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LOCAL WEATHER BULLETIN.

For the 24 hours ending at p. m., February 8, 1916: Temperature at 7 a. m. 1

Forecast: For North Dakota: Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday; probably snow colder Wednesday.

ORRIS W. ROBERTS, Section Director.

WHEN A TIPS NOT A TIP.

It was very nice of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, when she was in Des Moines on the President's speaking tour, to give two waitresses five dollars each.

It is illegal to give tips in Iowa. It would have been just as illegal to give those waitresses a nickel apiece as to give them five dollar bills.

THE VANISHING POTATO.

Mr. Edward F. Bigelow, agricultural expert, is greatly concerned about the disappearance of potato seed from the country.

From Maine to Santa Rosa and back again, through Michigan to Connecticut the trail led the seeker. Everybody thought someone else had plenty, but no one had.

"The more extensive the correspondence," writes Mr. Bigelow, "the more inclined one is to agree with the great Dr. Reed whose opinion in Philadelphia, when it writes:

"We regret to say that we are unable to furnish you with the potato balls, and do not know any source of supply for seeds."

"Readers, this is an alarm cry! Potato seed is going from this country. All that can be obtained should be put at once into the hands of competent experimenters.

In the first three days following the announcement by a big Detroit motor company that it would employ hereafter none but native or naturalized citizens, there was an increase of 50 per cent in the number of applications for first citizenship papers.

Of course, merely taking out citizenship papers doesn't necessarily make an American, but it helps; and if the policy is enforced intelligently and tolerantly it is sure to do much good.

ANOTHER NATIONAL PARK.

It seems strange that, while Congress has created several new national parks in the last few years, it has done nothing about the Grand Canyon of Arizona.

Fortunately, private exploitation has as yet done nothing to spoil it. There is a compelling grandeur about that masterpiece of nature that seems to drive the pettiness out of men's hearts and forbid vandalism or commercialism.

Doubtless, too, there would be improvements in the canyon's accessibility and in its accommodations for tourists if Uncle Sam got on the job. Nearly everybody will favor the project unhesitatingly.

When nine passengers came ashore from the captured British liner, Appam, they had nine different stories to tell of the capture of the ship by a German sea raider.

Such conflicting evidence from witnesses free of all intent to deceive is an old story with lawyers, judges—and newspaper men.

The trained reporter seldom trusts any single person for his data in an important matter. He knows how fallible the human senses are, and how the imagination distorts facts in spite of the most painstaking effort.

And then, of course, every witness cries out against the inaccuracy of the resulting account—because his own version is not followed blindly.

San Francisco school authorities are reported to have ordered teachers in the public schools to address the older boy pupils as "master."

In the supposedly effete and socially punctilious East, a boy is seldom addressed as "master" except in a private school. In democratic California, it must strike most people as a curious and undemocratic innovation.

One can't help wondering, particularly, what the San Francisco boys think of it. The Oregon Statesman suggests that "master" is not only as archaic as "mistress," but that it has the additional objection of being "offensive to any well-regulated big boy."

There may be a valuable social distinction in the use of the title, "master," as an intermediate step between a boy's unadorned Christian name and his mature title of "mister." Social circles in all our cities think so, anyhow, and thus there has come to be a certain favor of aristocracy about it.

But whether it's good for the soul of an American lad to call Thomas Jones "Master Thomas," instead of plain "Thomas," is questionable.

The usual custom in this country is for teachers to address boys in the grammar school simply by their Christian names. When Thomas reaches the high school, he's likely to be addressed as "Jones," and to be frankly proud of this curt recognition of grownupness.

In "A Soldier's Oath," which is from the pen of Daniel Roosevelt, a fighting relative of Bwomo Tumbo, Mr. Fox has been particularly careful personally to select an aggregation of actors and actresses capable of enhancing the lights and shades of this delightful and thrilling romantic drama of the screen.

Headed by William Farnum, the surpassing \$100,000 star lured from the silent stage by William Fox to head a number of notable feature releases, the cast which is engaged in the presentation of "A Soldier's Oath" is in itself exceptional; as usually producers of motion pictures content themselves by placing one big name at the head of a production and letting "fillers" do the rest.

