

## CONVICTIONS IN SEVERAL CASES

### CRIMINAL CALENDAR NEARLY FINISHED—"GUILTY" IS PREVAILING VERDICT

The case of the state vs. Charles Daniels, charged with attempting to commit a felony occupied the attention of district court Saturday and Monday. This was a case originating in Ray, the attempted felony was an alleged attempt to commit rape on the person of an eleven year old girl. Many witnesses were called and the case was hard fought, H. W. Braatelen and U. L. Bardick defending and W. G. Owens prosecuting. The case was largely a matter of the story of the little girl against that of Daniels who is a cook by trade and a married man in whose household the child was employed to tend the baby. Surrounding circumstances, to some extent, supported the contention of each side. The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

In the case of Ed Hansel, charged with burglary in the third degree the verdict was guilty.

In the sensational McKenzie county case against Frank Spalding charged with adultery, which was unfinished at the time of last issue, the jury's verdict was guilty. The address to the jury by States Attorney Shafer of McKenzie was held, by those competent to judge, to be one of the best ever heard in the Williston court room.

Tuesday the case against O. L. Shouse charged with grand larceny was up. This was also a Ray case, involving the loss of a sum of money by one of a bunch of "good fellows" during a social session in a hotel room. The evidence left room for reasonable doubts and after being out more than 24 hours the jury disagreed.

The civil case of Getts vs. Champion & Meyers, involving the loss of some pianos in the Champion & Meyers fire was tried yesterday, the verdict was in favor of the plaintiff.

Harry Hammell, convicted earlier in the term of bootlegging, received a sentence of six months at Bismarck.

M. J. Robinson, a wet goods agent, giving Ray as his address, pleaded guilty to importing intoxicating liquors and Judge Fisk gave him 90 days in the county jail, \$200. fine and costs, 45 days to be added to the time for failure to pay. It appeared that Robinson was the one picked by a bunch of convivial spirits to go to Mondak and secure refreshments to lessen the sting of the cold and relieve the tedium of the winter days made more tedious by the daily court grind. They did a poor job of picking, Robinson said so himself. He reached Williston with 22 nice full pints in his grip and another sizable burden otherwise conveyed.

Chief Nolan was at the station, as he often is, on the lookout for returning captains of industry. He noted the difficulty Robinson was having with his double burden and the slippery walks. The traveler realized his handicap and noticing the chief nearby frankly asked for help in getting his laden suit case to his room. Sure, the accommodating officer was glad to lend assistance, that was his business. He beat the other man up stairs and had the case open and contents counted when he arrived. "This is quite a find, I would hate to part with it" remarked Nolan, "and perhaps you better come too."

## Hand Crushed In Machinery

Bert Alexander, engineer at the government power plant, met with the serious misfortune of having his right hand crushed in the gearing last Friday. One side of the hand, including the fore finger, was so badly crushed that amputation of that side was necessary. He has the sympathy of a host of friends and also their congratulations on his wisdom and precaution in carrying accident insurance that will pay him \$80 per month.

## LEAP YEAR PARTY GREAT SUCCESS

The Leap Year party held in Odd Fellows hall Friday evening was one of the most successful parties of the season. The hall was crowded and the ladies kept the men busy every dance. They demonstrated to the men that they could get up, manage and carry through a party just as well and even better than the men could.

## Select Agricultural Convention As Name

The Committee in charge of the Williams County Short Course have come to the conclusion that the name "Short Course" is not a fitting name for the annual gathering at Williston. It is not really a short course because it is not conducted with the idea of being a school but it is really a meeting at which the farmers of the whole county get together to confer regarding their business under the leadership of men posted along the lines that are important to the agricultural welfare of the county.

This meeting is an open forum for any farmer in the county. It is especially arranged for those men who think for themselves and not for those who let some one else think for them. The Committee have therefore decided to change the name from "Short Course" to "Williams County Agricultural Convention." The gathering on Feb. 8, 9, 10, 11, 1916 will be the Third Annual Williams County Agricultural Convention.

The Committee hopes that this will meet with the approval of the farmers of the county and that they will all give their support to this gathering.

## Went To Mondak Never Came Back

Harry O. Hanson, a single man, age about 30, was found in a Mondak hotel bedroom, the morning of January 14, strangled to death. The fire escape rope was about his neck and brought up over the highest part of the bed. It was considered to be a clear case of suicide. The remains were buried at Mondak.

