

FORTIETH YEAR

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1922

PRICE FIVE CENTS

PETITION FOR CITY PURCHASE OF FIRE TRUCK

May Be Presented to the City Commission Here Next Monday Night

DISCUSS TRUCK MATTER

Majority of City Body Has Been in Favor of Purchase of Less Expensive Apparatus

A petition is being circulated, which probably will be presented to the city commission at its next meeting, Monday night, asking for the purchase of a motor fire truck. Harry Homan, who is in charge of the petition, said today that it contained the names of about 50 business men.

The plan proposed in the petition is for the purchase of a 750-gallon triple combination truck, with a pumper, at a cost of about \$12,500. It is proposed by the sponsors to pay for it by using \$1,924 recently received from the state as a part of the appropriation made for fire departments from proceeds of the insurance company tax for the purpose; another payment to be made in June, \$4,000 appropriated by the city commission four years ago for the purchase of a fire truck but which money had been spent, and payments of \$2,000 a year for several years. These payments would be made from the fire fund received annually from the insurance company tax.

The majority of the city commission has been in favor of the purchase of a truck chassis and mounting the present apparatus on it, doing away with the horses. Under this plan a larger truck could be purchased later and this apparatus used as an auxiliary outfit.

Some of the members have been again purchasing a heavy, expensive piece of apparatus at this time because they feel that prices on these trucks will drop considerably in the near future. This was one of the arguments advanced against a heavy apparatus at the time the various bond issue matters were up. It was said that fire apparatus had not decreased in price in proportion to the decrease of other automotive equipment.

It is pointed out that the city could easily finance the purchase of a chassis and maintain the present wagon apparatus on it at this time, by those in favor of this method. Those opposed to it hold this would not provide adequate equipment.

EMPLOY AID TO ACT FOR CITY IN WATER CASE

S. J. Hunt to Make Investigations to Assist City Attorney in Conduct

The city commission has employed S. J. Hunt, engaged in utility rate practice, to assist in the presentation of the city's case when the water hearing is held before the railroad commission on May 1. Mr. Hunt was engaged at a meeting of the commission held yesterday afternoon in the city hall, at which J. P. Spits and R. P. Logan, two of the petitioners to the railroad commission, were present. He will assist City Attorney O'Hare.

There was informal discussion of the case and the general situation. The building of a new plant or attempts to purchase the present plant were discussed in an informal manner. One commissioner pointed out the disadvantages of building a new plant, saying the city might be held up by injunctions and law suits of one kind or another for several years and nothing accomplished. Another member said that if the city purchased the present plant by arbitration one stockholder might take the matter into court and halt the proceedings. There was discussion of improvements and additions which might be made if the city purchased the present plant at a fair figure and make it the nucleus of a city-owned plant.

Commissioners Thompson and Larson, who had been delegated to ascertain what steps might be taken in the hearing of the case, or what the city might be expected to do, were informed by the commission that it was without funds to make an exhaustive investigation.

Mr. Hunt will begin work immediately on the case. His compensation is \$55 per day and expenses. The time to be required for presentation of the case is uncertain.

TRUBSHAW OUT FOR LEGISLATURE

Valley City, N. D., March 16.—P. R. Trubshaw, editor of the Valley City Times-Record, has announced himself as a candidate for the house of representatives, fifteenth district, on a platform as follows: strict economy to meet present conditions. Reduction in valuation and limit in rate.

GRANT COUNTY TO SELL BONDS

Grant county will sell \$125,000 of five-year, 6 per cent seed and feed bonds. Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor J. A. Kitchen said today.

RADIO TO REVOLUTIONIZE FARMING

BY W. A. WHEELER,

Chief, Radio News Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Washington, March 16.—Adaptation of radio communication to the use and service of agriculture will, in my judgment, do more to revolutionize life on America's farms than any other single factor that has ever been known.

Radio can bring to the farmer those things the lack of which has done most to make farm life both difficult and distasteful—news, market information, amusements and instructive entertainment.

