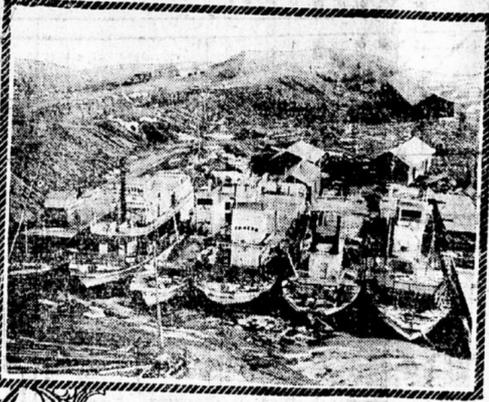
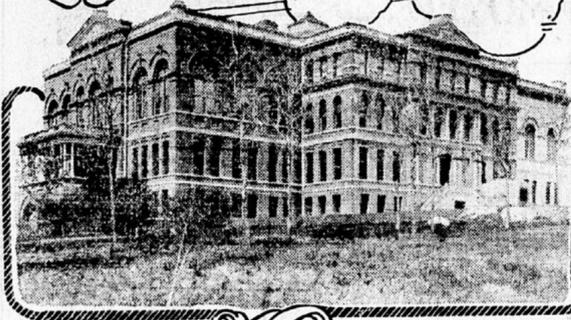


Bismarck, N. D., Making Plans to Celebrate Birthday; Capital Will Round Out Half Century in Six Years

NORTH DAKOTA CAPITOL



FLEET OF MISSOURI RIVER STEAMERS IN WINTER QUARTERS AT BISMARCK, N. D.



LOOKING WEST FROM EXPOSITION BUILDING AT BISMARCK, N. D.

Pioneers Are Given Charge of Details of the Celebration

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(From Minneapolis Tribune)

Although the date is yet six years distant, Bismarck, the capital city of North Dakota, already is making plans for the celebration of its 50th birthday.

Bismarck will have rounded out a half century May 14, 1922. Many of its first citizens are yet living, and, it is hoped, will take a prominent part in this momentous occasion.

More than 300 first citizens, pioneers of the seventies and the eighties, recently organized the Pioneers' Association of Burleigh County, North Dakota Territory, and among the charter members were a score whose residence here dates back to the summer of 1872.

While Bismarck's birthday party will be made of state-wide significance, the local details will be placed largely in the hands of the Pioneers' association which will be relied upon to rectify errors for the semi-centennial, as nearly as may be, the little frontier town which they helped found on the banks of the Missouri in the long ago.

Remarkable Growth Is Enjoyed by City.

Bismarck has traveled far from that straggling row of wood shanties, settlers' shops, soldiers' and track laborers' camps of 1872. The city has enjoyed a remarkable growth even for Central North Dakota in the past decade. It now claims a population of more than 7,000 people; it boasts of the finest theater (a municipal auditorium) between the Twin Cities and Helena; it prides itself upon its splendid hotels, worthy a city three its size. In every respect Bismarck is today a progressive, modern city, whose friends feel that a big future is in store for it.

The semi-centennial of North Dakota's capital city will bring back to the Flickertail state many who were prominent in territorial days; it will call back sons and daughters from practically every state in the union. Furthermore, it will call attention to a half-century's development in which North Dakota has forged for herself a place in the foremost ranks of American commonwealths.

Few states enjoy for their seat of government a setting so rich in scenic environment, historic tradition, dramatic interest as is possessed by Bismarck.

City Is Located on High Level Plateau.

Located upon a high level plateau, immediately overlooking the majestic Missouri, the capital city, young, as centers of civilization go, yet aged old in the legendary lore of the great American Northwest, possesses a distinct charm which is a potent asset to it and to the state which it serves as a capital.

Here are abundant evidences that countless centuries before the advent of Europeans there existed a civilization of a higher degree than was known anywhere else in the Western hemisphere. Here a great race had its being. Here it founded its cities, cultivated its vast fields of corn and other food crops. Here were maintained educational institutions whose curriculum embraced history, geography, political economy, astronomy and others of the arts and sciences which today mark the man of culture.

Here, with the coming of the whites, were established the first northwestern outposts of American civilization. Here were fought some of the mightiest battles which the American aborigine ever waged against the white invader.

Sully, Sibley, Miles, Custer, Reno—a great galaxy of names, which stand out in the history of our early North-west—here made lasting history and won new dominions for the American people.

Near Bismarck Lewis and Clark encamped for the winter on their expedition which was to extend American sovereignty over the great Northwestern empire. Here dwelt Sacagawea, the "Bird Woman," who piloted Lewis and Clark over the treacherous passes of the Western mountains and made possible for them their ultimate victory.

Bismarck Dates Back to the Days of 1872.

Bismarck modern history dates back to May 14, 1872, when the first stakes were driven on the site of the present city by Col. George Sweet, attorney for the Northern Pacific Railway company and for the Lake Superior and Puget Sound company, which was operating in lands along the line of the railroad. The new town was given the name of Edwinton, which later was changed to Bismarck in recognition of the large amount of German capital which had been invested in this new country. In the spring of that year Camp Hancock was established, where Bismarck now lies, and a company of infantry was stationed there to protect the laborers employed upon the railroad construction. To Bismarck in 1878 came Lieut. A. W. Greeley, later to risk his life and win fame as an Arctic explorer.

