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BURLEIGH BAR ELECTS YOUNG AS PRESIDENT

Annual Business Meeting and Banquet Held Last Evening in the Grand Pacific

Attorney C. L. Young of the law firm, of Newton, Dullam & Young, was last evening elected president of the Burleigh County Bar association, to succeed Attorney F. H. Register, at the annual business meeting and banquet held in the Grand Pacific hotel. Attorney Alfred Zuger was elected vice president, and Attorney Benton Baker of Bismarck, secretary-treasurer.

Twenty-two members of the bar association with out of town guests—Judge S. E. Ellsworth of Jamestown and Attorney F. C. Heffron of Dickinson—were in attendance. The banquet was spread at 7:30 o'clock, followed by a business session, which was closed with social hour and smoker.

Attorney F. H. Register presided. Impromptu remarks concerning the welfare of the association and relations between the members of the bar were touched upon in the after-dinner talks.

JUDGE BROCKINGTON DEAD

Well Known Official of Oliver County Dropped Dead at Center, N. D. Sunday Night.

Center, N. D., Dec. 14.—Judge C. N. Brockington, probate judge of Oliver county for three years and recently elected to serve his fourth term, dropped dead here Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock. A widow and two daughters survive. Funeral services were held from the Methodist church this afternoon. The Knights of Pythias had charge of the service.

Judge Brockington came to Oliver county about 10 years ago and took up a homestead. Prior to the time occupied several clerical positions at the court house.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect Head.

Because of its tonic and laxative effect Laxative Bromo Quinine can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box, 25c.

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SANDY MUSH IN BUNCOMB MAY SAVE DAY

News Notes of Interest From Capital of Nation—Leather From Sharks

Washington, Dec. 14—At first it looked as if Sandy Mush district in Buncomb county, North Carolina, would decide the political majority of the next House of Representatives; but the unexpected victory of M. Clyde Kelly, Progressive-Democrat of Pennsylvania, has tipped the scale to the Democratic side without the aid of Sandy Mush. The real balance of power, however, so far as legislation is concerned, is to lie with a group of independents of all parties, about thirty in number, who have been organized by Lynn Haines of the National Voters' league. Their first and most important job will be to insist on a proper revision of the rules.

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It cost $9,000,000 to eradicate the foot and mouth disease. The Federal government furnished $4,600,000 of this, and the states the rest. "Large as this sum is," says Dr. Melvin in his annual report on the work of the Bureau of Animal Industry, "it is trivial compared with the colossal damage that would have been inflicted if the disease had escaped control and become permanently established in the United States as it has been in some countries." The source of the infection, which first showed itself near Niles, Michigan, in 1914, is still a mystery.

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The taste for chocolate drops in the United States is growing by leaps and bounds. Last year it took 50 million more pounds than the year before to fill the local appetite. A total of 243,232,000 pounds were imported. There were the usual importations of the manufactured product and no increase i exported chocolate. It was just the accentuated sweet tooth of the Great American Consumer.

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The Navy League of the United States has joined the Gifford Pinchot Conservationists in trying to head off the Phelan raid on the Navy's oil reserves in California. This is a new line of patriotism for the Navy League on which, if persisted in, will help to restore that organization to public confidence.

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Save your sharks and gray-fish. Their hides are valuable. Owing to the high price of leather the government's department of commerce is experimenting in tanning the skins of these and other fish in the confidence that they will help make sister's shoes and father's wallet, not to mention martingales for artillery horses.

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The one thing of which the government civil service is always short is male stenographers and typists. In order to remedy this shortage the civil service has recommended, with the approval of all government departments, hat the entrance salary for such workers be raised to $1,000.

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Clyde Tavenner of the 14th Illinois district failed of re-election by the narrow margin of 450 votes. A recount may show him elected. A special fight was made on Tavenner by all the war-profit interests. He had led the fight for a government armor plate plant and government manufacture of munitions generally; but in spite of the money dumped into his district, Tavenner led President Wilson by 5,000 votes; received 5,000 more votes than he ever received before, in a district which is normally republican by from eight to twelve thousand votes.

