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SAYS MCGEE IS WRONG

Kenmare Editor Who Has No Interest in the Treasurer Report Matter Says the Independent's Charge of \$120 is Correct—Printers All Love McGee

The printers and publishers of Ward county are "up in the air" so to speak, concerning the action of ex-States Attorney McGee, to cut down the Independent's bill for printing the treasurer's tabulated yearly statement from \$120 to \$19.75. Editor Stickley of the Kenmare Journal, who has no interest in the matter, except a general interest, had the following to say editorially last week, which coincides exactly with the claims made by the Independent, except that we do not believe that Mr. McGee is so ignorant as to believe that \$19.75 is a fair price:

Mr. Stickley has a wrong impression concerning the number of papers that put in their bills at \$120 for the above named work. The five official papers of the county put in their bills at \$120 each. Those of the Ross Promoter and the Independent were allowed. The point as to whether the papers should be allowed fair or starvation prices was raised before the bills of the other three papers could be acted upon. If Mr. McGee were a printer we'd like to hire him and pay him according to the scale of the price he wants fix for the famous table.

The publishers of official papers "The publishers of official papers old time question of years ago in the older counties as to the price which should be paid by the county for tabulated matter. The law is not plain to those who do not know the history of it, or the evolution of the times since it was placed upon the statutes. A bill should be introduced at the present session settling this question definitely. We believe the question has never been raised in court in this county until last week when States Attorney McGee brought action in the district court, restraining the county treasurer from paying a bill of \$120 each to two printers for legal printing which he claimed was worth but \$19.25. This

question has been settled between printers and county commissioners over the entire state for many years. In fact it has been so thoroughly threshed out, and settled so positively in the printer's favor that it has become an ancient precedent, and to raise the question is but to plead the ridiculous. The tabulated form of this and other reports is a great economy to the public, but the lawyers cannot understand it. Any of these reports if "set" in the form of commissioners' proceedings and charged for accordingly would figure up to ten times the amount of the average bill presented for double-priced tabulated matter which is comprehensive at a glance. The law never contemplated that the printer be underpaid as has been contended. The trouble is the printer has attempted to assist the public by devising brief, condensed and comprehensive tables of figures, and making the price for his labor reasonable. He has been misled by those ignorant of conditions hence incompetent to handle the subject.

The price asked by two of the printers, namely, \$120 is correct, and the fact that three printers who didn't know their business have submitted bills for less sums is no cause in the least that the just bills of the former should be whacked down to those of the Chinamen publishers.

States Attorney McGee undoubtedly thought he was right by reason of the vast difference in the bills submitted, and only did his duty as he saw it. For this we recommend his action, and do not wish it understood that this article is written in censure of his act. The only trouble is he—like too many zealous ones—did not understand his problem—and was trying to find his cube by figuring only on two sides"

Wahpeton Man Commits Suicide

Vai Dorn, a prominent farmer of Wahpeton endeavored to commit suicide by shooting himself. Mr. Dorn walked from his home several miles from Wahpeton to the city hotel, where he stopped and chatted with friends. A few minutes later he entered a closet and shots were heard.

When the closet was entered by those who were nearby, Mr. Dorn

was found in a sitting posture, leaning in one corner of the closet with the 38-calibre revolver at his feet. A doctor was called to dress the wound and while Dorn still lives, recovery.

Later:—The man died. Financial worry is said to be the cause of Dorn's action. He was a prominent farmer and always looked upon as comfortably situated.

New Railroad North From Williston

Mr. Clay, field right of way agent for the Great Northern, has been in the city of Williston for the past two weeks for the purpose of buying a right of way 200 feet wide, in the Little Muddy valley for the company's new line. The new line is to be built north from Williston into Canada so as to connect with the Winnipeg branch.

It is reported that active construction work will begin in the early spring.

Mr. Clay has purchased several miles of right of way, and according to the reports of the Williston World, he will soon have the right of way purchased for the entire new line.

The new branch will leave the main line at Williston and run due north, passing through the Williston Irrigation Project, just west of the power plant.

At The Agricultural College

The winter term of the Agricultural College opens next Monday, with an assured enrollment exceeding that of last year, when the thousand mark was lost by a bare eighteen.

The annual convention of the North Dakota Educational Association is characterized this year by the large emphasis placed upon agricultural subjects. Prof. Weeks, Prof. Waldron and Dean Shepherd take part in the regular program. A number of the faculty are in attendance.

