

CONFERENCE

GREAT SUCCESS

METHODIST CONFERENCE WHICH CLOSED HERE SUNDAY EVENING VERY SUCCESSFUL

The last three days of the Methodist conference were among the busiest of the entire week. Friday morning a business session was held and Friday afternoon there was a Missionary sermon by Rev. R. H. Craig of Lisbon, N. D., and a great address by Mrs. Mae Powell-Schwind on the subject, "Earth's Hurt and Marred."

Friday evening the members of the conference and the citizens of Williston had the pleasure of hearing Bishop Luccock deliver his famous lecture "Twentieth Century Ideals."

Saturday was a very busy day. Three business sessions were held. One in the morning, one in the afternoon and another in the evening. During the evening session an educational address was delivered by Professor Stolty of Wesley College, Grand Forks.

Sunday morning at nine o'clock was the celebration of the Conference Love Feast and at 10:30 Bishop Luccock preached a great sermon in the opera house to one of the largest congregations ever seen in the city.

A Sunday school session was called at twelve o'clock with addresses from Rev. R. W. Adams, Rev. W. A. Snow and Bishop Luccock.

Sunday afternoon at three o'clock ordination services were held when four young men were ordained elders and one a deacon. This service was very impressive. Immediately after this service Dr. Edwin Locke gave a temperance lecture, choosing as his subject, "Life in a Dry Country."

Sunday evening the congregation enjoyed a very fine lecture by Dr. Coker of Chicago. A stirring address was also given by Dr. Walters of Fargo.

The appointments were then read by the Bishop.

Rev. C. C. Vermilyea, who has been presiding elder of this district for some time, but who was transferred to Bismarck district, was called to the platform and presented with "Shining Pieces of Gold," a gift from the clergy of his district.

The conference was then closed with a prayer by Bishop Luccock.

The list of appointments as read transferred Rev. Hollett to Oaks and placed Rev. C. Wickard of Church Ferry in charge of the Williston church.

Rev. Hollett has been with the Williston congregation for seven years and it is needless to say his host of friends here, both in and out of the church, will be very sorry to see him leave here.

BIG STOCK SALE

NEAR BRADDOCK

RANCH OF SEVEN THOUSAND ACRES AND ALL STOCK WILL BE SOLD

Bismarck, N. D., Oct. 8.—One by one the great ranches of the middle west are disappearing, and in a few years they, like the Indian, will exist only in history. The latest of these to come to notice is the Drake & Newcomer ranch which is located about three miles from Braddock in Emmons county. I. L. Scroggin, for thirteen years manager of this ranch, and one of the best known cattle men in this country, said today:

"I am on my way to Miles City and brought the family this far to take in the exposition today. We are going to sell the stock and close the ranch, which consists of 7,000 acres, and is one of the finest improved ranches in the state. Mr. Newcomer is dead and it has been decided to follow out this plan. Sometime in the latter part of October we intend to have a big two-day sale, but cannot determine the exact date till I have communicated with P. McGuire, the big auctioneer of Iowa. At this sale we will offer 100 head of registered Percheron horses; forty head of registered Hereford cattle and 700 head of Montana yearling breeding ewes. It is a fine lot, and will make a great sale. We expect to have cattle buyers from all over the state."

CORN AND POTATO CONTEST

The Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Martha P. Tatem, announces that the corn and potato contests for Williams county will be held on the morning of Friday, October 18.

Ten potatoes and ten ears of corn are required in the contest.

The contestants are requested to bring their corn and potatoes to the office of the superintendent, or send them before October 18, if they cannot come. This contest is for the school children of Williams county only. Prof. G. W. Randlett of the agricultural college of Fargo, will be present and act as judge of the contest.

BARN PLANS

Barn plans is the name of bulletin No. 97, North Dakota Experiment Station. It gives description and details of barns and poultry houses. Diagrams are given of the floor plans and general appearance. Prof. Dolve has had in mind convenience and economy in getting out this bulletin. It is free.

LISBON MAN HAS

SOME FINE FRUIT

CHERRIES, APPLES AND GRAPES IN ABUNDANCE AND OF SPLENDID QUALITY

Sheldon, N. D., Oct. 5.—Julius Nessett claims to be the champion fruit raiser of Ramson county. Mr. Nessett has one of the finest orchards at his farm west of town of any farmer in the county. His orchard consists of several different varieties of apple trees, plums, cherry trees and grapes. From two or three cherry trees he has picked over 180 quarts and is still picking. They are of fine quality, big red and juicy. His apple trees bore exceptionally heavy this year and some of them are nearly ripe. He intends to exhibit some of the apples at the festival at Lisbon next month. His grapes were set out this spring and have a few clusters on, and he hopes to be able next year to supply some of the local trade with this variety of fruit.

