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The Weather

For the 24 hours ending at 7:00 p. m., December 5, 1914:
 Temperature at 7:00 a. m. 31
 Temperature at 7:00 p. m. 28
 Highest temperature 35
 Lowest temperature 23
 Precipitation 0
 Highest wind velocity 22—South
Forecast.
 For North Dakota: Partly cloudy and possibly unsettled tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature.

ORRIS W. ROBERTS, Section Director.

A COMMUNITY TREE.

That Bismarck should have a community Christmas tree this year is the popular opinion. Last year the suggestion of the Tribune was taken up almost unanimously by the people of this city and a most beautiful tree was erected in W. P. park, decorated and lighted in many colors. On New Year's Eve the band turned out, played a concert; both children and grown-ups blockaded the premises, while Santa Claus passed out the packages of nuts and candy. It was a success, demonstrated the public enterprise of the people of Bismarck, and made the capital city noted as one of the very few cities in the United States which celebrated thusly.

Last year Senator Hughes donated the electricity, and he repeated the offer when asked by the Tribune, last night. So far, so good. Now will not someone start the ball a-rolling by calling a meeting and completing arrangements?

It doesn't require much effort; is not expensive, and, inasmuch as Mr. Hughes has started the subscription liberally, it would be a very easy matter for a committee to do the rest.

Whatever action is taken should be done at once, in order that a suitable tree may be ordered and other arrangements may have ample time for completion.

Shall we have it?

Slender wheat grass is a native of North Dakota. In trials with it at the Dickinson sub-station it has been found that 15 or 20 pounds of seed is required per acre, and that it is killed by one plowing. It needs to be cut early for hay, as it becomes woody as it matures. It does not make as good pasture as bromegrass.

THE BELGIAN FUND.

The organization in this state for the purpose of furnishing supplies for the relief of Belgian war sufferers is meeting with big success.

Working under the national society, the state organization is headed by Governor Hanna, who is chairman; F. L. Conklin of this city, as secretary, and R. S. Adams of Lisbon, treasurer.

Mr. Conklin, who has also been appointed by Governor Hanna to receive donations from the people of Burleigh county, says the manner in which the people are responding is remarkable, and that one farmer has given his check for \$25. Governor Hanna also received a \$25 check from a Russian farmer at Dodge.

Mr. Conklin says the people of North Dakota should respond liberally, and he is pleased to note that they are doing it.

The people of North Dakota are profiting by the European war; for it has had the effect of raising the price of their products and these prices are certain to remain high for some time.

It is considerable work for the various men throughout the state who

are looking after this fund, but it is for the sake of suffering humanity and appeals to the magnanimous spirit of those who are carrying it on, their only compensation being the consciousness of the fact that they are assisting a needy, worthy people, who are not to blame for their dire misfortune. And this spirit is a pretty good form of religion, too.

The Ford Motor company subscribed for \$100,000 worth of cotton, just to help the "buy a bale of cotton" enterprise along.

B. P. O. E. MEMORIAL.

This is the day when the Elks meet in solemn convocation for the purpose of holding services appropriate to showing their respect for absent brethren. It is a beautiful tribute, one observed religiously over the entire land, and consists of prayer, music, an address and closing with a benediction.

It is the good fortune of the local lodge that it has not a long list of deceased members, there being but two, Marshall H. Jewell and William F. Cochran, who have passed from the ranks. But the brethren of this fraternity are very loyal to this custom and never fail to pay respect to the departed.

In happiness the Elks are the gayest set on earth; in sorrow they extend sincerest sympathy and assistance, and in death "their faults we write upon the sand; their virtues on the tablets of love and memory."

S. C. Barnes, former advertising manager of the Tribune, has purchased the Dickinson Recorder-Post and issued his first number this week. Mr. Barnes is a square, straightforward business man and inasmuch as Dickinson is a strictly good, wide-awake town, he should succeed. Messrs. Carter and Whaley, who have published the paper for many years, will retire, Mr. Carter being in the governor's office in this city.

WHY?

"Why are we leaving Vera Cruz?" asks the New York Independent, and then answers:

For seven months the United States army has been in possession of Vera Cruz. American soldiers have managed the city government, collected the customs of the port, maintained the peace, conserved the city's health. The soldiers have now come home, leaving American interests to be protected by American warships in the harbor. They bring with them the customs moneys that they have collected, to be held in trust until it can be decided to what government in Mexico they should be turned over.

Why are we leaving Vera Cruz? This is only one of several questions which have accumulated in the past year and which the people of the United States are entitled to have answered.

Why did we seize Vera Cruz? Was it to prevent the landing of a cargo of arms and ammunition for Huerta? If it was, why was the landing of that identical cargo at another port a few weeks later permitted without the shadow of a protest? Why, if the armed forces of the United States were sent to Mexico because Huerta would not salute the American flag, was the question of that salute entirely ignored in the mediation proceedings? Why, having remained in possession of Vera Cruz for four months after Huerta decamped from Mexico, do we leave just at the moment when rival forces are again fighting for Huerta's vacant chair?

