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NORTH DAKOTA IS GROWING RAPIDLY

CONDENSATION OF SOME OF THE STATISTICS ON MAP IS- SUED BY COMMISSIONER R. F. FLINT.

The Association of Commerce has purchased a number of the maps recently issued by Commissioner of Agriculture R. F. Flint. The map proper is very interesting, as it shows the coal deposits of the state and all the late railway construction. But on the back of the map is a wealth of information that every true booster of the state should learn by heart, as very often the strangers within the state ask leading questions regarding the resources of the state, and frequently the information is not forthcoming on account of carelessness in not being acquainted with our growing state well enough to give the figures and facts.

Among other things Commissioner Flint furnishes the following:

- Number of farms in 1915, 70,355.
- Miles of railroad in 1915, 6,281.
- Population in 1915 (Indians not included), 636,994.
- Newspapers published, 344.
- Number of postoffices, 810.
- Number of rural free delivery mail routes, 600.
- Miles of rural and long distance telephones in 1915, 50,000.
- Incorporated villages and cities, 238.
- Number of lignite coal mines in 1915, 116 reported.
- Number of tons of coal mined in 1915, 600,000.
- Value of animals fattened and killed for home use in 1915, \$3,609,956.
- Amount received for live stock sold for market in 1914, \$9,058,180.
- The value of the dairy and creamery industry of North Dakota for 1914 amounted to \$5,000,000.
- Expended for support of public schools in 1915, over \$7,000,000.
- Number of schools in 1915, 6,800.
- Number of teachers in 1915, 8,000.
- Value of school property in 1915, \$14,756,847.
- North Dakota schools have an endowment of land worth \$64,000,000.
- Total assessed valuation of all property in 1915, \$385,863,000.
- The total actual value of all property in 1915, is nearly \$2,000,000,000.
- Number of state banks, 650.
- Number of national banks, 151.
- Total deposits in 1915, \$116,062,027.
- Total number of acres under cultivation in 1915 was 15,017,411.
- Total value of all agricultural crops in 1915 was \$226,218,053.

NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE NAMES TICKET

CANDIDATES ENDORSED PROVE A SURPRISE TO EVERYBODY— LYNN J. FRAZIER, HOOPLE FARMER, FOR GOVERNOR.

The Non-partisan League in its convention at Fargo has endorsed the following candidates for state offices: For Governor—Lynn J. Frazier of Hoople, graduate of North Dakota state university, a farmer; will run for nomination in the Republican party.

For Lieutenant Governor—Albert Stenmo of Merrifield, Grand Forks county, graduate of North Dakota state university, farmer; will run in the Republican party.

For Secretary of State—Thomas Hall, present secretary of state; will run in the Republican party.

For State Auditor—Carl R. Kositzky of Bismarck, secretary of the state tax commission and one of Burleigh county's commissioners; will run in the Republican party.

For State Treasurer—P. M. Casey of Lisbon, vice president of the North Dakota Union, American Society of Equity, farmer; will run in the Democratic party.

For Attorney General—William Langer of Mandan, state's attorney of Morton county; will run in the Republican party.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction—N. C. Macdonald of Valley City, graduate of the state university, now state inspector for consolidated and rural schools; will run on the official Non-partisan school ballot.

For Commissioner of Insurance—S. A. Olness of Sheyenne, Eddy county, farmer; will run in the Republican party.

For Commissioner of Agriculture—John N. Hagen of Deering, graduate of Valparaiso university, Indiana, 11 years supervisor of Deering township, McHenry county, farmer; will run in Republican party.

For Judges of the Supreme Court—Luther Birdzell, former state tax commissioner, professor in school of law, state university; J. E. Robinson, lawyer, Fargo; R. H. Grace, lawyer, Mohall; all three will run on the Judicial Non-partisan ballot.

