

North Dakota News

BUSY WEEK IN LEGISLATURE

Present Week Crowded with Caucuses—Bismarck Hotels Crowded.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 27.—Bismarck's biennial annual of legislative fever is at hand. The present week will be crowded with caucuses, preliminary meetings, comings and goings in preparation for the opening of the Fifteenth general assembly next Tuesday. Already the hotels are filling up with guests for the session, and there is a general demand for rooms in private homes. As already announced, the Nonpartisan league has taken over the entire Northwest hotel as its headquarters, and President A. C. Townley probably will establish himself there, although there is a possibility that other quarters may be procured.

**Governor Coming.** Governor-elect Lynn J. Frazier will be in with his family from Hoople to take possession of the executive mansion. With him will come his private secretary, N. A. Mason of Wimbledon. Other advents of the week will be John N. Hagan, commissioner of agriculture and labor; S. J. Aandahl, Charles N. Bleick and M. P. Johnson, the new railroad commissioners; S. A. Olness, commissioner of insurance, and William Langer, attorney general. H. A. Bromberg, Langer's deputy, is also expected to reach the city this week. Justice-elect Luther E. Birtzell will be here the first of next week.

**Caucus Tomorrow.** The Non-partisan league's legislative caucus is scheduled to begin tomorrow. Many matters of importance chief among them the question of calling a constitutional convention for March, are to be considered. It is probable that a steering committee will be named, and a program of legislation adopted. The league has absolute control of the house of representatives, and a small majority in the senate. There seems to be no question of its ability to carry out any schedule which may meet its approval.

**Publicity Man Here.** Frank E. Black is already on the job as publicity man and general business manager for the league. He will have his headquarters at the Northwest, where he will be in charge for the league.

GERMAN SOLDIER TELLS EXPERIENCE

Sentinel Butte, N. D., Dec. 27.—Herman Hornum, a German cavalryman who was captured at the battle of Ostend and taken to England as a prisoner, arrived in Sentinel Butte and is employed in the A. O. Madland coal mine. After being badly injured and after having his horse shot from under him, Hornum was captured by the English. He was then taken to England as a prisoner and was given more or less liberty while in the hands of his enemy. In some ways which he will not explain he received considerable money and later purchased a suit of second hand clothes for \$155. He made his getaway on the steamer Kroonland to New York where he landed six weeks ago. As evidence of his fighting, he has a saber cut on his left arm, one collar bone broken, a loss of \$24,483, stoves and furnaces were the greatest offenders, destroying property valued at \$131,171, or 13.4 of the whole. Second in rank of destructiveness are ornamental chimneys and flues, with a quota of \$82,321. The report shows that in addition to the preventable fires referred to, property to the value of \$405,139 was destroyed by fires partly preventable. The percentage of preventable fires in North Dakota for 1915 is shown to have been 35.2, as against 25.6 in South Dakota and 25 per cent in Minnesota, while of partly preventable fires North Dakota's percentage is 41.2 as compared with 54.4 in South Dakota and 35.2 in Minnesota. The days will have to lengthen a great deal before they will bring warmth.

STOVES EXPENSIVE LUXURY IN DAKOTA

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 27.—Stoves are an expensive luxury for North Dakota judging from a report just issued by the national board of Fire Underwriters of New York city. During the year 1915 among preventable fires causing a loss of \$24,483, stoves and furnaces were the greatest offenders, destroying property valued at \$131,171, or 13.4 of the whole. Second in rank of destructiveness are ornamental chimneys and flues, with a quota of \$82,321. The report shows that in addition to the preventable fires referred to, property to the value of \$405,139 was destroyed by fires partly preventable. The percentage of preventable fires in North Dakota for 1915 is shown to have been 35.2, as against 25.6 in South Dakota and 25 per cent in Minnesota, while of partly preventable fires North Dakota's percentage is 41.2 as compared with 54.4 in South Dakota and 35.2 in Minnesota. The days will have to lengthen a great deal before they will bring warmth.

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Army Y.M.C.A. For North Dakota First Infantry Has Done Good Work; Troops Long For the Snows of Home Cities

(By Ben G. Whitehead.) U. S. Army Headquarters, Mercedes, Texas, Dec. 27.—Captain Sprague of Grafton hadn't said a word about it, and if it hadn't been for Lieutenant Jack Murphy, acting regimental adjutant, I would never have known about the Army Y. M. C. A. installed here for the benefit of the North Dakota soldiers. Lieutenant Moore of Grafton pointed the way, but went no farther. I asked Lieutenant Mason of Valley City, who got the Y. M. C. A. habit before he got his commission, told me of its activities and his ready responses mean they know that there had been good work done. I walked on over and the place was locked—but no injunction had been issued. But seriously the Y. M. C. A. has been a first place for the boys. Lighted by gas light it afforded a splendid place for the army boys to gather. There were reading room, study room, con- sultation rooms a piano a Victrola, chess and checkers were the exciting games. There are several piano players in the regiment who have worked at it for a living and cigarettes and the music was good. Cupid Taylor of Minot was and is the champion player being as good at that as he is at football. I chess there are none in the same class with Judge-elect J. E. Robinson of Fargo, Dr. M. MacLachlan of Bismarck and John Lynch of Minot. Cupid Taylor has a checker combination which he calls the Rock Rapids ripple, which he learned of Colonel D. C. Grosvenor.

