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PRESIDENT WORST WILL BE SUCCEEDED

BOARD OF REGENTS ELECTS HIM AS PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Too Many Heads—Board Seeks to Concentrate Authority and Objectives

"The election of President John H. Worst of the agricultural college as professor emeritus of the North Dakota agricultural college, by the board of regents, is the first step towards a complete reorganization of the administration department of the college—it is designed as the first movement towards the concentration of executive authority at the institution, and is in line with the board's desire to make the agricultural college just what it ought to be—a college for instruction in agriculture."

Such statement was made to The Herald this afternoon by Dr. J. D. Taylor of Grand Forks, member of the board of regents.

Successor Not Named

At the same time, Dr. Taylor declared emphatically that the board of regents had not determined upon Mr. Worst's successor, statements to the contrary notwithstanding. The reports have linked the names of Treadwell Twichell, former speaker of the house of representatives, as well as that of Franklin L. McVey, president of the University of North Dakota with the appointment, but Dr. Taylor said today that no selection had been made, and sentiment had not centered on any individual.

"The North Dakota agricultural college situation is the first the board of regents has taken positive steps in, because it appeared to members of the board as demagoguing immediate action. The step was taken only after thorough inquiry by members of the board—each member having spent some little time personally looking over the college affairs."

Too Many Heads

"In the past few years, friction has developed within the college, among members of the faculty. A number of 'independencies,' as it were, have grown up within the institution, giving too many heads to it."

Best for Greatest Number

"I will say that the board of regents is interested only in that which is of the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people. We want to give consideration to every individual on the college faculty, and I believe that, by our election of Mr. Worst as professor emeritus, by which he continues with the college, on salary, we have shown him the courtesy and consideration due him for his 20 years' service."

"As for the other members of the faculty of the college—whether they have been for or against Mr. Worst, or whether they have been at loggerheads with other departments within the college—we will treat all with the same consideration we have displayed for Mr. Worst."

"The board of regents is interested solely in the upbuilding of the agricultural college, just as it is interested in the upbuilding and maintenance of every other institution."

Needs a New Man

"The board of regents, after careful study, has considered it advisable to call a new man to the presidency of the agricultural college—a man who will be governed solely by the merits of each proposition as it comes to him, and who will be entirely free from entanglements that may have grown out of service under the present administration. A man who has been connected with the college would, without doubt, find himself governed in the handling of some propositions, by his previous affiliations within the college."

"Just who that man will be, we do not at this time know. No choice has been made."

"To bring about the greatest service at the agricultural college, every citizen must recognize the need for a central governing head. The board of regents recognizes that proposition, and will seek to faithfully discharge its duty."

MARRIAGES

February 16th Gustav A. Anderson of Scobey and Miss Beulah E. Shalbetter were married by Judge A. L. Butler.

February 23d Berger W. Erikson of Catlin and Miss Olga M. Olson of Tioga were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. H. Styles Harris.

Cantata The Pixies By The Schools

BEAUTIFUL PLAY BY 150 CHILDREN IN THE AUDITORIUM SATURDAY, MARCH 4

With a cast of about 150 players, the Williston graded schools will present the musical play, The Pixies, one of the most elaborate children's plays yet arranged.

The Queen of the Fairies is discovered asleep in the forest surrounded by her Fairies and Attendants, and while all sleep and as the rising sun gilds the eastern sky, the Goblins slip into the forest and bear away Little Sunshine, the tiniest Fairy and in their glee anticipate a delightful meal. While the Queen leaves her throne to carry a message of good to mortals, the Fairies unite in a glad festival of song and the Flowers tell of their own place in life. After the Butterflies have entertained the Fairies and all have sung the dancing song, a messenger brings word that the Captain of the Pixies, Prince Florimel and his band are at the shore preparing to land, and begs the opportunity of visiting the Court.

But before the brave Pixies arrive, the Goblins are heard and the Fairies scamper away in greatest trepidation. However, at the sound of the trumpet which announces the coming of the Pixies, the Goblins rush off terrified, and soon the Fairies return, and are delighted to make the acquaintance of the Pixies and their brave leader. For the pleasure of the Queen and her Fairies, the Prince bids his Pixie band each to tell the story of his life, and when Uncle Sam appears with his flag, all join in the singing of Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean.

And thus the action continues, full of many dramatic situations, replete with bright musical numbers, filled with many delightfully humorous incidents. When, after the conquest of the Goblins by the Pixie band, the Amazons, and the Archers, two little Coons (Mammies' Black Lambs) bring back Little Sunshine, the climax of the evening is attained.

The costumes will represent many nationalities, the winsomeness of the Fairies, the daintiness of the Butterflies, the beauty of Flowers, the royalty of Queen and Prince, the grotesqueness of the Goblins, the weirdness of the Furies will in appearance alone be of more than ordinary delight. The music of the evening, provided by 150 children's voices, will prove a rare treat to all lovers of childhood.

