North Dakota News

MUCH DESPISED LIGNITE COMES INTO ITS OWN

Coal Shortage Myth in Central North Dakota—Buy Native Product.

Washburn Company Can Supply 500,000 Tons—All Companies Active.

(Herald Special Service.)

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 21.—The much talked of coal shortage is a myth so far as the capital city and central North Dakota are concerned.

Not only is there plenty of coal in Bismarck, but it is selling at the same prices which prevailed last year—$3 the ton.

And the supply this year is just twice as great as it was last.

Lignite Comes Into Own.

This refers especially to the once despised lignite. Lignite has been a prophet not without honor except in its own country. Where best known the factions have been prone to style it "Lug-all-night" and to look down upon it, principally because it was a local product and cheap. Now, however, with imported coals soaring out of sight, and impossible even at invisible prices, central North Dakota turns to lignite as a saviour.

Has Doubled Capacity.

The Washburn Lignite Coal company, operating the largest and best equipped lignite mine in North Dakota, at Wilton, just 28 miles north, doubled its capacity during the past summer by opening a second shaft and installing a new all-steel tipple, at a cost of $40,000. This places the Washburn company in a position to produce all the way from 250,000 tons to 500,000 tons this year, depending upon the number of miners it is able to employ. A quarter-million tons will go a long way toward relieving the coal famine in this immediate vicinity, and from this point west to the Montana line, south to the South Dakota line, and north to the dominion, there is no lack of lignite nor of mines with which to supply the consumer.

Boost in Foreign Coals.

Foreign coals have advanced in price locally from ten to 25 per cent over 1915 prices. Wyoming coal is selling for $8; Montana $9 and $10, and anthracite from $14 to $15. These prices are good only from day to day, dealers state. No quotations can be obtained from the mines on future deliveries. In fact, there is no certainty that any coal can be had at any certain time in the future. For five weeks earlier in the season one large local dealer succeeded in securing but one carload of coal. The shortage in cars has been relieved to a great extent, however, and this difficulty may not again be encountered.

Cock and Bull Stories.

The press of the Red river valley towns and of the Twin Cities is being filled with cock and bull stories tending to relate terrible conditions resulting from the coal famine in western North Dakota. One of the wildest of these tales relates how fever-ridden Marmarth—a town which is located on one of the finest veins of lignite in the state—is coalless. This condition was "discovered" by a special investigator of the northwest coal situation sent out by the Pittsburg Coal company. The investigator no doubt discovered what he was directed to find, and anything which can be found derogatory to the native lignites of North Dakota is welcome to the eastern coal barons, who are beginning to feel keenly the competition of this economical and efficient fuel.

Marmarth may be suffering a famine of fifteen-dollar anthracite and ten-dollar Montana and Wyoming coals. So far as fuel is concerned, however, it will have more than sufficient for its needs 500 years hence, even though it may, by that time, have grown to the size of Minneapolis. The same is true of every other town and community west of the river. There is hardly a township in all that vast area which has not at least one lignite mine, supplying the neighborhood with an excellent grade of fuel at $1 to $3 the ton.

SOUTH DAKOTA SUFFRAGE WORKERS DID NOT HELP "DRYS" SO LOSE BALLOT

Fargo, N. D., Nov. 21.—South Dakota failed to pass woman suffrage at the polls this month because the suffrage forces failed to extend any aid to the prohibition workers.

This is the opinion expressed by F. C. Robinson of Groton, S. D., former railroad commissioner of South Dakota.

"The suffrage forces played a lone game," said Mr. Robinson, "with the result that many of the prominent prohibition workers, ordinarily in favor of equal suffrage, refused to give them aid."

South Dakota's liquor business, nolled by the action of the electors, is confined largely to the southern section of the state, and to the Black Hills district.

"All of northern South Dakota is without the saloon, and has been for some time.

"In several cities, where they adopted the municipal saloon idea, business men had their eyes opened to the tremendous amount of money that was used in the purchase of liquor, with the result that they banned the business. The municipal saloon served as the greatest prohibition argument ever presented the business men in the cities that adopted the idea."

COAL COMMISSION URGED

Appeal For the Creation of Such a Board May be Made to Governor By Businessmen.

