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## UNFAIR TO THE PRESS

Newspapers are interested in a ridiculous ruling by the interstate commerce commission. This forbids the exchange of newspaper advertising space for railroad transportation even when both are given at the full rates.

The great newspapers will probably welcome the ruling as it will compel the railroads to pay in cash for all their publicity, but thousands of little newspapers scattered throughout the country which have always exchanged advertising space at regular rates for railroad transportation will rebel against the ruling of the commission.

All these papers have a fixed price for their advertising space, and it has been the custom for them to exchange this space not only for railroad transportation, but for due bills on hotels and merchandise accounts. When the great annual gatherings of the National Editorial association are held hundreds of the delegates pay for their transportation to the place of the convention by an exchange of space at regular rates. What there is unfair or in the way of discrimination in this is beyond comprehension.

The newspapers have something to sell, and so have the railroads. Newspapers could pursue the roundabout course of selling space to the railroads, receiving checks or cash in payment and turning the money back into the railroad office for tickets, but this circumlocution is unnecessary when interchangeable values or commodities are involved.

The ruling of the interstate commerce commission, therefore, is utterly indefensible. We have no doubt that the newspapers will voice their opinion of the matter in a way that will be heard at Washington before the next session of congress.—Leslie's Weekly.

### Burning Ties and Snow Fences.

The village of Kramer, one of the new towns on the Soo branch, has sent in an urgent appeal for coal, saying that the condition is alarming. Practically all fuel is exhausted and ties and snow fences have been confiscated and are being used to keep people from freezing to death. Provisions of all kinds are very low.

The merchants have not received their Xmas goods, the farmers have been unable to sell much of their grain; the merchants have been unable to collect their money from the farmers and consequently the wholesale houses have not been able to collect their bills from the merchants. Business over the entire northwest is tied up badly and everyone is beginning to feel the depression.

### How Mother Necessity Did.

The coal famine also extended into the state of Washington but that does not worry the editor of the Walla Walla, Wash., Argus, who was a resident of Dakota in the pioneer days and says:

The editor's family used to burn hay for fuel in their Dakota pioneer days, and they 'low they can do it again on a pinch. All there is to do is to procure a sheet-iron drum about twice as deep as a wash boiler, tramp it full of hay or straw, take the griddles off the front of the kitchen stove, touch a match to the hay and let 'er go, Susan. Some people in Dakota used to claim that they could keep a fire all night with one boilerful of flax straw.

## LAWYERS WILL HOLD MEETING

There will be a meeting held in Rugby tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 of all the lawyers of Bottineau, McHenry, and Pierce counties, all members elect of the legislature, and Judges Cowan and Goss.

The meeting is called for the purpose of taking steps toward the formation of a new judicial district from the counties named.

This new district, if it should be formed, takes Pierce county from Judge Cowan's district, the second, and Bottineau and McHenry from Judge Goss' district, the eighth. Both these judges now have more litigation than they are able to attend to owing to the rapid growth of this part of the state. So far as we are able to learn there is no opposition to the movement, unless possibly, the democratic governor and the influences that are supposed to guide his action, may want to make a record for economy.

But the people generally, the lawyers and litigants, seem to be in favor of making the new district. It will not only enable the people of the new district to get their cases heard but it will give more time for the judges to attend to the business in what is left of the present districts.

### Little Finger Taken Off.

Jack Coverson, an employe at the G. N. round house, smashed his little finger yesterday so badly that it was amputated by a surgeon.

## PAUL SPATH IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Paul Spath, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spath died in this city Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock after a short illness of cerebral meningitis. Paul was taken ill very suddenly last Saturday morning and in a few hours was unconscious. He remained in such a condition until death.

The best medical skill in the city was secured, but the terrible disease baffled the physicians from the onset. Paul was a manly lad, the pride of the bereaved parents.

Paul was born at Dassel, Minn., May 15, 1890, and when one and a half years old, his parents moved to Luca, Minn., where they resided eleven years, then after spending a year at Manfred, N. D., moved to Minot where his father engaged in the grain business. Paul was an energetic boy and for a long time was messenger boy for the Western Union. He was also employed for a time as bell boy at the Leland and the Morrill hotels. Here he made friends by the score with his cheerful and generous ways. As one of his companions stated, "he stood in with the boys, you can bet," and he did. No lad was more popular in the city.