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POLITICAL GOSSIP

CAN THEY EXPLAIN?

How are Bruegger and Burke to explain the Morrison appointment?

BILL OLSON ENDORSED.

At a meeting of the Democratic central committee for Ransom county held in the courthouse on Feb. 5, Bill Olson of Valley City was endorsed for national committeeman by a vote of 17 to 4.

A resolution condemning Carl Jorgenson's tax schedule as unfair, unwarranted and unjust was also passed unanimously.

The meeting was entirely harmonious and did not exhibit any of the bitterness exhibited by the so-called state leader in their mad scramble for appointments for themselves.

TO ENDORSE CANDIDATES.

The Farmers' Non-partisan Political league, which will hold its big convention in Fargo the latter part of March, will at that time endorse candidates for various positions, to be voted upon in the June state-wide primaries.

That the league will not confine its attention to any single party, and that it will not bring forth a slate of its own candidates, is generally accepted.

Instead, the league will endorse a set of Republican candidates, set of Democratic candidates, and so on, and the league then will urge all its members—totaling over 36,000—to go into the primaries of their respective parties and vote for the men the convention endorses.

Objects sought to be accomplished by the league leaders in their movement are obvious—for they are endeavoring to bring forth from the primaries of the two parties, a set of candidates that will be acceptable to them.

The township conventions which will be held on February 22 will be the means of selecting delegates to the state convention. This step is essential because the Nonpartisan league is an entirely new organization, and cannot go about its business of nominating candidates as do the old established parties.

ANSWER CARMODY.

Trails county Democrats have replied to Judge Carmody on the Perry endorsement. It follows:

"In a recent issue of a Fargo paper there appeared a statement by John Carmody, formerly of Hillsboro, N. D., in which he makes some startling remarks but which are not so startling when stated with truth.

"An additional fact which should be called to Mr. Carmody's attention is that M. F. Hegge is not the precinct committeeman from Hatton. This Mr. Carmody should know. The precinct committeeman from Hatton is Dr. E.

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N Hegge and he was present at the Trails county meeting and moved the recommendation for the endorsement of postmaster at Hatton, and this was unanimously adopted by the committee.

"On account of the very severe weather a number of the committee were unable to attend. Several telephoned the chairman their regrets and informed him that any business transacted by the committee would be satisfactory to them, and it is our opinion that if the whole committee had been present personally, there would have been a larger and stronger majority for H. H. Perry of Ellendale for national committeeman.

The Democrats about here, generally, seem to have the utmost confidence in the straight-forwardness and ability of Mr. Perry and believe he is the person to harmonize our party affairs.

"Yours very truly,"

T. F. Murphy, State Committeeman. Charles Spiering, County Chairman.

LEAP YEAR PARTY.

North Dakota Democrats who attend the achievement banquet in this city on Washington's birthday will have an opportunity to hear two of the foremost women in their party, according to the announcement made by State Chairman John Bruegger last evening.

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TIRE OF PRIMARY.

Geo. W. Wilkinson, editor of North Dakota Democrat, finding the primary slightly burdensome, we quote from one of his editorials in part:

"The editor of the Democrat has always been an ardent advocate of the primary election as the most effective instrument for preserving to the electors of our state the right to select their own candidates for office, to save them from a 'boss' chosen ticket. However, it can scarcely be disputed that this up-to-date system has its weaknesses, wherein lurk grave dangers to the public welfare.

"Under our present primary law one procuring the required number of signatures to his petitions is entitled to have his name appear on the official ballot, a candidate for any office he may wish to occupy. In theory, this provision is ideal, in as much as it protects every citizen in his constitutional right to run for office. In practice, however, only a few years' operation of the law has sufficed to demonstrate that almost any political scoundrel can get the necessary signatures. Indeed, we have never heard of any aspirant failing to obtain sufficient names on his petition to comply with the legal requirements.

"This breaking down of the law can be attributed doubtless, largely to these facts: (1) Many of our voters sign the first petitions presented to them, probably because that course seems easier than to refuse and thereby take the risk of incurring the displeasure of the candidate and of his friends; (2) Self-imposed candidates knowing the ease with which signatures can be obtained for the first petitions circulated, always take pains to appear earliest in the campaign, soliciting signatures before the voters have had opportunity to survey the field and reserve their support for the most available and most desirable men, as sober second thought usually results in them doing."

