

CORRESPONDENCE

Painted Wood.

Wedding bells are ringing. Nells Peterson called on the Ramey family New Year's.

Frank Ramey had his face badly cut on a barb wire fence while skating on the creek.

Mrs. R. C. Olsen visited with her daughter, Mrs. Ole Fredrickson, the past week.

Grafton Head spent Sunday skating on Painted Wood.

Miss Virgie Davis and friend Bene were callers in Williston Saturday.

C. J. Cook and wife and Miss Florence Baynes and friend attended the New Year Ball in Williston.

Frank and Sid Fletcher and John Gout were business callers in Williston Saturday.

Oscar Helland and brother Henry are spending the holidays at Michigan City, N. D.

W. F. Garretson disposed of a valuable cow in Williston Saturday.

V. W. McMurrin has not given up hopes. He has again started on well no two.

Robert E. Goar began the new year right by shooting a rabbit.

Daa McGrath spent Sunday in the vicinity of Sand Creek.

R. C. Olsen, wife and daughter will spend the winter in Williston.

Miss Nellie Larsen spent a few days vacation with her parents, J. J. Larsen and wife.

We are informed that the store at Squires has again changed hands, F. F. Zimleska being the new proprietor.

Charles Bergstrom made a commuted proof on his claim Monday and departed for a visit with his parents at Osakis, Minnesota.

Nesson

George E. Loughland was in Nesson Sunday.

G. H. McKay received a letter from his brother John who is in Canada. He says there is no snow there where he is but very cold.

Mrs. E. O. Westcott went to Beaver Sunday for several days visit with her parents.

Miss Olie Littlefield from Beaver has been visiting with her brother, George in McKenzie county for several days.

Miss Grace Westcott has a friend from Hurlfield visiting with her.

The masked ball at Hoffman new year's night, was attended by a large crowd.

Deputy Sheriff Matson was in Nesson last week after some evil doers. He got his men all right and took them to Ray and later to Williston where they will board with Sheriff Olson until court convenes.

Bonetrail

A happy new year to all.

The last snow storm did not forget Bonetrail this time but was not a bad one.

Oscar Holdahl and Clara Leddel drove over to Mondak, Montana, to spend the holidays.

A number from Bonetrail attended the Ladies dance.

A shadow social will be given by the Ladies Aid at Fougner place Saturday night.

The Ladies Aid had their yearly meeting at Bonetrail last Thursday.

Misses Thea Buer and Alma Liddel were expected out from Williston to spend the holidays here with their parents.

Melvin Borstad returned back to Williston to attend school after spending the holidays with his parents.

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LATE QUAKE DEVELOPMENTS.

Every city in the United States is busy raising an earthquake fund. Congress appropriates \$800,000 for sufferers.

Relief train wrecked near Messina; five persons killed.

Reported that another serious earthquake is due Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE.

Congress	\$800,000
New York	500,000
Chicago	63,200
Birmingham, Ala.	1,000
Washington, D. C.	10,000
Denver, Col.	22,500
Houston, Tex.	1,000

which the officers of the vessels were compelled to refuse them. Several of the smaller craft capsized and a number of persons were drowned.

Parliament to Meet Soon.

Rome, Jan. 5.—Parliament will be convoked January 11. The minister of war says that the forts around Messina, which contain tons of powder and millions of cartridges, have not been injured. He also says that while he was at Messina at least 15,000 persons were taken from the ruins, injured and uninjured, of which number 1,000 were saved by the Russians and 1,000 by the English sailors.

The Italian navy has sent 600 tons of provisions to the affected district. All the treasure found has been placed aboard the warships.

Queen Nurses Small Girl.

Naples, Jan. 5.—Queen Helena is taking particular interest in a six-year-old girl who was rescued from the ruins under remarkable circumstances. While some Italian sailors at Messina were climbing over wreckage they heard weak cries of "Maria!" "Maria!" After much work they reached a room where they found a parrot continuing to utter cries of "Maria." The seamen turned to leave, but as the parrot persisted in its cries they broke into an adjoining room and found a girl lying senseless. She and the parrot were taken on board the battleship Regina Elena. The queen nursed the girl with her own hands.

Many Americans Safe.