TWO ENTERTAINMENTS

Mesdames W. C. Rawson Sr., W. C. Rawson, Jr., and George McIntosh were hostesses at an afternoon kensington, at the home of Mrs. Rawson, Jr., yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. About fifty ladies were present and a very pleasant afternoon was spent, at fancy work, contests, etc. An elaborate three course luncheon was served at small tables which were prettily decorated with autumn leaves. The house was brilliantly lighted with colored lights and candles. The afternoon was one of much pleasure and was enjoyed by all present.

Mesdames Rawson, McIntosh and Rawson will entertain another party of ladies tomorrow afternoon at a 1 o'clock luncheon and cards, at the same place. We bespeak for them a pleasant time.

CORRECT TEST REPORT

We give a second report of the Krieger milk test report this week. Last week we had on a new man and we turned over the writing to him. This is neither here or there except to let our readers know that we, being away part of the time, were unable to check over all the writings and errors got in.

Reports were made by Dr. Krieger for August and September tests and the following were reported:

- A. Pearson 22 cows tested, no reactors.
- L. N. Sheldon, 8 cows tested, no reactors.
- John Sutherland, 8 cows tested, no reactors.
- E. Laird 2 cows tested, one reactor. Reactor isolated from herd.
- Wm. Green, 2 cows tested, no reactors.
- J. E. Perry, one cow tested, no reactors.
- Wm. Hartman, 20 head tested, 2 reactors. Reactors removed from herd.
- Frank Davis, 9 tested, no reactors.
- P. Tone 24 tested, 3 reactors. Reactors removed from herd.
- S. A. Burns, 28 tested, no reactors.
- Herman Wilke 8 tested, no reactors.

Miss Hildreth and Joe Cutting were among the Williston visitors at Poplar Montana last Thursday.

SPRINGBROOK

BANK ROBBED

BANK ROBBERS BLEW SPRINGBROOK BANK UP WEDNESDAY MORNING AND ESCAPED

A gang of three or four men blew up the Springbrook State Bank yesterday morning about four o'clock and succeeded in getting away with about eighteen hundred dollars, \$581 of the amount being cash and the balance checks and drafts.

The gang used nitro-glycerine and judging from the work were expert safe blowers. The combination knob had been broken and the hole in the outer door where the knob was was filled with the glycerine. This explosion blew the outer door all to pieces. Three other charges were fired before the robbers succeeded in getting into the cash drawer. The explosions practically wrecked the bank building. The entire front was blown out and part of the safe was blown through the roof. The fixtures were also badly wrecked.

The blacksmith who lives near the bank was awakened by the first explosion but as he did not have a gun all he could do was to stand and watch the gang at work. Three men were at the bank, one of them keeping watch outside. It was also thought that one man watched Cashier Windmann's house for fear he might hear the explosions and attempt to go to the bank.

The men evidently stayed in the school house during the night as the floor was all covered with mud and tobacco spit the next morning when opened for school.

Two freights passed through Springbrook fifteen or twenty minutes after the last explosion and as both stopped it was thought the men escaped on one of the trains.

The bank carried five thousand insurance in a Bankers Protective Association so will not suffer and loss. The damage, including the money taken, is estimated to be not less than \$3000.

QUARANTINE RAISED

Denver, Oct. 5.—Acting on the recommendations of the state board of stock inspection, Governor Shaffroth today raised the quarantine declared five weeks ago against horses and mules from Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri. This action followed the information that the disease which killed thousands of horses in those states has practically disappeared.

HAMILTON MAN

ASSASSINATED

FRANK BRESTENHAM OF HAMILTON VICTIM OF OUTLAWS IN NEW MEXICO

Hamilton, N. D., Oct. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brestenham have received a telegram announcing the death of their son Frank which occurred in New Mexico from a gunshot wound. While no definite news has arrived as to the cause leading up to the tragedy, from what the family knows of their son's business affairs they have reason to believe that he met his death as a reward for prosecuting a band of outlaws.

He was but 29 years old and a lawyer by profession and had been quite successful as a prosecutor. It was while acting in this capacity that he was warned to desist upon the penalty of death. He had secured the conviction of three of a band of five alleged outlaws. He then thought it prudent to leave the scene and came here last winter for a visit with his parents when he was informed by letter that another and the most desperate of the gang had been "sent up" for five years. He then concluded it was safe for him to return and he did so over the protestations of his parents who were loath to see him take the risk. It is Mr. Brestenham's theory that the outlaw at liberty was directly responsible for his son's death. Mrs. Brestenham has left for New Mexico and full particulars are daily expected.

The unfortunate young man was a graduate of the law department of the Valparaiso Ind., university and had been in active practice for eight years. The interment will take place at Clinton, Okla., the home of a sister of the deceased.

