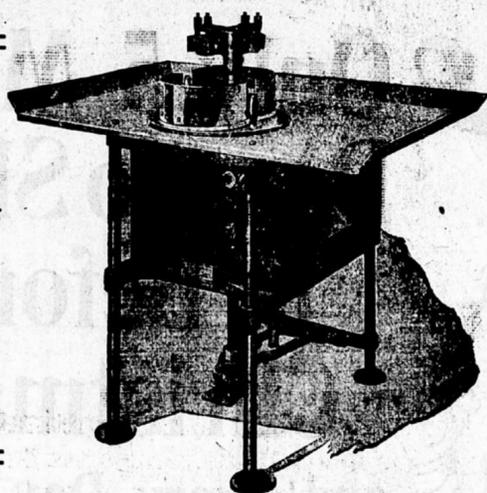


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KOFFEL HEADS LODGE.

Attorney Theodore Koffel was installed last Friday evening as worshipful master of Bismarck Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Owing to the dropping of a line of type, his name and office were omitted from Saturday's report of the installation.

HANNA DENIES TALKING CASE

Declares Hettinger Ouster Proceedings Were Not Discussed With Anyone

Governor Hanna emphatically denies allegations made by the county commissioners of Hettinger in their appeal from his ouster decision, to the effect that he discussed the case with parties not concerned as principals or witnesses and that undue pressure was brought to bear to induce him to change a decision originally arrived at in favor of the commissioners. "No one from Hettinger county conferred with me privately at any time in connection with this matter," stated the governor today. "The case was at no time discussed outside of the hearing held in my office. I considered that in this matter I had been made a judge and that in my judicial capacity I had no right to talk over a matter in which a decision was pending.

Hettinger People Were In. "It is true that some Hettinger people who may have been interested were in Bismarck one Sunday before my decision was announced. They did not, however, come to the house, nor did they call me up, and I met them only by accident as Mrs. Hanna and I were at the station, waiting for

a train. Then I merely exchanged a casual greeting with them, and not a word was said by the Hettinger county people, or by myself in relation to the ouster proceedings.

"It is also not true that my original decision was changed and another substituted. I did not arrive at a decision in this case until the day my decision was written and announced."

GRAND OPERA SCORES BIG ARTISTIC SUCCESS

The first grand opera season in the Capital City came to a brilliant close Saturday evening when the San Carlo

Grand Opera songbirds gave Verdi's famous "Aida" before a most representative audience. Making due allowance for the disabilities a touring company has to encounter, as compared with a resident organization, the presentation given "Aida" was a meritorious and very satisfying one and well deserved the enthusiastic plaudits which rewarded the principals.

In the title role Mary Kaestner displayed a voice of sustained richness and liquid quality, while the dramatic requirements found in this artist a competent exponent. Stella DeMette, substituting for Maddalena Carreno, who was ill, gave an exceptionally fine interpretation to the part of Amneris, the jealous daughter of the King.

Manuel Salazar, as Radames, sang with resonant force and intensity. His

work was very commendable and is capable of rising to a splendid vocal climax. The other parts were equally well sung and this long established company fully fulfilled the expectations of their auditors in each performance.

HIGH SCHOOL LOSE TO ALUMNI 53-13

With "Dutch" Hauser of the North Dakota Agricultural college in the Alumni line-up and who scored 15 field goals, Bismarck high school went down to defeat before its gradu-

ates last Saturday evening in the first game of the season by a score of 53 to 13. Hauser started his scoring early in the first period and kept it up throughout the contest, easily proving the sensation. Vivian refereed.

Coach Spencer Boise of the Mandan high school was present and made arrangements for the contest to be staged Thursday night of this week, here, with Mandan high school. Officials chosen for the game were: Robertson of the university and Vivian of Bismarck.

THE SMITHS ARE HERE. The Smiths, Fred E. and Fred W., presidents of the Wahooten school of science and the Bottineau school of forestry, are occupying the time of the board of regents Friday.

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