To my mind, there is no single use of radio except the protection of life at sea and in the air that should take precedence over its utilization for the benefit of agriculture.

There are more than 32,000,000 people on farms, comprising nearly one-third the total population of the United States. Most of these are located where they are practically cut off from immediate contact with the outside world. The radio is the only means of getting to them quickly either the economic information necessary in the proper conduct of their business, or the general news of the day.

Six Radio Stations. The Department of Agriculture broadcasts weather, crop and market reports from six radio stations of the Postoffice Department.

Daily market reports on the live stock, grain, cotton, hay, feed, fruits and vegetable markets are broadcast over virtually the entire United States. Farmers located almost anywhere can receive them either direct or through the assistance of amateur operators.

A number of state bureaus of markets and agricultural colleges are also broadcasting both local and national news.

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W. A. WHEELER

"FARMRADS"

Washington, March 16.—Radio is putting new words in Young America's vocabulary.

Among the latest is "farmrad," coined by the Department of Agriculture as the official designation of the farm radio clubs that have been springing up throughout the country. The farmrads are the comrades of the air.

A VOICE FROM THE FARM

Glen Ullin, March 15.

Editor Tribune: Well I be "doggoned" if this farmer program is not getting stale, it has been hashed so long—from religion down to socialism; from cents to millions of dollars; from "Big Biz" down to straw covered floors; from raw and green material down to the manufactured article—and we are not yet through. We are still eating bread from the big milling industries in Minneapolis and begging money from there whenever we can get it.

We want to sell the manufactured article and gain five cents on a sack of flour (we would all have to move around the Drake mill), which would mean in my case a profit of \$2.00 a year, and I am paying for three years already \$150 more taxes to get the \$2.00.

I say, give the Drake mill to Townley and the Werner Creamery to Liederbach. One can make the bread and the other can make the butter, so they will both have bread and butter to eat (that is if they ever get normal again and co-operated a little), and will not have to fool the farmer for it with political windmill speeches.

The whole "darned" program is nothing but politics, fictitious theories, manufactured from radical bankrupt politicians. Why does not the packing plant at Fargo tan hides and manufacture shoes? We get 37 cents for a cow hide and pay 39 cents for a pair of baby shoes.

Why does not the cotton farmer in the south sell the manufactured cotton goods? Just think how much we have to pay for a pound of manufactured cotton. Townley, Lemke, Liederbach! For God's sake move south, take the whole tribe with you and organize the southern farmer and show him how to make money out of cotton. I know you can tell them the story. Get Brother Mills to help you. He has the operations, hair-curling theories, how to operate on the farmer. Tell them all

about New Zealand, Australia and Egypt, the Chamber of Commerce and "Big Biz" and how they make butter in Denmark. We've heard the story long enough and if they will not like you any better when you get through than we do, they will sure appreciate you enough to tie you on one end of a rope and save you a doctor bill or a jail sentence.

The venerable judge is on the right track, only a little short. He should have included the whole Townley, Lemke-Liederbach code (with the exception of two or three laws). The whole smear is not worth the paper it is written on. Put constructive legislation in its place, legislation that will bring co-operation between all big and small industries. The big industries need a fair return on their investments. So does the farmer. Cut out the grafters and the slick tongued fairytale politicians.

If anybody will explain to me beyond a shadow of a doubt that the farmer fool program is a benefit to anybody else than a politician, I will get down on my knees and apologize until tears run down my back.

To reduce the slacker's taxes 50 per cent for three successive years is a crime. Let them all have the benefit of the farmer fool program, good or bad. They are all entitled to it. The howler needs it the worst. Noody should be excluded from paying taxes. All property should be on the tax list, not in classes but at a fair value. We were fined for living in a fair house, but now we are fined worse for living on a farm.