The President doubtless has sufficient answers for these questions. It was doubtless proper for him to keep his own counsel so long as our army was in foreign territory. But the army is on its way home again. It is time for the President to take the country into his confidence. The country has a right to know.

LOAN BROKER IN TROUBLE.

Boston, Dec. 5.—The police yesterday were busily engaged in an effort to obtain information upon which to base possible additional arrests in connection with the theft of large sums of money from the collateral-loan company, known as the largest loan brokerage concern in the country. The investigation of the company's affairs is said to have disclosed losses through thefts not connected with the methods alleged to have been used by William Cobb, who has just resigned as president of the company and who was arrested last night charged with the embezzlement of \$86,000. The police believe that jewelry in large quantities pledged with the company has been taken from its vaults and repledged with a resultant loss to the concern of about \$28,000.

It was expected that Cobb, who spent a night in jail in default of \$25,000 bonds, would be given a hearing today.

News of the State

The home of I. L. Wahl at Montpelier was burned.

Coyotes have been seen in the vicinity of Bowbells.

Otto Flohe has started a blacksmith shop at Tolna.

A photograph studio has been opened in Sentinel Butte.

A class was confirmed in the United Lutheran church at Grafton.

The Electric theater at Litchville has been opened to the public.

Renville county has become a member of the Better Farming association.

The Northern Pacific is making extensive repairs to the depot at Sheldon.

A fire guard has been plowed in the northern part of the town of New England.

Work has been resumed on the new Great Northern railroad bridge at Walthalla.

The annual entertainment for the benefit of the Cemetery association at Park River netted \$153.

John Nygaard, the blacksmith of Lankin, broke his collarbone when he fell on the icy sidewalk.

At Binford a small child swallowed a nickel. Three doctors were called in to attend the little one.

A German newspaper has been established in Medina, known as the Woehentliches Volks-Herold.

The pupils of the schools at Pinzgrove gave an enjoyable entertainment in the Congregational church.

The first meeting of the Progressive Gun club of Haynes was held at their grounds at the Peterson mine.

The Sheldon stores are now remaining open until 9 o'clock at night to accommodate the early shoppers.

R. A. Stewart of Casselton sustained a broken arm when he fell down a stairway at his place of business.

The gasoline tank of a coffee urn at Carrington caught fire, shortly burning the walls of the Owl cafe.

The farmers in the vicinity of Sherwood have sold \$50,000 worth of cattle and hogs during the past year.

John Munro, of Rolla, has installed a new Fairbanks-Morse 15-horsepower engine in his electric lighting plant.

The Commercial club, of Lansford, has decided to hold a corn show at that town some time during the holidays.

John Craven, of Williston, cut his hand while at work in the manual training room. Several stitches were taken.

Mrs. L. C. Heath of Bowbells has purchased the restaurant in the Glenn building, formerly conducted by the coreys.

A 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ross of near Dickinson was quite badly injured when she was bitten by a hog.

A. C. Engelstad, of Laverne, had the misfortune to break one of his arms while he was working in the elevator at that place.

Two new section houses are being built by the Northern Pacific at Sentinel Butte. A new hardwood floor is being put in the depot.

A. E. Nelson, the photographer of Souris, was severely burned about the face and hands when some rubbish he threw in the stove exploded.

The trustees of the Immanuel church at Edinburg held their annual meeting. They are making plans to put a lighting system in the church.

Fire was discovered at the Kellor residence at Hope, but the prompt action of the volunteer fire department saved the home from being destroyed.

On Thanksgiving day the wedding of Miss Eva Schafer and Mr. Gottlieb Bechtel, Jr., was solemnized in the German Evangelical church in Linton.

Jack Carlson, living at Jud, is walking around on crutches these days, caused from being thrown from his horse which rendered him unconscious for a time.

August Voelker, of Souris, broke his wristbone and three ribs when a load of hay he was driving home tipped over, throwing him violently to the ground.

Park Woods, of McKenzie, attended a ball at that town behind the misapprehension of a black eye with which a cow man dismissed him when she got too free with one of her hind feet.

While deboning some stock at his farm south of Tolna, T. O. Ludeby had one of the animals fall on his leg, breaking both bones about half way between the knee and ankle.

John Warzecka, of Lidgerwood, had his feet and hands badly frozen when a team he was driving ran away, throwing him in a ditch, where he was later found in a badly frozen condition.

A needle, two inches long, was taken from the leg of the small son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Berdan of New England. The needle was found in the fleshy part of the leg, and had evidently been there some time.

Herman Elesterfield, 17 years old, who resides at Scoville bridge, in the vicinity of Sheldon, was shot through the bowels while he was examining a .22-caliber rifle. It was another case of not knowing it was loaded.

