

SAYS YOUMANS MADE NO SPEECH

SENATOR HOLLIS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE "TIES INTO" NORTH DAKOTA SENT TO WASHINGTON TO MEET COMMITTEE—McCUMBER EXPLAINS FOR MINOT MAN.

From the Congressional Record issued at Washington, March 13, 1916, there appears to have been a rather interesting session, all on account of the recent visit of Grant S. Youmans, who was sent to that city recently by the farmers' societies of the state to do what he could to defeat the Moss-Hollis Rural Credit bill. The Independent editorially last week discussed this measure, which we do not believe is what the farmers want at all. We print below an extract from the record, giving an interesting discussion on the bill, together with charges made by the New Hampshire Senator that Mr. Youmans did not appear before the committee, and with a statement from Senator McCumber:

Mr. HOLLIS. Mr. President—The VICE PRESIDENT. Does the Senator from North Dakota yield to the Senator from New Hampshire?
Mr. McCUMBER. Certainly.
Mr. HOLLIS. The distinguished Senator says that the people, or rather the farmers, of North Dakota have been to Washington to express their sentiments upon the pending rural credits bill. Will the Senator give the names of those men?

Mr. McCUMBER. I will give the name of a representative who was here just a short time ago. He did not arrive here until after this committee had reported, but he represented all these organizations. I attempted to secure for him a hearing in the other House, but they were too busy just then to grant it; and so he filed his objections to the bill as the representative of the farming organizations of the Northwest.

Mr. HOLLIS. Is that man Grant S. Youmans?

Mr. McCUMBER. Yes.
Mr. HOLLIS. And is he the only one the Senator has seen?

Mr. McCUMBER. Oh, Mr. President, I have had petitions and letters from thousands of men representing the different local societies.

Mr. HOLLIS. Has the Senator filed any of those petitions of protest with the Banking and Currency Committee?

Mr. McCUMBER. Oh, yes; there have been a great many of them filed.
Mr. HOLLIS. Filed with the committee?

Mr. McCUMBER. Yes; there have been some filed here as petitions and referred to the committee.

Mr. HOLLIS. I think the Senator knew that I was chairman of the committee that was considering this subject, and I ask him if he has called any of them to my attention until this moment?

Mr. McCUMBER. I suppose that when a petition is filed and referred to a committee it receives attention without the Senator's calling it to the notice of the chairman of the committee.

Mr. HOLLIS. Now, I should like to ask the Senator if Mr. Youmans showed him his credentials to speak for the farmers of North Dakota?

Mr. McCUMBER. Oh, yes, Mr. President; he did.
Mr. HOLLIS. And what does he represent?

Mr. McCUMBER. He represents the Equity Societies and also the Non-partisan League of the State.

Mr. HOLLIS. If the Senator will permit me, I have here a Senate document, printed on the motion of the distinguished Senator from North Dakota, which purports to be a speech delivered before the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives. Upon having it brought to my attention this morning, I conferred with the chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House, and he sent me this written message:

This is a barefaced fraud. This man has never delivered a speech before the Banking and Currency Committee of the House. He has never appeared before the committee. He has never asked to appear, and would not be permitted to appear, since the Banking and Currency Committee of the House is having no hearings.

Mr. Youmans on Saturday, I believe, left with me a typewritten criticism, rather rude, largely ignorant, of House Bill 6838, now being perfected, which seems to be to some extent a reproduction of an anonymous pamphlet recently issued. This is all there is to this alleged "speech" before the House Banking and Currency Committee.

I should like to add to that that the Senator's colleague (Mr. Gronna) notified me some 10 days ago that Mr. Youmans was on his way here and that he would like a hearing. I agreed with the junior Senator from North Dakota that I would get a hearing for him. Mr. Youmans appeared. The junior Senator from North Dakota told me that he would be glad to give him a hearing. Mr. Youmans declined to have a hearing before our committee. He has expressed no objections of any kind to us, and he has gone home. Now, he has compiled an anonymous pamphlet that has been distributed this winter, and the author of which evidently knew nothing about the bill, this so-called speech before

the Banking and Currency Committee of the House.