For Railroad Commissioners—Chas. Bleick of Elgin, Morton county, active Equity and Farmers' Union man, graduate of the Nebraska Agricultural college; M. P. Johnson of Tolley, Renville county, president of the North Dakota Union, American So-

ciety of Equity, farmer; Sam Aandall of Litchville, Barnes county, farmer; all three will run in the Republican party.

R. W. Beighle of Sawyer, a delegate to the convention, upon his return, called at the Independent office and talked about the convention, which he pronounced very successful. Among the other delegates from this section of the state were Anthony Walton of Minot; Leonard Fletcher of Norwich; H. A. Monigan and B. Solberg from north of Minot; Howard Wood, Mr. Olson, and Mr. Nelson, from the vicinity of Minot, and M. D. Graham of Burlington.

Mr. Beighle stated that someone scattered thousands of circulars among the delegates with the words "Where Has the Money Gone To?" printed on them. He stated that the auditing committee had spent weeks in going over the accounts carefully and said that their report was satisfactory to the convention. He stated that the money had practically all been invested, but said that thousands of dollars more were raised for an emergency fund, which may be used in combatting the attacks to be made on the League. He said that nearly every man present seemed to be willing to put up \$100 if necessary to see the League program carried out. Mr. Beighle explained that while nearly every candidate endorsed is a member of the League, not an official of the organization is a candidate. The candidates will run on the ticket of their choice, some as republicans, others as democrats, and a few as socialists, for the legislature.

The League is preparing to get out with from 50 to 100 autos just as soon as the roads are fit and intend to visit every voter in the state. The League owns 42 autos—all Fords—and they declare that this is not going to be a Ford Peace Party, but a Ford Fighting Party. Almost every delegate to the convention took from one to four new names for membership.

The convention was addressed by the candidates selected, by Dr. E. F. Ladd, who made a plea for a state pure food label; by John H. Worst, A. E. Bowen, Ray McCaig, and others.

"We are not going to sling mud in this campaign, but will discuss affairs in the state as we find them," declared President Townley.

There are three kinds of men who have joined the League. There are the unselfish men who have aided the organizers to build the league not for their own purposes, but for the good of the state.

"Then there is the man who has joined to gain office and the man who has just joined for his own selfish purposes." As an illustration of the first man Townley read a letter from a member. The latter kind were illustrated by Geo. J. Smith's letters and by a veiled reference to O. J. Sorli. Townley, with sarcasm, iron and humor, paid his respects to Plaza Smith for seeking to use the league to further his ambitions to be governor, and for the better part of an hour entertained the audience present. Repeatedly Townley insisted that he was friendly to Smith.

Among the candidates endorsed for the legislative ticket are:

- District 1, S. S. Peter, Berthold.
- District 34, part of McHenry Co.—John N. Hagen, Rep., Deering.
- District 44, Mountrail County—E. J. Haines, Rep., White Earth.
- Walter Maddock, Rep., Plaza.
- District 45, Part of McHenry Co.—E. E. Bryan, Rep., Voltaire.
- Ole Ettestad, Sen., Balfour.
- District 46, McLean County—A. L. Maxwell, Rep., Turtle Lake.
- R. L. Fraser, Rep., Garrison.
- District 43, Renville County—Edward Hamerly, Sen., Sherwood.
- G. Patterson, Rep., Donnybrook.
- District 28, Bottineau County—A. M. Hagen, Rep., Westhope.
- Nels Magnuson, Rep., Souris.
- J. C. Miller, Rep., Souris.
- L. L. Stair, Rep., Newberg.
- District 29, Part of Ward County—Howard R. Wood, Rep., Sawyer.
- Anthony Walton, Rep., Minot.
- J. E. Erb, Rep., Ryder.
- J. W. Smith, Sen., Surrey.
- District 40, Burke and Divide Counties—G. Brown, Rep., Noonan.
- C. H. Anderson, Rep., Portal.
- Wm. O. Olson, Rep., Flaxton.
- District 41, Williams and McKenzie Counties—F. A. Hoare, Rep., Hoffland.
- C. F. Dupuis, Rep., Berg.
- E. F. von Eschen, Rep., Berg.
- Robert Byrne, Rep., Arnegard.