THRESHERS ROW

ENDS IN KILLING

ONE DEAD AND SHOOTER IN JAIL IS RESULT OF THRESHERS ROW ON TUESDAY

Bad whiskey, a Colts revolver and a row has resulted in the death of one member of a Williams county threshing crew and placed the man doing the shooting behind the bars to answer to a murder charge.

The dead man was Wm. Griffen and the man who did the shooting is James Fowler. The row started in the cook car belonging to the Billy Grube threshing outfit which was threshing at the Andrew Heffelfinger farm north of Avoca.

Fowler, who is a French Italian, claims that Griffen was calling him names and that he invited him to come out of the car. When he came out Fowler shot at him, the bullet hitting Griffen in the face, Griffen then ran for Fowler who turned and ran away. Griffen kept after him and Fowler then turned and shot him in the abdomen. Fowler then ran across the hills west, crossing the little Muddy.

Griffen was brought into Williston and every effort was made to save his life but this was impossible and he died yesterday morning.

Billy Grube the owner of the threshing outfit was in the city Tuesday and notified Chief Nolan of the shooting. They then began looking around for Fowler but did not locate him. About eleven o'clock Grube stated he was going back out to the rig. He went up Main street to the Bruegger corner and there saw Fowler. He spoke to him and said they might as well go down to the railroad and endeavor to catch a ride out to Avoca on a freight. Fowler was not aware that Grube knew of the shooting and went with him down street. When they arrived at the Williston Hotel Grube saw Chief Nolan inside and asked Fowler in to get something to eat. When they stepped inside the door Nolan placed Fowler under arrest and took him to the county jail.

He is to have his preliminary hearing today. Coroner Thomas is holding an inquest today over the body of the dead man.

Griffen has been around here for several years and was somewhat of a hobo. He claimed that his mother lived in Superior, Wisconsin and that he had two children about fifteen and eighteen years of age.

Fowler is a man about twenty-seven years old. He has been in America three years.

RAILROAD WORK

BEING RUSHED

GRADING NEARLY DONE BETWEEN BOWBELLS AND NIOBE —LABOR PROBLEM SERIOUS

Bowbells, N. D., Oct. 7.—If the good weather continues until about the middle of this week the railroad grade between this city and Niobe will be completed, and the contractors at work on this stretch will either leave or will help the contractors north of the city finish their work, according to Engineer E. L. Higgins who has charge of the entire line here.

The grade north of the city and up to the Canadian line will also be completed within the next ten days or two weeks. The largest fill north of here is the deep ravine at the Dunkard church and this is pretty well under way. The next largest fill is in the pasture just east of the city, but this has been finished for several days.

The work would progress a great deal faster if plenty of help were obtainable. The grade contractors are not having near the trouble that the steel laying men are. Most of the men working on the grade are steady and work by the month all the year around, while the men in charge of the steel laying depend upon getting men by the day. The grade between here and Niobe will be ready for the ties and steel some time next week, but it may be a week or more before the track laying reaches this city.

The past few days have been ideal for all railroad work and it is noticeable what progress all crews have made during that time.

Misses Ethel and Joy Sherrin spent Saturday at Poplar, Montana.

SEWED LEG TO BODY

Rugby, N. D., Oct. 7.—Clarence, the 14-year-old son of E. G. Bergen, living three miles northwest of town, met with one of the worst accidents that has ever happened in this county while helping in the operation of a string of binders being run by his father, attached to a gas tractor engine.

The young lad was managing one of the machines and when it became clogged he ran in ahead of the sickles to loosen it up, and became caught in the knives, which completely severed one leg between the knee and ankle, with the exception of a shred of skin and flesh on the back part of the leg.

He was rushed to the hospital and the physicians operated upon him, and will endeavor to save the leg by putting it in place and trusting to nature to grow it fast again. The operation is an extremely doubtful one, however, and more than likely the leg will have to come off entirely.

CANADIAN LAND

NOT ATTRACTIVE

TWO NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS RETURN DISAPPOINTED FROM SASKATCHEWAN COUNTRY

Charlton, N. D., Oct. 4.—E. P. McKeen and Levi Schoonover, who went to the Saskatchewan country recently to look for land, have returned after putting in about two weeks looking over the country. They saw a great deal of land and figured on the advisability of moving from every angle, but finally decided that it was not worth while and came back without having filed. Mr. McKeen says that he saw no half section of vacant land that he would trade for his quarter here, but says that the earlier comers have some very good land.

In reaching this conclusion they took into consideration the cost of moving and the higher cost of horses, implements and other necessities. They are well satisfied with the trip and consider it well worth the cost.

NOTICE

The following rule will be followed in reserving seats for the entertainment course to be given by the Commercial Club this winter. Seats will be reserved 2 days before each entertainment, which will give all an equal chance each time. For the Ralph Parlette lecture of October 17th, for instance, seats can be reserved commencing at 9 o'clock A. M., on October 15 at Kather's drug store.

