

SOCIETY

Masonic Dinner-Dance Most Successful Affair

One of the most successful affairs given by the Royal Arch Masons Bismarck Chapter No. 10 for some time was the dinner-dance Wednesday evening at Masonic temple covers were laid for 125 at the dinner which was served at 6:30. Past High Priest, John A. Graham presided and also put on the work of the installation which immediately followed the dinner.

Dinner Tribute to Late Dr. R. H. Treacy

As a tribute to the memory of the late Dr. R. H. Treacy of this city, Boy Scouts of Troop No. 3, of which D. B. Cook is scoutmaster, gave a dinner last evening at the scout headquarters in Second street, with Mrs. Treacy, daughter Miss Dorothy and son Kenneth as honor guests.

Knights of Pythias Install New Officers

The Knights of Pythias St. Elmo lodge No. 4, held a most enjoyable social session in connection with the installation ceremonies Wednesday evening in Castle hall. Following the installation work which was put on by A. J. Arnot, representing the Grand Chancellor, a smoker and social session was held. The new officers are: Chancellor—Ernest C. Wright.

Eastern Evangelist To Conduct Meetings

Evangelist G. E. Sprong of Waterton, N. Y., will arrive in the city the latter part of the week to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings at the First Baptist church. He will preach Sunday evening but will not begin his evangelistic work until Tuesday evening.

Benefit Recital

Miss Grace Myers will present her advanced piano pupils in an artist program about the middle of the month as a benefit for the Red Cross.

Musical Section to Meet

The student section of the Thursday Musical club will meet Friday evening with the Misses Bertha and Paula Rigler at their home, 822 Sixth St. The program will begin at 7:30.

To Teach Here

Miss Scheer of Fergus Falls has arrived in the city and has assumed her duties as teacher in the second grade of the Will school to succeed Miss Eva Marks, resigned.

Concludes Visit Here

Mrs. William Coulter of Fordville, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. D. Mann of First street, returned home Wednesday. Miss Coulter, a sister of Mrs. Mann, will spend the remainder of the winter here.

Auxiliary Meeting

The Woman's Auxiliary to Companies A and I will meet Saturday afternoon in the Commercial club rooms at 3 o'clock. All the members are asked to attend as matters of important business will be discussed.

Entertains at Whist

Miss Elizabeth Bleth entertained informally a limited number of her friends Tuesday evening at her home on Second street. Whist was the amusement and three tables were in play for the game. The honors were awarded to Miss Jewell Weber and Miss Margaret Wynkoop.

Fortnightly Meeting

The Fortnightly club met Wednesday with Mrs. Minnie Clarke Budlong of Fourth St. The program was featured by an interesting paper on Steviekievics' Trilogy by Mrs. N. O. Ramstad. Current fiction was discussed by Mrs. William Moore. The club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 16, with Mrs. P. J. Meyer of Fourth street.

Returns From East

J. C. Oberg of the Grand Pacific, has returned from a trip to New York city,

Food Conserver Urges Women to Co-operate

A communication received from Miss Julia O. Newton of the home economics in extension of the state agricultural college to Mrs. F. R. Smyth, chairman of the Woman's Council of this city, makes it imperative that more interest be taken in the food demonstrations which Miss Newton is conducting monthly here.

The next meetings will be held Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon in the office of the Hughes Electric company. The Monday evening meeting will be at 7:30 and the Tuesday afternoon one at 2:30. All the women of the city old and young are asked to attend. The evening meeting has been arranged to give the business women a chance to attend.

Miss Newton says the food situation in the country is getting more serious. A resume of an address given in Washington, D. C., last month by Dr. Wilbur shows the need of more food economy. It follows: "There is one thing about food work that is different from other kinds of work and that is that it is hard to visualize the results actually obtained. The Red Cross has in it the element of service and after a weeks work there are so many sweaters, so many socks, so many bandages rolled, and the person who has served visualizes that service and sees what she has done. It is a difficult thing to bring about in the food conservation. You have to realize that the women of this country are knitting and when people knit they think. And the women of this country are thinking as they have never thought before because their boys and their husbands, their surroundings, everything, has been thrown into the war, and when a million women or ten million women begin to think about a problem which they have reached the position that women have in this country they are going to do a great deal. You must keep these women thinking right, and realizing that this work of food conservation is their work to a large extent, and you need to devise methods that make them feel a participating interest in all of this."

