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## JAMESTOWN HOSPITALITY.

### Brilliant Reception Tendered Gov. - Elect Shortridge, in This City.

### Prominent Citizens Respond to Toasts After the Banquet.

### Northern Pacific Snow Fence Crews Quit Work—Railroad Rumbblings.

Party lines were completely obscured at the reception given by the people of Jamestown to Governor-elect Shortridge, and other state officers-elect. Leading republicans, democrats and independents fraternized and extended a most cordial greeting to the city's distinguished guests, and ladies and gentlemen of every shade of political belief united in paying their respects to the next chief executive of North Dakota and to his colleagues in the public service. The reception was held at the Gladstone hotel, which was thronged at an early hour with citizens of the city and visitors from many surrounding towns. At 9 o'clock the governor elect and other guests repaired to the parlors, and for upwards of an hour was engaged in shaking hands with those who called to form his acquaintance or renew former friendships. A reception committee composed of prominent society ladies and business men presented all callers to Governor Shortridge and made everybody feel at ease. The crowd was not only non-partisan but decidedly cosmopolitan; the banker and farmer, the lawyer and clergyman, the merchant and mechanic combined to form a company representative of the people, and each proud to share in the blessings of a government based upon the principle of majority rule. During the progress of the reception, Tunstall's orchestra, stationed in the hallway at the head of the stairs, discoursed its sweetest strains. Later in the evening, when the doors of the banquet hall were thrown open, the orchestra occupied seats at the left of the tables and rendered several popular selections. "Dixie" made the governor-elect smile, and the national airs aroused the American spirit of all present. When the musicians gave their imitation of a railroad train, the governor-elect led in a hearty encore.

Covers were laid for 130 guests and the spacious dining room presented a lively appearance when the seats were all occupied. The bill of fare contained all that could be desired and fully sustained Manager Hatch's excellent reputation in such matters. When the repast had been completed, Public Examiner Wallace, acting as toastmaster, delivered a brief address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Jamestown and Stutsman county. His remarks were both clever and chivalric, and his introduction of the various speakers added zest to the somewhat lengthy program. Hon. Andrew Blewett was assigned to read the letters of regret received from Hon. W. E. Parcell of Wabpeton, Hon. D. W. Marratta of Grand Forks, Hon. John Benton of Fargo, Hon. W. N. Roach of Larimore, Hon. Jas. F. O'Brien of Devils Lake, W. H. B. Eisenhuth of Carrington, and E. F. Horn.

Governor-elect Shortridge was called upon to respond to the toast, "State of North Dakota," and was warmly greeted when he arose to speak. He alluded to the vast area and industries of the state, its rapid development and future prospects. Said he had recently paid a visit to his native state and neighboring commonwealths, and had enjoyed his trip, but returned more than ever impressed with an abiding faith in North Dakota. He had also visited a great many school houses in North Dakota during the past few months, and believed no state in the Union surpassed our own in educational advantages. Referring to his coming administration, he said he had been chosen as the representative of the farmers, and having spent nearly all his life on the farm, his sympathies were naturally with them and their interests, yet he realized, he said, that he was to be governor for a great state rather than for a party or a class, and upon assuming that responsibility he proposed to give his best efforts for the welfare and interest of all the people. His address was well received and heartily applauded.

"The World's Fair" was responded to by Manager Dickey, who referred to the immensity of the coming exposition and gave an interesting account of the part to be taken therein by North Dakota.

B. S. Russell was the next speaker, and was particularly happy in his response to the toast, "I heard something drop on the 8th of November." As a republican of long service in the ranks, he drew lessons from the late campaign and embellished his text with

an appropriate story. He believed that when an election was over "statesmanship should take the place of partisanship, and that every citizen should render cheerful support to the chosen officers of the commonwealth and nation." He was glad of an opportunity to pledge his earnest support to one whom he believed would honor the position of governor.

Bishop Shanley's effort was probably the most enjoyable feature of a program of unusual merit. His toast was "The Ladies," and he kept the assemblage in a constant roar by his flashes of wit and humor. His remark that he still felt like a resident of Jamestown was loudly applauded, showing the popularity of the good and eloquent bishop in this city.

Dr. O. W. Archibald made a brief response to "Our State Institutions," which he characterized as equal to those of any of the older states.

"The Farmer—Bone and Sinew of the State," was assigned to M. D. Williams, who handled the subject very satisfactorily and closed with a tribute to the "farmer's governor."