Mrs. A. Lundy, of Sherwood, was badly burned about the face and hands when a pork roast she was cooking exploded. The oven became too hot and the grease burst into flames when she opened the oven door.

News Forecast for the Coming Week

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—The expiring Sixty-third Congress will assemble at noon Monday for its final work of legislation. The appropriation bills will have the right of way and until they are disposed of little or no attempt will be made to get through any other legislation.

A number of important cases are on the docket of the Supreme Court for hearing during the week. Among them are the Harry K. Thaw extradition case, the Oregon minimum wage law cases, and the Ohio National Guard case, the last named involving the power of the president to order the militia of the states to foreign territory without having first mustered them in as volunteers of the United States army.

Thirty-six plumbers from states of the middle west are to be placed on trial in the federal court at Des Moines Tuesday for alleged violations of the Sherman anti-trust law.

A notable wedding of the week will be that of Miss Julia Calhoun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Calhoun, and Baron Egbert de Nagell, attache of the Netherlands legation, which will take place Tuesday afternoon at St. Thomas's church, New York.

President Wilson has accepted an invitation to address the annual meeting of the American Red Cross society, which is to meet in Washington on Wednesday for a session of several days.

Other important gatherings of the week will be the National Rivers and Harbors congress, in Washington; the meeting of the American Mining congress, in Phoenix, Ariz., and the annual convention of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education, in Richmond, Va.

Correspondence

WASHBURN.

Judge A. A. Bruce of Bismarck came up Friday and gave a splendid speech under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers League. His subject was "The First Citizen of Chicago."

Judge Bruce has been here before and has made many friends by the instructive talks he gives.

The new \$19,000 public school building that is about completed, under the contract of J. L. Larson of Bismarck, is one that every citizen of Washburn is very proud of. It will be completed by the 1st of January.

The old school building will be used for a gymnasium.

Mrs. E. P. Quain came up in her car from Bismarck Friday afternoon, accompanied by Miss Hoerman, and attended the district meeting of the Woman Suffrage League.

Mrs. Quain is president of the league at Bismarck and also secretary of the Red Cross association of North Dakota. She gave a talk on the work done by the Red Cross association and urged the sale of the seals in every town, to help along the work.

Miss Hoerman is head nurse of the Bismarck hospital and is interested in the work being done by Mrs. Quain. Delegates from Raub, Douglas, Max, Plaza, Garrison, Amundsville, Turtle Lake, Underwood and Wilton had been invited to attend this meeting and banquet. It was a very enjoyable affair for those present.

The books from the state library have arrived and the Washburn library will open for the first time next Saturday. Books can be taken between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock on each Saturday and kept for two weeks.

Each person in Washburn will be invited to donate one book toward the start of this library.

The Washburn Milling company, First National bank and Washburn State bank are taking donations of wheat, flour or money for the Belgian Relief fund. A Christmas box was sent from here to them some time ago.

The ladies of Underwood have issued invitations to a banquet, to be given Tuesday, December 15, in honor of the McLean County legislative delegation. The speakers and their subjects are as follows: Representative R. L. Fraser, "Woman's Influence on Legislation;" Representative H. R. Freitag, "Pending and Needed Legislation;" Representative Simon Jahr, "Women Citizens;" Senator C. W. Acers, "Are Women Ready for the Ballot?"; Secretary of State Thomas Hall, "Pioneer Women." There will be other speakers and a short musical program.

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A Bit O' Nonsense

When the season was almost over a storekeeper in a small southern town put a lot of dollar shirtwaists in the window at 75 cents.

"Say, what kind of business you call this?" asked an old colored woman.

"Is dat de way you try to make a far out of yo' customers?" After I been telling all de cullud folks in de neighborhood dat I paid a dollar for this shirtwaist, you come an' spill my reputation for veracity. Las' time I ever gwine to do bizness here."

Duncan's wife had the reputation of being a first-class shrew. When Duncan died his neighbors put a tombstone over his grave with the epitaph, "Asleep in Peace."

Widow Duncan was wild. "It was meant as a slam at her ad she knew it was. It meant that she did not let him sleep in peace when alive."

he neighbors assured her that it was not meant that way.

"Then it ought to say so."

To please her they got a stone cutter to add, "We all believe that he did have peace here, when he slept."

A crowd had gathered around the balky mule. Coaxings and curses and clouts had been in vain.

"Beat him on the head," said Uncle Rastus.

They did and the mule started off on a run.

"You certainly do understand mules," said a bystander to the old negro.

"Yes, sah, he replied. "You see, mules have more brains than most people think and you must appeal to their intellect."

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That evening his brother noticed that he had a "grouch" on and asked the trouble.

"That blamed old cur ate half of that box of 80-cent candy," he said, referring to Elizabeth's Scotch collie.

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