The last issue of the North Dakota Farmer contains the first of a series of lessons in Agriculture, by Prof. G. W. Randlett, of the A. C. Prof. Randlett takes the present course of study for common schools, and makes the work in Agriculture for the month of February the basis of his work. He develops very interestingly the difference between the beef and dairy types of cattle. Excellent illustrations accompany the article, and Prof. Randlett is to be congratulated on his timely entry into a new and untried field of much-headed education.

Wm. Sayers, a prominent Des Lacs farmer, has returned home from a three weeks junket in the west. Mr. Sayers went to the Fresno valley in California to look at the irrigated land, but did not invest any money, as the holders ask \$750 per acre for it in its raw state. By the time that the irrigation is completed, the land will be worth four or five hundred dollars an acre. Mr. Sayers says that he thinks it would be better to buy the improved land in the first place, but many are not in a position to do this. The company asks a fourth down and will give four or five years to pay the balance. Each proposition is attractive. Henderson Wagener, Jesse and John Clark, each bought ten acres of the irrigated land. The land cost the company only \$27 per acre, and before they sold an acre, they spent about twenty thousand dollars in advertising it. Mr. Sayers believes that it might be a paying investment to buy up some of the worn out California land, of which there is a plenty establish pumping stations, and put in individual or company irrigation plants, operating on a smaller scale than the big concerns. Mr. Sayers says that orange pick-

Sawyer Fiend Gets Ten Years

Crittenden Charged With Brutal Crime Given a Severe Lecture—Wife's Testimony Failed To Help Him

D. F. Crittenden, the Sawyer fiend, who was found guilty of incest, was sentenced to ten years at hard labor in the penitentiary Saturday afternoon. Judge Goss, in sentencing the man, gave him a lengthy lecture, but it did not seem to have much effect on the degenerate for he stood stolidly, and did not hardly change his expression as the scathing terms fell upon his ears. Crittenden is 45 years of age, and is a father of eleven children. His victim was his

sixteen-year-old daughter, and it is also alleged that he was guilty of the crime with another daughter. Mrs. Crittenden's testimony in the trial was rather in favor of the defendant, who made a hard fight to regain his liberty. He declared that he was innocent of the crime, but his daughter stuck to her former story and the jury evidently believed her. Crittenden and his big family lived in one shack on the Sawyer farm.

DesLacs Farmers' Impression of the West

Investigated the California Irrigation Propositions—Didn't Invest—Says Good Money May Be Made There but Thinks North Dakota a Better Place To Make Money

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ing in California is about completed. He reports only one sun shiny day there, and says that he wore an overcoat practically every day. He saw many bathing in the sea at Long Beach, Cal., but the water didn't appear warm enough for his satisfaction. Long Beach is made up mostly of tourists. One can rent a good furnished cottage for eighteen dollars a month and living is quite reasonable. At Fresno the main business is raising seedless raisins. The climate is particularly adapted to the growth of this fruit. The pickers lay the grapes in rows in the sun and they are cured naturally. This saves great expense and makes the owners a big profit. Fifty miles will make a great change in the climate and also in the quality and varieties of fruit raised. There is much alkali in California, and much that has a hard pan bottom. Such land is worthless until the hard pan is blasted out, and grape vines will be planted, and the hard pan one usually finds a sandy soil. It costs fifteen cents to blast out each hole for the vines. Mr. Sayers could have stopped at San Francisco but would not have slept in the city had he been given an interest in one of the hotels.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

James K. Orr, Who Placed an Ad in the Minot Papers Won a Bride—Had a Dozen Applications—Could Have Married a Section of Land and Iowa Farm

It pays to advertise. James K. Orr, a wealthy McKenzle county alfalfa raiser, had no time to go a courting and feeling a sense of single cussedness, came to Minot and placed an advertisement in the various papers, stating that a wealthy farmer, American, 45 years of age, desired a meeting with an intelligent American lady. Mr. Orr received no less than a dozen replies. Maidens of all avocations in life answered his advertisement. He called on a number of them, and one, Miss Rena Williams, a pretty stenographer, took his eye and his heart as well, and the two lost no time in getting married. The knot

was securely tied by that famous priest, Judge Wm. Murray, at a reception given the couple at the Lexington hotel. Mr. Orr has returned to the farm, and will begin soon the construction of a new house, when he will send for his wife. In the meantime Mrs. Orr will attend to her duties as stenographer in this city. Mr. Orr stated that he had an opportunity of marrying a section of land and an Iowa farm along with an applicant, but the woman didn't suit. He declares that when he met Miss Williams, it was love at first sight.