The following list of Americans who were believed to be in Sicily at the time of the earthquake are now considered to be safe:

Misses Emma S., Katherine E. and C. M. Lansing of Watertown, N. Y.; William Elliott Smith, his wife and two daughters, Eunice and Ellen, of Alton, Ill.; Samuel E. Stokes, Miss Annie Ker, Miss Katherine Davis, Miss May Moss, Miss Frances M. and Miss Elizabeth Botkins, Miss Emily Crossland; Miss Estelle Fagan, Philadelphia; Miss Eleanor M. Wood, Miss Alice E. Batro, Miss Mary H. deHart, Elizabeth, N. J.; Miss Mary Oberman; Miss Margaret Mendell, Brookline, Mass.; Miss Lillian Elizabeth Adgins, Miss Elizabeth Penfield, Miss Henriette L. Hadelman, Miss Florence Bayard, Miss Kate Florence Clark, Miss Florence Tining, Miss Mary Carruthers, Mrs. Alfred Harris and daughter Rosalie; J. A. Kain and family, Cleveland; Thomas Robinson and family, Cleveland; Mr. and Mrs. Edmund H. and Julian Garrett, Mrs. Charles H. Hapgood, Frederick G. Bates; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris, Philadelphia; Mrs. Matha Kittridge and Misses Ethel and Clarissa Kittridge, Brookline, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wright, Philadelphia; Mrs. Jacob Bauer of Chicago, Mrs. Thornton A. Greene and Miss Marguerite McMillan of Fond du Lac, Wis.; and Mr. and Mrs. Hugo B. Roelker.

MERIT SYSTEM IN STEADY GAIN.

Annual Report of Civil Service Commission is Made Public.

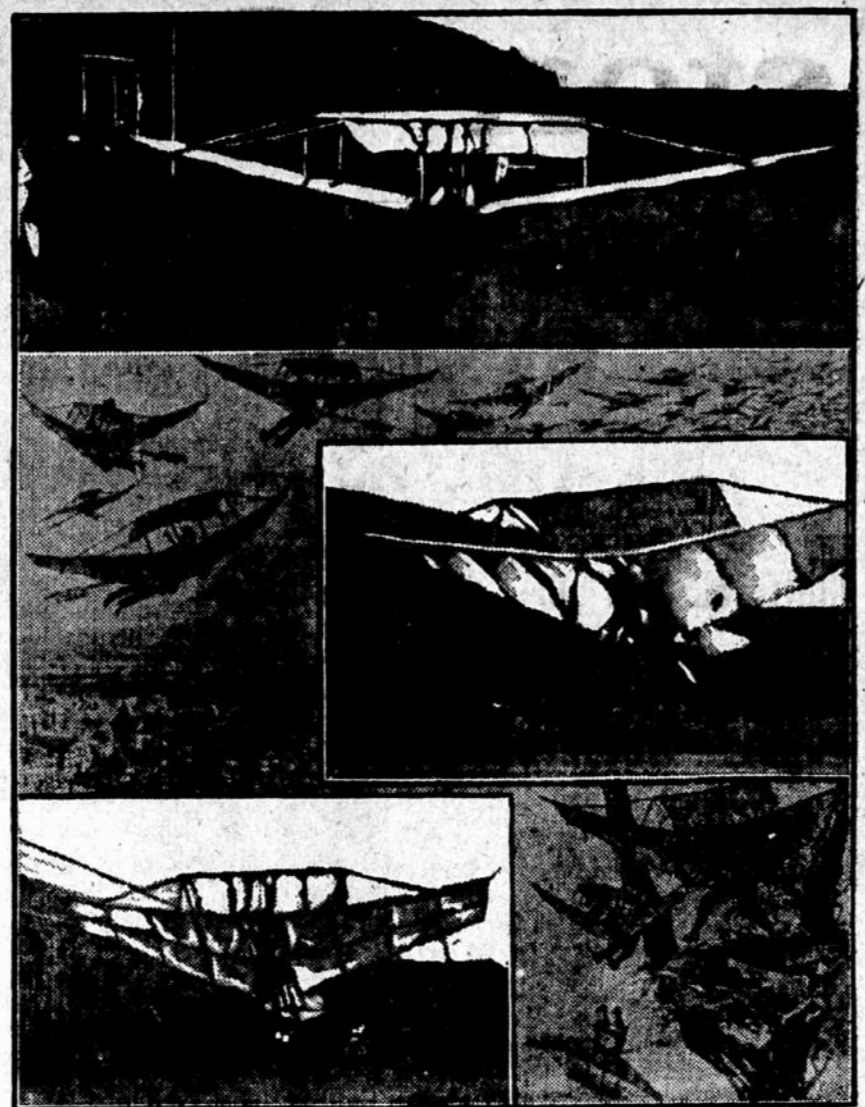
Washington, Jan. 5.—The twenty-fifth annual report of the civil service commission issued last night is of special interest, containing as it does a resume of the commission's work during the first quarter of a century of its existence, together with a more detailed statement of the changes brought about during President Roosevelt's terms of office. The report shows that since its establishment in 1883 the growth of the merit system has been continuous, and appreciation of its advantages over the patronage system which preceded it, has become practically universal. Both political parties unite in their platforms to endorse the principles of the system and the workings of the civil service law, and the commission enjoys the support and sympathy of administrative officers and the federal courts. In this connection it is interesting to note that six states and nearly 100 cities of the country have adopted competitive systems for civil appointments. As the report says:

"The end of a quarter century of enforcement finds the system firmly established and faithfully supported. It is justified as a practicable method of obtaining economy and efficiency in the service, and as a remedy for many abuses."

effect of the supreme court decision in the Consolidated Gas Company is to declare the law constitutional.

Florida Governor inaugurated. Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 5.—The inauguration of Gov. Albert W. Gilchrist as chief executive of the state of Florida took place yesterday.

SCHOOL AT WHICH MEN ARE TAUGHT TO FLY



Near Lille, France, an aeroplane has established a school to teach men to fly. The aeroplane used is built to carry a single person, who operates the wings with his arms and legs. That the flying man may not be injured by a fall from a great height, the aeroplane is anchored to the ground by a rope which prevents it from rising higher than a few yards. 1. A would-be flying man about to begin a restricted flight. 2. The first fluttering of the wings. 3. Coming to earth again. The pictures sketched in by the artist, showing men flying over houses and living in trees, represent his idea of what the school may do for future generations.

THREE WORDS WORTH \$3,000,000.

Death of St. Louis Woman Whose Intuition Made Husband Wealthy.

St. Louis.—Three words spoken by Mrs. Sue McClure Clark, who died of pneumonia recently, made her husband, Charles Clark, a millionaire.

The words were: "Let's keep them." and each syllable was worth \$1,000,000. At that time, nearly 20 years ago, Mr. Clark was well to do, but he was only a private in the army of finance. He had bought and held for a long time several hundred shares of stock in the Granite Mountain Silver mine, near Phillipsburg, Mont.

It had depreciated until it was worth only a few cents a share. Going through his desk at his home one day Mr. Clark found the practically worthless certificates in a pigeon hole.

"I'll throw these away," he said to his wife. "They take up desk room, and the broker's fee for selling them would amount to more than their market value."

He was about to tear them up and drop them into the waste basket when Mrs. Clark laid a restraining hand on his arm. With a woman's intuition she said:

"Let's keep them."

So that they would not be in her husband's way, she put them in her desk. Less than two years later the shares were worth \$3,000,000, and Mr. Clark was one of the richest men in St. Louis, a position in which he is still secure.

Mrs. Clark, who had been ill several weeks, was 69 years old.

She was noted for her charitable works. She was the mother of Charles McClure Clark of St. Louis and Vaughn Clark of New York, both well-known stock and bond brokers.

DOG HAS WOODEN LEG.

Queer Antics of Canine Who Has Advantage of Artificial Aid.

Philadelphia.—There is a little dog out in Germantown which has been the cause of much amusement and all because he wears a wooden leg. About a year ago the dog, which belonged to a young lady of about five years, was run over by a trolley car, its leg being cleanly amputated at a point about half way down. The young lady was, of course, grief-stricken, so her father, instead of shooting the dog, as he had at first intended, bandaged up its leg, with the result that in time the animal recovered. For a while it limped around on three legs, but its progress was painful to behold.

Then the little girl's father evolved the idea of constructing a wooden leg. He did this with great care and attached it by straps so as to make it absolutely secure.

Now he can get around on it as well as most dogs can on the legs that nature gave them, but the sight is a strange one, and the little girl and her dog excite mirth wherever they go.

Marries to Escape a Debt.

Pittsburg.—Dr. Gebhart Stine, charged by Isadore Seitelman with false pretense, gained his liberty in Alderman McInerney's court by consenting to be married to Seitelman's sister-in-law, Miss Sadie Finger.

The prosecutor said Dr. Stine had borrowed money from him to open up an office and failed to make good. It developed that Dr. Stine had been engaged to Miss Finger and had been slow in carrying out his part of the agreement. Upon his consenting to being married the false pretense charge was withdrawn.

STUDY POLAR SEAS

PROBLEMS OF ARCTIC REGION TO BE PROBED.

Knowledge of Far North and its Mysteries to Be Increased if Possible by Dr. Amundsen's Expedition.