Harry Hanson was a coal miner who about two years ago bought the Breen mine, six miles east of the city. Until recently he was doing well, was industrious, made his payments on the mine last year, and had four miners in his employ. But whiskey and Mondak got him. Since before Christmas he had spent most of his time at the Montana town. On his last visit, from which he never returned, he was gone two weeks or more, squandering in that time it is said about \$300. Ole Breen has been appointed special administrator of the estate, pending the appointment of a regular administrator. So far as could be learned the deceased had no relatives in this country.

## TOO COLD FOR MARKET DAY

The Farmers' Club Market day, advertised for last Saturday was considerably interfered with by the severe weather but a fair amount of choice farm produce was brought in and all was disposed of.

## Will Consult Board As To State Money

County Auditor M. H. Aaen will attend the state meeting of auditors at Bismarck January 26, which will be coincident with the meeting of the State Board of Equalization.

While at the capital Mr. Aaen will confer with members of the Board of University and School Lands concerning the purchase of road bonds in case Williams county should decide to issue such.

## HELP ASKED IN ADVANCING CHILD WELFARE

The National Child Labor Commission of New York has written the county superintendents office and sent some literature bearing on the campaign in support of the Keating-Owen bill now before congress to regulate child labor. January 24 is suggested by the commission as Child Labor Day when the subject can be given attention by the schools and by the general public. One purpose of the bill is to stop interstate commerce in certain child made goods, made by children under 14. All citizens interested in child welfare are asked to write their representative in congress urging support of the bill. It is a subject in which the argument is all on one side, all in favor of the child.

## EXTRA NUMBER VERY GOOD

Wallace Bruce Amsbary, reader, gave the extra number of the Community Course at the Congregational church Tuesday evening. Mr. Amsbary is a personal friend of James Whitcomb Riley and gave the greater part of his time to a talk about the great Hoosier Poet and the reading of his poems. Mr. Amsbary said that Mr. Riley was the "Bobby Burns" of America and if there was anyone in the audience who did not believe this when they came in we believe they did before they left. The entertainer is a poet of considerable note himself and before closing gave a number of his own poems written in the French dialect.

## BERGEN SWEEP BY CONFLAGRATION

### FIRE RAGES UNCHECKED 3 DAYS THROUGH NORWAY—3,000 LEFT HOMELESS

Christiania, Jan. 18.—Bergen's fire loss, as computed today, will total \$30,000,000. Dispatches from the stricken city today state that the conflagration, which started Saturday night, now is practically extinguished. Although the use of dynamite Sunday succeeded in stopping the general spread of the flames, scores of isolated fires kept the firemen at work more than three days.

With Bergen still in a turmoil from the conflagration and communication virtually suspended, the capital today is without definite details of the fire. The following facts, however, have been obtained:

The number of persons rendered homeless has been increased to 3,000. More than 400 buildings, including many of the show places of the city, were destroyed.

The loss of life was negligible, there being only one death and less than a score of persons injured.

Relief work is progressing satisfactorily under government supervision, and there is no fear of any suffering among those made destitute.

### Relief Trains Rush to City

Special trains laden with warm clothing, blankets and provisions already have been dispatched to the seaport, and it is known that there are large quantities of flour and grain in storage there that have not been reported destroyed.

The government of France wired 100,000 francs to the French minister here for the aid of the fire sufferers, and offers of other sums are being received from other governments.

King Haakon VII and Queen Maud have sent messages of sympathy to the authorities of Bergen and are personally in touch with the situation there.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Oliver, January 16th, a girl.

## MUCH OF INTEREST FOR FEB. DATES

### COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF 3RD ANNUAL SHORT COURSE WANTS TO RAISE \$125

The Third Annual Williams County Agricultural Short Course is going to be the best agricultural meeting ever held in Williams county and is also going to be the most expensive. The expense will be better than \$125, if present plans as worked out by the Committee materialize.

The donations toward expenses to date are as follows:

- Williston Twp. Farmers Club...\$10.00
- Garden Valley Farmers Club... 6.00
- Muddy Valley Farmers Club... 6.00
- Williston Commercial Club... 50.00
- Williams Co. Horse Breeders Association... 7.00
- A. E. Scaee, Williston... 1.00
- Missouri Ridge Club... 6.00

The Committee is very anxious to hear from other farmers clubs and individuals as they want the money raised before the Short Course.