Chicago and the twin cities. Mr. Oberg spent Christmas with Mrs. Oberg, who is visiting her parents in Minneapolis. Mrs. Oberg will remain in the east until next month.

Leaves for Omaha

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wilkinson, who have been spending several months here as the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Doran, of Third street, left Wednesday for their home in Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Wilkinson was formerly Miss Bessie Doran.

To Give Dancing Party

The entertainment committee of the Knights of Columbus has announced a dancing party for this evening in Patterson hall. E. B. Klein, Harry Homan, Joseph Boehm, Hugh McGarvey, Thomas Lee and John Maassen compose the committee. O'Connor's orchestra will furnish the music.

Bertsch-Muhmel

Miss Rose Bertsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Bertsch, and Carl Muhmel of Scotland, S. D., were married this afternoon in the home of the bride's parents in Eighth street. Rev. E. E. Strutz of the Evangelical church read the service at 4 o'clock. The bride wore a traveling costume of plum broadcloth with hat to match. They were unattended. A wedding supper was served following the ceremony and covers were laid for 10 at the bride's table, which was centered by a cluster of white carnations. Only the immediate family of the bride were guests. The bride has only recently resigned her position as teacher in the primary grade of the Fredonia school. Mr. Muhmel and his bride will remain in the city until Sunday when they will go to Scotland to make their home on the groom's farm.

Musical Club Meets

The Thursday Musical club met this afternoon with Mrs. J. P. French for the study of American opera. Mrs. F. E. Leube was the leader and an interesting paper was read by Mrs. William Moore on "Development of American Opera." Mrs. A. G. Jacobson gave a reading entitled "Fairytale" and the musical numbers included piano selections by Mrs. Arthur Bauer, Mrs. R. M. Bergeson and Mrs.

Arthur Bolster and voice numbers by Mrs. Bolster and Mrs. H. H. Steele. All the numbers were by American composers. Mrs. Seeie gave a report of the meeting of the Federation of Women's clubs, which was held last fall in Dickinson, featuring the part music played in the convention. The club members will go to the penitentiary this evening, where they will present a program of numbers, including solos duets and choruses.

PERSONAL NOTES

Mrs. S. B. Toney of this city, spend New Year's as the guest of Mrs. Tostevin of Mandan.

Miss Matson, legislative librarian at the state house, has returned from spending the holidays with friends in St. Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn of Center, are spending some time in the city this week and while here are guests at the Grand Pacific.

Dr. E. E. Hoard has returned to her apartment in Fourth street, from the St. Alexis hospital where she was a patient for a short time.

Miss Esther Dahl of Minot, has accepted a position with the Provident Insurance company here and has already assumed her work.

Miss Lella Diesem has returned from LaMoore, where she spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Taylor, formerly of this city.

Mrs. O. R. LaRue, of St. Paul, consular of Dr. and Mrs. V. J. LaRue of Sixth street, has entered the St. Alexis hospital for treatment.

Mrs. J. M. Hansen and children of Jamestown, are expected to arrive in the city shortly to join Mr. Hansen and will make their home here.

Miss Helen Lethert of the attorney general's office, was a guest at the dinner party given New Year's evening by Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Herder of Mandan.

Mr. and Mrs. Van R. Middlemiss, a bride and groom of last week, have returned from a short trip to the twin cities. They will be at home to their friends after January 15 at 215 Mandan avenue. Mrs. Middlemiss was formerly Miss Gertrude Eithorn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wakefield of Donovan, Sask., former residents of this county who have been spending some time in the city visiting old friends, have gone to Glenwood, Minn., to visit relatives before returning to their Canadian home.

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CITY NEWS

Wilton Visitor—Wade A. Beardley of Wilton, transacted business in the capital city Wednesday.