Christiania.—Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, in his lecture before the Geological Society in London, pointed out that the principal problems of geographical exploration in northern Arctic regions consist in the scientific examination of the extent, depth and general character of the polar basin. This task could to an important extent be fulfilled, he intimated, if a future expedition would let itself drift over the polar basin, as did the Fram expedition of 1893-96, but with its route laid further to the north.

These words contain the nucleus of Capt. Amundsen's scheme, which was explained in a lecture before the Geological society at Christiania. Dr. Amundsen said:

"We have apparatus now by which it is possible to obtain samples not only of the surface of the bottom itself but also of the underlying strata at a depth of two meters or more. Perhaps of even greater importance, however, is the examination of the temperature of the water at different depths of the sea. We are now able to measure it with exactness at any depth. We know of three different water bulks in the polar basin; they represent at the least three different current systems which are not yet sufficiently examined. We will be able to do this through the Nansen pendulum current measure apparatus and Dr. Ekborn's propeller current measure apparatus, both invented within the last four or five years.

"Another problem which has not been sufficiently examined is the existence of tidal waves and tidal currents in the polar basin, a question of great importance not only to science, but to navigation as well. Influence of the winds on the currents of the sea and their importance in organic life, the role of light in different depths below the ice and the physiology of the sea. "We have no ambition to establish a record in the race to reach the geographical north pole. The object of my expedition is the scientific examination of the polar basin, its bottom and configuration, and the different oceanographic problems in connection with it. The manner in which I hope to accomplish my scheme is not an original one. The scheme of my expedition is as follows:

"On the Fram, with a selected equipment and provision for seven years, I will leave Norway in the beginning of 1910. We start for San Francisco, going around Cape Horn. In San Francisco coal and provisions will be taken.

From there we set out for Point Barrow, where I hope to arrive in July or August, and from whence the last news will go home. From Point Barrow I will start with the smallest possible crew. The course for the drift ice is north-northwest. We will try to enter the compact ice at the most favorable point to commence our drift, calculated to last four or five years, over the polar basin. During all this time we will make oceanographic and other observations, through which I hope to solve some of the yet unexplained problems of the polar regions."

SEEKS ENGINE IN HIS FEVER.

White Robed Railroad Plays Ghost to Lure of Whistle.

Wilmington, Del.—Attired only in night shirt, William M. Rogers, a locomotive engineer, was found at two o'clock the other morning, wandering about the railroad tracks. It was raining hard and he was drenched, but he did not appear to mind his condition.

Rogers is a typhoid fever patient in a private hospital. When he partly regained consciousness, he said he thought he heard the whistle of an engine, and, thinking in his delirium that it was his train, he jumped from a window of the hospital and made his way to the railroad. The beating of the rain upon his thinly clad body partly brought him to his senses and he started toward the French street station.

A negro saw the white robed figure coming along the tracks and almost fainting from fright. He managed to get to the police patrol station and notified the patrol driver who captured Rogers and sent him to the police station. Later he was returned to the hospital.

Town Digs for Cash.

Caddogap, Ark.—The citizens of this town are in a state of excitement over the contents of Mrs. Bessie Reynolds' will, filed in probate court, which states that "\$10,000 was left to the public buried in the ground."

Proceeding on the grounds that finders are keepers, the whole community turned out but less than \$500 in gold was found near the old homestead.

Currency in amounts of \$200 was unearthed in the garden.

Indians Trap Turtles.

Winona, Minn.—The Indians around here have taken to trapping mud turtles this winter. The turtles, according to the Indians, find a ready market in the east, and good prices are paid for them. The trapping of muskrats, beaver and other fur bearing animals is not so good as in some previous years, and the Indians are glad to add to their income through the sale of the turtles.

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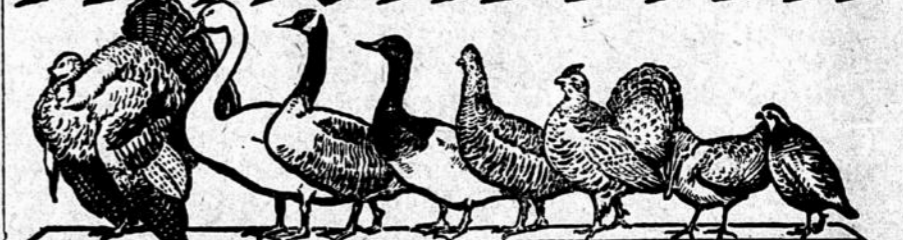


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