SOUTHARD TO ST. PAUL

Manager of New Rockford State Center Will Handle Advertising Matter For Farm Magazine.

New Rockford, N. D., Dec. 14.—J. H. Southard, former advertising man in Fargo, and of late manager of the New Rockford State Center, has gone to St. Paul to take charge of the Twin City advertising work for the Agricultural Northwest, a new farm paper launched at New Rockford, of which J. H. Worst, former president of the North Dakota Agricultural college, is president. R. S. Phillips has succeeded Mr. Southard as manager of the New Rockford paper.

WIERD MORNING HUNT FOR AUTO IN MISSOURI PROVES PROFITLESS

Lashing his engine to its utmost speed, an excited taxi-driver dashed into Bismarck at 1:30 this morning with a wild tale of an auto filled with people which had gone through the ice, into the Big Missouri. The taxi man told graphically of the machine's dip to death; of the terrified screams of the victims as they plunged into the icy waters, and he was so wrought up that Coroner Anton Beer and Deputy Sheriff Welch decided on an immediate investigation.

The officers clambered into a car and make quick work of the cold drive to the river. There they found a big air-hole in the ice and the story was getting better and better until the investigators tumbled to the fact that there were no traces of auto wheels approaching the yawning fissure, and with the ice covered with a thin coat of snow a machine approaching from either direction would have left clear imprints.

The chilly adventure was not all for nought, for it revealed the necessity of warning automobilists crossing on the ice of this air-hole, which lies directly in the path which would be followed, did machines cross direct from Mandan to Bismarck. The winding path generally used is safe, but drivers are urged not to undertake any short-cuts, for the swift current of the river has undermined the ice in places, and the near tragedy of this morning might very easily become a real one.

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JURY SELECTED TO TRY DURANT FOR RIFLE SHOT

Introduction of Evidence Was Started Late Today in District Court

THIRTY VENIREMEN ARE EXAMINED

Thirty veniremen were examined in district court this morning before a panel of 12 jurors satisfactory to both the prosecution and the defense could be obtained in the State vs. F. H. Durant, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon on the person of John Spies, a Bismarck traveling man.

F. H. Register, chief of counsel for the defense, in his examination of veniremen, indicated by his line of questioning that the defense will not deny the shooting, but will contend justification on the grounds that Spies was a trespasser and that the shot was fired by Durant in an effort to evict Spies from his (Durant's) premises.

On the other hand, States Attorney Berndt in his opening to the jury asserted that Spies was seated at the wheel of his car, in the public highway, when Durant deliberately fired upon him, and that neither Spies nor the prairie chicken which the latter shot from his car were on Durant's premises.

Judge Ellsworth of Jamestown is assisting Attorney Register in the defense.

MAIER INQUEST THURSDAY

Assistant States Attorney Barry will conduct an inquest at Beulah tomorrow over the exhumed remains of Karl Maier, shot to death November 3.

GROUND BROKEN FOR A NEW DICKINSON THEATER

Dickinson, N. D., Dec. 12.—Ground is broken for a new movie theater just east of the St. Charles hotel. The building will be of brick, 20x100 feet in size. The lobby will be finished in white enamel and mahogany and the auditorium in old rose and ivory. It will be modern in every respect and will be open for business about the middle of December.

BIG GAIN IN DAIRYING.

An indication of the forward trend of the dairy industry generally in North Dakota is found in the experience of the Northern Produce company of Bismarck. In October, 1915, this company churned 2,900 pounds of butter, not because it could not churn more, but because the butterfat was not obtainable. In October, 1916, the butter production was 20,000 pounds, and the output for November, 1916, was more than three times that of the same month for the preceding year. This year the company is paying 43 cents for butter fat, while last year the price was 34 cents. The poultry market is also booming. The company employs seven skilled "chicken-pickers" constantly, and it is sold out from day to day.