Woman Charges Olaf Olson With Assault.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Olaf A. Olson, proprietor of the Lexington hotel, charging him with assault. He furnished bonds to appear before a justice Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Stevenson, two strangers, registered at the hotel at 5:30 o'clock this morning, paying \$2.50 for a double room. At 4 o'clock, they were notified that if they desired to keep the room longer, it would cost them \$2.50 more, they claim. At 10 o'clock they decided to leave and say that as they were going out of the room, Olson grabbed a suit case belonging to one of them and committed an act equivalent to an assault.

Kid Clemmer and Neil Tierney, Fargo boys, fought to a draw a six-round classic staged in the Athletic club rooms March 30 before a crowd of 300. Both men were badly punished, but were game to the end. In the preliminaries Coleman of Fargo easily got the shade over Levitre, and Frank McCarthy got two straight falls from Kid McDonough in a wrestling match.

ADDITIONAL STOCK FOR DAIRY COMPANY

CAPITAL OF MINOT DAIRY CO. IS INCREASED TO \$15,000 — NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Minot Dairy Co., held Friday, the following directors were elected:

John Ehr, O. K. Spires, John Renz, K. A. Morgan, E. Nordquist, F. C. Linton and John Wallin.

The following officers were elected: President, John Ehr.

Vice President, John Wallin.

Secretary-Treasurer, K. A. Morgan.

The capital stock was increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and practically all of the additional stock was bought that day. The affairs of the company were found to be in the very best of shape, with prospects for doing a big business this year. This being a co-operative proposition, it is undoubtedly a good thing for Minot, for it will always insure the farmers top notch prices for their products.

"TOM" HALL HANKERS FOR OLD JOB

SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD LIKE TO BE BACK IN OLD POSITION FEEDING COPY TO THE LINTYPE.

Thos. Hall, secretary of state, and one of the defendants in the famous Youmans damage suit, has been here during the trial. Mr. Hall never actually had anything to do with the Youmans affair, except that by virtue of his office, he is a member of the state banking board and ordered the bank to be closed upon the recommendation of the state bank examiner. Mr. Hall is an old time newspaperman. For years he was connected with the old Fargo Argus and later with other publications. "This sort of a case makes me itch to get back into the newspaper game," Mr. Hall stated to an Independent representative. "Give me a subject matter as interesting as this case affords and a battery of typesetting machines and I would be perfectly happy."

It will be sometime before Mr. Hall gets back into the newspaper game again. He has been Secretary of State for several years and is a candidate for re-election, with the very best chances of winning again.

Staal Hendrickson, cracker-jack insurance man, legislator, and a possible candidate for Congress from the Third, has been an interested attendant at the Youmans trial. Staal has had a reserved seat in the "Amen" corner and hasn't missed a word during the entire trial.

Miss Lindley of Rugby, Judge Burr's very good looking and efficient court stenographer, has been reporting the Youmans trial for Mr. Youmans. John C. Lowe, Judge Leighton's court stenographer, is on the job as the regular reporter.

Edgar L. Richter, former president of the N. D. P. A., arrived from Larimore to spend several days at the big trial. Mr. Richter is reporting the trial for the Grand Forks Herald. Incidentally, he is mingling with prominent public officials and would-be officials, practically all of whom have gathered here from every nook and corner of the state. "Rick" is a candidate for the Senate from his district. The Non-partisan League has put up a strong man against him, but the editor says that the fellow will have to go some to beat him.

Rus Tree, a resident of Velva for twelve years, is a candidate for treasurer of McHenry county. He is interested in farming and for some time has been manager of the Welo store. Mr. Tree is an able man and appears to be mighty good timber for the office to which he aspires.

Miss Olla Stromsrud, Minot's popular soloist, has been quite ill at the hospital.