"The Bitter and the Sweet," gave Hon. Geo. Lutz a chance to philosophize upon the fortunes of politics, and he made the most of his opportunity.

"Our Common Schools, Gift of the Present Generation to the Next," was the subject of a polished and popular address by Hon. J. M. Devine of LaMoure, a republican candidate for state superintendent. He was frequently interrupted by applause, and his plea for a system of free text books met with enthusiastic approval.

"The Legislature" was assigned to State Senator Kinter of LaMoure, who made a hit by giving the citizens of Jamestown fair warning that they may soon wake up and find the capitol building located on one of the bluffs that look down upon this beautiful metropolis.

State Auditor-elect Porter spoke briefly upon "The Late Campaign," which had been truly termed, he said, the campaign of education. The farmers had been reading and thinking and were taking more interest in political affairs than ever before.

County Commissioner Leisch responded to the toast, "Last of the Mohicans, or the Only Democrat Left in the Stutsman County Court House." He created a great deal of merriment and paid a neat compliment to the German citizens of the county and state.

One of the best speeches of the evening was by Attorney Amidon of Fargo, upon "Plain Truth as a Political Guide." It was an eulogy of Grover Cleveland, and an appeal for the success of honest men and methods in American politics.

State Treasurer-elect Nonland of Traill county, was assigned to "The Treasury," but said he knew little about the subject, not having seen any report of the state finances. He hoped to find everything O. K., however, and would do the best he could to maintain the integrity of the administration.

"Our Adopted Citizens," was briefly responded to by Hon. J. E. Hodgson of Sargent county. Owing to the lateness of the hour, Hon. Walter Muir was excused from responding to "Our Country," and Railroad Commissioner Rasmussen of Valley City, said he could tell more about "The Railroads" at a later date. Rev. Wm. Gibb closed the program with a short talk upon the "Clergyman in Politics."

It was after 1 o'clock when the guests dispersed. Preceding the reception there was a street display of fireworks by the flambeau club and band.

## Railroad Rumbblings.

Sykeston Gazette: The all important question nowadays is, which is going to be the town of Wells county on the Soo, Cathy or Fessenden? We have it from good authority that the Northern Pacific is to advance from this point early in the spring, then towns will start up on this line that will place both those towns in the So(oi)np.

A new official has been added to the Northern Pacific force to have headquarters at Jamestown. Mr. J. S. Taylor, claim agent for North Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba has a desk in the headquarters building. It is his business to secure a settlement wherever possible, of all claims for loss, such as personal injury, fire, stock losses, etc.

The snow fence crew of some 25 men struck this week for higher wages. They were getting \$1.75 per day for 10 hours work and the company was willing to pay for but 9 hours, owing to the short days. About all the men left, but new hands have been secured in their places.

There is a large amount of snow fence repairing being done on the division and 200,000 feet of lumber have been ordered for that purpose. A snow fence at Edgeley 2,000 feet long has been built this fall. All of this work is of a permanent character. The wind annually causes a great deal of repairing necessary to the snow fences of the company in this state.

## MODEL MASONIC QUARTERS.

### An Improvement Creditable to Jamestown and to the Fraternity.

### Dedicated With a Social Dance and Reception, Tuesday.

### Some Information About the Order in This Lively City.

The reception given Tuesday night by Jamestown lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., in dedicating the new Masonic quarters, awakens general interest in the local affairs of that ancient and honorable fraternity. One of the finest lodge rooms in the state, and a full suite of accessory apartments were opened to the members of the order and their families, for dancing, games and social festivities of a most enjoyable character, that evening. For several months the new hall has been occupied by the various Masonic societies, engaged in the work peculiar to their craft, but the formal social opening has been delayed until the present time.

The Masonic quarters occupy the entire third floor of the Winslow block at the corner of Fourth Ave., and Main St. Two broad stairways lead to the upper floor, one flight of stairs being at the north front of the building and another at the east side. This arrangement affords two exits in case of fire in the block. At the top of the stairs, a hallway extends half way through the building to the outer door of the lodge room. On the right of this hallway, doors open into a committee room, 12x25, and the tyler's room, 18x25. The parlor, 18x36 in size, adjoins the tyler's room, having windows on the east and north sides.