From the very first Bismarck, because of its beautiful setting and its strategic location, gave that promise of a brilliant future which is now being so richly fulfilled. It was Bismarck enterprise that in 1883 brought the capital of Dakota territory from Yankton and which paved the way for the early statehood of North Dakota. Although yet a frontier settlement of only a few hundred inhabitants, the same spirit which has ever been characteristic of Bismarck had come into being and made it possible for this handful of people to raise a fund of \$100,000 and present a tract of 320 acres to the territory to assure the coming of the capital.

Capitol Cornerstone Was Laid in 1883.

The cornerstone of the new capitol building was laid September 5, 1883. No Northwestern city of its day had ever witnessed a more brilliant assemblage than that which gathered here on that occasion. In the party were Henry Villard, president of the Northern Pacific railroad, en route west to drive the golden spike which would link the Pacific with the Atlantic; former President U. S. Grant, the hero of a grateful nation, and Baron von Eisendoecher, German minister to the United States and personal representative of the "iron chancellor."

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Days of Prosperity Foreseen by Pioneers.

In selecting Bismarck as the capital of the infant state, the constitutional commissioners wisely looked into the future. They foresaw the westward trend of empire; they anticipated the day when the fertile plains flanking the Missouri river and extending north to the Canadian boundary and west to Montana would be the home of a mighty population; they foresaw the development by modern industry of the

vast resources in coal and clay with which nature had endowed this region.

How wisely they judged may be seen from the development of the last three decades. Western North Dakota, looked upon 30 years ago as an arid state, suitable only for grazing, has become the great corn and wheat belt in the Northwest. Its population has grown from 83,000 in 1889 to 340,000 today. In people, in wealth, in transportation facilities, in splendid enterprising cities, in everything that makes for progress, it is today the equal of Eastern North Dakota. Its natural resources are its and must always be its superior. Remarkable as its agricultural advantages are, it never has been and never will be dependent upon agriculture alone.

In establishing the state capitol at a point near the geographic center of North Dakota, the framers of the constitution advanced the development of the great region adjacent to and west of the Missouri river at least 25 years. A central location for the seat of government, giving advantage to neither the eastern or western portion of the state, will continue to advance the equitable development of a great commonwealth.

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WITH THE MOVIES

BISMARCK

"DRUGGED WATERS."

The story is a very interesting one. Most of the action takes place at High Bluff Mineral Springs, which is a beautiful resort in the heart of the mountains. A spring, clear as crystal, gushes from the mountain side, falls in a beautiful cascade and rushes on its way—but man has looked upon it with greedy eye and the pure sparkling water is the instrument with which he deceives his fellow men. He encourages them to believe that their idle, overfed, pampered bodies are ill, and by fraud and misrepresentation, he relieves them of part of their worldly goods.

In addition to this five-reel feature, the celebrated four-reel comedy, C. O. D., will be shown.

Heart interest fills every part of the Equitable's next release, "The Struggle," which is coming to the Bismarck Theatre on Tuesday. Frank Sheridan, the star of the piece, has a part to play which calls for all the resources of his extensive stage experience, and he meets the demands in a fashion which reveals to the full his mastery of the art of expression. It is a story of life and love in the army, of intrigue, foolishness, mistaken zeal, and sheer, stark heroism of character which finally wins its due reward. It takes hold of the emotions at the start, and there is no relaxation of the gripping mental tension until the entirely satisfactory climax flashes on the screen.

GRAND "MISTRESS NELL"

Mary Pickford, the celebrated screen star of the Famous Players Film company, adds appreciably to her stellar honors in the role of "Mistress Nell," her latest characterization in a five-part feature adaptation of the renowned romantic drama by George C. Hazelton, Jr., the latest release on the Paramount Program. This feature will be seen for the first time in Bismarck Monday.

It is perhaps the first time that the gifted Mary Pickford has ever been seen as a boy on the screen, and the creation is as artistic and as thoroughly delightful as may well be expected from the diminutive star.

An excellent cast, including Mr. Gwen Moore as King Charles II. as-

AN IRISH PRESIDENT FOR FIVE DAYS



Patrick J. H. Pearse was "provisional president of the Irish Republic" for five days. The Sinn Feiners called him that when they began their "rev-

olution" in Dublin. Now he is wounded and a prisoner. He has issued a proclamation calling on all those who followed him to lay down their arms.

outbreak of the present European war. What makes the tale of timely and vital interest is the fact that, while Hall Caine wrote this celebrated work as a sort of futurist picture of Italian political development, it fits completely the present conditions in Rome. The eyes of the world are now upon Italy as a potent character in the great Continental contest, and the pictures, therefore, possess the double interest of being a photographic portrayal of the current political life in the Italian capital, as well as a thrilling picturization of one of the most powerful and prophetic plays ever written.

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says Mrs. Astor, in her last report to the surrogate — New York county. She spent over \$7,000 additional. The Astor estate was worth between \$80,000,000 and \$100,000,000 at the death of John Jacob. The major portion went to his eldest son, Vincent Astor.