Fargo, N. Dak., Nov. 21.—Creation of a state coal commission, on which representatives of various commercial centers of the state would act, is proposed locally to avoid the possibility of a coal shortage in North Dakota. The Fargo Commercial club will consider the coal problem and may call upon Governor Hanna to create the coal commission to make an instant study of the situation.

With calls for coal supplies already coming from numerous towns, the situation is considered here as grave.

"With the possibility that the coal supplies at the American head of the Lakes will be exhausted early in the season, and the prospect of the long rail haul from the anthracite mines of the east, the northwest will turn to its lignite coal supply as a means of relief" was the tenor of Fargo coal dealers here today.

NEW ELEVATOR FOR STANTON

(Herald Special Service.)

Stanton, N. D., Nov. 21.—A 50,000 bushel elevator will be erected here in the spring by a newly organized Farmers' Elevator company. Officers elected are: President, Ed. Walbaust; secretary, Henry Fahising; treasurer, Roy Seibert.

Offer Reward For Capture of Murderer

(Herald Special Service.)

Hazen, N. D., Nov. 21.—Relatives of Carl Maier, who was recently shot and killed by a mysterious horseman, have today offered $300 for the arrest of two men believed to have been implicated in the murder. The men were seen near Beulah shortly before the murder of Maier.

$610,200 ASKED FOR EDUCATIONAL WORK IN STATE

Large Sum Wanted to Take Care of new Buildings—Budget is Prepared.

(Herald Special Service.)

Bismarck, N. D., Nov.—21. Probably the largest appropriation which the state budget committee will be called upon to consider when it convenes will be the request of N. C. Macdonald, the recently elected state superintendent of education, for $610,200 with which to conduct the affairs of his office for the ensuing two years.

Retiring Superintendent Taylor passed the buck to his successor when the time came for making up the biennial budget. Some of the items which Superintendent-elect Macdonald lists are $170,000 for state aid to high schools; $272,643.20 for state aid to rural schools, as represented by the one-room, graded and graded consolidated schools; $46,000 for office expense; $4,800 for the salary of the state high school inspector and $2,400 for expenses; $15,000 for salaries and $9,800 for the expenses of state inspectors of consolidated, graded and rural schools; 12,000 for county agricultural training schools, and -10,400 for teachers' institutes.

Many New Buildings Asked.

Practically all of the educational institutions under the control of the state board of regents have their estimates in the hands of State Auditor Jorgenson, secretary of the budget committee.

Large amounts for new buildings are asked by a majority of the schools. The agricultural college asks an appropriation of $254,494 for general expense; $221,633.85 for new buildings and improvements, and estimates that with its income, it will have for use during the two years $849,598. The present appropriation of the agricultural college is $184,281. The buildings proposed are a science hall to cost $60,000 and an agricultural building to cost $125,000.

The school of science at Wahpeton asks $10,000 for general expenses and $20,000 for repairs and new buildings. Its revenue from other sources will be $80,450, giving the school a total of $110,450 for the two years.

The state normal and industrial school asks $12,500 for general expenses, and $9,300 for new buildings and repairs. Its estimated income from other sources is $93,700. The present appropriation is $10,504.

The state university wants $102,520 for general expenses; $177,900 for new buildings. Its estimated income for the two years is $399,840, giving the institution a total of $680,260 to do business on. The present appropriation is $141,470.

The Minot normal asks $46,840 for general expenses; $135,900 for new buildings, and its estimated income is $118,260, giving it an aggregate of $298,500 for the two years. Its present appropriation is $41,580.

Mayville normal: General expense, $71,365; new buildings, $75,000; estimated income from other sources, $43,300; total for two years, $192,915; present appropriation, $36,960.

Valley City normal: General expense, $71,000; new buildings, $201,868.28; estimated income from other sources, $190,616.34; total for two years, $463,484.62; present appropriation, $60,078.

LARGE AMOUNT OF DELINQUENT TAX MONEY COLLECTED

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 21.—All records for October collections for delinquent taxes were broken at the state auditor's office for the past month, when $75,525.04 came in. During September, a substantial amount was collected, and in December, when land sales will be made for delinquent taxes it is expected the totals will be greatly swollen.

