

MR. DUIS DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGLECT

Tells Evening Times He Did Not Know of Gross Earnings Tax in Tri-State.

Mayor George E. Duis disclaims any responsibility in the failure of the city to collect the quarterly tax of 2 per cent on the gross income of the Tri-State Telephone company...

In May, 1903, a franchise was granted to the Tri-State Telephone company and among other things it provided that the company should make quarterly reports to the city auditor...

While the Tri-State Telephone company has been operating their exchange since about March 1, 1905, approximately a year, the records of the city auditor's office show that no such reports have been made...

To the end that the facts in the case might be laid before the people of Grand Forks, The Evening Times, after ascertaining the facts relative to the matter at the office of the city auditor, submitted the following questions to Mayor Duis this morning...

"Mayor Duis, why has the provision of the franchise granted to the Tri-State Telephone company relative to a quarterly report and a quarterly payment of a 2 per cent tax on their gross receipts not been enforced?"

"The fact of the matter is, I had forgotten that there was such a provision in that franchise until my attention was called to it the other day by the local manager of the Tri-State Telephone company..."

"Mayor Duis, are you a shareholder in the Tri-State Telephone company?" "Emphatically, I am not. I do not own a stock in the Tri-State Telephone company any more than you do..."

Mayor Duis then outlined in detail the fight of the Tri-State people to get their franchise from the city council and how he had assisted them as a private citizen to secure their franchise because he believed that two telephone systems were desirable in Grand Forks...

The tenor of Mayor Duis' conversation was to the effect that he had neglected to inform himself relative to the provisions of the franchise held by the Tri-State people or else had forgotten of its existence. He did not seem to be quite clear as to which of the two forms his negligence had taken, but he frankly confessed that he had been negligent but in the first instance it was not his duty to see to the enforcement of ordinances and was but indirectly responsible—responsible for the acts of his appointees...

C. P. Trepanier, local manager of the Tri-State Telephone company, when seen by The Evening Times, said: "My attention was called to the provision of the franchise under which we are operating in Grand Forks relative to the quarterly report and gross receipts tax about ten days ago by City Auditor Brown. I at once communicated with the head office and as soon as possible I will receive the necessary report and the taxes to date."

"There has been no intention on the part of the company to evade the tax. I was made manager after the franchise was secured and was not particularly familiar with it. Besides, I have been very busy with the work of promoting new lines and extending our local business. The city never asked for a report nor intimated in any way that one was to be made and I had forgotten about it."

The franchise under which the Grand Forks Transit company is operating calls for a yearly report and a gross receipts tax as soon as their receipts exceed \$5,000. No report has been made by this company to the city. President Leslie Stinson when seen by The Evening Times, said: "We are perfectly willing to make such an annual report if our franchise demands it, but I do not remember that we were to make such a report. The city has never asked for such a report or they would have received it."

VISITING THE CAPITOL

Grand Forks Party Enroute Home. From Palm Beach Are at National Capitol—Will Visit New York and Virginia Hot Springs.

Washington, March 24.—A company of Grand Forks leading business people with their wives are in Washington today returning from Palm Beach, Fla. The list includes Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rand, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Clifford. A number of this delegation will go to New York and afterward to Virginia Hot Springs before returning to their North Dakota home.

A SERIOUS INJURY.

Earl Williams Dislocates Arm at Elbow by Fall on Ice.

Earl Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Williams of South Third street, suffered a very serious injury Thursday afternoon as the result of which he will be confined to the house for some time and suffer much pain. The young man, who is 17 years old, while skating on a pond near the family home tripped and fell, dislocating the arm at the elbow joint. The seriousness of the injury was not discovered until yesterday when an investigation by Dr. Fawcett discovered a very serious dislocation. The patient was placed under the influence of chloroform and the arm replaced. This is one of the most difficult operations of the kind in surgery and the patient suffered much pain but is resting easier today.

THE SUBJECTIVE MIND.

Prof. McEwen Discusses Scientific Side of Hypnotism Last Night.

Last evening McEwen, the hypnotist, magician and mind reader, closed his five night engagement at the Metropolitan opera house. There can be no question but that McEwen is the cleverest man in his line before the public today. His work in all three departments is of a high order and draws immense crowds. Last evening the opera house was filled to the doors and the audience was interested from start to finish. Prof. McEwen discussed the scientific side of his subject and advanced the generally accepted theory of the quality of the human mind to explain the wonders of his art.