As this is a high class and high priced course the executive committee of the Commercial Club determined on the following prices:

Price for course (five high class entertainments) \$2.50. General admission (single entertainment) 75 cents. Reserved seats 25 cents extra for each entertainment. School children (price for course \$1.50. School children (single entertainment) 85 cents.

DEPRESSES PRICES

During the past week the attention of the Development League Press Bureau at Grand Forks, has been called to the exaggerated reports in some of the daily papers of the state relative to an alarming scarcity of help. The cry of scarcity strangely comes from the southeastern part of the state where threshing operations have been practically completed. It is true that there is no over supply of threshing help, the wet weather having caused hundreds of men to leave for the woods. As far as the Bureau has been able to ascertain, however, the condition is not at all alarming. In the western part of the state the difficulty is not so much in the scarcity of help as in the scarcity of threshing machines. As a matter of fact the time honored tendency to whoop it up regarding help scarcity to save the bumper crop, is to be deplored. It has a marked tendency in sending the price of wheat down in the primary markets. There is no question but what North Dakota has a splendid average crop this year, but it is also a fact that the yield will not be phenomenal. It is high time that the harangue about labor shortage, be relegated to the place where it belongs.

Roy Field and bride left last Friday morning for their homestead near Plentywood, Montana.

CHANGED PLEA

TO GUILTY

DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAKES CONFIDENT STATEMENTS—GOV. CASE SEEMS STRONG

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 7.—Edward Clark of Cincinnati, today pleaded guilty to the government's charge in the dynamite conspiracy.

As soon as court opened District Attorney Miller addressed General Judge A. B. Anderson: "If it pleases the court, the defendant, Clark of Cincinnati, wishes to change his plea from not guilty to guilty."

Clark then stepped forward. "Do you plead guilty?" asked Anderson. "I plead guilty," said Clark.

The prisoner was then separated from the other forty-five defendants and taken to jail to wait pronouncement of his sentence. Clark pleaded guilty to all charges, five counts of conspiracy and fifty counts of being a principal to the actual illegal interstate shipment of dynamite and nitroglycerine.

Clark was business agent and president of local union No. 44, of the International Association of Bridge & Structural Iron Workers from January, 1908 to July, 1911. His activities in promoting explosions, Miller asserted, were carried on through letters written by Frank M. Ryan, President of the union, and the McNamara. An ivory handled umbrella bearing the initials "E. C.," found in the wreckage of a dynamited bridge at Dayton, O., Miller said, led to disclosure that Clark actually caused the explosion, having used the umbrella to protect the dynamite from the rain, then leaving it behind.

Clark was also charged with carrying out plots against the employees of non-union labor, in connection with a scheme to blow up the Harrison avenue viaduct, at Cincinnati. Miller alleged that Clark wrote to Ryan: "It would be dangerous for me to buy explosives down here. You had better send a stranger. I have gotten one man out of a lot of trouble already. I am afraid I can't do much more, for a police judge said: 'For God's sake don't bring this bunch before me again, or I'll have to do something.'"

Herbert S. Hockin, acting secretary-treasurer of the union, was charged by Miller with double dealing with Clark. "The executive board of the iron workers union agreed upon a fixed price of \$200 for each job," said Miller to the jury. "For the blowing up of a bridge over the Miami river at Dayton, May 3, 1908, Hockin paid Clark only \$122.50, thus holding out part of the fee."

Pointing toward Eugene A. Clancy and Olaf A. Evietmoe of San Francisco, Miller said it would be shown that they helped in promoting the Los Angeles Times disaster, and that "Jack Bright," known as J. E. Munsey, for two weeks after the explosion harbored J. B. McNamara at Salt Lake City, Utah.

FORM PROVIDES

FIVE COLUMNS

NO PARTY DESIGNATION AT TOP FOR MINOR PARTIES, BUT WILL BE ON NAMES

Bismarck, N. D., Oct. 8.—Under the form of ballot being prepared by the secretary of state, the ballot in the coming election will carry five for presidential electors of the prohibitionists, socialists and the new progressive party, will be in individual columns.

The first two columns will be for the republican and democratic parties. Next will come the candidates for presidential electors of the prohibitionists; fourth will be the socialist ticket, a fifth the progressive party nominees will appear.

At the top of the last three columns will appear the words, "Individual nominations," and after the name of each of the candidate will appear the name of the party to which he professes to belong.

This form of ballot is out of accord with that declared by the attorney general, in an opinion supplied the secretary of state last week, to be correct. The attorney general held that only three columns were permissible under the law.

All nominations are now closed, Saturday, Oct. 5, being the last day on which nominations could be made.