Seat sale for the operas now on at Finney's.

200 EXPECTED TO ATTEND LUNCHEON

Many Reservations Made for Plates at Commercial Club's Annual

Indications are that at least 200 members will attend the Commercial club's annual luncheon at the Hotel McKenzie at noon tomorrow. The response has been very gratifying, and Howard Strong, secretary of the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce association, will speak tomorrow to an audience of business and professional men fully as large and as representative as that which greeted Edward F. Trefz one year ago.

The luncheon is set for 12:30. Prompt service is assured and an hour and a half, at the very outside, will dispose of all the business of the annual session, including the election of officers for the new year, and Mr. Strong's address.

Club members who wish plates reserved are urged to communicate with President C. L. Young or some other member of the board of directors in order that there may be no omission in counting noses for tomorrow.

UNCLE SAM TO CARE FOR NEEDY INDIANS

Major Covey Instructed To Distribute Necessary Provisions for Winter

The Great White Father, down Washington way—probably few of his redskin wards know or care that his first name is Woodrow—does not intend to permit his children of the Sioux nation on the Standing Rock reservation to starve this winter. As evidence of his loving care and paternal devotion, he has instructed Major C. C. Covey, through the department of the interior, to distribute necessary food, fuel and other supplies to the aged Indians who, due to poor crops or inability to labor during the summer season, had been looking forward to a desperately hard winter.

Major Covey, agent at Fort Yates, also has been advised that there will be a $40 per capita distribution in the spring of funds derived by the government from the sale of Standing Rock reservation lands. From 2,000 to 2,500 Sioux will share in this distribution, which will total from $80,000 to $100,000.

Life, If Not Luxury.

"While this aid will not serve to maintain the Indians in luxury, nor even approximate the white man's idea of ordinarily decent subsistence, it will take care of all their necessities," said Dr. A. McG. Beede, missionary to the Sioux, yesterday.

"The condition of the Standing Rock Indians today is far better than it was three years ago. There is a steady, upward trend."

CAPITOL NOTES

ON BUSINESS HERE.

Gus Peterson and John A. Johnson of Painted Woods are business visitors in the city.

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LICENSED TO WED.

A marriage license was issued Wednesday to Virgil Powell of Menoken and Anna Harriett Hansen of Bismarck.

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C. J. Peterson of Ecklund township, Anthony Erickson of Grass Lake and N. A. Soderholm of Lein were among the business visitors in the city Wednesday.

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BACK AT DESK.

Wellington Irysh, still unattached, is back at his desk as deputy commissioner of agriculture and labor. Mr. Irysh says the stock show was some session and that North Dakota got more valuable publicity therefrom than any other state represented.

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HOSPITAL NOTES.

Among the patients to enter the St. Alexius hospital within the last two days were: Emma Link, Golden Valley; Andrew Saustrom, City; Katie Judt, Glen Ullin. Those to leave the hospital were: Miss Mary Arntz, Burnstad; Peter Kurtzman, Hazelton; Mrs. M. G. Schneider and baby, Sweet Briar.

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CERTIFICATES ARE OUT.

The last of a big consignment of 300 certificates of election left the secretary of state's office yesterday, and three officials—Governor Hanna, Attorney General Linde and Secretary of State Hall—rubbed some liniment on aching hands threatened with writers' cramp and breathed a long sigh of relief. The signatures, underlined with red, look very pretty, but one may tire even of his own name when it comes to inscribing it 300 times in qquick succession.

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CONDUCTS DAIRY MEETINGS.

Dairy Commissioner E. A. Greenwood conducted a dairy institute at Portland on Tuesday, and Thursday he will be similarly engaged at Rugby. In both of these communities there are well established creameries, and the object of the institutes is to stimulate interest in dairying.

