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## COMMISSIONERS SERVED WITH WRIT

CITED TO SHOW CAUSE BEFORE  
JUDGE LEIGHTON AUG. 31,  
WHY LEVY FOR BETTER FARM-  
ING SHOULD NOT BE MADE.

A writ of mandamus was served this morning on the board of county commissioners, consisting of B. J. Anderson, John Hennessy, Olof Lokensgard, Peter Vandenoever and J. M. Rohe, to show cause before Judge Leighton, in chambers, at 10 o'clock, Aug. 31, 1915, why a levy of one-half mill on all taxable property of Ward county should not be made for the purpose of promoting diversified farming and agricultural development thru the employment of a person or persons to carry on scientific agricultural work within said county.

The plaintiffs in the action are William Westlake, Daniel Nash, C. O. Bohn, J. B. Rasmussen, G. E. Waterman, J. R. Burkhardt, John Kassens, A. F. Thomas, Frank Linha, C. F. Weed, J. R. Pence, R. W. Beighle, N. D. Welty, Andrew T. Hegreberg, E. B. Bivins and Charles Taylor.

They claim that on June 9, 1913, Grant Westlake and 1115 other tax payers of Ward county filed a petition with the board for the above named purpose, constituting more than 25 per cent of the tax payers of the county at that time, to make an appropriation and levy a tax of one-half mill on all taxable property in and for the year 1913 and annually thereafter. The question naturally resolves itself to a point of law, which must be threshed out by Judge Leighton. The commissioners who voted against the proposition, Messrs. Anderson, Hennessy and Lokensgard, claim that they considered the petition effective for one year only necessarily, and that unless a petition containing at least 25 per cent of the tax payers be presented each year, they are not compelled to make the levy.

Those who are not in favor of making the levy declare that if the commissioners are ordered to make said levy, they will start proceedings at once restraining them from doing so.

## SUICIDE PREACHER WAS FORMER DEVILS LAKER.

Devils Lake, N. D., Aug. 18.—Silas Eversole, the Dunkard minister who committed suicide at South Bend, Ind., this week, was well known in Devils Lake, having operated in this section in the '90's. Representing himself as the bell sheep of a Dunkard settlement, Eversole obtained a quarter section of land from the city of Devils Lake. This fact, however, was kept from his followers. After residing here for a few years he returned to Indiana, where about a year ago he was haled into the criminal courts, the beginning of the end.

## UNREDEEMED ARTICLES.

Notice is hereby given that the following unredeemed articles will be offered for sale at our store unless redeemed by September 10, 1915:

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Watch	8572
Watch	8573
Suit Case	8600
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Suit	8608

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Watch	8612
Camera	8615
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Gun	8617
Lavalier	8631
Watch	8633
Mackinaw	8635
Watch	8644
Gun	8648
2 Guns	8650
Watch	8653
Suit	8740
Watch	8654
Diamond Ring	8657
Watch	8671
Suit and Shoes	8672
Coat	8675
Coat and Umbrella	8676
Ring	8677
Coat	8678
Gun	8679
Ring, Manicure Set and Bracelet	8680
Elk's Tooth with Fob	8681
Two Suits	8688
Watch	8691
Watch	8693
Watch and Coat	8695
Ring	8698
Camera	8700
Coat	8703
Coat	8730
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Watch	8667

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## REDUCED RATES ON LIGNITE IN NORTH DAKOTA

## STATE COMMISSION ISSUES DECISION—NEW TARIFF EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1.

Bismarck, N. D., Aug. 17.—The railroad commission today decided that the new lignite coal rates are too high, but decided to increase the old statutory rates.

The new schedule will increase the statutory rates approximately as follows:

Fifty to 100 miles about 8 per cent.  
One hundred to 200 miles, 18 per cent.  
Two hundred to 300 miles, 26 per cent.  
Three hundred to 400 miles, 33 per cent.

The average increase of the statutory rate is about 19 per cent, the increase in the joint haul statutory rate is 25 to 30 per cent.

This is a substantial reduction of the new rates recently put into effect by the carriers.

The order will be effective September 1.

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## CITY GRANTS GAS FRANCHISE

ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND  
READING MONDAY NIGHT—  
PROPOSE TO PUT IN A \$250,000  
PLANT.

A gas franchise was granted to Halvor L. Halvorson, R. E. Barron and S. J. LaDue by the city commission Monday night, the franchise being placed on its second reading. After its third publication in the official city paper, it will become effective.