The school bespeaks a hearty reception and it will, if necessary to accommodate its hearers, present the Cantata a second time. The play will be presented in The New Auditorium Saturday night, March 4.

NORTH DAKOTA SUPPORTS LIQUOR LAW

Washington, Feb. 22.—Attorneys generals of fifteen states—including Iowa and North Dakota—filed with the supreme court a joint argument in support of the constitutionality of the West Virginia liquor law, prohibiting the receipt and possession of intoxicating liquors for personal use.

Postponed

Washington, Feb. 22.—Oral argument of the West Virginia liquor cases involving constitutionality of the Webb-Kenyon liquor law, which subjects interstate shipments of liquor to the statutes of the state to which the liquor is consigned, was indefinitely postponed yesterday by the supreme court. The cases, argued first about a year ago, were restored to the docket for a second argument before the entire court and had been set for hearing yesterday. As there is one vacancy on the bench and Justice Day is absent on account of illness, they were again postponed.

TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

The Trip Around the World planned by the Ladies of the Episcopal Guild and held last night was quite a novelty in the entertaining line and was greatly enjoyed by everyone taking the trip. Leaving the Rawson block the travelers first visited Germany at the home of Mrs. George Bruegger, then on to Ireland at the Elsworth home and last but not least, back to the Old U. S. A. at the McKinney residence. Each home was decorated with the national colors of the country they represented and the luncheon at each place was arranged on the same plan.

Songs of the various nations were enjoyed but the striking up of America brought everyone to their feet with cheers for the land of "Liberty."

PONTOON COMPANY WILL INCORPORATE

\$10,000 CONCERN FORMED TO BRIDGE MISSOURI—PLANS BEING WORKED OUT

Those Back of Enterprise Confident of Its Feasibility—Will Push Work

Prospects for a pontoon bridge across the Missouri at Williston grow brighter week by week and it would not be surprising if McKenzie county people should find themselves coming to a Williston fourth of July celebration over such a structure.

Company Formed

The small coterie of men who have pinned their faith to this undertaking are very much in earnest and have made substantial progress with their plans.

At a meeting the past week an organization was effected with R. M. Calderwood as president, Joseph Wegley, vice president, and W. H. Denny, secretary.

Application has been made to the secretary of state for a charter under which to incorporate a company with a capital stock of \$10,000.00 divided into \$10.00 shares. Over \$1,000.00 of the stock has already been subscribed. Local men who keep their finger on the pulse of capital say they can place the remainder of the stock on a few days notice after plans have been matured.

The bridge is estimated to cost not to exceed \$9,000.00. The Wolf Point bridge cost \$4,500.00 and paid for itself in one season at a team toll of 35 cents. It is planned to locate the bridge just below the ripraping opposite the east end of the island and moor it by four heavy cables that will extend entirely across the river. Plans for a road up the bluffs have been carefully considered.

WILLISTON A WINNER

The game being somewhat one-sided gave the visiting team an opportunity of showing their sportsmanship, which they did by fighting to the last of the game.

A noticeable feature of the game was the persistency of basketballing on the part of C. O. Harding, left forward of the home team, and the tall walking of the home center, D. Marston.

The basketball game between the City team of Stanley, and the Community Center team of this city, of last Monday evening resulted in another victory for the locals, with a score of 82 to 16.

Lineup of the home team as follows: Forwards—Harding, left and Cunningham right. Center D. Marston, guards, Bradley and Googedahl, left, Scott and Tisk, right, Guards playing half and half of the game, with Marwin Marston saving his talent for the coming contest. The Stanley line-up was: Center, Taylor; Forwards, Alger and Rnyder; Guards, Olson and Lovell one half, Forsythe one half. C. J. Donaldson is the Stanley coach.

Stanley has engaged in basketball this past winter, with the city of Berthold team, finding them a strong team, with a weakness for tooting their own horn. Stanley has decided that what they need to bring them down on a level with their fellow sportsmen is to have them meet the Community Center team of Williston, and so they are arranging for a meeting of the home team and that of Berthold at Stanley.

TEACHERS FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

Miss Mary Curran has arrived from Grafton to take charge of a school west of Bonetrail.

Francis Keplinger who has been attending the university of Indiana has returned home and will teach a school in the Round Prairie district.

Miss E. Josephine Peterson of Driscoll, N. D., will fill the vacancy left in the school at Howard by A. D. Amsbaugh.

Alfred Erickson of Hoople, N. D., a graduate of the Mayville normal will take a school in the Tandy district.

Large Gathering of Odd Fellows

About one hundred and fifty Odd Fellows attended the district meeting held in this city last night and enjoyed the work as put on by teams made up of members from various lodges in the district. About midnight a luncheon was served and then the work of putting on the degrees continued. The meeting was a fine one in every way and helped to get the members of the various lodges better acquainted.