I wish to state to the Senator that his colleague has been on this committee. His colleague has voted to report this bill favorably. While there may be some things in it that he would like to have changed, he is to have every opportunity to present them to the Senate. It is not a partisan bill. It has been expressly kept a nonpartisan bill. The farmers of North Dakota have had every chance to be heard for the past two years and a half, and the bill has had the most careful consideration.

I think so much is due at this stage of the proceedings.

Mr. McCUMBER. Mr. President, if the gentleman whose letter has just been read had given half as much consideration to the requests that were made for hearings and requests upon my part in sending over various parties, there probably would have been a hearing accorded Mr. Youmans in his committee.

Mr. POMERENE. Mr. President—**Mr. McCUMBER.** Let me answer the Senator's question first and then I will yield to the Senator from Ohio.

As a matter of fact, here is the case: This Mr. Youmans, who represents these societies, did not arrive here until after the bill had been reported from the Senate committee. Therefore, the bill having been reported, there was no necessity for asking that committee for any further hearing, because his objections probably would not have been even read. I found that it was inconvenient for the House committee to get together, and it was perfectly satisfactory to Mr. Youmans to present his article in the form of a written statement. As he prepared it, he expected to deliver it orally. Finding that it would be inconvenient, he simply filed the statement, and while it reads upon the face of it as he intended it should in the first instance, a speech delivered, it would have been more proper, as it was, if he had said "speech presented," because it was simply presented to the committee in the House, and then, by my request, it was ordered to be printed.

DEATH VALLEY DODGE AGAIN WINS FAME.

Driven by Teddy Tetzlaff, It Makes All But Impossible Night Trip Over Mountains.

"Death Valley Dodge," the famous Dodge Brothers motor car that was the vehicle of a trip last year through Death Valley that attracted national attention because of the nature of the journey, has won new fame on the coast.

Driven by Teddy Tetzlaff, the famous racing driver, the car made the night trip over the mountains of California from Nordhoff, in the Ojai valley, to San Luis Obispo in slightly more than 12 hours.

The run was started at 10 o'clock at night after all the wisecracks had predicted that it would be impossible to get through, owing to the conditions of the roads, which are regarded as exceedingly dangerous, even in the day of the roads, which are regarded as time.

Tetzlaff, in discussing the trip, said: "It's alright when you have confidence in your car. There were some bad places on the road where we would around the edge of a precipice and there were various spots where you wanted to be sure that both brakes and transmission were dependable. But I had tried out the Dodge Brothers motor car and I had every confidence that it would not be the fault of the car if we failed."

WITHIN THE LAW

APRIL 3, 4 AND 5

UNITED PRODUCING CO. STARRING PRINCESS BRYANT, WILL APPEAR AT THE GRAND—THREE OTHER BIG ATTRACTIONS.

R. G. Barnum, representing the United Producing Co., is in the city today, making arrangements for four large theatrical companies to appear in Minot.

"Within the Law," will be presented at the Grand Theatre April 3, 4 and 5. Princess Bryant of the Maxine Elliott Co., of New York City, is starring the cast. This is a great problem play. It will bring a few tears, many laughs and keep you on the edge of your seat during the four acts. It will be presented by a great company that plays only in the larger cities.

Fine Feathers will be presented May 11, 12 and 13.

The White Feather will be here the last of June and Peg o' My Heart in June.

No Election Held in Nedrose.

Owing to Tuesday's storm, no election was held in Nedrose township, just east of Minot. Chas. Moore, the election inspector, found it impossible to make the trip to the polling place, consequently the polls were not opened. Had he done so, it is believed that not more than half a dozen votes would have been cast.

Berthold Woman's Serious Accident.

Mrs. Clara Paige, mother of Atty. Paige of Berthold, fell while walking from the house and her hip was fractured. As she is 84 years of age, she will never fully recover, it is said.

WARM ELECTION AT KENMARE

ROSCOE LEWIS DEFEATS P. M. COLE BY ONE VOTE—LOSERS DEMAND A RECOUNT.

At Tuesday's election in Kenmare Roscoe Lewis was re-elected mayor over P. M. Cole, with one vote to the good. This was the hottest election ever seen in Kenmare. Cole's supporters will demand a recount of the votes in the first and third wards.

