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## STATE NEWS

A ski hill has been fitted out in Lincoln park at Grand Forks.

Grand Forks will hold its annual corn and clover convention and mid-winter fair January 31 to February 5, inclusive.

About 200,000 tons of coal have been mined at the Wilton mines during the past year. It is predicted that the coming season will be still better.

Williston automobile dealers claim that 900 machines were sold in that city during the year 1915, the total value being fixed at about a half million dollars.

The price of gasoline has gone up so fast that federal agents will investigate the cause. At the present rate of advancement gasoline will soon cost more than Fords.

John J. Power is the new mayor elected at Langdon by the city council to succeed W. D. McIntyre, resigned. Mr. Power had previous experience on the council of that city.

There is still a large portion of this year's threshing to be done in the locality of Hazelton, and four rigs are at work in an effort to finish up the work before the heavy winter snows call a halt.

With a big force at work the new roller mill at Edmore is being rapidly placed in running order. No serious drawback has been experienced and with things going good they expect to start in a short time.

Last Wednesday night about 11 o'clock burglars entered the Great Northern depot at McCanna and looted the office, securing \$95 in cash. It is the second time during the year that that station has been robbed.

The Esmond Bee says that as the days begin to lengthen, the coal begins to strengthen. We hope the Bee is right, because our coal has shown a decided tendency to prove rather weak during the past few days.

Agricultural improvement forces of the southern part of North Dakota will concentrate their work in Ellendale January 6, 7 and 8, during which period the first annual short course in agriculture will be conducted in that city.

Veterinarians report at Bismarck that jackrabbits this year are infested more than usual this year with parasite worms and that they should be carefully examined before eating, as they are likely to infect anyone eating them.

The Fargo College has received \$20,000 in new bequests, as a Christmas gift. The names of the donors are being withheld. It is understood the new subscriptions apply \$15,000 on the endowment fund and \$5,000 on the current expense fund.

A loss of \$15,000 was sustained at Gackle when the Cataract hotel, Gackle Republican, and the Stuhr confectionery and restaurant were burned recently. The fire was discovered in the hotel, but too late to save anything in the burning buildings.

Considerable railway construction is scheduled for North Dakota for the coming year. The Great Northern, it is stated, will complete the extension of the New Rockford-Leviston line and the Soo will complete its line across McKenzie county.

R. W. Black, a Larimore baker, was given a fine of \$75 and 30 days in the county jail by Judge Cooley. Black is alleged to have been housing a gang of tough characters. It appears that his place was the hangout of the McCanna postoffice robbers.

One hundred miles of electric railway may be constructed to connect the city of Williston with Westby, Mont. Several thousand dollars worth of stock has already been subscribed and meetings are being held to put the project on a definite basis.

A demented man, leading a handsome coach dog attached to the suspenders of a pair of overalls he was carrying was found wandering on the prairies in Grand Forks county and taken in charge by officers. When searched \$112.50 was found in his pockets.

Henry C. Chaplin of Shanavan, Saskatchewan, Canada, formerly of East Grand Forks, was killed recently by eating poisoned meat and Canadian officials are investigating to determine the circumstances, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. William Flemming.

An old horse unable to proceed further was abandoned by a band of gypsies near Kindred. The band went on but a dog returned to the horse and remained with him until the horse died. When persons tried to get the carcass to bury it, the dog fought valiantly until subdued.

Andrew Simonson of Plentywood, Mont., near the North Dakota line, is held in the county jail charged with the murder of his 13-year-old brother, Bernard, at their farm home near the above city. Andrew is only 15 years old and the parents are said to be worthless degenerates.

W. W. Wilcox, a prominent and old time resident of Grand Forks county, dropped dead in his tracks at his home near Larimore one day last week. At the time of his death he was at the bath helping his son do the chores. He came to Dakota in the year 1885 and settled in Grand Forks county.

Fred Hins, wife and son, living near Jamestown, who were shot and wounded by John Miller a few days ago at their home near that city are being cared for at the Jamestown hospital. Hins is dead as the result of the shooting but the wife and son are reported to be out of danger and rapidly recovering.

Samuel Weight, a farmer from Barnes county, is in the Grand Forks hospital undergoing the Pastuer treatment for rabies. A cow on Weight's farm transmitted the disease to him when he treated the animal's mouth. His hands were sore at the time and through the chapped skin the poison was transmitted to his blood.

