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MINNESOTA'S GOVERNOR DIES

Governor W. S. Hammond Expires in Louisiana.

SUCCESSOR IS REPUBLICAN

Was On Business Trip Down South—Stroke of Apoplexy Causes His Death.

Governor Winfield Scott Hammond of Minnesota died suddenly in a hotel at Clinton, Louisiana, early Thursday from a stroke of apoplexy, which physicians stated apparently had been superinduced by a recent attack of ptomaine poisoning. He died before physicians could arrive.

Governor Hammond, accompanied by a business associate, arrived at Clinton three days ago to inspect his extensive land and timber interests there. He had not been well for several days, but did not consider his condition sufficiently serious to consult a physician.

Shortly after breakfast, Governor Hammond went into the washroom of his hotel and a moment later Mr. Nowell and others heard him groaning. Rushing in they found the governor on the floor. He was carried to his room and physicians summoned but he expired within a few minutes.

Accompanied by Mr. Nowell and an escort from the Masonic lodge of Clinton, the body will be taken north. The Masons will go as far as Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Governor Hall of Louisiana sent word from Baton Rouge that he and several members of his staff will accompany the body to Vicksburg.

The news of the governor's death was a complete surprise in St. Paul, as he departed a week ago, apparently in good health, to inspect some farm lands which he owns in the vicinity of Clinton.

Winfield Scott Hammond, eighteenth governor of Minnesota, was inaugurated just about a year ago, following his election on the Democratic ticket. Previously he had served several terms in the national house of representatives, being sent to Washington from the second Minnesota district. He was unmarried. He was born at South Boro, Chester, Massachusetts. He was educated at Dartmouth college, where he graduated with the class of 1884. He moved to Minnesota as a young man and was admitted to the bar, practicing law at St. James.

Lieut. Governor J. A. A. Durinquist, who succeeds the late governor, is a republican.

DISCUSS LAND MATTERS.

The entire Montana delegation, with Thomas Dignan and Matt Murray of Glasgow, were given a hearing Monday by Secretary Lane, at which conditions on the Milk River reclamation project were discussed, says a Washington dispatch.

When the project was commenced, the farm unit was established at 160 acres and many of the land owners arranged to take water on that basis. Recently the reclamation service decided that the farm unit should be eighty acres, and that owners of larger areas under the project should sell all of their holdings over that amount. This proposed arrangement is causing great dissatisfaction and the land owners sent Dignan and Murray to Washington to have the original plan continued.

Secretary Lane heard the Montana people, but did not give any assurance as to the action to be taken. He said he would consult the reclamation officials before taking final action. He intimated that the 160-acre unit plan had not proven a success on the lower Yellowstone project, eighty acres being about the amount of land that could be profitably irrigated and farmed.

BACHELORS BEWARE!

At midnight tonight, the new year will begin and with it comes those 365 days of hope to the maiden ladies, viz: Leap Year. Every bachelor who is not immune from Dan Cupid's wiles is warned to be on the alert, because some designing young lady may have him singled out as her victim. "Preparedness" should be the watchword of every unmarried male of legal age, for this is open season for the opposite sex to lead some victim to the altar, there to vow to "love, honor and obey."

Some of the bachelors in Glasgow

are, on the other hand, tickled to see the year of "leaps" come around again. Judge Lindel P. "Poke" Evans has passed through many a leap year without even getting scratched by an arrow from Cupid's dart, but this year he believes he will head the list of eligibles for some fair maiden's heart. To those who may be planning on courting the good judge the next year, it might be suggested that the Kentucky style of love-making be followed, as the judge is thoroughly familiar with this.

There is some talk of forming a Protective Club of Eligible Bachelors and several have been exceedingly eager to join. Those who are now on the waiting list are Paul Vornholt, who has run the gauntlet of scores of fair ones who have sought his hand; Joe Sternhagen, who has an Overland car; Fred Weigel of the Toggery, who sports a pup with symptoms of zellgewebent-zuendung; R. S. McKellar, Ben Cottrell and Fred Williams.

And while warning the bachelors, it might be well enough to begin suggesting to the girls to look before they leap.

NEW HOTEL MANAGER.

Howard A. Noble, formerly general passenger agent for the Great Northern, has been named to succeed James Shoemaker as manager of the Glacier Park hotel. Cal. E. Stone, who has retired from the place of general passenger agent will succeed Mr. Noble. The naming of Mr. Noble for the position of Glacier Park hotel manager will be pleasing to Montanans in general, as he is a confirmed Montana booster.

GLASGOW WINS BASKETBALL GAME

Local Boys Overwhelm Opponents by Fast Playing.

In a one-sided, but intensely interesting game, the Glasgow high school basketball team defeated the Malta high school team Thursday night.