Martin Olson was elected park commissioner over Peter Larsen, 154 to 148. Olson received 154 votes and Larsen 148.

J. C. Jones was elected police commissioner. The following aldermen were elected: Allen Hoffine, Michael O'Hara, W. Pethran and Nels Nelson.

Considerable interest was taken in the fight for democratic national committee on account of the recent postoffice fight. H. H. Perry received 77 votes, and Bruegger, who did not favor Toftner's appointment, 54.

DENOON BUYS INTEREST IN M'COY STORE

ADVERTISING MANAGER BECOMES GENERAL MANAGER OF GROWING CONCERN—P. V. M'COY IS PRESIDENT.

C. E. DeNoon, who has been assistant manager of the McCoy Department store for the past three years, has bought a good sized interest in the business, and has assumed the position as manager. Mr. DeNoon's promotion is well merited. He has been engaged in the mercantile business for the past twenty years and he has assisted in building up the large business of this store to what it is today. He came here from Iowa three years ago and he hasn't found time to do much of anything but work since—and he has some capacity for work. Mr. DeNoon is at home in the business wherever you put him. He is regarded as a window trimmer and show card writer second to none in the state. He is familiar with the stock in practically every one of the eleven departments. He finds time to mingle with the customers. He has filled the position of assistant manager exceptionally well and as a matter of recreation writes the advertisements. Mr. DeNoon is held in the highest esteem by the businessmen and citizens of Minot and vicinity generally.

Paul V. McCoy is the president of the company and retains his interests largely in the growing concern. He will be out of the city most of the time in the future. While his plans for the future have not been announced, they will be of interest when made public. Mr. McCoy's interests in Minot and elsewhere are so varied and extensive that he could no longer find time to act as manager, but he will make occasional visits to our city and will be in a position to give the various stores in which he is interested some attention. He expects to visit New York frequently and will be in a position to assist in the buying. Mr. McCoy came to Minot fourteen years ago and his success has been nothing short of phenomenal.

The department store will continue to make improvements and as good merchandise values as ever will be given. The store owns its merchandise at from 25 to 40 per cent less than many stores, having bought early before marketing conditions became so serious.

Miss Maude Berry now has direct charge of the garment department. Harry Lindhoff of Detroit, Mich., arrived to take charge of the windows and card writing. The sales force has been increased and the store is in a position to do a record breaking business this year.

Stewart Gets Shrapnel Shell.

B. E. Stewart of the Minot Hide & Tanning Co. showed the Independent a specimen of shrapnel shell which is being manufactured for the Allies by a concern in Ohio. A train load of the shells a day is being turned out by that factory. The shell is nearly a foot long and three inches in diameter. The point of the shell is screwed on. The shell, when ready for action, is filled with bits of scrap iron and is most dangerous. It is provided with an adjustable cap. This is the first shell of its kind seen in Minot.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Dan N. Zimgelman, 24, and Emma Bechtold, 19, both of Ward county.

Knute O. Brudevold, 31, and Agnes Gilbertson, 25, both of Ward county.

Prince Peters, 26, and Carrie Parks, 24, both of Ward county.

Don W. Wallace, 29, and Agnes Williamson, 23, both of Ward county.

Geo. W. Bischke, 22, Ward county, and Lydia Schmidt, 22, McHenry county.

Jacob Nicholas, 27, and Ottilia Kahle, 23, both of Ward county.

Geo. A. Romig, Ward county, and Alma Nelson, 28, Benson county.

CO. D. WILL HAVE INSPECTION

COLONEL FRAINE AND LIEUT. TURNER WILL BE HERE—CAPT. WHEELON AND HIS SOLDIERS READY TO BE CALLED TO THE FRONT.

Col. Fraine of the First Regiment, N. D. N. G., and Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota, and Lieut. F. H. Turner of the United States Army, who has been located in North Dakota for the past four years, will visit Minot Friday to inspect Co. D.

Capt. Wheelon will have sixty-five men in the inspection and the soldier boys have been working hard. They will put up a fine appearance.