Besides his parents, Paul leaves a sister Dora, eleven years old to mourn his departure.

The funeral will be held from the home on Walders street Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Independent extends its sympathy to the sorrowing family in this dark hour.

### Pulls Teeth—Face is Infected.

Willie Cubbins, an employe in the depot at Leeds, is in the Minot hospital with a terribly infected face caused from pulling a tooth. This is about the worst case of the kind ever known at this hospital.

## SNOW FALL GREAT

There was never a time in the history of the state when so much snow fell in one winter as the present one, and the end seems to be not yet in sight. We will likely get fifteen or twenty more snow storms before the gentle zephyrs blow in the spring, and the three feet or more snow that we now have on the level, may be doubled. The ground is scarcely frozen beneath the white robe, and its more than likely that most of the moisture will soak into mother earth when it melts. This in itself, almost insures another big crop, then we are going to get some rain by and bye, just when we need it. There is a chance of a flood along the Mouse river in the spring, tho it depends entirely on how the snow goes off.

Mrs. Kermott, after spending Christmas with her parents in Seattle, arrived home.

### GOES TO WILLISTON

Ben. G. Whitehead Will Engage in Publication of Williston State.

Ben G. Whitehead, who for several months has been editor of The Evening Press, leaves tomorrow for Williston, where he will engage in the publication of the Daily and Weekly State, to be started about the middle of the coming month. Mr. Whitehead is one of the best equipped newspaper men in the state, and that he will make his new publication interesting is considered certain.

### Berthold Woman's Escape.

Louis L. Oeth, who for a long time has been head man in the ad. setting department of the Independent, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation at his farm south of Berthold. Mr. Oeth's wife recently had a narrow escape from freezing to death in a storm. The coal gave out and she was compelled to drive her team thru the deep snow to Burlington for another consignment. While on her way a storm came up and after driving around for several hours she came to a shack where she was cared for. It was a very narrow escape.

## CO. D'S FIRST MEET

Co. D. Will drill at Dolloff's hall this evening. Capt. Blakey will give the boys the work of their lives. The new guns, Springfield rifles of the 1898 model have arrived, also the caps for the uniforms. The uniforms are enroute to the city. The boys will be provided with tents, and all sorts of paraphernalia. Ten thousand rounds of ammunition are on the way; enough to do up a "right smart" of Japanese in case of trouble.

The captain says that a target range will be provided in the early spring, a hill to be used as the background. As one of the Springfield rifles will shoot two miles and kill, its quite necessary to provide a good, safe ground for target practice. As Roosevelt says; "the shots that hit are the only ones that count;" so Captain Blakey believes in spending some time in training his men.

### HE WENT TO SLEEP

And a Train Struck Nels Nesbitt's Sleigh, Demolishing the Same, Injuring Nesbitt.

Blanchard, Dec. 27.—Nels Nesbitt, working for J. Dahle, who lives about six miles out of town, was struck by a north bound freight at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. His leg was broken and he was badly cut about the head. His box sleigh was completely demolished, and the horses have not been found yet. He was taken on the train to Mayville for medical assistance. He spent the evening with friends in Blanchard, and just before starting for home expressed the intention of taking a nap on the way, and the supposition is that he went to sleep and his team started to cross the track in front of the train.

### Hostler Runs Over Engineer.

Wm. McGrath, a G. N. engineer, had his foot badly crushed beneath his engine at the coal shutes yesterday. The hostler started the engine while McGrath was beneath it oiling it. The engineer could not get out in time to avoid a serious injury. He will be laid up in the hospital for a long time.

## COUNTY SEAT MATTER

The first round of the legal battle, involving the location of the county seat of McKenzie county was on at Bismarck last Saturday, when a writ of mandamus gotten out by the citizens of Schafer was returnable. This writ was against the board of county commissioners, ordering them to publish the proclamation locating the county seat at Schafer. Alexander is the other city that wants the county seat honors.

A contest of the county seat election has also been instituted in which the validity of the election will be determined. The action is instituted in the name of Art Maderson, a resident of Alexander, who is represented by Attorneys Palda & Burke and A. J. Bessie, and is brought against the county commissioners of McKenzie county to test the validity of the election on the county seat question. The grounds upon which the election is contested are: Illegality and fraud in the distribution of the ballots, illegality in the counting of the votes cast, shortage of ballots and disfranchisement of votes by reason of inefficient ballots being furnished at Alexander, illegality in organization of canvassing board and illegality of the canvass of results of election.