Lein Visitor—J. G. Gunderson of Lein township, was among the business visitors in the city Wednesday.

McKenzie Visitor—J. F. Wildfang of McKenzie, spent Wednesday in the city transacting business and calling on friends.

Registers Farm—A. E. Cline has registered his large farm near Moffitt with Register of Deeds G. J. Keenan. He has christened it "The North Star Dairy Farm."

Bismarck Hospital Notes—Mrs. A. P. Anderson of near the city, has entered the Bismarck hospital for treatment. C. A. Dehnen of this city has also entered the hospital for treatment and Hugo Carlson who has been in the hospital for treatment has returned to his home at Halliday.

St. Alexis Notes—Among the patients to enter the St. Alexis hospital since New Year's are Mrs. Mike Kirk, city; Noble Nelson, Kintyre; Mrs. O. R. LaRue, St. Paul; W. S. Boughton, McKenzie; Master Ogler Ward, city; Mrs. Nick Berger, St. Anthony; Arthur Lester, Marshall; Isabelle Kinney, Bismarck; Martha George, Lahr; Mrs. Louis Horn, Soban; W. P. Langley, Sterling; Mrs. Adam Hintz, Zap; Mrs. J. C. Green, Manhaven; Master Melvin Dugan, city.

One of the most authentic, two-part feature will be shown at the Bismarck theater tonight.

MISS JEANETTE RANKIN IS LIKELY TO MAKE SENATE RACE. CANDIDATES ARE GETTING BUSY

By GILSON GARDNER.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—A number of United States senators have begun their campaigns for re-election, or are making up their minds whether or not they will be candidates again.

There are 32 senators whose terms expire March 3, 1919. They must face primaries next summer. There is unusual interest in the reports that Miss Jeanette Rankin is to be a candidate for the senate.

Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota is campaigning hard. The growth of the farmers Nonpartisan Alliance in Minnesota has not been viewed with pleasure by Nelson. It is not at all certain that the alliance will support him. It was reported a few days ago that Nelson had sought and secured Democratic endorsement in the shape of a letter from President Wilson suggesting that he would be satisfactory administration candidate. But Secretary Tumulty says no such letter was written.

Thomas J. Walsh of Helena, Mont., has not been back in Washington since the adjournment of the special session. Reports from Montana say that his health is not good. Miss Rankin, the woman member of the house, looks as a senatorial rival to Walsh, and it is confidently predicted that she is to be promoted from the house to the senate at the next November elections.

Miss Rankin has been an active member of the lower house and one of her best acts has been to plunge the legislative committee into the investigation of the copper trust and the great fight on a bill of common people in her state.

She championed the women in the bureau of printing and engraving and accompanied substantial reforms in the bureau of labor, and finally took the scalp of Director Ralph of the bureau. A colleague Miss Rankin has qualified for promotion.

William C. Doran comes up for re-election next year and is taking diligent notice of public sentiment in Idaho.

Benjamin R. Tillman of South Carolina is approaching the end of his term. Tillman is seldom seen these days in the senate. He has been in failing health. Probably he will retire at the end of this term and the place will be open for a younger and more vigorous man—a man more like what Tillman was in his old pitchfork days.

West Virginia will choose a new senator in the place of Nathan Goff. Since he was elected Goff appeared in the senate, or perhaps twice since when he took the oath, and once afterward. Goff is what might be termed a Senator Emeritus rather than a functioning senator. He has been in public life so long that it really makes little difference now what he does. In addition to his personal income of approximately \$250,000 a year, he draws a pension of \$13 a month as a veteran of the civil war and another pension as a retired judge. He went into politics in 1867.

When he was first elected a member of the West Virginia legislature! After occupying all the political positions known to West Virginia, he was appointed secretary of the navy by President Hayes back in 1881. He served in both branches of congress and as a United States federal judge, and now is rounding out his career as honorary senator from his state. He will retire in March, 1919.

John K. Shields of Tennessee, author of the Shields Waterpower grab, will have a chance to submit his candidacy to the people of Tennessee next summer, and if they do not like having a senator who is primarily a representative of predatory interests, they may choose somebody else in his place.