Capt. Wheelon does not know what minute Co. D will be called out. In the event that serious trouble occurs to our army in Mexico, and this is just what may be looked for at any time, it is believed that the North Dakota regiment will be called out.

BELIEVE MINOT MAN ESCAPED MURDERER

MISSOURI PENITENTIARY OFFICER CAUSES ARREST OF JOHN WILLIS, WHO CONDUCTS RESTAURANT HERE FOR YEARS—STORY OF THE CRIME.

John Willis, who has conducted a restaurant just south of the Great Northern depot in this city for the past five years, was placed under arrest Monday afternoon, charged with being a fugitive from justice.

J. F. Hardin, assistant yard master of the state penitentiary located at Jefferson City, Mo., arrived that afternoon and caused the arrest of Willis.

He believes that Willis is none other than John Franklin, alias John French, alias Frank Jones, alias DuLuth Johnny, alias John Willis, who was released from the authorities Jan. 17, 1906, while serving a 99 year term for murder.

When Officer Hardin arrived, he went to the office of Chief of Police Dougherty, who telephoned to Willis. When the man appeared at the city jail, he was confronted by the Missouri officer, who accused him of being the escaped convict. Willis "went up into the air" immediately and stated that he was innocent. He was taken to the county jail, however, where he now is. He has employed D. C. Greenleaf, who is attempting to secure his release on habeas corpus proceedings.

When Willis was arrested he telephoned his wife that he was in the hands of the law, but she did not inquire what was the trouble. She merely advised him to secure the services of an attorney immediately. Willis is about 35 years of age and his wife, who was Mary Ryan, is ten years his senior.

Willis was arrested some time ago charged with conducting a blind pig, but he was found not guilty.

John Franklin was sent to the penitentiary from Jasper county, Missouri, May 23, 1905, to serve a ninety-nine year sentence for murdering a policeman. Franklin, who was a noted yegg, was caught in the act of blowing a safe in a jewelry store in Joplin, Mo. He murdered an officer who attempted to make his arrest, but was apprehended later, tried and convicted.

The robbery was one of the boldest known in Missouri. The safe was located in the front of the store and the yegg left the lights burning while he did the job. His confederate, E. P. Butler, alias "Foot-and-half," was also arrested and he is serving a 99-year sentence.

Franklin and another convict were being taken to Jasper county from the penitentiary by an officer to testify in Butler's trial when they made their escape. They were handcuffed together, and giving the chains a terrific jerk they broke themselves apart. One dashed around one corner of a building and the other around the other and both got away. Franklin's companion has since died.

Officer Hardin does not say how he learned that Willis was located in Minot, but declares that the authorities got their information thru some underground system. He declares that there is little question but that Willis is none other than John Franklin. He agreed to take Willis back to the penitentiary and if it could be learned that he is not the man wanted, the state of Missouri will reimburse him well for all the trouble he has had and send him back to Minot. Willis, it is believed, will put up a scrap before he allows the officers to take him back. He is said to have appeared "mushy" when the officers were examining him to see if the marks on his body would correspond with those of Franklin, according to the prison records. Hardin declares that out of eighteen marks of identification, seventeen correspond perfectly. For instance, Willis has three scars on his right thumb, scars over the right and left brows, two marks of vaccination on the right arm, a mole between the shoulders and another on the back, all these marks corresponding with those of Franklin.

FOUR DEER DIED AT WILLISTON

OTHERS CAPTURED BY GAME WARDEN HAVE BEEN PLACED IN A CORRAL—MINOT WILL GET TWO OF THEM.

Four of the ten deer which were captured on the Missouri river near Williston by Chief Game Warden McCutcheon and his deputies last week, have died. The deer had evidently injured themselves by falling on the ice. The others have been placed in a corral where they appear to be getting along nicely.

Mr. McCutcheon had intended sending four deer to Minot, but will probably send but two now. The park board will get a doe from the state agricultural college and the three elk that are being shipped here from the Yellowstone park will give Minot the nucleus of a splendid zoo.

The deer are attracting a good deal of attention at Williston. A mass meeting has been held and the citizens hope to see established a state park under the supervision of the fish and game board.

