

North Dakota and Northwest News

RAMSEY COUNTY OFFICIALS SHOULD BE ON THE LOOKOUT

Printer Bloom Thinks He Finds Graft in His Home County Printing

Devils Lake, N. D., March 11.—Attacking the graft infected system which has been alleged in Ramsey and other counties of the state for several years by which thousands of dollars have been handed to Walker Bros. and Hardy and other printing concerns, by county officials who persistently refused to advertise for competitive bids in accordance with Section 2421 of the revised code, an alternative writ of mandamus was signed today by Judge C. W. Buttz in an action of the state of North Dakota ex rel. John H. Bloom against the board of county commissioners, D. D. McNaughton, chairman, Joseph Kramer, county auditor, and Earl Duell, county treasurer. That the officials in question have knowingly ignored the provisions of the statute referred to which requires that competitive bids be received for the purchase of all county supplies costing over \$100 has been a matter of common knowledge in Ramsey county, according to Bloom's allegations.

In his affidavit on which the writ was issued, the relator sets forth in brief:

"That unless otherwise commanded by this court the said board and said auditor and said purchasing committee will procure for the use of said

county election supplies for the year 1914 without advertising for bids for furnishing same and will in violation of law incur an indebtedness against said county for such supplies greatly in excess of what the same can be procured for on competitive bids and also in excess of one hundred dollars. That the relator and other taxpayers of said county will be damaged unless said defendants advertise for bids for furnishing said election supplies."

The order signed by Judge Buttz commands the county commissioners to proceed to advertise for bids for objection supplies for Ramsey county for the ensuing year, to be opened at the first meeting in April and to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, or show cause before the court at a hearing March 16. In the meantime the defendants are restrained from entering into any contract for furnishing such supplies until further order from the court.

FEET FROZEN, WERE REMOVED

Williston, N. D., March 11.—Bent Van Inman of Buford is now in the hospital, having his feet operated upon. A couple of weeks ago Mr. Van Inman had his feet frozen while out taking care of his stock, he having gotten them wet. He did not pay much attention to his feet, endeavoring to take care of them himself until he noticed they were getting black. When he arrived here part of the flesh had dropped off, leaving the bones of the toes on the left foot exposed. He had to have half of each foot removed.

FELTUS FAMILY HAVE LEFT TOWN OF SHIELDS

Shields, N. D., March 11.—Following his acquittal on a charge of being the father of a child born to a 17-year-old girl here and adopted by his own wife, John Feltus and his wife have left town. They were given to understand the conditions here were not friendly. There was so much indignation in this county that a change of venue was taken to Hettinger county. The jury disagreed on the first trial and on the second Feltus was acquitted. Esther Thomas, the girl in the case, made her home with the Feltus family and Mrs. Feltus took charge of the baby, which was later taken from her by State Humane Officer Blake.

MAN BADLY FROZEN, LEFT OUT ALL NIGHT, LOST HANDS AND LEG

Aberdeen, S. D., March 11.—L. Swift of Java, the man who had both hands and feet frozen on a month ago when he was thrown from his buggy by his runaway team and lay out of doors the better part of the night, was operated on here this week, both hands being removed at the wrist and his right leg being taken off just below the knee. It is not yet known whether or not he will lose his left foot.

RAY, SMALLEST TOWN WITH COMMISSION PLAN

Ray, N. D., March 11.—Ray has the unique distinction of being the smallest town in the state with the commission form of government. The system was adopted by a vote of about five to one and as soon as the charter arrives new officials will be elected. Several other towns of the state about the size of Ray are watching the experiment here and if the plan proves a success more of the smaller towns of the state will adopt the plan, which heretofore has been demanded only in the larger cities.

SEED GRAIN BONDS HAVE BEEN PAID

Hettinger, N. D., March 11.—County Treasurer Barnson issued a check on Saturday, February 28, for \$51,750 to the First National bank of Minneapolis in payment in full of all the seed grain indebtedness of Adams county. Of this amount \$24,000 had been out on time deposit at six per cent interest for about nine months and earned about \$900, thus partially offsetting the interest that was accruing on the bonds, which bonds could not be paid before March 1 this year. Yet with all the seed grain indebtedness paid the county is still on a cash basis, which looks well for those who have been in charge of county affairs during the past few years. The cry of poor management of county affairs which is so noticeable in several nearby counties cannot well be raised in Adams.

HAULED HIS WHEAT UP LITTLE MISSOURI

Dickinson, N. D., March 11.—Geo. F. Hubert was in the city from his place on the Little Missouri river, 20 miles north of Medora. He is in partnership with C. E. Johnson and has been making a good showing with crops the past year. He has been hauling his flax and wheat up the river on the ice to Medora and received \$1.32 per bushel for the last flax delivered. Four wagons were used, two teams on each, and 280 bushels of flax was hauled. Some of the time Mr. Hubert has been able to load both going and coming, delivering enough wire to Ed. L. Manauagh at Mikelson to string 10 miles of fence in the spring, for which Mr. Manauagh is getting out cedar posts in the Bad Lands. Mr. Hubert plans on cropping 225 acres the coming season.