The property room of the Royal Arch Chapter is connected with the parlor and a door communicates with the lodge room. The principal entrance to the lodge room, however, is secured from the tyler's room, and alongside this entrance is the candidate's preparation room. At the left of the hallway, near the top of the stairs, there is a kitchen 12x18, and on the right is a fuel room, and closets. The kitchen connects with the banquet hall, 25x43 feet in dimensions. The armory adjoins the banquet hall, and is 18x31. There are two doors to the armory, one leading into the banquet hall and the other into the vestibule. Closets are here provided for the paraphernalia of the Commandery, and a ventilator lets in air to the "goat." The lodge room proper is 36x48 in size, with a high ceiling. The windows are all on the north side, and are fitted with Venetian blinds. Across one end of the lodge room extends a platform about twenty inches in height, with steps leading to the chair of the Master. On either side are the chairs of the secretary and treasurer, and under the platform is stored the materials used in lodge work. The floor is carpeted with a handsome pattern of Brussels, and the walls are decorated with the banners of the Eastern Star, charters, pictures, etc. Plush settees in various colors are arranged around the room. All the furniture is of high grade, and was supplied by Montgomery & Flint, the Jamestown dealers. An elegant desk, with compartments for the use of each society, is a most convenient feature. Aside from the lodge room and parlor, the other apartments have floors of polished hardwood.

These elaborate quarters were leased for five years from the 1st day of April, 1892, and were fixed up at an expense of about \$1,900—which pays the rent for that period. The carpenter work was done by E. L. Calkins, and the plastering by E. S. Miller, both members of the order. The rooms were arranged to suit the members and in addition to the expense of construction, about \$800 was expended for furniture. They are occupied exclusively by the four Masonic bodies—Blue Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Eastern Star. T. F. Branch is the present Master of the lodge, H. P. of the chapter, and E. C. of the commandery. J. J. Eddy is secretary of all three bodies. Mrs. H. E. White is the Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, and G. L. McGregor, secretary.

The Blue Lodge was chartered June 15th, 1881, with R. E. Wallace as W. M.; J. D. Harker, S. W., and O. L. Churchill, J. W. Previous to this date the lodge existed for some time under dispensation. Its total membership today is 106.

The Chapter was instituted February 22nd, 1885, with Chas. V. VanDusen as High Priest, Francis Ingalls as King, and Geo. H. Woodbury, Scribe. Its present membership is 60.

Lady Washington Chapter, O. E. S., was instituted Sept. 7th, 1887, with Mrs. Elizabeth Stetson as Worthy Matron

and Mrs. J. W. Cloes, Associate Matron. It now has a membership of about 80.

June 12th, 1888, a dispensation was granted to Wihaha commandery with a membership of 40. It was re-chartered, Feb 11th, 1890. The first officers were R. E. Wallace, E. C., and A. C. McMillan, recorder.

Everybody who attended the Masonic reception Tuesday night, reports a most enjoyable occasion. Nearly every member of the order in the city was present, and there were a number of guests from surrounding towns. There was a large attendance of ladies also, and a few invited friends. Refreshments were served to 185 persons, in the elegant banquet hall adjoining the lodge room. The floor of the lodge room was covered with canvass and dancing was indulged in by a majority of the guests until 2 o'clock. Tunstall's orchestra provided the music for this pastime, and also rendered a fine concert program during the evening. The parlor, armory and committee rooms were thronged by other guests engaged in the quiet pleasure of card playing, and in the usual social festivities. The banquet was one of the best features of the event, to many, and is spoken of as fully up to the high Masonic standard of excellence. Owing to the interest in the ball and other amusements, the usual post-prandial speeches were omitted. On all sides were heard complimentary remarks upon the elegance of the Masonic quarters, and praise for the committee in charge of arrangements, who did their work so well that everything connected with the reception passed off pleasantly and without room for criticism. Indeed, all the brethren united to make the affair a happy one for each other, their families and guests.

## A Brilliant Party.

The Gladstone was the scene of another elegant social affair Thursday. It was the occasion of the party given by Mr. and Mrs. Glaspell, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce and Mr. and Mrs. Wood. Invitations were issued to friends at home and abroad, and in response a large and brilliant company of guests assembled in the parlors of the hotel, where the hosts were found waiting to greet all. Dancing was commenced in the dining room of the hotel at 10 o'clock and continued until a late hour. During intermission refreshments, especially prepared by the hostesses, were served by the waitresses of the hotel. The repast was keenly relished, and was of the most appetizing and enjoyable character.

In the parlors on the second floor a number of those inclined to the more sedate and dignified games of cards indulged in their favorite amusement.

The dancing programs were something unique and will be kept by many as souvenirs of the pleasant occasion. The cards were executed in colors in different designs and were in duplicate. By a process of diligent searching each gentleman discovered the lady having the mate to his program, and the two were partners at lunch. The cards were hand-painted by Benson, the artist, at Halstead's.