ANNUAL MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Washington, Feb. 8.—The Chamber of Commerce of the United States, composed of more than 700 commercial organizations, will open its annual meetings here tomorrow. Men high in the business and political life of the nation, including three cabinet officers, will deliver addresses on legislative and commercial topics now under general discussion and the sessions will close with a dinner Thursday night, with President Wilson as the speaker.

The Stage Is All Set For the Spectacular Four-Act Cabaret Show Midnight at Maxim's. The Maxim, Bustanoby and Rector beauties, together with such vaudeville artists as Baroness Irmgard von Rottenthal, Leo Pirnikoff and Ethel Rose The Cameron Girls, Bert Weston and Dorothy Ozuman. 60 GIRLS—A MUSICAL COMEDY IN PHOTOPAYS. EARLE WILLIAMS "COUNT EM" ANITA STEWART. Matinee Daily 3:30 5c-10c. ORPHEUM THEATRE. Tonight 7:15 - 9:00 10c-15c.

SNOWBOUND TOWNS APPEAL FOR AID

Several Towns Along Soo, Wheat Line and Great Northern Are Short of Fuel.

Numerous requests have been received during the past few days at the office of the state railroad commission from towns in the northern part of the state, asking for aid.

Many number of towns are snowbound, and are short of fuel and provisions. Rugby on the Great Northern was short of fuel, and several cars of coal from Burlington consigned to the town were held up at Minot. Targus is also short of fuel, and has been practically snowbound for over a week.

Kramer on the Wheat line, has had no freight service for 21 days, and has been without mail for 12 days. All efforts of the railroad companies to open their lines, and re-establish train service have proved futile.

The severe storm abated this week, and the officials believe that it will only be a matter of a few days before they have their lines open and trains operating on schedule.

WILSON BIGGER MAN THAN HIS PARTY, SAYS GOVERNOR FRaine

"President Woodrow Wilson is a greater man than his party, but his plans for preparedness lack details and will never work out satisfactorily," declared Acting Governor Fraine in a recent interview.

That President Wilson has given up the views that he held at the beginning of his administration, characteristic of David Starr Jordan, and other educators, to opinions of his own through experiences in the chief executive chair, and as expressed on his recent tour of the Middle West—sees conditions as they actually exist and not as pictured by educators—was the opinion of Governor Fraine.

Is in Gubernatorial Running.

Governor J. H. Fraine admitted yesterday that he was in the gubernatorial running. He stated that he would announce his candidacy formally some time after the presidential primaries, in the Walsh County Record. He asserted that he likes the office and is going to enter the race on the advice of friends, after first making certain that possibilities mentioned in connection with the race had assured him they had given up.

Republican unity was predicted by the governor if the right man enters the field. He expects to see the Progressive-Republicans and the Republicans "stick together" during the approaching campaign, declaring that after all "the Republican principles are the foremost."

Touches on McKaig Incident.

Touching on the McKaig incident Governor Fraine denied giving the board of control appointment to the Fort Rice man, saying McKaig had gotten on "the wrong premises." It appears that McKaig went to Fargo to attend the Tri-State Graingrowers' convention and the Equity meetings. He had learned of the vacancy on the state board of control and thought that if he could get the endorsement of the Equity and other organizations in session there he might be able to land the position. But in his attempt to catch the office he missed it.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—One young woman was burned to death in her bed and six other girls and two men were injured by jumping from second story windows of the Hammond Roadhouse at Burnham, Ill., today. It is said that all of the injured will recover.

THE TRIBUNE Has Secured BUD FISHER, Creator of MUTT and JEFF—To Draw EXCLUSIVELY in North Dakota for THE TRIBUNE Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 15th And This is Fair Notice To All MUTT AND JEFF Fans That On and After the Above Named Day, MUTT AND JEFF by BUD FISHER Will Appear ONLY in The Columns of THE TRIBUNE Every Judicious Laugh Lover, Hence and Therefore, Will at Once Wait The Proper Message to His News Dealer—To Wit: THE TRIBUNE For Mine—With the Greatest Certainty—On and After February Fifteenth.