The Y. M. C. A. is under the personal direction of W. Churchill of Savannah, Ga. There is a first class gym club in connection therewith, with up to date equipment. W. Churchill, Savannah; E. J. J. Williston; Tom McNeese, Fargo; Will Anderson, Valley City; Lieutenant Will Jeffrey, Williston; first tenors; Lieutenant Colonel G. C. Grafton, Fargo; "Scop" Olson, Fargo and "Fat" Hanson, Fargo, second tenors; Lieutenant J. R. Fraire, Grafton; "Slim" Havorson, Williston; Captain E. W. Jeffrey, Williston and Grand Forks, first base; W. Brown, Valley City and "Bud" McDonald, Valley City, second base. This is no more of an amateur organization, but a high class one that has been heard all along the border. They can sing anything from the Holy City to the Kroutzer Sonata. But they learned the latter in North Dakota, not in the Y. M. C. A. Ask to hear it when the boys come marching home.

MURDERER PAYS FIRST PENALTY

Nash loses both feet and will have to have nose amputated. Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 27.—Cleon Nash confessed murderer of Clarence Hicks in the latter's homestead northwest of Robinson paid the first heavy penalty for his crime this evening when both of his feet were amputated at the ankles. Nash's feet were frozen during the days and nights spent in wandering about the prairies in below zero weather before privations finally forced him to surrender to Sheriff Price of Kidder county. Nash will also lose his nose and will be disgraced as well as crippled for life as a result of his experience.

KACZOR FACES MURDER CHARGE

Stanley, N. D., Dec. 27.—The murder of Frank Moorehouse in his home- stead shack near Van Hook, this county, last February, is laid at the door of Frank Kaczor, just arrested at the instance of county officials after a long extended inquiry into the crime. At the preliminary examination held in this city, Kaczor was bound over to the district court for trial, third degree murder being charged. C. A. Moorehouse, father of the murdered man, has prosecuted a vigorous inquiry into the death of his son, and his efforts were partially responsible for Kaczor's arrest. Moorehouse was found dead in his home, a bullet wound in his head. The coroner's jury declared it murder, but couldn't name the guilty party. Now, ten months later, Kaczor faces the charge.

FARMERS LOSE TWELVE HORSES

New England, N. D., Dec. 27.—Eight horses from the Melvin Austin farm and four horses from the Arthur Bowly farm were killed recently by state authorities in order to keep glanders from the recent district of North Dakota horses killed were afflicted with the disease.

The disease is not spreading but a close watch is being kept and every horse afflicted is being killed.

NEW COINS SOON

Washington, Dec. 27.—The new silver half dollar coins will be placed in circulation January 2, treasury department officials expect, and the new silver quarters two weeks later. It can scarcely be expected that postoffice employees and carriers would be overly enthusiastic about the Christmas season—and neither would you, if you had their job.

LEAGUE CAUCUS MAY BE DELAYED

Blizzard in West Demoralizes Train Service to Bismarck. Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 27.—The Non-Partisan League caucus scheduled to open here today may be delayed by the absence of members as the train service is thoroughly demoralized with prospects that conditions will be worse tomorrow. President A. C. Townley, Governor-Elect Frazier and other leaders are expected tomorrow.

All fast trains on the Livingston division of the Northern Pacific have been annulled owing to the blizzard. Trains on the local division are run without regard to schedule from five to fifteen hours late. Great loss of stock on the open range is feared from the blizzard, which unless it clears off soon will result in starvation of thousands of cattle.

LEMON EXTRACT KILLS ED. HODVD

Grafton, N. D., Dec. 27.—Lemon extract, which contained a large per cent of wood alcohol, is presumed to have caused the death of Ed. Hodvd, a Grafton farmer, who was found dead in his rooming house of Ole Hanson in this city. The man was found dead in bed after having been in his room for several hours. Two eight-ounce bottles which had contained lemon extract were found in the room. Hodvd had been working on farms in this section for some time, but few people knew him and no relatives could be located. He came to this city about a year ago and had been rooming at the Hanson place.