Good speakers have been secured on the topics of HOME; MARKETING GRAIN, LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE; Farm Management; Rural Credits; Farm Accounting and Varieties of Grains for Williams County. Watch for program next week.

The Williams County Horse Breeders Association will hold a special meeting one evening during the Short Course and part of one day will be given to the Williams County Better Farming Association to elect directors for the coming year. If you are a farmer taxpayer you are entitled to vote for the directors of the Association in your district.

Something of interest every day for the whole family at the New Armory, February 8, 9, 10, 11, 1916.

### MARRIAGES

Richard G. Burns of Wheelock and Miss Clara E. Spears of Williston, were united in the bonds of wedlock, January 13, by Judge A. L. Butler. On the 17th, Carl Goerlitz and Martha J. Burkett, both of Williston, had the marriage ceremony performed by the same official.



## ROYAL GWENT WELSH MALE SINGERS WILL VISIT WILLISTON JANUARY 24th

Seldom has such a celebrated musical organization as the Royal Gwent Welsh Male Singers visited this city. They have attained the highest honors in their own country and are now on their fourth American tour. The Royal Singers come to Williston under a large guarantee from Company E and were originally intended as the initial attraction in opening the armory-auditorium. The severe weather delayed building operations and the concert will be held in the Congregational church, Monday evening, January 24.

The opportunity to hear this internationally famous company is such as to merit patronage to the capacity of the large church auditorium. The editor had the privilege, about a year ago of listening to the Welsh Singers and is glad to lend his personal assurance of the high degree of merit and charm their programs hold.

Of many most favorable press comments a few are here reprinted: New York Globe and Advertiser:—The audience was most cordial in its applause of the work of the Royal Gwent Welsh Male Singers at Carnegie Hall last evening. The choir has a good ensemble and soloists of rare merit.

Brooklyn Eagle:—They brought forth numerous encores from a large and appreciative audience. The choruses were well sung, the shading and volume being inspiring and fascinating. Several solos were given in bright, interesting and dramatic style. The individual voices are excellent as well as the chorus work.

Montreal Star:—To those who are not acquainted with Welsh singing in the original, the extreme staccato; the acute phrasing; and the emphasis which characterize the choir's work must, at times, appear peculiar, but it is indigenous, and without it the singing would not be Welsh. There are other qualities, however which possess

## John Bruegger League Organized

The candidacy of Hon. John Bruegger to succeed himself as democratic national committeeman will be staunchly supported by his friends in all parts of the state through an organization that received its initial impetus in his home city.

The John Bruegger League was organized in Williston Tuesday and will be followed by local organizations in every county of the state. The home organization will send out literature and furnish petitions to be circulated so that democrats may join their local league and pledge themselves to vote for and support the present national committeeman.

The meeting at which the organization was effected was attended by a large and representative body of local democrats. Several good speeches were made that put forth strong argument for democratic prospects the present year, both as to Mr. Bruegger and results in general. Much genuine enthusiasm attended the work of the meeting. The following officers were elected: John Heffernan, Jr., president; H. V. Smith, secretary; John J. Murphy, treasurer.

## Description of Guy Hall Checks

Information received from the Washington State Reformatory at Monroe, Wash., Donald B. Olson superintendent, gives a brief record of Guy Hall who murdered Mrs. A. M. Hart and her two sons near Ray December 30, 1915, and the following day committed suicide. The following description is from an advertisement sent out at the time of Hall's escape from the Washington State Reformatory, Monroe, Washington.

Description: No. 917—Guy Hall. Reward \$50. Crime Grand Larceny. Age—18 years in 1912. Height—5 ft. 4 1-4 inches. Weight—140 lbs. Hair—Brown. Eyes—Brown. Nativity—American. Occupation—Laborer. Received from Snohomish County. Date Sentenced—Aug. 17, 1912. Date Received—Aug. 20, 1912. Term—1 to 15 years. India Ink Marks: Marks: Round cut scar over left eye, cut scar back of left hand, flat feet, scar from operation right groin. The description checks with the man who is buried in the Williston cemetery.

### GRAND MASK BALL

For the benefit of the Williston band a grand masquerade ball will be given in the new armory on the evening of Monday, Feb. 14. An extra large orchestra will furnish music for the occasion. Masks and costumes can be secured by leaving word at Snyder's store. This is an opportunity to show your loyalty to the home band by attending. 31-1t.