A business man will not value your services highly if you have not shown a knack of advertising them effectively.

"Want ad. gumption" is not a sixth sense—it is a sort of art of living with least annoyance, least friction, least friction.

When you get something new—desk, side board, table, cabinet, shelving, show case, typewriter, machinery—don't shove or store the old, but find a buyer through a want ad.

"From having wishes in consequence of our wants, we often feel wants in consequence of our wishes. But if our wants are well advertised our wishes will not make us bankrupt."

If your property is not just what you need, exchange it—through a classified ad—for something better—better for you. "My neighbor has fertile meadows, but my field only holds the world together" is a sentiment old as the race.

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Schwam's 8 Days Spring Opening Sale. ALL GOODS MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES. In order to meet new customers and introduce my new Spring stock of Miller Hand Made clothes I have decided to let every man in Grand Forks come to my store, for 8 days, and select any of the articles advertised below and deduct 25 per cent. from my regular prices, pay the balance and get a new Spring suit without the profit. I want to prove to you that I sell BETTER GOODS FOR THE SAME MONEY OR EQUAL GOODS FOR LESS MONEY. Sale starts Saturday, March 24th at 8 A. M. 8 DAYS 8 Sale closes Saturday, March 31st at 8 P. M. Men's Department, Young Men's Department, Children's Department, Shoes, Hats and Furnishings. YOUR MONEY BACK IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED. Clothier : : Furnisher GEO. SCHWAM 123 SOUTH THIRD STREET. My Word is My Bond Shoes and Traveling Bags

CHURCHES

An Echo Meeting. There will be an echo meeting at the First Methodist church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, consisting of short impromptu talks by delegates to the great missionary convention at Fargo. This promises to be an interesting and unique service. The general topic will be "What Impressed Me Most."

PERSONALS. Presiding Elder Burns of the Methodist church was in the city last night on his way to the quarterly conference at Langdon.

Bishop Cameron Mann, who was in the city last night, went to Langdon today where he will confirm a class tomorrow.

County Superintendent Sonderal of Walsh county was in the city last night.

Rev. John Orchard of Fargo stopped in the city last night on his way to Park River.

First Baptist. Frank E. R. Miller, pastor. Public worship at 10:30 a. m., with a sermon upon the subject: "The Wrong in Retaliation." In the evening at 7:30 the subject of the sermon will be: "A Defective Idea of God." Bible school at 12. B. Y. P. U. in the lecture room at 6:30, Miss Thirza Wallace, leading. Wednesday evening the pastor will deliver a lecture in the sacred literature course upon "The Last Days of the Apostle John." Passiontide services will be held from April 8 to 15 every evening.

St. Paul's Episcopal. Services at St. Paul's church fourth Sunday in Lent, March 25. Holy communion, 8 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11. Evensong and sermon, 7:30. Sermon of the Sunday, service, 9:45 a. m. Lenten services during the week will be discontinued until Friday. Evening prayer Friday at 7:30; Saturday at 5.

Presbyterian. Morning service at 10:30. Subject of sermon, "Telepathy." Evening service at 7:30. Subject of sermon, "Climbing a Tree to See Jesus." Sunday school at 12:15. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Strangers specially invited to all these services. A hearty welcome for all.

First Church of Christ, Scientist. Regular Sunday services at 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m. Subject "Unreality." Sunday school at 12:20 p. m. Church edifice corner of Belmont and Fourth avenues. Public reading room in Clifford building. Open week days from 2 to 4 p. m. All cordially invited to attend these services and visit the reading room.

The First Methodist church, one block from the leading hotels. J. M. Beadles, pastor. Public worship, 10:30 a. m. Subject of sermon, "God's Colt." Bible school, 12 to 1. E. E. Rorapugh, superintendent. Junior league, 3 p. m. Miss Lily Anderson, superintendent. Epworth league, 6:30 p. m. Topic, Africa—"Daybreak on the Dark Continent." Leader, Mr. J. M. Ryngaard. Public worship, 7:30 p. m. Echoes of the great missionary convention at Fargo. Short talks by delegates. A hearty welcome to all at the "Open Church." Good music by double quartette.

Taylor's bond scheme in La Moure county got stuck in a snow drift.