Among October's heavier payments were $5,572.13 from Towner county; $5,104.90 from Stutsman, and $3,760.12 from Cass. No one knows just where the money is coming from, but North Dakota farmers evidence no lack of it this fall.

FARMERS BUY TREES.

(Herald Special Service.)

Mott, N. D., Nov. 21.—Farmers in this section have ordered $18,000 worth of trees this fall for shelterbelt work.

CO-OPERATION TO BE RECOGNIZED

Grain Marketing Problems to be Discussed at Grain Growers' Convention.

Fargo, N. D., Nov. 21.—Recognition of the growing importance of the co-operative grain marketing movement in the northwest will be accorded by the Tri-State Grain Growers association, at that organization's convention in Fargo in January.

C. B. Waldron, president of the association, has received acceptance of an invitation extended Roderick MacKenzie, secretary of the Canadian Grain Growers' association. He is regarded as one of the best authorities on the North American continent, on questions relating to the co-operating shipping and marketing of grain.

North Dakota's interest in co-operative grain marketing will, during the time of the Tri-State Growers' convention, be at the climax because of the fact that the North Dakota legislature, then in session, will be given over to a consideration of the terminal elevator problem.

MOORHEAD WILL BE WITHOUT DEBT DEC. 1

(Herald Special Service.)

Moorhead, Minn., Nov. 21.—Moorhead will be a city without debt, December 1.

On that date, Moorhead will retire $40,000 worth of bonds—now outstanding—and which is the only debt against the city at this time.

For several months the city has had sufficient funds on hand to retire the bonded indebtedness, and recently it notified the holders of the bonds that the same must be presented for payment December 1.

In 19 years, or since the present city charter was adopted, Moorhead has retired $200,000 in debts—the city owing $200,000 at the time the present charter was made operative.

Under the present charters, no city improvement can be undertaken unless the funds are available for the entire job.

Notwithstanding this fact, Moorhead has extensive improvements, owns its own water and light plant; has about two and a half miles of paved streets; its business district is lighted by a beautiful ornamental lighting system, and it has an excellent sewage system and numerous well graveled highways.

NO COMPLAINTS RECEIVED OVER CAR SHORTAGE

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 21.—There is no general shortage of cars for the hauling of coal or any other commodity in North Dakota, so far as the state railroad commission has been able to learn. Only a few isolated complaints have come from elevators unable to procure cars at the moment they were wanted. The commission is inclined to discount very heavily the stories so generally carried by the state press to the effect that a car famine impends.

"There is no question," said a representative of the commission today, "that had we enjoyed a normal wheat crop, the grain would be lying on the ground at the elevators. As it is, the small wheat crop has saved the day, and there seems to be plenty of cars for all ordinary needs. The only complaints we have had lately have been from elevators at Diesem and New Leipsig, and their wants were promptly attended to."

RELIGIOUS SURVEY PLANNED.

Fargo, N. D., Nov. 21.—Fargo and Moorhead ministers will conduct a religious survey of the two cities, the work to be undertaken the latter part of December.

GRAFTON NEWS.

Grafton, N. D., Nov. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mullally left for a short trip in the east.

O. W. Sundahl came down from Winnipeg and visited for a few days with relatives.

Mrs. H. A. Ball went to Grand Forks and remained two days the guest of Mrs. R. A. Sprague.

Miss Christine Johnson visited in Grand Forks.

Ed Hogenson, U. B. Helland, A. C. Spanton and Al Capser went to Fargo where they were summoned as jurors at the United States federal court.

F. H. Sprague went to Grand Forks on business.

Wallace Hall who was captain of the local football team during the past season, entertained at a turkey dinner at his home. His guests were the members of the first and second teams and the gentlemen of the high school faculty. Mrs. Hall was assisted in serving by Misses Theresa Hall, Augusta Newlander and Effie Bjornstad.

Wm. Tallackson went to Grand Forks last week to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Swiggum.

J. G. Bjornstad and family autoed to Walhalla and spent a day with relatives.

Mrs. J. L. Cashel, Jr., and son, returned from St. Thomas where she visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. O'Connor.

The county commissioners met at the court house last week and canvassed the votes cast at the recent election and transacted the routine business.

Alfred Kopperud and brother Oscar left for Chicago to attend the McKillips' veterinary college.