The Largest in North Dakota.

The Walker Greenhouses of Minot are without a question the largest in the state. The big greenhouses, located at the eastern end of the city, present a beautiful appearance with the thousands of potted plants, carnations, lilies and hundreds of other varieties of flowers. The soil is particularly adapted to the growing of plants and flowers and the carnations are finer than any that have ever been shipped into the city. The Walker Greenhouses are doing an immense business, sending stock thruout North Dakota and Montana. Geo. E. Walker, the manager, knows the business and deserves a great deal of credit for building up such a splendid place.

W. F. Cushing, secretary of the board of railroad commissioners, is in the city, attending to his duties with the board. "Cush" is the best secretary the commission has ever had, and by the way, the commission is composed of men who represent the people honestly.

MAY ELIMINATE ONE CANDIDATE

IT IS PROBABLE THAT EITHER BURDICK OR FRAINE WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM THE FIGHT FOR GOVERNOR.

A meeting of a number of prominent republicans of the state was held in Minot Tuesday night. Among those present were Frank Sprague of Grafton, chairman of the republican state committee; U. L. Burdick, of Williston, candidate for governor; T. Welo, of Velva; Simon Westly, of Williston; Robert Fox, of Towner, and others.

There is every indication that Burdick and Fraine, two of the candidates for governor, will get together and that one of them will be eliminated. The Non-partisan League has become so strong that it was that advisable to join forces against the League candidate. Burdick is willing to do this, and it is reported that Fraine will agree to it. Burdick is willing to abide by the decision of 25 or 35 prominent republicans of the state and it is possible that one of the candidates will be eliminated by some method.

YOUMANS CASE NEARING CLOSE

TESTIMONY WILL BE CONCLUDED FRIDAY—NEAR RIOT SATURDAY WHEN PLAINTIFF HURLED A BOOK — JUDGE THREATENS TO FINE YOUMANS— ATTORNEYS CLASH.

There was a near riot in the courtroom during Saturday morning's session of the trial of Grant S. Youmans' \$225,000 damage suit against the state officials and bankers, growing out of the closing and transfer of the Savings Deposit Bank in 1913. Following the remark that the defendants were a bunch of bank robbers, Youmans, while being cross-examined by Assistant Attorney General Francis J. Murphy, picked up a ledger that lay on the desk just in front of his chair and hurled it with great force at Murphy's head. The Assistant Attorney General stood coolly watching the flying book and ducked just in time to escape the impact. The book crashed onto the floor and most of the defendants, together with many in the audience, sprang to their feet. Former United States Senator Purcell, one of the counsel for the defendants, rushed up close to Youmans, who shouted for him to stand back. "You get away from me," Youmans said to Purcell. "Get away, nothing," Purcell answered, "you are talking to a different man." LeSueur and Manahan, counsel for Youmans, rushed to his side to defend him and friends of Youmans started from the rear of the courtroom towards the front, expecting there might be a free-for-all. Atty. Sinkler, for the defendants, arose and shouted for the crowd to stand back.

"Order, Order!" shouted Judge Kneeshaw. "Call the bailiff." Sheriff Nedreloe was called in and during the remainder of the session was given a seat close to Judge Kneeshaw.

The trouble started as Mr. Youmans was being questioned by Mr. Murphy in regard to certain mortgages which, the defense claims, were worthless, and which were sold to the Savings Deposit Bank. These were the mortgages aggregating some \$4,365 on a quarter section sold to William N. Ghent, on which there was a prior mortgage of \$400, which later was foreclosed and a sheriff's deed issued on the land. Mr. Youmans testified that he paid about \$2,400 for this land, giving him three or four lots in Minot and elsewhere to make up \$1,600; assuming the \$400 mortgage, paying him \$354.34 and charging other items of expense. Questioning him as to this transaction, Francis Murphy, for the defense, asked:

"Is that another banker's trick, buying real estate that way?"