## Supt. Eisenhuth's Valedictory.

In the last issue of the Carrington Citizen, State Superintendent Laura Eisenhuth takes leave of her friends and constituents in Foster county, in a clever valedictory address, of which the following is a part:

I have been your county superintendent in the most trying times. Since I have been in office we have suffered from the hardships that follow frosts, droughts, hot winds, and unthreshed crops. Had we been an older organization we would have suffered from these misfortunes less, but coming as they did in our infancy they have sadly hindered our growth. That we were able to make any progress at all speaks well for us. For all the difficulties that have surrounded us we have moved on, we have improved and grown in every direction. You are so young as a county that life is all before you yet, and with the right motives and right men you can make it an honorable and useful one. I shall always think most kindly of and hope most earnestly for the well doing of this county. I would most especially thank the teachers who have taught here from the beginning of my administration. The sympathy and good will that has ever existed between us has been one of the pleasant features of my work, and I am truly glad that I am not severing my connections with you entirely, simply assuming another relationship. May the spirit of true progress ever animate you. May the nobility of your calling inspire you to ideal work and ideal living. My friendship you have always, my help will always be given to the extent of my power.

## A Busy Editor.

Editor Maddux of New Rockford, was among the visitors in the city Monday. He reports business good in Eddy county, particularly law business. Mr. Maddux ran for district attorney, at the urgent request of the republicans, and although not working for the office came within one vote of being elected anyway. His friend, Mr. Keime, received the majority of one. Mr. Maddux states that between his insurance, law and newspaper business, he is kept on the jump.

## RECOVERED HIS HEARING.

### After Twenty Years of Deafness a Jamestown Man Can Hear Again.

### Marriage of Pierce Blewett and Miss Emma Edna Moore.

### Concert to be Given for the Benefit of the Poor of the City.

A remarkable instance of the sudden recovery of hearing is the case of Mr. E. E. Cuddeback of this city. For twenty years he has been afflicted with loss of hearing to such an extent that it was necessary to stand close to a person to hear sounds spoken in a loud tone. All ordinary tones were lost to him as well as public speaking. About a week ago he was sitting in the house, reading, when all at once he could hear the clock in the room ticking. He could scarcely trust his ears at first, but from that time to the present his hearing has been as good as any persons. He attended the Shortridge reception and heard all the speakers distinctly. Ordinary tones are now clearly audible to him. To say that Mr. Cuddeback is rejoiced beyond measure but faintly expresses the gratification he feels. His hearing has been practically lost since a severe attack of scarlet fever in early childhood.

No reason for the sudden change can be assigned. Mr. Cuddeback has spent large sums of money endeavoring to get relief, and has tried about all the remedies known. One reputable physician in the Bellevue hospital, New York, even informed him that the drum of the ear was broken and advised getting a false drum. Mr. Cuddeback's general health is no better than for years. Whether the hearing is permanently restored or not time alone can tell, but the fact is that at present, those precious organs of hearing are doing as good service to Mr. Cuddeback as anybody's.

## To Aid a Worthy Cause.

There is said to be much suffering among the poor people of the city and county, and their condition will become more pitiable when severe cold weather sets in. It is important that all charitable people look up urgent cases, and if not personally prepared to offer relief, report the facts to the proper authorities. Many people hesitate, however, to receive aid from the county, and go without necessities rather than do so. This class is receiving the attention of the Ladies Relief society, and much is being done to alleviate the wants of destitute families, especially in the way of clothes for children. Garments and shoes are daily being gathered together and quietly sent to those requiring and deserving help. The public can assist the ladies in this matter by the exercise of a little unselfishness.

Among other means of relief, is the concert to be given Dec. 20th at the Congregational church, to provide a fund for the purchase of food and clothes for poor children this winter, and not less than 2,000 tickets should be sold. The entertainment will be a pleasant event in itself, as the leading musicians of the city are to take part, but the cause alone ought to guarantee a large patronage. The Alert is informed that every cent is needed and will be faithfully applied to the relief of distress.

## What Others Say.

Carrington Citizen: The Argus and The Alert construe the recent election as being a demand for the repeal of present prohibition law. Whether the law proves a blessing or a curse, it will be rather a difficult matter to change it as it is a part of the constitution. We confess that the attitude of the prohibitionists rather dumbfounds us, for if they object to the question being brought to a vote they exhibit a spirit which is not to be commended. If the sentiment is against the present law it can never be enforced. It does seem as if the people should be allowed to vote upon this question as often as they wish. That the law is violated in every village in the state is a fact that is notorious. Just how to remedy the evil is the question of the hour. Now if you have a remedy—a sure thing—send it along.