Prizes have been awarded to winners of the corn contest which was conducted under the auspices of the agricultural department of the local high school. These prizes were awarded for the best acre of corn, the Grafton National bank being the donor: First prize, Henry Lerud, Hoople, $25; second price, Morgan Aaland, Hoople, $15; third prize, Eugene Dailey, Ardoch, $10.

J. C. Risvold spent part of last week attending to business matters at Winnipeg.

Mrs. Margaret Brennan and Miss Sadie Dunn are visiting at the Driscoll home.

Miss Hannah O'Leary came here from St. Paul to spend some time with her sister, Miss Margaret O'Leary.

Ed Hall arrived from Milton to spend the winter at the home of his aunt, Mrs. R. O. Hatlelid.

LaBoheme club met at the home of Mrs. Haussamen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cobb autoed to the university and spent the day with their son Leonard.

Mrs. George McCabe returned from a four weeks' automobile trip through the east. Mr. McCabe went to Minneapolis last week to accompany Mrs. McCabe home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Owrton were most pleasantly surprised by a party of their friends, the occasion being their wedding anniversary.

SUDDEN DEATH

Caused by Disease of the Kidneys.

The close connection which exists between the heart and the kidneys is well known nowadays. As soon as kidneys are diseased, arterial tension is increased and the heart functions are attacked. When the kidneys no longer pour forth waste, uremic poisoning occurs and the person dies, and the cause is often given as heart disease, or disease of brain or lungs.

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MANY VICTIMIZED IN N. D., GOVERNMENT SAYS

W. A. Ferguson, of Milwaukee, Now On Trial, Said to Have Exchanged Pewter Ware for Real Silver.

Fargo, N. D., Nov. 21.—W. A. Ferguson, Milwaukee, Wis., man, facing charges of using the mails to defraud, and who went on trial in the federal court yesterday afternoon, is said to have reaped a big harvest by exchanging pewter ware for real silver ware—victimizing numerous Dakotans.

The trial was continued this morning, and may reach the jury this evening.

Ferguson, according to the government's bill, solicited about this state, collecting silverware, and guaranteeing to replate it.

At Milwaukee, it is charged, a change was made—pewter ware being returned to the Dakotans, who also found themselves facing heavier charges for service than they had contracted for. In making the return of the ware, Ferguson is accused of using the mails—thereby falling foul the federal authorities.

LEGISLATIVE COST FIXED AT $112,000

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 21.—The Fifteenth legislative assembly is expected to cost North Dakota $112,000. This is the amount fixed by the budget committee of the Fourteenth assembly, and which came before the present budget committee today.

The items named are $57,000 for mileage and per diem of members; $20,000 for the per diem of officers and employes; $30,000 for printing, and $5,000 for miscellaneous expense. Unless the legislature succeeds in keeping within the amounts named, emergency appropriations will be necessary.

ADVENTISTS SELECT MANDAN FOR MEET

(Herald Special Service.)

Mandan, N. D., Nov. 21.—Mandan has been definitely selected as the city for the annual two weeks' camp meeting of the Seventh Day Adventists in June, 1917. Over 2,500 people will be camped at the Chautauqua grounds.

YOUMANS CASE BEING ARGUED

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 21.—The famous suit brought by Grant S. Youmans of Minot to recover about a quarter million in damages from Governor Hanna, Secretary of State Hall, former Attorney General Andrew Miller and other members of a former state banking board, which closed Youman's private bank at Minot, is being argued before the supreme court this afternoon.

Tony Bernard Will Match With Dakota Wrestlers this Year

Jamestown, N. D., Nov. 21.—Tony Bernard of South Dakota wrestling fame, arrived in Jamestown from Huron, and will make his headquarters here for the winter. Bernard will begin training at once for his match with Al Otnes, the western Minnesota grappler, on the afternoon of Thanksgiving day.

Bernard and Floyd Domer of Deadwood, S. D., grappled at Huron last Thursday, Bernard getting the first fall in 1 hour, 5 minutes. Domer refused to come back and the match was forfeited. Next Thursday Bernard is scheduled to meet Price of Iowa at Huron.

Bernard stated that he is willing to make 158 or 165. He has not as yet been defeated in South Dakota.

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