"Simply a banker's method of making a loan available for commercial purposes," replied Mr. Youmans.

"A banker's trick for making real estate available for commercial purposes?" queried Mr. Murphy.

"I decline to answer that," responded Mr. Youmans.

"Because it contains the word 'trick,'" interrogated Mr. Murphy.

"I answered your 'trick;' I told you in plain English what that thing was," replied Mr. Youmans.

"I am asking you another question; I ask you if it was not a banker's trick to make land available for commercial purposes?" asked Mr. Murphy.

"Yes; just a small trick I learned when I was in the banker's fraternity," retorted Mr. Youmans.

"You used it in your business?" asked Mr. Murphy.

"I was allowed to use that trick as long as I 'stood in;' when I fell out, trying to be square, I am here with that bunch of robbers trying to kill me off!" replied Mr. Youmans, vehemently.

"Answer that, will you?" queried Mr. Murphy.

(To Mr. Purcell) "You get away

from me!"

"Get away nothing," replied Mr. Purcell, "you are talking to a different man."

"You are not in this examination," said Mr. Youmans.

"I will show you how an Irishman can fight!" roared Mr. Purcell.

"We ask that a record be made of this demonstration," said Mr. Murphy.

"The sheriff will restore order," said the court; "that is enough now. Gentlemen, you have got to behave yourselves, and Mr. Witness, you have got to behave yourself. Answer the questions."

"I will try to, your honor," said Mr. Youmans.

Mr. Youmans testified that while running the Savings Deposit bank, he did wrongful acts and played the game the same was as "the bank robbers here, pointing to the defendants."

"Then you were a bank robber at the time?" asked Mr. Murphy.

"I was following the same tactics as the bankers' fraternity generally does, which is to grab all you can and give as little in return as possible," replied Mr. Youmans. "I had to do that in order to keep going, and everything went along fine until I fell out with these bank robbers and they kicked me out."

"When did you change your tactics?" asked Mr. Murphy.

"About three years ago."

"Then you have reformed?"

"Yes."

Mr. Youmans then testified that the "bankers' game" is an ordinary common robbers' game.

"Then you were a common robber at the time you were running this bank?" asked Mr. Murphy.

"Yes; I presume I was."

"You are now organizing a bank at Bergen, are you not?" asked Mr. Murphy.

"No, not individually; we are trying to assist farmers to start a bank, but it is to be run for service, not for exploitation of the public," replied Mr. Youmans.

"You are charging the farmers \$5 apiece for organizing the bank?"

"No. The total charge for doing the organization is \$100."

During Saturday afternoon, Murphy cross-examined Youmans concerning the Ghent quarter of land and numerous times got the plaintiff to admit that the transaction was tricky, but in every instance, Youmans came back with the statement that he was not as tricky as the defendants who had "got him."

"Why did you take that affidavit from Mr. Ghent?" asked Mr. Murphy.

"Because I wanted to get the man's status, his residence, and other information," replied Youmans.

Mr. Murphy pressed Mr. Youmans hard for other reasons for taking the affidavit, and finally Mr. Youmans said:

"It was a banker's trick for playing absolutely safe."

"Then you were tricky?" said Mr. Murphy.

"Yes—in that deal I was tricky; but I was not tricky enough to keep out of the hands of these other bankers; they were too tricky for me."

The defense moved to strike out this answer as not responsive, and it was struck out by the court.

"Who were you trying to play a trick on?" asked Mr. Murphy.

"If that was a trick, it was on this man Ghent," said Mr. Youmans.

"Are you sure you were not trying to trick the state banking board?" asked Mr. Murphy.

"I am sure I was not," replied Mr. Youmans.

"You know as a matter of fact that this whole transaction with Ghent was a fraudulent transaction, do you not?" queried Mr. Murphy.

"I know that it was not fraudulent," replied Mr. Youmans.

"Did this man Ghent ever see this land?" asked Mr. Murphy.

"I don't know."