Among others who face re-election are James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, who says he will not be a candidate unless his present insomnia abates. If his health is real good he may get in to the scramble.

Meantime there is no doubt that Meadell McCormick of the same state is a candidate for Lewis' place. McCormick used to be a Progressive. He was one of Roosevelt's most enthusiastic supporters. Then he became more or less regular and got into congress as a progressive-Republican. Now he is regularly Republican, and has adopted quite a Republican attitude of criticism of the administration's war policy. McCormick has been abroad collecting data on the condition of American and other troops in Europe and expects to use this in his campaign.

Thomas W. Hardwick of Georgia is a candidate for re-election. Hardwick is a member of the Democratic faction in his state, which has not been over-friendly toward the Wilson administration. He opposed the declaration of war against Germany, and if he is re-elected it will be on a clear cut issue of administration and anti-administration.

In Nebraska there will be a tryout to determine how strong the old progressive sentiment is in that state. George W. Norris comes up for re-election. He has always had a very large and enthusiastic following among the forward-looking voters of both parties who like a man of independence and integrity. Norris has been very earnest and a useful senator, and no doubt will be returned.

Among others who will go before the people are James K. Vardaman of Mississippi, William H. Thompson of Kansas, William Alden Smith of Michigan, Thomas Sterling of South Dakota, Ollie M. James of Kentucky, William Hughes of New Jersey, Henry F. Shroth of Colorado, Willard Saulsbury of Delaware, Joseph T. Robinson of Louisiana, Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma, Thomas S. Martin of Virginia, Charles L. McNary of Oregon, William S. Kenyon of Iowa, Bert M. Fernald of Maine, Albert B. Fall of New Mexico, L. B. Colt of Rhode Island, John H. Bankhead of Alabama, F. M. Simmons of North Carolina, Francis E. Warren of Wyoming, and John W. Weeks of Massachusetts.

BOY SCOUTS WILL BE FULL FLEDGED JUVENILE "SOJERS"

Bismarck Boy Scouts of Troop 3 are to be genuine juvenile soldiers. Military drill with wooden guns which are exact duplicates of the regulation United States army model are being used, and drill has been in progress for several weeks in the state armory, whose use on Monday nights has been donated to the Boy Scouts by M. J. O'Connor and Judge W. S. Caselman, the lessees.

It is planned to recruit Troop 3 to the number of 45, which will give the troop five full squads and five officers. There are now 32 boys enrolled. Any youngster who would like to get into Troop 3 may make application to Scoutmaster Dennis Cook or to any member of the troop.

Christmas eve the boys enjoyed a Christmas tree and entertainment at their headquarters on Broadway. The tree was donated by Mrs. R. H. Tracy.

"WATCH YOUR STEP" UNQUESTIONABLY ONE OF BEST ORGANIZATIONS SEEN FOR SEVERAL SEASONS PAST

When "Watch Your Step," Irving Berlin's international syncopated musical success, is presented at the Auditorium on Friday evening, the theatre-going public of this city will have an opportunity of seeing what is unquestionably one of the best organizations that has been brought to this city for several seasons past.



The same production in every respect will be seen here, that delighted New York for six months, Chicago for three months and Philadelphia for three months and Philadelphia for three months.

For "Watch Your Step" Mr. Berlin has composed some of his characteristic music—music with a swing to it that is easily remembered and at once becomes popular. "Settle Down in a One-Horse Town" and "They Follow Me Around," are now famous song hits and with the others of the score are to be found on almost any music rack in America.

Therefore, in this respect, "Watch Your Step" is no stranger to us, and comes here with such a flattering endorsement and with such an unquestioned reputation that it goes without saying that standing room will be at a premium when this attraction is presented in this city.

J. F. T. O'CONNOR, STATE'S MOST GIFTED ORATOR, WILL LAUNCH GREAT K. C. DRIVE

Indications are that one of the largest audiences which ever has filled the Auditorium will hear Rep. J. F. T. O'Connor on Sunday evening in the great patriotic address which is to mark the launching of the Knights of Columbus' drive for Bismarck's pro-

and the fact that he is billed for a great patriotic address at the Knights of Columbus public loyalty meeting Sunday evening is surety in plenty that he will outdo himself.