I advise that all green timber intended for the legislature be put in a hot kiln and seasoned before entered on duty. The kiln would have to be pretty hot to season some of our late legislators, for they are strong 3-4 political water, hard to season, and finally nothing left but a dried up herring. Liederbach and Church should give us a few more letters. They sure contain the dope.

S. J. NAGEL.

MANDAN MAN IS FINED \$100

Frank Broker, of Mandan, who pleaded guilty in federal court to a charge of destroying evidence, the evidence being a bottle of liquor taken in a raid in Mandan, was fined \$100 by Judge Miller.

The trial of Joe Horncloud, charged with shooting at an Indian on the Standing Rock reservation, proceeded today.

TEACHER WAGE LAW ATTACKED

Resolutions in Towner County Ask Scale Lowered

Cando, N. D., March 16.—Discussing tax matters at a mass meeting here, Towner county officials and taxpayers, adopted resolutions to the following effect:

Favoring revision downward of the minimum wage for teachers.

Recommending that road work wages on a 10-hour basis be: overseer, \$3.50; man, \$3.00; team, \$2.00; road dragging, 37 1/2c a mile one way.

Recommending that a graded valuation on real estate commensurate with enhanced values due to proximity to state highways.

Favoring repeal of Chapter 93 of the 1921 Session laws pertaining to the price of state printing.

Recommending that county, township, school and city officials make a careful comparison between expenses, taxes, and all costs of 1915 and 1921, with a view to determining the causes of tax increases and ways in which they may be reduced.

Persian carpet designs have been handed down from remote ages.

DUNBAR ASKS COURT RELIEF

Files Application with Supreme Court in Contempt Case

Harry B. Dunbar, state license inspector under former Attorney General Lemke, has applied to the supreme court for a writ of certiorari directed against District Judge W. L. Nuesse and Jesse M. Cran, clerk of district court of Stutsman county, following Judge Nuesse's order to Dunbar to appear before him on March 24 and show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt of court.

Dunbar had been summoned before Judge Nuesse on March 10 to answer concerning the possession of an automobile and whiskey taken from whiskey runners in Stutsman county last summer. One of the run runners was killed in a running fight. J. K. Murray of Mott, attorney for Dunbar, appeared before Judge Nuesse at Jamestown March 10 but Judge Nuesse refused to regard this as sufficient, Dunbar having been summoned.

In his application to the supreme court, Dunbar declares that the automobile is in a garage in Bismarck where it can be had by the attorney general's license department and that District Judge Lowe, of Minot, issued an order for the destruction of the carload of whiskey captured.

The two men who were arrested in the case gave bond and forfeited the bonds by non-appearance.

COMPLAIN ASHES CAUSE DAMAGE

Merchants Petition Commission Against Hughes Electric Practice

A petition will be presented to the city commission, probably Monday evening, asking the commission to take steps to abate the practice of removing ashes of the Hughes Electric company as a nuisance.

The petition, which is being signed by business men who are affected, states that the plant operates a device for the purpose of removing ashes and cinders, recently installed, which conveys the ashes outside the plant where the wind catches them and scatters them over a wide territory.

The ashes find their way into mercantile establishments, hotels, residences and other buildings, soiling and damaging merchandise, covering floors and depreciating the value of property. The guests coming on hotel trains are annoyed in going to hotels. The petition states that serious losses occur each month by damage caused to merchandise.

SUIT STARTED IN HOMEBUILDERS'

Attorney General Sveinbjorn Johnson to Determine the Liability of the Persons for Whom Houses were Built or to Whom they were Sold by the Home Building Association. The suit is directed against C. O. Fossum of Bismarck and asks judgment for \$7,293.83.

Fossum's case is one of 14 where houses were under construction or completed when a verbal deal for the sale of the house was completed by the association.

GUNDER OLSON TO QUIT G. O. P. EXECUTIVE BODY

Will Resign Position as National Committeeman in Near Future, It Is Expected

CREATES COMPLICATION

Said He Would Have to File Resignation with Leaguer Who Heads Lawful G.O.P. Body

Resignation of Gunder Olson, national Republican committeeman, is expected in the near future as soon as the middle over his successor is cleared up to the best interests of the republican party.