## First National Plans Building

The First National Bank has practically decided to erect a fine modern building on its lot at the corner of Main and Broadway. Vice President J. H. Shaw and Cashier W. S. Davidson were in consultation with Architect Robert B. Stacy-Judd today. It is not understood that the bank will construct the building for its own use but to improve its property and as a rental investment.

At a meeting of the bank directors held Tuesday the present officers were reelected without change. The year's business under the present management has proven highly satisfactory.

### FARM INSTITUTE SCHEDULE

In addition to the schedule of meetings already published, agricultural meetings have been arranged for with the following clubs on the dates given:

- Angie—February 2, 1916.
- Summit Valley—February 3, 1916.
- Outlook—February 4, 1916.

One of the members of the farmers institute staff will assist the county agricultural agent at these meetings. Meetings are called for noon of the dates given.

Farmers Institutes are scheduled for Epping, Ray and Tioga next week.

### HORSE-BREEDERS WILL MEET

The Williams County Horse Breeders Association will meet at Williston on February 9, 1916, at 8 p. m. The meeting will be addressed by County Agent Nelson from Steele county and a general discussion will be held regarding the selling of home raised horses to our farmers. Officers will be elected. All members should be present.

E. W. HALL, Secy.

## WILLIAMS COUNTY HENS SCORE HIGH

### WILKE'S ENTRY PROVES LOCAL CONDITIONS PRODUCE HARDY LAYERS

Mention was made in a recent issue of a pen of five White Plymouth Rock hens from the poultry farm of A. H. Wilke, near this city, which he sent to Mountain Grove, Mo., as entries in the International Laying Competition begun there November 1 to continue one year. The latest official, monthly reports of the competition show Mr. Wilke's entry as giving a good account of themselves and taking high rank among a large and classy field of egg producers.

The local hens are in competition with 126 pens (630 birds) made up of the best layers in the United States and two foreign countries. In competition with six pens of R. C. Reds the Wilke pen stands 2nd with the best individual in 6th place among the 35. Among 10 pens of barred rocks the Wilke pen holds 6th and 8th places respectively for pen and individual. Among White Rocks, 3rd for pen and 7th for individual. Among, or against, S. C. Leghorns, 2nd for pen. Against Orpingtons, 6th for pen and 4th for individual. Against eight pens of S. C. Reds the Williams county biddies hold 2nd rank, to date, for both pen and individual record.

That the local birds, which are the only ones entered from this state, possess not only high fecundity but stand second to none in standard requirements, especially for utility bred stock, was conclusively established by judge, W. H. Card, who is one of the most prominent judges and writers in poultrydom today.

Mr. Wilke's birds stand scored from 87 1-2 per cent to 91 per cent. Considering that these birds were not prepared for a show and that some of them were cut as much as 4 per cent for being below weight, a cut which would not occur with selected specimens, groomed and fited for exhibition, the standing of his entries is very gratifying to the local poultryman.

The highest score yet attained in this competition is 97 1-2 per cent, made by Lady Peggy, a hen famous the world over and customarily referred to as the "\$10,000 beauty."

## Good Vaudeville At The Orpheum

The Nagle-DeVogle-LaVettes vaudeville team at the Orpheum this week proved high class entertainers. The impersonation by DeVogle of a swell dame, dolled up to the minute and proficient in all the wiles and spells that are worked on susceptible males, through the mediums of music and spritly monologue was great, "her" charms completely won the house and left it gasping when the beautiful blond hair and other unattached parts came off.

The music on their novel instruments of the LaVettes was sweet and charming. The address by the "German" politician drew many laughs. "Roosen Teddyvelt, vat did he ever done? ask the "orator," nodding but shush hund animals in Africa. Vy he don't come oud vest and shood blind pigs?"

The patriotic slides shown to an accompaniment of patriotic airs were a hit with the audience. Washing, Lincoln, McKinley, Wilson and scenes portraying peace drew the loudest applause.

The Great Divide, Monday night, was a film of thrills and grand natural scenery.

### MEASURES FOR COLLECTION OF COUNTY MONEY

At their recent session the Board of County Commissioners arranged with the states attorney to collect, so far as possible, the delinquent taxes due the county, especially those due from several years back and from parties who have left the county. The states attorney will also take measures to collect some \$8,000. still due the county for seed grain.