TAYLOR DOES NOT ADVOCATE STATE INSURANCE SCHEME

Corrects Report in Periodical With Regard to Compulsory Hail Fund

W. C. Taylor, retiring commissioner of insurance, takes exceptions to a statement made by a well known northwestern insurance journal to the effect that he recommends a compulsory hail insurance law. In correcting the report, Commissioner Taylor writes:

"From a somewhat cursory reading of my report, such a deduction may have been natural. The fact is, however, that I have never recommended compulsory state hail insurance, nor state insurance of any kind.

"In my biennial report covering the years 1913-14, after emphasizing the apparent failure of the present state hail insurance scheme, based upon voluntary membership, I suggested as a possible alternative the Saskatchewan system. Since our own venture had failed dismally, I felt that it was my duty, as insurance commissioner, to bring to the attention of the legislature the fact that another plan of state hail insurance had, at its inception, given satisfaction and promise of success.

Farmers Pay Own Losses.

"In my current report I again referred to this matter, and said that I could see no reason why compulsory state hail insurance, under the plan of imposing a tax on all lands, and so providing a fund out of which all hail losses would be proportionately paid, is not feasily. This much, I think, must be granted. One does not need to be very well versed in the principles of insurance to understand that the insured contribute to a common fund, out of which losses are paid. And I was safely within the facts in stating that 'the farmers of this state have always paid their own hail losses,' although it is undobutedly true that the hail writing companies in their capacity as distributors of indemnity have, in some years, lost money on the undertaking.

"The point is, I do not wish to be understood as having endorsed the theory of state insurance, whether compulsory or voluntary. Here an ethical principle is involved, quite apart from the question of practicability, and on that side I can find no comfort for the advocates of state insurance, so far as experience in state life, state fire or state hail ventures have been made in this country. For it appears that the Saskatchewan compulsory hail insurance scheme has met with overwhelming disaster this year.

Question of Constitutionality.

There is also the question of constitutionality of a law which compels a land owner who doesn't want or doesn't need hail insurance to indemnify his neighbor—or possibly a land owner living in another part of the state—against loss from hail. Indeed, there are many angles and many difficult problems involved, which will give pause to even the most ardent advocates of compulsory state hail insurance when the time comes for actually drafting a new law that will "stand up."

Will Take Time.

"It is curious how general and persistent is the mistaken idea that the forthcoming state legislature will enact a compulsory hail insurance law and put it into immediate effect. It can't be done. Besides, nothing of the sort is contemplated. Two years ago the legislature adopted a concurrent resolution for an amendment to the state constitution providing for the levying of a tax on lands to create a fund to insure growing crops against losses by hail. If the legislature which convenes next month readopts this resolution in the exact form in which it was first adopted, then, in 1918, it will be submitted to a vote of the people—providing it is not sidetracked by referendum proceedings.

Must Wait Until 1919.

"If the proposed amendment receives a majority of the votes of the electors, it will then devolve upon the legislature convening in January, 1919, to enact a comppulsory hail insurance law. It is reasonable to suppose that the constitutionality of the law will then be attacked, and that it will have to run the gauntlet of the state supreme court and of the supreme court of the United States. Should both of these august tribunals sustain the validity of the law, we shall then have compulsory state hail insurance, and everyone will be happy—maybe."

Seat sale for the operas now on at Finney's.

Sparks From Glowing Tribute of Critics Praise Great Photo-Play "The Common Law"

Sparks from the glowing tribute of the critics praise the motion picture production "The Common Law" which is coming to the Bismarck Auditorium for two nights, Wednesday and Thursday, December 20 and 21, with Clara Kimball Young in the leading role of Robert W. Chambers' great novel.

"The Common Law" is a superb production and a box office magnet. It is staged in masterly fashion and is a tremendously effective combination of star, author and director. "The Common Law" is a narration par excellence and sets a new standard and an even greater photo-play than the novel.

Kitty Kelly in the Chicago Tribune says that the acting "is admirably done. * * * Miss Young is both beautiful and histrionic."

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