Under the law, it is urged, Mr. Olson files his resignation with F. C. Nichols, of Heaton, chairman of the state Republican committee. Mr. Lemke then would call a meeting of the committee and select a successor to Mr. Olson. This selection must be confirmed by the National Republican committee.

Since it has been suggested by some republicans that Gunder Olson who is now collector of internal revenue call a convention of republicans, the issue has been raised that as a federal office-holder he must renounce all political activity.

This is just what Mr. Olson is trying to do but to the satisfaction of those who truly represent the principles of the republican party. But he is faced by a peculiar situation. Burleigh Spalding claims that he is chairman of the real Republican committee and that it would be proper for him to receive the resignation of Mr. Olson as national committeeman.

On the other hand F. C. Nichols is a nonpartisan and although holding the title of republican chairman under the party laws of the state, there are many who do not want to throw the control of the Republican committee into those channels.

Hence one of the nice complications, only one of a select few that confront the Republican party in this state. Spalding on one side and Nichols on the other give the republicans a choice that is embarrassing to say the least.

It has been suggested by some Republicans that Gunder Olson call a conference of Republicans and state the issues plainly. Federal laws prevent his further participation in active politics and his resignation is a matter of time now, but no improperly would attach it is argued were he to call Republicans together as a last official act and present his resignation.

Anxious to Retire. Mr. Olson is anxious to retire as national committeeman and must under the federal statute, but he is confronted with a situation that is perplexing in the extreme. Since his appointment as federal official, Mr. Olson has refused to exercise the functions of a national committeeman.

As a general farewell and testimonial to his past services a general meeting of Republicans is being suggested in the hopes that some solid ground may be arrived upon to combat a situation that menaces the success of a resumption of regular party control in this state.

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SHEA CONFIRMED AS U. S. MARSHAL

According to information received in Fargo, the nomination of James Shea to be United States marshal for North Dakota has been confirmed by the United States senate. It is expected that Shea will take his place within a few days.

S. J. Doyle, present marshal, was in Bismarck today to attend court. He denied reports that serious charges had been filed against him. He had not been informed of Shea's confirmation, he said.

BOOMING OF CANNONS, STRAINS OF MANY BANDS, MARK ROTARY CONFERENCE

Duluth, Minn., March 16.—Booming of cannons, the battle of drums and strains of martial music from half a dozen drum corps and bands announced to Duluth at daybreak today that district chiefs and their commands were on hand for the opening of the 15th district Rotary conference which continues through tomorrow.

LEAGUERS HERE IN CONVENTION

The Burleigh county convention of the Nonpartisan league is being held today in Bismarck. The convention was to be called to order this afternoon. Delegates will be elected to the state convention to be held in Fargo, March 23.

SOUTH AFRICAN GENERAL STRIKE DECLARED ENDED

Decision Taken By Old South African Federation, Announced

Johannesburg, March 16.—(By the Associated Press).—The strike of miners which has held South Africa in its grip for more than two months has been called off.

The decision was taken by the old South African industrial federation as distinct from the federation augmented executives. It announced first that the general strike was null and void; that the augmented executives would call off the mine strike and third that the government was repudiated.

No new taxations; no issuance of new securities is at present required. It provides for the veteran in need a method of obtaining aid. The amounts required each year after July 1, 1923, are small compared to those that have heretofore been met and can be provided without any difficulty or derangement of our financial situation.

G. O. P. CONFER ON COMPENSATION

Chairman Fordney to Introduce Bonus Bill Today

Washington, March 16.—A petition for a conference of Republican house members for next Monday night to consider the compromise soldier bonus bill was put in circulation today by representative Linsberger, of California, a former service man and received a number of signatures within a short time.

