

# North Dakota News

## NEW GENERATOR FOR GRAFTON

City Power Plant Modernized and now Furnishes Continuous Current.

Grafton, N. D., Sept. 7.—On Wednesday evening when the current was turned on at the municipal power plant it was generated from the new 150 KW dynamo, which produces a 60 cycle, 3 phase alternating current with a primary voltage of 2,300 volts and a secondary 110 volt current for lights and 220 volt current for power. The current will now be continuous.

For the past sixty days Superintendent K. H. Smith has had a large force of men at work making the necessary changes at the plant which is now thoroughly modernized. The old generator produced a primary current of 116 volts, while the new one produces a current of 2300 volts. The street lights have not been turned on because of the non-arrival of a new coil for the transformer at the plant, but it is expected this will be remedied very soon.

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## BIG SAVING FOR STATE

Transportation Expenses to State Institutions Cut by \$11,000.

Bismarck, N. D., Sept. 7.—Through the action of the last legislature and the state board of control a saving of \$11,000 in the transportation of persons to the state institutions has been effected.

This has been made possible through the excellent co-operation of the sheriffs of the state who have given Transportation Agent McGillis. The last legislative assembly made it the duty of the reform school, the penitentiary and the hospital for the insane, to send for those committed to such institutions instead of having them brought there by the sheriffs. This would necessitate each of these institutions having an extra man at all times to perform this work. The Board of Control requested the warden of the state penitentiary, the superintendent of the reform school, and the superintendent of the hospital for the insane, to appoint Mr. McGillis as their transportation agent, which was done, and how well he has performed this service will be shown by the following facts:

For the past year, under this agreement, there has been committed to the hospital for the insane, 223 patients; to the penitentiary at Bismarck, 243 inmates, and to the reform school at Mandan, 47, making a total of 513 at an average cost of \$21.55 for each person, which includes the transportation agents salary and all expenses connected therewith. Included in the insane patients handled, one was sent from the hospital for the insane at Jamestown, North Dakota, to each of the following states, as they were not residents of this state: One to Chicago, Ill.; Chilton, Wis.; Toledo, O.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Waverly, Iowa, and one to North Carolina.

The Board of Control finds on looking up the records that this branch of service cost the state prior to this change in the law, \$44,777 for each inmate sent to the various institutions. It will be seen by this that the state, under the new law has made a saving of \$11,516.85 in one year. This saving can be accounted for to a large extent by the following: Under the old law, sheriffs did the work on a per diem, mileage and expenses, and were allowed guards who were allowed similar compensation. As a rule, the records show that the cost of the services of guards, Mr. McGillis, has four or five prisoners and has been known to have handled five and six inmates without any assistance. "We can not speak too highly for the intelligent and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office and kept down his expenses account," declares the board of control.

IMPORTANT DEAD MADE. Hatton, N. D., Sept. 7.—An important real estate deal was made when Christ Kopseng purchased from Gust Mellas property in this city. Mr. Kopseng also traded in on the deal some property which he had in Minneapolis. Mr. Mellas has rented the house and will continue to live here for the time being, but expects to leave during the fall for the coast where he will spend the winter.

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Governor L. B. Hanna has fixed the week of September 11 to 16, inclusive, as North Dakota Seed Corn week. A proclamation to this effect was issued yesterday. It follows: Last year the North Dakota corn crop was light and our farmers had some difficulty to secure desirable seed corn for the crop of 1916.

Our corn crop this year is very promising, and, when we consider the shortage of other wheat crop, it is of great importance that we select a large quantity of seed corn for next year. We have gotten by the period of August frosts, which under ordinary circumstances should mean that we will not have frost until the tenth or the twentieth of September. Through-out the southern and western sections of the state, corn generally may be selected for seed by the second week in September, but in the northern part of the state it may be a little later.

Believing that it is of grave importance to the people of our state that we have sufficient seed corn for next season, I, L. B. Hanna, governor, do hereby proclaim this week, September 11 to 16, inclusive, as Seed Corn week in the state of North Dakota for the year 1916, and during that week I earnestly recommend that our farmers devote as much of their time as possible and also that the children in our rural public schools devote one or two minutes in the selection and storing of a sufficient quantity of seed corn for the coming year. Done at the capitol at Bismarck, this second day of September, A. D. 1916.

—L. B. Hanna, Governor.