CLUB OPENS SEASON WITH NEW IMPETUS

COMMERCIAL CLUB DECLARES IN FAVOR PAID LEADERSHIP, BUDGET SYSTEM

Five New Names On Board of Directors—Action For New Line of Need Declared

Twenty-five men, all that were able or had interest enough to attend the business session of the Williston Commercial Club called by President Metzger for Monday evening, without a dissenting voice said they favored the paid secretary plan as a means of making the club an efficient force for the welfare of the community. The president called on them in order, no one being allowed to escape. Most of the talks were brief but all were to the point. Some of the strongest advocates of a change were found among those who have served on the board of directors the past year.

In the absence of Secretary Mansfield, who was out of town, President Metzger made a complete report of the year's business showing that only a little over four hundred dollars has been given into the hands of the directors during the year. The report had all the items of disbursement and showed a small cash balance on hand.

Five Directors

The pledge that has been recently circulated, binding the signers to renewed effort toward club efficiency, was read together with the 26 signatures. On motion those of the signers who were present were made a nominating committee to select a list of names on which the meeting would ballot for five directors to fill the expired terms. The committee made a list of 16 names and a few were added at the suggestion of others.

Twenty-five votes were cast at each ballot and the first test resulted in the election of J. W. Jackson with 18 and J. A. Cunningham with 16, no others had a majority. After several more ballots W. H. Westergaard, A. F. Burk and L. C. Wingate were elected.

The Board

- Holdover Members—G. B. Metzger, C. A. Mansfield, Dr. F. W. MacManus, George Farries, M. J. Borden, S. M. Hdyle.
- New Members—J. W. Jackson, J. A. Cunningham, W. H. Westergaard, A. F. Burk, L. C. Wingate.

The board will meet at an early date for the election of officers.

While the meeting was not large the spirit was good. It was the consensus of opinion that the business men of Williston are not lacking in liberality or public spirit and need most of all trained leadership to get them to working along common lines. Methods of proceeding toward that acquirement was left with the directors.

DEATH OF MISS STUTRUD

Early on the morning of the 22nd the sad intelligence was conveyed to her friends that Miss Minda Stutrud had passed from this life, at the home of her mother in this city.

Miss Stutrud was born in Villard, N. D., January 9, 1885. She came to Williston with her mother in 1901. In 1906 she graduated from the local high school. For two years she was principal of the Epworth school and taught one year in the 5th grade of Westlawn school Williston. She was a young woman of high attainments and excellent qualities and will be mourned by a host of friends.

The funeral services will be conducted in the Congregational church Friday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. I. G. Monson.

BAND TO GIVE SACRED CONCERTS

Sunday, February 27, the Williston Concert Band will give the first of a series of sacred concerts at the Lyric theatre. In giving such a series the band follows up the custom of several previous years. The music loving public will be glad to welcome this most popular and fitting Sunday diversion.

STORE CHANGES

F. G. Troppman this week purchased the remainder of the fire damaged stock of J. D. Wolpert who will retire from business for the present. The building that has been occupied by Mr. Wolpert has been leased by O. E. O'Dell for his new store.

John Burke Will Run If Demand Is Made

SAYS: "IF I GO IN IT WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO DEMAND NOT FOR SAKE OF AMBITION"

John Burke, treasurer of the United States, former governor of North Dakota, will be forced into the race for United States senator for North Dakota at the behest of President Wilson—because democratic leaders see in Burke's candidacy an opportunity for the displacement of a republican senator.

That is the viewpoint accepted by democrats throughout North Dakota, and in furtherance of the scheme, they will circulate petitions asking Burke to become such candidate. They have hopes of getting 10,000 names on the petitions.

The recent announcement by John Bruegger, national committeeman, made to the state central committee, that John Burke had decided to enter the fight, has been declared by Mr. Burke to have been untimely. In a letter to a prominent North Dakota democrat, Mr. Burke says:

"Of course, it was a mistake to announce my name. It was entirely without authority and Mr. Bruegger, I see, has had the same corrected. I am sincere when I say that I am not a candidate, and that I do not want to be a candidate, unless there is a demand from the people for my services. I have told this to everyone that has asked me anything about it."

"There is no reason in the world why I should get into this fight on my own account. If I go in, it will be in response to a demand for my services, and not for the gratification of any ambition."

With Burke's position so plainly stated, the democrats of North Dakota are determined to create a condition that will bring him in—and next November, they anticipate seeing the former governor opposing the republican nominee, whoever he may be.