A creamery meeting was held at Bantry last week to discuss creamery matters. Several of the farmers in the territory ship their cream, thus crippling to a certain extent the local creamery. During the last year the

Bantry creamery has paid out \$14,000 to the farmers for cream. That's a lot of money to put in circulation along with the other incomes from the farm.

Louis Leshovsky, seventy-one years of age and a resident of Fairmont, was gored by a vicious bull while crossing his pasture and may not survive.

Between 8,000 and 10,000 bushels of grain were destroyed when the Acme line elevator in Rogers was destroyed by fire. The Carpenter-Neuman lumber yard was also badly damaged. The cause of the fire has not been discovered.

Wrapped up to protect himself from the cold weather, V. B. Semb of Leeds, 70 years of age, failed to hear the whistle of an approaching train and was instantly killed on the 20th ult. A wife, two daughters and two sons were attending church services when the accident occurred.

Charles F. Patrick, the third of the McCanna postoffice robbers who were found guilty at the last term of the United States district court at Grand Forks, was sentenced in the federal court by Judge Amidon to spend the next five years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth.

The Methodists of Edgely have just completed and occupied their magnificent new structure which was recently dedicated at a cost of \$27,000 and the structure is clear of debt. One man gave the proceeds of his entire crop from a quarter section of land, the total amount of which was \$2,300.

Francis Laroque, formerly of Olga, a little hamlet near Milton, was burned to death on his farm near Calgary, Alta., Can., mysteriously. He was found in the yard with his clothing ablaze. The supposition is that he fell on an oil stove while having an epileptic fit, which it is stated he was subject to.

Clarence Nelson stood beside the kitchen range at his home in the city of Grand Forks when the water front exploded. As a result of the injuries he suffered he may lose the sight of both his eyes and probably is permanently crippled. The water front had become frozen while the family was absent on Christmas day.

Canada's vigorous recruiting campaign is drawing many men from the United States. At a recruiting rally recently held in North Portal, Sask., which is in reality a part of Portal, N. D., seventeen young men offered to enlist. Of this number more than half are Americans. Every border city is holding recruiting meetings.

The name of Senator Robert M. LaFollette will be on the presidential primary ballot in North Dakota primaries in March, and the Wisconsin senator likely will receive the support of the same faction that carried the primary for him in 1912. The most formidable candidate in opposition to LaFollette in this state is Senator Cummings of Iowa.

Playing "Wild West" with pistols given them for Christmas, Edwin Hendrickson, 13 years old, of Kathryn, was shot and instantly killed by his 17-year-old brother. The tragedy occurred at the Hendrickson home during the absence of the widowed mother. The Barnes coroner, who made the investigation, decided that an inquest was not necessary.

"It is a quiet day, and I have a good chance to write," said John C. Clements, a Walhalla, North Dakotan, with the Canadian expedition in France, in a letter to his wife in the above place. Here are some of the things which Clements said took place while he was writing in one of the front trenches: one hundred yards from the enemy; a sniper sent a bullet near where he was seated; sharpnel, and a few "coal boxes" were hurled around him. A few yards from him a machine gun was peppering away at the Germans. Aside from that it was a quiet day at the front.

When Mrs. Frederick Boll of McCanna died Christmas day, her oft-repeated wish was fulfilled. Mrs. Boll was buried at Russell, N. D. At different times during her life she had expressed her desire to die on Christ's birthday. She was the mother of thirteen children, eleven of whom survive. The death of Frank E. Wood, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants bank of Leeds, occurred last Monday. Mr. Wood was a prominent resident of Benson county and belonged to the Elks' lodge at Devils Lake. He was stricken with a combination of pneumonia and typhoid fever.

F. H. Kungel of Kuroki, N. D., called at the office of the Equity Exchange in St. Paul recently and told of some quick work in organizing a farmer's elevator company in his town, and the prospect that they will make Kuroki a co-operative town. "One Thursday in August some farmers got together and decided that we would have a co-operative elevator. On Friday we boarded automobiles and started on a tour of the neighborhood. We secured subscribers, organized a stock company with a capital of \$10,000. On Saturday we bot one of the elevators in town, and on Monday we began the shipping of wheat on the co-operative plan. Then we bot some lots and established a co-operative lumber yard. In the spring we intend to open a bank."

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**Elder Shorb Attends College Meeting.**  
Elder D. M. Shorb of Surrey left Monday for Mt. Morris, Ill., to attend a meeting of the trustees of the Mt. Morris College to be held today. Mr. Shorb represents the districts of the Church of the Brethren in North Dakota, Eastern Montana and Western Canada at the gathering. The Mt. Morris college is one of the best in northern Illinois.

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