Some towns need a few funerals to get rid of the noted business timber.

Four tons of dynamite exploded at Churches Ferry, and some people thought a local politician had been touched off again.

BEAUTIES OF NIAGARA FALLS ARE THREATENED

(Continued from page 1.) While the injury will be perceptible, it may not be destructive or disastrous. "Improvements in the transmission of electric power and increased demand will make a market for all power which can be developed at Niagara Falls, and will cause the destruction of the falls as a scenic spectacle if the development be allowed to go on unchecked. Charters have been granted to corporations which propose to divert additional amounts in quantities not now limited. The sum of money invested, or being invested, in the works now in operation or under construction or in the industries dependent upon them, amount to many millions of dollars. It is probably not expedient to attempt the withdrawal of the rights thus utilized. The commercial value of the water power at Niagara Falls is very great, but if compared with that set aside by wealthy communities elsewhere for park purchases, this value is not too great to be devoted to similar purposes. The place is visited annually by 800,000 people. "If the falls are to be preserved it must be by mutual agreement between the two countries. As a step in that direction we recommend that legislation be enacted which shall contain the following provisions, viz: "The secretary of war to be authorized to grant permits for the diversion of 25,500 cubic feet per second, and no more, from the waters naturally tributary to Niagara Falls, distributed as follows: Niagara Falls Power and Manufacturing Co. 9,500; Erie canal or its tenants (in addition to lock service) 400; Chicago drainage canal 10,600. All other diversion of water which is naturally tributary to Niagara Falls to be prohibited, except such as may be required for domestic use or for the service of locks in navigation canals. Suitable penalties for violation of the law to be prescribed. "The foregoing prohibition to re-

main in force two years, and then to come the permanent law of the state, if in the meantime the Canadian government shall have enacted legislation prohibiting the diversion of the water which is naturally tributary to Niagara Falls, in excess of 36,000 cubic feet per second, not including the amounts required for domestic use or for the service of locks in navigation canals. It is assumed, however, that an understanding upon this subject would be reached by treaty. "The object of such legislation would be to put a stop to the further depletion of the falls, and at the same time inflict the least possible injury upon the important interests now dependent upon this water power. The amount to be diverted on the Canadian side 35,000 feet has been fixed with a view to allowing to the companies on that side the amounts for which they have works under construction. "Such legislation would give to Canada the advantage of diverting 7,500 cubic feet per second more than is diverted in the United States. The advantage is more apparent than real, since the power generated on the Canadian side will to a large extent be transmitted and used in the United States. In the negotiation of a treaty, however, the point should be considered. "The substance of this report was submitted to our Canadian colleagues, before the passage of the joint resolution, with a view to uniting in a joint report under the general law providing for the commission. There was a substantial agreement in the statement of facts and such difference as developed with respect to the recommendations which ought to be made did not seem insuperable, but our colleagues desired time for further consideration. We have no doubt of their sympathetic interest in carrying out that part of the instructions contained in the resolution, which requires us to exert in conjunction with the members of said commission representing the Dominion of Canada, if practicable, all possible efforts for the preservation of Niagara Falls in their natural condition."

Spring Challenge Sale

A sale of new Spring stock of Jewelry, Watches, Silverware, Cut Glass and Fancy China. I don't want to indulge in any "fancy work" talk about this sale, it's plain business with me—should be with you. I am here to sell you a new and up to date stock at less prices than others ask for old stock and odd, out of date sets. My challenge price offer is good any time.

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Sterling Silver Ware. Quality counts here. My silverware is of such a quality that I do not have to sell by the pound. Others—\$1.00 Sterling Silverware 50c. Others—\$2.00 Sterling Silver pieces \$1.00. Others—\$5.00 Sterling Silver pieces \$2.50. Others—\$10.00 Sterling Silver pieces \$5.00.

CHALLENGE SALE CUT GLASS AND HAND PAINTED CHINA. New Spring Designs. Others—\$3.00 Cut Glass pieces \$1.50. Others—\$5.00 Cut Glass pieces \$2.50. Others—\$10.00 Cut Glass pieces \$5.00. Others—\$15.00 Cut Glass pieces \$7.50. Challenge Price 8-inch Cut Glass Bowls for \$3.00. Challenge prices on Hand Painted China in proportion.

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