Milnor Teller: If the prohibition law is resubmitted to the voters of the state it would mean the arraying of the country precincts in battle line against the cities. The result would be a continuance of prohibition. It is true, however, that prohibition has not been a great and glorious success in the cities and larger towns of North Dakota, and even in the country districts, where the best workings of prohibition can be found, there is great room for improvement. It is highly probable that South Dakota will repeal her pro-

hibition laws, and with saloons in Marshall county prohibition would hardly prohibit in this county. Still the moral atmosphere is so much better and cleaner than in the days of saloons that it is safe to say, the people generally of Sargent county will feel somewhat loath to vote for a repeal of the present law.

Valley City Alliance: We have had three years of this so-called prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors. Hundreds of men have been arraigned before the courts for selling intoxicants in violation of law and less than one hundred have been punished for such violation. Such being the case, and it is a fact that cannot be truthfully disputed, it is the plain duty of the next session of the state legislature to pass a resubmission bill, and allow the voters to again express themselves upon this question, in which event the prohibition law will be wiped out by such an overwhelming majority as to leave no question of doubt as to whether the people of North Dakota believe whether prohibition prohibits—or not.

## BLEWETT-MOORE.

### A Happy Wedding Event Celebrated Wednesday Evening.

The marriage of Pierce Blewett and Emma Edna Moore, of this city, occurred at the residence of Bishop Shanley, on Fifth avenue, Wednesday evening, in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends. Bishop Shanley conducted the ceremony which, although short, was rendered doubly impressive by the gracious manner of the bishop and his kindly sentiments expressed for the happiness of the bride and groom. Mrs. True and Superintendent McCabe of this city, acted as bridesmaid and best man. The bride was attired in a magnificent silk wedding dress trimmed with brown velvet. The groom in the usual dress suit.

After the nuptial knot had been so pleasantly fastened, the hospitable residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Montgomery on Fourth avenue, was thrown open for a reception to the newly married couple. The evening was spent in the happiest of wedding festivities. During the evening there were elegant refreshments served. The company remained until about 10 o'clock when the bride and groom left for the east bound Northern Pacific train. They will spend a short time in the Twin cities and Chicago and on their return will occupy the handsome cottage adjoining the superintendent's building on Main street. Mr. Blewett is one of the most popular and highly esteemed young men in the city and is chief dispatcher for the Dakota division of the Northern Pacific road. He is a rising railroad man, and has friends innumerable who wish him continuous happiness and prosperity. The bride, Miss Emma Moore, has lived in both Jamestown and Carrington during her residence in the state. She is a charming and accomplished lady, esteemed by all, and has won a wide circle of acquaintances and admirers. Mr. and Mrs. Blewett commenced wedded life with none but the brightest prospects.

Those present at the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery were: A. Blewett and wife, S. F. Corwin and wife, E. D. Strong and wife, E. M. Chase and wife, H. Gieseler and wife, Mrs. H. E. True, A. J. McCabe, H. C. Flint, Geo. Webster, W. E. S. Trimble, Mrs. Faunce, M. Lynch.

The presents were very numerous, handsome, and valuable.

## A Dozen Candidates.

State Senator Little of Bismarck, spent the day in the city with friends. He accompanied his brother senator, J. H. Worst to this point, the latter going north today, Col. Little proceeding eastward. It is said that Mr. Worst is looking after his United States senatorial fence and Col. Little is of the opinion that a number of Missouri slope votes will be found for Mr. Worst. Col. Little added: "I think there will be at least a dozen republican candidates for senator voted for on the first ballot and there is no telling how many of other parties will receive votes."

"The circular issued by the democrats at Bismarck has created quite a stir. It was a dirty bit of business and the end of it has probably not been seen."

## Paper for School Exhibits.

State Superintendent Ogden has issued circular No. 44 giving directions for obtaining the quality, size and form of paper on which to prepare school exhibits for the World's fair. The work is to be prepared and mounted on paper of uniform size and quality for convenient handling. The circular has doubtless been sent to all the school teachers in the state. These exhibits must be completed by the first of March, and forwarded to Executive Manager Dickey at Jamestown, Bismarck, Grand Forks or Fargo.