Storm Victim Found in Stack Badly Frozen

Devils Lake, N. D., Dec. 27.—Anton Laurinzer, the 14-year-old boy who was lost in the storm while riding out to the Moran home, four miles north of town, was found badly frozen in a hay stack near the John Vanderlin home. His feet and hands badly frozen from twenty-two hours' exposure to the cold. The Vanderlin farm is about four miles directly north of town on the main road that had disappeared and the boy has little to say about his adventure, being in no condition to talk.

KILLED WHEN TEAM RUNS AWAY

Minot, N. D., Dec. 27.—A remarkable series of tragic deaths in this district has been increased by the death of William O'Leary, prominently known farmer, killed under a load of grain. O'Leary was walking beside his wagon when the horses started to run. He attempted to climb onto the wagon and in so doing was thrown under the wheels and killed. The victim formerly resided at Caledonia, Minn., where the funeral will take place.

J. C. R. Case May Not Be Called Until Next Week

Dickinson, N. D., Dec. 27.—The famous J. C. R. case may not be called until the first of next week, the district court reconvening today, but taking up first the case of Stark county vs. Murtha, et al., involving a claim on bonds. It is expected that the case will take several days, and it may not be possible to reach the J. C. R. case this week. Over a hundred witnesses have been summoned in the J. C. R. case, in which the mysterious man who was so prominently played in the news columns a few years ago, will seek to establish his identity as Jay Allen Caldwell, the son of a Dickinson rancher. J. C. R.'s principal witness is Caldwell's daughter. She accepts the mysterious man as her brother.

Flicker Tales

Cavalier.—George Faith of Glass-ton will be taken to the state insane asylum at Jamestown. The condition of the man's mind is such that he is not to be trusted and doctors claim there is little hope of restoring his mind to its proper condition, although he seems rational at times.

Cando.—After a long chase, Sheriff Taylor has finally landed Chas. Fox, the man who is alleged to have stolen a horse from the Cando farm near Rock Lake. Fox was arrested and placed in jail to await a preliminary hearing.

Crosby.—Jennie Osg of Kenmare has been held under bonds to the district court on a charge of selling liquor. She waived preliminary hearing and her case will come before the next term of district court. It is alleged that the woman is an old offender of the prohibition law, but that she could never be found to convict her.

Dickinson.—The Roberts jewelry store in this city was sold by George Brown and his brother, Henry Brown. Mrs. Roberts will leave this city for the Mill city in the near future.

Inkster.—The Inkster Chautauqua association was organized at a recent meeting and the following officers elected: V. Bemis, president; W. A. Scouler, secretary. The Chautauqua will be held in June next summer.

SHOT MAY HAVE CAUSED POISONING

Williston, N. D., Dec. 27.—W. W. Corbett, constable at Buford, this county, once tried for assault with a dangerous weapon, and was charged by John Renville, a breed, may now face the charge of murder. Renville died in a Williston hospital, and an autopsy revealed the fact that eight perforations of the intestines had caused poisoning. Physicians say the perforations were caused by the bullets fired into Renville's body over a year ago by Corbett. Corbett pleaded self defense when tried for assault with a dangerous weapon, the jury disagreeing.

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Montana News

MASS MEETING TO PROTEST HIGH PRICES

Helena, Mont., Dec. 27.—The Helena Trades and Labor assembly has made complete arrangements for a mass meeting Thursday night, to protest the high cost of living. The procedure to be followed by local labor bodies, in their proposed campaign against high prices, is expected to be announced at that time.

Masonic Funeral For Waldemar Stein

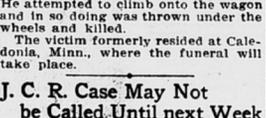
Helena, Mont., Dec. 27.—The funeral of Waldemar Stein, deputy collector of United States revenue, who died of pneumonia Monday in a hospital in Helena, will be held Thursday afternoon, under Masonic auspices. Mr. Stein, who was 60 years of age, was a pioneer printer and the first state president of the Sons of Hermann in Montana. A widow and two daughters survive.

Thermometer Still Goes Down at Helena

Helena, Mont., Dec. 27.—It was 20 below zero in Helena at midnight and 25 below, it was expected, would be registered by dawn. Unofficial thermometers record even lower figures. Continued cold is predicted.

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Military Training Hard For "Pride" Of Family, But he Soon Learns to Like It; It Makes Him Strong, And Manly

(By Florence Corbett.)

It was really decided that Mother's Boy should be sent to a "Class A" military school. For a month before his departure, his family had been dinnning a life's reluctant gas that although they would miss him terribly, they were sending him for his own good. The disgruntled young gentleman does not believe a word of it. He says they just want to get rid of him. Well, he will go and they will be sorry. Of course this makes everything very pleasant about the house, as he departs with lagging feet to his new life.