The fight for the county seat will be a hard one and will involve many interesting legal questions, the thrashing out of which will be watched closely.

## THE MASTODON'S MONDAY NIGHT

On Monday evening, Jan. 7, at the Jacobson, the Mastodon Minstrels will appear and give the people of this city the best local entertainment ever seen here. The Mastadons have been practicing for a number of weeks and now have their work down fine. The entertainment will consist of the latest coon songs, clog dances, Indian sun dances, monologues, circus band imitations, and a very funny farce.

This entertainment is given for the benefit of the Episcopal church. The cause is a good one and those who attend will get their money's worth. Tickets will be on sale at Jacobson's hardware store.

The Mastodon's are prominent citizens and society ladies of Minot.

### Will Draw on Ward.

Judge Pollock has made an order in which he directed the Cass county commissioners to draw an order on the county commissioners of Ward county for the expense of the trial of Major J. S. Murphy in Cass county last month.

The amount of the order instructed by the court to be drawn on Ward county is \$7,034.80. This is the total amount of expenses incurred in the trial of the Murphy case, including the fee paid to Assistant United States District Attorney Townsend who assisted in the prosecution of the case. The fee allowed him, including his expenses, amounted to \$1,596.86.

The total amount of expenses, including jury fees, witness fees, light, heat, rent of court room, stenographer's fees, the fees, the court fees, bailiff's salaries and all other incidental expenses amounted to \$5,437.94.

The Glenburn postoffice has been raised from the fourth class to the third class to take effect Jan. 1, 1907.

## MRS. MARCY DEAL

Mrs. J. C. Marcy, one of Minot's oldest citizens, died Saturday afternoon about five o'clock after a short illness. Mrs. Marcy has been frail for a number of years but Saturday did not see any weaker than usual. Durin the afternoon her husband, who has been her constant companion for many years, left her for short time to attend to some business elsewhere in the city and shortly after he returned his wife passed away. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at five o'clock, Rev. N. E. Ellsworth pastor of the Episcopal church officiating and the remains were interred in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Marcy was seventy-three years of age. She spent the earlier days of her life in the east and in the south. She once resided with her husband in Jacksonville, Fla., and also lived in Harrisburg, Pa., and other large cities of the east. Besides a husband, she leaves two sons, two prosperous business men in the east.

"Colonel" Marcy, the husband is nearly heartbroken over the loss of his companion. For many years his eyesight has been defective and it was Mrs. Marcy's delight to read to him by the hour. For more than fifty years this couple lived together in perfect harmony. The Independent extends sympathy to the bereaved husband.

### Swiped the Coal.

John A. Johnson, living some twelve miles east of Glenburn, drove to that town last Thursday to get some coal. The day being very stormy he decided to stay over until morning and left his load of coal outside near a Coburn livery stable. The next morning when he was about to start home he discovered that his coal was gone. Someone evidently couldn't endure the sight of coal exposed to the weather and so took it in to fire.

Geo. B. Hardy, the blind man living at Surrey and his family were surprised by the receipt a purse of \$69.05, which had been raised among their friends of that vicinity for them a Christmas present.

It was a handsome present and one that was much appreciated by the recipients who are very grateful to their friends for it as well as the many other kindnesses shown them since Hardy's misfortune came upon him. This is not the first time these people have gone down to their pockets to befriend an unfortunate, and not only the family but others have been greatly blessed by their generosity.

Surely he who sees all this will reward them according to their good works.

### Dissolve Partnership.

Glazer & Banks, who have been conducting the Branch street for the past two years, have dissolved partnership. B. D. Glazer is now the sole owner of the Branch while Mr. Banks will continue in sole charge of the place, the store in the old post office block.

Mr. Glazer intends leaving Chicago and New York in a short time where he will do some buying of spring goods. Every year he goes east for goods and picks up snags, and in this manner is able to conduct sales during the year which attract large number of buyers. He has been a heavy advertiser during the past year and believes in printer's ink more than ever.

## Financial Backing

—Is what counts in the Banking Business.

Times like these, when the farmers are long on wheat, and short on cash, and the blockade is tying up business everywhere, test a bank's resources.

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