Everyone is invited. A general invitation is extended the



HON. J. F. T. O'CONNOR Representative from Grand Forks County, who won his spurs as Debater When Member of Yale Team.

portion of the \$26,600 Knights of Columbus war fund apportioned to North Dakota.

The gifted young North Dakotan does not come to Bismarck a stranger. News that he was to speak on any bill was sufficient during the session last winter to throng the house-chamber with admirers of the dynamic Irishman. Even before he came to Bismarck as a member of the legislature from Grand Forks county, his fame as a debater, won as a member of the Yale team in his college days, had preceded him.

J. F. T. O'Connor is never so eloquent as when patriotism is his theme.

public to attend Sunday evening's meeting at the Auditorium, for which there was announced today the following program: Selection—O'Connor's orchestra. Solo—Miss Irysh. "Keep the Home Fires Burning"—Henry Halverson. Solo—Miss Elizabeth Ereth. Patriotic Address—Hon. J. F. T. O'Connor.

Under the leadership of R. F. Margus, the audience will conclude the evening's program by singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Governor Frazier presides as chairman.

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL Sime District to Have New Two-Room Institution

Bowman, N. D., Jan. 3.—Carl Rude has been awarded the contract for a new two-room consolidated school to serve fifteen families in the Sims district. The structure will soon be finished. J. O. Hill has been engaged as principal and Mrs. Ida Norton will assist him with grade work.

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Do Not Import Seed Corn

Seed Corn Situation Most Critical Experienced in Years

By F. G. HOLDEN

THE farmers of the United States are facing one of the most serious problems with which they have had to deal in many years. A killing frost early in October got in its deadly work and threatened destruction to the greatest corn crop ever produced in this country. As a result there is nation-wide alarm as to the source of seed from which to plant the 1918 crop. The condition is the most critical we have experienced in twenty years. The northern half of the corn belt has suffered tremendous losses.

As a result the first impulse will be to import seed corn. The varieties brought in from other localities will not be adapted to the conditions under which they are to be grown and reduction in both yield and quality and in many cases total failure will follow. There will be speculation in worthless seed at exorbitant prices.

Many will say that seed that is just as good, but I wish to warn the farmers of the United States—do not be fooled.

Regardless of all argument to the contrary, thousands of tests made by Experiment Stations, by the government, and the results borne out in actual experience, prove beyond dispute that seed corn imported from one state to another, even if it be but fifty miles away, will produce corn inferior in both yield and quality.

These facts are not the results of one test, in one year, in one locality, but for a period of eight years in thirty-three counties in Iowa with over six thousand tests, and in not a single case do we find the imported samples equal to the homegrown seed. The homegrown corn, in every test, outyielded the imported corn on an average 20 bushels to the acre, or 41 per cent, and besides was of better quality. Study the chart. Out of all these tests, together with investigations carried on by the government in twenty-eight states the results were the same.

Will we ever learn to save seed? We can import potatoes, oats and wheat, but we cannot import seed corn without paying the penalty. It will be impossible to measure the loss of land, labor, food, and money which will come to the people of this country if we do not get into our minds and into our hearts the importance of these facts. Do not think you can try it and win out for you will surely fail. Let no argument turn you from truth.

Seed corn grown upon your own farm is best. If you have old corn left over from your 1916 crop, don't sell it or feed it, keep it for seed. Do not conclude too soon that there is no seed corn in your locality. Ask your neighbors, your County Agent, banker, experiment station, Chamber of Commerce, local paper—write to your agricultural college. Do not import from the south under any circumstances.

If you must obtain corn from some other source than at home, get it from your nearest neighbor, keep within your own community, do not go outside your county. Get busy, do something, but don't get crazy and go to importing seed corn from a distance, and do not plant a kernel until you have tested it. Test, test, test every ear and don't guess. Do not "import." These things will determine your success.

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