BILL INTRODUCED. Washington, March 16.—The compromise soldiers' bill as finally revised was re-introduced in the house by Chairman Fordney, who submitted a majority report from the ways and means committee, claiming these advantages of the bill:

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Plans to tend to promote savings habits among the veterans. It protects the veteran himself and his family from misfortune in the future. It will create a class of home builders who will greatly increase the mass of prosperity in the country.

DELEGATES TO GENOA NAMED

London, March 16.—(By the Associated Press).—Prime Minister Lloyd George and Marquis Curzon, secretary of foreign affairs, will be among Great Britain's delegates to the Genoa economic conference, it was announced in the house of commons.

MRS. OBENCHAIN'S TRIAL CLOSING

Los Angeles, Calif., March 16.—Tonight may see the close of the argument to the jury in the trial of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, but early today it was regarded as probable the jurors would not be instructed and retire for deliberation before tomorrow.

J. Rush, chief defense counsel, who began the closing argument for the acquittal of Mrs. Obenchain yesterday was expected to conclude this morning.

TRAFFIC COP ARRESTS WIFE

Oakland, Calif., March 16.—Traffic Policeman W. H. Garrett appeared in the police court records today as the complaining witness against his wife for cutting a corner where he was on duty.

He halted the offending driver before discovering her identity but arrested her anyhow and ordered her to proceed to the police station. She obeyed and deposited \$10 bail.

DULUTH HOST TO ROTARIANS OF 4 STATES

Minnesota, North Dakota, Michigan and Wisconsin Send Delegates to District Conference

ROTARY IS AN IDEAL

One That Can Be Applied In Every Day Life, Says First Vice President Cummings

Duluth, Minn., March 16.—Speaking in the same city where ten years ago Rotary emerged from a natural organization into an international organization, Alfred H. Zimmerman of Wausau, Wis., district governor, declared here today before the annual district conference of Rotarians from Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Michigan that "a Rotary club is a training school for unselfishness and service and its chief object is both to accomplish the practical and ideal betterment of the individual member of his business; to accomplish the betterment of each class of mankind in profession; and to accomplish the betterment of his home, city, state and country."

"Rotary values men for what they are more than for what they have; and for what they can be more than for what they are. Rotary looks upon a call to service as a privilege to be sought, not a burden to be avoided."

Rotary has grown more rapidly since 1912 than during the first seven years, the speaker asserted. He considered the growth remarkable "considering the fact that Rotary has never at any time employed paid organizers."

"And in addition," he said, "as some of you fellows, who have acted as the governor's special representative know, extreme care has always been exercised in surveying cities applying for membership, to make sure that such communities are ready for a Rotary club and are of sufficient size to assure a membership restricted to one man from each business or profession."

Emphasized Education. Referring to his terms of office, Mr. Zimmerman said he had emphasized "Education in Rotary instead of merely increasing the number of clubs in the district."

"The highest monthly attendance record the district has had prior to January 1, 1921, was 79.65," he said. "Last December our record was 84.63 per cent."

Declaring "attendance is the creator of everything," Mr. Zimmerman characterized it as "The evidence of enthusiasm; creator of good fellowship and provider of inspiration to do the work we are supposed to do. Attendance is running the world and its co-ordinated part today," he asserted. "This is true in Rotary," he continued, "and the man who goes to the meeting and puts his full heart into the work, and loves it, that is a true and real Rotarian."

Visualizing Rotary as a "great world power," Ralph W. Cummings of Lancaster, Pa., first vice president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, admonished the delegates to "think of Rotary as a creator of understanding—an apostle of toleration."

Expressing confidence that Rotary will take its place among the leading disseminators of unselfish service, Mr. Cummings declared such a world organization "would not attempt to dictate policies of government, nor endeavor to run things," but would "endeavor to put into practice the every day application of the Golden Rule."

"We made a great start toward this by holding our last international convention in Scotland," declared Mr. Cummings, "and I am confident that everyone from this side of the Atlantic, who went on this trip, has a better understanding of the people and the countries that we visited. We grew to know these people and to me that seems one of the greatest things that has ever happened in Rotary—the privilege of so many people of different nationalities coming into close contact with each other, and learning to really know the other man and his point of view."