SAILOR WAS CAUGHT BY BOWMAN SHERIFF

Bowman, N. D., March 11.—Leonard W. Coleman formerly of the U. S. marine corps at Brooklyn navy yard, is a prisoner in the Bowman county jail.

Sheriff Barrett had a warrant for a man whom he thought would try to get away on a freight train so he was making a search of the cars and enquired of a brakeman if there were any men in the box cars. The brakeman said he thought that a man had crowded into a car while the train was in Bowman, so the sheriff went to the car and had the fellow come out. He noticed that the fellow was wearing a military hat and asked him if he were not a deserter from the U. S. navy. Jack has a rather fetching way with him when he asks questions, and the fellow admitted that he was a deserter. He gives his name as Leonard W. Coleman, and states that he deserted from the Marine Corps at the Brooklyn navy yards in March of last year. The sheriff has Coleman's picture in his rogues gallery at his office. The capture of a deserter brings the official making the catch \$50, which in this case will go to Sheriff Barrett. The sheriff left this afternoon with the prisoner for Fort Snelling.

MARRIED JANITOR'S DAUGHTER. Butte, Mont., March 11.—Edward Duncan, son of Mayor Lewis J. Duncan, has married Mamie Moe, daughter of Edwin Moe, janitor of the city hall. News of the wedding came as a shock to the Duncans, particularly the mayor's wife.

WOULD OUST PHONE COMPANY

Mitchell, S. D., March 11.—The city council of Mitchell is now trying out a new scheme, whereby it hopes to oust the Dakota Central Telephone company from the town. The council contends that the company's franchise expired last May, and that inasmuch as the company has been operating without a franchise since that time, it is said to be maintaining a nuisance in using the streets, alleys and public property for its system. On this ground the city has filed a complaint asking that the court grant a permanent restraining order preventing the company from further operating its plant.

FARGO JEWELER DIES A SUICIDE

Fargo, N. D., March 11.—Martin A. Hagen shot himself in his hotel apartments at Hot Springs, Ark., where he had been for the past few weeks, and died from the result of his injuries.

Mr. Hagen was one of Fargo's leading jewelers, of the well known firm of Hagen-Newton on Broadway, just a few doors north of the Northern Pacific tracks. He had been in business here for many years, succeeding the late Mr. Houghton in the present establishment.

Mr. Hagen was 58 years of age, was well known in business circles and was prominent among the jewelers of the state.

The deceased is survived by two sisters, a brother, a niece and a nephew. The nephew, Oscar A. Hagen, resides in this city. The niece is Mrs. Mayhara of Aberdeen, S. D.

SECURES PATENT FOR HIS SAFETY DEVICE

Minot, N. D., March 11.—James M. Wilson, proprietor of the Royal Lunch, Minot, has just been granted papers of patent covering two stove-pipe devices which hardware and stove men say will revolutionize the setting up of stovepipes.

Mr. Wilson's patent includes a stove chimney and anchor and pipe connector. Both are very simple and durable and those who have seen them wonder why the idea was not thought out before.

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With Wilson's devices on pipes there is no possible chance for the pipes to get loose or come down. The device can be manufactured very cheaply and the Minot man is now negotiating with several big eastern companies who want to put them on the market.

MANY SHEEP MOVING

Glendive, Mont., March 11.—Quite a number of full train loads of sheep have passed through Glendive during the past two weeks, bound for eastern markets. A large number of

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MANY TEACHERS FOR THE STARK CO. INSTITUTE

Dickinson, N. D., March 11.—The Stark county teachers institute convenes in this city during the week commencing March 16th. Prof. Schmidt of the Teachers college at the state university at Grand Forks is to be the institute conductor. Mrs. Parks of the Mayville Normal will be the primary instructor. The institute is to be held in the high school building during the spring vacation. All teachers must attend the institute and are paid the same as when teaching. About 140 teachers are expected.

Rev. J. G. Morrison will deliver one of the main addresses on Wednesday evening. His subject is "A Sun That Went Down at Midnight." Supt. C. E. Ward is busy getting ready for institute week. He expects it to be one of the largest and most profitable gatherings of teachers ever held in Stark county.

SHORT COURSE AT HETTINGER SOON

Hettinger, N. D., March 11.—A short course for farmers, conducted by the Better Farming Association will be held at Hettinger this month. Plans are being made to hold it on March 18, 19 and 20, but the dates have not been definitely set. These will be the dates, however, if it is possible to complete arrangements based on these dates.

The course will last three days and will be devoted to a discussion of corn, alfalfa, crop rotation, co-operation horses, cattle, hogs, silos, tillage methods and kindred subjects. The short course differs from the farmers institute in that there is a different program for each day, thus giving an opportunity for thorough discussion of each subject.

Ray Lafin, the Adams county agent of the Better Farming association who has the arrangements for the course in charge, says that he expects to have five speakers to assist him, but who they will be he does not know as yet. However they will be experts in their respective lines.

THE MCKENZIE WILL KEEP OPEN AFTER THE PLAY, "PEG O' MY HEART."

The main dining room of the McKenzie will be kept open to accommodate those who attend "Peg O' My Heart." Special menu will be served. Good music. Parties desiring tables reserved can have same by telephoning Mr. Day, the steward, Phone 258.—Adv.

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