## GIVES FRIEND \$70 AND FORGETS IT

Devils Lake, N. D., Sept. 7.—J. T. Gongl, a butcher, engaged the services of the local police, apparently as a pastime. Mr. Gongl made a complaint to the police department that he had lost \$70. Chief Timboe went out to see if he could find anyone who had that much without any discernible right for possession. He captured a man at the Soo her sister, Miss Lillian Morden, of Wahpeton, who has been her guest all summer. Pink gladioli were arranged throughout the rooms where four tables of 500 were played progressively. The highest score was made by Mrs. Lynn Williams, who received a pretty trophy. At 5 o'clock a high tea was served at one large table where the Misses Helen and Gertrude and Isabel Suter assisted with the serving. Mrs. A. E. Larkin of Minneapolis and Miss Jessie McCabe of Glasgow were out of town guests.

## VAN HOOK IS NOT TO BE DISCOURAGED

Van Hook, N. D., Sept. 7.—Facing a total loss estimated at \$60,000, citizens of Van Hook are not discouraged because fire wiped out a portion of the business. The Bovey-Shute Lumber company, with \$10,000 loss; Gus Sather, with a \$16,000 loss, and the Rossum, Hagen & Nelson store, with a \$12,000 loss, were the heaviest losers. Selson's car and a frame building netted a \$4,500 loss.

## CLOTHING TORN OFF BY LIGHTNING

Flaxton, N. D., Sept. 7.—Otto Verone had his hair cut from his body, and he was badly scared and stunned, when lightning hit a wagon on which he was riding. Unconscious for 30 minutes, he was roused to find his horses badly tangled in the harness, but he was able to liberate them by the use of a knife. When the horses came home without a driver, members of the fire department investigated and found the lightning victim. He will recover.

## WILL OF DEAD MAN WILL BE CONTESTED

Stanley, N. D., Sept. 7.—The will of Herman F. Gerwien, a bachelor of White Earth, deceased, has been contested by his brothers and sisters. Gerwien left his entire estate valued at \$26,000 to a niece 4 years old. The case was called at the courthouse in Stanley before Judge Severson. About twenty witnesses will be examined. This is the first will that has ever been contested in this county. Attorney E. R. Sinker represents the contestants and Attorneys F. F. Wyckoff and C. H. Loring are appearing for the defendant.

## GRAFTON NEWS

Grafton, N. D., Sept. 7.—A quiet but pretty home wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Jacobson Wednesday morning, September 6, at 9 o'clock when their eldest daughter, Miss Eunice, was united in the bonds of holy matrimony to Amos Nabseth of Van Hook, N. D. Rev. H. J. Glenn reading the service. Only relatives of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony.

The bride was becomingly gowned in white net with mesaline bands and carried an arm bouquet of bride's roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Verna Jacobson. The groom had assisting him Willard Bjornstad of this city.

Immediately following the ceremony the wedding breakfast consisting of five courses was served from a large table where pink roses made an attractive centerpiece.

The bride has taught for a number of years in the state of North Dakota and is a young woman of much personal charm, having been a general favorite in both church and social circles.

The groom is employed in a lumber yard at Van Hook, N. D., and is a young man of splendid character.

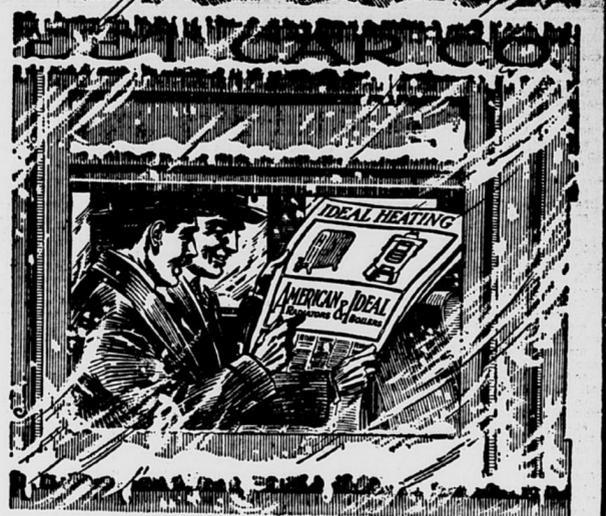
The young people departed on the noon train for Minneapolis, where they will spend their honeymoon. The bride wore a traveling suit of brown with accessories to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Nabseth will reside at Van Hook, N. D. Out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jacobson of Alexander, N. D.

The past week has been marked by many social events. There have been parties for the grown-ups and parties for the little people. Most of the entertaining has been delightfully informal with cards and the theater for

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