There was no opposition to the franchise manifested at the meeting that night. Com. Housholder suggested that the city might make a provision so that the plant could become a municipal affair at some future time. Mr. Halvorson explained that this would not be fair to the concern, that after financing the affair during the lean years, it would not be proper to take it over after it had once been placed on a paying basis. He explained further that at any time the city considering the rates too high, relief might be secured from the railway commission. The price for gas is to be \$1.70 per thousand feet and after a consumption of ten million feet, the price is to be reduced to \$1.65.

The applicants are required to put up a bond of \$1,000 to insure their good faith. It is understood that a company will soon be formed and that local capital will be given an opportunity to invest. Considerable foreign capital will finance the proposition and it is expected that the mains will be laid next year. The concern proposes to eventually expend \$250,000 on the plant and state that they will give the city one of the most up-to-date plants in the west.

The rate is said to be about the same as that charged in Fargo and Grand Forks, but higher than in the larger cities. It is explained that the rate is not excessive, considering the size of the city and the expense attached to laying the mains to the residence districts.

## QUAKERS IN BRITISH ARMY

Traditional Peaceful Persons Aid in  
Fight Against the Teutonic  
Allies.

London.—The Quakers, notwithstanding their peaceful tradition, have contributed 215 men to the British army and navy and forty-three to the army medical corps. In addition forty-three have joined the home guards and fifteen are serving on recruiting committees.

These figures are taken from the annual meeting of the Society of Friends. The society's book of discipline declares its members must maintain an "unequivocal testimony against war." This is a vital principle of Quakerism. Accordingly about fifty of those enlisting sent in their resignations, but only thirty of these were accepted.

Besides the soldiers, the parents of the soldiers openly sympathize with the war. These may all be properly expell'd, but the feeling among the members is against taking severe measures.

## MISS HELEN M'CUMBER



Miss Helen McCumber is the pretty daughter of Senator Porter J. McCumber of North Dakota. Miss McCumber and her mother take a prominent part in the social activities in the national capital.

## OVER 5000 MEM- BERS FOR W. P. P. A.

CITIZENS MADE A CAMPAIGN  
ON WEDNESDAY AND CAN-  
VASSING CITY QUITE THOROUGHLY  
—MANY BUSINESSMEN AMONG  
CANVASSERS.

More than 5,000 members of the World's Permanent Peace Association were secured in the city Monday. The whistles of the city blew at nine o'clock that morning and several hundred, including many of the prominent businessmen, gathered at the city hall, where they were assigned territory. City Assessor Wheeler had divided the city into 127 districts and the canvassers made quite a thorough canvass. A large share of the work was completed in an hour, but many could not get out until during the afternoon, so the time was lengthened.

The memberships are ten cents each and practically everybody joined willingly.

## LOGAN MURMURS.

The Samaritan Aid were the guests of Mrs. H. C. Kuchenbecker, on Thursday, and the newly elected president was greeted by a goodly attendance of members and friends. Much useful work was accomplished, a delightful visit enjoyed, and a dainty, delicate and delicious luncheon was charmingly served.

Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Ole Saugstad were the guests of Mrs. James Egan of University Avenue on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kuchenbecker enjoyed several days visiting friends at Bismarck. The genial Herman navigated the trusty Overland without mishap or contravention of any speed law.

Mrs. W. Humphrey entertained on Thursday last many members of the Latter Day Saints Aid.

Mr. Wenner was a business visitor on Thursday last. Mr. W. takes quite an interest in the growth of our town and hopes in the near future to become a resident.

The new elevator which nears completion demonstrates to the skeptical the possibilities of gradual, yet healthy growth of our town. With the erection of a bank and hardware store this fall and the completion of the various residences contemplated, Logan will look even more attractive to the discriminating investor.

Logan has now a day operator and also a night operator. Raymond Judge, (quite an Adonis by the way), is a courteous, capable representative of a great organization but still retains a juvenile love of playing pranks. Many are wont, when weary of waiting for Soo service, to lean against the depot windows. So piffering some red paint the sills were artistically and liberally daubed by Artist Ray. And to his colleague he explained merrily how the tired hayseed would no longer lean against their fly-stained glass. But the facetious Judge, being Irish, is easily tired and absent minded, and upon the sill in question, destroying effectually the glossy seat of his Sam bath pantaloons. And the bitter was indeed bit. Next week we will give Raymond's views on the limited storage capacity of the feminine dome. He's original.