Someone whose bump of destructiveness is over developed, bent and ruined the gold leafed sign of Dr. Kernott New Year's eve.

The Independent is one of the best weekly papers in the northern part of the state.—Bismarck Palladium.

Editor Stickley of the Kenmare Journal says he won't retract anything he has said about Com. Abbott, even if he has to go to jail for doing so "Stick" seems to rather invite Abbott to come on, for he says he is loaded.

Robert L. Stewart, the Williston briquette man, has been arrested for embezzlement. It is charged that he appropriated to his own use money belonging to his brother-in-law, C. E. Stora. Stewart has furnished a bond.

The Ray Recorder shows remarkable improvement under the new ownership of S. A. Graham.

While undertaking to cross the Missouri river near Ray, Lou Allen and the Hartsock boys broke thru the ice, but fortunately saved their teams and most of the wood they were hauling.

The gamblers from Montana are seeking the green fields of North Dakota, while the blind-piggers of the latter state are "viewing the landscapes o'er from the mountains of Montana.—Burling Tribune.

C. H. Bridges, the Langdon man who was taken before the court on a charge of incest with his own fourteen year old daughter, was found over to the district court, with the bail fixed at \$1,000 last week.

FISHER BUYS MOORE STUDIO

C. A. Fisher, a Valley City photographer, has purchased the George Moore photographic studio, corner First and Ramstad streets. Mr. Fisher is said to be a first class photographer, and will give Minot

as good a studio as there is in Northwestern North Dakota. Mr. Moore will remain in Minot, and has already engaged in the business of an advertising specialist, in cartoons a specialty.

W. C. Webb, a dentist of Towner, was arrested at Grand Forks this week on a charge of passing a worthless check for \$40.00 on a Devils Lake banker. Webb will be taken to Devils Lake for a preliminary hearing. The specific charge is obtaining money under false pretenses. There is a good deal of sympathy for Dr. Webb's wife and family who reside at Towner.

The Bismarck Palladium finds that the average pint of whiskey is a few drinks short of the measure and wants the next legislature to improve the weights and measures so that the vendors of joy water will be compelled to furnish the full quantity purchased. Kneppen is wrong. The present law should be improved only with quality. Pints are big enough.—Ex.

N. A. Bauman of Westhope is mourning the loss of a 200 pound hog which was stolen.

Wonder if Commissioner Abbott will have Bro. Stickley of the Kenmare Journal arrested for libel? Abbott has plenty of chances to do so—providing Stickley has not been telling the truth.

The Soo will not carry dogs free any more, but the seat-hog will be taken at the same old rate.

A Ladies Gold Filled Watch \$12.00

Hunting Case Style
Plain or Fancy Engraved
High Grade Movement

\$12.00

Ask To See Them

W. H. REIGHART

The Exclusive Jeweler

DES LACS MAN STILL MISSING

The missing Des Lacs man, Mr. Cammer, who disappeared from the Whitley farm, has not been found and it is certain now that he has been lost in the storm. His body will no doubt be found, but probably not until spring. The man must have perished, and, if so, his body is covered with snow. A large party spent a day or two looking for the body, but have given up the search. Cammer took Whitley's

lantern and fur coat, and it is thought that he was doing the chores after night. The barn door was found open, as well as that of the house, the latter being drifted partly full of snow. Cammer was not overtly intelligent, according to reports, and would often do strange things, such as harnessing the team and leading them from the barn when there was no occasion to do so.

Arthur Hanson, the Public Drug man, tells of a good deer story which is true. Mr. Hanson while in Minnesota last week, visited at his parents' home at Bagley. A young deer has been mingling with the cattle there and it seems quite at home. The little thing occasionally takes on its native habits and flees to the woods, only to return at regular intervals to get its feed. It will sometime come into the house and eat from the hands of the members of the household.

A. H. Jones, cashier of the First National bank at Rugby, whose doors closed last week, is still missing. Receiver Geo. Swords is making a careful examination of the books and papers of the defunct institution, and the creditors hope they will be paid a large share of what is coming to them. The bank at Barton, in which Jones was also interested, has also been closed.

Frank Hicks a Dickinson rancher, chased a bob cat on horse back and finally roped the animal. He then dragged the animal across the prairie, afraid to stop, lest it free itself. A sheep herder assisted in killing the cat which weighed nearly 20 pounds.

There were 235 car loads of Canadian grain marketed at Sherwood this year, making a total of 272,000 bushels.

Jos. Belager of Westhope is looking for the man who stole his only Xmas present—a Meerschaum pipe.

Triplets were born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith of Bramer last week.