The game did not begin until 9 o'clock, as the train which the Malta boys arrived on did not get in until 8:30.

The Glasgow boys outplayed the Malta boys and had them outclassed at every stage of the game in speed and team work. The Malta team had numerous chances at baskets from fouls, but they did not make many of them, although most of their points were scored as a result of free throws. The game was clean and there was no rough work on the part of either side.

The Malta team showed lack of experience and lack of practice and were probably at a disadvantage playing in a strange gymnasium. The work of the local boys showed the result of much practice, and the team work during the first half could hardly have been improved on. In the first half, the Malta team made some hard attempts at baskets, but luck broke against them and the half ended with the score in Glasgow's favor.

There was a very small but enthusiastic attendance at the game, which resulted in a small gate receipt. It is to be regretted that local people do not show more interest in the high school basketball team and their games, for they are a team that the city can be proud of. Their work last night showed that they were devoting a great deal of time to practice and if they play as consistent a game during the season as they played last night, they have a chance to win the district championship in Havre next month. Every member of the team played a fine, clean game.

SHOOTING NEARLY FATAL.

Fred Smith, living near the Canadian boundary line northwest of Ransom in Sheridan county, was placed under arrest last week and taken to Plentywood, charged with attempted murder. Smith, it is alleged, walked over the Canadian line a short distance and while over there met a rig in which were Clifford Rakestraw and Smith's step-daughter. Smith ordered the girl from the rig, but was refused by Rakestraw, who whipped up the team. Smith then drew up his gun and took a pot shot at Rakestraw, the charge taking effect in the back of the right shoulder and arm. A warrant was issued by the Northwest Mounted Police for Smith's arrest and the officers on this side were notified.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GLASGOW COMMERCIAL CLUB

Tuesday, January 4th at 8 p. m.

Members of the Glasgow Commercial club should be at the club rooms on next Tuesday night when the annual meeting will be held. Not only the members but every citizen interested in the development of Glasgow is especially invited to be present.

Election of officers, the annual report of the club work for the past year, and subjects of particular importance will be under discussion.

Results obtained the past two years through work instituted by the Commercial club proves it worthy of support and the cooperation of every business interest in Glasgow. A large attendance at the annual meeting is anticipated.

PRISONERS ATTEMPT JAIL DELIVERY

Sheriff Powell Frustrates Plan to Dig Way Out.

An attempted jail delivery by prisoners in the county jail who are being held to the district court on serious charges, was frustrated Sunday night by Sheriff Powell and his deputies when they caught some of the prisoners at work digging their way through the stone wall.

The men were digging with the ram rod of an old squirt gun, such as is used in the jail for praying disinfectants, and Sheriff Powell believes that they had been working on the hole for some time. Along the west wall of the jail a clothesline had been hung for the use of the prisoners, and sheltered by the clothes hanging on the line, the men had been doing their best to work their way out. The digging must have been done when they were released from their cells to go to meals, which is an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon. They had succeeded in getting a hole about ten inches deep and large enough for a man to crawl through, but their failure to cover up their work led to the discovery. For several days the officers had been watching the prisoners closely, the first suspicion coming when they found gravel on the corridor floor. Sunday night the men were caught working on their avenue of escape and were locked up in their cells. Smith and McDonald, who are being held in connection with a train robbery, were the ringleaders in the attempted delivery.

THROUGH RATE STOPPED.

All joint tariffs on grain from Montana to points south and east of St. Paul have been cancelled by the Great Northern railway, effective January 10.

Although the cancellations were filed with the Interstate Commerce commission more than two years ago, the announcement was just made a few days ago.

Three-fourths of the grain from Montana into the Twin Cities is carried by the Great Northern. The effect of the cancellations is to make necessary the rebilling of all through cars of grain at St. Paul.

Dispute about the division of the through rate heretofore in effect brought about the decision of the Great Northern to cancel its through rates.

The local rate on wheat to St. Paul is 24 cents a 100 pounds and from St. Paul to Chicago, 10 cents.

The Great Northern at present has through grain tariffs with the St. Paul, Northwestern, Omaha, Soo, Rock Island, Burlington, Minneapolis & St. Louis, Illinois Central and Great Western lines. All these are to be cancelled.

MONTANA LEADS NATION.

Wool production in the United States during 1915, as estimated by the United States department of agriculture, is placed at 288,777,000 pounds with a value of \$67,573,814, or \$14,000,000 more than last year.

The production was 1,415,000 pounds less than last year and 7,398,000 pounds less than in 1913. The price of unwashed wool paid to producers, has averaged 23.4 cents per pound, compared with 18.4 cents last year and 15.7 cents in 1913.

