was found in another room.

The police have been watching this house for some time, and believe that it has been the headquarters of a bad gang. Caprilli was formerly a miner, say the police, and is familiar with the use of explosives. **Implicates Caprilli.** All of the men arrested denied knowledge of the bomb explosion—all save Seriono, who quickly weakened. He implicated only Caprilli. The latter, he declared, showed him how to prime and fuse the dynamite and make the bomb more than a year ago. The first letters to Melone were sent in May, 1913, and Seriono says the bomb had been hidden in a shed behind his residence for nearly a year until Thursday night.

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ed to say a word. All 11 are held and Captain Storen announced that they will be charged with conspiracy.

versary of his birth. Memorial exercises were held in the schools and numerous patriotic societies held services during the day. In the senate, Senator Swanson of Virginia read Washington's farewell address to a

through which tested the capacity of the galleries.
Minnesota has a forested area of 28 million acres, the largest of any state east of the Rocky Mountains.

THE HOLIDAY IN WASHINGTON. Washington, Feb. 24.—Practically all Washington united yesterday to pay tribute to the "Father of His Country" in commemoration of the one hundred and eighty-second anni-

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