"Those people over there opened their homes, took us in as old friends, even though few of us had ever known any of them before and they made us feel perfectly at home, simply because we were Rotarians. And this spirit and our intimate relations with these people has undoubtedly helped to promote a better understanding between the peoples of the nations represented there. And as we look into the future of Rotary and think of the possibilities that lie before us when all nations shall be represented in our organization, there seems to be no limit to the possibilities of this great work—the promotion of understanding."

"Rotary is more than an organization. It is not simply an opportunity to have a good time and enjoy ourselves at our weekly meetings. Rotary is an ideal—a workable ideal—that we can apply in our everyday life both in our business and social affairs."

Washington, March 16.—Despite acquiescence in the senate agreement to vote finally on the four-power treaty on March 24, the irreconcilables today expressed their lack of intention of abandoning their war against the arms conference agreement.

Administration leaders persisted in their declaration that agreement on the vote marked the collapse of all hope for defeat of any of the conference treaties, but Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, went on the floor with the irreconcilable onslaught charging that the whole conference program "had been misrepresented to the public."

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4-POWER PACT RATIFICATION HELD CERTAIN

Administration Leaders Regard Unanimous Agreement For Vote Settling Matter

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

New Proposals Dumped Into Senate Hopper Before Vote Agreement is Reached

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Washington, March 16.—Administration leaders today regarded ratification of the four-power Pacific treaty in the senate as placed beyond the pale of all doubt by developments resulting from the unanimous consent agreement to limit debate and take a final vote Friday, March 24.

The agreement was proposed on the senate floor after a series of conferences among the various senate elements, and was accepted virtually without debate.

It provides that no further reservations or amendments shall be voted until next Tuesday, that speeches on the treaty shall be limited to one hour and those on reservations to 30 minutes each, beginning on Wednesday, and that final vote shall be taken without debate as soon as the senate convenes on the following Friday.

More Amendments Offered. A new crop of reservations and amendments was thrown into the senate hopper late yesterday. One was the original reservation prepared by Senator Brandegee, Republican, of Connecticut, and discussed in the senate relations committee before Senator Brandegee conferred with President Harding. It was presented by Senator Johnson, Republican, of California, who thus described it:

"I offer this reservation for the reason that it represents the concentrated wisdom of a majority of the foreign relations committee, or rather, it did represent that concentrated wisdom at one time.

A reservation introduced by Senator Shields, Democrat, Tennessee, would declare that the United States enters the four power arrangement solely for the purpose of avoiding friction in the Pacific, and without any intention of departing from American traditions against involvement in foreign quarrels.

Would Pledge Powers. A new amendment to pledge the four powers against entering into any secret treaty or understanding was put in by Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas.

General debate on the treaty was resumed by Senator Ransdell, Democrat, Louisiana, with a speech urging ratification. He said he could not support one of the arms conference treaties and oppose others because he considered they "must stand or fall together."

NEW EPIDEMIC THREATENING

Outbreak is Reported in Eastern Washington

Washington, March 16.—An outbreak of rabies is raging in the eastern section of the state in Washington, according to the Department of Agriculture. Reports from field agents are said to indicate a similarity of the epidemic with that of 1915 which caused the loss of life of 2,100 persons on five Rocky Mountain states before it was checked.

Spread of the disease was attributed in the report to infected coyotes, cases having been cited where these animals have attacked people in their homes and in streets of smaller towns.

WOOL GROWERS TO ORGANIZE

St. Paul, March 16.—Recommendations that the wool growers of the United States work and organize toward the ultimate end of perfecting a national wool pool and selling agency were included in a report made by a committee appointed at a recent meeting of wool growers which met here yesterday.

The committee met to form a wool co-operative marketing association and to discuss feasibility of marketing the 1921 clip co-operatively with a view of making a report on March 29.