Montana led in production with 29,040,000 pounds. Wyoming was a close second with 28,662,000 pounds.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

George W. Ruffcorn of Glasgow and Myrtle F. Haltiner of Glentana; Oscar B. Horsford and Adelaide Francis of Wolf Point;

GRAIN MARKET AGAIN ADVANCES

Three Cent Rise in Wheat Today—Flax Now \$1.95.

Farmers throughout the county had another opportunity for rejoicing today, when the grain market took another upward fling. Yesterday the elevators here were paying 99 cents for No. 1 northern and today it took a three cent jump, going to \$1.02. No. 2 hard winter wheat and Durum also advanced, today's price for the former being \$1.00 and for the latter 99 cents. There was also a four cent rise in the price of flax over yesterday's quotations, this product advancing to \$1.95. Owing to the numerous snow storms and blizzards the past week and the cold weather that accompanied them, very few farmers have been hauling in their grain and take advantage of the advance in prices, but as soon as the weather becomes favorable, the grain will be coming into the city in a steady stream.

Since the threshing has been completed, Glasgow has shipped out over three hundred cars of grain and there is almost the same amount left to be disposed of. Many farmers are still holding for bigger prices, being confident that a still greater advance in price is due before many weeks. Practically all of the wheat that has been delivered to the elevators or shipped out by the farmers is grading No. 1 and is of fine milling quality.

WEATHER FOR PAST WEEK.

The weather during the period of seven days ending Saturday, December 25, 1915, was much warmer than the preceding week. The change occurred at 5:30 a. m. Monday morning when a strong Chinook began changing the wintry weather into spring-like conditions, which continued until Saturday, December 25, when snow began at 6:12 a. m., turning into a heavy snowstorm which lasted for over five hours, and making a typical Christmas day, and snow covered the ground to a depth of 3.7 inches by noon. The highest temperature during the week was 47 degrees on Tuesday, December 21, and the lowest was on Monday, December 20, making a weekly range in temperature of 37 degrees. The highest temperature for this week in December, taken from 36 years of record, was 62 degrees on December 19, 1886, and the lowest for the same period was 50 degrees below zero December 25, 1884, which makes an absolute oscillation in temperature of 112 degrees, and probably the greatest amplitude of any single week throughout the year. The total precipitation was 0.37 inches which is 0.23 inches above the normal. The duration of sunshine this week was 28.0 hours, the sun being 57.4 hours above the horizon. There were three clear days, one partly cloudy and three cloudy days. The wind force was gentle to moderate, with the prevailing direction from the southwest. The extreme velocity was 38 miles an hour from the southwest on December 22.

C. W. LING,
Observer, Weather Bureau.

LODGE GIVES BANQUET.

At the meeting of the local order of the Eastern Star Monday night in the Masonic hall, Mrs. Leona Sierts, past worthy matron, was presented with a beautiful jewel by Mrs. W. W. Hurd, for the lodge. Mrs. Hurd made a very fitting presentation speech and Mrs. Sierts voiced her thanks to the lodge.

The following officers were installed: Worthy matron, Daisy Grogan; worthy patron, Fred Fischl; associate

matron, Mrs. Storing; conductress, Ida Ebersole; associate conductress, Anna Yerkes; secretary, L. E. Jones; treasurer, Owen Yerkes.

The following were appointed to offices by the worthy matron:

Ada, Sister Herrlinger; Ruth, Martha Anderson; Esther, Mrs. T. A. Hauge; Electra, Cora Pippenger; organist, Elizabeth Hurd; chaplain, Mrs. Rapp; warder, T. A. Hauge; marshal, Nora Ebersole; sentinel, F. H. Smith.

The history of Valley Chapter, O. E. S., is an interesting one. On September 19, 1902, the grand chapter granted the local chapter its charter. Twenty charter members were on the rolls then and the order has grown rapidly, until now it numbers 91 members. The first meetings were held in the north side school house, and in 1903, when the new Masonic hall was completed, this became the permanent meeting place.

REDUCED RATES TO BOZEMAN.

The railroads operating in Montana have granted rates of a fare and one-third for the round trip to Bozeman during Farmers' week. Tickets can be bought from about January 20 to the 27, going and returning, probably up to February 5.

It is expected that the usual certificate plan will be followed and that buyers of Bozeman transportation who present return certificates can purchase the return ticket at one-third the regular price.

A splendid livestock program is being arranged with Professor Cochel of Kansas, Dean Robert Shaw of Michigan; Professor H. R. Smith of Minnesota; Professor Thomas Shaw and others, including the livestock faculty at Bozeman. Some special features never before tried in Montana will be put on this year. A school for horse breeders, a wool demonstration, and a meat demonstration are among the things planned.

