

BRIEF STATE NEWS

Wimbledon is boasting this week of a day and night electric service which has recently been installed in that city. The plant is run by storage batteries and the company are guaranteeing continuous light and power.

A large force of men have been sent to Sanish, on the Soo, to lay out the new railway yards and build a round house at that point, which goes to show that that town is going to be the division point on the new line.

Some robbery was pulled off at Spiritwood a few days ago when three masked men held up fifteen poker players and walked off with \$400 of the gamblers' money. Easy money, and easy marks.

Geo. L. Price, a former secretary of the Cooper County Commercial Club, of Houghton, Mich., has recently been elected to the Bismarck Commercial Club and will take charge about Nov. 1st.

Rev. J. Holie, after a record of eighteen years continual service as pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church, of Milnor, N. D., has resigned his charge and will leave October 15th for Reeder, N. D., where he has accepted a pastorate.

The state politicians are going after Ex-Gov. John Burke, U. S. Treasurer, because of his recent criticism of the Ninth Federal Reserve bank, officials claiming that he is trying to make political powder and gain favor with the North Dakota farmers.

The body of John Stefick was found last Saturday under a snow fence near Bisbee, with a hole in his brain. It is shot by the authorities that he had been dead about forty-eight hours. A pack of playing cards had been scattered around so as to make things appear that he had been killed in a quarrel over a game.

"By the time this message reaches you we ought to have made a big 'push' as a battle of some importance seems imminent," says a letter written by Capt. Robert W. Bruce and addressed to L. J. Wehe, of Devils Lake, N. D., dated September 9th. Capt. Bruce formerly lived at Devils Lake and was a British reservist. He is attached to the first wing of the royal flying corps of the British Expeditionary force.

Miss Pearl Snell, well known in Grand Forks, has been arrested upon a charge of unlawful pawnbroking. It is alleged that she has been making extensive loans without having had a license, which is contrary to the city ordinance. After her arrest, a man by the name of Erickson, one of her friends, who got heated over the matter, got into an argument with Alderman Griffith regarding the case, which resulted in his hitting the official on the nose. He was also arrested and fined \$25.

A warm scrap is raging between Dr. F. O. Fjeld of Fargo and P. O. Thorson of Grand Forks to see who stands the best chance of being appointed to the office of vice consul of Norway to North Dakota to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late H. Bendeke.

W. M. Chandler, of Grafton, N. D., received a telegram from Littleton, Colo., announcing the death of his brother on Oct. 1st. His death was caused from injuries received when he was thrown from a horse in a cavalry charge during the Civil war, and it is the fourth death in the Grafton man's family in the past ten months.

A Duluth, Minn., detective has been arrested and bound over to the district court of Benson county, this state, on a charge of kidnapping a little girl. His name is Frank Luce, and it is alleged that he assisted the child's mother in stealing her away from a school in Superior. Luce was released under a \$1000 bond.

Alex. Schauer, who has made good as a ball player with the New York Giants during the past season, arrived at his home in Garrison last Saturday to spend the winter with his parents. He has a very creditable showing in the twenty-seven games he has played in and is engaged with the Giants for the coming season.

A telescope containing twenty-one pints of booze was captured at Wahpeton last Monday night with a man hanging onto the handle who calls himself Chicago Slim. They were both taken to the county jail, the telescope being held for evidence. The man claims he was taking the whiskey to Fairmount to a threshing crew who had asked him to bring it to them.

J. W. Bolyard of White Earth had two head of stock killed during the past month and the killing seems to have been done with a high powered rifle. Judging from the fact that Mr. Bolyard had his pasture fenced, he seems to have an arch enemy who has not got the nerve to face the music openly, but prefers to take his spite out on the stock.

Mrs. Sophia Mills of Duck Creek, who was probably the oldest person in North Dakota, died on Sept. 15th, at the advanced age of ninety-nine years and seven months. She had lived in the state for five years, having come from South Dakota in 1910 to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Del Smith, of the above place.