"Was there any talk as to the character of the soil or the consideration?"

"I don't remember, but there must have been."

"At the same time you sold him this land, and took these mortgages which were sold to the bank, you took a deed to yourself from this man Ghent, did you not?"

"Yes. I did on that day or within a week or so after; I don't remember just what time it was."

"This deed is dated and acknowledged on October 29, the same day you executed the deed to him, is it not?"

"Yes, but that does not prove the papers were signed and acknowledged on that day; they may have been dated back."

"After receiving this deed, did this man Ghent go back to Box 29 in Couer d'Alene, Idaho?"

"This question was objected to and the objection sustained, as the judge said: 'It would be impossible for him to go back to a postoffice box.'"

"This man Ghent was a loafer, was he not?"

"You bet he was not; he worked as hard as anyone in this courtroom and harder than I do," emphatically declared Mr. Youmans.

"Did you ever see him do any work?"

"Yes, I think I did; I think he worked for me at my house."

"Did he live on this land?"

"I don't know."

"Did he have any horses or machinery?"

"I don't know."

"Did you give this man any cash when he decided the land back to you?"

"I don't remember, and could not tell without looking up my books."

Saturday afternoon was a bit of real comedy. Atty. Manahan had ob-

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ROSS LAD SHOT BY FIEND

JAMES WALCOTT SHOT IN BODY BY JOHN ROLAND, A FARMER, WHO USED A .30-.30 CALIBRE RIFLE.

Stanley, N. D., April 3.—John Roland, who has been residing on a homestead about eighteen miles southwest of Ross for the past four or five years, was arrested Thursday afternoon, charged with shooting James Walcott, and placed in the county jail to await hearing.

It seems that young Walcott and another party by the name of Moore were hauling hay on Wednesday afternoon, and the road runs within a short distance of the Roland farm buildings. As they were passing the building with the load of hay, it is alleged that Roland appeared at the door with a .30-.30 rifle in his hands and started to shoot at them. One of the bullets struck the Walcott boy in the body and another bullet killed one of the horses. Moore, having no way of protecting himself, started to run, while it is said that Roland fired a number of shots after him.

Immediately after the shooting Roland started across the country towards the White Earth stage route, accompanied by his wife. They spent the night with a farmer and the following morning Roland got a ride to White Earth with the stage driver. He was arrested at White Earth by Marshal Hansen, who had been notified by Sheriff Slaughter. The sheriff went to White Earth Thursday evening and brought Roland to Stanley.

In a conversation with a newspaper representative this morning Roland stated that his intentions after the shooting was to come to Stanley and give himself up to the authorities.

Roland was a resident of Stanley four or five years ago and is well known in this city.

The condition of the Walcott boy who was shot, is very serious and it is said that there is very little chance for recovery. According to word received this morning he is still alive.

McHenry County Men Defeated.

W. E. Byerly of Velva, candidate for delegate to the democratic national convention and Albert Weber of Towner, candidate for delegate to the republican national convention, were defeated.

R. W. KENNARD MAKES FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT

CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION FOR COUNTY AUDITOR FIRES FIRST GUN IN COUNTY CAM- PAIGN.

R. W. Kennard, candidate for the republican nomination for county auditor, makes his formal announcement in this week's Independent. He is the first county candidate to make any formal announcement. Mr. Kennard



tells the voters that if elected, he will conduct the affairs of the office economically and well. He can and will do it. He has been deputy county auditor for the past eight years. He knows the business of the office thoroughly. He is a most likeable gentleman, and it is doubtful if he will have any opposition. That Mr. Kennard will be out next county auditor is conceded thruout Ward county.

R. W. KENNARD.

Big Gain in Collections.

Collections in the county treasurer's office during February, 1915, amounted to \$484,926.95, while in February, 1916, they were \$557,497.11. The gain indicates a more prosperous condition generally.

The Noonan Miner is carrying 14 political announcements. The Divide county "patriots" will have a long campaign.