DYNAMITE SPOILS BUTTE CELEBRATION

Salvation Army Home Blown Up on Eve of Party.

The quarters of the Butte branch of the Salvation Army, located in a downtown building owned by the army, were damaged Thursday by an explosion of dynamite. The explosion blew the entire store front of the building and shattered glass in a hotel and in a number of stores across the street.

Large boxes of Christmas toys and other materials given the army by department stores for the Christmas celebration, to be held Friday night, were blown into the street. A part of the debris gathered from the car tracks was the Christmas tree, which had been fully decorated in preparation for the good time to be given the destitute children of the city tomorrow evening.

Adjutant L. A. Reno, in charge of the work there, had no theory as to why dynamite should be exploded in the army's building. The police are mystified and have no clue as to the purpose of the outrage, although a report has been circulated that the dynamiting was done as a blind to facilitate the robbery of the bar room in a hotel across the street. If this was the purpose of the dynamiters, it failed for the hotel management declares that no attempt was made to rob the bar room, which had been locked up at midnight.

Wm. Peterson, formerly employed by the Salvation Army, has been arrested as a suspect in the dynamiting. According to Adjutant Reno of the army, Peterson had a dispute with him over the pay for certain services and Peterson, when he failed to receive the amount he thought due him, vowed vengeance. He was seen by detectives loitering about the building a few minutes before the explosion and he was the first on the scene after the blast went off.

The front of the Finlen hotel, the Taylor laundry and the Tait hotel suffered the greatest damage. The damage amounts to \$1,500.

GLASGOW GRAIN MARKET.

Thursday, December 31.	
No. 1 Northern	\$1.02
No. 2 Northern	.98
No. 2 Hard	1.00
Durum	.99
Flax	1.95
Oats	.30
Barley	.46
Rye	.75

NEW FARM LOAN BILL

Measure Now Before Congress Carefully Planned.

REDUCES INTEREST RATE

Local Organizations Will be Big Factor Under the New Arrangement.

A land loan bill, which is expected to have the approval of the administration, will probably be passed in congress at this session.

The bill will provide a comprehensive farm mortgage credits system under the control and supervision of a federal land bank board of five members to be appointed by the president, with the approval of the senate. The country would be divided into 12 districts, each with a regional land bank, having a capital stock of \$500,000, to be issued in \$10 shares for purchase by the public. Any such stock not taken within 90 days by private capital or by a local loan organization, contemplated by the bill, would be subscribed by the federal government.

Business would be done directly between the regional banks and the local bodies which farmers would be authorized to organize in the form of co-operative loan associations or joint stock banks, charters for which would be passed on by the land bank board. Application for loans approved by the local organizations would be recommended to the regional bank of the district. The banks would be authorized to loan out capital stock or to sell bonds to obtain sufficient funds to make the loans, and the farmers would be charged as interest, the interest on the bonds, plus 1 per cent. To reduce the rate of interest on the loan, the application must be acceptable by the board of directors.

The borrowing associations would be divided into two classes, those organized with limited liabilities and those with unlimited liability. They would appraise the land on which a farmer sought to obtain money and would themselves become liability for the loan. Thus the bonds would be backed by the regional banks, the local association, the borrowing farmer and a mortgage on the land given to the association.

Out of their profits, regional banks ultimately would refund to the government such money it may have invested in the enterprise. Payment of the mortgages by borrowers would be made on the installment plan, running for a period of not exceeding 36 years.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Christmas Service at the Congregational church last Sunday morning was one of the most pretentious ever attempted by this organization. The program was largely musical, consisting of a quartet, a solo and three splendid choruses, under the direction of Dr. E. N. Layton, with Miss Bessie Dougherty at the piano. The solo parts were sung by Mrs. A. W. Buckman, Mr. A. J. Torgerson and Dr. Layton.

The opening number was a chant entitled "Come Unto Me," sung by the choir unaccompanied. The chorus "Break Forth into Joy," by Barnaby, while not a new composition, is one of the most popular and was well rendered. The Anthem, "Now When Jesus was Born," by Stean, a new work by this author, was sung with excellent harmony by the quartet. Gounod's bass solo "Nazareth," as sung by Dr. Layton was well received. "There Were Shepherds," by Woodcock, followed, and its harmonies and splendid climaxes were well brought out by the chorus. The heaviest work rendered by the chorus was Haydn's "The Heavens Are Telling," from the oratorio "The Creation." The difficult setting of this composition places it generally beyond the average choir and it was a delightful surprise to the audience to hear it thoroughly well rendered by the chorus choir.

The address by the pastor, the Rev. Allen U. Baer, while very brief was most enjoyable, his theme being "The Christmas Afterglow."

Owing to many requests, the musical program will be repeated on next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the entire chorus participating.