Last week arrangements were made at Fargo for a large game refuge which will embrace six sections of land near Argusville, a small town in the Red river valley. Eleven farmers have already signed up to put their lands into the refuge under a law passed by the last legislature, which provides that a contract may be entered into with the state to post their

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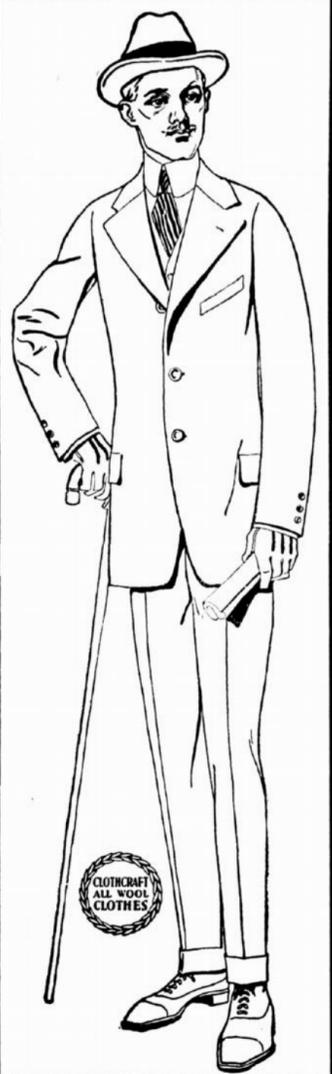
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lands for a period of ten years. A shortage in the chicken crop by the recent floods in the valley evidently prompted the action of those instrumental in forming the refuge.

The new electric lighting plant has arrived at Flaxton and the citizens in that town are jubilant over the fact that living in darkness will soon be a thing of the past.

Sixteen towns in North Dakota and Montana have united to build a steel concrete bridge at Medora in North Dakota, to span the Little Missouri river, and thus to do away with the only ford that remains on the "red trail" automobile route, which crosses the west much farther north than the Lincoln Highway.

The Hannah Moon wants the legislature to pass a law at the coming session empowering school directors to expend funds for the construction of homes on the school premises for teachers in the rural districts and intimates that the legislator who drafts and secures the passage of such a bill will benefit the needs of many communities thruout the state.

While inspecting their train at Almont the other day, two brakemen were fired upon by a gang of hoboes from the interior of a box car and narrowly missed being shot full of holes. The conductor immediately wired ahead to Mandan for help but when the train pulled in the car was found to be empty. The gang, thinking that perhaps they had killed someone, had dropped off the moving train to avoid being caught.

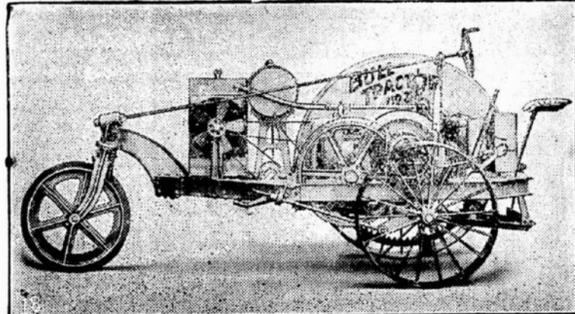
Mandan had a general house cleaning last week and the authorities were kept busy looking after the law breakers of that city. Two were arrested for selling booze to the Indians. The States Attorney seized a large consignment of liquor at the freight depot. Some Indians were fined for being drunk and disorderly, several houses of prostitution were raided and a bunch of thugs are being held on charges of bootlegging and common nuisances.

Louis Boose, of Manford, and his six horse team were nearly burned to death last week at that place, while plowing. Boose started a fire to burn some lodged grain which he was unable to cut and in attempting to control the blaze he and his horses were tangled up in a manner to prevent immediate escape. The horses were burned so they will die and he narrowly escaped. As it is, Boose received burns about his face and hands that will lay him up for some time.

In the raising of the money for the Little Missouri Bridge at Medora, the following cities and towns were contributors thereto, according to the statement of John Orchard, secretary: Fargo, Valley City, Bismarck, Mandan, New Salem, Almont, Glen Ullin, Hebron, Richardson, Taylor, Dickinson, Zenith, Belfield, Fryburg, Medora, Sentinel Butte, Beach, Yates, Wibaux, Glendive and Fallon. Individual contributors were: Gov. L. B. Hanna, Marchness de Mores of France, and the automobile club of Seattle.

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