Mr. Himes is now personally supervising the local lumber yard and building additional sheds to protect the large stock of finishing lumber to arrive.

Burlington still figures strongly on escaping oblivion by the kindly aid of the Consumers Power Co. Hope deferred maketh the heart grow sick, but we trust that there is still a future in store for our western friends. The Logan Departmental Store is, brother Jim, now brilliantly illuminated with electric light, plain, not colored. Logan leads as usual.

A. Brady, who is to represent the new elevator, will shortly take up his residence in our midst. Mr. Brady is already well known to the majority of farmers and Logan is to be congratulated on securing a citizen whose ability is emphasized by a consistent courtesy and courage to do always what is right.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kuchenbecker, from Columbus, N. D., were visiting with the folks last week end. Herman Secundus is doing well with a garage and repair shop.

Mr. Kiffe, the talented foreman of the elevator crew, is an all-round musician and despite 12 hours of strenuous labor, finds time to proffer sweet music to the natives, who appreciate his efforts. Possessing a fund of humour, patter in plenty, he delights to exchange bouquets and a phonographic record of various duels with the local postmaster would prove amusing. We understand he forgot a hammer when he encountered a live slammer. Eh?

Harry Light conducted services last week end at Martin and Balfour.

The Logan Livery Barn has been purchased by Gordon Nulph, who will give teams entrusted to his care feed and attention generously.

Mr. William Smith and Miss Hattie Smith left Wednesday for Tasker, N. D., where they will locate. Jesse Giles, of the Cozy Cafe, has now a laundry basket and this should prove a convenience to many. There is every promise of work upon the foundation of the Hall build-

## GUERNSEY COWS AVERAGED \$101.93

ELSBERRY'S SALE AMOUNTED  
TO \$6,387.00—GEO. W. WILSON  
OF STANLEY SELECTED EIGHT  
HEAD—SALE A BIG SUCCESS.

The Elsberry sale of high grade Holstein and Guernsey cows, heifers and calves held at the Riverside Dairy Farm last Thursday was the biggest event in the line of sales that ever took place in this section of the country. Auctioneer H. J. Hecht was right in his element, disposing of 29 head of Guerneys and 38 Holsteins in record breaking time. The Guerneys brot an average price of \$101.93 and the Holsteins averaged \$90.28, which may be considered an exceptional price in view of the fact that included in both classes are many calves and yearlings. The total sales for the day were \$6,387.00, a very neat figure for 67 head of cattle.

Buyers were present from nearly all sections of the state, but principally from this northwestern section. Geo. Wilson of Stanley purchased eight head, and E. E. Burdick of Douglas six, the remainder of the herd were purchased by buyers from various points, six head going to Carpio, three to Max, and two going to Deering parties, the balance being secured by farmers in this section.

The sale was very satisfactory to the buyers as well as to Mr. Elsberry. It will be a long time before this part of the state witnesses another such sale of exceptionally fine cattle. Mr. Elsberry's reputation as a breeder of thoroughbred and grade Guerneys and Holsteins is more than state wide, and his sales always attract the attention of breeders anxious to secure the best.

Miss Marie Olson of the La Vogue Shop recently returned from Chicago, where she purchased an exceptionally fine stock of the latest styles in millinery and ready-to-wear suits for women, toilet goods, etc. Anticipating their arrival and in view of the extensive alterations she is having made in her shop, she is making some special prices for a short time, giving her customers the benefit of greatly reduced prices. Miss Grannis of Winona is now assisting her in the sales department.

John Hennessy, one of our county commissioners, reports that in going over the county, he finds a great deal of wheat that will need two or three weeks of favorable weather in order to ripen. This is especially the case in the Max country.

Major Person threshed a field of barley Wednesday that averaged 71 bushels per acre. The Major has one of the finest fields of corn in this section, quite sizable ears are already formed and with continued hot weather and absence of frost he will have a fine lot of seed corn from his field this year.

Blaine Allen's Father Here. Blaine Allen, the popular director of the Minot band, is enjoying a visit from his father, A. E. Allen, of Minneapolis. Mr. Allen arrived in the city today.

A post card received from Grant S. Youmans, who is enjoying a short outing at Lake Minnetonka, Minn., reports that he is having an enjoyable time. He will return the last of the week.



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