Battle Cry Of Peace Teaches Great Lesson

Boston Post

For the first time in the history of the Boston stage a moving picture has been employed to set forth a public lesson as well as to provide entertainment. "The Battle Cry of Peace," which was given its initial performance here yesterday at the Majestic Theatre, is a powerful call to the American nation not to go to war but to be so prepared that international conflict will be averted. The various episodes and the connected narrative have been prepared by Commodore J. Stuart Blackton, from the book of Hudson Maxim, "Defenceless America."

Spies Advocate Peace

All the incidents, not to say terrible events, are perfectly possible even if somewhat improbable, for Mr. Blackton has laid on his colors with a lavish hand and made them tremendously impressive. It begins with a photograph of a lecture by Hiram Maxim on the lack of military and naval protection in this country and in this scene the story also begins. A typical young American, John Harrison, is one of the listeners and is so impressed by the truth of the speaker's statements that he tells his friends and family what he has heard. They scoff at his ideas, especially the father of his sweetheart, a railway magnate.

There are foreign spies at work who advocate peace at any price, and meetings are held in which the white dove is conspicuous. All the time the enemies of the nation are plotting and finally, with scarcely a moment's warning, a foreign fleet appears off New York, and without further preliminaries begins to bombard the city. The troops are landed. The railroad magnate is shot as a sniper and the young man is also wounded. The invading hosts destroy private property, outrage women and pillage and slaughter relentlessly.

Agricultural Meeting For March

As announced by the county agent: Equality Farmers Club, Ray, March 2.

Trenton—auspices Eight-Mile Farmers Club, March 6.

Squires—March 8 and possibly March 7.

Fram Farmers Club, March 9-10.

Rose Hill Farmers Club, March 11.

Angie, March 15.

Summit Valley, March 16.

Outlook Club, March 17.

AUDITORIUM BONDS CARRY THREE TO ONE

PLAN FOR LENDING CITY'S SUPPORT TO ENTERPRISE ENDORSED BY VOTERS

W. S. Davidson Elected To City Commission By An Equally Large Majority

With a vote that was light yet as large as could be expected at a special election Williston went on record Friday as emphatically in favor of supporting the auditorium-armory enterprise with the city's credit and making it a city and community owned building. All wards but the fourth returned large majorities "for" the \$13,500.00 bond issue the proceeds of which will be used to complete payments on the now almost finished structure.

By an odd coincidence the totals received by W. S. Davidson and C. A. Mattingly, candidates for the vacancy on the city commission, were exactly the same, respectively, as the totals for and against the bonds, these totals being 262 and 94. J. B. Lyon was honored by one vote for commissioner, in the first ward.

Work is now going rapidly forward on the auditorium and the main room will be at a stage where it can be used about March 1st.

Vote By Wards

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Bonds For.....	59	126	54	23	262
Against.....	18	25	23	28	94
Davidson.....	52	130	59	21	262
Mattingly.....	24	22	19	29	94

The city commission met Monday night and canvassed the vote with the above official result.

Progress Toward Base Ball Organization

Twenty-two good fans and true came to the base ball meeting set for Tuesday night at H. V. Smith's office. As such meetings go this was a fine turnout and several others sent regrets, being unavoidably detained. While waiting for late arrivals the past season was reviewed, mostly with satisfaction, and the coming season anticipated, entirely with confidence.

Last season's secretary-treasurer, J. P. Cutting, made a full financial report. This record showed that the sources of funds were: From subscriptions, \$1101.75; from gate receipts, \$750.55; from purses won, \$619.13; from services of players hired to other teams, \$32.50; from old balance turned in from the "city league," \$41.00.

The largest item of expenditure was for players salaries, \$1,297.53. The list of all paid out items is entirely too long to publish. The statement showed a deficit of about \$15.00 but a claim against the railroad company for some \$13.00 when received will practically clean this up.

Permanent improvements, consisting of 14 good uniforms, seats at the grounds and other equipment, costing and worth to the club over \$200.00, must be considered as profits on the season and a nice help toward the present season's requirements. On motion of W. J. Kelly a resolution of commendation on the successful and efficient management of the 1915 season was unanimously passed. J. P. Cutting was made secretary of the meeting and C. L. Marshall chairman.

Plans and players for the present season were discussed at length and much enthusiasm and confidence expressed. The idea of employing a competent playing manager was heartily endorsed.

With the purpose of making the business management less burdensome the plan of placing it in the hands of a board consisting of five members was favorably considered and on motion of Mr. Kelly adopted. By the terms of the motion, which carried an amendment offered by M. A. Hegge, the chairman was to be a member of such managerial board and the other four were to be selected by him. The chairman's protest at this responsibility went unheeded, so he announced that the appointments would be made later.

The idea of a small league was considered favorably if enough nearby towns can be induced to cooperate.

ATTEND NATIONAL GUARD CONVENTION

Corporal George Wilkinson, and privates Walter Charnholm and Lester Jaynes left for Fargo yesterday to attend the annual convention of the N. D. N. G.