One of the deer gave a pretty exhibition in high jumping after being placed in the corral. Not liking his surroundings, he jumped over a seven board fence into another corral occupied by horses, but after viewing his companions with alarm, sprang back into the corral with the deer with great ease.

Woman Would Enlist in Navy.

For the first time in the history of the Minneapolis recruiting station, a woman applied for enlistment in the navy Thursday. She gave her name as Mrs. Mamie Johnson, Williston, N. D. "Women at this time should do something for their country," she said, "and I would like to join the navy as a cook."

Peter Scott Tried for Perjury.

The case of the state vs. Peter Scott, charged with perjury, went to trial Wednesday. Scott was recently convicted of pigging in county court. He took the stand in his own defense and swore that he had not sold liquor to certain witnesses. He was defended by J. E. Burke and Mark M. Chatfield.

New Window Trimmer at McCoy's.

Harry Lenhoff, of Detroit, Mich., arrived to accept a position as window trimmer and show card writer at the McCoy Department store. Mr. Lenhoff has held responsible positions with some of the largest department stores in the east and comes to Minot prepared to show this city some of the classiest work of its kind to be seen in the state.

CHURCHMEN SEEK AD. EXPERTS

Chicago, Ill., March 15.—Churchmen and advertising experts of Chicago and neighboring cities got together here. A few of their sayings follow: "Advertising will make every church a success."

"A good breakfast food ad. makes a man hungry; a good dechur ad. will make him reverent."

"Every minister draws his salary as an advertising man."

"The church bulletin board should be large enough to give every pedestrian a punch in the eye."

CARL BARTLESON TO BUILD HOSPITAL

MINOT CONTRACTOR GETS JOB FOR \$104,400—HEATING AND PLUMBING WILL COST \$25,000 MORE.

Carl Bartleson was the successful bidder for the new hospital to be erected on North Mill street by the Sisters of St. Francis.

When bids were opened by the architect, J. C. Woodruff, Bartleson's bid, which was \$104,400, was found to be the lowest. This is exclusive of the cost of the wiring, plumbing and heating, which will bring the cost of the structure up about \$25,000 more.

The bid of D. A. Dinnie was \$107,571.00; Gray Construction Co., of Watertown, S. D., \$109,090.00; Western Building Co., Minot, \$115,590.00, and W. J. Kira of Valley City, \$112,625.00.

The new building will be one of the finest in the state.

The Des Lacs lodge of Odd Fellows came to Berthold this evening with twelve applicants for membership in this lodge. The Berthold lodge had six applicants. The two lodges conferred degrees upon the eighteen applicants. The local lodge served a lunch at midnight to the visiting lodge and their own members. There were more than a hundred in attendance. Dr. Halverson, Mr. Torgerson of Des Lacs and Dr. Hillis, J. B. Feldman and others of the local lodge responded to toasts. The Berthold lodge will visit Des Lacs on the 30th.—Berthold Tribune.

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL.

Various phases of the "City Beautiful" idea have been presented at the meetings in the auditorium of the public library recently. As a result of the interest manifested in these discussions a committee has been appointed to consider ways and means for aiding Minot's development in municipal beauty.

The Civic Federation of Women's Clubs is greatly interested in the matter and part of the committee consists of members of that organization; the remainder of the committee has been chosen because of their interest and experience in that line of work. As a whole the committee may be said to be very representative of the community. Mrs. J. H. Weinreb is chairman. The other members are Mrs. E. S. Person, Orrin M. Pierce, Will O. Doolittle, Mrs. T. J. Vincent and Mrs. C. B. Davis.

A general line of action has been mapped out, the details are being worked out as rapidly as possible, and at an early date this plan will be ready to present to the community. The committee promises something interesting.

FAMOUS OUTLAW PASSES AWAY.

Lees Summit, Mo., March 21.—Cole Younger, famous outlaw of border days, but of late years a devout church attendant and peaceful citizen, died at his home here tonight after a lingering illness.

He was 72 years old and unmarried.

Potatoes \$1.00 a Bushel.

W. D. Mohler, a prosperous north prairie farmer, was in the city Saturday with a jag of potatoes which he sold readily for a dollar a bushel. He raised a couple hundred bushels of fine tubers and has a considerable surplus.