He does not know exactly what awaits him but he has his suspicions. It is even worse than he expected. On reaching the barracks he is taken to his quarters, and sees a bare little room which he is expected to keep in order, containing a bed three feet wide, a stand for his books, a camp chair, a place for his clothes, a gun rack and nothing else, and he already yearns for the soft cushions and easy chairs of home.

At a life's breakfast in the morning, breakfast is ready an hour, as he turns over for another nap, and shrill reveille sounds piercing boyhood's deep sleep, and he must jump out instantly, knowing he has just ten minutes in which to wash and dress and fall in line. Then comes the march out in the chill gray dawn with his fellows for setting up exercises; police of quarters and other things must be gone through with before the roll call to breakfast; he never knew before that plain old meat and potatoes and coffee were so good.

All day the warning bugle sounds making him jump from one task to another; study, drill, recall, halloo parade, and a between the everlasting drill, drill, lugging around an old gun, until the last call to quarters, when he gladly crawls into the den of his cot.

On a certain day of the week, may be seen this erstwhile pride of the family on his tender knees, mooping up his floor with kerosene, pulling a little as he works with his hands, for he has put off this evil task until the eleventh hour, but swift and sure he knows the penalty will come for this omission.

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He tries this fine plan at the first opportunity, and has ample time to reflect on the wisdom of his course as he sits in "durance vile" in his quarters, an armed guard pacing back and forth before his open door. Mingled with his regrets is a hearty hatred for the pacing sentry who ought to be kicked, just on general principles, although he has nothing against him personally, but when the guard stops the door and asks for a match he hastens to supply the need humbly pleased with this poor crumb of companionship with his kind, for he may not have speech with his fellows, but the chief drawback and in all probability the most serious, is that he must learn; prompt and strict obedience to constant drill.

But there are some bright spots. For instance the stern decree that all cadets must shave; he is already provided for this emergency, although no little as he has a razor in his quarters. He stands before his little mirror, the lather on his face acts as a delightful balm to his bruised feelings. He is a man.

Misery not only loves company but seeks it. He looks about him, all are in the same boat; the boy from an Oklahoma ranch, the millionaire's son, the son of a clerk in a small town, Yip Ling Hoy, the studious Chinaman from Hawaii, and he finds that neither friends, position or money count for anything here, it is what the boy himself is. Any taint of snobishness he may have had cannot live in this democratic atmosphere.

Soon the gloom lifts, and what were at first hardships, habit makes easy. He never suggested it before, and as he stands before his little mirror, the lather on his face acts as a delightful balm to his bruised feelings. He is a man.

Time goes swiftly now in this busy jovial company, and although at the end of commencement, he with others fling their shakos high in the air as a joyful signal that their release is at hand, he finds he is leaving this place with regret and affection.

He goes home a little cheery perhaps from his experiences, but his once flabby arms are filled out with the muscles of a blacksmith. He has exchanged his delicate white hands for a pair of broad useful ones, albeit somewhat with callused places, and divers blisters, souvenirs of his trench digging. The round shouldered.

Mercantile Ship Building is Being "Sped Up" Now

London, Dec. 27.—The question of expediting mercantile shipbuilding is receiving attention from government authorities and a "speeding up" order has been issued to various shipyards where the tonnage under construction is believed to be very large. Lack of men and materials seem to be the chief drawback, and in all probability skilled men will be brought back from the front to enable further steel furnaces to be opened.

Besides the large number of orders on hand, the shipping firms have each ordered a large cargo vessel of over seven thousand tons, the P. and O. company have placed an order for a big passenger liner and

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More Than 28,000 Killed by Snakes and Wild Animals

Simla, India, Dec. 27.—Correspondence of The Associated Press.—More than 28,000 people were killed by snakes and wild animals in British India last year. The government reports show that 1,923 persons were slain by tigers and other beasts, and 26,385 perished through being bitten by reptiles, an increase over the previous year of 7,700 deaths, including 1,382 tigers, 6,233 leopards, 2,775 bears and 2,191 wolves. The total number of snakes killed was 184,662.

During the past five years elephants, tigers and other animals have killed 9,192 people in British India, and of these, tigers have claimed a toll of 3,682. In the same period 116,828 persons have died as the result of snake bites.

Last year the highest total of deaths due to animals in any one province was in Bihar and Orissa, where 684 people lost their lives, tigers alone accounting for 275. In the United Provinces one man-eating tiger in the Almor district killed ten persons out of the provincial total of twenty.

In order to effect the destruction of as many wild animals and snakes as possible the government pays bounties. The number of animals destroyed in 1915 was 25,026, including 1,382 tigers, 6,233 leopards, 2,775 bears and 2,191 wolves. The total number of snakes killed was 184,662.

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